**JUNE 2025**

 ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 **Director of Ministries: Tina Rigley**

 **Associate Director of Ministries: Lisa Hoover-Beller**

**Family/Youth Ministry Coordinator: Morgan Parnitzke**

 **Organist: Jacob DeGarie**

 **Caretakers: Kassidy Beller & Asher Parnitzke**

***LINKS to recordings of***

***our Worship Services***

***and all updates can be found on***

***our website: stpaulseden.com***

***Please call Pastor Lutz
(716.818.9860)
for any emergencies.***



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**St. Paul’s Eden Worship (public group)**

**St. Paul’s Lutheran Friends (private group)**

 **St. Paul’s Lutheran Church**

 **Our Website**

**Don’t forget to check out our**

**amazing website! Information about services, events, programs and schedules can be**

**found there!**

**Go to:**

**stpaulseden.com**

**SATISFACTION**

**By Pastor Lutz**

Many of us have not had much satisfaction with the weather lately. We wait all winter long to step out of our houses in shorts and short sleeves and bask in the sun. While we have had a few days like that, there have certainly not been enough to satisfy the majority of people. Eventually we will be complaining about the heat of the summer and long for the cool days of fall. In the midst of the crispness of fall we will long for the warmth of summer. There are people who perpetually count the days until Christmas. When Christmas comes there will not be enough snow or the people who were supposed to come then don’t and there will be many reasons why Christmas will not measure up to their expectations. In short, we are never satisfied and always looking to the next season to come.

The truth about the weather or the seasons is that nothing we do can change what it is. We can complain about it all we want- it will not change the outcome. This is not so with our spiritual lives. In our spiritual lives we can effect great change. While our salvation is a gift from God through faith, our life in faith is one in which our decisions greatly affect our holiness. While, for example, Job could not change the circumstances of his situation with the boils and death of his family, he did refuse to curse God. He didn’t have all of these answers but he clung to the one truth he had- God loved him. In the face of so many things happening that are good and bad in our lives, we too, should always be striving to have a better understanding of God. Through prayer, study of scripture, singing of hymns and mediation on God’s word we can always be working to live a life that is a better reflection of the faith God has called us to.

So while we should be satisfied with what God has given us in the world, satisfaction is also the enemy of our “sanctification” or “holy life.” We are too secure in our salvation, knowing it was won for us by Christ, to be more diligently applying God and His teachings in our daily living. We must be careful because we can lose heart due to the truth of our sinful nature that is clinging to us and causing us to stumble. Remember the battle for our souls is already won by Christ’s death and resurrection. The Holy Spirit is working right along with us on our sanctification. Our struggle is not one we have to bear alone. It is in cooperation with the Holy Spirit who brought faith to us through the Word and Sacrament.

**Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

 **-1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

**IN-HOUSE WORSHIP SERVICES:**

**REGULAR SERVICES**

**Traditional Service 8:30 am (every week)**

**10:45 am (2nd & 4th Sundays)**

**Contemporary Service**

**10:45 am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)**

**STARTING JUNE 8 WE WILL BE FOLLOWING THE SUMMER SCHEDULE:**

**Traditional Service 9:00 am (1st & 3rd Sunday)**

**Contemporary Service 9:00 am (2nd & 4th Sunday)**

**In addition to our in-house worship services, our live-stream worship services are on Facebook. Go to St. Paul’s Worship Group. Or go to our website: stpaulseden.com for a link.**

**OPTIONS FOR SEATING**

There is a pew located towards the back of church to assist those with limited mobility. This includes people who utilize wheelchairs, walkers, canes or crutches due to physical challenges, recent surgeries or injuries. We hope this is a welcome addition for anyone who may need accommodations.

**HOPE AND HARMONY**

We are excited to announce a new opportunity for devotion and spiritual reflection. This wonderful new service will be led by Morgan Parnitzke and Kori Lutz-Doherty. Contemporary music will be the focal point of this worship, along with testimonies that will share faith based messages and fill your spirit. There will be a variety of contemporary Christian music and each month we will have someone who will share an inspiring moment or experience. Please join us for a special time to connect with your faith and fellow Christians in a safe and compassionate environment. Our first meeting of Hope & Harmony will take place on Sunday, June 1st at 7pm. The next meeting will be on Sunday, July 6 at 7pm.

It will take outside if the weather allows. If not, we will be in the Fellowship Hall. Hope and Harmony will be on the first Sunday of the month. This will provide an option for those who may find it difficult to get to church on Sunday mornings or who would like to have an additional occasion to reflect and pray through music and sharing.

 

**THE MEDITATION ROOM**

June’s Meditation Room will be extra special! We will reflect on two songs that explore the effect of Christ’s crucifixion upon our souls. Please listen to the songs in connection with one another and truly meditate up on the lyrics of the songs. Explore in your thoughts the questions and answers that the songs give you and join us on Thursday, June 26 at 7pm to explore the spiritual truths they give us. We will meet in the big room at the LEGOS House. Lyrics will be available in the back of church.

**CHURCH PICNIC**

Please join us on Sunday June 8th for our Church Picnic. The picnic will be taking place outside at St. Paul’s- set up for the picnic will be in the backyard of the LEGOS House. Following our outdoor (weather permitting) worship service we will have games, activities and fellowship. At 11 am we will have our meal. Hot dogs, drinks and paper products will be provided. We ask that everyone bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. In the event of poor weather the picnic will be canceled. Hope to see you there and say a little prayer for sun!

**EDEN HEIGHTS BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study with Pastor Lutz and Pastor Kate (Eden United Methodist Church) will meet at 1:30 pm at Eden Heights. They will gather on Thursdays, June 12th & 26th.

**DEVOTIONS AT FOUR CORNERS**

Join Pastor at the Four Corners Café for a Devotion/Bible Study! The group will meet on Thursday, June 5th & 19th at 8:30 am.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Join Pastor on Sunday mornings at 9:30 for a Bible Study on June 1st. Starting June 8th the Adult Bible Study will meet at 10:15 am throughout the summer.

**THE PEACEFUL CAREGIVER**

This group will meet with Pastor on June 11th and 25th from 9:30-11 am at the LEGOS House in the big meeting room.

**BOOK CLUB**

Please keep an eye out for information regarding the next Book Club meeting in the weekly bulletin. Call Cheryl Colvin at 716.992.4032 if you have any questions or would like to join the group!

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

If there is a special date you would like to have, please consider placing flowers on the Altar. Please call Lisa Beller at 716.992.9112.

**June 1- To the Glory of God in honor of Our Confirmands**

**June 8- In honor of our 40th Wedding Anniversary** Denise and David Dix

**June 15- In loving memory of Our Parents, Brothers, Sister & Son-in-law, Scott** by Hans & Inge Balko

**June 22- In memory of Cynthia Henry Schindler** by her husband, Ralph

**The flowers on the side are In Memory of My Dad, Albert,** Love, Cally

**June 29-** **In loving memory of Our Parents & Grandparents** by Dave, Cindy, Andrew & Nathan Henry



**July 6- In loving memory of Tom Agle** by the Family



**Are you going**

**into the hospital for**

**any type of surgery?**

**Pastor Lutz**

**would like to “visit”**

**with you before your**

**surgery to pray**

**with you.**

**Please call the church**

**office (716.992.9112) or**

**Pastor’s cell**

**716.818.9860**

**to let him know**

**of your surgery.**

**ALZHEIMER’S**

**ASSOCIATION**

Website: alz.org/wny

24/7 Helpline

1.800.272.3900



 **THE L.E.G.O.S.**

 **House**

**A Community Spiritual**

 **Support Center**

***For further information on***

 ***our support groups or to inquire about individualized Christian Care by a trained***

 ***Stephen Minister or staff***

 ***member, please call***

 ***716.992.9112.***



 **Need a ride?**

 If you are in need of a ride there

 are resources available:

* Rural Transit Service-call 716.662.8378 for information
* Eden town car- call Eden Service Line at 716.992.3067
* Hamburg Van Service- call 716.646.0665

 We can help YOU with your prayers. God is waiting for

your requests. Call us with any you might have.

 Please make your special prayer

requests by calling our

 Prayer Chain Coordinator, Morgan Parnitzke at

716.992.9112.



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our Prayer Chain

Coordinator,

Tina Rigley

at 992.9112 or

texting 998.8726.

**PRAYERS**

**WE ARE HAPPY** to honor requests for prayersfor the sick especially when they are in the hospital, in rehab, in hospice or in a post op recovery. When your loved one has improved, please be sure to call Lisa Beller at 716.992.9112sowe can remove their name from the prayer list.

Periodically, the prayer committee will remove names from the prayer list. If you would like someone put back on, please contact Pastor Lutz or Lisa Beller at 716.992.9112.

**IN OUR PRAYERS** for the Lord's healing power we include the following members:

* **Rose Hofner**
* **Harvey Quigel**
* **Cally Burkhart**

**PRAYER LIST**

Please contact the church office at 716.992.9112 to have a loved one placed on the Prayer List.

**IN OUR PRAYERS** for the Lord's healing power we include the following family and friends of our church members:

* **Sue Kester** (Lynn Gerber’s friend)
* **Daniel Snyder & Holly Uebhuler** (Jeff Snyder’s father & sister)
* **Julie Buzzard** (Kirsten Henderson’s friend)
* **Bill Robison III**
* **Annette Bove** (Amy Smith’s friend)
* **Joanne Pepper** (Patty Smoot’s friend)
* **Laurie** (Gary Holscher’s friend)
* **Mary Hewson** (Nancy Theriault’s friend)
* **Angela** (Mary Logan’s friend)
* **Maureen** (Dennis Horrigan’s sister)
* **Tamara Hoelscher** (Betty Gabel’s friend)
* **Chuck Westra** (Jeff Westra’s father)
* **Mike** (Terri Bradt’s friend)
* **Debbie** (Tina Rigley’s friend)
* **Rick Cheman**
* **Michael** (Terri Bradt’s nephew)
* **Michelle Senecal Hunt** (Jennifer Klein’s friend)
* **Virgina** (Danny Palumbo’s friend)

**DEDICATION OF THE COMPLETED REPAIR WORK**

On Sunday, June 1st we will have a fellowship gathering in the Fellowship Hall between early and late worship services. Please stop in for coffee and baked goods to celebrate the completion of the repair work! We have been extremely blessed and this is a wonderful opportunity to share our gratitude for getting through the unexpected, challenging time we have had over the last few months.

**LADIES’ GUILD**

A big THANK YOU to those who have supported the Ladies’ Guild and their ministries by making a purchase! All proceeds go directly back into the Guild to provide materials they use for service projects and missions. The wooden cutting boards have sold out

**THANK YOU**

Our church gardens have been made so beautiful thanks to our House Garden Fairies, Ellyn Charette & Nancy Theriault (Kit helped too). The flowers were donated by B.G. Henry and family (marigolds) and the Amos Zittel Farm (flowers in the barrels at the LEGOS House).

**AVERAGE WEEKLY**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

 **ATTENDANCE**

**This includes youth and**

**adult classes**

 May 4- 40

 May 11- 36

 May 18- 38

 Last day of Sunday School

 until September

 Adult Bible Study will continue.

**FINANCIAL**

**BAROMETER 2025**

 Thru May 18, 2025

 Budgeted to date $118,000

 Given to date 96,500

 **THANK YOU**

 for your generous giving!!

 All of our bills are

 up to date!

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 ***MANY THANKS FOR***

 ***CONTINUED SUPPORT***

 ***AND GENEROSI***

 **AVERAGE**

**“IN-HOUSE” WORSHIP**

**ATTENDANCE:**

May 4- 116

 May 11- 115

 May18- 110

**L.E.G.O.S. HOUSE**

The L.E.G.O.S. House is used for support groups, supervisions and continuing education for Stephen Ministers, as well as contracted counseling and Outreach/ Workshops.

From January 1, 2025- April 30, 2025 total usage was: 274 times



 **Information Update:**

 Please contact Tina Rigley at

 716.992.9112 if any of your

 personal information has

 changed. Remember to contact

 us with your new address if you

 are moving. Thank you.

**Creation Kids (ages 2-5; PreK)**

**Wonder Kids (K-1st)**

**Discovery Kids (2nd-4th)**

**Confirmation Youth (5th-6th)**

**Inspire Youth Group (6th-12th)**

 **Youth News**

 

**CONFIRMATION**

Congratulations to our Confirmands:

Gianna Bugenhagen, Connor Evertt, Alistair Friend, Colby Funke, Adrianna Henry, Tyler Mulholland, Owen Perry, Amelia Pfeffer, James Sullivan and Charles Westra. May God continue to bless them on their faith journey.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

VBS will run from Monday, July 21-Friday, July 25 from 9-11:30am. This year’s theme is “Jesus is COOL- An Artic Adventure.” Mark your calendars! Registration forms and volunteer forms are available near the Education door or in the church office. You can also register at our website stpaulseden.com!! Deadline for registration is July 13.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS WANTED**

We are looking for a couple of substitute Sunday School teachers. Please contact Tina Rigley (tmrigley1012@yahoo.com) or 716.992.9112 if you are interested in helping out or would like more information!

**ALTAR GUILD**

The Altar Guild is a special group of volunteers that keep our Altar clean by changing cloths, dusting and assisting with cleanup after communion. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to join! It is typically a two month commitment during the year and you partner with another volunteer. Please contact Debbie Gangemi at 716.912.8626 or the church office at 716.992.9112 if you are interested or have any questions.

**CHURCH BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (5/7/25)**

**Financial Secretary**- Giving is on track

**Financial Treasurer-** Bills are up to date; working on status of CDs to complete the 2024 audit

**Clean up & restoration**- carpets will begin next week and the fire alarm system installation is ongoing; organ is being completed and will be moved by Heritage when the carpet is installed

**Worship/Elders**- Dedication of completed repair work will be on June 1st; Summer worship begins June 8; Pet Blessing Service will be on May 25 at 12:30pm

**Music**-a new program called “Hope & Harmony” will begin once a month starting on June 1st; pianos have received their spring tuning

**Care**- Peaceful Caregiver group continues to meet monthly; SM evening supervision will meet during the summer-Outreach- Movie night is being planned

**Spiritual Growth**- Confirmation rehearsal will be May 27; Confirmation is on June 1; “Peaceful Caregiver” continues for the evening and day sessions; Last day of Sunday School is May 18; VBS will be July 21-July 25

**Family/Youth**- Dedication event will be from 9:30-10:30am; Church picnic (weather permitting) will be on June 8

**Trustees**- New LED lights were put in the sanctuary (Gary); Mike will be replacing the back door in the Sunday School room; crashbars on the Education Door and the side door on Pastor’s side have been replaced; Dave Zittel is exploring options for drainage and lawn work around the church; Back ramp is being looked at- has deteriorated quite a bit during this past winter season and will need to be addressed

**New Busines**- (To address concerns brought up at the April voters’ meeting) – options were discussed regarding the Directory; Concerns were raised by Board members regarding privacy and accessibility of peoples’ information; many people do not utilize the Directory anymore or wish to have their information in it, the issue will be revisited in June; Bi-annually a financial summary of accounts will be completed and kept in the church office in response to any inquiries (in addition to the financials prepared for Board and Voters’ meetings). Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, June 4 at 7:30pm.