

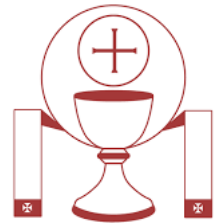
the St. Paul
SEED PACKET
your monthly guide to
sowing the seed of relationship

To God be the Glory!

Sunday – July 14



**** Commissioning & Installation of
Deaconess Ashley Nelson
During our 10 AM Worship Service***



**** Followed by a Joint SPLCS-Trinity
Catered Luncheon (served at Trinity, 11:30 AM)
= RSVP Required***

**** Then, at 1 PM, the Ordination & Installation of
Rev. Nathan Nelson as Trinity's Associate Pastor***



***At St. Paul, we C.A.R.E. – We are “Cultivating Awesome Relationships for Eternity!”
And one way we do that is by***



“Personalizing a Christ-Centered Education that Develops the Whole Child.”

**** We no longer just live our lives and share our faith ...
we are learning to live our faith by sharing our lives!***

Whoever Wants the Next Generation the Most Will Get Them

Dear Christian Friends,

That's a pretty powerful statement – and, just as true.

I've always had a slight dislike for the line that goes something like this: "Youth (or children) are our future." It's often been used around churches to rally for stronger youth ministries, Sunday Schools, or even young adult singles groups. I'm certain it was used more than once over the past 160 years to emphasize the importance of our parochial day school ministry. They are not our future: we are theirs!

As a pastor, I am often invited to pre-screenings of movies that are designed to have an impact on churches ... to garner my support of their film before it is released to the public theater market. One such production group is that of brothers Alex and Stephen Kendrick. You might remember some of their past productions: "Facing the Giants," "Fireproof," "Courageous," "Overcomer" and "War Room."

Their latest film will be released to theaters on August 23: "The Forge." Isaiah Wright, only 19 and a year out of High School, has some growing up to do. With no plans for his future, he is challenged to start charting a better course for his life. By the prayers of his mother and her friend, Miss Clara (whom we met in "War Room"), together with the intentional mentoring of his new boss, he begins to discover God's purpose for his life through Biblical discipleship.

And, it's not all easy. In fact, just drawing from the film's name – "The Forge" – we can see some of what will be involved. The Oxford Dictionary says it is "to make or shape (a metal object) by heating it in a fire or furnace, and beating or hammering it." Think "blacksmith" and you've got it. The end-product of the smithy is something good ... the process of producing it (especially if you are the metal being heated and hammered) is not so good. Isaiah will be subjected to trials along the way as he is forged into becoming a man of character much more than he ever imagined or hoped for.

Co-writer Alex Kendrick says: "Jesus says 'If you want to be My disciple, deny yourself, take up your cross, follow Me.' Salvation is a gift. Discipleship will cost you. But, what can be better than discipleship? To know our Savior more deeply, to know Him more intimately?" His brother and co-writer, Stephen, adds: "I believe the church right now in this generation needs to get back to what Jesus did with His disciples ... people want living, day-to-day relationships. Discipleship is really about helping people know God and to have a personal daily walk in a relationship with Him."

"The Forge" is about the power of prayer, the transformation only God can achieve, and the lasting influence one person can have on others. That's part of what the promotional materials point out – to me, it sounds a great deal like: no longer just living our lives and sharing our faith ... rather, learning to live our faith by sharing our lives!

While I most whole-heartedly encourage you to see the movie when it is released (even to visit theforgemovie.com before then), even moreso do I challenge you to become intentionally focused on someone with whom you can share life. It might be a young person that you wish to disciple. It might be a friend, neighbor or co-worker (even a member of your own family) that you hope to forge into a disciple of Jesus. Whoever it is, remember this:

Whoever wants them the most will get them.

Blessings,





Principal Ponderings

Another year has come to a close for St. Paul Lutheran School. Our Lord has blessed us through 160 years of educational ministry to the Leavenworth and surrounding areas, including our Ft. Leavenworth military families. As we will soon begin our 161st year of ministry, we ask that you pray for us and take part in some of our volunteer opportunities. May we continue to seek His will as we continue this vital ministry to children and their families!

The theme for the 2024-2025 is “**Anchored in Christ**” – from Hebrews 6:19a, “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.”

A huge thank you to the school families and congregational members who helped switch out Mr. Fehlauer’s and Ms. Simmons’ rooms. They set a record of getting the job completed in 45 minutes! Praise God for the blessings He gives to us.

Summer is a time for sprucing up and planning. Please consider the following opportunities and how you can help out.

1. Organize a storage closet
2. Organize science lab equipment
3. Clean carpets in the 3 office areas
4. Clean classroom carpets
5. Sand and repaint the metal railing inside
6. Volunteer for our Career Fair (9:00 – 11:00, date to be determined)
7. Teach a 4-8 week class before or after school one day a week such as Leavenworth history, crocheting, card making, art/craft project, international studies, walking club, chess/checkers, book study, creative writing, cooking/baking, etc.
8. And, *more!*

2024-2025 Faculty and Staff

PreK 2½ – Kerri Moye (*Aide TBD*) = PreK 3 – Shannon Manley (Karen Jessup)
PreK 4 – Susan Wells (Cassie Ward) = Kindergarten – Kristen Michaels
Grades 1 & 2 – Debbie Martini (*Aide TBD*) = Grades 3 & 4 – Deena Simmons
Grades 5 & 6 – Jim Fehlauer = Grades 7 & 8 – Sally Niemann
P.E. – Karly Gadell

The Opening Service for this school year will be on August 11 with worship (at 10 AM), followed by a Luncheon in the Gym. Let’s celebrate 161 years of ministry!

To God alone be the glory!
– Principal Cindy Hammons ☩

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

7th St. (from Miami to Osage), Leavenworth, KS 66048
(913) 682-0387 Church, (913) 682-5553 School
(913) 682-1139 Church Fax
Business e-mail: office@splcs.org
Web Page: www.stpaul-lcms.org



OFFICE HOURS

Church Office: Mon., Tues. & Fri., 8 AM – 3 PM
Wed. & Thurs., 8 AM – Noon
School Office: Mon. – Fri., 9 AM – 1 PM

HOURS OF WORSHIP & STUDY

Sunday School & Bible Classes: 8:45 AM
Sunday Morning Worship: 10 AM
“In-Person” in the Sanctuary & Via Facebook Live
(www.facebook.com/friendsofsplcs)
* For Small Group Schedule, call Church Office

Rev. Ed Mease, Sr. Pastor
Cindy Hammons, Principal
Ashley Nelson, Deaconess
Margaret Hanawalt & Lynn VanVelzer, Church Secretaries
Chyza Nelson, School Administrative Assistant
Suzie Lawson, Admissions Coordinator
Daffny Atwell, Marketing & Media Coordinator
Courtney Castro, School Receptionist
Becca Mease & Barbara Regnier, Church Custodians
Michelle Denney, Worship Tech

Teachers

Jim Fehlauer	Kerri Moye
Shannon Manley	Sally Niemann
Debbie Martini	Deena Simmons
Kristen Michaels	Susan Wells

Aides

Karen Jessup	Tim Summers	
Tatjana Latimer	Leah Zappa	
Pamela Keys	Karly Gadell	Cassie Ward

MINISTRY DIRECTORS

President: Joey Denney
Vice President: Vanda McGraw
Secretary: Anna Foster – Treasurer: Janice Denney
At-Large Ministry Directors:

Rhonda Crute, Steve Fruechtenicht, Susan Grace
Ignacio Nelson, Tammie Rich

Member Care Ministry Team

Velma Bass, Gwen Erzen, Lynn Genter, Brenda Goebel,
Margaret Hanawalt, Virginia Harth,
Janet Jackson-Knight, Kathy Johnson, Pat King,
Becca Mease, Cheryl Orlofski, Mary Rogers,
Angie Schwalm, Roxie Summers & Pastor Ed



From
Lutherans
For Life



“So great is my veneration for the Bible, and so strong my belief, that when duly read and meditated on, it is of all books in the world, that which contributes most to make men good, wise, and happy – that the earlier my children begin to read it ... the more lively and confident will be my hopes that they will prove useful citizens of their country.”
– John Quincy Adams (*President of the United States*)

This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life
www.lutheransforlife.org

Come.
Join with us
in Prayer Group.

You don't even have to pray out loud!

WEDNESDAYS ... 6 PM
Church Basement

Feast & Fellowship (F&F)

A Free Meal in the Church Basement

*(sometimes with a game or movie
following the meal)*

every Friday at 6 PM;
come as-early-as 5:30 PM.

Come – Relax – Enjoy

* It is a great honor to announce that Sybella Burlingame (whom you may know best as Ann Reinhart's daughter) is the winner of the Kansas Lutherans for Life Essay Contest! The award will be presented to her during the worship service on July 21.



Dear Sybella,

Thank you so much for submitting an essay to our 2024 National Lutherans For Life Essay Contest. We appreciate you taking the time to think and pray and write your excellent essay. As one of the judges who read and re-read every essay, I truly enjoyed reading about so many of the issues that impact life from the perspective of our Christian Lutheran youth.

The judges were tasked with awarding two prizes for each age level. The committee selected your essay for the 1st Place Award for the 9th-12th Grade entry. Congratulations on this award! You will receive a certificate and a \$100 check. One of our LFL KS board members will be contacting you to make arrangements for the presentation. Your essay has been submitted for the national contest.

We are so pleased for you, Sybella! Our board hopes that you will continue to write essays and enter our contest again next year! We also hope that you continue to speak clearly for life as you did in your essay!

Blessings, *Katherine Schultz*, Secretary; Lutherans For Life of Kansas



***July promises to be an exciting month
for St. Paul Lutheran Church & School!***

Deaconess Ashley Nelson will be Commissioned and Installed during the morning worship service by our Kansas District President, Reverend Justin Panzer. As a life-long Lutheran, I don't remember working with a real live deaconess! I'm eager to see what she brings in excitement and energy to our Church and School (and, community too). Hopefully, we will see many of you on Sunday morning and at the joint-congregation Catered Lunch (11:30 AM – 12:30 PM, at Trinity) – in advance of the Ordination and Installation of her husband, Associate Pastor Nathan at 1 PM (at Trinity). Please join me in welcoming them to Leavenworth!

Saints Alive After 55 (SAA55) will be in Salina on July 21-22. The theme this year is "What's Love Got to do With It?" It's a great time to learn and share with other Kansas Lutherans. Registration closes on July 8 (please see the Registration Form in this newsletter). For more information, talk to me or Connie. We'd love to have you join us!

St. Paul Lutheran School Foundation has now received over \$12,000 in donations (as of June 13). These funds will help to provide scholarships to students from low income families. Your donations can qualify for a Kansas State income tax credit of 75%. For example, donate \$100 and receive a non expiring tax credit of \$75. Before donating, talk to Cheryl Orłowski or me so we can work with you, answer your questions, and apply for your tax credit. Cheryl and I completed training on June 5 on how to qualify students for eligibility by the Kansas Department of Education. We are *OPEN for business*. Call Cheryl or me soon to make a donation that will be a difference maker for a young student – that's what is all about!

– *John Denney* ☩



NEWS FROM OUR LADIES AID
Lutheran Women's Missionary League

**Our July LWML Ladies Aid Meeting will be
Wednesday, July 3, 12:30 PM**

We will meet in the Church Basement on Wednesday July 3, for our "4th of July Indoor Picnic!" The picnic will begin at 12:30 PM. Hosting the picnic will be John & Connie Denney. Roll Call will be answered by a verse from the Old Testament book of Judges.

Our Bible Study will continue from our Study – Leaning on Jesus – written by Deb Burma.

*For what small things will you lean on Jesus today?
How do you think daily leaning impacts your relationship over a lifetime?
How might your response of daily obedience prepare you for some impressively large moments
in the future that only God can see?*

Having difficulty answering those questions? You can get the answers by coming to Ladies Aid; our Bible Study Leader, Helen Genter, will help you with the answers!

In August, we will be returning to Ms. Manley's PreKindergarten Classroom on the 2nd Wednesday.

– Connie Denney, President ☩



STEWARDSHIP IN REVIEW

Date	Worship Attendance	Bible Study Attendance	Offerings
06-02-24	57	24	\$7,728
06-09-24	65	19	\$5,868
06-16-24	62	18	\$4,534
06-23-24	57	18	\$3,455

A complete Treasurer's Report is available from the Church Office.



STEPHEN MINISTRY



Sent by God, Just for Me

I was 26, newly divorced, living far away from family and friends, and dealing with a lot of guilt, shame, and low self-esteem. *Was I a total failure? Would anybody ever want me? Was God condemning me because of my divorce?*

I found a new church and made some friends, but still struggled. It seemed like all my church friends were perfect, happy, and full of faith – while I was flawed, gloomy, and full of doubts.

When I shared some of this with my pastor, he suggested a Stephen Minister.

Before I met my Stephen Minister, I was worried she would judge and reject me once she learned about my past and got to know the real me. But, she didn't. She was patient, loving, and accepting. I truly believe she was sent by God just for me.

We got together weekly. She'd ask me questions, get me talking, and then listen as I shared my struggles and doubts. She showed me God's love even when I didn't feel it. Over time, her faithful care helped me to see that perhaps I wasn't such a terrible person after all. Through her loving care, I began to think that if God loved me, then maybe I could love myself too.

After a while, I got to a better place emotionally, and our Stephen Ministry relationship ended. A few years later, I remarried and had a miscarriage, and she was there for me again as a Stephen Minister, providing the care and support I needed. We now live over a thousand miles apart – but she will always hold a special place in my heart.

If you're dealing with any kind of difficulty, if you're struggling with faith questions or doubts, if you're wondering whether you are a worthy person, then I encourage you to consider getting a Stephen Minister.

It just might be that God already has a special one picked out just for you.

(Some details in this story have been changed to preserve confidentiality.)

From: stephenministries.org/stories)

– Helen Genter, Co-Stephen Leader ✝

If you would like information about Stephen Ministry, please contact one of our Leaders:

Helen Genter (913-775-0710; lgenter63@gmail.com);

or Eric Rathburn (913-221-2411; rathburneric@gmail.com).

You can also contact Pastor Ed (913-758-7624; pastor@splcs.org).

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members – called *Stephen Ministers* – to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.

**SAINTS ALIVE AFTER 55 (SAA55)
34th ANNIVERSARY!**



It's time to register!

The Kansas District LCMS is hosting the 34th annual SAA55 gathering on July 21-22 at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Salina. This year's theme is "What's Love Got to Do with It?" (based on Matthew 22:36-39).

This event is a chance for Kansas Lutherans over 55 to gather with similar people from across the state to make new friends and renew old friendships while focusing on God's Word. The event starts on Sunday evening at 7 PM with two hours of games, singing, and snacks. The Monday schedule begins at 8 AM with a lite breakfast and concludes at 4 PM (with our own Pastor Ed leading the closing devotion).

Rev. Cliff Winter is our keynote speaker this year. He currently lives in Wichita with his wife, Lois, having previously served for 18 years as missionary in Taiwan and many more as a pastor in Minnesota and Kansas. He is currently chairman of the Kansas District Older Adult Ministry Committee. Our Bible Study leader again is the Rev. Mark Boxman of Trinity, Salina who earned rave reviews for his study last year.

Here's the carrot. Registration, lite breakfast, and lunch is *ONLY* \$50 per person!

For further information – including the detailed schedule – look on the LCMS Kansas District website. The link is on their home page ... you can't miss it. You can register and pay online or send a check with the registration to the address on the website. Or, there are flyers in the entry-area of the Sanctuary with the same info.

For questions, endorsements, or further information, contact Connie Denney, at: 913-547-2300.

REGISTRATION FORM (Also on-line at: <https://kslcms.org>) **Deadline: July 8, 2024**

1. Name(s) _____

Home Congregation _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

2. Program Registration Fee: \$50 – Enclosed is my Registration Fee

Per-Person (\$50 X # of people) = Total Registration Fee(s): _____

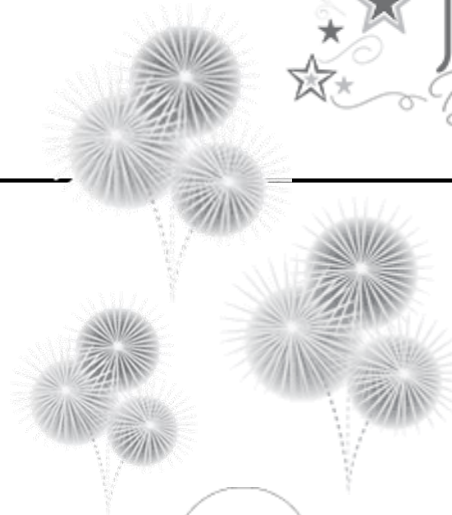
Total Enclosed: _____

** Make checks payable to: LCMS Kansas District (Noted: SAA55)*

Mail to: Tami Lierz, LCMS Kansas District; 1000 SW 10th Ave.; Topeka, KS 66604-1104
Questions/cancellations? Call Tami, at: 785-357-4441 (Ext. 5001)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Darlene Market	15	Steve Summers	22	Anissa Estrada
4	Tim Summers	18	Velma Bass		Scott Booth
5	Tammy Rich		Nancy Fruechtenicht	23	Louise Kincaid
6	Diane Curry	19	Larry Nance		Rosie Wells
	Dillon Foster	20	Cindy Hammons	24	Linda Hoppe
8	Devin Lampen	21	Elaina Collins	27	James Bates
9	Connie Jobe			29	Darlene Berg
11	Lynn Genter			30	Al vonSeggern
	Natalie Price			31	Madison Ronk
	Mitchell Foster				



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7	Phil & Gail Klotz
19	John & Clare Niemann
22	Davis & Nancy Denney
31	Del & Karena Housworth
	Daniel & Lindsey Watkins

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School.
311 N. 7th (@ Miami) Street
Leavenworth, KS 66048-1994
(913) 682-0387 – Church
(913) 682-5553 – School
(913) 682-5583 – Extended Care

CHANGE SERVICE
REQUESTED

SEED PACKET

What's Inside?

- * Saints Alive After 55!
- * School Scholarship Tax Credit
- * Birthdays & Anniversaries



JULY 2024

Sunday Worship Schedule at St. Paul

SINGLE
SERVICE
UNDAYS

8:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL
& BIBLE CLASSES

10 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE
also find us on  **LIVE**

@FriendsofSPLCS

Communion Served 1st & 3rd Sundays of each Month