



THE MESSENGER

St. Paul Lutheran Church



The Eucharist

One bread One Body, One Lord of all; One cup of blessing we bless, and we though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. {ELW 496}

This is Pastor Wayne, the one who is holding up the June Newsletter, back from a months long vacation. So far I have discussed Luther's meaning of the Apostles Creed and the Lords Prayer. For these next few articles I want to look at the **HOLY EUCHARIST, HOLY COMMUNION, THE LORDS SUPPER.** In this article I am not going to refer to Luther's explanation of The Sacrament of The Altar. But what the reality that this sacrament or Holy meal brings to us as the Church. We are now in the long green season of the Sundays after the Pentecost. Green represents growth and this seasons calls the church to grow in our discipleship. **We though many through out the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.** This raises an interesting conundrum how do we though many with all of our differences act like one body; in this one lord. Think back how many times have you seen different opinions rase up to become a church fight. And all of a sudden your hearts start to race. Your blood rushes to your face and; your anger seems to get the better of you. Doesn't seem much like unity, and soon we grow into factions. No where throughout history has everybody agreed on everything. Disagreements are part of our reality and can be very heathy. It is not that we in the Church as people growing in our personal and corporate discipleship to **THIS ONE LORD** won't have disagreements our discipleship calls for us to find ways to disagree well. So how can we do that as we gather around this meal about community. Here are seven things to try.

1. Admit that we or I don't know everything, and we or I could be wrong.
2. Unrealistic expectation hinders good debate. Try to see the argument from the other person's point of view. Your thoughts should be shared and even defended. But can we approach every discussion with the assumption that we can learn something from the other person.
3. There is a need to differentiate between essentials and non-essentials what really matters here. Is it to destroy the opponent or bring resolution to a problem. And just a word of advice Social Media is probably not the best place to sort out the essentials and non-essentials.
4. Establish points of agreement which builds rapport and congeniality.
5. Use active listening state back what you have heard the other person say with respect and open mindedness.
6. Unchecked emotions often hamper our ability to reach resolution
7. Our relationship takes precedence over winning Ephesians 4:1 calls us find a solution with these words "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace"



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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

June Birthdays

June 2 – Donna Buckler
June 2 – Marty Heller
June 5 – Lu Westermeyer
June 6 – Betsy Westergreen
June 8 – Jan Girard
June 15 – Lonny Wilcox
June 22 – Lucas Folkerts
June 22 – David Erickson
June 23 – Andrew Leach
June 24 - Kaylee Delheimer
June 24 – Alexis Green
June 24 – Keith Hendershott
June 30 – Tiffany Aull
June 30 – Doug Oliver

June Anniversaries

June 6 – Robert & Bobbi Jo Snyder (1998)
June 7 – Dan & Sara Gschwendtner (1997)
June 15 – Jim & Jan Girard (1985)
June 19 – Tom & Linda Harms (1976)
June 21 – Michael & Cindy Nourie (2008)
June 23 – Ted & Ginger Bauknecht (1963)
June 27 – John & Julie Mehlberg (1982)
June 28 – Jim & Brenda Russow (1987)
June 30- Jake & Blayne Dixon

Bibles and Bagels

Bibles and Bagels will meet on June 8th at 9:30 a.m. at Edinger's for breakfast and Bible study. All are welcome to join us!

LEO in June

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. This month we will meet on Wednesday, June 21st at 5:30 p.m. at LaMex.

Sunday Pastoral Schedule

June 4—SAM Marcia Buchs
June 11—Pastor Wayne Shelksohn
June 18—Pastor Wayne Shelksohn
June 25—SAM Marcia Buchs

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



Rebecca Circle

The Rebecca Circle will meet on Thursday, June 15th at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The Bible Study is from Gather Magazine and will be led by Maurine Gentes. Ginger Bauknecht will serve as hostess. All is welcome!

Red Bag Offerings 2023

We will continue with Red Bag collections on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

June- Rowe Cemetery
July- Mosaic
August- District #429
September- ISU and U of I Community Meals
October- Boys and Girls Club
November- Cops & Kids
December- Local needy families

Hope Center's Baby Bottle Project

From Mother's Day to Father's Day

Take a baby bottle home with you today. Drop your spare change, dollars, or a check into the bottle and watch it fill to the top!

Then bring the bottle back to church on Father's Day. The spare change collected will be used to help mother and their babies. Your change can change lives!

St. Paul Lutheran Church @ 210 N Deerfield Rd. Pontiac IL
will host our annual: **COMMUNITY CLOTHING CLOSET**



Offering **FREE** gently used clothing of **all sizes for anyone in need!**
If you or anyone you know is in need, please join us :

Fri. Aug 4th 3-6 pm,
Sat. Aug 5th 8-noon
Sat. Aug 12th 8-noon

from the author of the best-selling *Live a Praying Life*



Jennifer Kennedy Dean

6 Week Bible Study!

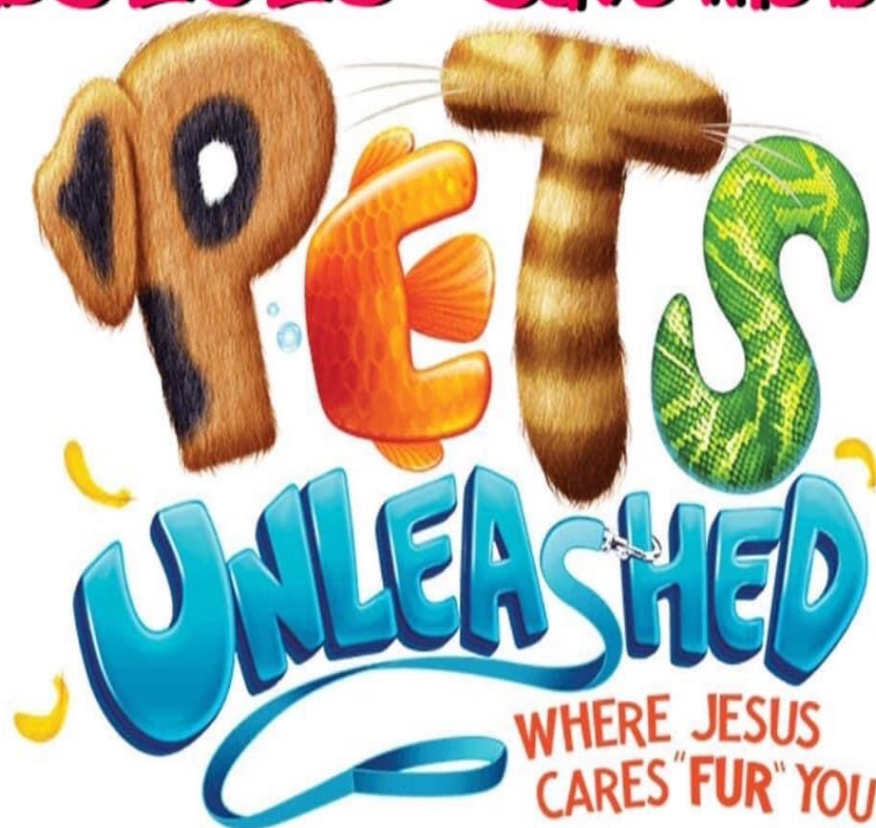
“Set Apart” is a Bible study through the beatitudes. It examines the promise of blessedness in Christ’s Sermon On the Mount. First Bible Study June 14@ 6:00 pm at the church. Sign up on the kiosk! Hope to see you there!

First Communion Class

There will be a First Communion Class offered on Sunday, June 11th following worship. Any-one interested in being in the class should contact the office or Pastor Wayne.



VBS 2023 - Save the Date



Join us for our 2023 Vacation Bible School Experience!

"Pets Unleashed" - Where Jesus Cares Fur You

Monday, July 10 and

Tuesday, July 11 from 4:30-7 pm

Wednesday, July 12 from 5:30-6:30 pm -

VBS Celebration!

Please join us as the children showcase
everything they learned!

*Contact Betsy Westergreen if your child will be attending.

*Help is needed! Contact Betsy Westergreen if you are available!

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