

# *St. Paul News*

## *June 2024*

### **St. Paul Lutheran Church**

*The Lutheran Church -  
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#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
is to promote the  
worship of the Triune God  
as revealed in Holy Scriptures,  
by teaching the Gospel of  
Jesus Christ and administering  
the Sacraments, in order to  
equip people for Christian  
life and service.

### **Pastor's Message**

A couple of weeks ago, I went outside and I couldn't believe it was happening and so soon. Canada was on fire again! Forest fires last year gave us months of poor air quality. And was it going to be the same this year?

I asked a few people I know from Canada about the fires that were burning already this spring, and they reported that they were man made, caused by a careless campfire or cigarette, even though the news stations were blaming climate change. When Rome burned, it had a similar story. A good discussion followed about how the occurrences of other countries can influence American politics easily.

Great blazes often come from careless small fires. So it is also with the tongue. James 3:5-6 says, "How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell."

The small tongue is quite capable of raging havoc on so many things in our lives. Have you started any such "fires"? Have you said any untrue things about others? Have you been constantly negative? Take some time to reflect, to repent, and then to rejoice in God's forgiveness.

Now start some good fires! I used to live up in the forests by the boundary waters in northwest Minnesota. From time to time, firefighters would start smaller fires and manage them to eliminate old, dry wood from dead and fallen trees in order to greatly reduce fuel for when a real forest fire does happen. It will make it harder to start and easier to contain. This helps to create a barrier against further damage by a quickly spreading fire with no boundaries.

Our tongues can prevent further damage when the latest rumor reaches our ears. "I don't think we should be spreading this around." Our tongues can prevent further damage by a positive word. "Well, I don't know about that, but..." and then say something good about the person. Our tongues can prevent further damage by following the Golden Rule of Jesus. "How would we like it if such things were said about us?"

Speaking of Jesus, we can learn from Him. "He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth." (1 Pt 2:22) His tongue was silent before His accusers so He could win forgiveness for the sins of their tongues and ours. He forgives the destructive fires our tongue starts.

So, remember the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment, speak well and start good fires!

+God's Peace+

Pastor Jonathan Varns

# ITEMS OF INTEREST

## Church Council

The installation for our new June 2024 - May 2025 Council members will be Sunday, June 2nd during the service. They are DuWayne Galow, Chairman; Vice-Chairman, Jim Rigge; Elders: Mike Brown and Larry Cuklanz; Trustees: Chris Berends and Kris Cobb; Treasurer, Carol Gabbert. Thank you to Dave Guertin, Jason Hoff, Travis Luepke, and Anne Brown whose terms are done. Our appreciation to them for their work.

## LWML Happenings

Thanks for your continued support of LWML missions! The "Noisy Offering" along with the mites from May was \$25.54.

Mary H, Avis, Judy, and Sue attended the Montevideo Zone LWML Spring Rally at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Willmar on April 28. 53 were in attendance. Our mission speaker was Dr. Martin Dicke. He spoke on the work of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation as well as his experiences in Papua New Guinea.

The District Mite Goal for 2022-2024 of \$145,000 has been reached and that means the grants are all paid in full! To God Be The Glory!!

At the Spring Rally our Montevideo Zone meeting was held as well. Jane Remiger agreed to another term as President and Sue Erickson agreed to another term as Treasurer.

The upcoming District Convention will be at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, from June 3-5. Pray for safe travels as Mary H. and Judy head to the convention. We look forward to hearing about their experiences at the convention!

The next LWML MN North Retreat will be held August 9 -11 at Lutheran Island Camp. The theme is "For Everything There is a Season and a Time for Everything Under Heaven" ( Ecclesiastes 3:1). The keynote speaker will be Pati Kachel. Contact Judy or Sue if you are interested in going and they will help you with the sign up process.

Our next quarterly meeting is Sunday, July 14 following the service. All ladies are encouraged to attend.










































July 17 is the Summertime Pie Social. There will be sign up sheets at church for food and helpers needed. We encourage everyone to help as they are able and come to enjoy the meal! Bring a friend or neighbor! We thank the following committee members who are organizing this event: Judy, Mary H, Mary K, Nancy C, Kathy, and Sue.

## Recipes Wanted

We are making a cookbook for our 125th Anniversary thanks to Tammy Edman. Please bring your most beloved recipes by **June 30th**. Submit them to the church office, or email them to [stpaulgf@embarqmail.com](mailto:stpaulgf@embarqmail.com), or email them to Tammy at [tammy@swnhohmes.com](mailto:tammy@swnhohmes.com). Please double check that quantities are shown and ingredients are correct.



## June Birthdays

	June 1	Melodee Syring	
	June 3	Jordynn Berends, Bryce Schmidt	
	June 5	Larry Cuklanz, Matthew Johnson, Kolton Luepke	
	June 6	Troy Myers	
	June 7	Mark Johnson	
	June 8	Blayke Schmidt	
	June 9	Gerald Reinke	
	June 10	Jody Hempel, Hunter Kerkela, Alfred Timm	
	June 12	Tara Staab	
	June 14	Brayton Hammer, Tanner Read	
	June 15	Nancy Cuklanz, Chad Doose, Jonathan Varns	
	June 16	Susan Doose, LeRoy Peterson	
	June 17	Kristin Rosassen	
	June 18	Anna Larson	
	June 20	Dale Luepke Jr	
	June 22	Tom Edman, Darla Schmidt	
	June 24	Jacob Galow	
	June 25	Tracie Read	
	June 26	Chance Roberts	
	June 27	Erin Bissett	
	June 29	Brenda Peterson	
	June 30	Logan Hoff, Adriana Thein	

## Birthday Blessings to you all.

Please contact the church office if we missed yours.



**Save the Date - September 22, 2024**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

**125th Anniversary Celebration**

**SAC Groups** will be our greeters and ushers. If this is your month to serve, please prayerfully consider where you are able to and willing to help.

## Group 2

### Serving for June

Anderson, Bryan and Renae  
 Berends, Randy and Tamra  
 Beyer, Brian, and Laura  
 Cobb, Kris and Holly  
 Enninga, Dan and Kathy  
 Guertin, Sarah  
 Hammer, Brett  
 Hammer, Mary  
 Hempel, Terry and Rosemary  
 Hinz, Paul and Diane  
 Jeseritz, Randy  
 Johnson, Ted and Kathy  
 Kirschbaum, Janet  
 Korthuis, John and Kathy  
 Luepke, Otto and Theresa  
 Miller, Eugene  
 Myers, Troy and Jenna  
 Nokleby, Dorothy  
 Podratz, Ken and Carol  
 Redepenning, Tony and Amy  
 Rigge, Jim and Cindy  
 Rigge, Michael  
 Sherman, Leslie and Renee  
 Sietsema, Barb  
 Stengel, Allen and Pat  
 Streich, Chris  
 Streich, LouAnn  
 Varns, Pastor and Lindsay  
 Wegner, James and Eileen  
 Zempel, Meredith  
 Zempel, Nicole  
 Zimmer, Kevin and Laura

Dear Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church,

The Council has decided to begin work on the church crosses and lettering on the south side of the building. The money used will come from Accessible Improvements from the Designated Projects accounts. The monies within this account are from undesignated memorials that were given to the church from 2018 and 2020. Family members, if known, will be contacted to ensure that there is approval to use the funds for this project. The Council would also like to complete the necessary upkeep on the bell tower and would appreciate any donations towards the overall project. Funds can be dropped off with LuAnn, mailed in or placed in the offering plate. Please designate in the memo line that it is for Exterior Church Work.

The Trustees of the Church are tasked with the maintenance and upkeep of the church. This project does fall under that care, but also realizes that funds and further steps taken needs to be discussed with the congregation at the next Quarterly meeting. The optimum time for getting on the schedule and starting the work is now, which is why the Council made this decision to start with the smaller projects.

## Vital Statistics

### Attendance and Offering Report for May

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sun, May 5	43	\$2,090.00
Sun, May 12	88	\$5,210.00
Sun, May 19	56	\$2,160.00
Sun, May 26	42	\$2,496.00
(2024 Budget Income needed each Sunday - \$3,485.00)		

### Financials as of 5-27-2023

Year to Date Actual Contributions	\$67,782.25
Year to Date Contributions Needed	<u>\$75,502.05</u>
Difference	(\$7,719.80)
Year to Date Actual Expenses	\$77,833.11
Year to Date Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$75,502.05</u>
Difference	(\$2,331.06)



## LWML Summertime Pie Social

July 17th

More info will be in the bulletins and July newsletter.



## Daily Bible Readings for June

Jun 1	1 Samuel 16	Psalm 61	Romans 7
Jun 2	1 Samuel 17:1-54	Psalm 62	Romans 8
Jun 3	1 Samuel 17:55-18:30	Psalm 63	Romans 9:1-29
Jun 4	1 Samuel 19	Psalm 64	Romans 9:30-10:21
Jun 5	1 Samuel 20	Psalm 65	Romans 11:1-24
Jun 6	1 Samuel 21-22	Psalm 66	Romans 11:25-36
Jun 7	1 Samuel 23-24	Psalm 67	Romans 12
Jun 8	1 Samuel 25	Psalm 68	Romans 13
Jun 9	1 Samuel 26	Psalm 69	Romans 14
Jun 10	1 Samuel 27-28	Psalm 70	Romans 15:1-13
Jun 11	1 Samuel 29-31	Psalm 71	Romans 15:14-33
Jun 12	2 Samuel 1	Psalm 72	Romans 16
Jun 13	2 Samuel 2:1-3:1	Daniel 1	Mark 1:1-20
Jun 14	2 Samuel 3:2-39	Daniel 2:1-23	Mark 1:21-45
Jun 15	2 Samuel 4-5	Daniel 2:24-49	Mark 2
Jun 16	2 Samuel 6	Daniel 3	Mark 3:1-19
Jun 17	2 Samuel 7-8	Daniel 4	Mark 3:20-35
Jun 18	2 Samuel 9-10	Daniel 5	Mark 4:1-20
Jun 19	2 Samuel 11-12	Daniel 6	Mark 4:21-41
Jun 20	2 Samuel 13	Daniel 7	Mark 5:1-20
Jun 21	2 Samuel 14	Daniel 8	Mark 5:21-43
Jun 22	2 Samuel 15	Daniel 9	Mark 6:1-29
Jun 23	2 Samuel 16	Daniel 10	Mark 6:30-56
Jun 24	2 Samuel 17	Daniel 11:1-19	Mark 7:1-13
Jun 25	2 Samuel 18	Daniel 11:20-45	Mark 7:14-37
Jun 26	2 Samuel 19	Daniel 12	Mark 8:1-21
Jun 27	2 Samuel 20-21	Hosea 1:1-2:1	Mark 8:22-9:1
Jun 28	2 Samuel 22	Hosea 2:2-23	Mark 9:2-50
Jun 29	2 Samuel 23	Hosea 3	Mark 10:1-31
Jun 30	2 Samuel 24	Hosea 4:1-11	Mark 10:32-52

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

### Council Members

**June 2024 - May 2025**

**Chairman:** DuWayne Galow

**Vice Chairman:** Jim Rigge

**Secretary:** Mary Hammer (1<sup>st</sup> term/3<sup>rd</sup> yr)

**Treasurer:** Carol Gabbert (1<sup>st</sup> term/1<sup>st</sup> yr)

#### Board of Elders

Larry Cuklanz (1<sup>st</sup> term/1<sup>st</sup> yr)

Mike Brown (2<sup>nd</sup> term/1<sup>st</sup> yr)

Loren Petersen (1<sup>st</sup> term/3<sup>rd</sup> yr)

Gene Stengel (1<sup>st</sup> term/3<sup>rd</sup> yr)

#### Board of Trustees

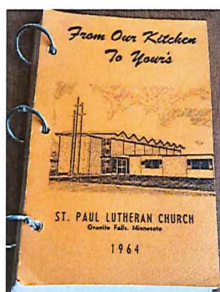
Chris Berends (1<sup>st</sup> term/1<sup>st</sup> yr)

Kris Cobb (1<sup>st</sup> term/1<sup>st</sup> yr)

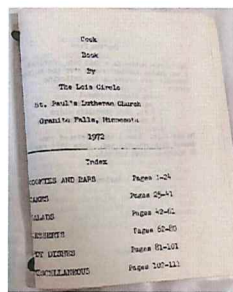
Tom Edman (1<sup>st</sup> term/2<sup>nd</sup> yr)

Dennis Smith (1<sup>st</sup> term/ 3<sup>rd</sup> yr)

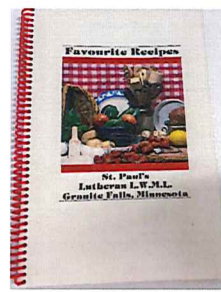
## What do these 4 books all have in common?



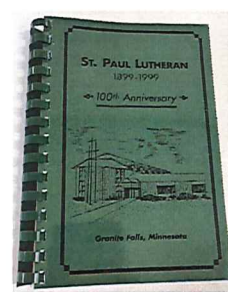
1964



1972



1985



1999

Recipes submitted by members of the St. Paul Lutheran Church! Eileen Wegner still has these 4 copies of recipe books. The earliest one was printed in 1964. At that time the women submitted the recipes including their names as "Mrs.", then the husbands name, and then the last name. By time the last one was printed, the women were submitting the recipes with their first name and generally the word "Mrs." was also omitted. Men also submitted a few recipes! These recipe books will be on display at the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on September 22. Now it's time for men, women and children of our congregation to submit your favorite recipes! Tammy Edman has offered to do a cookbook for our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. She needs recipes! Submit them to the church office, or email them to [stpaulgf@embarqmail.com](mailto:stpaulgf@embarqmail.com), or email them to Tammy at [tammy@swmnhomes.com](mailto:tammy@swmnhomes.com) by June 30th.