



# JUNE/JULY EPISTLE



ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (ECC)

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## **"Sing, Pray, and Keep His Ways" Synodical Initiative Updates**

*Allison Mackie, Director of Parish Music*

"Sing, Pray, and Keep His Ways" is a five-year project by LCMS Worship Ministry through a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. The project is focused on bringing children into active roles in their lives of faith in their congregations, with a particular emphasis on helping children to participate in worship. In January, St. Paul's was selected to be part of the first cohort of congregations to participate in the project.

In February, I traveled to St. Louis to meet with members of other congregations in the first cohort. We shared about our congregations, what is going well now, and what we hope to accomplish throughout our participation in this project. The end goal of this meeting was for each participant to plan a pilot project to implement in our own congregation. We had plenty of time to discuss our ideas with other participants, as well as take inspiration from what others are already doing in their churches.

Our St. Paul's team members are focusing our project on developing tactile ways for young children to participate in worship. Our hope is that rather than recreating "busy bags," which often serve as distractions from worship, that we develop church bags that lead children to focus on what is happening in the service. We are also brainstorming ways to help our families with young children connect to others in the congregation in ways that will give parents more support and give children others to look up to.

Keep an eye out for updates as we begin our pilot project! If you are a parent of young children, keep bringing them to worship. If you are not a parent of young children, reach out and encourage those who are. Continue to model what Christian worship looks like in the pews. Most importantly, ask God that He would keep all children in His care, and give our congregation and Synodical leadership wisdom in helping to bring the little children to Jesus.

*Allison N Mackie*



## Dispatches from The Office

*Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor*

# Sabbatical Update #1

*"But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield." (Psalm 5:11–12, ESV)*

I am doing this preliminary update at the beginning of my sabbatical. I will do another in the middle of July for the *August Epistle*. Thanks to the generosity of many, I will be staying at more than five different locations during the next four months. In fact, I had more offers for places to stay than I could take. I thank all those who were willing to open their places of rest to me as I receive this sabbatical for a time of spiritual, family, creative, and physical renewal.

As I begin this sabbatical I have just completed the memorization of my latest meditation project, Psalm 5. You have the last two verses thereof above. Earlier this year I took on the project of occasionally memorizing some of the psalms. Psalm 5 took me a while, but it is a perfect time, as the last two verses are my prayer for you and for me and for my family as we embark on this journey. It is such a joy to have psalms in memory. They are such a treasure to help us form our prayers. Indeed, it is such a joy to be a child of God, a hearer of the Word, one of the beloved of Christ and a member of His eternal family, His body, the Church.

Here is an overview of my plan for the next three months... During the first week of my sabbatical I will be helping my wife prepare our home for our son Brenainn's high school graduation party. On Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, I hope to begin the renewal of my novel-writing in earnest. During this time I may take a two-day excursion, but I will be back at the end of the last week of May to celebrate my boys' birthdays. Thereafter, I head up north for the remainder of the summer. I'll spend a week near the U.P. border, but with an excursion to Menominee to be at UW-Stout as Brenainn registers for his college classes. I'll then go to another friend's cabin near the U.P. border, but a little further east. Somewhere in early-to-mid June, God-willing, a little granddaughter will be born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. I'll have my "go-bag" ready and rush to join my wife for that joy. Toward the end of June, I'll head SW to a little cabin in the midst of the woods. There I'll spend the month of July. In early August I head to another friend's lake cabin, which—if God wills—will be a time of family reconnection for the whole O'Donnell crew.

Thank you, again, for your prayerful support.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Lance O'Donnell  
Thursday of Easter 7  
21 May, A.D. 2026



Delegates from each LWML Group in the SWD will be attending the **80th Anniversary Convention** and voting on Officers and the next biennium Mission Grants at Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel on June 19-20. Keynote speaker Deb Burma will be at a special dinner on Friday evening. Mites in Action speakers: Rev. M. Douglas Peters, Historic Trinity, Milwaukee, Rev. Robert Marshall, Lutheran Heritage Foundation, and Rev. Greg Hovland, SWD Mission Executive will speak on Saturday along with usual convention business. Attendees will experience exhibits, a mission walk, Servant Events, and Friday night Vespers Service with SWD LCMS President Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador, proclaimer.

**Gifts from the Heart** (ingathering) are layette items for Orphan Grain Train and diapers for Lord's Lambs, St. Paul's, Oconomowoc. Please pick up a list of items needed in the Fellowship Hall by the LWML bulletin board. Items can be placed in the bin by June 14<sup>th</sup> if you cannot attend.

Watch for the new Mission Grants in the August Epistle!

ALL 2024-2026 SWD Mission Grants (\$236,548.28) have been PAID in FULL.

We will be tying quilts on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a scissors and helping hands!

Join us for our last meeting of the season on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:30 pm at Johnny Pizzas & Pastaria in Oconomowoc. Remember your MITES!

## Wednesday Summer Worship Services

Lakeside Summer Worship (in our backyard) will return on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm. They will run through August 26<sup>th</sup>. Bring your lawn chairs! Sermons will be from the prior Sunday. (If there is inclement weather, services will be moved into the sanctuary.)



### Christmas Market

This event will again be held in December for the students of St. Paul's. If you are a crafter, or can just help in any way, please contact Tammy Horton (262-607-1111) or Sue Lindemann (262-567-8985). We all have God-given talents and this is a great way to share with the students at our school. Thank you and God's blessings.



Our summer office hours will be 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, effective June 1<sup>st</sup>- August 21<sup>st</sup>. Please make a note of this.



YOU ARE INVITED TO A

# Retirement Party

HONORING


## Margie Hertneky

Sunday, June 7 at Noon

**Please bring a favorite dish to pass  
as part of our potluck meal.**

A card basket will be available and those who wish may  
include a monetary gift as a token of appreciation.

Cards may also be dropped off in the office



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Oconomowoc WI

# JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 5:30 pm Lord's Cupboard Drive-Thru	2 5:30 pm LWML @ Johnny Pizzas	3 6:30 pm Lakeside Worship 7:30 pm Lutheran Basics Bible Study	4 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	5	6 8:00 am Women of Joy Bible Study 9:15 am LWML Quilt Tying 5:00 pm Divine Worship
7 8:00 am Divine Worship 9:15 am Blood Pressure Screening 9:15 am Summer Sunday School 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Worship 12:00 pm Margie Hertneky Retirement Party	8	9 5:30 pm Board of Operations Mtg.	10 6:30 pm Lakeside Worship 7:30 pm Lutheran Basics Bible Study	11 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	12	13 7:30 am Journeymen 5:00 pm Divine Worship
14 8:00 am Divine Worship 9:15 am Summer Sunday School 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Worship 7:00 pm Higher Things Bible Study	15 5:30 pm Lord's Cupboard Drive-Thru & Meal	16	17 6:30 pm Lakeside Worship 7:30 pm Lutheran Basics Bible Study	18 1:00 pm New Member Sponsor Cmte. Mtg. 6:30 pm SPLCO YA Bible Study 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	19	20 8:00 am Women of Joy Bible Study 5:00 pm Divine Worship
21 8:00 am Divine Worship 9:15 am Coffee Fellowship Hour 9:15 am Summer Sunday School 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Worship	22	23	24 6:30 pm Lakeside Worship 7:30 pm Lutheran Basics Bible Study	25 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	26	27 7:30 am Journeymen 5:00 pm Divine Worship
28 8:00 am Divine Worship 9:15 am Summer Sunday School 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Worship	29	30				

# JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30 pm Lakeside Worship	2 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	3 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	4 8:00 am Women of Joy 5:00 pm Divine Worship
5 8:00 am Divine Worship 9:15 am Blood Pressure Screening 9:15 am Summer Sunday School 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Worship	6 5:30 pm Lord's Cupboard Drive-Thru	7 5:30 pm Board of Ops Meeting	8 6:30 pm Lakeside Worship	9 6:30 pm SPLCO YA Bible Study 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	10 5:00 pm Leah Fiolo & James Pape Rehearsal	11 7:30 am Journeymen 2:00 pm Leah Fiolo & James Pape Wedding 5:00 pm Divine Worship
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# June 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>7 Served on Altar Guild today? No-25¢</p>	<p>1 Justin* Martyr 25¢</p>	<p>2 Attending LWML at Johnny's tonight? Yes-15¢ No-25¢</p>	<p>3 Sunny today? Yes-30¢ No-10¢</p>	<p>4 10¢ if you read a devotion today 20¢ if you did not</p>	<p>5 Boniface of Mainz* Missionary to the Germans 20¢</p>	<p>6 D-Day 50¢</p>
<p>7 Served on Altar Guild today? No-25¢</p>	<p>8 Count your blessings! 10¢ for each one</p>	<p>9 50¢ if you have a birthday this month</p>	<p>10 Temperature above 75? Yes-25¢ No-15¢</p>	<p>11 <b>St. Barnabas</b> Apostle 25¢</p>	<p>12 The Ecumenical Council of Nicea * AD 325 20¢</p>	<p>13 Own a grill? Yes-15¢ No-10¢</p>
<p>14 Flag Day Own a flag Yes-50¢ No-\$1</p>	<p>15 15¢ for each wedding you are going to this month</p>	<p>16 10¢ for each pair of flip flops you own</p>	<p>17 Exercised today? Yes-15¢ No-30¢</p>	<p>18 Pray for the SWD LWML Convention Delegates 25¢</p>	<p>19 Attending the SWD LWML Convention? Yes-10¢ No-20¢</p>	<p>20 10¢ for each kind of flower in your garden</p>
<p>21 Father's Day \$1</p>	<p>22 Thank God for summer! 25¢</p>	<p>23 Worked in the yard today? Yes-10¢ No-15¢</p>	<p>24 <b>The Nativity of John the Baptist</b> 25¢</p>	<p>25 Presentation of the Augsburg Confession* 30¢</p>	<p>26 Jeremiah* 20¢</p>	<p>27 Cyril of Alexandria* Pastor &amp; Confessor</p>
<p>28 Irenaeus of Lyons* Pastor</p>	<p>29 <b>St. Peter &amp; St. Paul</b> 50¢</p>	<p>30 20¢ if you went to a Rummage Sale this month</p>				

\*Commemoration Days are examples of those in whom the saving work of Jesus Christ has been made manifest to the glory of His holy name and to the praise of His grace and mercy.  
MITES MAY BE RETURNED in the Large Mite Box in the Narthex. Additional Mite Boxes for personal use are also available.

# July 2026



# MITES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Canada Day 20¢	2 <b>The Visitation</b> 25¢	3 Gathering with family this weekend? Yes-15¢ No-20¢	4 <b>AMERICA 250</b> Independence Day! In God We Trust \$1
5 Did you wear red white or blue today? Yes 15¢ No-25¢	6 Isaiah* 25¢	7 10¢ if you used sunscreen today 15¢ if not	8 40¢ if you own a cat	9 30¢ if you own a dog	10 10¢ for each degree above 80 today	11 30¢ if you ate out today 15¢ if not
12 10¢ if you attended Bible Study today 30¢ if you did not	13 Ate breakfast today? 25¢	14 10¢ for each cup of coffee today	15 10¢ for each bottle of water today	16 Ruth 20¢	17 Fish Fry tonight? Yes 25¢ No-15¢	18 Grilled out this week Yes-15¢ No-25¢
19 Thank offering for God's Day of Rest	20 Mow the lawn Walking-15¢ Riding-30¢ No lawn to mow-50¢	21 Ezekiel 20¢	22 <b>St. Mary Magdalene</b> 25¢	23 25¢ for each soda today	24 TGIF 50¢	25 <b>St. James the Elder</b> Apostle 25¢
26 Thank God for our Pastors 50¢	27 Eggs for breakfast today? Yes 10¢ No-15¢	28 Johann Sebastian Bach* Kantor 25¢	29 Mary, Martha & Lazarus of Bethany* 30¢	30 Robert Barnes* Confessor & Martyr 25¢	31 Joseph of Arimathea* 20¢	

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## JUNE/JULY BIRTHDAYS

June 3rd  
Sally Eubanks

June 4th  
Lucy Fredrick

June 5th  
Char Binney  
Ronna Pagenkopf

June 6th  
Kathleen Granzin

June 8th  
Shirley Rhodde  
Sue Thelen

June 14th  
Linda Osterndorf  
Bruce Richards

June 21st  
Diane Kollmeyer

June 22nd  
Gwen Nicholson  
Barbara Wildes

June 23rd  
Linda Meyer  
Karen Schultz

June 25th  
Belle Romback

June 26th  
Jerry Weisensel

June 27th  
Ernie Bollinger  
Glenn Leidel

June 28th  
LouAnn Wolter

June 29th  
Ruth Polcha \*102!  
Carol Fischer

June 30th  
Janifer Schmidt

July 2nd  
Bernita Krenzke

July 3rd  
Mary Onstad  
Linda Uttech

July 7th  
Pat Borgman  
Patricia Gartzke

July 10th  
Kathleen Francke  
Barb Star

July 11th  
Barb Melvin

July 13th  
Arno Kirchenwitz

July 15th  
John Melvin  
Dennis Thelen

July 22nd  
Gemma Kitzman

July 23rd  
Betty Ewald  
Stan Kuehl

July 30th  
Florence Kroll

*For our members 70+ years*



## MEMORIALS

Bob Bratz

\$100

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### WORSHIP & STUDY

Saturday Worship	5:00 pm
Sunday Worship	8:00 am & 10:30 am
Bible Class	9:15 am

Pastor Lance Armstrong O'Donnell 262.567.5001 x217  
 Pastor Jason Schockman 262.567.5001 x216  
 Director of Parish Music, Allison Mackie 262.567.5001 x214  
 Principal - Jill George 262.567.5001 x213  
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### LIVE BROADCASTS:

8:00 am Sunday Worship  
 Live on WTKM 104.9 FM/1540 AM  
 & [www.wtkm.com](http://www.wtkm.com)  
 Live-streamed at [www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org)

### EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (ECC)

Christian Pre-School & Day Care  
 Director Christine Flores 262.567.4881  
 Epistle Editor-Heather Scheuer

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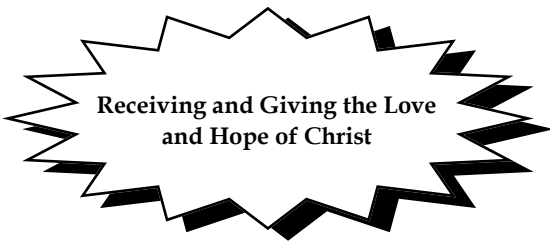
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 announcements and features is the  
 2nd Wednesday of the month

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## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

### Received by Confirmation

Ruby Baneck	Nash William Menzel
Addison Kay Cormany	Augie Dane Meyer
Addison Etzel	Caleb Aaron Meyer
Jackson Richard Etzel	Magdala Hope Mueller
Noah Robert Lietzau	Wyatt James Tanner
Ashley Marie Lindemann	Maya Zimmerman
Jaxson Stanley Luedtke	

### Received by transfer from another LCMS church

James & Jill Simaras

### Death

Robert Bratz Sr.

**Baptized 2048    Confirmed 1259**