

*BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE
GOD IS THE LORD—PSALM 33:12*

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MESSAGE FROM ELDER CHAIR / WELCOME SCHOENFELDS

Dear St. Pauls Family:

Welcome and congratulations to Terry and Karol Schoenfeld, the new first family of St. Pauls. For those of you who were unable to attend the congregational meeting following the service last Sunday, the vote to call Terry as our new interim pastor was UNANIMOUS! One hundred percent complete agreement, something we haven't seen in a while but also a God Sighting in bringing us all together this way. The Elder Board met with Terry and Karol as a matter of due diligence on Saturday before the vote to ask questions and get to know each other better. I have been stressing the last couple of months



our commitment to love God and to love one another. In our meeting with Terry he mentioned this same theme of loving God and one another but added one more commitment, to love the lost. I am going to adopt this improvement because it is spot on and has such beautiful symmetry. So we are all clear, I am calling us to love God, love one another and to love the lost.

Summer is here and Vacation Bible school is in full swing this week. My grandkids are enjoying the program, the songs and interacting with other kids and the staff Lisa Stahlhut has assembled. The meals have been both Kid Friendly and also delicious. The volunteers working VBS are so selfless as I have been blessed to watch their passion for children and for the gospel.

On a personal note I want to thank all of you for the outpouring of prayerful support for my son in law Tim Bensing. Today is Tuesday, June 27th, and Tim was taken to Chicago via air ambulance to the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab in Chicago. This is a rehabilitation facility for brain injuries and is the best such facility in the country. Jennifer went with him and is there now for the time being. Please continue to pray for his healing and complete recovery. My grandson Levi (age 7) told Donna and I last night that he prayed for his Dad at VBS. You can't tell me that a sincere little prayer from a 7 year old boy for his dad did not touch the heart of God. May we all approach His throne with such sincerity and trust.

God's blessings to you all,

Bob Schalk

St. Paul's Elder Chair



JUNE 2023 @ ST. PAUL'S

Send your pictures to
stpauls@stpaulsefree.org to be included
In the next month's newsletter!

Quilts of Valor Presentation - June 6, 2023 Frank May & Clay Brigham



Quilts of Valor Presentation - June 18, 2023 Robert Schnellbacher, Frank Serdy and Ralph Stahlhut



PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search Committee continues to meet regularly (at least twice a month) to work on the necessary steps needed in finding Pastor Next. The online profile has been completed and at our last meeting we began looking at some candidates that were matched with St. Paul's. We also discussed ways we can get the word out that we are currently looking for a new pastor. In July, Mike Shields will be joining us for a meeting to help answer some questions that have come up while we are navigating this process. Please continue to keep the Search Committee and St. Paul's in your prayers.

- Lisa Stahlhut

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Please join the ladies at their next meeting July 12 at 11:30am.
Bring your lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

QUILTERS & QUILTS OF VALOR SUMMER UPDATE

The Quilters & Linus Project are taking a summer break and will not be meeting during the month of July. They will resume on Tuesday August 1.

Quilts of Valor will be meeting on Monday July 31 instead of July 25.

NEW GROUP

YarnWorks

*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Eph. 2:10*

YarnWorks is a gathering of women who meet from 1-3 pm on the second Thursday of the month to craft handmade items for those in need. We may knit a shawl for a homebound senior, crochet a blanket for a new baby, or create a scarf or hat for an orphan child or a homeless adult. When our gifts are finished, we lay hands on them and pray that our handiwork will be a blessing, a comfort, and a cheer to the receiver.

New mommies, recovering patients, grieving sisters have all received gifts from this ministry. Our mission is to figuratively, and sometimes literally, wrap our arms around others as they rejoice, recover, or rebuild. Our gifts wrap them in warmth and prayer.

Don't know how to knit or crochet? We'd be happy to help you learn this useful skill. Not available in the afternoon? We'd be happy to organize an evening meeting. Consider joining our creative fellowship and be a part of sharing tangible expressions of Christ's love.

Questions? Contact Sieglinde at 314-210-0065

Next meeting: 13 July 1-3 pm @ 2619 White Manor Court, 63114

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Thank you to all who helped make VBS a success!



WHITE CROSS MINISTRY

Please help VBS Kids by donating new items to make kits to be sent to the Congo. White Cross supports vital projects around the world to promote Health & Wellness, Education and Abolishing Global Slavery. Look for the marked box in the Welcome Center. **Collecting until Sunday, July 16th.** Listed below are items needed-

- Hand towel (16"x28" to 18"x30") ; Washcloth
- Toothbrush in packaging; Toothpaste (large with screw top); Chapstick
- Bar of soap (3 1/2 to 5 oz); Lotion for dry skin (6-8oz); Latex Gloves
- Small Notebook (5x7 or smaller), Small pencil sharpener, pens, Number 2 unsharpened pencils
- 4 balloons

Marlene L. Summers (nee Graue) June 11, 1926—June 13, 2023

Beloved wife of Robert A. Summers. Our dear friend Marlene Summers went home to be with the Lord on June 13, 2023 at the age of 97 years. Marlene wanted others to remember her as one who believes in the promise Jesus has assured her. If she remained faithful to Him, her gift from Him was eternal life forever in His kingdom. She will be remembered as a thoughtful, dependable, patient person and curious about the geography of the world as she and Bob loved traveling internationally. For 42 years, the education of children kept her busy and fulfilled.



We hold fast to Jesus' promise, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26)

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Many thanks to those who joined us on June 21st for Wednesday Worship! We had a great time in song, prayer, and heard Pastor Terry Schoenfeld share his journey to faith with us. You can view his story online on the St. Paul's Facebook page.

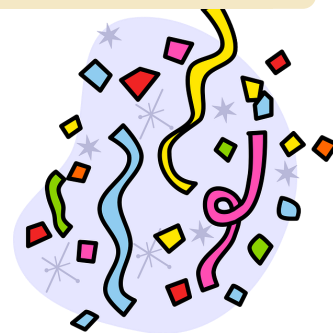
Next month, the Russian-Ukrainian Evangelical Baptist Church will join us and lead in some Russian praise music, and we will share prayer time for the ongoing war in Ukraine. There will also be one or two testimonies of those from overseas. Join in on July 19 at 6:30pm.



Happy Anniversary!

Daniel & Nicole Sjogren 7/3—12 years
 Kristine & Kenneth Williamson 7/3—10 years
 Kurt & Barbara Van Dyk 7/5—54 years
 Bob & Ann Kallemeier 7/7—33 years
 Greg & Jennifer Steimel 7/7—11 years
 Chuck & Phyllis Caesar 7/8—25 years
 Mark & Kristine Immekus 7/9—29 years

Dan & Pat Walter 7/11—53 years
 Frank & Mary Louise Serdy 7/13—55 years
 Sarah & Josh Shipman 7/16—7 years
 David & Mary Smith 7/21—41 years
 Greg & Kim Paquette 7/23—35 years
 Clay & Nancy Brigham 7/24—12 years
 Jim & Nancy Crews 8/2—26 years



Happy Birthday!

Phyllis Bauer	7/1	Nicole Sjogren	7/4	Natalie Doby	7/13
Marlene Buescher	7/1	Bob Schalk	7/5	Grace Koewing	7/19
Maria del Cid	7/1	Donna Schalk	7/6	Robert Tucker	7/20
Greg Steimel	7/1	Sharon McGaully	7/7	Nancy Dahl	7/21
Grace van Raalten	7/1	Julian Steimel	7/7	Elizabeth Schurwan	7/23
		Dean Alstadt	7/8	Mary McDannold	7/28
		Scott Dieckgraefe	7/9	Joan Stewart	7/30
		Priscilla Clark	7/11	Donna Jayne	8/1

June 2023 Financial Update-

Needed to support Monthly Budget:	\$61,884
June Giving in Support of Monthly Budget:	\$42,916
June Expenses:	<u>\$50,970</u>
	(\$8,054) Short
Giving Received Year-to-Date:	\$288,114
Expenses Year-to-Date:	<u>\$353,832</u>
	(\$65,718) Short

DEACON UPDATE

BLOOD DRIVE

SAVE LOCAL LIVES

Give & get a gift card or bonus points to shop our rewards store for the new sun shirt and more.

St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church

Monday, July 17 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Multi-purpose Room 9801 Olive Boulevard

Masks optional. Appointments required.
 To schedule an appointment, **scan QR code**
 call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401
 or go to [bloodcenter.org/group, grp #9795](https://bloodcenter.org/group/grp#9795)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consider giving blood to help others in need by scheduling an appointment for the Blood Drive at St. Paul's Church on July 17th. To register:

- Call the church office 314-993-0015
- Call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401
- Scan the QR code to the left
- Go to bloodcenter.org and enter group # 9795.

Thank-you for participating in this life saving ministry.

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Sundays

Worship Service	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time	10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays

Quilters and Project Linus (not meeting in July)	9:30 a.m.
Prayer & Care Meeting	1:30 p.m.

7/2	Communion
7/3	Missions Team 7pm
7/4	Church Office Closed
7/12	Women's Fellowship 11:30am
7/16-21	King's Kids Camp
7/19	Wednesday Worship 6:30p
7/29	Pray with the Elders 9am
7/31	Quilts of Valor 9:30am