



PERSPECTIVE

Monthly Newsletter of

St. Paul Lutheran Church—ELCA

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*Gathering Joyfully, Growing Spiritually, & Going Faithfully,
Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ!*

AUGUST 2024

From Pastor Amy



I had the privilege of spending a week with the most amazing youth from the Neenah ELCA congregations at the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. What an incredible experience we had! Under the theme of

“Created to be...brave, authentic, free, disruptive, disciples”, we heard from wonderful speakers including Michael Chan, Jacqueline Bussie, Austin Channing Brown, and the first ordained female in Palestine, Rev. Sally Azar. The Youth Gathering House Band led us in singing praise to God each night and we were treated to concerts by The Afters, Blessing Offer, and Blanca.

We learned about immigration, anti-racism, images for God, advocacy, and how God created each one of us to be our authentic selves and calls us to be disruptive disciples for the sake of the gospel. We are not called to keep the status quo, but to be disruptive, bringing about the reign of God – a reign of love and compassion, forgiveness and peace and justice for all people. It was Jesus’ mission and as Jesus’ disciples that mission has been passed along to us.

It got me wondering:

- When was the last time I was disruptive for the sake of the gospel?
- When did I last challenge injustice?
- When did I offer love and forgiveness?

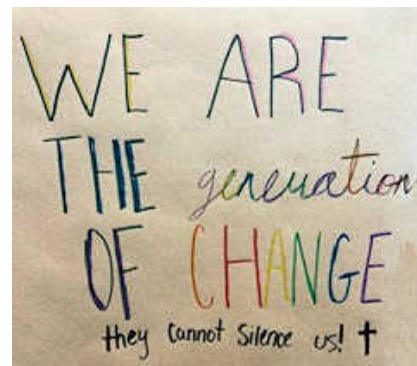
Sometimes the problems of the world seem so great we doubt our ability to make any kind of

difference at all. But maybe it’s not about our ability, but God’s. God can and will work through us to bring about the reign of God – one disruptive move at a time.

How might God be calling you to be a disruptive disciple for the sake of the gospel? What steps might you take to challenge injustice so that all people can live as their best authentic selves? What can we do as a church?

We pray “your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” May God work through us to bring about the kingdom of God where there is love, compassion, forgiveness, justice, and peace for everyone.

Pastor Amy



FINANCES FOR 2024 AS OF JUNE 30, 2024

2024 Total Budget	\$363,343
YTD Income	\$205,117
YTD Expenses	\$165,543
Difference	\$ 39,574



Date	8/4/2024	8/11/2024	8/18/2024	8/25/2024	9/1/2024	9/8/2024
Assisting Minister	Eric Thompson	Dave Hoks	Linda Tipler	Eric Thompson		Linda Tipler
Lector	Jody Tews	Kelly Thacker	Marianne Kolb	Jim Morgenstern		Jody Tews
Communion Assistants	Eric Thompson Dave Hoks Laura Wyman		Linda Tipler Cindy Strong Lona Jorgensen			
Ushers	Linda Parker Alicia Macias Linda Haufe	Roger Bauer Butch Grondahl Lyle Hemp	Don Boche Gene Evenson Eric Tipler Cody Tipler	Linda Parker Alicia Macias Linda Haufe		Don Boche Gene Evenson Eric Tipler Cody Tipler
Greeters	Kathy Procknow	Laura Wyman	Nancy Orlady	Butch Grondahl		Laura Wyman
Altar Team	Peggy Wendt Connie Humski Linda Haufe		Connie Humski Linda Haufe			

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Quilting Angels: Bev Quella

Worship Services: Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
(in-person and online at Facebook and YouTube)
Office Hours: Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



Women's Bloom Event Planning Meeting

Bloom women's ministry planning meeting will be after worship on Sunday, August 11. Any women interested in helping plan the fall event are welcome to attend the planning meeting.



It's Time for Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School!



After months of planning it's finally time to kick off this year's Vacation Bible School! Camp Firelight will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, August 5-8, 9:00 a.m. - Noon. The mornings will be filled with music, bible stories, crafts, science experiments, games, and of course, a snack! It's not too late to register! There is an early drop-off option for parents who work. Children may be dropped off as early as 7:30 a.m.



Camp Firelight is a joint ministry of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and St. Paul Lutheran Church! Thank you to all who have volunteered to help make this year's VBS a success!

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated money for the purchase of cooling towels for Hurricane Kits in New Orleans put together by Youth Gathering participants. St. Paul Church was able to donate 128 towels thanks to your generosity! Thank you! Thank you!

Welcome Aboard!

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Tim Krause as our new custodian at St. Paul Church! Tim will be working in the afternoons-evenings Monday-Thursday. Welcome, Tim!

No New News

Church council did not meet in July, so we have nothing new to report at this time. We look forward to seeing you around at church this August and will have more to inform you of in the September Perspective. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Lutheran World Relief—School Kits

The Quilting Angels put together school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Here is what is needed if you are interested in helping to bring items to church for the kits to be assembled:

- Please give **NEW ITEMS ONLY**.
- Please do not donate items with religious symbols, messages, or any business name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.



Items needed for EACH School Kit:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½", no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secured together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secured together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2 ½" eraser

Please bring any of these items to the box under the clock in the narthex.
The Quilting Angels appreciate your donations!

Capital Improvements Fundraiser

On June 28, several St. Paul members came to help get the bags of shoes ready for the pickup. Each bag contains 25 pairs of shoes. That day we had 195 bags of shoes to be picked up by the Funds2Org truck. That is 4,856 pairs of shoes! **AMAZING!**

By collecting the shoes, we are keeping them out of the landfills and giving people in third-world countries an opportunity to learn a skill and have a business to earn money.

We continually collect and sort shoes as a fundraiser, so don't throw your gently-used shoes away!





Worship in the Park Sunday, September 1 9:30 a.m. Riverside Park, Neenah

We will again worship with our siblings in Christ from St. Mark's, Our Savior's, Gloria Dei, and St. Paul Lutheran Churches at the Riverside Park bandshell! This will be a communion service in the beauty of God's creation. Please bring a chair if you are able. In case of rain, we will worship in the park pavilion. Come and join us – and invite a friend!

St. Paul's Blessing Box



The suggested donation for the month of August is toilet paper, travel-sized facial tissues, and small packages of feminine napkins.

Please leave donated items on the display table or in the wooden crate in the narthex. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing and generous support of this important ministry!

2024-2025 ECSW Lay School of Ministry!

Registration is open now!!

Core courses offered this school year are:

- ◆ Introduction to the New Testament
- ◆ Lutheran Confessions
- ◆ Faith and Spirituality (Discover Spiritual Practices), and
- ◆ Church History

Continuing Education courses include:

- ◆ The Poetic and Prophetic: a Quest Through Psalms and Revelation
- ◆ The Transfigured Church: Faithful Congregations in New Land
- ◆ Extraordinary Care in Ordinary Times, and
- ◆ Preaching Class

Monday, August 19, 2024
* 6:00PM *

**VIRTUAL
STUDENT
ORIENTATION**

- **Learn** about ECSW Lay School of Ministry & course offerings
- Course registration is not required to participate.
- Email layschool@ecsw.org for orientation zoom link!

More information and registration forms can be found on our website: <https://ecswlayschool.org/>
Any questions? Please email us at layschool@ecsw.org.



BIRTHDAYS

August 1

Darlene Johnson

August 6

Cody Tipler

August 10

Eli Randall

August 13

Eulalie Leiton

August 14

Cheyenne Neuman
Carly Holcomb

August 15

Roger Bauer

August 18

Toby Moderson

August 19

Melissa Novak

August 21

Leesa Erickson

August 22

Debra Rosenow

August 23

Natalie Shea
Debbie Wismer

August 24

Carter Randall

August 25

Tamie O'Dell

August 26

Nancy Day

August 27

Uliana Hannemann
Carol Ihde
Tom Jones

August 28

Kathy Procknow

August 29

Tim Kolb
Maria Veeseer

PARISH RECORDS

None for July 2024

ANNIVERSARIES

August 1, 1959

Mel & Marie Ravey

August 7, 1976

Dave & Vicki Fink

August 10, 1985

Mike & Bev Quella

August 12, 1983

Al & Diane Morse

August 14, 1993

Brian & Audrey Borchers

August 21, 1976

John & Darlene Kalfahs

August 22, 1959

Ken & Joanne Blom

August 23, 1997

Steve & Lisa Lind

August 24, 1963

Martin & Nancy Day

August 28, 1987

Greg & Peggy Wendt

August 29, 1998

Scott & Amy Randall

August 31, 2007

Ryan & Elizabeth Ellis

August 31, 1974

Ryan & Debra Lee

August Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30am Worship 7:00pm Al-Anon	29	30 9:00am Quilting Angels 11:30am Community Table	31 10:00am Staff Meeting 12:15pm Organ Recital -- Ethan Mellema	1 9:00am Conversations on Scripture @ Shellatte's	2 9:00am Knit2gether	3 11:30am Community Table
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

National Youth Gathering 2024 — New Orleans



Top left: dancers during one of the events at NYG

Top center: Rock-Paper-Scissors game

Top right: Ellie enjoying the event

Bottom left: "The Gang" with Bishop Anne from the ECSW office