

The Messenger



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Greetings St. Paul Lutheran Church!

I shared recently in worship that St. Paul is in conversation with the Sarasota Moravian Church for shared space usage. You may have seen their pastor and other members of the church at our worship services and at coffee hour lately. They currently are worshiping in a different church but are looking for a space that can give them more consistent time for worship. While all the details are still being worked out I wanted to share some information that we know.

If you haven't heard of the Moravian Church, that's okay. They are a smaller denomination especially in the United States. The name Moravian identifies the fact that this historic church had its origin in ancient Bohemia and Moravia in what is the present day Czech Republic. In the mid-ninth century these countries converted to Christianity. In the centuries that followed, Bohemia and Moravia gradually fell under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of Rome, but some of the Czech people protested.

The foremost of the Czech reformers, John Hus (1369-1415) was a professor of philosophy and rector of the University of Prague. The Bethlehem Chapel in Prague, where Hus preached, became a rallying place for the movement against many practices of the Roman Catholic clergy and hierarchy. Hus was accused of heresy, underwent a long trial at the Council of Constance, and was burned at the stake on July 6, 1415. However, the reformation spirit did not die with Hus. The Moravian Church, or Unitas Fratrum (Unity of Brethren), as it has been officially known since 1457, arose as followers of Hus gathered in the village of Kunvald, about 100 miles east of Prague, in eastern Bohemia, and organized the church. This was 60 years before Martin Luther began his reformation and 100 years before the establishment of the Anglican Church. You can read more about the denomination at this website: <https://www.moravian.org>. If you do look at their website and do not find the Sarasota Church listed under Florida congregations it is because their website has not been updated to reflect the Sarasota Church. This will be remedied soon.



Another neat fact about the Moravian church is that our denomination - the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - is in Full Communion with them. This means that we have a lot in common, and because of our commonalities, we can work even closer together in worship, witness and Christian service. If you want to read more about our Full Communion agreement with the Moravians the website is: <https://www.elca.org/Faith/Ecumenical-and-inter-Religious-Relations/Full-Communion/History#moravian>.

The Sarasota Moravian Church, I've also heard it called the Sarasota Fellowship, or Iglesia Morava, is a Nicaraguan congregation. The congregation speaks both Spanish and a local language called Miskito. The congregation is full of young people, so they worship and have their ministries in the evening. This is their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100073346954765>. While we are working out the specifics, it looks like they would like to use the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall in the evenings (starting at 6p) on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and also Sunday afternoon. They would like to begin in August. By then, we hope to have our school back in the Education Building. These are the times when our sanctuary/fellowship hall is not being used. St. Paul has also been praying for ways we can reach out to young and diverse people. In many ways I feel this is Spirit led. Of course, I have dreams of ways we can build relationships and grow and serve together, so I'm excited to see where this leads. If you have questions, please let me know.

Take care and God Bless,
Dr Ashley

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JUNE Council News

The Congregation Council met for its regular monthly meeting on June 20, 2024, in person and by Zoom. They approved the following:

- Appointed Sandy Tull and Sharon Wittren to the audit team.
- Agreed that the church pay for duct cleaning of the school building in the amount of \$3,600 from the Capital Account.
- Agreed for Sarasota Moravian Church to use the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall pending review of the space usage agreement.
- Agreed to use the Capital Account for any loan needed to complete the Education Building Project.
- Hired Fonda Davies as Director of Music Ministries starting the end of August or the beginning of September.

There will be no July Council meeting. The August Council report will appear in the September issue of the Messenger.



There will be no issue of The Messenger in August.

Message from the Church Office

Pastor Ashley and the Parish Administrator will never email or text you asking for donations of money or gift cards.

Please ignore these scammers. You should always contact the church office if you are not sure.

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Congregation Council

Irene Felicetti, Carol Grosch, Lori Fountain-Guillaume, Amy Hildreth, Marthe Hildreth, Don Hillerich, JoAnn Jordan, Bob Lariviere, Nanacy Parmakian, Judy Roberts, Alexandra Wise, Pastor Ashley Nicolls

Ministry Team Leaders

Sharing & Caring – Jan Kruse
Christian Education – **Seeking volunteer leader**
Communications – Sue Scherr
Early Childhood Learning Cntr – Marilyn Hutfilz
Evangelism – Bob Lariviere
Safety & Emergency Preparedness - Cindy Paxton
Fellowship – Carol Grosch & Alexandra Wise
Finance – George Hutfilz
Food Pantry – George Hutfilz
Outreach Ministry Fund – **Seeking volunteer leader**
Property – **Seeking volunteer leader**
Social – Judy Roberts
Stewardship – George & Marilyn Hutfilz
Worship and Music – Sharon Wittren
Parish Administrator – Tracy Bateman
Director of Music –

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MISSION STATEMENT As a Holy Spirit-led family of God, we are called through Baptism to proclaim and bear witness to God's reconciling grace in Jesus Christ to all; so that by joyfully sharing God's Word and encouraging each other to service for the sake of others, our lives together make a difference for Christ and His kingdom.

ECLC News



Congratulations to all of our VPK graduates.



Many happy faces at graduation on May 24, 2024.

Even PrAshley participated with her Barbie. The children wanted her to wear a dress, so she would look like Barbie.

More ECLC News

Budding artists at work.



Sorting Emotions

Students placed links with the correct colored cups based on the book The Color Monster.

Yellow: Happiness

Green: Calm

Red/Orange: Anger

Purple: Anxiety

Blue: Sadness



Mismatch Day in Room 3



Water Day in Room 1



VPK had a pizza party in PrAshley's office prior to graduation day.



Hope Seeds

God's Work. Our Hands.

Please join us to help make a difference in the world. The next gathering will be on July 15 at 1:00p.

Back to School Walmart Gift Cards

We would like to donate to Alta Vista Elementary School a \$25 gift card per teacher to use for classroom supplies. There are 40 instructional staff in need of our assistance this year. That is a BIG jump from the previous school year. Teachers go back to school on Aug. 5, so we would need to deliver them to the school by then. This is a \$1,000 goal for us this year, so please consider either purchasing the \$25 gift card and dropping it off at the church office or placing it in the offering plate; or please feel free to donate money or a check for purchase of these cards. The staff is VERY appreciative of our yearly donations.



Son Day School

Will resume in the Fall. Thanks to all who have attended in the past.



The St. Paul Fellowship Fantasy Football League is in its 21st year. We will be having our draft before the first week of the season, so anyone who is interested in joining us should contact Barry Smith at church, or call 941-726-9276.



Prayer Ministry

St. Paul offers many ways to pray with and for loved ones, the community, and the world!

Online Prayer Chain - an email goes out weekly with prayer requests. Please let PrAshley know if you want to be a pray-er.

Prayer Crosses - Located in the Fellowship Hall, the Sanctuary, and outside for prayers to be placed either in or on. Any prayer request put on the cross in the FH or Sanctuary will be put on the outside Hope Cross.

Prayer Zoom - Talking with God (see below) facilitated by Deacon Kim Heindl meets every Thursday at 4:00p.

Talking with God

As people of faith it is quite natural that we talk to God. In quiet moments, in moments of uncertainty or challenge, and in times of joy. It is part of our worship and helps us grow personally and communally in our relationship with Jesus. I would like to invite you to join a group of us that gather every Thursday at 4p via Zoom. We talk, share our lives, joys, concerns, and we pray. No stress and easy to be part of! Follow the link below (it is the same every week) or email Kimberly Heindl for an invitation: kaheindl@comcast.net.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81662784525pwd=QSt4TGNSR2F3L0ovUDJ3SVdWbjRYUT09>

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Passcode: 628552

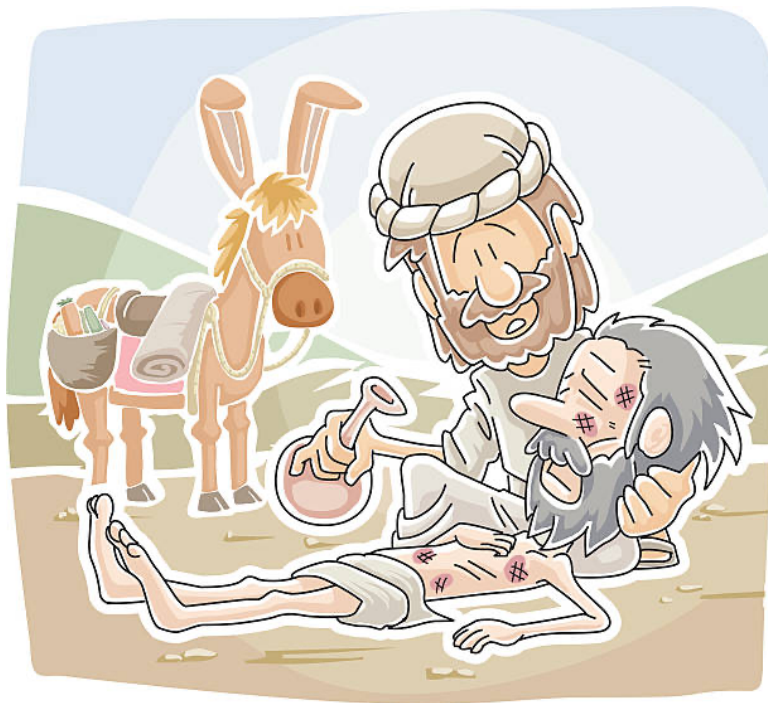
Ministry Corner

Good Samaritan

by DrAshley

Did you hear Helen Miller's temple talk on the Good Samaritan Fund in June? She said that St. Paul could be called the Good Samaritan Church for all it does for the community. And that is why St. Paul has a Good Samaritan Fund. It is a special account that the pastor and treasurer have access to in order to help with needs of people like paying electric bills, for hotel stays, and even rent or medical needs for both members and people who come to the church just looking for help. It is a great way to really make a difference in someone's life. We are able to not only say Jesus loves you and say a prayer with them but to help make someone experience Jesus' love in their time of need. Your continued financial support of this ministry is appreciated. Just mark Good Samaritan on your check or envelope to be sure it gets to this important ministry's account.

DrAshley



The story is told in Luke 10:29-37: A man going from Jerusalem to Jericho is attacked by robbers who strip him and beat him. A priest and a Levite pass by without helping him. But a Samaritan stops and cares for him, taking him to an inn where the Samaritan pays for his care.



Raise the Roof! Raise the Kids!

Donations may be placed in the offering plate on Sundays, or mailed to the church office. Be sure to indicate that it is for the campaign. Thank you.

For online giving: <http://bit.ly/3ZZOdoH>



Praise God! Our beams have been replaced and our roof is nearing completion. The roof will be completed soon and the outside of the building will be repainted the beginning of Aug.



These beams definitely needed replacement. Thank you to all who have donated to this project that saved our Ed. Building.



Save the Dates

July 7 Patriotic Worship Service



July 14-28 Favorite Hymns Service

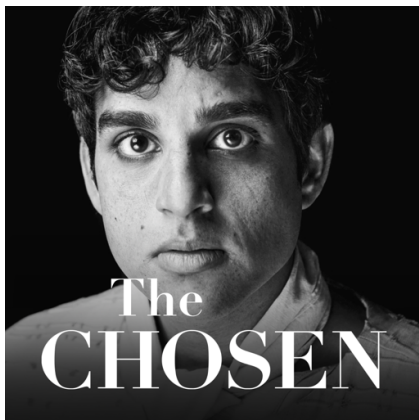


Aug. 11 Blessing of the Backpacks



Aug. 18 Celebration

(of those born in 1939 or earlier, and those who joined St. Paul in 1982 or earlier)



Season 4 (episodes 5-8) will be shown in the sanctuary starting on July 7-Aug. 4 at 11:30a, and we will view one episode a week. There will be no viewing July 21. On Aug. 11 we will have time after worship to share what *The Chosen* has meant to you. If you have been inspired to draw, write, or compose something, please bring it to share.



- July 2 Michael Flanigan
- July 3 Sue Goddard-Barry
- July 8 Sharyn Brodnax
- July 10 Robert Masse
- July 11 Ryan Masse
- July 15 Keith Hildreth
- July 18 Gage Fournier
- July 20 Susana Santa Cruz
- July 21 James Paulsson
- July 24 Carolyn Mele



- Aug. 8 Charlotte Beetle
- Aug. 12 Susy Scholl
- Aug. 14 Matthew Miller
- Aug. 15 Colleen Miller
- Aug. 15 Rev. Ashley Nicolls
- Aug. 19 Alison Mills
- Aug. 27 Kasthuri Jayaraj
- Aug. 27 Brenda Smith



- Aug. 12 Mike & Debi Rado
- Aug. 23 Mike & Sue Scherr
- Aug. 24 Mike & Julie Reiter
- Aug. 25 Manny & Laurie Acevdo
- Aug. 30 Jim & Margaret Bull

Welcome

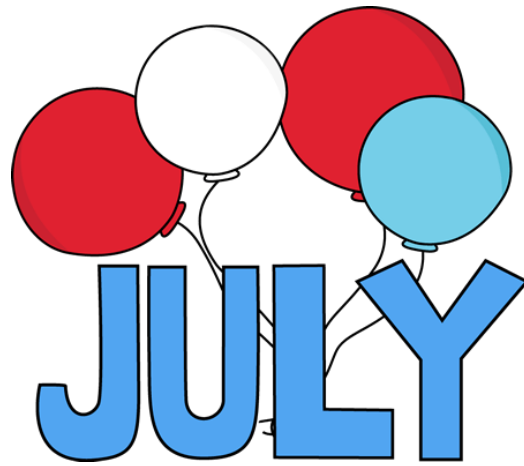


Our new Director of Music, Fonda Davies will begin either the end of August or beginning of September. We welcome you to our St. Paul family.

60 Years!



Congratulations PrDon. We are so glad we have been a part of those 60 years.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2 Tuesday
5:30p Community Meal

July 10 Wednesday
8:00a Property Ministry

July 16 Tuesday
5:30p Community Meal

July 24 Wednesday
8:00a Property Ministry

July 3 Wednesday
8:00a Property Ministry
9:30a Food Pantry Prep

July 11 Thursday
9:30a Food Pantry Prep
4:00p Prayer Team Zoom Meeting

July 17 Wednesday
8:00a Property Ministry

July 25 Thursday
9:30a Food Pantry Prep
4:00p Prayer Team Zoom Meeting

July 4 Thursday
Independence Day
Office Closed

July 13 Saturday
9:00a Food Pantry Distribution

July 18 Thursday
9:00a Food Pantry Prep
4:00p Prayer Team Zoom Meeting

July 27 Saturday
9:00a Food Pantry Distribution

July 6 Saturday
9:00a Food Pantry Distribution

July 14 Sunday
9:30a Worship Service
10:30a Sunday School
11:30 The Chosen

July 20 Saturday
9:00a Food Pantry Distribution

July 28 Sunday
9:30a Worship Service
10:30a Sunday School
11:00a Sharing & Caring Ministry Meeting

July 7 Sunday
9:30a Worship Service
10:30a Sunday School
11:30a The Chosen

July 15 Monday
Messenger Deadline for Sept.
1:00p Hope Seeds

July 21 Sunday
9:30a Worship Service
10:30a Sunday School
1:00p Celebration of Life for John Puckhaber

July 30
5:30p Community Meal

July 9 Tuesday
Ministry Reports Due
5:30p Community Meal

July 23 Tuesday
5:30p Community Meal

July 31 Wednesday
8:00a Property Ministry



•For all those serving in the U.S. Military •The homeless in our neighborhood, our city, our nation and the world. •The Florida Bahamas Synod Office of the Bishop Staff: Bishop Pedro, Assistant to the Bishop Pastors Khader, Rob C., Rob R., and Nicole, Specialists Kim & Brittney, Support Staff Tina, Yuliet, & Ileana. •SURE - Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity. •Community Meal & Food Pantry Guests. •Prayers upon the HOPE Community Prayer Cross. •Our members, our preschool teachers and students and our Arlington Park neighborhood.

<p>Members Beetle/O'Hara Family John Beyer Henry Blosser Susan Burmaster Sue Fisher Marthe Hildreth Lindy Lindemann John Miller Cecilia Morvick James Paulsson Betty Smowton Karin Zukowski</p> <p>Homebound Members Theresa Alger Sharyn Brodnax Donna Casala Evelyn Gulliksen June Manselle Allison Mathisen Virginia McQuaig Michael Reiter Carole Wilson</p> <p>Friends and Family Bethany - <i>Gail Seyfarth's granddaughter</i> David - <i>Cody Eddleman's step-dad</i> David - <i>JoAnn Jordan's neighbor</i> Debbie & Frank - <i>Scherr's friends</i> LaShonda - <i>John Beyer's friend</i></p>	<p>Marilyn - <i>S. Weckwerth's aunt</i> Susan & Jim - <i>Cindy Paxton's friends</i> Sandi Acevedo - <i>Acevedos sister-in-law</i> Clinton Allen - <i>Jim Paulsson's friend</i> Doug Benoit - <i>St. Paul volunteer</i> Sheryl Brandes - <i>Sue Scherr's sister-in-law</i> Buete & Pearson family - <i>Brian McCulley's family</i> Caroline Burmaster - <i>Susan Burmaster's sister-in-law</i> Kathleen Cannon - <i>Puckhabers' friend</i> Alice Chanover - <i>Puckhabers' friend</i> Mike Cunningham - <i>H. Roberts' friend</i> Cody Eddleman - <i>John Beyer's husband</i> John & Joy Emanuelli - <i>Roberts' friends</i> Gladys Faraone - <i>H. Robert's friend</i> John Foor - <i>Ryan's friend</i> Gallagher Family - <i>Dorothy Boller's in-laws</i> Lois & Niklaus Heisler - <i>Irene Felicetti's family</i> Katy Hernandez - <i>M. Acevedo's niece</i> Nicole Ketler - <i>Susan Burmaster's friend</i> Philip Koepke - <i>Irene Felicetti's friend</i> Joe Kramer - <i>Puckhaber's friend</i> Kate Kretschmann - <i>Lindy Linderman's friend</i> Karen Kugler - <i>Marty Hillerich's friend</i> Kenny Manselle - <i>June Manselle's son</i> David McCall - <i>Judy Roberts' brother</i> Marsha McKinney - <i>former member</i> Pam Mills - <i>Daniel Mills' sister</i> Becky Nobles - <i>Lindy Lindermann's friend</i></p>	<p>Linda & Jim Norris - <i>Doris Schlotterback's family</i> Karen Paulsson - <i>Jim Paulsson's sister</i> Hannah Puckhaber - <i>regular attender</i> Manny Ribas - <i>Cindy Schlotterback's friend</i> Ashley Rivera - <i>Esther Smith's daughter</i> Clint Shantz - <i>former member</i> Brian, Kenny & Tommy Schlotterback - <i>Doris Schlotterback's sons</i> Hailey Schlotterback - <i>Doris Schlotterback's granddaughter-in-law</i> Rob, James & Mike Scianni - <i>Sciannis' sons</i> Donna Shepherd - <i>Gail Seyfarth's sister</i> Joan Simone - <i>Puckhabers' friend</i> Bethany Smith - <i>Smiths' daughter</i> Muriel Stephenson - <i>JoAnn Jordan's sister</i> Noel Scott Studenwalt - <i>Smiths' nephew</i> Bill Sweeney - <i>Hutfliz's grandson</i> Jean Taffe & family - <i>Susan Burmaster's cousin</i> Bill & Jean Thompson - <i>Dorothy Boller's sister & brother-in-law</i> David Van Ness - <i>Missy Craig's brother</i> Elaine & Mark Vanderweight - <i>Jim Paulsson's friends</i> Curtis Weckwerth - <i>Rick Weckwerth's cousin</i> David Weinberger - <i>Puckhabers' friend</i> John & Janet Welther - <i>Ethel Hamilton's family</i> Pr. William Zimmermann - <i>John Puckhaber's former pastor</i></p>
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“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble, with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.” 2Corinthians 1:3-4

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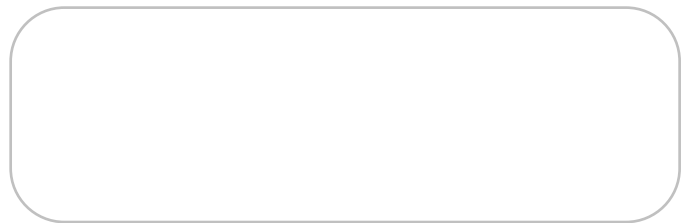
Rev. Ashley Nicolls, Pastor

Rev. Don Hillerich, Pastor Emeritus

Sunday Schedule

9:30a Service of Worship In-person

9:30a Service of Worship on Facebook Live



St. Paul Mission Prayer



God of grace and love, you created us as your children and have brought us to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are not perfect people, but this church is the perfect place for imperfect people. Thank you for your grace through Christ given to us. You call us to proclaim to everyone we meet that your grace is for them too. As a Holy Spirit-led family of God, we ask you to help us joyfully share your word and serve your people, so that together our lives make a difference in your kingdom here on earth. Strengthen us in our mission together; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.