



THE MESSENGER

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Pastor Wayne Sez

A Look at our Faith—The Creed



The First Article: On Creation I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. What is this? or What does this mean? I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties. In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property—along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve, and obey him. This is most certainly true. (Martin Luther)

As adults, it is good to take a look at what we confess as Lutherans. Let's take a look at what we confess about this God who creates. Notice that Luther talks about God creating me! That means rather than arguing about how many days it took God to create the world, Luther wants to start the discussion with I believe God Created me. This means that I, Wayne Shelksohn born September 19th, 1950, Martin Luther Born November 10, 1483, and {*your name, your birth date*} are now in a responsible relationship with God. Rather than entering into a debate about how God creates or how long it took God to create, God has declared that He and I are entering into a dialogue about who I am in relation to what God does and what God calls me to be and do. God makes it clear that He gives and preserves everything I am. It is this creating God who provides everything I need for life abundantly. And God is the one who protects me and preserves me from evil. Why? Simply because he loves his creation—Luther, me, you, your neighbor, your family, that person you can't stand. I diverge from Luther, but God does this out of pure fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, **without any merit of worthiness of mine at all**. Or as Luther liked to say, it is not that we can do little, it is that we can do nothing. What can we do? I can thank God, I can praise God, I can serve and obey God. When it comes to creation, you are the proof of a creating God. Now we come back to our faith as we are to fear, love, and trust God above everything else and we are called by Christ our lord to love each other as He has loved us.

Pastor Wayne Shelksohn



The people of St. Paul gather to worship, reach out, and serve the Lord.

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

July Birthdays

July 3 – Becky Edinger

July 5 – Dan Gschwendtner

July 8 – Matt Bibo

July 9 – Jace Bauknecht

July 9 – Maverick Wilcox

July 10 – Chris Erickson

July 10 – Jean Harrison

July 11 – Tracy Leach

July 13 – Troy Harms

July 16 – Nolan Mills

July 17 – Kris Lambert

July 17 – Sandy Erickson

July 19 – Kaden Swanberg

July 19 – Charlotte Wilcox

July 22 – Joycelyn Miller

July 24 – Sophia Schott

July 26 – Kylee Lewis

July 28 – Dale Dixon

July 29 – Karen Claypool

July 29- Theo Cody Leach

July 31 – Jan Cahill

July Anniversaries

July 6 — Troy & Michelle Harms (2013)

July 14 – Richard & Alexis Green (2006)

July 16 – Steve & Jill Rapp (1983)

July 20 – Gerald & Donna Buckler (1957)

Rebecca Circle

The Rebecca Circle will meet on Thursday, July 21, at the church to make Care Visits. We will then return to the Church for our 1:30 p.m. meeting. Jean Harrison will lead the lesson, devotions will be given by Jeanne Rapp, and the offering meditation will be given by Donna Buckler. All women of our congregation are invited and welcome to attend this meeting.

Altar Flowers

A list is posted on the kiosk to sign up for altar flower donations. If you would like to donate \$25.00 toward the purchase of flowers in memory of or in honor of someone, please sign your name on the flower chart. Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church, noting "altar flowers" on the memo line.

Health & Wellness Sunday

Health & Wellness Sunday is the third Sunday of each month. Mary Leach or one of our parish nurses will be on hand before and after worship on these Sundays to check blood pressures and blood sugars, and to help you form questions for your health professional if needed.

LEO for 2022

LEO (Let's Eat Out) gathers St. Paul members and friends on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy dinner at area restaurants. All are welcome to attend!

July 20—Bob & Ringo's Grill & Steakhouse

August 17—Mario's Pizza

September 21—Wolf Creek Golf Course

October 19—Pontiac Family Kitchen

November 16—LaMex Restaurant

December 21 —LOBO's Tap

Community Closet

St. Paul will host a Community Closet August 6 and August 13 from 8:00 a.m. until noon each day. We will collect gently used and clean clothing for all ages through July 22. Please encourage your friends and family members to donate to the Community Closet. Items can be dropped off at church and placed in the southeast classroom. We will also need many volunteers to help! This is another great way to be the hands and feet of Jesus for those in our community who are in need! Please see Jessica Mills or Mary Leach or e-mail the church office if you are interested in helping!

Bibles & Bagels

The Bibles & Bagels group will meet on Thursday, July 14th at Edinger's Filling Station at 9:30 a.m. Any woman who would like to participate in an informal Bible study is welcome to attend this meeting.

Sunday Pastoral Schedule

July 3	Pastor Wayne Shelksohn
July 10	Pastor Wayne Shelksohn
July 17	Pastor Wayne Shelksohn
July 24	SAM Marcia Buchs
July 31	SAM Marcia Buchs
August 7	Pastor Wayne Shelksohn
August 14	SAM Marcia Buchs
August 21	SAM Marcia Buchs
August 28	Pastor Wayne Shelksohn

Outdoor Worship Service

July 24 - 10:30 A.M.

John and Julie Mehlberg's Home
18923 N 1600 East Rd

There will be a potluck following worship. Please bring a chair, your own table service, serving utensil, and side dish. Meat and drinks will be provided.

Rain date— July 31



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NIGHT

"GET IN GOD'S GAME"

Thursday, July 21

Dinner: 5-5:45 pm
Game Rotations: 5:45 - 8 pm

Games to play while learning about God:
HUNGRY HUNGRY HIPPO
CANDY LAND
OPERATION
UNO
CONNECT 4
MOUSE TRAP
OBSTACLE COURSE



EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN

SIGN UP ON KIOSK OR CALL CHURCH OFFICE

Please sign up for St. Paul's Texting Service!

If you would like to receive text messages with reminders and special announcements, please sign up for the St. Paul Texting Service by completing the following:



1. Send a text to 81010
2. Text the message: @stpaul210

Vacation Bible School Night— Thursday, July 21

If you would like to participate, please sign up on the VBS sheet on the kiosk or call the church office. Volunteers are appreciated! Contact Sara Solberg or Betsy Westergreen if you would like to volunteer to lead a game. There is also a sign-up sheet on the kiosk if you would like to provide food for dinner or serve dinner.