**St. Paul’s Lutheran Church**

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**July 2025 Newsletter**

**St. Paul’s Lutheran Church**

**Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**



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AI-generated content may be incorrect.Worship Times:

Sunday 8:30 am & Thursday 6:30 pm



*1For freedom Christ has set us free;*

*stand firm therefore,*

*and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.*

*13For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh,*

*but through love serve one another.*

*14For the whole law is fulfilled in one word:*

*“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

 – Galatians 5:1, 13-14

**Which “Declaration of Independence?”**

For Americans, the month of July calls to mind

the Declaration of Independence,

the document in which the citizens

of the 13 colonies declared

their independence from the king of England.

As burdensome as the taxes imposed by England

were upon the colonists in America,

the heaviest burdened upon mankind’s shoulders

is the burden of sin.

Sin has enslaved every person

to a life of selfishness, creating disharmony

and the rebellion of each person

against God and against others.

**The Declaration of Independence from God**

When Adam and Eve fell into sin, in effect,

they were writing their own

“Declaration of Independence” from God.  Since that time, every person has been fighting

to be free from God, free from His Will

and free to do whatever he/she desires to do.

Freedom from God has its consequences!

Freedom from God means freedom from

His provision, His protection, and His presence,

for this life and for eternity.

Do you really want this Freedom?

Do you want to be Free from God

so that you may act selfishly

and in harmful ways toward others?

Do you really want others to be Free from God

so that they can act selfishly

and in harmful ways toward you?

**The Declaration of Independence from Evil**

Jesus has come to bring us Freedom!

Jesus has come to bring us Freedom

from slavery to sin,

to acting selfishly and in harmful ways toward others.  Jesus has come to bring us Freedom

from death and everlasting separation from God.  Jesus has come to tear up

man’s “Declaration of Independence” from God

that we might be brought back

into the loving presence, provision

and protection of God!

What Freedom do you want?  Do you want to be Free from God?  Do you want to be Free from sin?

Through faith, Jesus sets us free from sin and death.

Jesus sets us free to live godly lives,

loving God and our neighbor.

Scripture says:

*“16Live as free men,*

*but do not use your freedom*

*as a cover-up for evil;*

*live as servants of God.*

*17Show proper respect to everyone:*

*Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God,*

*honor the king.”*  (1 Peter 2:16-17)

Which “Declaration of Independence”

do you embrace?

The one signed by Adam?

The one signed by Jesus?

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**My Country ‘Tis of Thee**

One bleak day in February 1832, a young theological student sat in his room at Andover Seminary. Samuel Francis Smith was going over a sheaf of German songs for children, given by a friend, the composer Lowell Mason. Sunset shadows crept into the room and Smith was tired from a strenuous day of study. He was going over his friend’s music.

As he hummed over one after another, one struck his fancy. He glanced at the words at the bottom of the page and his knowledge of German told him that the words were patriotic, but they did not appeal to him. He decided to write his own words. He searched around on his desk until he found a scrap of paper about five or six inches long and two- and one-half inches wide. On this, as he tapped out the rhythm of the music, he began to write,

My country, tis of thee,

Sweet land of liberty,

Of thee I sing:

Land of the pilgrim’s pride,

Land where my fathers died,

From every mountain side

Let Freedom ring.

**July Dates to Remember**

**Thursday, July 3**

**Worship 6:30p w/ Holy Communion**

**Friday, July 4**

**Happy Independence Day! Have a safe & enjoyable Holiday.**

**Sunday, July 6**

**Worship 8:30a w/ Holy Communion**

**Monday, July 7**

**Book Study 4:30p**

**Board of Trustees meeting 7:30p**

**Thursday, July 10**

**LWML 10a Independence Day Party**

**Worship 6:30p w/ Holy Communion**

**Sunday, July 13**

**Worship 8:30a w/ Holy Communion**

**Monday, July 14**

**Book Study 4:30p**

**Board of Elders meeting 6:30p**

**Thursday, July 17**

**Worship 6:30p w/ Holy Communion**

**Sunday, July 20**

**Worship 8:30a w/ Holy Communion**

**Voter’s Assembly meeting 9:45a**

**Monday, July 21**

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**Book Study 4:30p**

**Thursday, July 24**

**Worship 6:30p w/ Holy Communion**

**Board of Education meeting 7:30p**

**Sunday, July 27**

**Worship 8:30a w/ Holy Communion**

**Monday, July 28**

**Book Study 4:30p**

**Thursday, July 31**

**Worship 6:30p w/ Holy Communion**

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**\*\*SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS\*\***

Sunday 7:30 and Thursday 6:30p

Holy Communion is offered every week at both services. Thursday services are held in the Fellowship Hall.

**Book Study Class-** has moved to Mondays for July.

**St. Paul’s Independence Day Celebration**

Who: Anyone who likes a celebration

Where: St. Paul’s Lower Fellowship hall

When: Thursday, July 10 10:00AM

What: Fun, Fellowship and Food

A light lunch will be served.

Bring a friend or two. Change will be used for Bingo games and then donated for our Mite boxes. Please bring a $ 5 item to be used for game prizes.



**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

7-1 Larry Strassburg

7-3 Keith “Mike” Long

7-5 Wyatt Lamb

7-6 Mark Jensen

7-7 Brenda Schultz

7-9 Margie Arbuckle

7-11 Kevin Jensen

Elrita Schultz

7-12 Peggy Wiehr

Trever Marquardt

7-13 Betty Johnston

Jenny Bidinger

Robbie Horner

Allana Jimenez

7-19 Lee Curtis 85

7-20 Gail Krueger 80

Lillian LaPorte

7-24 Lisa Truitt

7-25 Leila Luedtke

7-26 Scott Marquardt II

7-28 Kelvin Hinz

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

7-6 (Zair) & Tricia Palacios

7-17 Richard & Jenny Bidinger

**Board of Education Minutes**May 1st, 2025

Present at the meeting were Steve O, Margie A, Kennedy A, Kathy B, Jenny B, and Pastor. Meeting started at 7:44pm Youth Group is going to organize and help with food pantry collection for church.

A friendly reminder that teachers and other individuals are welcome to come to Board of Education meetings.

Palm Sunday service went well

Education fund - new balance for scholarships - $3800 from Mersberger for a new balance of $4,390.52

Board of Ed has fellowship for the month of May.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm

Next meeting date June 5th, 2025 at 7:30pm

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Present at the meeting were Steve O, Margie A, Kennedy A, Kathy B, Jess H, and Pastor. Meeting started at 7:40pm A friendly reminder that teachers and other individuals are welcome to come to Board of Education meetings.

Celebration Sunday went well

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Jessica H will be doing VBS this year. It is August 18 – 22 from 6-8pm.

Jessica H will also be in charge of special events for the upcoming Sunday School year.

Teachers for the upcoming Fall year:

Pre-K – Sam Bauer

1-2 – Kathy Briet

3-6 – Margie/Kennedy

7-8 – Looking for a teacher

9-12 – Jenny Bidinger

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm

Next meeting date July 24th, 2025 at 7:30pm with all teachers included.

**Trustees Minutes**Monday June 3, 2025

The June meeting of the board of Trustees was held June 3rd at 7:30pm. Pastor, Randy, Mark and Anthony were present.

Old Business:   
  
Pastor Bidinger reported he was very pleased with the new TV and soundbar setup in the upper fellowship hall. It works well for the Thursday night services.   
Nate picked up more spindls for the Parsonage deck rail so we will be able to finish that project soon.

New Business:

While changing some lightbulbs in the church we found some damaged wires in one of the lights. We will contact an electrician to check it out.

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm. After the meeting we installed the air conditioner in the church office and sprayed for weeds.  
  
Mark Schultz, Secretary

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AI-generated content may be incorrect.**LWML Minutes**

Thursday June 12, 2025

President Linda Fischer called the meeting to order at 10:06am. Pastor Bidinger led us in the devotion Free to Live, followed by a prayer.  
Roll Call was taken with 7 members in attendance - Linda, Gail, Bev, Diane, Patti, Betty J., and Jodi.  
Jodi Schultz, Secretary read April’s minutes and were approved as read.  
Karen Marquardt, Treasurer was absent. Linda reported a checkbook balance of $1,924.07.  
Unfinished Business:  
· Easter Breakfast went well, there was a short discussion on what to keep or change.  
· Easter Flowers looked nice. Discussion was made about future buying and setting up.  
· Mother’s Day party at Riverdale had a nice turnout and positive feedback.  
· Mother’s Day at church with handing out the carnations at the services was nice.  
New Business:  
· July 10th we will be hosting the 4th of July Celebration. Linda will contact those not in attendance to see if they would like to help plan.  
· Flowers for the Altar for the remainder of June and July 6th have already been signed up by church members.  
· Cakes for Rocky Knoll June Birthdays will be on June 16th – Diane and Linda plan to bake and deliver.  
· A motion was made, seconded and carried to give $75 towards the Gifts of the Heart for the National LWML Convention. Karen and Linda plan to attend the convention in Omaha.  
· Rummage Sale Labor Day weekend was discussed, and many members cannot help that weekend or can only help out for a short time. Linda will contact those not in attendance to see if they would be available that weekend to help. We will discuss it more at a later date and decide from there what to do.  
· We are in need of a volunteer to change the altar sacraments. We will discuss more at a future meeting.  
· Linda reported on the mail received.  
We closed the meeting at 11:03am with the LWML Pledge.

Jodi Schultz, Secretary

**Elders Minutes** Elder’s did not meet this month.  No minutes to report.    Elder’s meeting schedule has been changed from the first Monday of the month at 7:30 PM. to now meeting the second Monday of the month at 6:30.

**Board of Stewardship Minutes**Sunday, June 22, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Levi Jr. on June 22 at 9:40a. Present were Levi, Ann, Peggy, Jen and Pastor.

Levi opened with a prayer. Secretary minutes approved as read. No changes to report for Financial Report.  
  
Old Business: Reviewed counting schedule and changes made. A few changes need to be made to the Membership directory. It was discussed to put an asterisk for nonmembers. Directory will be printed and assembled at the next meeting. Levi went over handouts and email discussion with Harmann Studios in regard to the pictorial directory. Harmann Studios has availability for October, November, and December of this year. Discussion on what this would be like if we did photo shoots in October or November. We will talk with Elders and work with them in contacting members. Registration is completed online. Printing of Mailer is tabled until 2026. In the meantime, Levi will contact Midstar Printing for quotes. Banner and advertising discussion. The board looked at printouts of the available LCMS media graphics.   
  
New Business: Update on Alzheimer zoom meeting from Peggy & Jen and their take backs. Jen recommends that we have a team for the Walk on September 20, 2025. Peggy liked their idea of Root beer float Sunday. Plans to do both were discussed. Next meeting September 14th at 11:15a Meeting adjourned at 12:36p.   
   
Respectfully submitted,   
Jen Schneider, Secretary

**Thank you from SPY! A black circle with colorful flowers around it

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**(St. Paul's Youth Group)**

We wanted to thank the LWML for transferring the food collection project to us as we continue to reach out to the community through our 50+ Bags Project! Our Bags will be fuller!

We also are planning on making bags available to Church members to enjoy or to give to someone else periodically, as well!

Thank you to all who donate food for this activity! Together, we can more fully represent God's Love and Abundance!

**Need ideas for 50+ Bags?** This month we are asking for boxes/packets of pasta or rice, plain or flavored!

Of course, feel free to donate as the Holy Spirit leads! Please watch expiration dates, trying to find food with at least a year out before expiration.

Collection boxes are in the Fellowship Hall and in the back of church!

July

Boxes/packets/bags of Pasta or Rice, plain or flavored

Matthew 25:35

For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger, and you welcomed me, ...

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**Neat Repeat Upcoming Specials**

7/1-7/3 & 7/5  CDs & DVDs 50% Off

7/8                   30% Off Everything in the Store

7/9-7/12           Vases 50% Off

7/15-7/19         ***All Clothing $1***

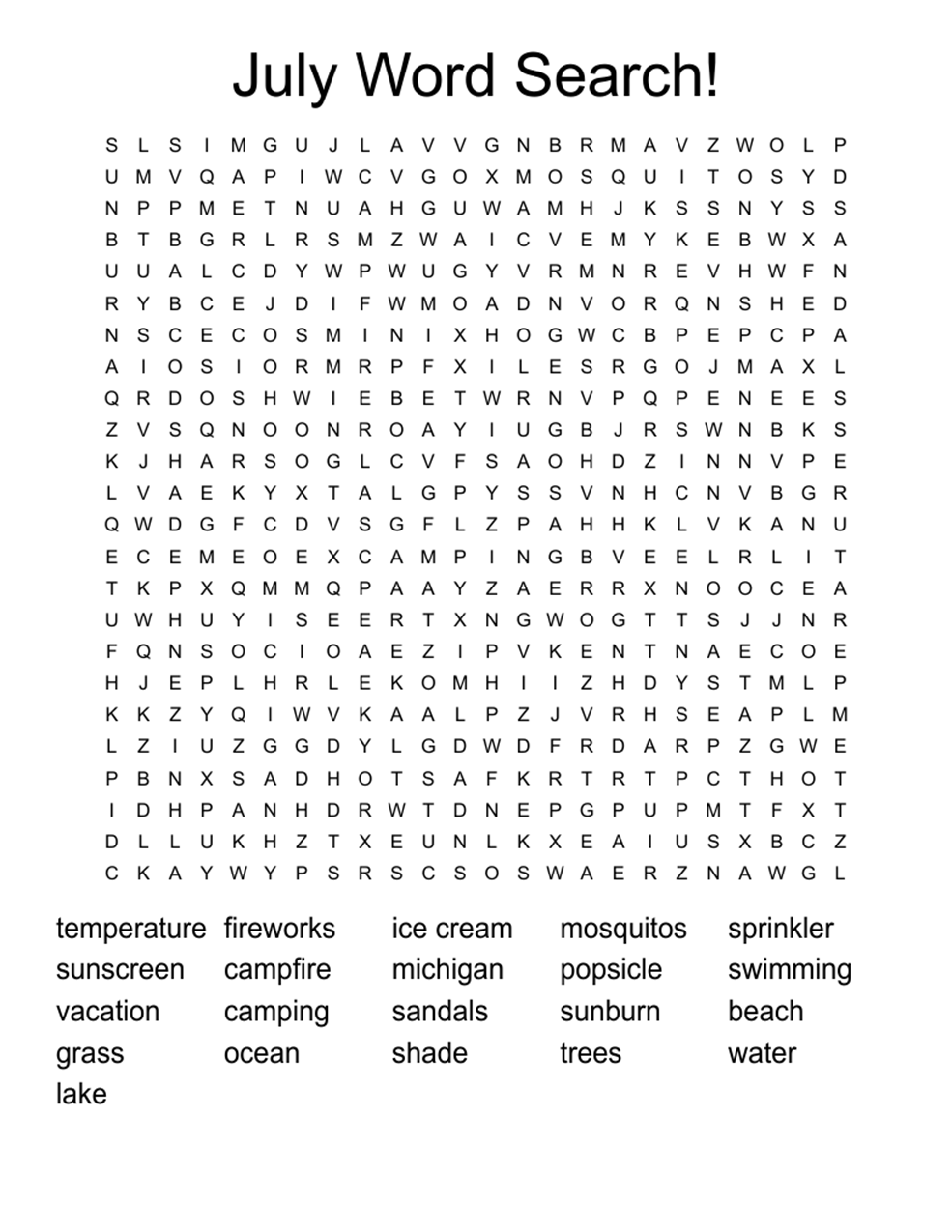
\*Just a reminder- Store will be closed on 7/4.\*

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Dundee Farmers & Crafters Market

**EVERY SUNDAY** 9a-1p at Sportsman Club ( 2300 Plank Rd), Dundee  
Come on out and check out the vendors and grab a bite to eat!



Here's something to make with all that Rhubarb that’s growing!!!

Rhubarb No-Bake Dessert



*This easy Rhubarb No-Bake Dessert features three heavenly layers: buttery graham cracker crust, creamy cheesecake filling, and tangy rhubarb topping. Perfect for spring gatherings!*

* **Author:** Emily Harper

* **Prep Time:** 30 minutes

* **Chilling Time:** 4 hours minimum

* **Cook Time:** 10 minutes

* **Total Time:** 4 hours 40 minutes

* **Yield:** 12 servings

Ingredients

* 4 cups fresh rhubarb, chopped
* 1/2 cup granulated sugar
* 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
* 1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted
* 1 package (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
* 1 cup powdered sugar
* 1 container (8 oz) whipped topping
* 1 package (3 oz) strawberry gelatin
* 1 cup boiling water
* 1/2 cup cold water
* 1/2 cup milk

More great recipes can be found on www.emilyrecipes.net

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**Please keep the following in your prayers-**

**Our Homebound…**

Doris Krahn, Plymouth,

Lou Raabe, Plymouth

Marion Hefter, & Sherry, Cascade

Cola Schneider, Cascade

Brenda Schultz, Cascade

Laura Reis, Plymouth

Keith “Mike” Long- Plymouth

Loretta Jung, Random Lake

Alan Hellmer, Plymouth

John Lederer, Adell

**Our Active Military…**

Clayton Bauer   
Wyatt LaPorte  
Sam Shirley

Zair Palacios  


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