

St. Paul's Epistle

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St. Paul
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ALL ARE WELCOME!

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SUMMER BLESSINGS!

Stay safe

during the holidays!



Thank you for your outstanding support of this year's Rummage Sale! Around \$4K was raised for the youth program!




CAR WASH

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE YOUTH CAR WASH!
We raised \$900!

WE WANT YOU!

HOW ARE YOU A CHRIST AMBASSADOR?

Summer Stewardship Initiative



SHARE A STORY & PHOTO OF A TIME YOU WERE AN AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST IN THE COMMUNITY. WHETHER ON VACATION, AT WORK OR AT CAMP, ETC. THIS SUMMER! STORIES MAY BE TEXT OR EMAILED TO PR. JANIS, HOLLY OR ST. PAUL AT STPAUL@RETEL.COM

www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com

Our mission is to GATHER as God's people; to GROW in faith, love, and service; and to GO into the community and world as disciples of Jesus.



- The new school year will begin September 9th!
- Later this summer sign up sheets will be available for volunteer leaders.
- Every session begins in the Rainbow Room and we will split into 2 groups for rotation.
- We follow the Sunday lessons.

Sonshine Friends

Will begin in September after Labor Day. The theme for the year will be “the Promises of God”

VBS

NEW DATE!

**Sunday, August 4-
Wednesday, August 7**

**5:30-8:30PM
Supper served!**

**Parent Program– 7th at
7PM**

VBS this summer will be using their offering for the “new splashpad” at the pool!



GATHER

GROW

GO

Children & Youth Happenings

Summer Activities

- June 26th – 6-8th @ Little League Field 7PM
 - July 11th– 9-12th TBA at 7PM
 - July 31st- 6-8th at 7PM

Elementary Pool Party

Sunday, July 28th

1PM-3PM

*Bring friends!

Raging Rivers

6th-9th grade

Friday, August 9th

10AM-7PM

Backpack Blessings and Senior Scholarships

August 11th during worship



Confirmation Orientation

Wednesday, August 14th

7:00PM at the church

*The Youth attending the
National Youth Gathering*

July 15-22

Please keep the following youth and adults in your prayers!

Rae Maki

AJ Fuller

Courtney Collings

Bella Wimer

Molly Jochim

Holly Klemisch

Pastor Janis



Worship



Sundays

Please remember we are committed to Live Streaming all of our worship services.

Scripture Readers needed for July and August!

Acolytes for July and August!

Fellowship Servers Thank you to Youth and their families serving this summer!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

****Holy Communion Sundays– please note!

ONLY July 7th, August 4th at CCM! August 18th

Sunday worship August 4th will be at Camp of the Cross at 10:00 a.m., with lunch to follow.

The service will be in the Fellowship Center. St. Paul is sponsoring the lunch this day. Please join us for worship and lunch. There will be no service at St. Paul's. The service will be taped and available later on our web site.

Mission Support

Thank you for your support and outreach as we “GO” into the world as disciples of Jesus Christ!

Western ND Synod, ELCA \$6,870

Fair Trade Coffee

Our purchases for our Fellowship Time make Fair Trades Anniversary Sale a success! In just coffee alone, they estimate that in the 5 days of their sale, they sold roughly the annual harvest of: 10 family farms. That's 704,592 cups of coffee!

Operation Christmas Child

St. Paul collected 16 boxes to add to the 11.3 million collected!

Camp of the Cross Ministries \$8,621

Bridges of Hope donations for “care packages”

ACTION GROUPS

The August and September will meet:

July 21st

August 18th

Weekly Bible Studies

Men's Tuesday morning Bible

Study: *will return in September!*

Thursday Morning Community

Bible Study: at the Meadows will continue at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays through the summer. The study is looking at the upcoming Sunday readings.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE MEETING and BIBLE STUDY

Morning Circle meets the 1st Wednesday of every month for fellowship and Bible study. We will meet August 7th at 9:30AM. No July meeting.



Quilting

Will continue through the summer. Join them on Mondays at 1PM, except holidays!

Did you know how many quilts were donated this year!?

Total Quilts 201

Baptism Quilts 10

Gifts From the Heart 65

Heart River Bridges of Hope 27

BLC 10

Camp of the Cross Auction 1 3

Camp of the Cross Staff 5



Greetings friends!

Blessings to you and your families! Summer is here. I am excited for the warmer weather and the sun. I love working outside in the parsonage gardens. I also look forward to each summer when my family and I can travel back East to vacation in Maryland. A new adventure for Laura and I is camping. We have bought a small camper and will be camping in campgrounds around Garrison.

Summertime ministry is also upon us. What that means is that some of our programs are scaled down, but we certainly are still active this summer. We will continue live streaming our Sunday morning worship. So, no matter where you are you still can join us for worship or worship with us later in the day via the recording found on our website. The morning Bible study on Thursdays will also continue. It is a 10AM Community Bible study at the Meadows on Thursdays. You are welcome to join this time of fellowship, fun and study. They are fun, believe me!

We have one opportunity to worship away from St. Paul this summer. It will be a time to worship off site with sisters and brothers at Camp of the Cross Ministries on one of their Summer Sundays. We will worship at CCM on Sunday, August 4th at 10AM. I have requested that we worship in the Fellowship Center and not outside. That service will be recorded. Sorry no

livestream that day. We will also be hosting the meal to follow.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you are interested in new ways for you to be involved in our community of faith. We have a vibrant community and faith. I am proud to be a part of it!

If you are struggling, please remember there are many resources at St. Paul that can help you in your journey, whether it be going well or in a season of struggles. There are many sisters and brothers in Christ who would be available to visit with you and share in your life happenings with you.

My office door is always open, I am easily emailed, and I am a cell phone call or text away! I am also on social media. And if you are a Snap Chatting person, I am still slowly but surely learning how to do that too.

Blessings as we move into the Pentecost season. Have a blessed and safe summer!

Peace,

Janis
Pastor Janis



Cemetery Update

We discovered earlier this year that the deed to the land had never been transferred to St. Paul. With help from the Synod we have had it deeded over to us. Thank you Eslingers!

St. Paul's Cemetery Fund

is in need of funds to cover the mowing and upkeep on the cemetery this summer. Donations would be greatly appreciated. Please mark them for cemetery, they may be put in the offering plate, given to Loree, or mailed to the church.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council Officers

- President– Clair Eslinger
- Vice President– Randy Essler
- Secretary– Deb Youngs

Did you know St. Paul has the following committees to support our ministry and the council!?




- Fellowship
- Parish Education
- Altar Guild
- Property
- Worship
- Social Action
- Tech/Audio
- Finance
- Cemetery

Summer Office Hours
Monday-Friday
9AM-12Noon

CANDAK
Will be using our parking lot
August 3-11



2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
St. Paul Summer Office Hours 9:00 a.m. -12 Noon Monday-Friday	1 1:00PM Quilting Pastor Sloka Vacation	2	3	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY 11 10:00 Community BS @ Meadows 7PM HS Yth Group Pastor Sloka @ wedding	5	6
7 9:45 Worship with Holy Communion NOLA trip commissioning 10:45 Fellowship	8 1:00PM Quilting 6PM VBS meeting *VBS Registration forms due!	9	10	11 10:00 Community BS @ Meadows 7PM HS Yth Group Pastor Sloka @ wedding	12	13
14 9:45 Worship 10:45 Fellowship @ Wedding	15 1:00PM Quilting National Youth Gathering- NOLA	16 	17	18 10:00 Community Bible Study Meadows 10:00 a.m. Crafting @ the church	19 Governor's Cup ND State Fair	20 Governor's Cup ND State Fair
21 9:45 Worship NO Holy Communion 10:45 Fellowship ND State Fair	22 1:00PM Quilting ND State Fair National Youth Gathering- NOLA	23 ND State Fair	24 ND State Fair 6:30 Sweet Sounds practice Pastor Sloka Vacation	25 10:00 Community Bible Study Meadows ND State Fair	26 ND State Fair VBS will be August 4-7! 	27 ND State Fair
28 9:45 Worship w/Sweet Sounds 10:45 Fellowship 11:30am - 1:30 pm Haugen Wedding Reception 1PM-3PM Elem Pool Party Vacation	29 1:00PM Quilting	30	31 7PM 6-8 th grade youth group			

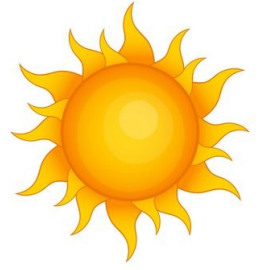


If you see this... let Pastor Sloka know..



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