

St. Paul's  
Lutheran  
Church ELCA

401 Mill Street



July August 2024  
Bi-Monthly Newsletter

## Christ's Calling Card

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

**Summer is finally here. We've waited many long months to finally be able to relax in the sun. In these beautiful months of warm weather and sunshine, we make plans to do all we can with family and friends. We plan vacations, picnics, and family outings. The kids are playing sports of all kinds, swimming when possible and wanting friends over. However, one of the things we often don't do is try to find time to relax in the lazy hazy days of summer and regenerate ourselves. And therefore, we can become overwhelmed with all the activities we try to get done in the summer.**

**For many of us, pushing the pause button is easier said than done, even during the summer months when life should slow down a little, giving us a chance to catch our breath and relax. Nevertheless, just as physical rest is necessary for a healthy body, spiritual rest is important for our spiritual well-being. And the best way to rest your spirit is to rest in the One who created you.**

**So the next time we are tempted to be anxious about all that we want to get accomplished this summer, remember this encouragement that God's Word gives us, in Philippians 4:6-7. "Do not be anxious for anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."**

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### Church Council

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**Planning and carrying out all the responsibilities of summer can be overwhelming, but Jesus promises to help carry the load. And His shoulders are much bigger than ours! While He doesn't promise a life without hard work and trials, He does promise to be with us, walking with us, every step of the way.**

**We will soon be celebrating our nation's birthday. I hope that though this is a song, you will make it your prayer: "God Bless America, land that I love, stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above."**

**I pray each and every one of you will have a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July.**

**In His service,**

**Karen**

## **PROPOSED BUILDING PROJECT**

The replies from the members indicated support for a project up to \$650,000.00. We have provided this to the architect, HSR in La Crosse, and are hopeful we will receive the requested "what can we do for \$650K?" by late July.

in the meantime, we appreciate your support in continuing to donate to the building/lift/bathroom fund.



**Too many  
Stairs most  
In bad shape!**

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **July**

Sun., 7 <sup>th</sup>	Worship, 9:00 am
Sun., 14 <sup>th</sup>	Worship, 9:00 am
Sun., 21 <sup>th</sup>	Worship, 9:00 am
	Picnic at <b><u>Kendall Park</u></b>
Sun., 28 <sup>th</sup>	Worship, 9:00 am

### **August**

Sat., 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Blood Drive
Sun., 4 <sup>th</sup>	Worship, 9:00 am
Sun., 11 <sup>th</sup>	Worship, 9:00 am
Sun., 18 <sup>th</sup>	Worship, 9:00 am
Sun., 25 <sup>th</sup>	Worship, 9:00 am

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**\*\*The Website & Facebook pages were developed &  
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**April also developed the front page of the  
Newsletter**

**Newsletters, past and present, are on the  
Church Website in Color.**

## **NEEDED**

**Someone(s) to  
take over the  
compiling and  
mailing (editing)  
St Paul's  
Bi-monthly  
Newsletter.  
Contact Nalani or  
me. LB**

### **PICNIC IN THE 'KENDALL PARK**

Grace Lutheran in Elroy has invited St. Paul's to a picnic in the park. Since Kendall is between Elroy and Wilton, it seemed most convenient to hold the picnic in the Kendall Park. The picnic will be held on Sunday, July 21 starting at 12:00 Noon. Please bring a dish to pass based on the following breakdown:

If your last name begins with the letter:

A-H: Casseroles or Sandwiches  
I-R: Salads or vegetable tray/dish  
S-Z: Desserts

**Please bring your own beverages and tableware. What a great opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of our friends at Grace.**

### ONLINE OFFERINGS

St. Paul's has partnered with Vanco Services (endorsed by ELCA) to receive offerings directly from your checking/savings account or credit card account to our bank account. You will have several options, as follows:

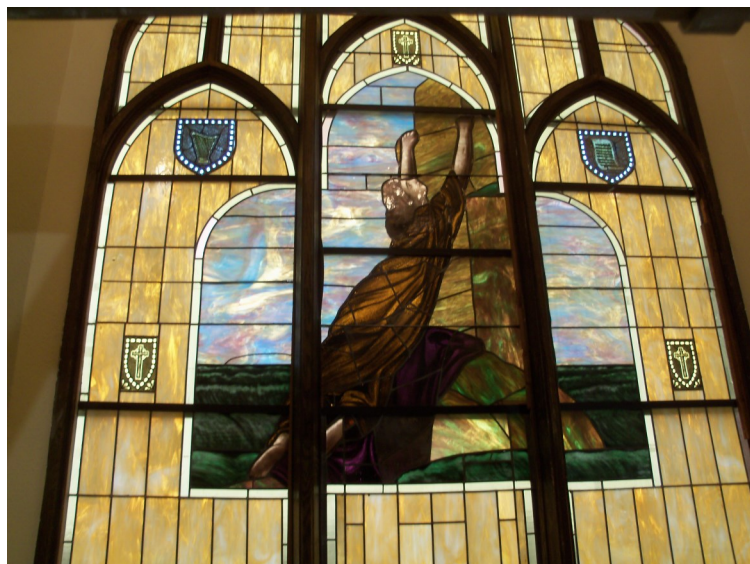
One time or recurring offering (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, etc.)

Designate a specific fund or split your offering between the following funds:

General Fund

Building/lift/bathroom fund.

For those of you with internet capabilities, you may initiate an offering by visiting the church website, <https://www.stpaulswilton.com/>, click on the GIVE+ icon, and complete the information.



### **THOSE SERVING IN JULY**

#### **Readers:**

July 7: Greg Bever  
July 14: Carolyn Dougherty  
July 21: Joel Arndt  
July 28: Karen Arzt

**Altar:** Kirstin & Miranda Arndt

#### **Communion Servers:**

Volunteers

### **THOSE SERVING IN AUGUST**

#### **Readers:**

August 4: Barb Bever  
August 11: Lori Arndt  
August 18: Miranda Arndt  
August 25: Justin Arndt

**Altar:** Barb Bever & Karla Richie

#### **Communion Servers:**

Volunteers

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



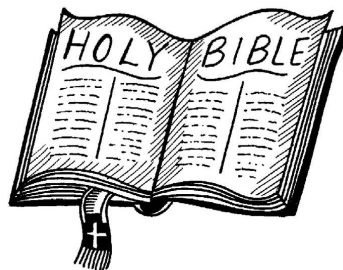
July 28 -31, 2024

5:30 – 8:00 PM

Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Surrounded by water, trees, and rolling hills, Camp Firelight is the perfect location for every Camper's favorite summer activities! During each assembly session, Campers join first-time camp counselor Greg and Lu (short for Lumen), the lightning bug puppet, and learn to face their fears while trusting in God. Each day, Campers see Counselor Greg face new challenges, from as simple as leading Campers on a hike to as intimidating as meeting a new and wise nature expert. With the help of Lu the Lightning Bug, Counselor Sam and our Campers explore timeless Bible stories that show how Old and New Testament Campers trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name.

Through these stories, this program will teach us about people in the Bible who experienced the gift of a trusting relationship with God. In addition, it will teach us to trust that God will go with us, lead the way, share wisdom, to give us peace, and spark joy as we celebrate the good news of Jesus in our own lives and in the lives of others. We will also learn ways we can connect with and put our trust in God whenever we are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work in the world and share the Good News of God's love through Jesus Christ.





## WORSHIP NOTES

The following are the Scripture readings we will be sharing in worship during the months of July and August, 2024

July 7 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123;  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 14- 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13;  
Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 21- 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23;  
Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 28- 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18;  
Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

August 4- 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29;  
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 11-12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8;  
Ephesians 4:25—5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 18- 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14;  
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 25- 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22;  
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### July

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Douglas Wildes  
3<sup>rd</sup> Buddy Speicher  
6<sup>th</sup> Collin Birkholz  
8<sup>th</sup> Travis Anderson, Doug Birkholz,  
Derek Erdman, Matt & Tiffany Bever  
11<sup>th</sup> Katie Garske, Barb Savall  
13<sup>th</sup> Gracie Brandau  
17<sup>th</sup> Cory Dutton, Mathew Dutton  
18<sup>th</sup> Brian Buchholz  
19<sup>th</sup> Haley Jewell, Travis & Ann Anderson,  
Bob & Louise Buchholz  
21<sup>st</sup> Doreen Bayer  
24<sup>th</sup> Karl Radke, Mark & Sarah Gruen  
25<sup>th</sup> Bob Gruen, Andy & Leah Brueggen  
26<sup>th</sup> Arlis Ballwahn  
27<sup>th</sup> Adam Brueggen  
29<sup>th</sup> Sophia Erdman  
31<sup>st</sup> Gordon O'Rourke, Leonard & Dixie Arndt

### August

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gene Dougherty  
3<sup>rd</sup> Avery Arndt, Larry & Lorrie Bever  
6<sup>th</sup> Ron Drews  
8<sup>th</sup> Kristi Tormoen, Marcus & Kim Buchholz  
12<sup>th</sup> Erica Steinke  
13<sup>th</sup> Ginger Sowle  
14<sup>th</sup> Greg Bever, Andy Brueggen  
16<sup>th</sup> Bud Osteboe  
18<sup>th</sup> Jaimie Zimmerman  
20<sup>th</sup> Angel & Devon Christopherson  
21<sup>st</sup> August Arndt, Marty Arndt,  
Jerry & Pat Von Haden  
23<sup>rd</sup> Carolyn Dougherty  
24<sup>th</sup> Kirstin Arndt, Larry & Arlis Ballwahn  
25<sup>th</sup> Lois O'Rourke  
27<sup>th</sup> Amber Sebranek, Ken Thorson, Jr.  
31<sup>st</sup> Barb Ornes



Our group has dwindled so there will be no scheduled General Meetings for 2024. Any meetings planned will be listed in the Worship Bulletin.

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief is continuing. We have assembled several quilts and have more tops to finish. We have also completed 4 quilts for our 2024 graduates.

The additional quilters that have helped has been very much appreciated and we enjoy our sessions, with much discussion and laughter. More are always welcome.

**All women of St. Paul's are members of W-ELCA and new faces are always welcome at any and all events.**

### 2024 High School Graduates with their Quilts





Inviting people to journey with Christ's family in spreading God's love and mercy.

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