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VBS is just a few weeks away, then in three days, it will all be over. Coming even sooner, however, is something that will last twelve weeks. Beginning July 10th, I will begin a sermon series on the Ten Commandments. This will include saying the commandments in our liturgy—an effort to help our “younglings” learn the commandments, though I am certain many of the rest of us need some work too.

July 10th will be an introduction to the Ten Commandments, then the 17th, will be a focus on the First Commandment. Each week, we will cover a new commandment, until a conclusion sermon is preached on October 2nd.

If you are quick, you might have noticed that is 13 weeks. Susan and I will be on vacation the week between the second and the third commandments. I will leave it to you to figure out what Sunday that is. However, you will not want to miss that particular Sunday because Paul Canup will bring the message. He gave a preview in his devotions during the June Council meeting. Everyone, especially myself, was so impressed that I felt Paul should bring the Word to the whole church on the Sunday that Susan and I are at Holden Beach.

Rest assured, we will be watching the livestream. Speaking of that, the next time you see Matthew Holland, Seth Holland, Tim Deal, and Jimmy Earnhardt, thank them for making sure those livestreams are broadcast each Sunday. And when you see John Canup and the Property Brothers, thank them for putting together our network and pulling cable throughout the facility. If it were not for these folks, we would not have a livestream to depend upon those days we cannot be at worship in-person.

I suppose another nice thing about those livestreams is we end up with a record of our services at <https://www.youtube.com/user/StPauls1830> and at <https://stpaulslutheran.church/worship-services>. I will also edit the sermons out of the services and make a special page for the Ten Commandments series at <https://stpaulslutheran.church/ten-commandments>. Until then...

See you in church,
Pastor Ryman

July Calendar—view online at <https://stpaulslutheran.church/church-calendar>

Sunday:

- July 3, Breakfast in the fellowship hall, 8:30am
- No meeting in July for Kathy Ketchie Circle
- July 3, Vespers—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm, also live-streamed to St. Paul's Facebook page
- July 10, Grace Ridenhour Circle, replaces regular meeting, in parlor after worship
- July 10, Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- July 10, Youth Bible Study & Music, 2:30pm
- Lutheran Women Quarterly Meeting, conference room, 5pm
- July 10, Vespers—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm, also live-streamed to St. Paul's Facebook page
- July 17, Sunday School Teacher Training, 2pm
- July 17, Vespers—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm, also live-streamed to St. Paul's Facebook page
- July 24, VBS, 10am (lunch provided for VBS kids)
- July 24, VBS Closing program & Ice Cream Social, 3pm

Monday:

- July 4, Church Office Closed for Independence Day
- July 11, Melissa Lura Circle, 6:30pm
- July 18, Council, 6:30pm
- July 25, Lutheran Men, 6:30pm

Tuesday:

- July 5, Extension Club, fellowship hall, 1pm
- July 12, Bonnie Bost Circle out to supper, 6pm
- July 12, Executive Committee, 7pm
- July 19, Staff Meeting, 5pm

Wednesday:

- No meeting in July for Ellen Bumgarner Circle
- No Adult Choir Practice in July

Friday:

- July 22, VBS registration, 5:30pm
- July 23, VBS, 6pm–8pm

Saturday:

- July 23, VBS registration, 9:30am
- July 23, VBS, lunch included for VBS kids, 10am-3pm

A light Breakfast will be available in the fellowship hall at **8:30am on July 3rd**. Be sure to stop in and enjoy breakfast and fellowship before Sunday School.

The church office will be closed Monday, July 4th, Independence Day.

The Lutheran Men will meet **Monday, July 25, at 6:30pm** in the fellowship hall. There will be barbecue (smoked at the parsonage) with all the fixings, followed by devotions by German Jaramillo, and a program on astral photography. All men are welcome and encouraged to come for fellowship.

Lutheran Women's News

Grace Ridenhour Circle meets Sunday, July 10 after worship in the parlor

Melissa Lura Circle meets Monday, July 11, 6:30pm

Bonnie Bost Circle meets Tuesday, July 12, to go out to eat, 6:00pm

Ellen Bumgarner Circle – no meeting in July

Bumgarner Circle is responsible for sending cards to shut-ins in July.

Kathy Ketchie Circle – no meeting in July

Hama Lingle Circle – no meeting in July

Rowan Helping Ministries—Volunteers delivered 18 lbs. of food items at the end of June. Current needs for the food pantry are canned goods (also low-sodium options), grits, tomato sauce, pasta sauce, and jelly. Bins marked RHM for donating items are in the church narthex and at the conference room entrance.

2022 Yearbooks—Copies of the 2022 St. Paul's Yearbook & Directory are still available at each entrance of the sanctuary. Be sure to take one home.

Sunday School Rally Day, August 7, 2022

The Christian Education Committee is working to get our Sunday School program back in full swing following the pandemic.

Classes for children will be pre-K, K-2, 3-5, middle school, and high school. There will be a new young adult class starting in the near future with Spencer Newsome as teacher. All classes will be using material from Sola/Seed that is available online and is teacher- and student-friendly. Our goal is to team-teach these classes so that volunteers teach only once or twice per month. Pastor Ryman will meet with teachers on July 17, at 2:00pm, to demonstrate how easy this material is to teach. **Please contact Ben Bernhardt or Christian Education Committee members to volunteer.**

2022-2023 Scholarships for Higher Education

Scholarship applications have been reviewed by the Council of St. Paul's. The following applicants will receive \$1,500 each for the 2022-2023 school year:

Brown-Heilig Scholarship – Lauren Whisnant
Sadie & Hollie Ritchie Scholarship – Henry Barringer

Dave & Pearl Honbarger Ministerial Scholarship, and
St. Paul's Ministerial Student Aid Scholarship – Spencer Newsome

Council also reviewed and recommended to the foundation trustees, the applicants for the *Blanche & Hubert A. Ritchie Scholarship*. The following have been approved to receive \$1,000 each:

Emma Grace Amos, Hannah Barringer, Luke Barringer,
Savannah Charles, Chloe Lombard, Kimberly Pepper, and Samuel Pepper

Thanks

St. Paul's received a card from Rowan County 911 Service office, thanking us for honoring them in our Cruise 'n Barbecue, and for dinner tickets. They enjoyed the food, and expressed that "it was so nice to be appreciated in this way."

St. Paul's Friends,

Thank you for sharing your love, prayers, cards, phone calls, and asking Bob on Sundays. My health is improving. Looking forward to regular church services ASAP.

Sharing my love with you,
Shiela Barringer

To my church family,

Thank you so much for your cards, phone calls, visits, and prayers during my illness. Words cannot express how thankful I am that you were there for me when I needed comfort, kindness, and understanding. You opened your heart and lightened my load. I am beyond blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

God bless,
Jean Deal

I would like to thank all of the members of the St. Paul's church family for the sympathy cards, kind words, and support during the most difficult time in my life.

Thank you Pastor Ryman, Pamela Cottingham, Perry Bernhardt, Terri Powlas, Wayne and Bonnie Hinson, Connie Burleson, the Pall Bearers, anyone else who helped with Bill's funeral, and especially the ladies of St. Paul's who put together the meal for my family and friends. I would like to thank all of you who attended Bill's funeral as well.

With much love and appreciation,
Linda Behrendt and family

Greetings from Pittsburgh,

We need to thank all of you who made time in your lives to stop by and meet us at Pastor Mark's. It has been more than enough to have your support through this rough journey of ours, but finally getting a chance to meet you and see your kind, smiling faces was a double blessing!

We had fun talking and laughing with you. Once again you have lifted us up.

Please know how truly grateful we are for each and every one of you. You have made a difference in our lives.

Bless you all!
Leslie Ryman
& Barbara Beck

Dear St. Paul's Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers, and acts of kindness. I have finished my radiation and I'm waiting for the next step.

In Christ,
Linda and Jerry Beaver

*A special thank you to Lola Floss for providing Bibles for
Andrew Baker, Sara Barringer, and Peyton Holland,
in honor of their Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022.*

Spiritual Orphans Network (SON)—the following is from a letter dated June 1.

Dear St. Paul's Congregation:

When Julia and I were asked to lead and train a team to Latvia and Estonia in the Summer of 2022, we had a lot of questions. Most questions arise out of some degree of anxiety—

- Will the pandemic be at a place where we can even go this year?
- Will enough people sign up so that we can cover the basics of the work we do there?
- Will we be able to raise enough money?

And so on, and so forth. There is a reason Paul exhorts the church at Philippi to rejoice, to pray, to give thanks and so on. In deciding to worship our Lord, regularly bringing our requests before him, and praising God no matter what is going on, something amazing starts to happen. There is the fruit of peace in our hearts.

We write this just two days prior to boarding our first plane. The bags are nearly packed. The team is trained. The logistics are (mostly) sorted out at our destination. We have prayed and given thanks many times over:

- For details to fall into place (they have)
- For willing team members to sign up and go at a time when many Americans are fearful of international travel to Europe.
- For the financial provision to supply all the needs of this short-term mission trip with the Spiritual Orphans Network (SON).

To the last point, you have played a huge role in answered prayers. So, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you! Your sacrificial generosity has been both a practical help and a huge source of encouragement. In our initial letter requesting support, we asked you to send us on this trip by committing to pray for us and, if possible, to consider making a donation.

SON will handle any donation receipt communication from their offices in Albuquerque, MN. For our part, we just wanted to communicate our deep gratitude and to thank you for believing in us and in joining us on this mission trip.

We hope that you will consider continuing to pray for us as our trip progresses. To that end, SON is hosting a blog that we will be updating regularly throughout our trip. For updates and prayer requests, go to <https://sonetwork.org/stories/>

The stories page contains the latest information for the Latvia English Language Bible Camp (June 6-10) and the Estonia Teen Camp (June 14-17). The entire team will be serving in Latvia, and a smaller subset of the team, in Estonia. The trip dates are June 2–20.

Thanks again!

In Christ,

Mark & Julia Wilhelm

Spiritual Orphans Network

Dear St. Paul's,

We thank God for your partnership. Because of you, we can continue to reach spiritual orphans in former communist countries with the Hope of the Gospel. Your gift of \$6,775 on June 1, 2022, is a great blessing to those who do not yet know that they have a Father in Heaven who loves them, or that they have brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world who want to see them adopted into the Family of Christ. SON engages people in the Word of God, helping them to reclaim their identity as children of God and walks alongside them as they are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for your support and being a part of the generation of faith helping to connect spiritual orphans to the global Family of Christ.

Sincerely Yours,
Pr. David R. Breidenbach
SON Executive Director

SON: Wilihelm Update

Since receipt of these letters of thanks, Mark and Julia Wilhelm made the trip to Latvia, where they taught for a week. Again, see the blog mentioned in Mark's letter on the previous page for information on their mission activities. At about this point in the misisonary trip, Mark tripped, injuring his knee to an extent that required surgery. Mark and Julia elected to return to the US for surgery, cutting short their part in the mission. The rest of the team moved on to Estonia, while the Wilhelms made their way home. Since then, Mark has had a successful surgery. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.



Income and Expenses for May 2022

Income: \$36,782 • Expenses: \$44,719

Expense over Income for May: \$7,937

Income over Expense YTD: \$23,149

Capital Building Fund as of May 31: \$219,632

June income/expenses will be in the August Newsletter.

Memorial Gifts

Gifts were received in memory of
Bill Behrendt for the Capital Building Fund
from

Travis and Cindy Alligood
Don and Judith Austin
Susan and Terry Beeker
Ben and Susan Bernhardt
Perry and Lori Bernhardt
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A gift was received in memory of
Bill Behrendt for the Choir Fund from
Terry and Myra Jane Eller

Gifts were received in memory of Jacob Castor
for the Capital Building Fund from
Tim and Karen Deal
Frank and Cindy Hinson

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Terry Watson for the Capital Building Fund
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Tim and Karen Deal

A gift was received in memory of
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Cindy Newsome) for the Capital Building
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Tim and Karen Deal

A gift was received in memory of
Carole Chilson for the Helping Hands Fund
from
Susie Page

A gift was received in memory of
Nathan Eric Raymer for the General Fund
from
Frankie and Franda Raymer

A gift was received in memory of
Bill Reissner for the General Fund from
Ben and Susan Bernhardt

A gift was received in honor of
Delores Stanley for the General Fund from
Tony and Ann Heilig

A gift was received in honor of Tim Deal for
the Capital Building Fund from
Jean Lilley

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Cindy Alligood's birthday on July 2 for
the General Fund from
Jean Lilley

A gift was received in honor of
Helen Gordon's birthday on June 26 for
the Capital Building Fund from
Alice Davis

A gift was given in honor of the graduating
high school seniors for the Youth Fund from
Delores Stanley

A gift was received in honor of
Mona Lisa Wallace for the General Fund from
Jane Webb

A gift was received in honor of
Frank and Cindy Hinson for the Helping
Hands Fund from
Dottie Stancil

Gifts were received in honor of
Rev. Dr. Mark Ryman for the Capital
Building Fund from
Perry and Lori Bernhardt
Susan and Ben Bernhardt
Alice Davis

Congratulations to Pastor Ryman for
earning his *Doctor of Ministry in Stewardship
of the Word* from St. Paul Lutheran
Seminary.

What a delight it was for me to be honored by you with a reception
on June 4th. I thought my DMin would come and go without
any notice. But thanks to you, it was an afternoon filled with fun and
memories of the churches I have served, as my degree was conferred.

Thanks to everyone who worked hard on the planning, invitations,
decorations, food, videos, songs, and presentations, as well as the
logistics of getting Pr. Jensen here, printing the diploma, and so forth.

I am sure I am overlooking something here, but thank you all for a
fun time, and the memory of my having shared it all with St. Paul's.

Pr. Ryman



FRIDAY

5:30–6:00PM Registration

6:00–8:00PM Vacation Bible School

SATURDAY

Everyone dresses in their best Western getup today!

9:30AM Registration

10:00AM–3:00PM Vacation Bible School

Little Caesars Pizza for lunch

SUNDAY

Everyone wears their VBS Tshirt today!

VBS kids will sing during worship.

10:30AM–3:00PM Vacation Bible School

Includes hotdog lunch

3:00–4:00PM Closing program and an

Ice Cream Social

for family and church folks

to hear songs and memory verses,

view and pick up crafts

Our 2022 VBS is for rising Kindergarten through 5th graders. Please fill out a registration form for each child and turn them in to the church office, 205 St. Paul's Church Rd., Salisbury, NC 28146. Forms may be found on the back page of this bulletin, in the narthex, online, and in the church office.

More information at <https://stpaulslutheran.church/2022VBS>

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Vacation Bible School Registration Form 2022

Return registration **by July 15, 2022**
to 205 St. Paul's Church Rd., Salisbury, NC 28146

Child's Name (one form per child) _____

Check Grade in the Fall: ☐ K ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Check Youth T-shirt size: ☐ XS ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Contact Phone _____

Please list allergies (food, bees, etc.) or other medical concerns:

In our continuing efforts to keep your child safe, please complete the information below concerning your child(ren)'s dismissal from VBS. Please provide all names of those who may pick up your child during the weekend.

I hereby authorize St. Paul's Lutheran Church to use my child's photo, any video, or written statements on the church Facebook page and website. I understand that my child's name and/or age will not be published. In the event of an emergency where medical treatment is required, I give permission to transport my child(ren) to a hospital. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by doctor or hospital. In the event of any emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the phone number provided please contact my Emergency Contact.

Signature _____ Date _____



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