

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## *Jesus Loves*

# *July 2024*

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<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.  
**Galatians 5:22-25**

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## **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)**

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### Mission Statement

*"Empowered by God's Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people."*

### Vision Statement

*"We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ."*

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### **SUNDAY MORNINGS (JUNE - AUGUST):**

- ✝ **Divine Service w/Holy Communion:** 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✝ Sunday School: will resume in September
- ✝ **Adult Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.
  
- ✝ **Pastor: Rev. Michael Grannis**  
**952-686-3046**  
**[revgrannis@gmail.com](mailto:revgrannis@gmail.com)**



- The Church office will be closed Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>. Have a Happy and Safe Holiday.



- Monday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm



- Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am



- The St. Paul Youth Group is hosting an evening swim event. Entry is Free for all church members. If you wish to bring a friend contact Aimee. Come Join in the Fun!!!

**Monday July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 7pm to 9p at the Waseca Waterpark.**

**Ephesians 6:13-17**

13Therefore take up the whole armor of God, to stand firm. 14Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. 15As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. 16With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.



- **Vacation Bible School July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>, 6p-8p along with Christ the King and Camp Omega. You will not want to miss this fun filled week. Make sure to sign up ASAP!!**



- **Community Salad Luncheon August 9<sup>th</sup> 11am -1pm**



*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ~ Matthew 6:13*

These words of Christ are among the most recited words of Holy Scripture. They are words Christ gave us to pray in the Lord's Prayer (a.k.a. the Our Father). Just 5 years ago Pope Francis made international headlines when he approved changing the wording of the Lord's Prayer. Instead of saying "lead us not into temptation," English speaking Catholics were told to now say "do not let us fall into temptation." It was said that the change to the prayer was made to remove the implication that God might lead people into temptation.

Being bold enough to openly change Jesus' own words – words spoken by faithful followers of Christ for nearly 2000 years – is incomprehensible to me. However, it does open the door to a good question. What does this line of the Lord's Prayer really mean? What are we asking for when we ask God to "lead us not into temptation?" Many Christians have pondered this through the centuries. I believe I gained a wonderful insight into the meaning of this line when I was listening through the whole Bible several years ago.

Interestingly, the insight didn't come from Christ's words in the Gospels; it didn't even come from the New Testament. No, the insight came from a defining moment in the lives of God's people, in an unassuming side comment in the narration of the Exodus. In Exodus 13:17-18a we hear the following:

*When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said, "Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt." But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea...*

Did you catch it? When God directed the people out of Egypt to the Promised Land (modern day Israel), He did not bring them the most direct, obvious, and easiest way. Why? Because standing between Egypt and the Promised Land were the Philistines, people of war who lived in a land rich in iron (that means they could make swords and other weapons made of steel).

Were the Philistines too much for God to handle? No, of course not. However, God knew that the fear of war with the Philistines would be stronger than the Israelites' faith in God to deliver them. If God were to lead them that way, the temptation to return to Egypt and to slavery would be too strong for them to resist. So, God led them, not into temptation, but around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea.

And what was the result of this avoidance? By leading them not into temptation, God led them into a place where their options were limited. He led them away from the temptation to turn back, to a place where there was no way forward...at least no earthly way. Pharaoh received word of Israel's path. God had led them into a dead end. Walled in between the mountain cliffs and the Red Sea, they were literally between a rock and a hard place. Pharaoh chased after them with all of his chariots and horsemen and now the Israelites found themselves between the devil and the deep blue sea (or Pharaoh and the Red Sea).

When they left Egypt they thought they were ready for battle, but when they saw Pharaoh and the chariots, the people of Israel lost all courage. They accused Moses of leading them to their doom, and (as God knew they would) said they would have been better off if they had simply remained as slaves in Egypt. But God had a plan all along. It was a plan of deliverance. Listen to Moses' words to the people in Exodus 14:13-14:

*And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."*

Moses essentially said to the Israelites "Don't be afraid! God will deliver us from evil."

God's leading of the people of Israel, not through the land of the Philistines, but to the Red Sea, is a perfect picture of the line from the Lord's Prayer, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." The way of temptation may be the fastest, easiest, most direct way, but it is also the way which causes us to fear the challenges ahead. The way of temptation results in us turning from God rather than trusting in God. However, that doesn't mean the way of God's deliverance is free from danger. In fact, the way of deliverance is the way of certain danger! It is the way of the Cross!

The way of deliverance forces us to face our demons, to face our fears...to face the fact that we cannot save ourselves. There is no way out. If left to our own devices we would be destroyed. But thanks be to God! We are not left to our own devices. We are not alone. We have a God who loves us. God has promised deliverance to us. Indeed, He has delivered us in Christ! The way of deliverance leads us through death to life.

When we pray, "*Lead us not into temptation,*" we are acknowledging that our faith is weaker than our fears...but we are also trusting that God knows those limits. So we pray that He would not lead us to places where we would lose faith and turn from Him. When we pray, "*but deliver us from evil,*" we are acknowledging that the evil of this world (sin, addiction, cancer, disease, death, the accusation of the devil) all of it is too much for us to handle...but we are also trusting that whatever overwhelming situation God may lead us into, He is able to deliver us from it. We have only to be silent! Remember, wherever you are, God is with you.

Several people in our congregation (and many other loved ones outside of our congregation) are facing overwhelming medical diagnoses. Others of us are facing other forms of evil that cause us daily fear and despair. We can throw all that we can at it, but unless Christ comes first, all of will sleep the sleep of death...the evils of this world are greater than our greatest efforts to defeat them. Nevertheless, God is faithful.

Through the Cross of Christ and the empty tomb we can pray "*but deliver us from evil.*" knowing that our prayer has been answered. All will rise from the grave. All the evils of this world will be judged before the judgment throne of Christ. We will all see the deliverance of God. All who have hope in this truth will see the Promised Land: the life of the world to come.

In the mean time, know this: God is able to deliver you out of every evil you are facing. God is with you. He has led you to where you are. Trust in the Lord, and in His good and gracious will. Remember the sufferings of Christ for your sake, and know that even if God does not deliver you from death, He will certainly deliver you through death, to resurrection, and eternal life.

Living Forever, Now

Pastor Michael James Grannis

## I Walk in Danger All the Way ~ LSB 716

1 I walk in danger all the way.  
The thought shall never leave me  
That Satan, who has marked his prey,  
Is plotting to deceive me.  
This foe with hidden snares  
May seize me unawares  
If I should fail to watch and pray.  
I walk in danger all the way.

2 I pass through trials all the way,  
With sin and ills contending;  
In patience I must bear each day  
The cross of God's own sending.  
When in adversity  
I know not where to flee,  
When storms of woe my soul dismay,  
I pass through trials all the way.

3 And death pursues me all the way,  
Nowhere I rest securely;  
He comes by night, he comes by day,  
He takes his prey most surely.  
A failing breath, and I  
In death's strong grasp may lie  
To face eternity today  
As death pursues me all the way.

4 I walk with angels all the way,  
They shield me and befriend me;  
All Satan's pow'r is held at bay  
When heav'nly hosts attend me;  
They are my sure defense,  
All fear and sorrow, hence!  
Unharm'd by foes, do what they may,  
I walk with angels all the way.

5 I walk with Jesus all the way,  
His guidance never fails me;  
Within His wounds I find a stay  
When Satan's pow'r assails me;  
And by His footsteps led,  
My path I safely tread.

No evil leads my soul astray;  
I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;  
Await, my soul, the morrow,  
When God's good healing shall allay  
All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow.  
Then, worldly pomp, begone!  
To heav'n I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay;  
My walk is heav'nward all the way.

## BIBLE READING SCHEDULE JULY 2024

Fireworks are a popular and exciting way to celebrate the 4th of July. Many cities hold fireworks displays to celebrate the 4th. The bright lights and the loud booms remind us of the battles which were fought to secure our country's freedoms.

Isaiah too was privileged to see wondrous things as he saw God sitting on His heavenly throne (Isaiah 6). In this encounter, Isaiah was set free from his sins to preach the Gospel. In Isaiah's preaching he proclaimed the virgin birth of Christ (Isaiah 7:14; Matt. 1:22-24); Christ's epiphany to the Gentiles (Isaiah 11:10; 60:1-7; Matthew 2:1-11; Romans 15:12); the ministry of John the Baptist (Isaiah 40:1-5; Luke 3:1-6) Christ's suffering and death (Isaiah 50:6; 52:13-53:12).

As you read Isaiah's book in the monthly Bible reading schedule, look for Christ in the above passages and many more. You will be assured that His grace is sufficient to cleanse you of all your sins.

### JULY:

1. Isaiah 1,2,3; Titus 3; Psalm 116
2. Isaiah 4,5; Psalm 115; Jude
3. Isaiah 6,7; II Chronicles 26,27; Philemon
4. II Kings 15,16; Hebrews 1; Hosea 1
5. Hosea 2,3,4,5; Hebrews 2
6. Hosea 6,7,8,9; Hebrews 3
7. Hosea 10,11,12; Psalm 73; Hebrews 4
8. Hosea 13,14; Psalm 100,102; Hebrews 5
9. Micah 1,2,3,4; Hebrews 6
10. Micah 5,6,7; Hebrews 7
11. Isaiah 8,9,10; Hebrews 8
12. Isaiah 11,12,13,14; Hebrews 9
13. Isaiah 15,16,17,18; Hebrews 10
14. Isaiah 19,20,21; Hebrews 11
15. Isaiah 22,23,24; Hebrews 12
16. Isaiah 25,26,27,28; Hebrews 13
17. Isaiah 29,30,31; James 1
18. Isaiah 32,33,34,35; James 2
19. II Kings 17; II Chronicles 28; Psalm 46; James 3
20. II Chronicles 29,30,31; James 4
21. II Kings 18,19; II Chronicles 32; James 5
22. Isaiah 36,37; Psalm 76; I Peter 1
23. II Kings 20; Isaiah 38,39; Psalm 75; I Peter 2
24. Isaiah 40,41,42; I Peter 3
25. Isaiah 43,44,45; I Peter 4
26. Isaiah 46,47,48,49; I Peter 5
27. Isaiah 50,51,52; Psalm 9; II Peter 1
28. Isaiah 53,54,55,56; II Peter 2
29. Isaiah 57,58,59; Psalm 103; II Pet. 3
30. Isaiah 60,61,62; John 1
31. Isaiah 63,64; Psalm 107; Joh



**ACOLYTE SCHEDULE**

Please arrange a replacement if you can not acolyte at the service assigned to you. Please notify the church office at 507-835-2647 when you have changed with another acolyte. Please arrive to the church 20 minutes before the service begins, as the candles are to be lit 10 minutes before the service.

- July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Peyton Ross**
- July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Alex Bethke**
- July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024: Owen Arndt**
- July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Kameron Kunkel**

Will meet July 24<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

Hosted By Lila Schaal and Jerry Kuhn

**#29ERS**



**Birthdays  
This Month**

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**

*(Please note: If your name is not listed; we do not have your birthdate in our church records. Please contact the church office and we will update our records. Thank you!)*

Name	Birthday			
Lori Lemmen	July 1st		Bradly Bartosch	July 21st
Marrissa Kamara	July 3rd		Donald Larson	July 21st
Lori Loeffler	July 4th		Jessica Klinger	July 23rd
Orval Proechel	July 4th		Kim Nikoley	July 26th
Linda Seifert	July 5th		Jeanette Williams	July 26th
Jody Bluhm	July 6th		Bernita Kohnert	July 29th
Becky Roemhildt	July 8th		Marvin Maass	July 29th
Leeland Nusbaum	July 9th		Jacob Williams	July 29th
Wayne Roemhildt	July 11th		Dean Worke	July 29th
Karen Berg	July 12th		Gregg Roemhildt	July 30th
Joel Hammer	July 12th		Chloe Schumacher	July 30th
Carol Ulschmid	July 13th		Ariana Vasser	July 30th
David Meister	July 14th		Warren Krienke	July 31st
Jaydyn Gaul	July 15th			
Gabriel LaCroix	July 15th			
Alexa Vasser	July 15th			
Gregg Rosenthal	July 16th			
Andrew Weckwerth	July 17th			
Irene Mlenek	July 20 <sup>th</sup>			

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

### **Sunday School News:**

We have had a wonderful year with all of our students. Sharing the love of Jesus Christ with these young minds is a very rewarding experience and we thank all the parents who make the extra effort to get their kids to Sunday School. We look forward to seeing everyone in the Fall. Watch for registration forms and letters coming your way soon!!



### **Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you for donations! (Please remember: No liquids, pastes, glue, putty, gels, dough or slime of any kind. No candy or gum. Also, no toy guns or military items.) Items may be brought to church anytime throughout the year; we will store them for packing shoeboxes in the fall. **Monetary donations to the Sunday School account are needed to cover the \$10 shipping fee per box; it takes \$2250 to ship 225 boxes.** Thank you! Pray for the workers delivering the boxes and for the children receiving the shoeboxes around the world. We pray the Holy Spirit uses these gifts in amazing ways to share salvation found only in Jesus. Questions about Operation Christmas Child? Please contact Jen LaCroix or Aimee Hill. We appreciate your partnership in this outreach ministry!

Suggestions for Boys and Girls ages 2-14:

Monetary donations for \$10 shipping per box – to pack and ship 200 boxes, we need \$2000

**Toothbrushes** (no toothpaste) – NEED up to 100 more

**Paper of all sizes, lined or unlined, spiral bound or not bound** – NEED up to 150 more

**Coloring books** – NEED up to 75 more

**Colored pencils and Markers** – NEED up to 25 more sets of each

**Erasers, Dry watercolor paint sets**

**Combs, Brushes, Hair accessories, Necklaces, Rings**

**Jump ropes, Marbles, Jacks, Outdoor activities**

**Playing cards, small games**

**Solar calculator, Sunglasses, Band-Aids**

**Socks, Bags, Small backpacks, Flip flops/Sandals**

**Plain T-Shirts in LARGER SIZES of adult small/medium/large**

**Wow! Toys for BOYS larger cars/trucks and balls that fit in a shoebox** – NEED up to 75 more

**Wow! Toys for Teens anything your young teen children/grandchildren like, they would like too!**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday August 1<sup>st</sup>.** Camp Omega Staff will be teaching us about “STRONGHOLD” and the “Armor of God”. You will not want to miss this fun week of song, fellowship, games and fun!! Make sure to turn your registration sheet into the office As Soon As Possible. We will be collecting offering this week for the Mission Project: Operation Christmas Child Shoebox postage.



# Youth Mission Team 2024:

First of all, I want to Thank the people that helped support this mission trip. We had 31 people going with us to Give Kids the World in Florida: This year's attendees were: Mark Pehrson, Joey Schumacher, Zane Staloch, Dave Ziegler, Daniel Sipe, Oliver Staloch, Ton Bethke, Mallorie Gehloff, Kina Grannis, Elliana Grannis, Jeanette Williams, Camilla Staloch, Sadie Staloch, Linda Seifert, Michelle Hammer, Joel Hammer, Wyatt Arndt, Owen Arndt, Alex Bethke, Cindy Gilmore, Jackie Tieg, Linda Cone, Sheila Root, Mandi Root, Levi Root, Riley Mitchel, Mason Presher, Derek Hammer, Pastor Grannis, Tovin Grannis, Michaiah Grannis.

We would like to thank everyone for all their support to assist us financially by supporting our Hot Beef Commercials and with prayers as we were gone sharing God's Love. We couldn't have done this without you.

We will be working two stands this year under the Grandstand at the Waseca County Fair July 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who is interested in helping out with these stands, please give Mark Pehrson a call.

We will resume our Hot Beef Commercials starting in August. Please watch for dates and we look forward to seeing everyone again!!

Thanks again for all your support.

Team Leaders; Mark and Debbie Pehrson



## Thank you to all our veterans:

Richard Arnold	Jordan Labiack	
Randy Baumgard	Gary Paulson	
Ryan Berg	Gerald Kuhn	Gary Seifert
Dennis Bickell	Jordan Labiack	Brett Waters
Michael Bochman	James Larsen	Ronald Wood
Blaine Brooks	Kenneth Lenz	Todd Zimmerman
Harold Christianson	Kylie Lenz	
Jacob Claybaugh	Marvin Maass	
Roger Dahlhoff	James Madson	
Grant Duffy	Mark Pehrson	
Loren Frink	Robert Roemhildt	
Earl Guse	Thomas Ross	
Chad Hammer		

## Thank you to all our Service men and women who are serving in the military:

Gavin Doering, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron and Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall,  
David Reinsbach, John Thompson

## In Remembrance of our service men who have departed from us:

Craig Berberich Wayne Hursh, Mark Manthe, James Ross, Gerald Schroeder, and Glen Shultz.

## COTTA GUILD NEWS:



Lutheran  
Women  
*in Mission*

Our Cotta Guild supports mission projects near and far through the collection of our Mites for Mission donations. These mission projects are voted on at our Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) national and district conventions by the delegates. Thank you for your support of our Mites for Missions on the second Sunday of each month. Your donations may be placed in the Mites boxes located at the church entrances.

At Lutheran Women in Mission, we are honored to announce that mission grants going toward **“Sharing Christ with Women and Children in Kazakhstan”** and **“Expanding Gospel Outreach to Hispanics in the U.S.”** have each received disbursements of \$50,000 during our recent event with Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM).

With hearts full of gratitude, we praise God that Christ will be shared with women and children in Kazakhstan through LWML Mission Grant #20. This mission is bringing the light of the Gospel to a non-Christian nation where many face hardships. Through Christian training programs, resources, and media, families will receive messages of hope and salvation in ways that touch their hearts and resonate with their culture. This grant allows LHM to spread love, strengthen relationships, and build faith in Jesus in communities that need it most.

We thank God for the strides made to reach Hispanic communities across the United States with LWML Mission Grant #22. Recognizing the vibrant and growing Hispanic population, LHM crafts tailored programming and materials by Hispanics for Hispanics. This thoughtful approach ensures that the Gospel speaks directly to their daily lives and experiences instead of simply translating from English to Spanish. By partnering with LCMS leaders and institutions, they spread God's message of salvation in their native language, nurturing faith, and inspiring a deeper connection with Jesus.

Glory be to God that He has so richly provided for us! Thank you for blessing Lutheran Women in Mission to support these missions. Pray with us for those serving and those being served as we look forward to witnessing the beautiful impact of these grants.

**Mission Grant: Providing a Christ-Centered Education in New Orleans**  
Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans (LHS) has carried out the mission of the Lord for over 50 years by providing a Christ-centered education to students. They reach out to students who are often left behind — spiritually, academically, socially, and culturally. This grant of \$35,000 will provide half of the tuition for one year for ten students.

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*Our Prayer Team* continues to meet on Monday mornings from 10-10:30 am to pray for what God is doing here at St. Paul Lutheran, for those with health concerns, and for all matters on our hearts. You're welcome to join us! There will be NO Prayer Team July

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** In July we plan to meet on July 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 10:45. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**BIBLE BREAKFAST:** Meets every Thursday at 6:00 am at Jonnie Beans!

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Meets every Sunday morning at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall. Come and join in for an hour of fellowship

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** See you back in the Fall. Have a great Summer!!

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**FAMOUS WORDS FROM OUR CHURCH PRESIDENT:**

A Sunday School teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why its it necessary to be quiet in church? One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."





# July 2024

## St. Paul Lutheran Church – Waseca



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1. 10:00 am Prayer Team 12:30pm Education	2. 6:00 pm Elders 6:00pm Stewardship	3. 7pm Evang. & Trustee	4. OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY 4 <sup>th</sup> of JULY	5.	6.
7. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study	8. 10:00 am Prayer Team <b>6:00 PM Church Council Mtg</b>	9.	10. 9:30am Women's Bible	11. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean 1:00 pm Cotta Guild	12.	13.
Waseca County Fair. Stop by the Grandstand and support the YMTT						
14. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study	15. 10:00 am Prayer Team 6:00 pm NSC Board <b>Waterpark event 7p-9p</b>	16. <b>News Letter Articles Due</b>	17.	18. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean	19.	20.
21. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study	22. 10:00 am Prayer Team	23.	24. 9:30am Women's Bible <b>Noon 29er's @ Noon</b>	25. 6:00 am Bible Study @ Johnnie Bean	26.	27.
Church Directory pictures are being taken in Old Parish Hall						
Set up for VBS in upstairs Parish Hall						
28. 9am Divine Service 10:15am VOTERS MTG	29. 10:00 am Prayer Team	30.	31.			
<b>Vacation Bible School -- Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup> Thru August 1<sup>st</sup> 6pm-8pm</b>						