St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

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 June 26, 2025

From the Pastor:

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. *Psalm 90:1* The more I talk to people these days, the more I see how worried people are. Worried about the way the world is going. Worried about the future. Worried about their children or grandchildren. There seems to be a lot of changes going on in the world, and there is anxiety about what the future might hold. When we see all the problems in the world, it can be easy to cry out, like Moses, who wrote *Psalm 90:* You return man to dust… You sweep them away as with a flood… We are brought to an end by your anger… All our days pass away under your wrath; we bring an end to our years like a sigh. *Psalm 90:3, 5,7, 9* But it really isn’t all bad. Yes, the world may be changing. Yes, we may not like the direction things seem to be heading. And yes, we ourselves will one day die. But we do not go into all this without hope. Even when we don’t know exactly what tomorrow will bring, we know how the story ends. God will be faithful. God will keep His promises. God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to bring us renewal and life, so that whatever tomorrow brings, God will bring us life. Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad for as many years as you have afflicted us… Let your works be shown to your servants… Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the works of our hands upon us. *Psalm 90:14-17a*

ST. PAUL DISCIPLESHIP

Date Attnd Offering Mission

06-01 58 3390.00

06-08 67 2172.00 20.00

06-22 70 3210.00

 Offering from Lexington service 370.00

 Men’s Restroom 1200.00

**NEEDING OUR CONTINUING PRAYER**

Rob Ambrose

Richard Blair Jr

Jack Brandt

Bill Duncan

Earl Ellinger

Barbara Graves

Lorene Grimes

Duane and Margaret Haney

Zachary Lemon

Family of June Lubkeman *who passed away June 24, June was the wife of former Pastor August Lubkeman who served St. Paul from September 1965 to Aprill 1983 and is a sister to Jim Raymond*

Darrel and Carla Nobis

Gary Nelson

Logan Peifer

Jim Raymond

Penny Rhoades *[friend of Kurt and Kim Rhoda]*

Dick and Judy Rhoda

Charles ‘Chuck’ Schieler

Gerald and Ramona Schuler

Richard Schulz

John Seeman

Roger and Janet Seeman

Jessica Vick *[friend of Kayla*]

Pat Wahls

**Please notify** Joy if anyone could be removed from the Prayer List.

**Summer Midweek Services**

Continuing every Wednesday at 7 pm until Labor Day, St. Paul, Lexington, will host summer midweek services. This is an excellent opportunity to come to church for those who might be travelling over the weekend during the summer. Our midweek service will use the same readings and Order of Service as the previous Sunday's service, but the sermon may focus on a different reading than Sunday's sermon.

**The** **Ladies Bible study group** will be reading Promised Rest: Finding Peace in God’s Presence by Michelle Diercks.

 From the book cover: our heavenly Father is near and dear. He draws us close, provides for our needs, and loves us unconditionally. But we lose sight of that: we become dissatisfied.  Anxious.  We crave respite and rest.

Explore who God is, what He does, and what He promises in this Bible study.  Each chapter draws the reader closer to God’s real and present peace in His Word and Sacraments.  Through stories, Scripture, and reflection-discussion questions, journaling prompts, and inspirational coloring pages-readers consider the names and traits that express the very essence of God.

We start Bible study at 2 p.m.  Please direct any questions to Pam Norris.

Week 3: July 9: El Roi

Week 4: July 16: El Shaddai

**3-week break**

Week 5: Aug. 13: Jir’eh

Week 6:  Aug 20: Shalom

Week 7: Aug 27: Yahweh Ra’ah

Week 8: Sept 3: Immanuel

**St. Paul Lexington** has been part of a ministry to provide items for the people in Kentucky.  An area they reach out to is London, Kentucky. This area was hit by tornado in May.

For those that would like to support this ministry, the following is a list of items needed:

Cleaning supplies: bleach, gloves, garbage bags, paper towels, mops, and disinfectant

Blankets and sleeping bags

First aid supplies

Flashlights and batteries especially AA and AAA sizes

Gift cards (grocery, gas, bog box stores)

Non-perishable food:  canned goods, protein bars, peanut butter, baby formula, etc

Personal hygiene products: toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, feminine products, shampoo

Pet food and supplies: dog/cat food/leashes, litter and small bowls

Empty gas cans.

There will be containers for these donations which will be separate from our food pantry collection bins.  If you have questions, speak with Nancy Nylander

**Clothing for OSF -Pontiac** -- Chaplain, Matthew T. Clarke, MA< MDIV at OSF HealthCare St. James- J.W. Albrecht Medical Center,  may have already reached out to many of you asking for partnership in helping with the needs of the hospital emergency room of Pontiac. With this partnership, he is requesting donations of new clothing items to be used for patients when released from the emergency room.  At this time paper clothing is the option used.

To be clear he is not asking for anything special, but requests the items be new. Basic items of T-shirts, tank tops, sports bras, undergarments, sweatshirt or sweatpants, and socks ware. All sizes from XXS to 3XL  would be most appreciated.

The Chenoa United Methodist has obtained a collection box for the months of June and July. If you would wish to help in this cause, please email me at punzicker@gmail.com.   I will be happy to pick up any items that your congregation donates at the end of July. Please email me or phone me if needed. ( 309-212-4750)

**The Chenoa Food Pantry** needs laundry detergent, dish soap and bleach.  Please consider donating for this cause..