



Epistle

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Strawberry Festival

Plans are underway for this year's Strawberry Festival. This is a fun event for St. Paul's to share with the community that *through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.*

Congregational Life Committee welcomes all (adults and youth) to participate by volunteering your time/talents for our annual Strawberry Festival on **Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 9 am to 2 pm.** Last year's event was on a smaller scale and was very successful. We are planning to continue this format as we meet and greet with our community.

Please mark this event on your calendar and come out to support by giving of your time by volunteering.

Another way you can help out if you're not available on the day of the event, **donate funds** to help with the **costs of food items** needed for the event by giving cash or checks payable to St. Paul's and on the memo line: add "Strawberry Festival" or through online giving (www.saintpaulslutheranchurc.org) GIVE button - select "undesignated" and in "note" type in "Strawberry Festival" to make a donation. Thank you!

Questions or want to help: contact Sheila Kahler or Kate Stottlemeyer, or call the Parish office

"Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so, some people have shown hospitality to angels without even knowing it."

—Hebrews 13:1,2

Please contact any of the Committee Contacts listed below to volunteer:

- **Welcome Tent** (Jackie Waas) - share St. Paul's history and outreach ministries
- **Quilt Tent** (Kate Stottlemeyer) - selling quilts
- **Food Tent** (Marcia Gupta and Sue Snider) - hand out FREE hot dogs, chips, and bottled water
- **Bake Table** (Marie Purswell) - make bake goods for sale (drop off on Friday, May 20th in Parish Hall) and/or help sell Bake items
- **Strawberry Shortcake Tent** (Betsy Galliher) - need bakers to make 9x13 shortcakes, pre-assemble items prior to the event or help sell Strawberry Shortcakes.
- **Roasted Nuts** (Sam Purswell) - need help bagging and selling roasted nuts
- **Set-Up** - tents/tables/chairs between 7 AM and 9 AM
- **Take-Down** - starting around 1:30 PM
- **Runners** (ad hoc) restock items for the tents (as needed); take care of the garbage cans
- **Youth Yard Sale** (Belinda Burris) - volunteers to staff the yard sale
- **Plant Sale** - need plant donations and volunteers to sell plants



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Spring Blood Drive is scheduled for Friday, May 13th. If you are able to donate your time to help make this a success, please contact the Parish Office. We greatly appreciate you!



Faith Formation Classes for the year will end on May 15th. We have enjoyed partnering with our families and community; people of all ages learning to live their faith and sharing God's love in the world! We will resume classes in the Fall.

Hope to see you then!



We will be receiving baked goods for the Strawberry Festival on Friday, May 20th at the Parish Hall during business hours 9am—1pm and between 4pm and 6pm. Sign up Sheets are in the Church and the Parish Hall. We will have yellow printed sheets for ingredient listing available at drop off for folks to fill in. Please contact Marie through the Parish Office or email at workaholic521@gmail.com



Prayer shawls may provide peace and comfort to individuals who are grieving, ill or going through a difficult time in their life. St. Paul's has several blessed prayer shawls in various colors that are available for you or someone you know that may be in need of the blessings conferred by these shawls. If you would like to receive one, please see Marcia or Kate after church or you may email the Parish Office.

Council Corner

In our continuing effort to reconnect with each other we give you a couple more short bios of our council members.

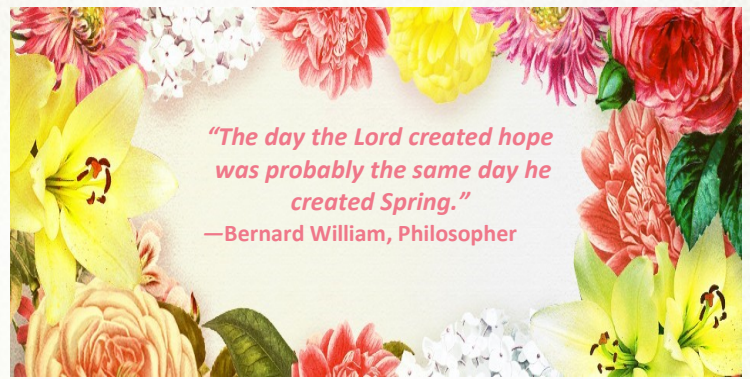
If anyone in the congregation would like to join us in this effort, feel free to write it up and send it in.

Troy Keeney -

I have been a lifelong member of St. Paul's thanks to the evangelism of Sam and Shirley Eyler who brought me as small child to Sunday school with Ellen. As a youth, I was baptized and confirmed as a member. I am currently in my 12th year of serving on Council which has included multiple terms serving both as Council President and Vice President and now as Financial Secretary along with serving on our Finance Committee. The transferrable skills obtained in leadership within the insurance industry has helped me to better serve our congregation, church, and community. I am currently on the Board of Directors for Glade Valley Community Services and actively involved in volunteering at our local food bank.

Kate Stottlemeyer.

I'm local. I grew up in new Midway, graduated Walkersville High School in 1977, and have lived in the Walkersville area most of my life. I'm a homemaker. How I ended up at St. Paul's is an interesting story. The short version is this: My home church was 20-25 minutes away—too far for me to commute with two little kids—so I started looking for something closer. A person at church misunderstood when I said I was looking at St. Paul's, blabbed it to the "grapevine" and three weeks later I got a call from Pastor Foucart saying he'd received a letter of transfer for me and asking what I wanted to do. I said, "Let's go for it!" That was in 1993 and I've been happy ever since. I've participated in various activities over the years: I directed VBS when my kids were young, I've usually been in choir, now I'm sewing quilts, but this is my first ever term on Council. I ran for Council because somebody asked, and because I wanted a different, challenging way to serve the congregation that has always made me feel at home.



*"The day the Lord created hope
was probably the same day he
created Spring."*

—Bernard William, Philosopher

Ministry Sunday June 5th

In a continuous effort to make participation more user friendly within the congregation we are going to try something new starting June 5th. Our ministry groups will begin meeting the first Sunday of the month immediately after service. The goal is to have the meetings last around an hour. This is to give everyone a better opportunity to participate in the workings of the church without having to fit it in during the week or evenings. The exceptions being Executive, Staff Relations and Council since they are all pulled from the other groups. This will also give ministry groups the opportunity to communicate with each other in real time to coordinate efforts and information. One of the things that will need to happen is individuals will need to focus on a single ministry group. That doesn't mean they can't help with other projects outside their group, (an example would be Strawberry Festival). The point is to keep people from getting spread too thin and burning out.

My hope is this will bring opportunities for us to focus on making all our efforts the best they can be with less stress. If you are unsure if you want to participate, we invite you to sit in on any of the meetings to get a feel for how they work. None of the groups are life sentences. If someone feels called to work in a different area, they are free to change. The goal is to do the work of the church with joy and vigor, not as a burden. Next month I will share more about each ministry group to give everyone the information they need to make an informed choice. Feel free to contact me with any questions. I look forward to all of us moving together in this exciting new direction to fulfill the words in our mission statement. Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.

Council President
Russell Mildenstein



Youth Yard Sale will be held Friday, May 20th and Saturday, May 21st from 8am until 2pm. Donations will be collected on the parsonage front porch beginning Sunday, May 15th. Please follow the signs for placement of items. Donations can be dropped off anytime through Friday, May 20th, we will not be able to receive donations on Saturday. Last year's yard sale netted \$800 which was used to support the 2021 Mission Possible at home. This year's proceeds will continue to support future mission projects.

Volunteers are needed to sort donations and set up on Thursday, May 19th from 9am until 3pm, drop by any time to lend a hand. If you are available to help sell on Friday or Saturday, please contact Belinda or see the sign up on the side bulletin board of the church. Please email Belinda at youthandfamily@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org or contact the office for her cell number. Thank you so much for the continued support of the youth ministry at St. Paul's.

May Birthdays

- May 3rd Keith Horton
Luke Zeller
- May 4th Kay Wachter
- May 5th Lauren Johnson
- May 12th Thomas Kutz
- May 20th Connie Chesnik
- May 21st Marie Purswell
J.T. Valcarcel
- May 22nd Jeff King
- May 24th Milton Denn
- May 27th Cassandra King
Noah King
- May 28th Ellen Bucheimer
- May 29th Brenda Bruning
Dustin Burris
- May 30th Troy Keeney
Linda Yopp

Upcoming Events

- May 7th — Property Clean Up
- May 8th — Mother's Day
- May 12th-14th— Synod Assembly
- May 13th— Red Cross Blood Drive
- May 21st— Strawberry Festival
- May 30th— Memorial Day

