

The St. Paul Epistle

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Pastor Gwen Sefrhans-Murphy:

“Rooted in the Gospel, Nourished by Word, and Sacrament. Sent to proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ.”

There are a number of events that give us opportunities to think about our purpose, mission, and vocations in June, as individuals and as the gathered body of Christ in the congregation here at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

The most timely one will be our Northern Illinois Synod Assembly, with events happening throughout June. We will be electing a new Bishop for our Synod, as Bishop Clements, who attended our 150th Anniversary celebration, will be retiring.

As congregations and as a synod, we will prayerfully consider who God is calling to be our next Bishop. We can do that if we are listening to God’s word and voice, and looking for the work of the Holy Spirit. As a Synod, since we are rooted in the Gospel, nourished by word and sacrament, we are sent to proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ, reflecting the words of our mission here at St. Paul. As a synod, we “walk together, loving Christ, loving all, for the sake of the world”. We will do this as an assembly by meeting remotely via Zoom for two meetings before the Assembly, and then meeting in person June 17th and 18th at Augustana College.

We will prayerfully consider who God, through the Holy Spirit, is calling to be our next Bishop, but we will also do the work of the church, which is reflected in our mission statements. God has called us to be faithful and God will be with us.

At St. Paul, we also have the work of our June Breakfasts to remind us of our mission together. We value our fellowship time, but we also give thanks for the opportunity to support our youth.

I am thankful and encouraged to see how our youth and their parents come together to plan and help with the breakfasts and how supportive the congregation is of this ministry.

We want to be active at St. Paul, but we also want to keep our focus on our mission statement, because it is the foundation of all we do. It strengthens us and our faith.

Thanks be to God for our mission together and all we are able to do as a congregation and as part of the wider church! Amen!

See you in worship, at 6:00 pm on Saturdays and 9:00 am on Sundays!

Peace,

Pastor Gwen

Flower Chart 2022:



A **NEW** flower chart for 2022 is available in the narthex. You may sign up to provide flowers for 1 or 2 vases for our worship services. Flowers may be given in honor or memory of loved ones. Please pay for your flowers (\$25 per vase) at the time you sign up to provide them in the box located directly beneath the flower sign-up chart.

The following dates are available:

June 12	October 2
June 26	October 16
July 3	October 25
July 10	October 30
July 17	November 13
July 24	November 20
July 31	November 27
August 7	December 11
September 11	December 18

April 2022 Finances:



April YTD income: \$64,029.43
April YTD expenses: \$66,208.39
April YTD Net Loss: -\$2,178.96

Graduating High School

Seniors:



We congratulate them on their success in high school and wish them the best in their future.

Peyton Ash
Daughter of Jeff & Tara Ash

Caroline Border
Daughter of Nick & Jenn Border

Anne Carlson
Daughter of Rick & Mary Carlson

Ben Churchill
Son of Mark & Lori Churchill

Lauren Coulter
Daughter of Jeremy & Brenda Coulter

Courtney Farwell
Daughter of Ron & Natalie Farwell

Kasey Filler
Daughter of Chip & Jill Filler

Hunter Gustus
Son of John & Anne Gustus

Quinn Hoftender
Son of Tim & Heather Hoftender

Zachary Holton
Son of Eric & Janet Holton

Catie Johnson
Daughter of Tim Johnson, & Loran Lassuy & Maribel Torres-Lassuy

Gretchen Kerker
Daughter of Scott & Annika Kerker

Lauren Larson
Daughter of Kevin & Julie Larson

Jaeger Norton
Son of Jeff & Nicole Norton

Sydney Swope
Daughter of Richard & Dawn Swope

Ava Terry
Daughter of Jason & Crystal Terry

Hayley Van Duyne
Daughter of Alan & Kim Van Duyne

Walker Werkheiser
Son of Kevin & Terri Werkheiser

Graduating College Students:

Korryn M. Baraks is graduating from Augustana College. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Biology & Business Administration. She plans on working for the Department of Defense and opening a Dog Boarding & Training Facility.

Michael Seabloom is graduating from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. He received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

VBS - 2022:



This year's Community Vacation Bible School will be at **Orion Methodist Church, June 27th – July 1st, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.** You will need to register your child **before June 17th.** They will not accept registrations the day of VBS.

There is a bucket out for cash donation. The supply list is out in the courtyard hallway. Please take a look and see what is needed. Check it out and return your slip with your food donation.

VBS Teen Leaders: Students who will complete the 6th grade in June of 2022 through those students in college are invited to be crew leaders at this year's Community Vacation Bible School. **There is a sign-up sheet in the courtyard hallway.**

June Breakfast:

BREAKFAST

Every Sunday in June, our congregation is invited to attend a breakfast in the Ark following the 9:00 AM worship service. Free-will donations will help support our youth. Join us for good food and fellowship!

Summer Worship Services:



Beginning on Sunday, June 5th, and continuing throughout the summer, our Sunday Morning worship service will be at **9:00 AM ONLY.** Saturday evening worship will continue at 6:00 PM. Please make a note of this change, and plan to worship with us this summer!

Orion Area Food Pantry & Volunteer Information:

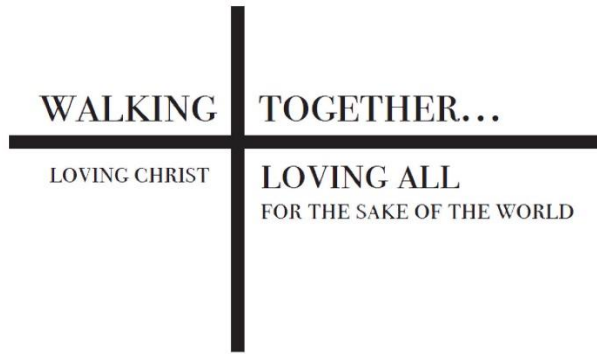


Each year, the Orion Area Food Pantry asks members of each of the area churches to help on food distribution days. **Distribution days: Tuesdays from 4-6 PM,** except for Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas meal distributions, which have longer distribution hours. Distributions take place at the lower level of the village hall. If you can help with any of these dates, please sign up on the bulletin board located in the courtyard hallway.

St. Paul's month for donations is **March and September.**

Northern Illinois Synod

Assembly:



The 35th Annual Northern Illinois Synod Assembly will be at Augustana College, Centennial Hall, 3703 Seventh Avenue, Rock Island on **Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18, 2022**. Zoom meeting options are June 5, 12, 13, and 16.

LCW News & Events:

WELCA is now LCW (Lutheran Church Women).



LCW breakfast at the Windmill:

Wednesday, June 1st at 9:00 AM

LCW Meetings:

Tuesday, June 8th at 9:00 AM
Tuesday, June 15th at 9:00 AM
Tuesday, June 22nd at 9:00 AM
Tuesday, June 29th at 9:00 AM

June Birthdays:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Howard, Vicki	06/01
Johnson, Laurie	06/01
Belowske, Ava	06/02
Campbell, Cameron	06/03
Kruse, Jacob	06/03
McRae, Aliyah	06/05
Bollinger, Jason	06/06
DeBaillie, Randy	06/06
Thompson, Cheryl	06/07
Dahl, Jillian	06/08
Dunlap, Will	06/08
Terry, Ava	06/08
Burgert, Stacey	06/09
Hampton, Will	06/09
Hutton, Jordan	06/10
Hampton, Kirsten	06/11
Lee, Logan	06/12
Dahl, Bennett	06/13
Kerker, Annika	06/13
Belowske, Ryan	06/14
DeLille, Sarah	06/15
DeBaillie, Chloe	06/16
Roome, Carla	06/16
Sandau, Norine	06/17
Stoudt, Brian	06/17
Peterson, Kody	06/18
Weber, Abby	06/18
Douglas, Laura	06/19
Holton, Zachary	06/19
Pettifer, Quinn	06/19
Chasey, Leland	06/20
Aukland, Mardelle	06/21
Dahl, Andrew	06/21
Kenney-Chase, Penelope	06/21
Bowers, Marjorie	06/22
Dunlap, Lucas	06/23
Sadofsky, Kayla	06/23
Sundvall, Michael	06/24
Border, Denise	06/25
Koch, Amy	06/25
Seabloom, Mikayla	06/25
Halferty, Kayla	06/26

Hepner, Colin	06/26
Kunert, Linda	06/27
Kerker, Gretchen	06/28
Dahl, Morgan	06/29
DeBaillie, Heather	06/29
Farwell, Ronald II	06/29
Lee, Mitchell	06/29
Lowery, Alaina	06/29

Connie Gale	06/24
Nathan Lindgren	06/24
Bradley Peterson	06/25
Megan DeLille	06/26
Evan Jacobsen	06/26
Justin Montgomery	06/28
Brooke Bainbridge	06/29
Stephen Jr Mullen	06/29
Reece Holst	06/30

June Baptismal Anniversaries:



Andrea DeLille	06/01
Judith Frenell	06/03
Logan Lee	06/03
Jacqueline Willhouse	06/03
Kale Filler	06/06
Kamryn Filler	06/06
Kasey Filler	06/06
Kendyl Filler	06/06
Riley Filler	06/06
Marilynn Bourne	06/08
Mary Shepherd	06/08
Morgan Schroeder	06/09
Diane Gainey	06/10
Lane Weber	06/10
Rick Carlson	06/11
Doris Weber	06/11
Jane Johnson	06/14
Ashton Lee	06/14
Jacob Bainbridge	06/17
Charles Dhabalt	06/17
Tereasa Laverenz	06/18
Haley Stockton	06/19
Sawyer Fliege	06/19
Wylie Fliege	06/19
Vaughn Bernhardt	06/20
Aidan Schutte	06/20
Jim Clark	06/22
Donna Sainer	06/23

June Worship Volunteers:



Worship volunteers have been assigned for the **month of June**. If you see that you will be unavailable on a certain Sunday to which you have been assigned, please switch with another member and call Mary Lindgren at 521-8658 to let her know the changes. Mary has been calling the worship volunteers each week as a reminder of their duties, and she will relay these changes to our church secretary. **If you know you will be absent during certain timeframes, please let Nikki know so she does not schedule you to volunteer during that time. Thank you! Your assistance is appreciated!**

June 5, 2022:

9:00 AM:	
Greeters:	Jim & Dianna DeBaillie
Acolyte:	
Communion Helper:	Rod Ward
Sound System:	Lisa Johnston
Lector (lessons & psalm):	Kim Nightingale
Altar Guild:	Joyce Hepner
Lawn Care (06/05 – 06/11):	Kevin Werkheiser

June 12, 2022:

9:00 AM:

Greeters:	Gregg & Jan Meier
Lector:	Cindy DeBaillie
Sound System:	Sheryl Hiatt
Acolyte:	Noah Belowske
Communion Helper:	Lori Dhabalt
Altar Guild:	Teresa Carlson
Lawn Care (06/12– 06/18):	John Carlson

June 19, 2022:

9:00 AM:

Greeters:	Jeff & Debbie Dahl
Lector:	Jane Helke
Sound System:	Lori Dhabalt
Acolyte:	Carson Peck
Communion Helper:	Rod Ward
Altar Guild:	Beth Hoffman
Lawn Care (06/19 – 06/25):	Nick Border

June 26, 2022:

9:00 AM:

Greeters:	Rick & Joyce Hepner
Lector:	Georgia Veyette
Sound System:	Jeff Schroeder
Acolyte:	Gavin Kerker
Altar Guild:	Debbie Dahl
Lawn Care (06/26 – 07/02):	Joe Schmieder

July 3, 2022:

9:00 AM:

Greeters:	Ray Parrish
Lector:	Lori Dhabalt
Sound System:	Lisa Johnston
Acolyte:	Anna Churchill
Altar Guild:	Hannah Stockton & Sarah Frenell
Lawn Care (07/03 – 07/09):	Brad Gainey

Endowment Ministry Programs

Fund

Grant application forms are in the hallway. The Endowment Committee will review all applications and recommend a plan of distribution, which Church Council will review. Please turn your form into the church office when it is completed.

Blessing Bags:



Thank you for continued donations for the Blessing Bags! As a reminder, we are always in need of donations, such as: warm socks, chap-stick, hand warmers, deodorant, protein snacks, wipes, granola bars, rain ponchos, Kleenex, and gum. Please make sure they are travel-sized and individually wrapped. There is a collection box in the hallway. The completed blessing bags are also in the hallway. Please feel free to take and distribute.

Thank you,
Family Life Committee

Special Music Volunteers:



If you would be interested in providing special music (vocal or instrumental) for one of our worship services during the summer, please contact Jan Enders or the church office. We invite you to share your talents with us.

Garden Surplus:



Our garden surplus table is back once again!! If you have any extra fruits or vegetables, you have grown this summer, we encourage you to bring them to church to share with those who cannot or do not have a garden. A table will be available near the west entrance for your produce. Thank you for sharing!

Remember Your Church This Summer

Summer is the time for relaxing and getting away. If your summer schedule takes you away from Saturday or Sunday worship, please don't forget us! Your church is still here, worshipping, praying, and putting our faith into action. We have a lot of summer activities planned for the members of our congregation to keep them connected to their faith. We will be planning a busy fall season of learning and growing in faith. We need your financial support to keep our ministries strong and vital. We need your prayers for the people and leaders of this church. And, when you are in town, we would love to see you in worship! May you find the renewal of the Holy Spirit this summer.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Annual Pork Chop Supper & Ice Cream Social:



**Sunday, July 3rd beginning at
5:00 PM.**

Join us for great food, fellowship, and music provided by the Orion Community Band.

All are invited to attend. The Orion Lighted Parade and Fireworks will be held the same evening.

Many volunteers are needed to make this annual event a success. Please sign-up for donate supplies, prepare food, serve customers, clean-up, and help in many other ways. This event is one of the largest outreach activities to the community, so plan to be a part of it! Sign-up sheets are available in the West Connection.



Red Cross Blood Drive Drive Details:

Site: St. Paul Lutheran Church

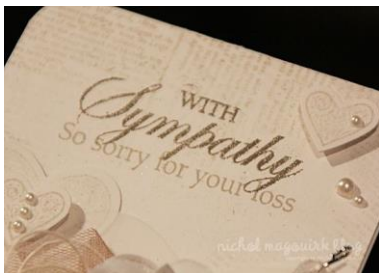
Address: 1001 9th Street, Orion, IL, 61273

Room Name: The Ark

Date: Wed Jun 29, 2022

Time: 2:00: PM - 6:00: PM

Sign up online at Redcross.org or contact Sheryl Hiatt at lovesgod58@gmail.com



Our sympathy is extended to Kathleen Kurrle and her family at the passing of her brother, Bob Fredell. May God and the caring love and thoughts from others help you get through your sorrow.

Our sympathy is extended to Steve Lindbloom at the passing of his wife, Linda Lindbloom. May you find comfort and peace in the prayers and people surrounding.