



St. Paul's Lutheran Family

August 2023
NEWSLETTER

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



PASTOR'S REPORT 7/20/23

We are in the second half of 2023. The start of the year has flown by so fast that it seems hard to catch our breath and keep moving forward, but we are.

Yes, we face some challenges with finances, but that remains true for most churches after going through the shutdowns and the loss of members and donations. We are not alone! I hear about other congregations going through the same or even much worse tough times. I, for one, have faith that God will provide a path forward through this period. Is everything hunky dory...no. Is there a light at the end of the tunnel...yes. St. Paul's is well on the path to calling a new pastor and that will make a huge difference in the outlook for a bright future.

My advice. Do not listen to the naysayers. It will all work out.

We received a grant this month from the Sierra Conference for a technology boost. We have new cameras with better sound and video resolution that will make the live stream better.

The Men's Group has begun meeting, and for me at least has been rewarding. I have had a chance to listen and learn from men who have a long history with St. Paul's and who helped me fill in some of the blanks.

Plans for the remodeled Memorial Garden are moving forward with a broad view of what the garden will look like as we offer a special place to lay to rest the ashes of our loved ones. The improvement ideas are still taking shape, but I think the final plans will make most members happy.

What is happening with our talks with the School District about our excess land? It is still in progress with the understanding that it is difficult to get much done in the process while many of the District staff are on vacation or completing plans for the new school year. When I last spoke with the Superintendent the process is moving forward on their end, but not much will happen until September.

It is with pleasure that I can tell you the Sierra Conference has nominated Traci Angel to be the new member-at-large of the Synod Council. Good luck, Traci.

We had our first outdoor service last month. We had a few hiccups, but the service was fun and well-received. I plan to do more outdoor worship until the weather decides winter is coming back.

I believe God is on our side, and that St. Paul's will move into the future and thrive.

Yours in Christ,

Mike+

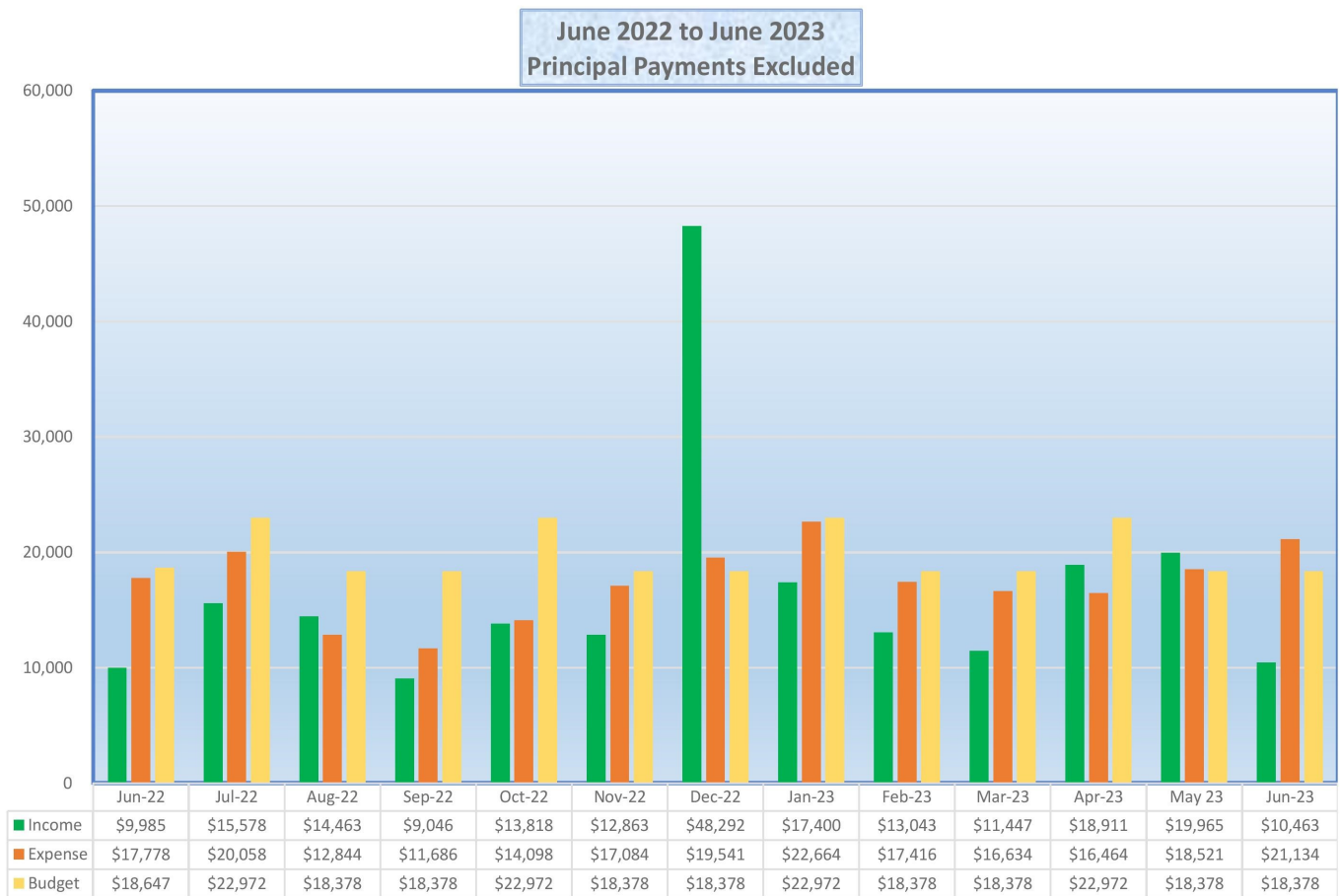
1201 Saliman Rd.
Carson City, NV 89701

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Carson City, NV 89721

Church Office Hours
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Treasurer's Report: Income, Expenses and Budgets Chart



June 2023 Chart (1)

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Ways to give to St. Paul's

You can give to St. Paul's in several ways:
Your time and talents are always needed. Join a ministry of your choice today.

Financial donations are also welcome.

1. You can send a cheque to the church's post office box.
2. Drop a cheque off at the church during office hours.
3. Set up a Thrivent Simply Giving account. The forms are available in the church office.

Servants Serving

Altar Guild for August

Jeanne Russell and Sharon Melsheimer

Greeters

August 6th Judy McPhail
August 13th Jay Olshen
August 20th Mary DeFelice
August 27th Joan Schultz

Readers

August 6th Dorothea Phelan
August 13th Jeanette Peck
August 20th Marla Johnson
August 27th Kim Neiman

Livestreaming Team

Nick Costonis and Holly McPhail

Musicians

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

Ministry Leaders' E-mail

Altar Guild: Vicki Hamilton
victoriahamilton9@gmail.com

Greeters: Ruth Fitzgerald
mrsfitz17@gmail.com

Counters: Mary DeFelice
Marenang@hotmail.com

Readers: Judy McPhail
ROMAC1945@outlook.com

Ushers: Dave Harrell
davidharrell93@yahoo.com

Communion Assistants: Judy McPhail
stpaulcarson@gmail.com

Card Ministry: Peg Bradtke
fakenails@aol.com

Counters

August 6th Judy McPhail and Sharon Gesick
August 13th Nikki Rohrs and Jay Olshen
August 20th Judy McPhail and David Harrell
August 27th Carol Arneson and Mary DeFelice

Communion Assistants

August 6th Holly McPhail
August 13th John Bradtke
August 20th Jeanne Russell
August 27th Nick Costonis

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




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





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

Our worship service is live-streamed via YouTube.

Directions for YouTube: 

Copy and paste this link into your web browser.

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.paulslutheranfamily7828>

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.

Worship is a way of seeing the world in the light of God. Abraham Joshua Heschel

But with Christ, we have access in a one-to-one relationship, for, as in the Old Testament, it was more one of worship and awe, a vertical relationship. The New Testament, on the other hand, we look across at a Jesus who looks familiar, horizontal. The combination is what makes the Cross. Bono

WE WILL NEVER CHANGE THE WORLD BY GOING TO CHURCH. WE WILL ONLY CHANGE THE WORLD BY BEING THE CHURCH.

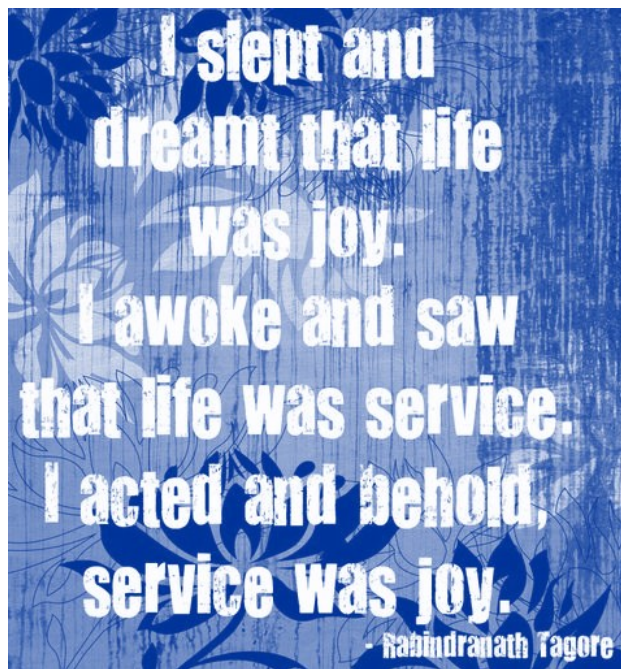


FIREFIIGHTERS/PEACE OFFICERS

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.



The end of all knowledge should be service to others. Cesar Chavez

For anything worth having one must pay the price; and the price is always work, patience, love, self-sacrifice - no paper currency, no promises to pay, but the gold of real service. John Burroughs

The highest of distinctions is service to others. King George VI

Announcements



WELCA Bible Study
is taking the summer off.
It will resume in the fall.

A Prayer Chain Leader
is Needed!

If you can help,
please call or email
Pastor Mike or the
church office.

Thanks!



STITCHERS will meet August 8th and 22nd in
Friendship Hall from 9:00 a.m. to noon.
For more information, please contact
Sarah Jevne or Shirley Rickard.

The Stitchers of St. Paul's Lutheran Family also
crochet or knit lap robes for the assisted living/
nursing homes in our area.

On June 30, 2023, Brita Steyn and
Carol Arneson delivered thirty-five (35) lap
robes to five (5) of these facilities. We deliver
the lap robes in July and December. We would
welcome any knitters/crocheters who are
looking for ways to serve. Please talk to us if
you are interested. ~ Carol Arneson



Do you need a place to meet friends this
summer, volunteer, do activities, play bingo,
sign up for Meals on Wheels, get a free fan,
and more?

Then the Carson Senior Center is for you!
911 Beverly Dr.
Carson City, NV 89706
Phone: 775 883-0703

Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



**The Carson City Farmers Market
has a new location.
Marv Teixeira Pavilion at Mills Park**

**The market runs through September.
Hours: Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

The Farmers Market accepts SNAP!

HAVE A SNAP CARD?
Get **FREE** fruits & veggies
with **DOUBLE UP FOOD BUCKS**

BUY \$1 → **GET \$1**
fruits and vegetables → fruits and vegetables **FREE**

How it works:
Step 1: Buy fruits and veggies
Step 2: Pay with SNAP card
Step 3: Earn a \$1 DUFB back for every \$1 spent, up to \$20 per day

Have Questions?
vegnotes.org/dufb | Facebook: Double Up Food Bucks Las Vegas
702.636.4150 | vegnotes@npsl.com

¿TIENE UNA TARJETA SNAP?
Obtenga frutas y verduras **GRATIS** con
DOUBLE UP FOOD BUCKS

COMPRE \$1 → **OBTENGA \$1**
frutas y verduras → frutas y verduras **GRATIS**

¿Cómo Funciona?
Paso 1: Compre frutas y verduras
Paso 2: Pague con su tarjeta SNAP
Paso 3: Obtenga un \$ 1 por cada \$ 1 gastado, hasta \$20 por día

¿Tiene preguntas?
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August Birthdays

- 5 Sandy Danforth
- 5 Ella Olson
- 12 Dana Danforth
- 13 Tristan Bailey
- 15 Bev Gutzman
- 21 Patrick Elverum
- 24 Ruth Fitzgerald
- 27 Pastor Mike
- 29 Timothy Hamilton

August Anniversaries

- 2 Feryl and Ruth Fitzgerald
- 15 Greg and Louise Griffith



The secret of a happy marriage is finding the right person. You know they're right if you love to be with them all the time. Julia Child



Congratulations to Traci Angel for being nominated by the Sierra Conference to be the new member-at-large of the Synod Council.

You make us proud every day, Traci, and we know you'll do a wonderful job on the Council.

Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's and ELCA.

How Make Mason Jar Ice Cream (Vanilla)

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 1/4 tablespoons sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons of vanilla extract
- Pinch of salt
- Shake for 3 minutes, then freeze for 3 hours



Please don't forget the people and animals of Ukraine!

You can help with humanitarian aid via:

<https://www.lutheranworld.org> and

<https://rolda.org/breaking-news-ukraine>

Дякую тобі!

Interfaith Picnic

There will be an Interfaith Picnic on Sunday, September 24th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the lawn of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. 306 N. Minnesota St. Carson City. For more information, please contact St. Peter's church office at 775 882-1534. See you there!



I would like to thank Holly McPhail for assisting with the PowerPoint presentation each Sunday at worship service. She is the one who controls the clicker for the slideshow projector. Some may think this job is on the easier side, but that is far from the truth. It is one of the more stressful jobs of the live streaming process, and I am sure we could not have such an amazing service without Holly's epic skills. ~ Nick Cotsonis

Many thanks to all those who continue to tithe and give offerings to our church.

Your faithfulness to St. Paul's is appreciated beyond words.



Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Family:

Thank you for being so gracious in opening your church for our use and for our candlelight ceremony to honor our hospice patients who have passed on during our service to them.

Your foyer and sanctuary provided a safe place for their families to grieve.

It was a beautiful evening.

Thank you again.

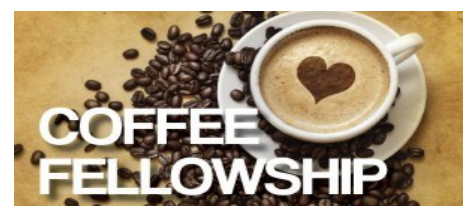
Warmly,

Erin

Eden Health Hospice

Coffee Hour hosts are needed for August, September, October, November, and December.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you can host one of these months. Thank you!



St. Paul's Memorial Garden

St. Paul's has received permission to intern ashes in the church's Memorial Garden.

This endeavor will double the size of our current Memorial Garden and allow a special place for your loved one's ashes.

All internments will include a blessing ceremony.

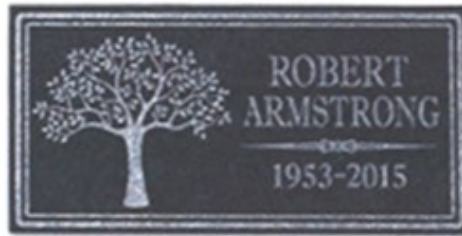
If you would like more information, please contact Tom Gesick at 775 443-8744.

Memorial marker options:

Option 1 \$250 – Small, flat marker

Option 2 \$500 – Medium, flat marker

Option 3 \$1000 – Large marker





Scaredy Cats Needs Your Help!

Scaredy Cats is a non-profit organization in Carson City founded by Linda Sanches. She and Susan Gonzales trap feral cats in our area, have them spayed and neutered, and then released back into their colonies. It's an ongoing and expensive time-consuming job.

You can help reduce the feral cat population in Carson City, and here's how.

You can set up a monthly donation to Scaredy Cats through your credit union or bank bill pay service or you can participate in \$5.00 Fridays.

\$5.00 Fridays helps with the rising cost of tuna, which is used to lure the feral cats into the traps.

Please make a donation today, and do tell your friends about the program.

You can also donate directly on the website: <https://www.scaredycatstnr.com/>

All donations are tax deductible.

Thank you!



Do you have household goods, clothing, and odds and ends you no longer need? Then donate them to Classy Seconds or the FISH Thrift Shop.

Classy Seconds is located at 3590 Gordon Street, Carson City, NV 89701

775 841-7081

<https://www.aedv>



Your donations support Advocates to End Domestic Violence.

The FISH Thrift Store is located at 138 East Long Street, Carson City, NV 89706

775 882-3474

<https://www.nvfish.com/>



Your donations help FISH meet the temporary and emergency needs to community members who are currently experiencing hunger, homelessness, and underemployment.



Feeding Pets of the Homeless is the first national (U.S. and Canada) non-profit providing pet food and emergency veterinary care to pets that belong to people experiencing homelessness.

Feeding Pets of the Homeless is located at 710 West Washington Street, Carson City, NV 89703

775 841-7463

To learn more or to donate, please visit their website:

<https://petsofthehomeless.org/>

**Thank you for considering these donation options!
God bless you for your generosity!**

Summer Mindset

Thoughts on Colossians 3:2

Jesus Christ is refreshing. Flight from him into Christless leisure makes the soul parched. At first it may feel like freedom and fun to skimp on prayer and neglect the Word. But then we pay: shallowness, powerlessness, vulnerability to sin, preoccupation with trifles, superficial relationships, and a frightening loss of interest in worship and the things of the Spirit.

Don't let summer make your soul shrivel. God made summer as a foretaste of heaven, not a substitute. If the mailman brings you a love letter from your fiancé, don't fall in love with the mailman. That's what summer is: God's messenger with a sun-soaked, tree-green, flower-blooming, lake-glistening letter of love to show us what he is planning for us in the age to come—"things which the eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered into the heart of man, God has prepared for those who love him." 1 Corinthians 2:9. Don't fall in love with the video preview, and find yourself unable to love the coming reality.

Jesus Christ is the refreshing center of summer. He is pre-eminent in all things Colossians 1:18, including vacations and picnics and softball and long walks and cookouts. He invites us this summer: "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28. This is serious summer refreshment.

Do we want it? That is the question. Christ gives himself to us in proportion to how much we want his refreshment. "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13.

Peter's word to us about this is: "Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19. Repentance is not just turning away from sin, but also turning toward the Lord with hearts open and expectant and submissive.

What sort of summer mindset is this? It is the mindset of Colossians 3:1-2. "If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth."

In the summer the earth is very much with us. And it is God's earth! But it is all prelude to the real drama of heaven. It is a foretaste of the real banquet. It is a video preview to the reality of what the eternal summer will be like when "The city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb." Revelation 21:23.

So you see: the summer sun is a mere pointer to the *sun* that will be. The glory of God. Summer is for seeing and showing that. Will we have eyes to see? Do you want to have eyes to see? Lord, let us see the *light* beyond the light. Seek that this summer.

Seeking more, because I have been found,

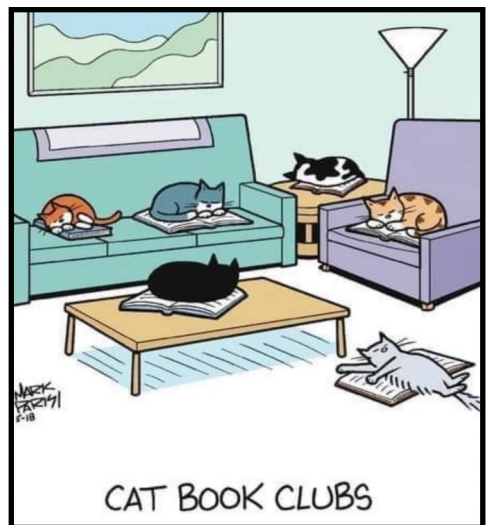
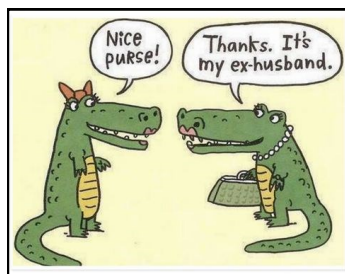
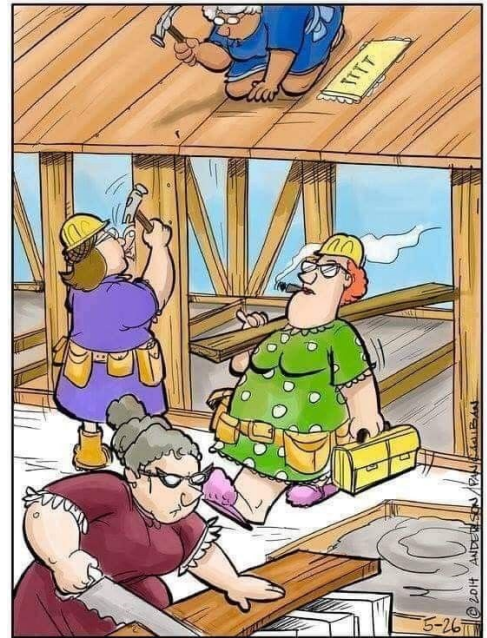
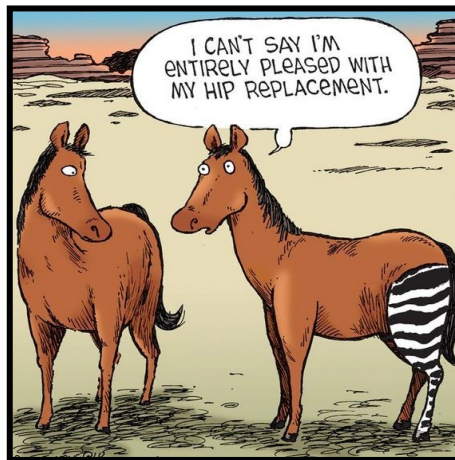
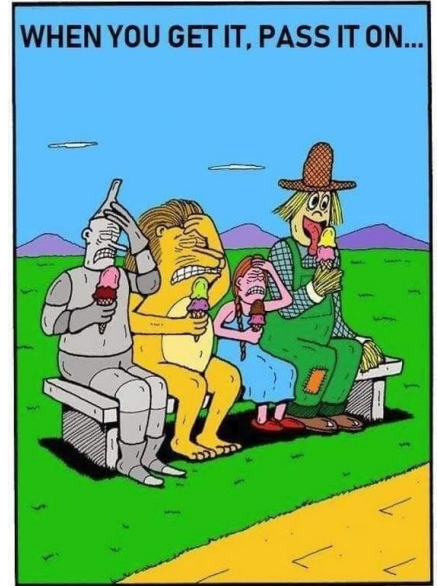
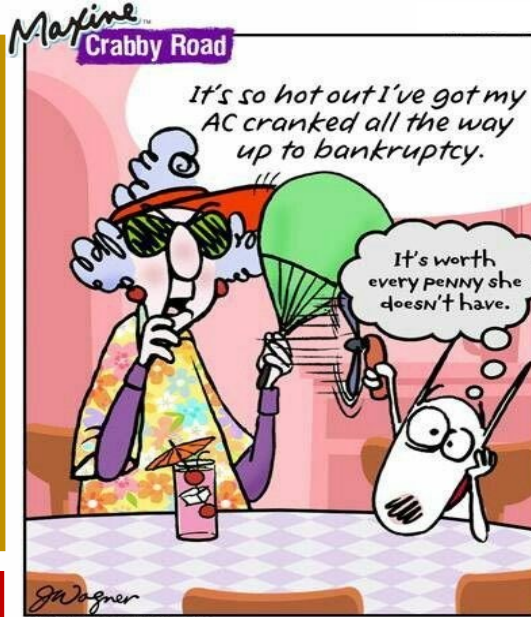
John Piper



Summer Funnies



Someone is clearly a genius.





Sundays
NA, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 10th
Executive Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 17th
Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.



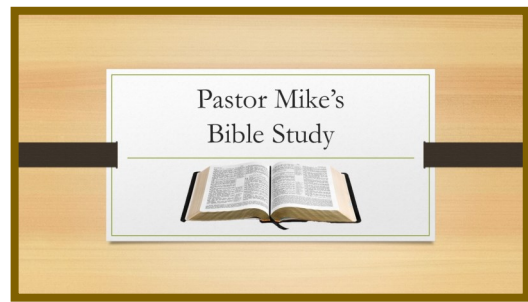
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This Month's Worship Schedule
August 6th, August 13th, August 20th, August 27th

Pastor Mike's Bible Study
Please join Pastor Mike for Bible Study each Sunday after the worship service.

AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



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It's always the perfect season to come to church!

