

St. Paul's Lutheran Family

June 2023
NEWSLETTER

There's a Place for You at St. Paul's!



Pastor's Report

As we prepare for summer and start our travel plans, I have been concerned about the financial situation at St. Paul's. Imagine my surprise to find out we have no stewardship plans and haven't had any for a while. This is not a good sign for a bright future. As we prepare our Mission profile, we must look ahead to a solid foundation for the future of this church. We are working on a solution. Keep praying.

With the financial situation, we are working on the promises that have come to us from the Holy Spirit. We continue to look for a Stewardship Chair to step forward.

Our Youth Group provided a wonderful Mother's Day activity, including a tea and snacks and flowers on the day itself. Thanks to Traci and Cody for all the work they do with our youth. Many others are continuing to do behind the scenes work of making St. Paul's the wonderful family you are.

I have heard some folks would like to see some outdoor ministry this summer. I will work on incorporating this type of service into our worship during the next few months.

I have also had positive feedback on the Christian Seder we did during Lent and the Holy Humor Sunday after Easter. These are activities we can put in our memory and do again sometime.

In June, we will have a community-wide potluck and outdoor service at St. Peter's with our friends throughout the area.

In May we had a problem with Carson High School. Even the Athletic VP was upset about what happened. There was a middle school track tournament that was not well organized. The VP and Carson City Sheriffs were out ticketing cars parked illegally on the campus. The VP only found out about the tournament that day, so he didn't have time to warn us.

We had cars filling the church lot and probably fifty cars parked on the grass on the side yard. I tried stopping the cars from parking there without much luck. I finally had an announcement made at the track field that I had called the tow company; cars started pulling out quickly. There was even a school bus parked near the church's front door. The VP was quite angry about that since there is a policy in place that buses must park at Mills Park. The bus was from Lake Tahoe, and we never did find the driver. *Continued on page 2*

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My thought is that on June 3rd, Carson High School will have graduation, so how about charging \$5 per car to use our lot? I will come in on my day off to help, and maybe the youth can help and split the profits with us.

I am looking forward to a quiet (Ha, ha) summer and some vacation time in July.

God love and protect you all!

Mike+

Don't Let Your Offerings Take a Holiday

Ahhh, summer! A time to relax and grab much-needed R & R. Vacations and weekend getaways may keep you away from church, but our congregation is still bustling with activity. The bills never take a summer holiday.

It's enormously helpful to the congregation's balance sheet if your gifts, tithes and offerings continue to come in regularly, even if you are away. Here are some ideas for staying current:

Pay in advance: Plan ahead by offering more in the weeks in advance of your time away from church.

Make it up: When you return, give a little more in the weeks that follow.

Use your envelopes: Here's a tip that's good not only for summer, but year-round: If you use giving envelopes and checks, simply prepare them weeks in advance and bring them to church when convenient.

Use banking bill pay: Most online banking services will write and send checks for you. Just plug in the church address, the amount of the gift and how often you want it sent. Viola! You're done!

Give monthly or quarterly: Sometimes it's hard to anticipate how many Sundays you'll be away from church. Planning your gift, tithe or offering for monthly or quarterly can keep you current.

Of course, these methods are beneficial not only for the summer months, but also for the whole year through. Those who embrace giving as a spiritual discipline often find that their lives of faith are enriched and their sense of joy and fulfillment is deepened. Choosing a regular-giving strategy can help you to discover the joys of generosity. ~ *Rob Blezard*

Giving

"It is possible to give without loving, but it is impossible to love without giving." Richard Braunstein

"All the money needed to send and support an army of self-sacrificing, joy-spreading ambassadors is already in the church." John Piper

"In all of my years of service to my Lord, I have discovered a truth that has never failed and has never been compromised. That truth is that it is beyond the realm of possibilities that one has the ability to out give God. Even if I give the whole of my worth to Him, He will find a way to give back to me much more than I gave." Charles Spurgeon

Council Corner

Louise Griffith,

President



President's Report

This article is dedicated to communicating the actions, decisions, and future action items of the Church Council. It is intended to give the congregation the highlights of the Church Council meeting.

If you haven't noticed, the church sign has a new look. Thanks to Nikki Rohrs and Carol Arneson, the colors are bright and can be seen from the street. Although we still have hope that soon we can have a more updated sign, for now the current sign is protected from the weather and further damage.

Council approved a preliminary budget that will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on **June 11th, 2023**. At the Annual Meeting, we will be electing two new council members. This is important work by the congregation. Please come!

We are updating our website. Please take a look at <https://www.stpaulslutheranfamily.com/>. We hope this will bring new exposure to the congregation. *Many, many thanks* to Doug and Pat Thunder for being our webmasters for over 10 years.

I ask the congregation to unite in prayer each night at 8:00 p.m.

Loving God, be with us and guide us during this time of discernment. Fill our leaders with your wisdom. Keep us mindful of the work you would have us do. Lead us and guide us O Lord to be about the work of your kingdom even as the search for a new pastor continues. Bless all who have taken on extra responsibility and fill them with a sense of your love and presence. We pray in your Son's name, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

God's Peace!

Louise Griffith, President

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Five Reasons to Attend the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 11th:

1. For the fellowship
2. To make St. Paul's the church we want it to be
3. To nurture the church family we have now and plan for the family that will follow
4. To show our faith in God, our church, and our community
5. To be present and have our voices heard

Treasurer's Report: Income, Expenses and Budgets Chart

April 2022 to April 2023
Principal Payments Excluded





Altar Guild for June

Mary DeFelice

Greeters

June 4th Judy McPhail
June 11th Marla Johnson
June 18th Greg and Louise Griffith
June 25th Mary DeFelice

Readers

June 4th Louise Griffith
June 11th Jay Olshen
June 18th Vera Logie
June 25th Dorothea Phalen

Livestreaming Team

Nick Cotsonis and Jay Olshen

Musicians

Dave Lingsjo,
Principle Musician
Vicki Hamilton, Organist
Carol Arneson, Choir Director

Ministry Leaders' E-mail

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Greeters: Ruth Fitzgerald
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Ushers: Dave Harrell
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Communion Assistants: Judy McPhail
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Card Ministry: Peg Bradtke
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Counters

June 4th Judy McPhail and Nikki Rohrs
June 11th Carol Arneson and Deanna Fine
June 18th Judy McPhail and Nikki Rohrs
June 25th Mary DeFelice and David Harrell

Communion Assistants

June 4th Deanna Fine
June 11th John Bradtke
June 18th Jean Opperman
June 25th Hope Chowanski

Acolytes

Clay Woslum and Greg Griffith

Youth Acolytes

Volunteers for all dates TBA

Ushers

Dave Harrell, Kim Neiman, Judy McPhail, and Holly McPhail

Ministry Leaders


Altar Guild: Vicki Hamilton
Greeters: Ruth Fitzgerald
Readers: Judy McPhail
Counters: Mary DeFelice
Communion Assistants: Judy McPhail
Youth Acolytes: Traci Angel
Card Ministry: Peg Bradtke





Worship services are held each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Our worship service is live-streamed via YouTube.

Directions for YouTube: 

Click on the hyperlink or copy and paste this link into your web browser.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCujH57tQGEsCKJhKyE8q2Lg>

The link will take you to St. Paul's YouTube channel where you can watch the live service.

To watch recorded services, click on "Playlist" and then choose the Sunday service/video you want to watch.



A Prayer Chain leader is needed!

If you can help, please call or email the church office. Thanks!

"Let us never forget to pray. God lives. He is near. He is real. He is not only aware of us but cares for us. He is our Father. He is accessible to all who will seek Him."

~ Gordon B. Hinckley



FIREFIIGHTERS/PEACE OFFICERS

Andy Steyn, Brian Hillenbrand, Tina Sherman, Mark Dickens, John Gould, Michael Gould, and Jason Wildblood.

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Raelynn Norman (niece of Judy McPhail), Matthew Russell (nephew of Judy McPhail), Brandon Luterick, Heather Joyner (Johnson), Peter Elverum, Sarah McGee, Bryce Stimpka, Olivia Lesperance, John Duffy (nephew of Sharon and Tom Gesick), and Justin Snowden.

"THOSE WHO DEVOTE THEIR LIVES TO SERVING OUR COUNTRY, CHILDREN, AND NEIGHBORHOODS ARE GIVING BACK. THEY HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL TO SERVE."

St. Paul's Property and Design Committee is in desperate need of volunteers.



There is so much work that needs to be done on the property and no money to hire costly professionals.

To lend your time and talents, please contact Tim Hamilton at nevccctim@gmail.com.

Thank you!



Please help!

St. Paul's needs someone to lead the Stewardship Committee.

If you're interested in serving as the leader of this most important ministry, please contact Louise Griffith or Pastor Mike.

Thank you!

Announcements



Ladies'
Bible
Studies

WELCA Bible Study

Join us on the first Tuesday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for a lively bible study.

Vicki Hamilton is the leader of this wonderful group.

We look forward to seeing you there!

STITCHERS meet in Friendship Hall the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Contact Sarah Jevne for more information.

sarahj4821@gmail.com



If you would like to be part of the card writing ministry that sends greetings cards to St. Paul's homebound, please contact Peg Bradtke. fakenails@aol.com



"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." — Mahatma Gandhi



Joan Schultz, Charlotte LaCombe, Sharon Gesick, Judy Heckman, Sandy Duncan, and Brita Steyn.

After FISH Director Jim Peckham came to a WELCA meeting and supported the Mission Fair at St. Paul's, some of our members decided it was time for an in-person visit to FISH and experience firsthand all its varied and substantial services to our community.

The Marketing and Grant Management Representative Nichole Schembre took us on a tour of FISH, which included the intake area where needs assessments are conducted. From there, we toured the food pantry, the dining area, and the medical clinic.

After a short walk, we viewed the extensive new student housing construction. A commercial building, which will house local businesses and an area for training, is also being constructed.

This experience was valuable to better understand the reasons for the past, present, and certainly future close relationship between St. Paul's and FISH. ~ Joan Schultz

Happy Birthday To Everyone Born in June!

- 4 John Gould
- 4 Jennifer Fitzpatrick
- 7 Feryl Fitzgerald
- 10 Mackade Chambers
- 13 Brynn Anna Russell
- 14 Syrena Chowanski
- 15 Jay Olshen
- 16 Shirley Rickard
- 17 June Bennett-Hansen
- 21 Sue Van Koningsveld
- 23 Louise Griffith
- 24 Isabella Anderson
- 25 Alexander Anderson
- 26 Ronald Johns
- 26 Bill Sandell
- 26 Michael Gould
- 27 Tom Gesick
- 27 Charlotte LaCombe
- 28 Haiden Little
- 28 Vicki Hamilton
- 28 Shirley O'Neill
- 30 Sharon Olshen



Wishing all the fathers at St. Paul's
a very Happy and Healthy
Father's Day this June 18th!

June Anniversaries

- 18 Gary and Marla Johnson
- 26 Jeanne and Todd Russell
- 28 John and Peg Bradtke



*Happy 57th wedding anniversary to
Pat and Tim Higgins on June 17th.*



Thank you!

An enormous thank you goes out to Nikki Rohrs for going above and beyond to refurbish the outside signage St. Paul's.

Nikki designed the color of the signs, bought the paint and supplies, as well as did the prep work. Carol Arneson joined Nikki and together they finished the signs.

Great job, ladies! The outside signage really pops now!

Thanks also to Larry Hay who helped with the prep work and supplied the sawhorses, the sander, and other equipment for the project.





The Blessing of the Quilts

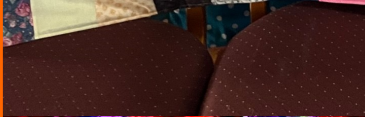
On Sunday, May 14th, Pastor Mike blessed the beautiful quilts that the ladies of Stitchers made this year. The quilts will be given to the Advocates to End Domestic Violence shelter for the children who go there. The lap robes will be given to seniors in area nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Photos courtesy of Steve Ranson





**A
Rainbow
of
Colors
and
Styles**



**Thank
you,
Stitchers!**



**Passion
and
Purpose**



**The
Stitchers
have talent
beyond
compare.!**





A Note of Thanks



Thank you to the faithful choir members: Doug and Pat (when they were able), Tom, Shawn, Hope, Holly, Heidi, Nikki, Shirley, Marla, Dana, Sarah, Judy,

and Linda. Special thanks to our wonderful accompanist, Vicki.

We sang anthems many Sundays and hope that you were blessed by the message each song brought. We will resume rehearsals in the fall and hope that many of you will consider singing with us. You don't have to be a soloist to sing in the choir. Our rehearsals are usually on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. and last about an hour.

Thank you, too, for the lovely bouquet of flowers.

Carol Arneson



We thank Traci Angel and her wonderful Youth Group members for hosting a beautiful Mothers' Day Tea. What a lovely way to celebrate our mothers!



Our sincere thanks to Doug and Pat Thunder for serving as St. Paul's webmasters for over ten years. We appreciate your time and talent!



I'd like to thank the ladies who continue to send greeting cards to me. They are so much appreciated!

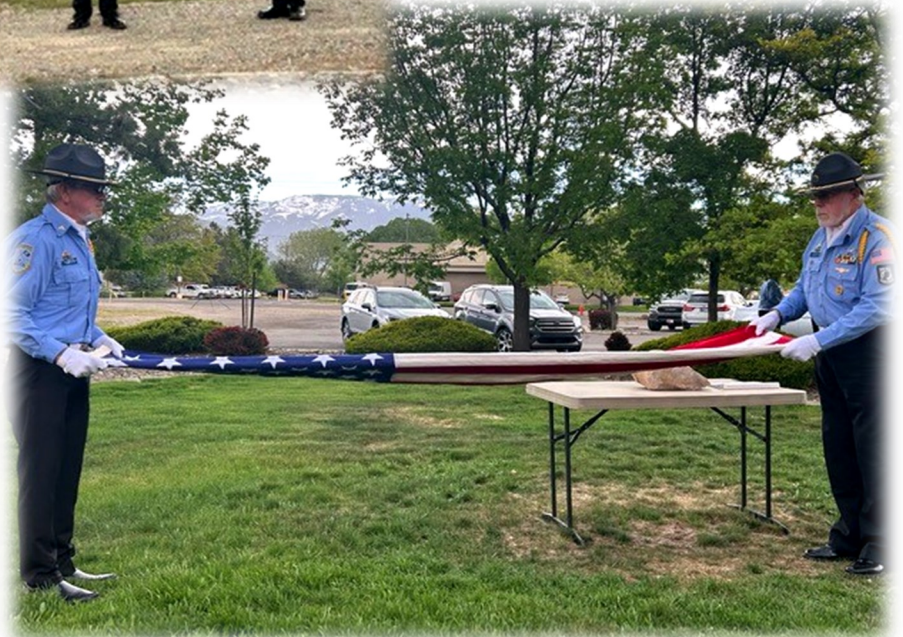
Thank you also to the Youth Group and Traci Angel for their continued gestures of love and remembrance. They are very special young people,
Pat Higgins

Thank you to everyone who serves St. Paul's Lutheran Family with love and devotion.



I want to thank everyone for their prayers and beautiful cards to help me through my surgery and recovery. And a special thank you to Tom for always being by my side and for being my right arm. Thank you all.
Sharon Gesick

On Saturday, May 20th, a tree planting ceremony complete with a military honor guard was held at St. Paul's in celebration of the life of Angelo DeFelice, husband of Mary DeFelice. A reception after the ceremony was hosted at the DeFelice home. *Photos courtesy of Mary DeFelice*





All youth who are in the 6th through 12th grade are welcome to join youth group!
Meetings are every 1st and 3rd Sunday after Pastor Mike's Bible Study.
If you know anyone who is interested or has any questions,
please call Traci Angel at 775 721-5495.

Summer Fun

Thank you to all who attended our Mother's Day Tea. We hope you all had a DINO-riffic time!
By the way, the youth will be meeting over the summer!

Graduations

Congratulations to our Carson High School graduates – Dorothy & Alex! We are all so very proud of you and wish you the best on your new adventures! It has been a pleasure being able to watch you two grow up in our church family!

Congratulations to our Middle School graduates – Niko & Alana! We are all so very proud of you both! You are going to great things at Carson High School! Go Big Blue! Go Senators! WAY TO GO CLASS OF 2023!

Dear Alex & Dorothy,

I am so very proud of both of you for staying strong and crossing the finishing line! YOU DID IT! As you both start your new journeys, remember your family here at St. Paul's is always cheering for YOU! It has been so much fun watching you two become young adults. I am sending you lots of love on June 3rd! Sunshines, keep shining bright!

Love, Traci, Nikki, Cody, Kat, & Mya

July 4th BBQ

We hope everyone will join us for the Annual July 4th BBQ, starting at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. We do have the BEST seats in town to watch the fireworks. If you do not want to stay and watch the fireworks, you can still join us for dinner. We look forward to seeing you on July 4th!

The YOUTH wish our St. Paul's family a wonderful SUMMER! ~ Traci Angel



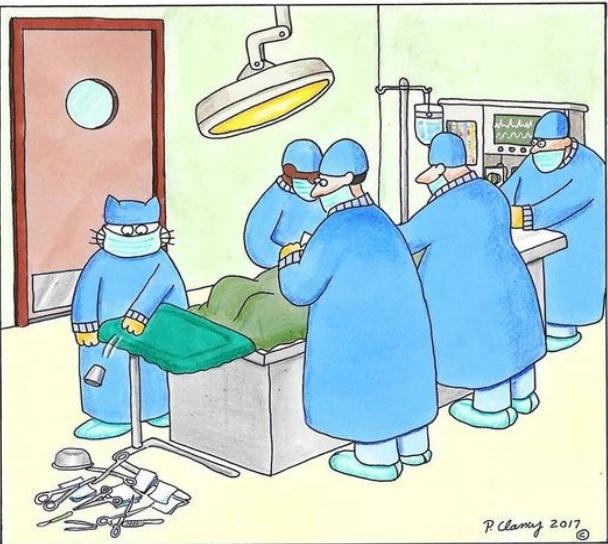


What did Jonah's family say when he told them about what happened before reaching Nineveh?
Hmm, sounds fishy.

What did God's people say when food fell from Heaven?
Oh, man-na!

What was Moses's wife, Zipporah, known as when she'd throw dinner parties?
The hostess with the Moses.

What do you call a Bible character who just pulled into church?
A parking Lot.





**Sunday
Youth Group**
First and third Sunday after Bible Study

Sundays
NA 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 18th
Father's Day



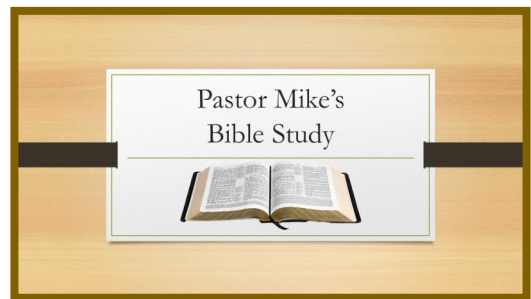
Tuesday, June 6th
WELCA Bible Study
9:30 a.m.

Tuesdays, June 13th and 27th
Stitchers
9:00 a.m. – noon

Thursday, June 8th
Council Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Worship services are held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Pastor Mike's Bible Study
Each Sunday after worship service



Interesting Days in

June 5th is World Environment Day—a day meant to raise environmental awareness across the globe.

June 14th is Flag Day (U.S.). Be sure to raise the flag!

June 18th is Father's Day this year.

June 19th is Juneteenth (also known as **Freedom Day** or **Emancipation Day**). On this day in 1865, Union General Gordon Granger read the Emancipation Proclamation aloud in Galveston, Texas, effectively liberating enslaved people in the state, which had thus far been beyond control of the Union Army.

June 21st is the summer solstice, which heralds the start of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. It's the day with the most hours of daylight, so enjoy! In the Southern Hemisphere, winter begins at this time.

June 24th brings Midsummer Day, traditionally the midpoint of the growing season, halfway between planting and harvesting. It is celebrated in many cultures on the night of **June 23rd, as Midsummer Evening**.

Enjoy the summer!

