

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

**GREEN** is bursting out! Just look outside, the bare branches of winter are gone. Our trees are full of leaves. The grass is **GREEN** and lush. What if things are not green? Well, this time of year things are supposed to be growing, so we may fertilize our grass a bit, we may mulch around our plants so they do not dry out. We try to keep that beautiful green going as long as we can for the summer months so we can enjoy it. In addition, if the roots are well fed and nourished right now, we know these plants will keep growing next year. During the season of Pentecost (excluding Reformation Sunday and All Saints Sunday), the paraments on the altar, lectern and pulpit are **GREEN** for a good reason. During these months, our readings will be focused on our growth in Christ. Our readings will not necessarily focus upon the return of Christ (Advent) or repentance (Lent) or the resurrection (Easter). Although the readings may touch upon these themes at different times, this will not be the focus. The focus of these next several months will be our growth in Christ. The readings will focus upon our life in Christ and growing that life in Christ. Think of it as a time when Christ will be spreading spiritual mulch around us so we may grow deep roots of faith in Christ. On the other hand, think of it as a time when we recall the living water of baptism, sealed with the cross of Christ, a child of God. Or when we are nourished even more so with the bread of heaven in Christ's body and blood so that we walk with Jesus by our side each day. Our plants and grass are not the only things that need tending this time of year. We, also, need tending. Thanks be to God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is here to do that for us! Therefore, we need to allow ourselves to be cared for by Christ in His Word and sacraments not only this summer, every season. So that our family, our friends, and we may be, nourished in Christ and have roots grown into the ever-flowing fountain of His mercy shown to us in the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Your Fellow Servant,

Pastor Bill





Zashata Burton - Church Leadership Secretary

I have attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church since 2007. Prior to that I was fairly eclectic in terms of living out my Christian and Spiritual life.

I value the spiritual life and message of a variety of Christian denominations, as well as other forms of religious expression. All Are Welcome

is a core belief of mine and is what originally drew me to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. I have at times struggled with church dogma, and what some

refer to as "church politics"; however, what keeps me involved in church life is the relationships I have, and continue to develop with faith-filled people.

Social justice is a strong part of my faith-filled life. I am honored to be a member of St. Paul's Leadership Team and hope to help us as a congregation

move forward as Christ-filled brothers and sisters living out the message of Jesus to love one another in word and in action.

Zashata Lynne Burton



### Lectionary Readings:

June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Gen. 1:1-2:4a	Psalm 8	2 Cor.12: 3b-13	Matt 28:16-20
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Hosea. 5:15-6:6	Psalm 50:7-15	Romans 4:13-25	Matt 9:9-13, 18-26
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Exod. 19:2-8a	Psalm 100	Romans 5:1-8	Matt 9:35-10:8 [9-23]
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jer. 20:7-13	Psalm: 69:7-10 [11-15]16-18	Romans 6:1b-11	Matt 10:24-39

VBS



Join us June 12-15<sup>th</sup> at First Lutheran Church for camping fun for our Vacation Bible School Studies

There will be activities, games, songs, crafts and of course some good campfire snacks



Register at:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebneTu5MnVaQoScm5KJihL7Bw7tC63d8a\\_KhWa0yxWDWSApg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebneTu5MnVaQoScm5KJihL7Bw7tC63d8a_KhWa0yxWDWSApg/viewform?usp=sf_link)



This Summer we are going to hold a few Sunday School sessions full of fun activities and crafts. Please mark your calendars

June 11<sup>th</sup>

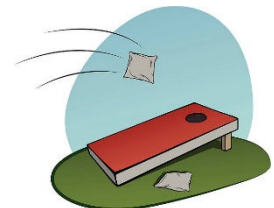
July 16<sup>th</sup>

August 20<sup>th</sup>



Youth Group Grades 6-12<sup>th</sup>

Join us June 11<sup>th</sup> for some bean bag tossing. More details to follow. Please let the office know if this is something you can join us for. There will be pizza and pop and Bean Bag fun!





- \* We celebrated birthdays of the month
- \* Hosted the blood drive, we had 78 donors!
- \* We hosted Judy Safe's Piano Recital
- \* Ruth Anna/Welca met and had Julie Albers sing and play guitar
  - \* Celebrated the last day of Sunday School till September
  - \* Celebrated Graduating Seniors, and they received quilts
    - \* We had Julie Albers sing and play on Mother's Day
    - \* We had Joceyln Boyle read a poem on Mother's Day



Financial Update

Thank you for your continued financial support of St. Paul's Lutheran Church!

Giving in 2023 is down compared to last year and expenses are up mainly due to the carryover of some 2022 expenses paid in January. The increase in expenses is from a payment to our benefits provider for 2022, the final payment on the boiler and increased costs for snow removal and utilities this year. Despite this, we've been able to manage our cash flow because of the surplus carried over from the Covid period when our expenses were drastically reduced.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Giving	\$123,236	\$153,183	-\$29,947
Expenses	<u>\$144,935</u>	<u>\$ 94,950</u>	<u>+\$49,985</u>
Difference	-\$ 21,699	\$ 58,233	-\$79,932

We have wrapped up the Easter season and the school year with the last day of Sunday School and Confirmation behind us and will be celebrating our high school graduates. We look forward to summer activities including Vacation Bible School and Elvis will join us again this year for worship in the park.

The Call Committee is busy compiling the results from the congregational survey into the Ministry Site Profile which will be used to match us with the best candidate for our new pastor. Thank you to those that took the time to express their opinions on the strengths of St. Paul's and what we are looking for in the new pastor.

Thanks to your generous support, the ministry of St. Paul's continues!



Join Us!

June 8<sup>th</sup> At 1pm

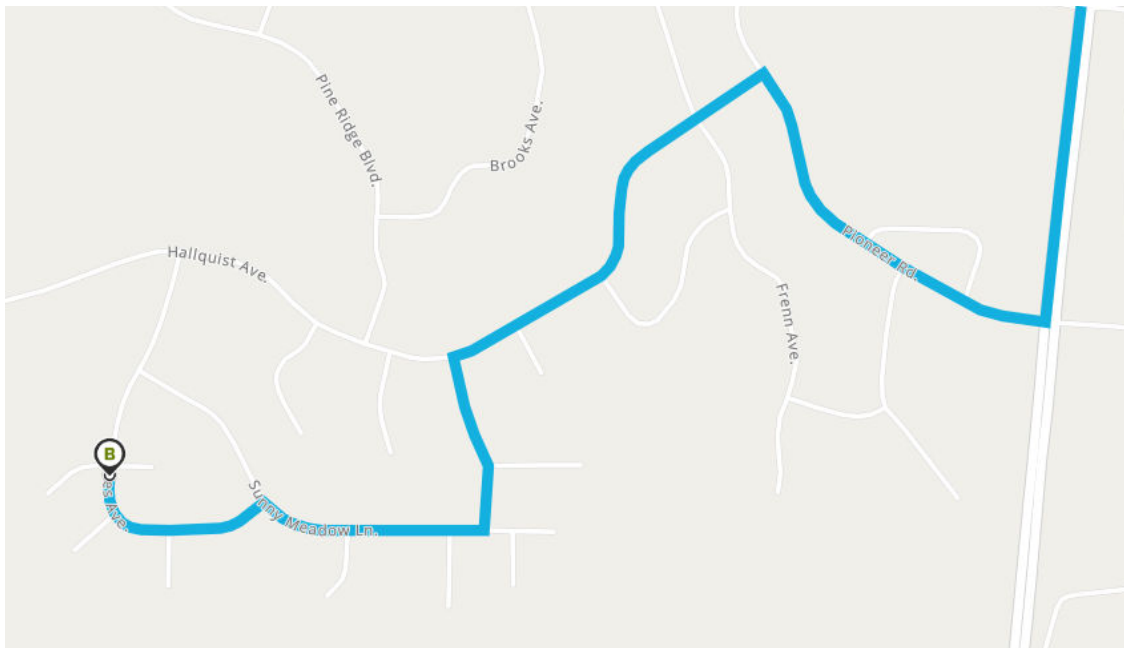
In the Gathering Area



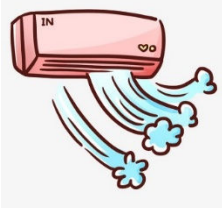
# Outdoor Worship at the Pharm Property

Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

There is limited seating, so plan on bringing your own chair. Communion will be served. If it rains, we will have 5:00pm service at church.



Head toward 4th St W on West Ave  
Turn left onto 4th St W.  
Turn right onto Plum St (MN-58). Go for 2.7 mi.  
Turn right onto Pioneer Rd. Go for 0.4 mi.  
Turn left onto Hallquist Ave. Go for 0.4 mi.  
Turn left onto Eunice Ave. Go for 0.2 mi.  
Turn right onto Sunny Meadow Ln. Go for 0.2 mi.  
Turn left onto Frances Ave. Go for 0.2 mi.  
Turn left onto Goldfinch Ln. Go to the end of the road.



Chill out at St. Paul's! The Sanctuary A/c went out but luckily it is back up and running! The Funds we received for repairing the a/c for the sanctuary will also be used for electrical and mechanical updates.

Amount Needed: 25,000

Amount Received: 3,900



Noisy offering was divided between the Habitat for Humanity and Goodhue County Human Society. The next offering will be donated to Jesus Driven.

Jesus Driven is a Red Wing based non-profit that provides car repair and other services to low-income individuals/families living in Goodhue County, MN.

Thank you for your donations!!

Thank  
You!

Dear St. Paul's

~Thank you for the donation of money to the Red Wing Food Shelf. With assistance from people like you, we can continue to meet the temporary hunger needs of families in our area. ~Deb Drotos Red Wing Area Food Shelf

~Greetings, Thank you for the alter flowers on April 30<sup>th</sup>. They brightened my day on such a cloudy Sunday. I love fresh flowers the yellow roses and white carnations are bright and cheery. Thank you for your continued prayer and thoughtfulness. Thanks, Delores





## Foundation Update

The Foundation board held its quarterly meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2023

In the first quarter of 2023, memorials were received for Stacy Bergquist and Sherry Stechmann.

To earn additional interest, certificates of deposit have been purchased with due dates staggered over a 3 year period. The earnings will increase the amount of funds that can be distributed.

Election of officers for April 2023 thru January 2024 had the board voting to keep existing slate of officers.

President Margie Thoma

Treasurer Bert Flynn

Vice-President John Hesford

Secretary Randy Samuelson

### Memorial fund expenditures

- Grand piano minor repair was approved, completed, and paid.- Choir and music related expenses, \$1,000 will be used over a period of time.
- Air conditioning fund drive, funds designated in memory of Dennis Cordes, Sr., Carol Perkins, and Sherry Stechmann will be distributed.

### Endowment fund expenditures

- Request for Funds for feeding children at North Bridge Elementary School via Love of Christ Church from Pastor Gene Hasselquist.
- Scholarship to be awarded for continuation of secondary education.

**Next meeting is July 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Please submit any Request for Funds by July 10, 2023.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Margie Thoma





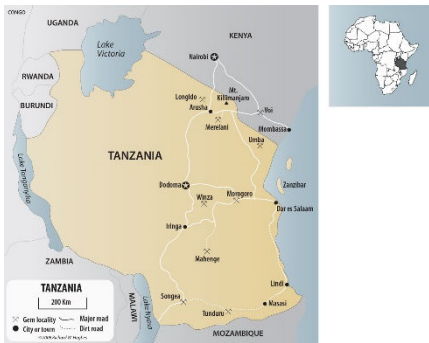
**Help Support our Missionaries**

Who Are they? Dr. Steve and Bethany Friberg

Where are they? Tanzania

What are they doing? Steve is working as a doctor and Bethany is helping 60 women with income bead working. They are also helping with trainings and building relationships.

Feel free to watch their video on YouTube. <https://youtu.be/RELjBZFd9tE>



**Facts about Tanzania**

\* Most Tanzania’s speak at least 3 languages. 1. Mother Tongue (language of mother’s tribe) 2. Swahili (official language of Tanzania) 3. English Many people can also speak in the language of their father, and when married, their spouse. German is also common here.

\*Children sleep on the dirt floor, on a mattress, or in a bed under nets that prevent mosquitos from biting them. Several mosquitos in Tanzania cause a serious disease called malaria.

\*Money is called Tanzanian shillings (t-shillings) and comes in coins and paper. The paper money has drawings of animals (white rhinoceros, zebras, elephants, and cheetahs) on it.

**Words of the month:** When speaking Swahili, generally the second-to 10 last syllable gets the stress. Vowels are pronounced: A as in calm, e as the a in may, l as the e in me, o as in go, u as the o in to

**Asante/Asante sana – Thank you/ Thank you very much**

**Habari? – How are you?**

**Mungu akubariki – May God Bless you**

**June Worship Helpers**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Cookies</b>	<b>Host/Hostesses</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Communion Assistants</b>
<b>June 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Owen Halvorson</b>	<b>Kathy Cordes and Bonnie Koester</b>	<b>Thoms Family</b>	<b>Dennis and Sharon Sandstrom</b>	<b>Jenny Albarado</b>	<b>Darlene Schade</b>
<b>June 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Dawson Dahl</b>	<b>Lois Hughes, Lois Hesford</b>	<b>Laurie Hinrichs</b>	<b>Sam and Mark Johnson</b>	<b>Lois Hesford</b>	
<b>June 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Miley Bru</b>	<b>Elaine Jorgensen and Emily Thoms</b>	<b>George and Margie Thoma</b>	<b>Tom and Bonnie Koester</b>	<b>Tom Brase</b>	<b>Judy Levers</b>
<b>June 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Brooklyn Albarado</b>	<b>Sam Johnson, Ruth Rothchild</b>	<b>Pam Hawkenson</b>	<b>Boyle Family</b>	<b>Zashata Burton</b>	<b>Zashata Burton</b>



The tradition continues! Graduating seniors from our church family at St. Paul's are honored and celebrated! And they are sent off with a quilt, made by the Merry Martha quilters. We want them to know that we support them in all their future endeavors, and that they can always count on us, their church family, to support them with prayer and love. Best of luck and Gods' blessings to all of the class of 2023. They have endured some tough years during their high school careers, but hopefully it has made them stronger and more resilient as they face a bright future.

~ The Merry Martha Quilters



Did you know that Lutheran World Relief sent out 220,317 quilts last year! Thank you Quilters for being part of that!



***"Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have***

***been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..."***

***Meet us Wednesdays at 2pm in the gathering area. All Levels are welcome!***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Pentecost

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Pentecost

Water

Tongues

Self Control

Gentleness

Jesus

Helps

Gift

Goodness

Kindness

Fifty

Preach

Holy Spirit

Patience

Peace

Power

Teach

Fire

Faithfulness

Joy