

## SUMMER EDITION

St. Paul's summer Newsletter covers July and August.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July we celebrated the birthday of our great nation and the freedoms we enjoy!



Glorious Lord we celebrate our nation's birth and the symbol of freedom it represents to many. We acknowledge that you have been the author of this nation and that it is your great faithfulness that has brought us this far.

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### Current Sermon Series: *Exodus* - God With Us

As we continue our journey through the Book of Exodus, we're stepping into the heart of God's redemption story—a story that ultimately points us to Jesus. These next few weeks are packed with powerful moments of rescue, provision, identity, and grace.

Here's a look ahead at what's coming:




#### **Week 4 – *The True Sacrifice***

 Exodus 12:1–14; 12:29–36; 13:3–16; John 1:29–30


As God delivers Israel through the blood of the Passover lamb, we see a vivid picture of the Lamb of God who takes away our sin.

#### **Week 5 – *Freedom***

 Exodus 13:17–14:31

From the edge of the Red Sea to dry ground, God proves He is the one who delivers completely. He didn't just begin our freedom—He guarantees it.

#### **Week 6 – *Bread of Life***

 Exodus 15:22–27; 16:1–32; John 6:32–35


As God provides manna in the wilderness, we're reminded that Jesus is the Bread who satisfies not just for a day—but for eternity.

#### **Week 7 – *Water from the Rock***


 Exodus 17:1–7

In the desert, God provides water from a rock—foreshadowing Jesus, our true Rock, who was struck for our salvation.


#### **Week 8 – *Covenant Confirmed***

 Exodus 19:1–20; 24:3–8

#### **Week 9 – *The Ten Commandments***

 Exodus 20:1–17; Matthew 22:37–39

The law shows us who God is—and who we are. But only Jesus can fulfill what the law demands and give us a new heart to follow Him.

 **17** Join us each Sunday at 9:30am as we keep walking through Exodus and watching the gospel unfold page by page. These aren't just ancient stories—they are **God's Word for us today.**

## ELDER NEWS

In addition to the duties given in the by-laws, the Elder Board and Pastor Marc have embarked on a program to develop both a short- and long-term vision for St. Paul's. With the help of God and others we are striving to understand what is needed and how best to:

1. Ensure the church remains a viable part of our community
2. Continue to lead people to the Lord
3. Reach out to care for others.

We must adapt to change while maintaining our core values.

We must examine what we are doing and how we do it. Are there programs we need to change or drop? What new programs should we add to strengthen our ministry to both our membership and the community?

Progress is being made. We believe that God has sent Pastor Marc to serve and lead us now and into the future. He has many ideas that in time will be put into place as we transition. The search to find a new worship leader to enhance the music in the traditional worship service is underway. Craig Caesar has done a wonderful job replacing Larry Smith but has indicated he does not seek a permanent position.

God has led us to the need to develop a contemporary service. Thanks to the Spirit, the church has been blessed with a gift that will allow us to seek a person to lead the development of and then begin this service. Much remains to be done, but with the guidance of our Lord, we are confident this service will soon be launched. It is our prayer that this service will not only be a blessing to our membership but also will be a draw for those who seek a church to become a part of.

We ask that all be in prayer for the future of St. Paul's as we mold this new vision. These are exciting times, and we all need to support and be a part of them.

We also encourage you to contact an Elder if you have any questions, comments or suggestions as we continue to develop our vision-driven action plan for a healthy St. Paul's that pursues God's great commission.



## DEACON NEWS

### Quarterly Operating Income Update

The Deacons continue to work to more clearly communicate how the funds that support St. Pauls are received and used to support church operations, ministries and missionaries. Providing quarterly updates on church operations is an example of this. There are several reasons for using quarterly operating income updates rather than monthly updates:

- Mission's support is paid to our missionaries quarterly.
- Some giving by individuals is done annually at the end of the previous year. For example, annual giving for 2025 was provided in December 2024.
- Many in our congregation provide additional support over and above pledged amounts throughout the year.

It is also important to recognize that St. Paul's budget, as passed by the congregation at its Annual Meeting, provides guidance to St. Paul's leadership on how the congregation wants us to faithfully steward the funds we receive. Funds are managed toward meeting the budget but should be expected to require adjustments during the year based on how actual revenue and expense vary. The June 2025 quarterly update follows.

Church operating receipts and expenses for the first half of 2025 were:

- 2025 General Fund Budget approved by the congregation (full year) - \$640,656
- Receipts for General Fund YTD (January-June) - \$271,923
- General Fund Expenses YTD (January-June)- \$329,887
- Difference YTD – (\$57,964)



# CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

## Children and Family Ministries Update

“No matter what...we can trust Jesus! He is our true north – and that never changes.” This is a summary of what was taught during the week at VBS. The 27 children enjoyed a week of learning stories from the bible, playing games, enjoying snacks, and making crafts and experimenting at the Imagination Station. Let’s not forget the great music that was learned during the opening and closing. A BIG thank you to the almost 40 volunteers that gave their time and talents prior to and during the week. This week of fun would not be possible without faithful volunteers. Plans are already starting for next year’s theme, “Rainforest Falls.”

Our Sunday School program is on summer break but will be returning in mid-late September.

JAM (Jesus And Me) will start late September with a kick-off event. Regular JAM programming will begin in October. Please watch for these dates in the bulletin or the next newsletter.

Good News! Kids Church continues all summer long for families attending church. Children aged 3-10 are welcome to participate.

We are blessed to still have individuals that are willing to and want to help with children’s programming. Our Ministry Safe process is not difficult and should not be seen as a barrier to you. It is in place to protect you, our children, and our church. Please contact Lisa Stahlhut if you would like to help out in any way with children’s ministry. Plans are being made for JAM already and many volunteers will be needed in a variety of ways.

**Finally, let’s remember our theme from VBS...TRUST JESUS!**



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Women' Fellowship

July's meeting was a wonderful time of fellowship. We had a patriotic theme and gathered around the piano to raise our voices in song to celebrate.

Our meeting in August will be on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Please come and join us at 11:30 and bring a sack lunch.

### Crusaders

#### **The Rummage Sale is Coming!**

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

The all-church rummage sale sponsored by the Crusaders is a time to donate items you no longer need that can be much needed by those in our community. We can use clothing, housewares, jewelry, tools, toys, decorative items, small appliances and many other items. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT TV'S OR COMPUTERS, OR LARGE FURNITURE (BIGGER THAN ONE PERSON CAN CARRY).** We are also asking that books be limited to children's, cookbooks or vintage books.

**WE NEED GROCERY BAGS**, so please bring paper and/or plastic bags when you drop off your donations.

**DROP OFF SCHEDULE** for your donations the week prior to the sale:

Saturday, July 26 – 9 AM to 2 PM

Sunday, July 27 – 10:30 AM to 1 PM

Monday and Tuesday, July 28-29 – 9 AM to 6 PM

Wednesday, July 30 – 9AM to 8 PM

**NO DONATIONS ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY**

Thank you to those who have signed up to **VOLUNTEER**. We can always use more help, either for set up during the week or for the day of the sale. We will **SET UP** after the worship service on 27 July (Lunch will be provided for volunteers). We will **SORT AND PRICE** items Monday through Friday, 28 July through 1 August. On the **DAY OF THE SALE**, we will need people to help with checking out purchases and bagging, directing customers and cleanup. The whole process is a lot of fun and a great way to get to know others in the congregation.

**LOST AND FOUND ITEMS** that are in the coat room off the Welcome Center will be added to the sale if they are not claimed by 27 July.

Any questions? Contact Susan Pollmann, Judy Pfeiffer, Lisa Stahlhut or Nicole Youngquist.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

So far this year our youth ministry has been blessed by a core group of 12 youth who are active participants in the ministry. Through their friendships we have been blessed by many visitors and curious youth coming to check out our ministry. Praise God as He continues to steer youth to our group!

Summer is an active time for our youth and the ministry work we participate in. Upcoming events include:

- Kings Kids Camp on July 14<sup>th</sup> where several of our youth will attend as counselors or campers. This is a great event where children campers begin their walk in faith as they focus on God and how He is in our lives.
- Work Camp on July 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> when 8 intrepid youth head out to Pewaukee WI as workers to serve this community. They will build decks, paint and do other jobs to support community residents. This is a time to make new friends with youth from other ministries, strengthen their relationships with each other and with God as they pray together and study God's Word.
- Rummage sale on August 2nd where our youth will be serving our community by working with our Rummage Sale team to prepare for and hold this annual St. Paul's community service event.
- Youth group Lake Weekend on August 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>. This year we will also be going to Silver Dollar City for a day. During the long weekend we will study a set of Bible lessons that focus on the fundamentals of our faith. We will have study time, worship time, and fun times together!

The fall schedule is under development but will continue our focus on the basic Biblical truths that are the foundations of our faith.

## MISSION NEWS

### Summer 2025 Missionary Visits

The Mission Team has a great lineup of remaining visits planned for this summer.

- July 13: Cricket Meyer, Uyesu Unathi Ministries, South Africa
- July 27: Matt Clark, All Nations, St. Louis
- August 17: Derrill & Becky Martin, TEAM, Southeast Asia
- August 24: Ryan Irwin, Dutchtown House
- August 31: Marco van Raalten, Together STL, St. Louis

Please plan to join us to hear from these faithful people who are living out Christ's Great Commission as His witnesses here in St. Louis, the US, and to the ends of the earth.

On July 13<sup>th</sup> our visiting missionary, Cricket Meyer, shared exciting news with our congregation about the building that will be renovated as a community center for Lingomso Ministries in South Africa.

Funds will be needed for building updates and classrooms. Our St. Paul's Mission Team is asking the congregation to donate towards this project and the Team will match up to \$1,000. Donations for this purpose can be provided through August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Donations should be marked "Cricket building project".



## HIGHLIGHTS

### Race For Reconciliation

The energy and excitement in Lucier Park were palpable on the morning of June 14, as 450 registered runners/walkers and numerous volunteers gathered for the annual 5K Race for Reconciliation. The race is held along Delmar Boulevard, historically known as the “Delmar Divide” because of the racial and economic differences in the neighborhoods just north and south of the street. All participants experienced fellowship as we mingled and ran & walked together along the “divide”. Two representatives from St. Paul’s participated – Pastor Marc as a runner and Joyce Lindstrom as a walker. Marco van Raalten was there as one of the organizers through his work with Together STL.

As we walked/ran, we passed some remnants of the recent tornado, including a large fallen tree and a block of four houses whose roofs were covered with tarps. One apartment complex was optimistically named “Delmar Divine.”

How could Joyce have taken the picture of Pastor Marc running if she was walking far behind him? Because he had already passed the turn-around point and was headed back while she had far to go! He placed 31<sup>st</sup> with a time of 26 minutes and 12 seconds; she placed 210<sup>th</sup> with a time of 53 minutes and 40 seconds. We each got a “medal” – well, a “plastic.”

For the 450+ of us who participated, it was a step toward getting out of our racial silos and building community. Consider joining us next year! You’ll be glad you did.



### **The Rummage Sale is Coming! August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Many thanks to those who have already signed up as volunteers! But, we could use more hands to help with the set-up and preparation for this awesome community service event. Here are the dates:

**Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup> following church through Friday August 1<sup>st</sup>**

Please contact either Susan Pollmann, Judy Pfeifer, Lisa Stahlhut or Nicole Youngquist if you would like to volunteer.

## HIGHLIGHTS



### **Ministry Team Leader's Meeting**

There will be a Ministry leaders meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. to gather and discuss the coming ministry year, 2025/2026. If you are leading one of St. Paul's ministries, please plan on attending this important session.

### **Helping Hands**

Helping hands is a group of volunteers that provide support to those who need a 'Helping Hand'. Helping Hands does odd jobs on an as needed basis. While our abilities may be limited, please reach out and call to inquire about your specific needs. We will make every effort to help out or at least point you in the right direction.

One of the unexpected benefits for doing jobs as a helping hands volunteer is getting to better know the people we help. We have enjoyed the work, but more importantly, we are blessed by the time we spend with the people we serve and getting to hear their stories.

We have done everything from move furniture, replace lights, replace electrical switches, toilet repair, to even a bit of yard maintenance.....

For those who need help, please know that we are blessed by helping you so don't hesitate to call us! You can reach us through John Graeler or David Pollmann.

**Please consider adding your talents and a servant's heart to our list of Helping Hands volunteers.**

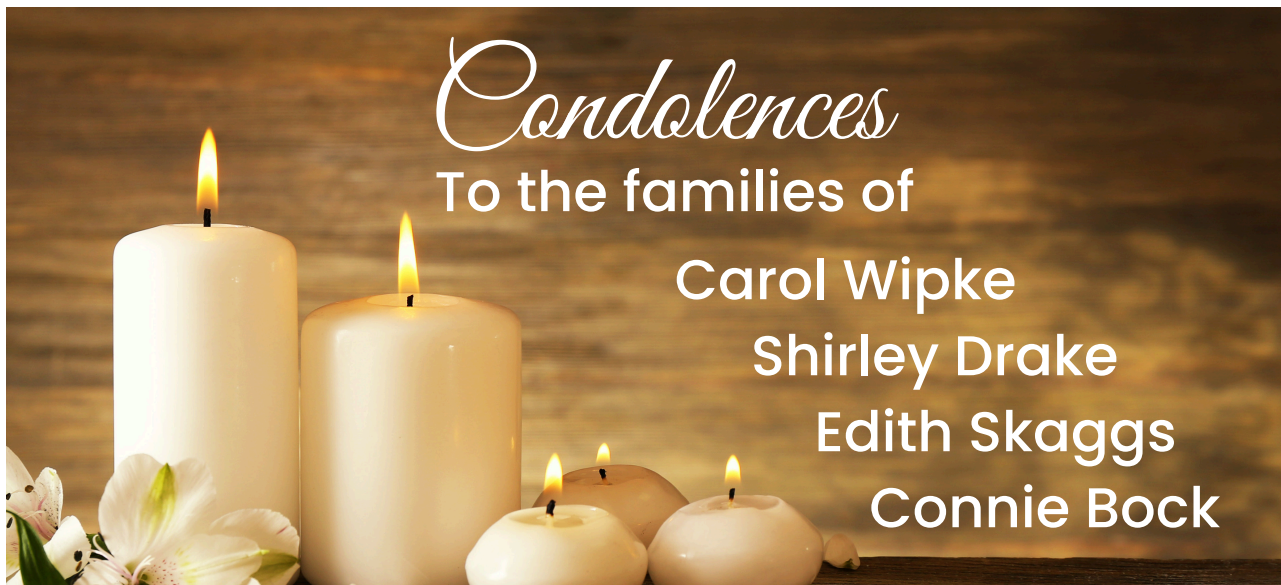
## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Anniversaries

07/03	WILLIAMSON, Ken & Kristine (12)	08/10	GLAUERT, James & Cindy (8)
07/05	VAN DYK, Kurt & Barbara (56)	08/11	KOLMER, Michael & Janet (51)
07/07	KALLEMEIER, Robert & Ann (35)	08/11	LINDSTROM, Roger & Joyce (62)
07/08	CAESAR, Charles & Phyllis (27)	08/11	ASLIN, Bob & Heidi (44)
07/09	IMMEKUS, Mark & Kristine (31)	08/22	STAHLHUT, Ralph & Carole (62)
07/11	POLLMANN, Joseph & Katherine (5)	08/24	DARBY, John & Marcene (25)
07/11	WALTER, Daniel & Patricia (55)	08/26	NIEDRINGHAUS, Richard & Edith (66)
07/13	SERDY, Frank & Mary Louise (57)	08/29	FISCHER, Ken & Kathy (57)
07/21	SMITH, David & Mary (43)	08/31	DIECKGRAEFE, Scott & Jannet (41)
07/23	PAQUETTE, Gregory & Kimberly (37)	09/01	ROBINSON, Fred & Margaret (63)
07/24	BRIGHAM, JR., Clay & Nancy (14)	09/02	
08/02	CREWS, C. James & Nancy (28)		

### Birthdays

07/01	BUESCHER, Marlene (93)	08/06	WONG, Caroline (24)
07/01	DEL CID, Maria (55)	08/12	BLACK, Albert (89)
07/01	VAN RAALTEN, Grace (14)	08/16	SMITH, Mary (70)
07/05	SCHALK, Robert (69)	08/20	BREWER, Melanie (67)
07/06	SCHALK, Donna (65)	08/20	HUBER, Steve (77)
07/07	MCGAULY, Sharon (84)	08/25	VOLLMER, Lela (79)
07/09	DIECKGRAEFE, Scott (63)	08/29	DIELMANN, Andrew (71)
07/19	KOEWIN, Grace (82)	08/31	BINNS, Betty (84)
07/20	TUCKER, Robert (82)	08/31	SHEHAN, Melissa (32)
07/21	DAHL, Nancy (68)	09/02	SCHJENKEN, Kelly (72)
07/21	GRAELER, Cynthia (35)	09/03	WILSON, Paul (82)
07/28	MCDANNOLD, Mary (62)	09/03	WILSON, Rosemary (82)
08/06	JAYNE, Donna (73)		



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**Sundays**

Worship Service & 9:30 a.m.  
Children's Church

**Mondays - Church Office Closed**

**Tuesdays**

Quilters and Project Linus 9:30 a.m.  
Prayer & Care Meeting 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays**

Activities breaking for summer

**Thursdays**

Activities breaking for summer

**Fridays**

Activities breaking for summer

7/4 Church office closed for 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
7/13 Missionary Speaker Cricket Meyer, 11 am  
7/14 Blood Drive 3-6 pm  
7/15 YarnWorks 10 am  
7/20 Youth Work Camp Departs early am  
7/21 Reasonable Faith 7 pm  
7/26 Pray with the Elders 9 am, Rummage set-up  
thru 8/1  
7/27 Missionary speaker Matt Clark 11 am  
8/2 RUMMAGE SALE 8 AM  
8/11 Deacons 5:30 pm, Elders 7 pm  
8/17 Missionary speakers Derrill & Becky Martin 11 am  
8/18 Reasonable Faith  
8/19 YarnWorks  
8/24 Missionary speaker Ryan Irwin 11 am  
8/31 Missionary Speaker Marco van Raalten