St. Paul's Church

June Newsletter

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Dear St. Paul's Family,

My daughter recently said to me, "Mom, saying goodbye is hard." Indeed, saying goodbye to you is hard, but it is my time to leave and for another to come. Thank you for your laughter, willingness to pivot throughout COVID and your resiliency in faith. Thank you for all you do to share the Gospel with the world.

Always, Pastor Dana

Good bye -you will be Missed.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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As you are reading this, we have entered the next chapter as the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and we are working towards a future with a new pastor. I wanted to share a few updates to help offer some reassurances.

The leadership team and church council are working with the Southeast MN Synod to secure an interim pastor. In the meantime, Sunday services will proceed with support from the congregation. Here is the plan for most of June.

June 5 - Hymn sing led by the worship team

June 12 - Worship service with holy communion led by Dane Petersen

June 19 - Worship service tentatively set to be led by the Bishop or an assistant to the Bishop

Local pastors have offered to help with funerals and emergencies during the week until we secure an interim.

The leadership team and church council have discussed and, in some cases, started the process of disciplinary actions regarding certain members of the congregation.

What can you do?

Pray - pray for the congregation, pray for our council and leaders, pray for our future pastor, pray for our past pastors, pray for your own well-being and peace.

In this uncertain and anxious time, it is important to discuss facts. Inaccurate information can lead to more confusion, anger, and frustration. Please reach out to your leadership team and/or council members for accurate information as well as to respectfully discuss your opinions and feelings. My contact info is below.

Encourage, Give, Invite, Study, Serve, and Worship - these are all aspects of our lives as Christians. They are also the teams that guide what happens at St. Paul's and they need YOU! In addition, we are reviving the youth team. Join a team and help shape the future of St. Paul's. Being on a team is also a great way for high schoolers to be involved in their church community.

Consider being on the leadership team in future years. A new vice-president will be needed for 2023 - maybe that's what you are called to be.

Be on the Call Committee - more information on the Call committee selection process will be provided at a later date, but you can start considering being a part of the committee now.

Support one another. Everyone grieves differently and reacts differently to events that have transpired. Practice Jesus's commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself."

Pray - I know I already said this, but it's an important one.

We are walking this journey together. We may stumble or even fall, but we will rise and thrive together.

Yours in Christ,

Erica Cordes, Church President

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St. Paul's 2022 High School Graduates are:

Makayla Adolph
Aydan Anderson
Logan Bryant
Joey Carlson
Emma Eggenberger
Aliyah Daley
Jacob Flemke
Michael Flynn
Chase Snyder
Wyatt Gonsior
Madalyn Hardy
Tatumn Harris
Tessa Jaske
Mara Kelly
Carter Knapp
Jorgen Ulvenes
Nadia Poole
Dylan Taube

Congratulations Seniors!!

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Foundation

The Foundation met on April 21, 2022 and the following officers were elected for the coming year.

President - Margie Thoma
Vice-President - John Hesford
Treasurer - Bert Flynn
Secretary - Randy Samulson

We would like to thank Elaine Scharpen for serving as Treasurer and Al Risberg for serving as Secretary in 2021.

Memorials have been received in 2022 in memory of: Brenda Alms, Gary Christiansen, Vern Cordes, Roger Flom, Carmen Harris, June Levers, and Darlene Zimmerman. Our sympathies are extended to their families and friends.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Thoma, on behalf of the Foundation board.

Register for Camp Wapo 2022

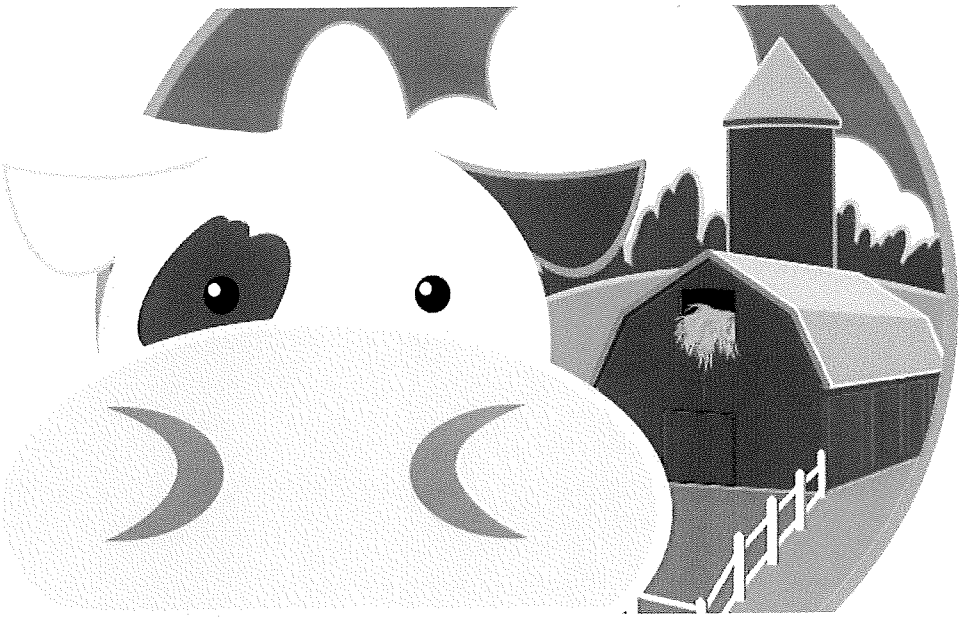
Seed Camp (grades 1-3) July 22-24

Camp Wapo Youth (grades 4-8) July 24-29

Go to Campwapo.org for more information

Vacation Bible School 2022

June 13—16 5:30pm to 7pm

3 yr old to Grade 4

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