

St. Paul Lutheran Church

June/July 2023 Newsletter



*From the
Pastor's
Desk*

Greetings and His peace to you!

Happy summer to you! Winter seemed to just drag on forever! Time for fishin', camping, yard work, vacations, lawn mowing, sunning, and choices.

Yep. I said choices. This may seem like a no brainer, but here in the U.S., we are considered rich by many in the world as was noted by an Australian who is quoted as saying, "*If you have choices, then you are rich.*"

To many of us, this may seem unrealistic as we don't consider ourselves to be rich. After all, when was the last time you took your private jet to some exotic place for lunch? In reality, we are rich, and do have lots of choices every day. In fact, sometimes we have so many choices, that we cannot make a decision, either at all or in a timely manner, without much examination or frustration. We are often simply overwhelmed with too many choices.

Sometimes though, in the midst of trying to make a decision on one choice or another we forget that there is another aspect we often overlook. It's not so much that we can make a choice, it's that we often fail to take into consideration if we should make certain choices.

As younger folks, most of us made some bad choices. Choices that could have resulted or did result in bad consequences. We maybe saw only the 'fun' part of the choice and not the possible result. As we get older, we take many more things into consideration before choosing what we'll do. We make choices more thoughtfully and carefully.

These days, we have more choices than ever. Including some that may soon be legal in our state. This may be new, but it is still a choice and although, legally we *can* choose to use it, it does not mean that we *should*.

I am speaking of the controversial 'adult' use of THC or cannabis products., Each of us has an opinion on this topic and without a doubt, there will be some folks who will justify (or continue to justify) the use of these products. We make our own decisions on not only this 'new' thing but on everything out there that has potential for harm if used recklessly. Many legal products are at our disposal and they too, need to be used in moderation. As far as drinking alcohol, smoking, and seemingly soon-to-be-legalized THC/cannabis products, there is no Scriptural basis specifically addressing the usage of any of these products other than everything should be used in moderation.

All things provided for us from our Father in heaven, even food, can be abused, so please, remember that God wants us, His children, to be happy and content with the gifts He gives us, but He also gives us his Holy Spirit to guide us in a way that is pleasing in God's sight. Listen to the Holy Spirit, that you received in Baptism, when He is telling you to 'watch out for that' or 'you might want to rethink doing/choosing to do that.' He is telling you for a reason.

Have a safe, fun, joyous and blessed summer!

in His name,
Pastor Mike Metzler



SUMMER GOSPEL NIGHTS

Concert Series 2023

June 4



The Everstrom's
Brook Park/Mora, MN

June 11



The Neighborz Band
North Branch, MN

June 18



Gary & Dawn
Timbs
Staples, MN

June 25



Aaron Eckman
Brook Park, MN

July 2



Jenni Thyng
North Branch,
MN

July 9



Kent Dudley & Bended Knee
Solway, MN

July 16



MN Adult/Teen Challenge, Central MN
Coffee & treats served after concert!

July 23



Roller Family Bluegrass, New Richmond, MN

July 30



Northern Lights Revisited, Brook Park, MN

August 6



The Klassen's, Worthington, MN

August 13



Holy Hootenanners, Mahtowa, MN

August 20



Highview Bluegrass Band, Webster, WI

August 28



Kenny Krona
Cambridge, MN

SUNDAY NIGHTS 6:30 pm - Concerts Free/Freewill Offering
ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, Hinckley
405 2nd Street NW

CHURCH NEWS



June Acolyte Schedule:

June 4th: Piper
June 11th: Norah
June 18th: Corbin
June 25th: Hunter

July Acolyte Schedule:

July 2nd: Piper
July 9th: Noah
July 16th: Hunter
July 23rd: Hunter
July 30th: Corbin

Summer Gospel Concerts: Begins on Sunday June 4th at 6:30pm. If you can help open or close the church, or anything else with concerts, talk to Wendy Kroschel.

Thank you ~ To everyone that helped out with the Garage Sale! It was a huge success!!

Church Directory: Thank you Jayne Maser, she will be taking family pictures for the new church directory starting after worship service on Sundays on the following dates:

June 11th & June 25th
July 9th & July 23rd
August 13th & August 27th

If you do not want your address, phone number or email in the directory, please let Jayne know. Plans are being made if you want your own copy of the picture. Jayne hopes to have the directory done by this fall. Any questions, talk to Jayne.

Vacation Bible School...is July 10-14, 9am to noon. See the following page for more information and the sign-up sheet.

The next **Board of Fellowship** Meeting is on Tuesday June 20th at 1pm.

Prayer List: Lois Kruse, Diana Norton, Lorraine Robbins, Arden Gruett and those close to our hearts.

This **newsletter** is June and July news, will be back in August.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 2023

1st: Brian Davis
 2nd: Yonna Hickle
 Maryellen Bruns
 Loren Vogler
 4th: Mary Ann Lyon
 6th: Jeff and Diane Rogneby
 Ryan and Leah Ausmus
 Diana Norton
 8th: Jerry Perrotti
 11th: Nik Welch
 13th: Noah Hickle
 15th: Abby Kreft
 Aaron Peterson
 Pastor and Sherri
 21st: Tonette Peterson
 Rick and Nancy Williams
 24th: Matt Klar
 25th: Toby Hickle
 26th: Karissa Ausmus
 Doug and Julie Maser
 Larry and Kay Gregg
 27th: Judy Hopkins
 Judy Wickstrom

July 2023

1st: Jacey Wickstrom
 2nd: Caleb Swanson
 4th: Greg and Connie Odendahl
 6th: Dave and Abby Kreft
 7th: Julie Maser
 12th: Brian Grewe
 13th: Greg Kroschel
 Ashton Gorsegner
 15th: Brenda Chaffe
 16th: Carolyn Olander
 17th: Shelby Maser
 Carol Robinson
 18th: Michelle Morgan
 20th: Greg and Wendy Kroschel
 22nd: Margaret Busse
 24th: Savannah Morgan
 25th: Larry Marotz
 28th: Duane Klar
 29th: Trey Schroeder

Flower Chart: (June)

June 4th: Maryellen Bruns
in loving memory of Harlow
 June 11th: Peterson Famiy
in loving memory of Joyce
 June 18th: Jeff and Diane Rogenby
in honor of their wedding anniversary
 June 25th: Jeanette Schaefer
memory of parents

Flower Chart: (July)

July 2nd: The Hopkins Family
in loving memory of Dave
 July 9th: Open
 July 16th: Jayne and Jennifer
in loving memory of Margie Pike
 July 23rd: Open
 July 31st: Gloria Bjerke
 in loving memory of her sister, Vernetta



CONGRATULATIONS TO NOAH HICKLE ON BECOMING OUR NEWEST COMMUNICANT MEMBER. *WELCOME NOAH!*

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING MEMBERS, BELOW – EVERETT AUSMUS AND HAYDEN PETERSON! *AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023!!*





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The theme this year is

God's Living Water

July 10th thru July 14th 9am – 12pm

Registration forms are available below. Kiddos ages three to completed sixth grade are welcome to come for a week filled with music, devotions, snacks, games and crafts. *Bring a friend or two!* Any questions, talk to Jayne Maser



Family VBS Registration

Child's Name _____

Birthday _____ Grade Completed _____

Child's Name _____

Birthday _____ Grade Completed _____

Parent's Names _____

Home Address _____

Phone _____

Emergency Contact Person _____

Phone _____

Any allergies or medical concerns for the kids?

LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL

I cannot believe that the school year is almost over. This year went by quickly. This month the students have been working on safety information like memorizing their home phone numbers, addresses, and learning how to dial 911 on a cell phone and a landline.

We also held parent teacher conferences, and I am glad to report that students have made significant progress learning to count, learning the letter of the alphabet, and respect for each other. I am grateful that I had an opportunity to teach these children about the word of God. Thank you to the congregation, the Board, Church Secretary, Jennifer Kubesh, Pastor, Mike Metzler, and Staci Klein for supporting the pre-school.

Please let people know that we have openings for fall, and we are hosting an orientation week for the pre-school kids the last week in July.

Have a great summer! ~ Jason Boldt



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Unapproved Council Minutes
5-1-2023

Present: Tonette Peterson, Randy Hickle, Wendy Kottke, David Berquist, Robbie Robinson, Greg Kroschel, Toby Hickle, Matt Maser

Meeting was called to order by Randy at 7:04pm. Greg opened with prayer.

Secretary's report was accepted as presented upon motion by Robbie and second by David

Treasurer's report accepted upon motion by Matt second by Greg

Income: \$41,302. Checking \$11,964.03

Expense: \$48,679.44 Savings \$33,683.14

Net Income: -\$7,377.05

(Savings includes Pastor's \$20,000 loan and memorial funds)

Pastor's report: Home visits, office visits, Bible Study, Confirmation, LL, 5 official acts, Holy Week, Easter, youth meeting

Old Business

*Spring clean up went well. Thank you to all who helped.

*3 students signed up for Little Lambs at the open house. We will see if enrollment increases.

*Pancake breakfast went well. Served 90. Motion Greg second Robbie to deposit funds in General Fund.

*The valley flashing and shingle that need repair will be taken care of by the trustees.

New Business

No new business to report

We adjourned at 7:30pm, upon motion by Toby and second by David, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, *Tonette Peterson, St. Paul Lutheran Church council secretary*



CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Like us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/SPLCHINCKLEY>

Check Facebook or church website for any updates on schedules for Worship Service and other events.

Pastor

Rev. Mike Metzler

Church Secretary

Jennifer Kubesh

Church Newsletter

Jennifer Kubesh
Cydelle Klände

Organists

Sue Hickie
Connie Odendahl

Church Council
New members starting July!

Chairman: Aaron Peterson

Vice Chair: Toby Hickie

Elders: John Frank
Matt Maser
Greg Kroschel

Trustees: Bill Morgan
David Berquist
Doug Kottke

Secretary: Carol Robinson

Fin. Sec.: Star Lawin

Treasurer: Wendy Kottke

Stewardship
4/1/23 to 4/23/23

General Fund.....\$6,090.38

Rummage Sale\$916.00

Altar Flowers\$40.00

TOTAL\$7,046.38






JUNE 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 Last day of Preschool	2 Maryellen turns 95 young! <i>Pastor's days off</i>	3
4 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Maryellen's Party 6:30pm Summer Gospel Concerts	5 7pm Council Mtg	6	7	8	9	10
11 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship / Directory Pix 6:30pm Summer Gospel Concerts	12	13	14	15	16 <i>Pastor's days off</i>	17
18 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 6:30pm Summer Gospel Concerts <i>Father's Day</i>	19	20 1pm Board of Fellowship Mtg	21	22	23 <i>Pastor's days off</i>	24
25 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship / Directory Pix 6:30pm Summer Gospel Concerts	26	27	28	29	30	

July 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 6:30pm Summer Gospel Concerts	3 7pm Council Mtg	4 4 th of July	5	6	7	8 <i>Pastor's days off</i>
9 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship / Directory Pix 6:30pm Summer Gospel Concerts	10	11	12	13	14	15
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9am -12pm						
16 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Quarterly Mtg 6:30pm Summer Gospel Concerts	17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>Pastor's days off</i>
23 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship / Directory Pix 6:30pm Summer Gospel Concerts	24	25	26	27	28	29 <i>Pastor's days off</i>
PRESCHOOL SUMMER SESSION 8am-11am						
30 9am Worship w/Communion 10am Fellowship 6:30pm Summer Gospel Concerts	31					



SCRAMBLED SCRIPTURES

FAMILY FUN FROM CREATION MOMENTS

The Beatitudes

S D U C E R D E S S E L B S J J M U
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BLESSED

HEART

MERCY

PURE

CHILDREN

HEAVEN

MOUNTAIN

REJOICE

COMFORTED

HUNGER

MOURN

REVILE

EARTH

INHERIT

PEACEMAKERS

REWARD

EVIL

KINGDOM

PERSECUTED

RIGHTEOUSNESS

FILLED

MEEK

POOR

SPIRIT

GOD

MERCIFUL

PROPHETS

THIRST

COME JOIN OUR WORSHIPPING FAMILY

June/July 2023

For God so Loved the World



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