

THE FORWARD

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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What's In Your Wallet? -- Asset Mapping

It is a symptom of our prosperity. America is a nation of collectors. Sometimes it is intentional: we collect beer bottles, comic books, baseball cards, Pokémon cards, bicycle bells, Coke advertisements. Sometimes it, well, just happens. How did I end up with so many salt and pepper shakers? Well, I guess I'm collecting these now. And churches are the worst! Not intentionally, of course, it's just that there is all this space and who knows if we might need that bucket of pencil stubs sometime, or that big box of burlap.

On Sunday, May 22, we will be having an Asset Mapping event in Danford Hall following worship. What is Asset Mapping? It is mentally opening up the closets and classrooms and storage sheds and basement nooks and seeing what's in there. And not just the physical stuff. Each of us represents a closet, so to speak, full of skills, ideas, experiences, and connections. St. Paul is a community rich in assets. We may just need to remember where some of them are!

On May 22, we will take some time to brainstorm what and where some of these assets might be and then, just as importantly, start to draw connections between these assets and the needs of our congregation and community. Hopefully, by the end we will have developed some new ideas for ministry and service. Of course, none of this works without you! Brainstorming is only as effective as the brains making up the storm, so I hope you will make the time to join in this important process. A luncheon will be provided. *Pastor Martin*

Please keep the following people in your prayers: *Mark Anctil, Janet Neuman, The McDaniel family, Debbie Stamper, Linda Smart, Richard Buse, Lee Sidle.*



Those with long-term ongoing concerns:

Mary Beamer Tambra Simon, Pastor Martin Waack, Milton & Carmella Holman, Ernie Cooperider, Peg Hupp, Starr Cummings, Pamela Graham, Jena Olien-Harris, Marshall Rosene, Pastor Betsy, Ruth Swinehart, Ginny Baker, Betty Neighbarger, Wilma Keller, Terry Nelson, Margaret Marx, Rose Godenschwager, Terrie Baker. ***If you need an address for anyone or wish to add someone to the list, please call the office.***

THE WHEN'S AND THE WHERE'S – If your group is starting up again, please let us know so we can get your information on the church calendar?

- ***ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB*** meets the third Monday evening of each month at 7 p.m. in Weisgerber Lounge.
- ***AA*** meets every Saturday morning at 11 a.m. in Danford Hall and on Fridays at noon.
- ***Friday Fellowship Bible Study*** meets every Friday morning at 10 a.m. in Weisgerber Lounge.
- ***Ruth Circle*** meets next on June 8th at 10:00 a.m. in Danford Hall.
- ***Church Council*** will meet Monday May 23rd at 7 p.m.
- ***Matthew's Kitchen*** meets the 2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
- ***Grief Group*** meets on the 2nd Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Notes to the Church and Congregation:

**PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment.**

Congregation Meeting and Vote June 4th and 5th

The property committee has been working with Robert Stokes and with the Durable Slate company of Columbus to address the leaking problems in the area of the bell tower. The leaking issue is most noticeable in the arch closest to the choir transept. In addition, the church organ pipe room is also affected causing damage to the organ pipes on more than one occasion. To fix the problem, Council as voted to approve funds from the Ponser Designated Property Fund up to \$25,000 to repair the copper roofing and valleys behind the tower, repair any woodworking and install water and ice shields. Council further stipulated that donations from the congregation to offset the cost of the repairs would be most welcome. Those wishing to make donations to the fund should mark their donations as **2022 Tower Roof Fund**. The congregational vote to approve the repair and spending of the funds will be June 4 and 5th at the conclusion of each service.

Outdoor Services Resume! Beginning on Sunday, June 19th, weather permitting, Sunday morning services will once again be held outside on the green space behind the church. Remember to bring a lawn chair and come join us. Outdoor services will continue, weather permitting on the third Sunday of July, August, September and maybe, October.

ASSET MAPPING: Pastor Martin will lead an "Asset Mapping" event May 22nd, following worship in which we will explore the various assets we have for mission and how they might be utilized for new ministries. The meeting is expected to last for two hours. Lunch will be provided.

SHUT-INS – If you are in need of pastoral care, a friendly visit, or would like communion brought to your home, please contact the office and leave a message with Jodie between the hours of 10 and 2. Thanks!

ARE YOU GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE? – The Grief Group meets on the 2nd Wednesdays at 1:30 in Danford Hall. If you would like more information, please contact Thelma Trainor or Jean Hovland.

SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE Success!

The Rummage and bake sale made an astounding **\$2,048.01!!!** This is more than double our usual amount. We would like to thank everyone who helped by donating, working and baking for the event. It takes an incredible amount of work to make a sale success and it could not have been done without the help of all of you. As a reminder, the committee has voted that the proceeds from this event would be divided between the Funeral Luncheon Fund and the Lobby Renovation Fund.

June Anniversaries

4 - Brian & Joyce Woolard (34)

4 - Dick & Louise Shiels (50)

4- Gene & Julie Lamp (11)

12 - John & Georgeann Leber(23)

14 - Troy & Laura Triplett (41)

19 - Gerry & Mary Billy (46)

20 - Stephen & Denise Crews(41)

John & June Whiteside (35)

23 - Greg & Kim Everingham (49)

John & Gail Grangaard (49)

24 - David & Miriam Truex (42)

26 - William & Deborah Hall (38)

27 - Harding & Diane Ganz (52)

June Birthdays

2	- Judy Seabright Zachary Seabright	Jack Conner (91) Sarah Freytag	Vince Walters 20 - Cameron Kolb
3	- Shawna Campbell- Noyd	11 - Juli Rauch 12 - Ginger Bailey	21 - Tiffany Evans 22 - Gerald DePalmo (89)
	Chuck Lawrence	Doug Hartfield Amberlynn Whiteside	Florence Knerr Betty Neighbarger
5	- Tracey Harble Betsy Kleinknecht	13 - Cheryl Seabright	(90) 23 - Kathie Hayden
6	- Cindy Street	Kala Simon	24 - Sheriena Fuller
7	- Marshall Rosene Elvira Engle	15 - Hank Trites 16 - Carey Hovland Mtui	26 - Gaven Billy Lindsay Jordan
8	- Chris Ingram Charles Mays	17 - Mary Howard Abbey Swisher	27 - Jeffrey Wiersma
9	- Daniel Grangaard John Warnock	Kayla Swisher Reagan Swisher	29 - Julia Hodges 30 - Cameron Leang
10	- Mary Billy	19 - Josiah Hamilton Richard Price	

Sunday Volunteers for June 2022

Position	June 5 th Pentecost	June 12 th Holy Trinity	June 19 th Outside	June 26 th
Cantor	Juli Rauch	Tim Jordan	Ruth Gehring	Kerrill Foster
Church Door Sec	Gail Grangaard	Sally Finck	Gail Grangaard	Mary Billy
Lector	Anne Daly	Mark Finck	Jerry Young	Kathy Jordan
Communion Assistant	Mandy John	Diana Koch	Jim Rengert	Kerrill Foster
Usher	Charles Cooperider, Steve Weirsma	Charlie-Laidlaw Smith, Charles Cooperider	Greg Everingham, John Grangaard	Don Miller, Dan Fischer
Counters	Fred & Lindsay Freytag, Sally Finck	Julie Lamp, Richard & Diana Koch	Sally Finck, Greg & Kim Everingham	Kerrill Foster, Don Miller
Bread baker	Greta Blegvad	John Jordan		

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received 4/3/2022		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 3,304.00	\$51,157.50	Sat. 4 p.m.	14
Benevolence	<u>35.00</u>	<u>1,646.50</u>	Sun. 10 a.m.	46
Total	\$3,339.00	\$ 52,804.00	Weds. 7pm	<u>23</u>
			Total	83

Received 4/10/2022 Palm Sunday		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 9,382.00	\$60,539.50	Sat. 4 p.m.	14
Benevolence	<u>130.00</u>	<u>1,776.50</u>	Sun. 10 a.m.	68
Total	\$9,512.00	\$ 62,316.00	Weds. 7pm	<u>36</u>
			Total	91

Received 4/17/2022 Easter		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 3,292.00	\$63,831.50	Maundy 7 p.m.	32
Benevolence	<u>85.00</u>	<u>1,861.50</u>	Good Fri. 7 p.m.	50
Total	\$3,377.00	\$ 65,693.00	Easter 10 a.m.	<u>94</u>
			Total	176

Received 4/24/2022		Year to Date	Attendance	
Current	\$ 1,430.00	\$65,261.50	Sat. 4 p.m.	9
Benevolence	<u>5.00</u>	<u>1,866.50</u>	Sun. 10 a.m.	<u>54</u>
Total	\$1,435.00	\$ 67,128.00	Total	63

Thank you Thrivent Choice members for your donations to St. Paul's!

Income for Operations as of April 30, 2022	\$70,149.94
Total Operating Expenses as of April 30, 2022	<u>- 77,034.31</u>
<u>Balance</u>	\$ (6,884.37)

A fund has been established to help with the education expenses for the children of Joe McDaniel. Council is making a gift to honor Joe, long-time council member and assistant treasurer. If you would like to contribute, you can make checks payable to Kathleen McDaniel and send to the church, or mark on your contribution envelope, "McDaniel Fund" and we will see the contribution is sent along.



Happy

Memorial



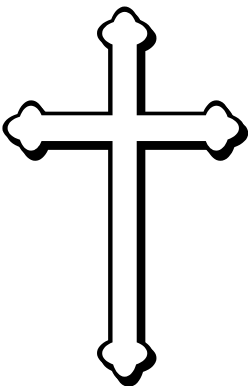
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**SUNDAY
SCHEDULE**
Traditional Worship
10 a.m.



**SATURDAY
WORSHIP**
4 p.m. year-round

*"The Mission of St. Paul's
Evangelical Lutheran
Church is to **SHARE**, at all
times and with all people,
the Good News of **GOD'S
GRACE**, through
CHRIST JESUS."*

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