



St. Paul's Church

Summer Newsletter

June/July 2019

Dear Congregation,

I hope this newsletter article finds you enjoying the spring. I know my family and I have been having fun planting flowers and tending birdfeeders. We keep bird books near our backyard windows and make a game out of identifying the birds at the feeders. The Blue Buntings and Tufted Titmouse brought a lot of excitement. The spring and summer seasons can include yard projects, home improvements, and outdoor clean-ups around our homes and the same is true for our church property.

This past winter included ice, snow and more ice. The Serve Team worked hard to hire the needed contactors to remove excess snow and massive amounts of ice that had accumulated on our church roof. With their diligence and your financial generosity we have kept up with all the costs those efforts incurred. Thank you.

Taking care of our church building is a form of hospitality. Hospitality at St. Paul's includes entering into a space that is clearly marked with appropriate signage, kept clean, and made welcoming by those who greet you. The next project the Serve Team is undertaking is the repairing and painting of the church parking lot. A few sinkholes have developed over time and the parking lines have faded away. The Serve Team has recommended the local company, Aslakon's, and their recommendation was approved by the Church Council. The bid includes \$6,100 for parking lot repairs and an additional \$3,573 to apply commercial grade seal coat to the entire lot. The total amount for the work to be done is \$9,673.05. Any financial contribution you may be able to make to help pay for these improvements is most welcomed and appreciated. St. Paul's Foundation is contributing to the cost of this project from the Memorial Fund.

You are part of a vibrant congregation. One that is growing in both well established ministries and new ones. You who receive communion visits from our Eucharistic Ministers are part of this vibrant community. You who attend Quilters, Risers Breakfast, Bible Studies, Sunday School, Confirmation, and Worship are part of this vibrant community. Together, no matter where we are at in our own life journey, together we are held in the Body of Christ. Thank you for your witness of faith in all the places you may find yourself in these summer months, be it at the store, at the doctor's office, at a ballgame, or on your porch chatting with a visitor. Live your faith my friends and may the summer sunshine remind you of the light of Christ that burns within you.

Always, Pastor Dana

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Website:

www.stpaulsredwing.org

Worship in the Park!!

Mark your calendars for our Summer Worship in the Park schedule:

Saturday, June 22, 5:00 p.m.

No Outdoor Worship in July

Saturday, August 24th, 5:00 p.m. Gospel Show

Grab a blanket or lawn chair and join us on these dates for service in Central Park!!! Enjoy worship, fellowship in God’s nature!



Summer Office Hours beginning

June 1st:

Monday—Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Closed on Fridays



Getting ready for your summer vacation? St. Paul’s offers a simple, convenient , worry free way to keep your offering up to date!!!

Consider automating your regular donations with our electronic giving program. St. Paul’s relies on financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Visit the church office for more information.

Thank you!!!

A message from the Give Team!
On behalf of the Give Team, thank you for your financial support of St. Paul’s! For those of you who are 70 1/2 years young, we would like to share another opportunity for giving:
If you have an IRA account, you will be required to start receiving funds from the plan when you turn 70 1/2 years old. That money is taxed. If you choose to have your IRA payment sent directly to St. Paul’s, that money is not taxed. It’s convenient not to have to write a weekly check for your offering, but have the lump sum sent directly to us. The result is that your taxable income decreases. If this is something that may be of interest to you, please contact the institution that holds your IRA and they will help set this up for you.
Submitted by: Bob Haseley, Give Team



**We wish you all a fun and safe
4th of July!!!!**

Quilter's Update!

Spring is here and summer can't be far behind! We've had a very productive year and it's not done yet—we still have a couple of items on the calendar:

- ~ Distribution of quilts to our high school graduates
- ~ Delivery of quilts to Lutheran World Relief

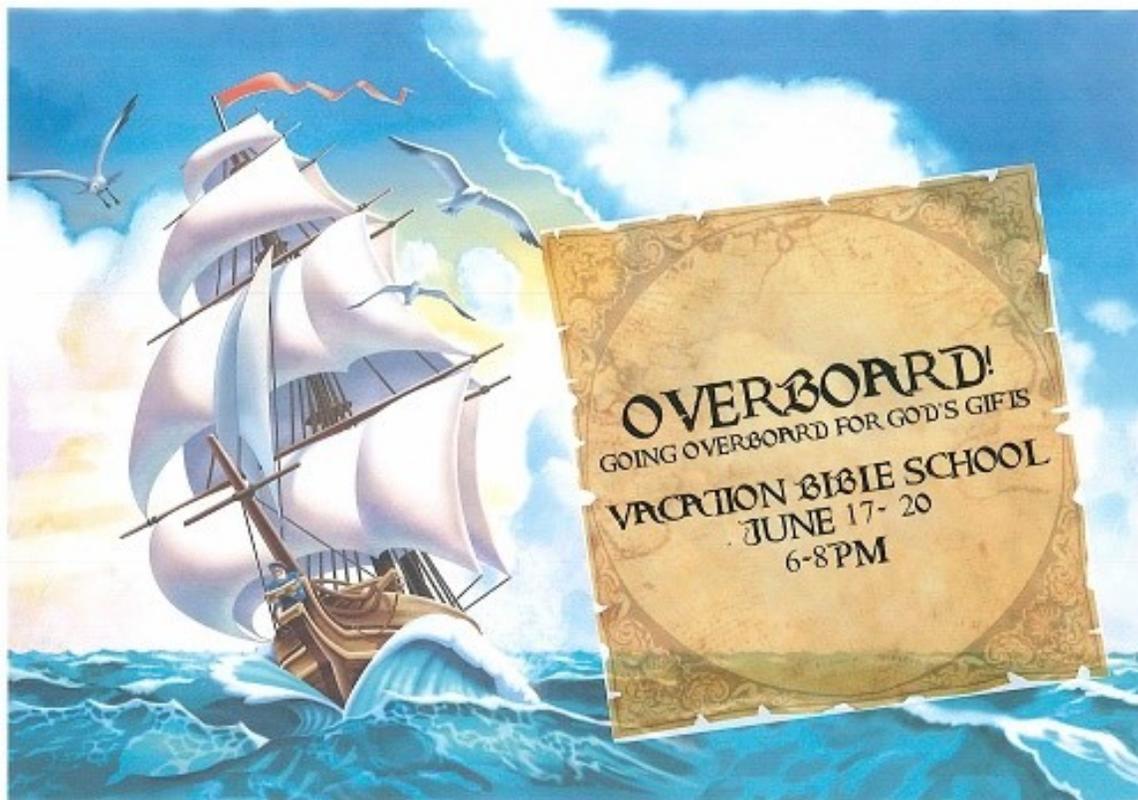


We will continue to meet every Tuesday through the month of June, then take the month of July off, and be back to making quilts in August.. If you find yourself with some time available on Tuesday mornings, give some thought to joining us. We love having folks with sewing talents, but we also need folks simply to tie knots. No matter your skill level, we can find something for you to do. Be warned though, we work hard but we also laugh a lot:)

Over the summer months, keep us in mind if you are weeding out extra sheets, fabric, or sewing supplies. Making over 100 quilts a year requires a lot of backs and fabric. (Sometimes folks find some incredible bargains at garage sales). As always, it is your generosity that keeps us going as we create our blankets of love to warm the special folks who receive them.

From Jacob, With Love ~

We would like to thank you for your past donation! Your donation helped our mission of providing comfort to children with medical conditions and their families, experiencing hospitalization. It is because of people like you that in the year 2018 From Jacob With Love was able to provide a total of 72 Comfort Baskets filled with necessities and much more in a show of love and support to these medically fragile children and their families. With each basket having a cost range of about \$100, that is an estimate of \$7,200 worth of supplies donated to Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare's PICU/Level 1 Trauma Center inpatient children and their families! Along with our Comfort Baskets provided to these families, we have extended the services of our non-profit to include our new Lending Library! This addition to our mission statement is to support all children with medical conditions, ensuring they thrive to the best of their ability in their home environment. This program will provide medical equipment/items, basic necessities and much needed adaptive devices/toys to these families at no cost, to borrow as long as it is needed. We hope to ensure that these beautiful children will have what they need to play and thrive to their highest ability in their home environment. Thank you for your continued support for an inspirational 2019!!



Vacation Bible School!!!

June 17—20, 2019

6—8 p.m.

First Lutheran Church

VBS is for age 3 thru Grade 5

Registrations available in the church office!

***Congratulations to the following students who were
Confirmed on***

Sunday, May 19th:

Derek Achen, Andie Albers, Hudson Bryan,

MacKenzee Christiansen, Julia Christianson,

Parker Tredup



Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your gifts given to your Synod for World Hunger.
"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above."
James 1:17

Your generous gift is enabling transformative works of love here in the United States and in 60 countries around the world, providing what is needed to end hunger and poverty; access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education, and peace and justice. Together we are creatively and courageously working toward a just world where all are fed.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our neighbors around the world.

Resurrection blessings,
Rev. Robin Brown, Mission Funding Director, ELCA



SCHOLARSHIPS

For our 2019 High School

Graduates:

There are scholarships available from St. Paul's Foundation. If you are interested in applying to receive one, please pick up an application form in the church office. Deadline for applications to be returned to the office is July 15, 2019.

Dear Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
Thank you very much for your donation of \$783.73 to the Red Wing Area Food Shelf. With assistance from people like you, we can continue to meet the temporary hunger needs of families in our area.

Sincerely, Brenda Blahnik, Red Wing Area Food Shelf

To make you smile ~

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled and replied, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

June/July Meetings!

June 13th— Leadership at 6 p.m.

Teams at 6:30 p.m.

Council at 7:30 p.m.

No Team meetings, Leadership, or

Council in July!!!!

**ST. PAUL'S FOUNDATION WILL MEET
ON JULY 25TH AT 5 P.M.**



Please note that this is a combined issue for June & July. You will find both calendars and worship leader schedules within this newsletter. Have a safe summer!!