

The Messenger

JUNE 2025

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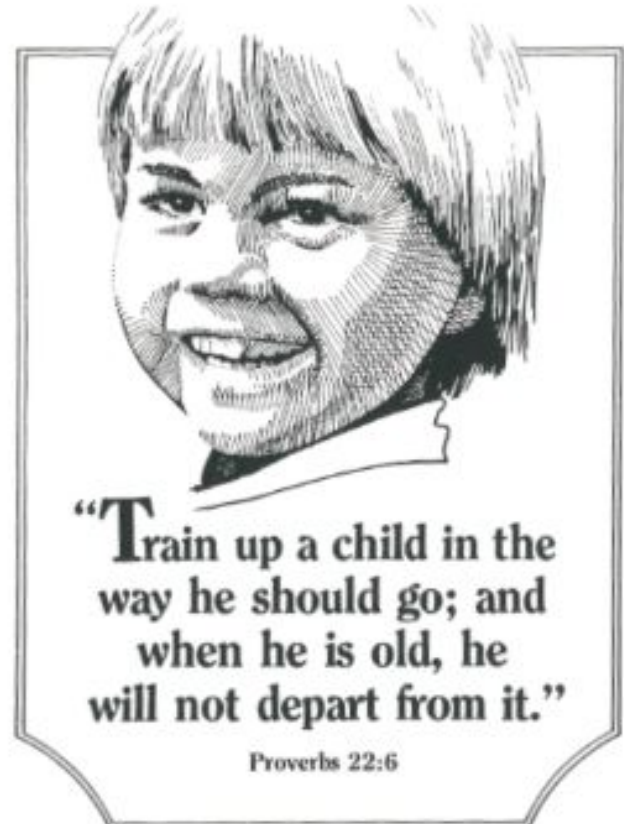
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
AT 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE
CLASSES AT 9:45 A.M.
WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
AT 7:00 P.M.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

STUDY the Word
SEEK the lost
SERVE all people
SHARE our gifts
In JESUS' name.

...St. Paul Lutheran Church

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FACTS & FIGURES

| DATE | SERVICE | ATTENDANCE | OFFERING |
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| 4/27 & 4/30 | Worship Services | 59 + 72 + 21 = 152 | \$6,542.91 |
| 5/4 & 5/7 | Worship Services | 60 + 127 + 18 = 205 | \$6,495.00 |
| 5/11 & 5/14 | Worship Services | 61 + 87 + 12 = 160 | \$4,767.50 |
| 8/18 & 5/21 | Worship Services | 74 + 67 + 21 = 162 | \$4,360.00 |
| Needed each week | | | \$8,642.37 |

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the
July 2025 issue
of *The Messenger* is:
**Monday, June 23
at 12:00 (noon)**

Articles may be emailed to
lynn@stpaulcaro.org
or put in Secretary mailbox.

**To ensure that I get
all information correct,
please only submit by email
or in my mailbox.
No phone calls please.
Thank you!**

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN DRAWING

The winners for the Children's Bulletin Drawing for April are - **Cora, Stella, and Connor.** If you haven't yet, you can either pick up your prize at the church office M-F, 8:30-4:30, or you can tell myself (Lynn), or Pastor, or the Elder on any Sunday and they can let you choose a prize from the prize box. The winners for May will be announced in the July newsletter.

The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you!

-Mae Maloo

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS FOR 2025

If you would like to sponsor the newsletter for a month, please see or call Lynn in the office at 989-673-4214. The cost is only \$25 for a month.

As you walk down the fairway of life you must smell the roses, for you only get to play one round.

-Ben Hogan

Scripture Readings:

June

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| 1 | FR: Acts 1:12-26 PS: Psalm 133 EP: Revelation 22:1-6 (7-11) 12-20 GO: John 17:20-26 |
| 8 | OT: Genesis 11:1-9 PS: Psalm 143 EP: Acts 2:1-21 GO: John 14:23-31 |
| 15 | OT: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 PS: Psalm 8 EP: Acts 2:14a, 22-36 GO: John 8:48-59 |
| 22 | OT: Isaiah 65:1-9 PS: Psalm 3 EP: Galatians 3:23-4:7 GO: Luke 8:26-39 |
| 29 | OT: 1 Kings 19:9b-21 PS: Psalm 16 EP: Galatians 5:1, 13-25 GO: Luke 9:51-62 |

The Kind of Dad I'd Buy

If I went shopping for a dad,
Here is what I'd buy;
One who would always stop
To answer a little boy's "Why?"
One who would always speak
kindly

To a little girl or boy,
One who would give to others
A bit of sunshine and joy.
I'd pick a dad that followed
The Bible's Golden Rule,
And one who went regularly
To church and Sunday school.
I'd buy the very finest dad
To place on our family tree,
And then I'd try to live like him
So he would be proud of me.

-Helen Kitchell Evens

A man who gives his children
habits of industry provides for
them better than by giving them
a fortune. -Archbishop Whately

In loving memory
of the 40 plus
years we were
able to celebrate
together.
1967-2008

Liz

In Honor of the
Wedding
Anniversaries of:
Pastor & Ruth Steele
and
Kent & Lisa Graf

29 June – Today, the Church celebrates the Festival of **St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles.**

The Festival of St. Peter and St. Paul is one of the very oldest Saint's Days in the Church's calendar. Christians have remembered these two on June 29 since at least AD 250. A very old tradition holds that both apostles were martyred the same day under orders from Emperor Nero in AD 68.

Peter, of course, during Christ's Passion had denied his Lord three times out of fear. When Christ restored Peter in John 21, He asked him if he loved Him three times. Three times Peter confessed that he loved Christ like a brother. He apparently hesitated to use the word for love (*agape*) that entails willingness to lay down one's life. Christ charged him to feed His lambs and tend His flock. The Lord Jesus, however, did go on to tell Peter that the day would come when he will stretch out his hands, have another dress him, and lead him where he does not want to go. "This He said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God" (John 21:19) and added the invitation: "Follow Me." Peter was thus given the promise that he would die a martyr for his Master.

When that time came, Peter was in Rome (called by the code name "Babylon," 1 Peter 5:13). He had witnessed Christ's resurrection to Jews and Gentiles for many years, confessing to one and all, "We believe that we will be saved through the

grace of the Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 15:11). He was arrested and sentenced to death by crucifixion. He reportedly begged only the favor of being crucified upside down. He did not feel worthy to die in the exact same manner as the One he had once denied. Paul, when last heard of in Acts, was under house arrest in Rome. Tradition suggests that he may have been released from that initial imprisonment and fulfilled his desire to preach the Good News in Spain. But under fickle Nero, the apostle landed in prison yet again a short while later and this time received the death sentence. Because he was a Roman citizen, Paul was not crucified, but given a relatively merciful death through a swift beheading. He had long contemplated this final victory; "With full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:20-21). Paul knew that the death that awaited him was already a vanquished enemy.

The remains of the two apostles are said to be interred beneath the original St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Together they await the joyous resurrection that they fearlessly proclaimed.

READINGS

ACTS 15:1-12(13-21) / GALATIANS 2:1-10 /
MATTHEW 16:13-19

Weedon, W. (2016). *Celebrating the Saints*.
Concordia Publishing House.

St. Paul's Graduates

We will be celebrating our 2025 Graduates here at St. Paul on Sunday, June 1 at the 11:00 service.

We will celebrate with a Senior Dessert hosted by the LWML following the service.

As a gift from the quilters, they will each get to choose a beautiful handmade quilt.



*Lindy Calery, Addison Fisch,
Canton Tétel, Madelyn Stefanovsky,
and Kallie Wegner*



May they continue to choose to walk with God as they take the next step in their journey through life.



Kallie Wegner

Kallie is the daughter of Tara Wegner & Jacob Wegner and is a graduate of Caro High School.

Future Plans After Graduation:

Kallie plans to go to Eastern Michigan University to get a Masters Degree in Social Work.

Any Honors Received: National Technical Honor Society, Honor Roll with cords, Varsity Academic Letter, and Scholar Athletic Award.

Your Fondest Memory at St. Paul Lutheran Church: Vacation Bible School



Lindy Michelle Calery

Lindy is the daughter of Lori Calery and is a graduate of Highland Pines School.

Future Plans After Graduation:

After graduation, I will spend some time volunteering in the community and attending local events. I will also be advocating for services and support for individuals with disabilities. My goal is to have a place where my friends and I can spend time in a safe environment that accommodates

all our unique needs, maintains our social relationships, and continues to work on building our skills. **Any Honors Received:** Over the years I have received multiple awards from the regional and state Special Olympic games. I've also received several awards from Highland Pines Adaptive gym class in bowling and basketball. The school recognized my good behavior monthly with awards and prizes. I was honored to be elected as the queen of my senior prom this year. **Your Fondest Memory at St. Paul Lutheran Church:** My fondest memory at St. Paul Lutheran Church was taking part in the groundbreaking ceremony for the Sunday School addition.

Madalyn Stefanovsky

Madalyn is the daughter of Brian Stefanovsky and Teri Kopasz. She is a graduate of Caro High School.

Future Plans After Graduation:

After graduation, she will attend Central Michigan University to study Family Law and Real Estate.

Any Honors Received: 4 year athlete, NHS, and 4 years student council.

Your Fondest Memory at St. Paul Lutheran Church: Learning how to line dance during the mission trip in Virginia in 2020.



Listening to the Silence

The story of Elijah says that Elijah heard God's voice in a "still, small voice" (KJV) or "the sound of sheer silence" (NRSV). What an amazing image!

A quick recap of the life of Elijah: he was feeling threatened, and fled for his life. As he found himself hungry he prayed for God to take him, but this did not happen. Finally, he hid in a cave. He did not stay there long - a voice called him outside.

A great wind came, and Elijah looked for God in the wind, but God was not there. This was followed by an earthquake, but still Elijah could not find God. Last came a great fire - and again, no God.

Elijah paused - probably with a very puzzled look on his face - and listened. It was only then that he heard the "sound of sheer silence" and in that moment he heard the voice of God.

Macrina Wiederkehr in her book *Seven Sacred Pauses* says this about silence:

Silence is like a river of grace inviting us to leap unafraid into its beckoning depths. It is dark and mysterious in the waters of grace. Yet in the silent darkness we are given new eyes. In the heart of the divine we can see more clearly who we are. We are renewed and cleansed in this river of silence.

There are those among you who fear the Great Silence. It is a foreign land to you. Sometimes it is good to leap into the unknown. Practice leaping.

Can we do that? Can we pause long enough in our busy lives to leap into the great silence? Can we let the wind, earthquake, and fire of our busyness lapse away, that we might spend at least a few moments in the silent presence of God?

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J.O.Y. EVENT SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025

Just Older Youth will meet at the church at **11:30 AM on Saturday, June 21**, and go to the Brentwood for lunch, then to the **Caro Art Fair** at Bieth Memorial Park. Over 20 arts vendors will display their exhibits, along with live music, food trucks, and more activities for all ages. We can then go to Dairy Queen for ice cream to top off our afternoon.

PLEASE JOIN US for Christian fun and fellowship!! Just Older Youth includes everyone 50 and older.

If you can come, please sign the sheet posted on the board in the narthex.

VBS

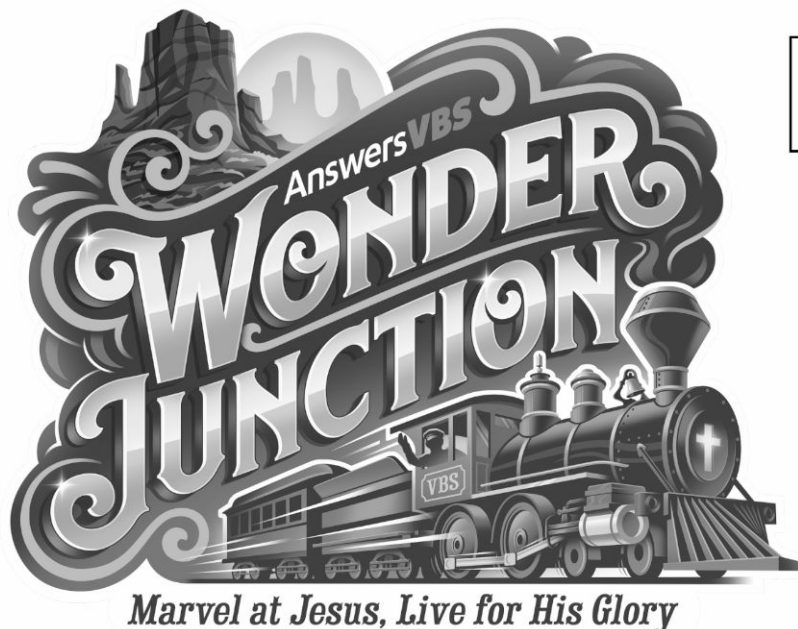
Sunday July 13th - Thursday July 17th

5:30pm-7:45pm

*Doors open at 5:15pm for registration, followed by the Opening

*Closing begins at 7:30pm

Light supper served each night as part of the program



Scan QR Code to
register



Registration forms are available online at:
<https://stpaulcaro.myanswers.com/wonder-junction>

Program for ages 3 years to 5th grade

Questions contact Jody Barrigar 989-325-1490

Volunteers of all ages and talents welcomed. Use QR code

Bible Writing Plan

June 2025

Heaven's Whispers

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 - Jeremiah 33:3 | 16 - Romans 10:17 |
| 2 - John 10:27 | 17 - Proverbs 8:32-34 |
| 3 - 1 Kings 19:12 | 18 - Revelation 2:7 |
| 4 - Psalm 46:10 | 19 - John 14:26 |
| 5 - Proverbs 3:6 | 20 - Psalm 81:8 |
| 6 - Isaiah 30:21 | 21 - Matthew 17:5 |
| 7 - Psalm 25:4-5 | 22 - Hebrews 1:1-2 |
| 8 - James 1:5 | 23 - Deuteronomy 4:29 |
| 9 - Psalm 119:105 | 24 - 1 Corinthians 2:10 |
| 10 - Psalm 143:8 | 25 - Isaiah 28:23 |
| 11 - John 16:13 | 26 - Psalm 40:1 |
| 12 - Matthew 4:4 | 27 - Psalm 85:8 |
| 13 - Isaiah 55:3 | 28 - Isaiah 55:3 |
| 14 - 1 Samuel 3:9 | 29 - Psalm 95:7-8 |
| 15 - Psalm 37:23 | 30 - Psalm 119:11 |

*My sheep hear my voice,
and I know them,
and they follow me.*

JOHN 10:27



FAMILY DEVOTION CALENDAR

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| <p>1</p> <p>PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 133</p> | <p>2</p> <p>PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECITE THE NICENE CREED</p> | <p>3</p> <p>PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS READ GENESIS 23</p> | <p>4</p> <p>PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE 1 JOHN 3:1</p> | <p>5</p> <p>PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER CATECHISM: LORD'S PRAYER INTRO AND MEANING</p> | <p>6</p> <p>PRAY FOR UNBELIEVERS READ GENESIS 24</p> | <p>7</p> <p>PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS MEMORIZE THE LORD'S PRAYER</p> |
| <p>8</p> <p>PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 143</p> | <p>9</p> <p>PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECITE THE APOSTLES CREED</p> | <p>10</p> <p>PRAY FOR THE UNBORN READ GENESIS 25</p> | <p>11</p> <p>PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE EXODUS 3:15</p> | <p>12</p> <p>PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER CATECHISM: LORD'S PRAYER 1ST PETITION AND MEANING</p> | <p>13</p> <p>PRAY FOR THE CHURCH READ GENESIS 26</p> | <p>14</p> <p>PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS MEMORIZE THE LORD'S PRAYER</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p>PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 8</p> | <p>16</p> <p>PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECITE THE NICENE CREED</p> | <p>17</p> <p>PRAY FOR TEACHERS READ GENESIS 27</p> | <p>18</p> <p>PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE MARK 1:15</p> | <p>19</p> <p>PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER CATECHISM: LORD'S PRAYER 2ND PETITION AND MEANING</p> | <p>20</p> <p>PRAY FOR UNBELIEVERS READ GENESIS 28</p> | <p>21</p> <p>PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS MEMORIZE THE LORD'S PRAYER</p> |
| <p>22</p> <p>PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 3</p> | <p>23</p> <p>PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECITE THE APOSTLES CREED</p> | <p>24</p> <p>PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES READ GENESIS 29</p> | <p>25</p> <p>PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE JOHN 6:40</p> | <p>26</p> <p>PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER CATECHISM: LORD'S PRAYER 3RD PETITION AND MEANING</p> | <p>27</p> <p>PRAY FOR THE CHURCH READ GENESIS 30</p> | <p>28</p> <p>PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS MEMORIZE THE LORD'S PRAYER</p> |
| <p>29</p> <p>PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 16</p> | <p>30</p> <p>PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECITE THE NICENE CREED</p> | <p>31</p> <p>PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS READ GENESIS 31</p> | | | | |

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

God's Blessings as you celebrate your special day!

June 1

Susan Holder

June 12

June Patterson

June 21

Amanda Ewald

June 2

**Richard Parsell
Jenna Tetil
Easton Cook**

June 14

**Larry Creutz
Jeremy Decker**

June 22

Suzanne Sattelberg

June 4

Don Hahn

June 15

BrieAnna Hiser

June 23

Sandra Williamson

June 5

**Steve Tenbusch
Grace Hecht**



June 25

Ryan Neuman

June 26

Marty Decker

June 7

Troy Wark

June 16

**Jeff Parsell
Cassius Kern**

June 27

**Collin Greer
Aaron Hiser
Wilma Higley**

June 8

Lee Avery

June 17

**Pam Retzler
Garrett Tetil**

June 28

**Kay Niedrich
John Weidman**

June 9

Joseph Novelli

June 10

Jillian Genua

June 18

Jay Hecht

June 29

Tammy Ewald

June 11

Danny Carter

June 19

Kris Singer

June 30

Melissa Szczygiel

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 1 Graduation Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:00 Senior Dessert | 2 | 3 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:30 Board of Elders | 4 7:00 Worship Service | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 The Day of Pentecost 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion | 9 | 10 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:00 Endowment | 11 7:00 Worship Service | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Father's Day The Holy Trinity 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion | 16 | 17 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal | 18 7:00 Worship Service | 19 | 20 | 21 11:30 JOY Event |
| 22 Second Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class 11:00 Outdoor Contemporary Service | 23 | 24 8:30 Quilters | 25 7:00 Worship Service | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 5th Sunday Door Offering Third Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion | 30 | Prayer Chain: Church Office: 673-4214 lynn@stpaulcaro.org | | Flower Chair: Linda Matuszak | | Ushers: Edwna Lockwood Kevin Lockwood Canton Tetil John Amend Tim Bates Richard Parsell Barb Parsell |