

the St. Paul
SEED PACKET
your monthly guide to
sowing the seed of relationship

Monthly Highlights for June

✝ **Single-Service Summer Sundays** – til Labor Day

* Only 1 Service: 10:30 AM

(*Sunday School & Bible Class: 9:15 AM*)

✝ **Prayer Group**

Now Every Sunday – 8:30 AM – in the Information Center

✝ **Father's Day** – June 17

✝ **Neighborhood Vacation Bible School**

June 26-27-28 – 5-8 PM

At: Independent Missionary Baptist Church (601 Pottawatomie)

* *Teacher Meeting: June 18 – 6 PM*



At St. Paul, we C.A.R.E.

We are "Cultivating Awesome Relationships for Eternity!"

And one way we do that is by

**"Personalizing a Christ-Centered Education
that Develops the Whole Child."**

iMow for the Lord – what do You Do?



Dear Christian Friends!

The Macintosh was first in the Apple line-up of electronic computing devices – then the actual Apple computer. From there, we were introduced to the various “i” things: first, the iPod; then, the iPhone; and the iPad. Why the names then reverted to the Apple line, I don’t know – but they have the Apple Watch and Apple TV.

Many other things – both actual items as-well-as brands – have used the “i” moniker. Even me. I’ve been known to proclaim that on Tuesdays in the summer, “iMow” ... it’s true: most every Tuesday will find me on or behind a lawn-mower. When we purchased our home 24 years ago this summer, having a yard the size of a football field seemed rather exciting. I’m not sure that “exciting” is the first word that comes to mind any longer! (That’s a lot of yardwork across two-dozen years.)

And, so, “iGripe” or “iComplain” might be the way “iOften” describe what “iDo” on my day off each week. “iAlso” have been known to blame Adam while “iMow.” Remember the words of Genesis: the Lord spoke to Adam after the fall, saying that as a result of him eating from the one tree forbidden in the Garden, the ground would be cursed and “by the sweat of his brow” would he work tending the garden? When “iSweat” while “iMow,” “iBlame” Adam!

But, in all seriousness, I also (... “iMean,” “iAlso”) have to admit to a certain sense of accomplishment as “iMow.” To reach the end of a row, turn back to push the mower back in the other direction, to see the fresh-cut grass, to see what I’ve just done, feels good. Progress.

Yes, when the mowers, trimmer, rake and blower have all been put away, the shower is the first place on my mind. And, recently, with something going on with my knee, by Wednesday, the good feeling of Tuesday is often already forgotten. But, I want to spend some time thinking about the feelings of progress and accomplishment that come from mowing.

I like that (if all the machinery works properly, and the weather cooperates) my work usually looks pretty good. Because, my desire is to do everything to the glory of God. In my professional, pastoral life. In my personal life. In all of my endeavors in life.

Colossians 3:23 offers us this instruction: “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.” For me, it’s a simple understanding: “whatever” includes the hot, sweaty, dirty work of mowing grass. It also includes “whatever” else I or you do.

Certainly, some things are easier to do; some might seem more glorifying or edifying. But, Paul did not tell us that the Lord’s work only includes prayer or reading scripture; it’s not only witnessing or sharing our own testimony ... What he did say to us, Divinely-inspired by the Holy Spirit, is that whatever we do should be done as if we are doing it for the Lord.

Luther offers this view on our vocations in life: “Every occupation has its own honor before God. Ordinary work is a divine vocation or calling. In our daily work, no matter how important or mundane, we serve God by serving the neighbor and we also participate in God’s on-going providence for the human race.”

As we enter the summer months, it is my prayer that you’ll find time for some vacation from your vocation – but it is also my prayer that you find fulfillment and accomplishment in your vocation. “iKnow” that “iDo!”

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Ed", is written below the word "Blessings". The signature is stylized and cursive.



Principally Speaking

Greetings,

Wow, what a year! As a matter of fact, this has been a great year! Our students have covered a lot of material and have had the opportunity to participate in many fun and exciting learning experiences.

During the summer months, the challenge of finding the time and keeping children reading increases. Research has shown students who are not reading consistently throughout the summer can lose momentum in maintaining the progress they made during the school year; many educators refer to it as the summer slide.

Research has shown that on the average students lose approximately 2.6 months of grade-level equivalency in math skills over the summer months. The Kansas State Department of Education recommends the program listed below to support student learning during the summer months.

Summer Reading Challenge

- MetaMetrics – an educational research group offers the **FREE**, research-based tool.

Ready to get started?

1. Go to fab.lexile.com/fab/Kansas.
2. Enter child's Lexile measure or grade level.
3. Pick books that match the reader's interests.
4. View and refine the search results.

Summer Math Challenge

- **Meta-Metrics** – The Summer Math Challenge begins Monday, June 18 and runs until July 27. As part of the program, parents receive daily emails with fun activities and links to educational resources. This is a standards based program for grades 1-7.
 1. Visit quantiles.com/content/summer-math-challenge

We also have the IXL program available this summer for our students' usage during the summer months. Each student in grades K-6 will access the program using the same log on the used during the school year. If you need this information, please contact the office.

Thanks for the wonderful opportunity to serve as the principal this school year. This has certainly been a blessed experience for me. Have a wonderful summer!

Many blessings,

Pamela Robinson
Principal ☩

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OFFICE HOURS

Church Office: Mon. – Fri., 8 AM – 3 PM
School Office: Mon. – Fri. 7:45 AM – 3:45 PM

HOURS OF WORSHIP & STUDY

Sunday Morning Worship, 8:00 & 10:30
Sunday Bible Study & Sunday School, 9:15
* For Small Group Schedule, call Church Office

Rev. Ed Mease, Sr. Pastor
Rev. Kenton Rohrberg, Visitation Pastor
Pamela Robinson, Principal

Dawn Booth, Church Secretary
Chyza Nelson, School Secretary
Katherine de la Cruz, Accountant
Kayla Moritz, Extended Care Director
Roxie Summers, Kid's Connection Site Mgr.
Matthew Denney, Church Custodian
Chuck Goff & Danny Roemer, School Custodians
Michelle Denney, Worship Tech
Daniel Mease, Webmaster

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Sally Niemann
Susan Wells

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**PAUL'S BUFFET VOLUNTEERS
ARE NEEDED**

June 16, 30 & July 21
Sign-up sheets are in the
Information Center. ☩



*Life Quotes
from
Lutherans
For Life*

“God has given this walk of life – fatherhood and motherhood – a special position of honor, higher than that of any walk of life under it ... He distinguishes father and mother above all other persons on earth, and places them next to Himself.” – *Martin Luther in the Large Catechism* – A “Life Quote” from *Lutherans For Life*. www.lutheransforlife.org. ☩





An Update
From Our President

“Whirlwind” just begins to describe the events of the last few months. As you know, ministry at St. Paul has many fronts at the church and school.

Pastor Ed, Katherine de la Cruz, and your Ministry Directors and School Ministry Team spent the last few months reviewing past years’ income and expenses to help determine the Financial Plan for our next year; the plan that funds many of our ministry endeavors at St. Paul. This Financial Plan includes a move to the Kansas District Salary Scale and Base to establish wages for the Lord’s workers in our midst. For the past decade, leadership desired to provide a wage increase to our staff. Some years, a small increase was provided; some years, wages were frozen or decreased. This Financial Plan more adequately compensates our workers as they assist you and me in daily carrying out our mission of *Cultivating Awesome Relationships for Eternity!* One way our mission is carried out is by *Personalizing a Christ-Centered Education that Develops the Whole Child*. May the Lord continue to bless our work in His kingdom.

Becca, Pastor Ed, Joey and I attended our second D2MC (Discipleship to Missional Community) immersion event in mid-April. As we delve into the knowledge of equipping others to be a missional community, we are searching for what the Lord has in store for St. Paul, at this place, at this time, with all of you. Our 2½-year commitment to this Pastoral Leadership Institute training is well underway and we would be happy to discuss with you what we have been doing and learning; just ask!

The end of the school year is always a flurry of activity. State assessments, field trips, Rainbow Olympics and field day, and the end-of-school-year celebration picnic and awards program rounded out the final weeks of our 154th school year. The end of the school year also had us saying goodbye to four teachers: Julie Redfern and Kim Stiansen will be traveling with their families to other opportunities outside Kansas, and Becky Kenton will be teaching closer to home next year. And, after serving St. Paul students for 20 years, Paula Cole has retired. We pray for God’s presence with them as they continue their ministries.

Our prayers for an LCMS Commissioned Minister of Religion were answered March 25 when Mr. Stacy Sato accepted the call to serve as our principal. As we waited for Mr. Sato’s response, leadership and staff began reaping the benefits of GraceWorks Ministries consulting services. GraceWorks Ministries is sharing their research-based, cutting-edge recommendations in several aspects of school operations – including, among other areas, marketing and enrollment increase, healthy finance, and fund development. Mr. Sato joined us in person and via Skype for several events while working with current staff and leadership to set the vision as we embark on our 155th school year. Staff and lay leaders spent many hours learning how to capitalize on the gifts the Lord provides so we can together reach more children with the love of Jesus.

My world was shaken three weeks ago when we received word, that after much prayer and contemplation, Mr. Sato reversed his decision and sent word he was declining our call. We already had many plans in action. I questioned what was next for the school. One thing we learned in D2MC training is to seek God in these types of events, take time to understand His will, and then take action. What is God trying to tell us? While we do not know what the future holds we can be confident in who holds our future.

As we continue to put plans in place for our next year of ministry, we remember the promise found in Isaiah: *“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”*

– Janice Denney, President ☩



TASTE OF HOLLIS IS BACK!

Do you like summer evenings filled with friends,
music, fine wine, craft beer and food?

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Invite your friends, and join us at the
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Saturday, June 2, 2018
5-7 PM

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STEPHEN MINISTRY

This month's article is taken from the devotion book "Bible Readings for the Retired" by Leslie Brandt, Augsburg Publishing House, © 1984 (Reproduced by permission of Augsburg Fortress).

BROKENNESS

Psalm 51:1-9 – "Let the bones You have crushed rejoice." (v.8)

It's absurd – That one's crushed bones should rejoice. Perhaps the writer is using a metaphor to describe a fractured ego or a broken spirit. Probably he is expressing what some of us have felt on occasions throughout the years: brokenness. There may still be fractures in our lives that have not completely healed. They continue to give us pain when we think about them. This psalm is one of the most popular simply because we can identify with its author and know and feel something of what he felt and so vividly describes. He is broken; something had come between him and God. We know the feeling; it still haunts us at times.

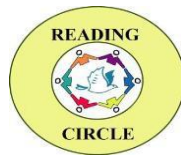
Is it possible that our broken bones can rejoice, that our brokenness be transformed into rejoicing? Can our fractures be healed so that we are restored to health once more?

Our brokenness in respect to our human relationships may not always mend or heal. The good news of the gospel, however, assures us that we can be restored to health and wholeness again. "A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise." (v.17) The bones which have been broken do rejoice.

Prayer: I have through Your graciousness been restored, O God. I pray that You will heal the wounds that I may have inflicted on other people along the way. Amen.

**Think of one broken relationship in your life, and if possible, do something to restore it.
Ask for God's forgiveness and healing.**

If we can be of service to you – to lend a listening ear or to answer your questions about becoming a Stephen Minister – please contact Pastor Ed (913-758-7624; pastor@spics.org) or one of our Leaders: Helen Genter (913-775-0710; lgenter63@gmail.com) Eric Rathburn; (913-221-2411; rahtburneric@gmail.com). †



For June, our book is *A Gentleman in Moscow*, by Amor Towles, about Count Alexander Rostov, who in 1922 is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal and sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across from the Kremlin. An indomitable man of erudition and wit, Rostov has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors.

Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide Rostov entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery. Read the novel with us, and be caught up in its spell as it relates the count's deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose.

For readers of *Orphan Train* and *The Nightingale*, in July comes a thought-provoking and complex tale about two families, two generations apart. Based on a notorious true-life scandal. Memphis, 1939. Twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live a magical life aboard their family's Mississippi River shantyboat. But when their father must rush their mother to the hospital one stormy night, Rill is left in charge ... until strangers arrive in force. Wrenched from all that is familiar and thrown into a Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage, the Foss children are assured that they will soon be returned to their parents – but they quickly realize the dark truth. At the mercy of the facility's cruel director, Rill fights to keep her sisters and brother together in a world of danger and uncertainty.

Aiken, South Carolina, present day. Born into wealth and privilege, Avery Stafford seems to have it all: a successful career as a federal prosecutor, a handsome fiancé, and a lavish wedding on the horizon. But when Avery returns home to help her father weather a health crisis, a chance encounter leaves her with uncomfortable questions and compels her to take a journey through her family's long-hidden history, on a path that will ultimately lead either to devastation or to redemption.

Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals – in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country – Lisa Wingate's riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong.

The Reading Circle meets at 10 AM the **2nd Saturday** of each month (except December) at the Kansas Country Store, 728 Cherokee St., in Leavenworth. *Questions? Book suggestions? Contact Becca Mease (547-0763; rmease@kc.rr.com).* †

STEWARDSHIP IN REVIEW

Date	Worship Attendance	Sunday School/Bible Study Attendance	Offerings
04-29-2018	229	12/23	3989.20
05-06-2018	101	13/33	6751.20
05-13-2018	108	14/22	21343.26
05-20-2018	105	12/22	3003.20
05-27-2018	105	12/30	5212.47

A complete Treasurer's Report is available from the Church Office.



PTA:
(St. Pating The Aging
Paul's Older Saints)

Several of us in the parish read monthly issues of “Rich and Charlie Resources” online (www.richandcharlie.com) and enjoy the cheerful, humorous, and informative information shared by Rich Bimler (former chairman of Wheat Ridge, who writes AH HA Moments) and Charlie Mueller (well-known pastor, now almost 90 years old, who writes Just Watching). They meet at St. Arbucks for coffee regularly to discuss and share news about aging: they publish their resulting columns every month. You can spend several hours reading everything on their website – you’ll laugh and smile, and more importantly, you’ll think. Lynn and Helen Genter know one of their contributors, Pastor Dick Koehneke, who writes Encouraging Words. Check out the site: you’ll like it!

My thanks to Lynn this month: he shared the following exercises written by Pastor Jerrold Lloyd Nichols, Ft. Wayne, IN. Exercise: necessary for ALL of us – and these can all be done while you’re sitting down. Try them: you’ll like them, too!

It is suggested that you do a minimum of five (5) of each of the following exercises each day while repeating out loud (or to yourself) the suggested Biblical references or thoughts. Always return your hands to your lap between each of your five reps and when you move to the next section.

HEAD: Place your two hands on top of your head at least five times while repeating “The fear of the Lord is the begging of wisdom.” (Psalm 111:10)

EYES: Please each hand over an eye at least five time while repeating “I once was blind but now I see.” (John 9:25)

EARS: Place each hand over an ear at least five times while repeating “He who has an ear, let him hear.” (Revelation 2:7)

MOUTH: Position both hands over your mouth while repeating at least five time “O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.” (Psalm 51:15)

NECK: Place both hands behind your neck at least five time while repeating “Lift up your heads, O you gates.” (Psalm 24:7)

SHOULDERS: Place your two hands criss-cross on your shoulders at least five times while capturing the thought that we stand shoulder-to-shoulder with fellow Christians, repeating “We are brothers and sisters in Christ.”

ARMS: Extend both arms forward and raise them up perpendicularly at least five times while repeating “I will redeem you with an outstretched arm.” (Exodus 6:6)

HANDS: Close both hands at least five times while repeating “He’s got the whole world in His hands.”

HEART: Place both hands over your heart at least five times while repeating “Were not our hearts burning within us ... while He opened the Scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:32)

KNEES: Place your hands over your knees at least five times while repeating “At the name of Jesus, every knee should bow ... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:10,11)

FEET: Place each hand on a foot (or point toward your feet) at least five times while repeating “Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” (Psalm 119:105)

We all know we should exercise and eat well. Combine the two: do simple exercises while you feed on the Word of God! Start now – put down the Seed Packet and stretch your mind and faith!

Comments? Suggestions? Contact PTA writer Velma Bass at 682-8942 or larrygb@aol.com. ☩



News from our Ladies Aid Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Happy Birthday to us! We will celebrate Milestone #148 when we meet on Wednesday, June 6, at 1 PM in the Church Basement. Connie Denney and Nancy Fruechtenicht will prepare our birthday cake; Janet Jackson-Knight will lead our continuing study of Martin Luther: the Movement 4. Roll Call will be answered by a scripture verse about celebrating as we acknowledge the blessings we have received over the years. Birthday parties usually mean gifts: we will "gift" our treasury with a special offering. We will also receive Mites for Missions and support for our LeadAChild commitment.

At the May meeting, Connie Denney and Velma Bass gave a short report based on the LWML Kansas summary of the 75th year Dazzling Diamond convention held in Hutchinson on April 20-22. Go to www.kansaslwml.org to see the complete report and photos of the convention. The site also presents the special song written to complement the "Beautiful Feet" theme: music and lyrics were written by Shelley Keller.

Our host at that meeting, Pastor Ed, decorated our tables with red roses (we got to take them home), blue and yellow paper goods. Our sweet treat? Cupcakes, topped with edible red roses. He offered us opportunity to color pictures of "Beauty and The Beast," the well-known movie/stage musical, as he asked a series of 10 questions to see how much we knew about the show. Several of those attending scored a perfect 10! We thank him for taking time from his busy schedule to share fun and fellowship with us: we did have opportunity to sing Happy Birthday to him and our Treasurer, Virginia Harth, during the meeting.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (Lutheran Women in Mission) offers something for every woman in the parish. Won't you visit us once and see where you might fit? ☩

"DON'T SING SONGS TO A HEAVY HEART" is the theme of this summer's Adult Bible Class, beginning on June 3, from 9:15-10:15 AM, each Sunday in the Church Basement. This study follows a book used by our Stephen Ministers in learning to live their lives caring for others ... which will guide us all as we strive toward *"Cultivating Awesome Relationships for Eternity!"* Plan now to join us throughout the summer months! ☩

Dear Members of St. Paul –

We, as a family, would like to sincerely thank you for your prayers and your expressions of sympathy in the death of our dear Lori. She had suffered with cancer for three years and had been through a lot of pain and agony, and now she is at peace with our Lord in heaven.

Sincerely,

– The Pitsch Family

* Della also shares a special "Hi to all!" ☩

SINGLE
SERVICE
SUMMER
UNDAYS
10:30 AM - WORSHIP
9:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Matthew Burgess	10	Matt Waymire	22	Alee Sullins
	Joey Denney		Betty Hoppe	24	Dylan Faith
	Regan Powell		Darryl Pagel		Matthew McGraw
	Roxie Summers	12	Alec Wormington	25	Christina Danef
	Lindsey Watkins	14	Graeson Barrett		Rebekah Goodwin
2	Luella Madison		Fred Berg		Lori Hall
3	Megan Hochard	15	Richard Dembowski		Bryce Richter
	Lucey Tucker		Chase Elkins	26	Stephanie Sloop
4	Michael Beemer		Dave Wiseman, Jr.		Bill Souser
	Briggs Wilson	16	Kelly Chancellor	27	Matthew Balock
6	Gail Klotz		Susan Wells		Larry Bass
	Madison Lovelace	17	Keira Allen		Karin Graff
7	Harry Allison		Sarah Cassella		Dorothy Quinlan
	Alan Beisert		Cindy Meyer		Cory vonSeggern
	Carter Fincher	18	Hope Goodwin		Amber Wolters
	Denis Johnson	19	Coben Hoppe	28	Davis Moulden
	John Niemann		Joshua Jones	29	Leslie Burgess
8	Daniel Watkins		Jim Timmons		Cole Humble
9	Chris Clemens	21	Julie Niemann	30	Cade Clemens
					Jacob Gritz

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1	Patrick & Susan Grace	20	Mark & Sue Klotz
	Bill & Christene Souser		Rob & Lori Humble
2	Ed & Lisa Dane	24	Patrick & Jennifer Paden
3	Matthew & Sierra Linton	25	Kevin & Robin Crim
8	John & Gwen Goodloe	27	Richard & Dorothy Quinlan
10	Raymond & Linda Hoppe		Matthew & Beth Simpson
12	Kent & Ava Seeler	28	Richard & Jennifer
15	Milton & Shantel Rush		Dembowski
17	Denis & Kathy Johnson	29	Jason & Leslie Burgess
18	Justin & Stephanie Sloop		
	James & Nicole McConnell		
19	Travis & Lacey Connell		



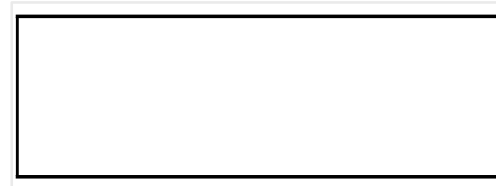
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JUNE 2018

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