

JUNE 2024 St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church Connection

106 S. Maple St. PO Box 357 North Freedom, WI 53951

Message from the Pastor



Summer Worship

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 3:18a)

Summertime brings many things to mind: Hotter weather, lots of sunshine, vacations and no school—just to start the list. It's a time when many families and individuals have a more relaxed schedule. Many leave town on weekends to camp, go to a ball game, or visit relatives and extended family.

Perhaps Sunday worship isn't foremost on many minds during the summer. There are no big Christian holidays like Christmas and Easter to plan for. Sunday School's out for the summer. Attendance tends to dip in the summer months, not because of bad weather (as might happen in winter), but because of good weather (we've got to get out and enjoy it!).

But worship services do continue in the summer at St. Paul's. God wants this to be a regular, important part of our routine every season, including summer. We need this hour or two with the Lord so that we may keep growing in our faith, getting stronger to face the temptations of the devil and opposition from the world. Like summer plants and crops that need rain and moisture to grow, we need God's Word and communion to grow in God's grace and knowledge of his love.

When you come to church in June, July and August, you will notice the green of the altar cloths. Green is the color for the Sundays after Trinity, the non-festival half of the church year.

The focus in our church services will be on the Christian life and how we may grow in our faith in Christ. Here are our worship themes for the Sundays in June:

June 2 (2nd Sun. after Pentecost): Jesus offers love in place of legalism.

June 9 (3rd Sun. after Pentecost): Jesus brings victory in place of defeat.

June 16 (4th Sun. after Pentecost): The Lord's power in growing his kingdom.

June 23 (5th Sun. after Pentecost): The Lord's power over nature.

June 30 (6th Sun. after Pentecost): The Lord's power over death.

I might see you at the park, the ball game or the fair this summer. But I do expect to see you at church on Sunday mornings. Have a great summer!

--Pastor Timothy Blauert

Summer Daily Devotions

Starting on May 27 (Memorial Day), the daily devotions will come from portions of Luther's Large Catechism. Last summer we covered the Ten Commandments and the Creed from the Large Catechism. This summer the topics will be on the Lord's Prayer (June); Baptism (July 1-28); Lord's Supper (July 29—Aug. 25), and Confession (Aug. 26—Sep. 2).

Daily devotions will be emailed to members each day. Printed copies will be available weekly each Sunday for those who don't have email. If you would like to get your devotions by email but haven't been getting them, please contact Pastor Blauert, 507-279-8560.



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**New Member/Confirmant/Graduate
Welcome: June 2nd**



At the 8:30 a.m. combined service on June 2nd, new members Lori Cook and Carrah Shimniok will be received by adult confirmation. We will also accept Brea Nehring's communicant membership—Brea was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran, Baraboo, on May 5th.

We will also congratulate our high school graduate, Faith Henke, at the service, and welcome Archie Weber, baptized on Jan. 27.

Following the service, we will have a welcome for our new members Lori C. & Carrah S., and congratulations for Brea N. & Faith H., with an ice cream social served by the Ladies' Aid. Welcome, Lori, Carrah, and Archie! Congratulations, Brea and Faith!



Bible Study Opportunities!

Revelation: The Distant Triumph Song Sunday morning Bible Class

Adult/teen Bible study will continue into the summer! Our Bible Class on Revelation will have a short class on June 2nd (following the ice cream social), and an hour class between the services on June 16th, 23rd and 30th.

Monday Evening: "Bible Basics"

Please contact Pastor Blauert if you're interested and he'll get the class started.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 12 to 14



Vacation Bible School is planning to have classes from August 12 to 14. Contact Pastor Blauert at 507-279-8560 if you'd like to help out in any way: Teaching, assisting with crafts, serving refreshments. We will especially need help with promotion of V.B.S. Thank you for volunteering!



Game Night: Mon., June 17, 6:30 pm
Bring a snack to pass, a beverage and a game and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship! Bring a friend too!

ALTAR GUILD

The altar guild sign-up sheet for 2024 is on the table in the fellowship hall. This is a great way to help with worship at St. Paul's. Please speak with Rose Vertein if you are interested and have questions. Thank you!



CARDS

Mary Klemm is our Sunshine Lady for St. Paul's. If anyone is sick or needs a card of encouragement, please contact her.

The Church Council will meet between the services on Sunday, June 9th.

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GLORIFY GOD with Altar Flowers!

Thank you to those who have brought flowers to church in memory of loved ones or to honor anniversaries, weddings, etc. We invite all our members to sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall. Please also refer to the sheet that gives directions for giving flowers.

Here are a few suggestions to spark celebration ideas: new baby/ grandbaby, birthdays, weddings, anniversary, retirement, new job, holidays, baptisms, confirmations, graduations, health recoveries, or good health, faith, family and friends.

So, thank you for bringing flowers!

- When you intend to provide flowers, please sign up at least the Sunday prior.
- Call Mary Klemm 608-434-0650 or Kristine Blauert 507-460-2928 if you would like to provide but not arrange flowers, or for any other questions. Afterwards, you can enjoy the beautiful flowers at home and/or gift some to a friend or family member.
- We appreciate your consideration in providing altar flowers. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

LADIES' AID/ LWMS Update

LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) is requesting pill bottles which will be sent to Malawi. They must have labels removed and be washed. Please see the bulletin board for information on the size of bottles needed. Any questions, speak to Linda Ennis. We'll collect them until the Fall Rally in October.

OUR GIFTS to the LORD April 28—May 19

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sun., Apr. 28: 7:30 am	26	\$925
10 am	14	\$558
Sun., May 5: 8:30 am	39	\$1,200
Sun., May 12: 7:30 am	34	\$1,715
10 am	24	\$865
Sun., May 19: 7:30 am	27	\$1,120
10 am	19	\$395

Ave. attendance: 8:30 am (combined), 39; 7:30 am, 29; Late, 19.

Western Wisconsin District Convention

June 10-11

Pastor Blauert will be attending the Western Wisconsin District Convention on June 10-11 at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, Wis. The convention meets every other year to elect district officials and discuss business involving our synod and district.



“You Can Help our MLC Student”

We are donating funds for Martin Luther College's Congregational Partner Grant Program to help member Faith Blauert with next year's tuition at MLC. MLC will provide matching funds up to \$1,450. We need to submit it by June 30. Thank you for your contributions for a future called worker of our synod!

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INFORMATION ABOUT ST. PAUL'S:

Pastor: Rev. Timothy Blauert

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Worship times: Sundays 7:30 and 10 a.m.

First Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Communion, 1st & 3rd Sundays

Sunday School: Sundays at 8:45 a.m., or after the service on the first Sunday of the month. (We are not having classes in the summer.)

Sunday School teachers: Lynn Zimmerman and Corisa Schneider.

Adult Bible study: Sundays at 8:45 a.m. or after the service on the 1st Sunday of the month;

Bible information class is being offered on Monday evenings for anyone interested. Talk to Pastor Blauert if you'd like to come.

Church Council

President: Jim Dohner

Vice-president: Dave Zimmerman

Secretary: Paul Fuller

Treasurer: Mark Shimniok

Financial secretary: Jeremy Zimmerman

Head usher: Roy Schneider

Ladies' Aid

President: Elaine Shimniok

Secretary: Lynn Zimmerman

Treasurer: Elaine Shimniok

Sunshine Lady: Mary Klemm

LWMS Reporter: Linda Ennis

Church organists

Susan Grossenbacher; Lorene Belter

Church Custodian Vonnie Leifer

Please remember our shut-in members with your prayers and visits

Gary Meske (at home)

Ellie Schultz (at home)

Please let Pastor know if you are sick, in the hospital, or are having any other difficulties. He'll be glad to visit and have a devotion and pray with you! Contact information for him is in the left column of this page.



Happy Anniversary to:

Jeremy & Lacy Zimmerman – June 20, 2009

Darrell & Marilyn Weiland – June 25, 1966

John & Jennifer Shimniok – June 30, 1979

Wayne & Donna Vertein – June 30, 1973



Happy Birthday to:

Dave Zimmerman – June 11

Rick Hehenberger – June 12

Coreana Platt – June 14

Rebecca Klaetsch – June 15

Michelle Henke – June 17

Zachary Klingenmeyer – June 17

Victor Schneider – June 17

Chadd Seaton – June 17

Kendall McFann – June 19

Marilyn Weiland – June 23

Mark Shimniok – June 29