



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

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We are blessed.

I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus... And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight. (Philippians 1:3-6, 9)

These words of the Apostle Paul to the Christians in Philippi are good for us to remember especially as we look back at our fiscal year ending June 30.

It is good and proper that we should, like Paul, give thanks to God for the blessings he has poured out on this congregation. We thank God for you, the people of this congregation. We can't begin to count the volunteer hours and work done by the members of this congregation. This congregation cares for the called workers and supports the mission of the church.

And look at what this church has done in the past year. We paid off the ECC building loan years ahead of schedule and saved millions of dollars in interest. Not standing still, the congregation decided to expand our Early Childcare Center, remodel the school for classroom space and complete several other projects. A new hymnal is coming out this fall and the cost of that has been fully funded by a generous donation. With more generous donations we now have a brand-new grand piano for the church sanctuary. We are supporting FVL and WELS Missions and Ministry.

Besides all of that, the congregation has supported our budget so we end the fiscal year in very good financial shape.

So, like Paul, we give thanks to God for all that he has accomplished through us. What a blessing that is! Even though we are, by nature, enemies of God and dead in sin, God made us alive with Christ and brought us peace with God. By nature we are self-servers, but God has made us his servants, willing to serve others and the needs of the church.

Of course, the danger is that we can wrench our shoulders out of joint patting ourselves on the back. So, let us in humility praise God for his grace to us. Along with prayers of thanksgiving to our gracious God may we add prayers that we will grow more and more in our faith through more time spent in the Word and a deeper study of the truths of our salvation. That is spiritual growth and there is no other way to accomplish it. But as we do grow spiritually, God will work through us more and more so that he will accomplish even more through St. Paul Lutheran Ministries.

Pastor Kenneth Frey

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Worship Schedule

Sunday services: 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Monday evenings: 6:00 p.m.

Our 8am Sunday services are on facebook live and can also be heard on WNAM 1280 AM.

7/4	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – Followers of Jesus – Pray for their Nation
7/11, 7/12	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – Followers of Jesus – Are Faithful in Spite of Rejection
7/18, 7/19	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – This is your life – Adopted
7/25, 7/26	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – This is your Life - United

Official Acts

Transfer Out:

Neal & Lauren Davis and child

Baptized:

Stevie Paschen, daughter of Travis & Emily Paschen

Forever with the Lord:

Olive Lecker, who departed this life on June 8th, 2021 at the age of 94 years, 3 months, and 21 days.

Financials through May 31st, 2021

	May.	July – May.
Income	\$ 250,170	\$ 2,028,926
Expense	\$ 161,476	\$ 1,904,150
Behind / Ahead	+\$88,696	\$ +124,776

All bills are paid; all obligations are met.

School News

Mission Statement:

Using God's Word as our guide, St. Paul Lutheran School will raise up future generations of Christians in our community by assisting parents in the Christian teaching of their children and by striving for excellence in all areas of instruction.

Library Help Needed! A new floor was installed in the lower level of the school building early this summer. We are in need of assistance in reorganizing all of the library books in our school library. If you are able to help, please call the school office or let Mr. Kelley or Mrs. Plamann know your willingness to assist with this project.

Student Teacher Host Families Needed for Fall: We are set to have two student teachers from MLC join us for a portion of the 2021-2022 school year. If you are able to host one of them, please reach out to Mr. Kelley for details (jkelly@stpaulappletonwi.com or 733-9061).

Summer Mailing: If you are a school family, please look for the summer mailing to come out sometime the last week of June or early July. This mailing will include registration, tuition, and home visit information as well as other items that will be important for you to know.

LWMS

Taste of Missions – July 11-17 – Register online at TasteofMissions.com. This event, hosted by WELS Missions, will provide all WELS members an opportunity to connect with brothers and sisters in Christ from around the globe.

A message from Pastor Caleb Free, Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Lakewood Ranch, Florida:

Risen Savior had never hosted a soccer camp before, and the thought of our small mission church running the camp was intimidating. However, our District Mission Board told us that we should contact Mission Journeys, because they could potentially help us. When we called Shannon Bohme at Mission Journeys and told him our situation, he immediately went to work to find a mission team to help with our camp.

Within a matter of weeks, our soccer camp went from a dream to a reality. Mission Journeys connected us with a combined youth group in Minnesota (14 youths and 2 chaperones) who were very experienced with running soccer camps. Through email and phone conversations, the leaders simply told our congregation what to buy and how to advertise. They said that they would take care of the rest when they got there.

It's easy to say that God blessed the efforts of both Risen Savior and our Mission Journeys team. We scheduled the soccer camp for the end of June and, of course, we didn't know how many kids would sign up. Optimistically, we decided to set the capacity at 75. By the middle of May, we had reached our capacity and had to begin a waiting list. Through the registration process, we

identified many people who were interested in hearing more about our church, and we have continued to reach out to them.

The camp itself was also a success. The youth group, with guidance from their chaperones, jumped right in to running the camp. They played games, they ran drills, and they showed love to the kids. What was most impressive was the love of Christ that showed through them to the kids (and their parents). Numerous parents came up to us throughout the week and said that they could not believe how amazing this youth group was at interacting with and teaching their kids.

This Mission Journeys team helped our congregation put on a community soccer camp, which, by ourselves, we could not do. Through their efforts they displayed the love of Christ, and they have given us more opportunities to proclaim his love in Lakewood Ranch.

Pastor Caleb Free,

Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Lakewood Ranch, Florida

News from Women's Ministry

Our ladies will again be serving funeral lunches. We do not have a funeral coordinator at this time but if you need us to serve a lunch, please talk with one of our pastors or the church office staff. You will then be contacted by a WM member or representative to discuss the meal choices and caterers.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 10 as the Fall Festival is returning in 2021. Our plan is to keep it simple. There will be a bake sale and silent auction with our delicious hot beef dinner. Helpers will be needed to prepare food on Saturday, serve and clean-up on Sunday so you may be hearing from us as we get closer to the date. If you have an item for the auction, please contact Marilyn McCarthy or Vicki Sheldon.

VBS Volunteers Needed

We're getting ready for a great Vacation Bible School (VBS)! This year our VBS theme is God's Wonder Lab. VBS children will learn that Jesus does the impossible! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where Jesus does marvelous things. They will get to learn about the vast and amazing love that God has for each of us!

Our VBS will be held July 26 - 30, 8:30-11:30 a.m., at St. Paul Lutheran School.

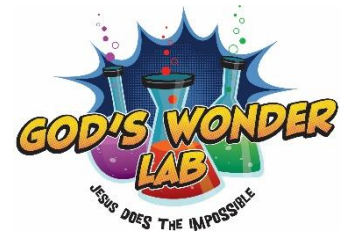
We have a number of different areas where your time, energy, creativity, and a commitment can help us share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with God's children in our congregation and our community.

Would you prayerfully consider serving at VBS? You can sign up in-person at the information desk in the

church entryway or you can sign up online on our church website (follow the VBS 2021 link).

VBS Registration Now Open

Our church is hosting an exciting God's Wonder Lab Vacation Bible School this summer. It will be a great time for kids to grow in faith as they explore God's Word.



Our VBS will be held July 26 - 30, 8:30-11:30 a.m., at St. Paul Lutheran School for children age 3 through those entering into Grade 6. Parents can register their children by filling out a Registration Sheet found at the Information Desk in the Church entryway or by registering online at stpaulappletonwi.com.

We pray that God's Wonder Lab gives us opportunities to introduce children and their families to Christ and our church. We hope to help our own children grow in their faith in Jesus while reaching out to children in our neighborhood.

ECC Update

The ECC is currently in its busiest summer ever! The volume of phone calls, tours, and enrollments for all ages is far surpassing any other summer. To God be the glory! We have recently had a little interest in our open staffing positions, so please continue the prayers that some of these candidates are a good fit for us and that we can go into the fall fully staffed. We continue to put our trust in the perfect wisdom and timing of our loving God. Construction is also going well. Everything is progressing along nicely and it is exciting to think that we are almost to the drywall stage! With the ECC basement nearing completion, we will start gathering the items we need to furnish and operate new spaces. You will soon see a "clothesline" in the back of church with items the ECC is looking for. This will be very similar to how we have done the Christmas tree in the past at Christmas time. Instead of ornaments and a tree, we will have a clothesline display with items pinned to the line. If you are interested in purchasing items on the clothesline, remove the item(s) and either purchase/donate it, or send in money to purchase. Then return the item with your image from the clothesline. We will include a cost and location of where each item can be purchased, but gently used or a comparable item from somewhere else may also work. You can call the ECC office for clarification if you have any questions. Look for the clothesline to be present for the month of July. As always, thank you and God bless you for your prayers and support.

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church and School Project Wish List

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| 1. | Push Bars for Door | \$2,500 |
| 2. | Large Playground Improvements | \$25,000 |
| 3. | Classroom Doors | \$29,000 |
| 4. | WELS Hymnology Curriculum | \$900 |
| 5. | Loan Payoff | \$300,000 |

Any donations (large or small) given toward these items is greatly appreciated. Some of these items/projects have been purchased/completed and we are looking for members to help in covering any part of the costs involved. For a closer look at these items as well as giving options, including 'Easy Tithe', please follow this link: [Wish List Giving](#).

We've been blessed to receive donations to fully fund the items shown below, totaling \$337,114. They have been removed from the active Wish List and will be completed as soon as possible.

1. Hymnals
2. ECC Loan
3. Security Cameras
4. ECC & School Construction Project
5. Vex Robotic Program
6. Baby Grand Piano

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations towards these items!

FVL News

International host families are needed! Applications are coming, and we are currently limited with housing options. Can you help? A stipend is offered to help with expenses. Contact Monica Uhlenbrauck (muhlenbrauck@fvlhs.org) for details.

2 Open Positions - FVL is hiring a keyboard instructor and part-time School Office assistant. Go to fvlhs.org/About/Employment to find job descriptions and applications.