

The St. Paul Epistle

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Call Committee:



Call Committee held an interview on Tuesday, August 13th with our candidate. They are now in the process of calling references and listening to them preach.

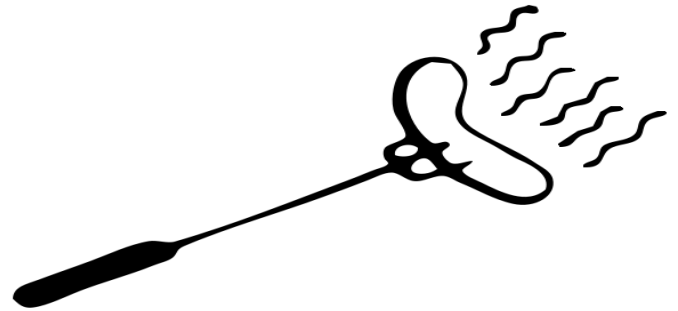


150th Anniversary of St. Paul:

Sunday, April 26, 2020. The Committee for the 150th Anniversary of the church has been formed. We've got lots of ideas and would like more. If you can, join us on **Wednesday, August 28th at 7 PM** at

church to share thoughts and start firming up our thoughts. **Any Swedish speakers out there?** Any Swedish artifacts you'd be willing to share for an event during the anniversary year? Share your ideas with any of these ladies: Janet Boney, Wilma Carroll, Teresa Carlson, Lori Dhabalt, Jeannine Filler, Judy Frenell, Diane Gainey, Gloria Grafton, Jane Helke, Joyce Hepner, or Mary Lindgren.

Weiner Roast:



Sunday, September 29th at 5:00 PM at the home of Randy & Cindy DeBaillie, 3671 North 1300th Avenue in Orion.

Bring table service, a dish to pass, and lawn chairs. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided.

Come and enjoy good food and fellowship! Hope to see you there!

June/July 2019

Finances:



June/July 2019 expenses: \$5,699.17

Year to date expenses: \$117,619.83

June/July 2019 income: \$13,654.73

Year to date income: \$131,274.56

Difference – June/July: \$7,955.56

Difference – Year to date: \$13,654.73

Choir Members:



Choir rehearsals resume **Thursday, September 5th at 6:30 PM.** If you have a voice please come and join in lifting that voice to support the congregation in song and praise God for His blessings to us, His people.

Singers welcome! Rehearsals usually last an hour and music is worked on for several weeks in advance.

Note from Natalie

Farwell:

Thank you to the Council and Congregation for my wonderful gifts! It has been a wonderful 12 years of service here at St. Paul as the Youth Coordinator, and I am thankful for all the Gathering, Confirmation Camps, Lock-Ins, 5th Quarters, Fundraisers and Outings that occurred during that time. It is bittersweet to leave this position, but I know the youth are in great hands with Jeff Bernhardt! Thank you for thinking of me and I truly appreciate the gifts.

Graciously,

Natalie Farwell

Flower Chart 2019:



A **NEW** flower chart for 2019 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 (\$20 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:

September 8, 15

October 13, 20

November 17, 24

December 29

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**.

LCW News & Events:

WELCA is now LCW
(Lutheran Church Women).



LCW Meeting/Social Stitchers:

Tuesday, September 4th at 9:00 AM

Stitchers:

Tuesday, September 11th at 9:00 AM

Tuesday, September 18th at 9:00 AM

Tuesday, September 25th at 9:00 AM

September Birthdays:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Coulter, James	09/01
Sundeen, Charlotte	09/02
Dahl, Donna	09/04
Peterson, Cheryl	09/05
Chelstrom, Kristian	09/07
Cröse, Breslin	09/08
Lowery, Michael	09/08
Christensen, Mia	09/09
Carlson, Byron	09/10
Gordon, Norma	09/10
Gehring, Carol	09/11
Hepner, Austin	09/11
Holst, Chris	09/11
Jess, Bennett	09/11
Ash, Peyton	09/12
Westerlund, Marcus	09/14
Willhouse, Edward	09/14
Hepner, Michael	09/15
Lowery, Madelyn	09/16
Douglas, Eric	09/17
Helke, Jane	09/17
Marshall, Shelly	09/17
Pulford, Kenneth	09/17
Dahl, Jeffrey	09/18
Sandberg, Jeff	09/18
Westerlund, Frances	09/18
Filler, Jeannine	09/19
Lindgren, Nathan	09/19
Bernhardt, Cain	09/20
Dhabalt, Susan	09/20
Pierce, Karen	09/20
Christensen, Katie	09/21
Schmieder, Angela	09/22
Crawford, Liam	09/23
Pettifer, Robert	09/24
Rochleau, Greg	09/24
Carlson, Mary	09/25
Jackson, Aleah	09/26
Kurrle, Kathleen	09/27
DeBaillie, Henry	09/28
Gustus, John	09/28

Ash, Jeffrey 09/29
 Gehring, Michael 09/29
 Malmen, Mark 09/30
 Stenzel, Janet 09/30
 Vestal, Celinda 09/30

Sarah Jacobsen 09/30

September Baptismal Anniversaries:



Susan Dhabalt	09/02
Colin Hepner	09/04
Haley Larson	09/04
Terry Samuelson	09/04
Ashley Abrahamson	09/07
DeAnne Bloomberg	09/08
Alexandra Larson	09/08
Richard Samuelson	09/08
Dwayne Anderson	09/09
Rita Chelstrom	09/09
Neil Dahl	09/09
Natalie Farwell	09/09
Morgan Dahl	09/10
Mackenzie Smith	09/12
Laura Douglas	09/13
Sarah DeLille	09/14
Luke DeBaillie	09/15
Billy Montgomery	09/15
Ryan Belowske	09/16
Kimberly Roome	09/18
Brandon Bakener	09/20
Ronald II Farwell	09/20
Autumn Hoftender	09/21
David Swanson	09/21
Gerald Malmen	09/22
Jacob Abrahamson	09/24
James DeBaillie	09/24
Nathan DeBaillie	09/24
Jacob Hutton	09/26
Allison Christensen	09/28
Brady Peterson	09/28

September Worship Volunteers:



Worship volunteers have been assigned for the **month of September**. 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 doesn't schedule you to volunteer during that time. Thank you! Your assistance is appreciated! Thank you!**

September 8, 2019:

9:30 AM:

Sound System:	Lori Dhabalt
Greeters:	Gregg & Jan Meier
Ushers:	Team 2
Acolyte:	Landon Gekas
Assisting Minister:	Gary Nelson
Lector (lessons & psalm):	Jane Helke
Chalice Bearers:	Ed & Jackie Willhouse
Altar Guild:	Debbie Dahl
Lawn Care (09/08 – 09/14):	Joe Schmieder

September 15, 2019:

8:00 AM:

Greeters:	Jeff & Debbie Dahl
Acolyte:	Blaze Norton
Lector:	Kim Nightingale

Chalice Bearers: Mark Border, Jeannine Filler, & Beth Hoffman
Ushers: Team 1
Welcome Center: Cindy DeBaillie

10:30 AM:

Sound System: Sheryl Hiatt
Greeters: Ken & Deb Pulford
Ushers: Team 1
Acolyte: Ben Seabloom
Assisting Minister: Lori Dhabalt
Lector (lessons & psalm): Jan Enders
Chalice Bearers: Rod & Helen Ward
Altar Guild: Teresa Carlson
Lawn Care (09/15 – 09/21): Ed Willhouse

September 22, 2019:

8:00 AM:

Greeters: Rick & Joyce Hepner
Acolyte: Hannah Swope
Lector: Beth Hoffman
Chalice Bearers: Jim & Dianna DeBaillie & Kim Nightingale
Ushers: Team 2
Welcome Center: Ray Parrish

10:30 AM:

Sound System: Jeff Schroeder
Greeters: Lisa Stiles & Laura Douglas
Ushers: Team 2
Acolyte: Maya VanDuyne
Assisting Minister: Rod Ward
Lector (lessons & psalm): Jackie Willhouse
Chalice Bearers: Lori Dhabalt & Veronica Schroeder
Altar Guild: Jeannine Filler
Lawn Care: (09/22 – 09/29): Brad Gainey

September 29, 2019:

8:00 AM:

Greeters: Jeannine Filler & Janet Boney
Acolyte: Bobby Carlson
Lector: Kim Nightingale
Chalice Bearers: Mark Border, Jeannine Filler, & Beth Hoffman
Ushers: Team 1
Welcome Center: Jeannine Filler

10:30 AM:

Sound System: Lisa Johnston
Greeters: Brian & Pat Stoudt
Ushers: Team 1
Acolyte: Landon Gekas
Assisting Minister: Lori Dhabalt
Lector (lessons & psalm): Diane Gainey
Chalice Bearers: Jane Helke & Helen Ward
Altar Guild: Beth Hoffman
Lawn Care (09/29 – 10/05): Ray Parrish

Parish Nurse News:



Anyone can request to be put on prayer circle. With consent of the person being prayed for or family member's consent. Prayer circle is confidential and is not to be discussed with others. Name of person does not even have to be mentioned.

Prayer is POWERFUL! I know for personal experience.

God's Bless you all,
Helen

Thank you to the congregation for all the support to the church staff during this transition.

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 to the generous donations from Congregation Members for items for the Blessing Bags! Family Life filled 30 bags at our meeting last month and they are ready for members of St. Paul to take and hand out. As this supply runs out, this committee will restock the bags, but in order to do so, we continually need help with donations. The bags ready for distribution are on the table outside of Nikki's office and the basket for donations of items for the next restock is under the that same table! Thank you to the wonderful members of St. Paul to help keep this outreach program going!

At God's Work, Our Hands Day, these bags were created and handed out to people in need. However, our supply is out, and we need more! So, Family Life Committee would like to keep the Blessing Bag Program going and needs your help! We are asking for donations of items to be put in the bags. The donation items are:

- *Warm Socks
- *Chapsticks
- *Hand Warmers
- *Deodorant
- *Protein Snacks
- *Wipes
- *Granola Bars
- *Rain Ponchos
- *Kleenex
- *Gum

There is a collection box in the hallway.

Please drop off your donations at any time. Make sure they are travel size and individually wrapped. We will stuff bags at our monthly meetings and have them available for you to take and hand out as needed.

Thank you for your help with this project!

Our Sympathy:

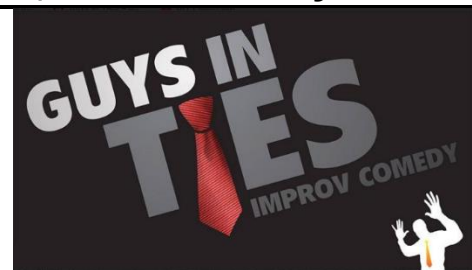


Our sympathy is extended to the Dahl family at the passing of Beatrice Strandlund.



Rally Sunday:

Sunday, September 8, at 9:30 AM. Sunday School teachers will be installed and 3rd graders will receive their bibles! It will be an exciting service, so come and join us!



“ Laughter is the closest thing to the grace of God. ”

Karl Barth 

Everyone Needs a Good
Laugh!

**COME TO
RALLY DAY!**

September 8, 9:30:

Church Service in Sanctuary

Following Church:

Refreshments &

Visit Sunday School rooms

11:00:

Guys in Ties Entertainment in
The Ark Chapel (family
friendly)

Future Dates:

SAVE THE DATE

**COMING
UP**

- **Sunday, September 8th at 9:30 AM.** Rally Day for Sunday School students. Sunday school teachers will be installed and 3rd graders will receive their bibles. More details to come later.
- **Sunday, September 15th** will be the first day of Sunday School.
- **Sunday, September 15th** back to **TWO SERVICES. 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM.**

- **Wednesday, October 2nd** from **5-7 PM** is **YouthFIRST.** Children from ages Pre-K to 5th grade are welcome to attend. **YouthFIRST** will continue through the school year (minus January-due to Christmas break.)

College Student Request:



If you are moving and changing addresses, please contact Jeff Bernhardt or Nikki in the church office. We send out care packages and want to make sure your package will make it to you. Thank you!
