

The Messenger

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Greetings St. Paul Lutheran Church!

I've been thinking a lot about our Raise the Roof! Raise the Kids! Campaign. While I know we are more in the behind the scenes stage of the campaign now, I've had good conversations with people outside of St. Paul about the project and its meaning and wanted to share some of my thoughts with you from these conversations. They got me excited, so I thought they may get you excited too.

I was at the awards dinner for the Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation. The person I was sitting next to was sharing about the historical connection between engineers/architects and priests/churches and how back in the early church days they were very much connected. I never realized the connection before, but it makes sense. Churches were the things being built, and they were trying to imitate the grandness of God in the buildings. The person I was sitting next to could articulate the wonder, awe, and majesty better than I can, so I only have my feelings from that conversation to convey. Nowadays, for many of us a building is a building is a building. It doesn't matter about the architecture. And while that is true, we can worship anywhere or even without a building. When we have such amazing buildings, I believe it is part of our calling to keep maintaining them to the architect's original vision. Where I worship is integral to my faith life. Seeing the beauty of the architecture helps me imagine the expansiveness of God. We're just humans and can create such splendor, how much more is God?

I had another conversation earlier that same week with another person that got me thinking about why we are doing this project. This person asked me if it drove me nuts that we were spending so much money on a building (probably instead of spending all of this money on feeding the hungry, etc). I told this person that it didn't bother me. I saw this "building" not just as a building but as an asset to the congregation and community. I've heard the story that back around 2013, St. Paul Lutheran Church was trying to decide if they remain in their current location or sell the property and move. The congregation chose at that time to engage and lean into being a community church. Part of that is our campus and our buildings. I hear the pain in people's voices when they talk about Sarasota buildings that were historically or architecturally significant and were torn down. A building isn't just a building. It holds history and memories and dreams of the future in it. And literally our Ed Building does hold the future as it is home to our Early Childhood Learning Center children. These buildings aren't just brick and mortar, but also our past, present, and future.

Thank you to all who have donated so far to the campaign. We did share last month that there is a delay in beginning the construction, and we were coming up with our Plan B. We had a taskforce that looked at all the pros and cons and ideas for when to begin the construction, since it could not begin at the end of May. Our taskforce recommended to council, and council approved, the construction to begin during Spring Break of 2024. We will order the beams ASAP, so they may even be ready before the construction begins. March 8, 2024, is now the plan for beginning construction. This has the least interruption to the Early Childhood Learning Center school year. Once the kids come back from break they will be in the Fellowship Hall. I know we will figure out all the logistics. We have a good team of folks ensuring this happens. If you have questions, please let me know.

Take care and God bless. -PrAshley



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Council News

The Congregation Council met for its regular monthly meeting on May 18, 2023, in-person and by Zoom.

- Received an update on the *Raise the Roof - Raise the Kids* campaign from Pastor Don Hillerich.
- Approved Christina Danielewicz and Valerie Nicolls for membership.
- Approved the Transfer of John McAuliffe and Michele Hilton to St. Mark by the Sea Lutheran Church in Palm Coast, Florida.
- Approved the use of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 4, 2023, by Architecture Sarasota for a Lundy Symposium.
- Approved the timeline for the updated Raise the Roof – Raise the Kids Roof Renovation to start at the ECLC spring break, March 8, 2024.
- Approved the dates for Guitar Sarasota's use of Fellowship Hall for Saturday afternoon gatherings on Nov. 18, Dec. 16, Jan. 20, and Feb. 24; and Monday evening concerts on Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 15, and Feb. 19. The dates for March and April will be scheduled in the sanctuary due to renovations.

Executive Team



Message from the Church Office

Pastor Ashley and the Parish Administrator will never email or text you asking for donations of money or gift cards.

Please ignore these scammers. You should always contact the church office if you are not sure.



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Congregation Council

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Evangelism – Bob Lariviere
Safety & Emergency Preparedness - Cindy Paxton
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Food Pantry – George Hutfilz
Outreach Ministry Fund – Daniel Mills
Property – **Seeking volunteer leader**
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MISSION STATEMENT As a Holy Spirit-led family of God, we are called through Baptism to proclaim and bear witness to God's reconciling grace in Jesus Christ to all; so that by joyfully sharing God's Word and encouraging each other to service for the sake of others, our lives together make a difference for Christ and His kingdom.

Notes from the Directors

June, a time for relaxation and fun. Fun is the underlying theme for our summer camp which begins on June 5 with the theme of Florida Staycations. Our summer program runs through July.

In August we are ready to begin a new school year. Open house for all students and their parents is on August 9 from 12:00-1:00p. School begins on August 10.



Early Childhood Learning Center
Lisa McLean, Director
Iven Ayad, Assistant Director
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Godspeed Michele and John!

Michele received bling!



John received fish flops!



A farewell and Godspeed for Michele and John was held during the worship service on May 14, 2023, followed by a reception in their honor in the Fellowship Hall. We will miss them and their contributions to St. Paul, but wish them Godspeed. While it was a long time in construction their home in Palm Coast is finally complete. We wish you well in your new home located at 100 New Leatherwood Dr. Palm Coast, FL 32137.



Congratulations, Emilee!



St. Paul wishes to congratulate Emilee Miller on her high school graduation. A reception was held in her honor on May 21, 2023, in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Emilee plans to attend Santa Fe College in Gainesville in the fall.

Murder Mystery Dinner Train



On Sunday, May 21 several members of St. Paul enjoyed dinner, a train ride (Gulf Railway in Fort Myers), and a murder mystery show. The drama "Murder Most Elite" was performed between dinner courses. No one will be giving up their day jobs as none in the group detected who had "done it", but all had a great time. After an overnight stay in Fort Myers everyone returned home on Monday.

Hope Seeds

God's Work. Our Hands.

Come join us to socialize, have fun, and make a difference in the world. We fill several thousand small bags with seeds which will be sent to several countries so families can grow their own food. We gather the third Monday of every month. Come when you can, leave when you must. The next gathering will be on Monday, June 19 at 1:00p.



May 15, 2023 Hope Seeds volunteers. Goodies also provided.



Prayer Ministry

St. Paul offers many ways to pray with and for loved ones, the community, and the world!

Online Prayer Chain - an email goes out weekly with prayer requests. Please let PrAshley know if you want to be a pray-er.

Prayer Crosses - Located in the Fellowship Hall, the Sanctuary, and outside for prayers to be placed either in or on. Any prayer request put on the cross in the FH or Sanctuary will be put on the outside Hope Cross.

Prayer Zoom - Talking with God (see below) facilitated by Deacon Kim Heindl meets every Thursday at 4:00p.

Son Day School

This faith building opportunity meets each Sunday after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Join this group and reflect on Sunday's worship readings, sermon, and whatever else! Led by Susy Scholl.

Grab a coffee and something sweet first at Social & Coffee Hour!

Talking with God

As people of faith it is quite natural that we talk to God. In quiet moments, in moments of uncertainty or challenge, and in times of joy. It is part of our worship and helps us grow personally and communally in our relationship with Jesus. I would like to invite you to join a group of us that gather every Thursday at 4p via Zoom. We talk, share our lives, joys, concerns, and we pray. No stress and easy to be part of! Follow the link below (it is the same every week) or email Kimberly Heindl for an invitation: kaheindl@comcast.net.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81662784525pwd=QSt4TGNSR2F3L0ovUDJ3SVdWbjRYUT09>

Meeting ID: 816 6278 4525



"If I send my prayer as a text message, will I get a faster reply?"



Raise the Roof! Raise the Kids!

Update

Raise the Roof! Raise the Kids! campaign continues. Recently, as you may have heard, St. Paul received a \$4,000 gift from the Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation. As of this date \$261,179.11 has been given or pledged to the campaign. Thanks to everyone for considering another gift or a new one.

Pr. Emeritus Don Hillerich



Lorrie Muldowney, president of the alliance, Pr. Ashley, and Dave Baber shown accepting the check for St. Paul's Raise the Roof! Raise the Kids! Campaign.



PrAshley accepting the check from Dave Baber, with emcee John McCarthy at the 2023 Heritage Awards Ceremony held on May 6, 2023.



Help us save artist architect Victor A. Lundy's soaring beams by donating to the St. Paul Education Building Renovation Campaign. Thanks you.

Donations may be placed in the offering plate on Sundays, or mailed to the church office. Be sure to indicate that it is for the campaign. Thank you.

For online giving: <http://bit.ly/3ZZOdoH>



- June 1 Kendall Riley
- June 6 Ted Hadjian
- June 6 Ruby Williamson
- June 9 Thad Masters
- June 11 Marthe Hildreth
- June 14 Olivia Williamson
- June 16 Ted Swartzbaugh
- June 19 Jordan Masse
- June 20 Cecilia Morvick
- June 21 Daniel Mills
- June 23 June Manselle
- June 28 Cindy Schlotterback
- June 29 Linda Knight
- June 30 Marilyn Hutfilz



- June 11 Mark & Nicole Riley
- June 17 Keith & Marthe Hildreth
- June 17 Robert & Kristen Masse
- June 24 Don & Martha Hillerich

Sabbatical Dates

PrAshley will be on Sabbatical leave from June 11-August 5. If you have need of pastoral care or emergency, please contact Pr. Emeritus Don Hillerich at 941-586-6723.

Bonnie Zipf Interment Date

Bonnie Zipf's interment will take place in St. Paul's Memorial Garden on Thursday, June 1 at 1:00p. It will be a very brief service, but all are welcome to attend.

Hurricane Surveys

The 2023 Hurricane Preparedness Surveys were recently mailed to St. Paul members. If you did not receive one, check your mailbox in the Narthex, or call the church office at 941-955-6478.

Please return the completed survey as soon as possible, either by mailing it or dropping it off at the church office. We will update your emergency contact information in our membership database.

Thanks for your help in keeping this vital information current.

Safety and Emergency Preparedness Ministry Team

Congratulations!

Amy Hildreth will be graduating with honors from the American Intercontinental University on July 21 in Atlanta, GA. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. Your St. Paul family congratulates you, Amy, on this great accomplishment.

When you see Amy, give her your congratulations.

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WORD SEARCH

Search for words that describe the Pentecost from Acts 2.


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CHRISTIANITY
PENTECOST
HOLY SPIRIT

DISCIPLE
LOVE
CHURCH

PRAYER
HEAVEN
WIND

GOD
REJOICE
ONE ACCORD



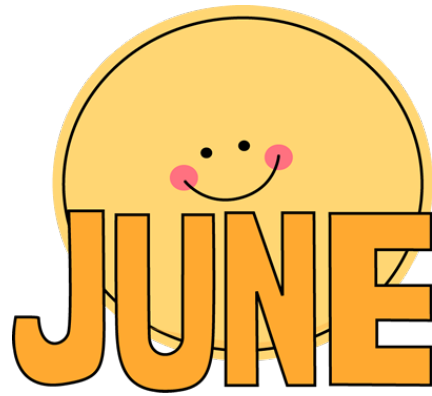
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Pentecost Sunday was May 28!

Did you know...

Pentecost is a Greek word that means "50", regarding the Old Testament feast celebrated 50 days after Passover. Pentecost is celebrated by Christians 50 days after Easter. The Lord poured out His Spirit during Pentecost. Once exclusive to a select few, God's blessing extends to everyone. We have access to the love of the Father and Son. We are accepted into the most loving communion with the Father since we are united in Christ. That is a call to repentance due to the witness of the Holy Spirit.

The color red symbolizes Pentecost. Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost, is colored white. Green is the color of new life and development for the season.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 1 Thursday Pride Month Begins

Food Pantry Prep
1:00p Bonnie Zipf
Interment
4:00p Prayer Team
Meeting Zoom

June 8 Thursday
Food Pantry Prep
12:00p Finance Zoom
Meeting
1:00p Executive Team
Meeting
4:00p Prayer Team Zoom
Meeting

June 17 Saturday
9:00a Food Pantry
Distribution
10:00a Musician
Rehearsal

June 24 Saturday
9:00a Food Pantry
Distribution
10:00a Musician
Rehearsal

June 3 Saturday
9:00a Food Pantry
Distribution
10:00a Musician
Rehearsal

June 10 Saturday
9:00a Food Pantry
Distribution
10:00a Musician
Rehearsal

June 18 Sunday
Father's Day
9:30a Worship Service
10:30a Sunday School

June 25 Sunday
9:30a Worship Service
10:30a Sunday School

June 4 Sunday
9:30a Worship Service
10:30a Sunday School
11:00a Sharing &
Caring Meeting

June 11 Sunday
9:00a Family Choir
Rehearsal
9:30a Worship Service
10:30a Sunday School

June 19 Monday
Juneteenth Day
1:00p Hope Seeds

June 27 Tuesday
5:30p Community Meal

June 6 Tuesday
9:30a ECLC Chapel
2:00p EvANGELism
Meeting Zoom
5:30p Community Meal

June 13 Tuesday
Ministry Reports Due
9:30a ECLC Chapel
5:30p Community Meal

June 20 Tuesday
5:30p Community Meal

June 28 Wednesday
8:00a Property Ministry



June 15 Thursday
Messenger Deadline
Food Pantry Prep
4:00p Prayer Team
Meeting Zoom
6:30p Council Meeting

June 22 Thursday
First Day of Summer
Food Pantry Prep
4:00p Prayer Team
Meeting Zoom

June 29 Thursday
Food Pantry Prep
4:00p Prayer Team
Meeting Zoom

June 7 Wednesday
8:00a Property Ministry

June 14 Wednesday
FLAG DAY
8:00a Property Ministry

June 21 Wednesday
8:00a Property Ministry

June 30 Friday
9:30a Food Pantry
Bagging



•For all those serving in the U.S. Military •The homeless in our neighborhood, our city, our nation and the world. •The Florida Bahamas Synod Office of the Bishop Staff: Bishop Pedro, Assistant to the Bishop Pators Khader, Rob C., Rob R., and Deacon Connie, Specialists Kim, Brittny, & Stephen, Support Staff Tina, Yuliet, & Ileana. •SURE - Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity. •Community Meal & Food Pantry Guests. •Our members and our preschool teachers and students.

Members

Beetle Family
 John Beyer
 Henry Blosser
 Susan Burmaster
 Juey Carnal
 Sue Fisher
 Bob Fong
 Michele Hilton
 Dennis Knight
 Celia Morvick
 Jean Panthana
 James Paulsson
 Rado Family
 Susy Scholl
 Frank Scianni
 Brenda Smith
 Dave and Betty Smowton
 Ginger Webb
 Karin Zukowski

Homebound Members

Sharyn Brodnax
 Donna Casala
 Evelyn Gulliksen
 June Manselle
 Virginia McQuaig
 Michael Reiter
 Carole Wilson

Friends and Family

Ian - *Michele Hilton's son*
 Jackie - *Joan Scianni's cousin*
 LaShonda - *John Beyer's friend*
 Marie - *Cindy Paxton's friend*
 Marilyn - *S. Weckwerth's aunt*
 Paula - *Cindy Paxton's friend*
 Susan & Jim - *Cindy Paxton's friends*
 Clinton Allen - *Jim Paulsson's friend*
 Joan Asplund - *St. Paul attender*

Geri Bandauski - *Dave Smowton's sister*
 Joyce Benton - *H. Roberts' sister*
 Karla Benton - *Roberts' niece*
 Buete & Pearson family - *Brian McCulley's family*
 Carolyn Burmaster - *Susan Burmaster's sister-in-law*
 Kathleen Cannon - *Puckhabers' friend*
 Carchiolos Family - *Cindy Paxton's in-laws*
 Jeremy Cardillo - *JoAnn Jordan's brother-in-law*
 Darsey Carnal - *Judy Carnal's daughter-in-law*
 Alice Chanover - *Puckhabers' friend*
 Jessica Clements - *Kathie Snyder's friend*
 Sandy Cooper - *H. Puckhaber's friend*
 Mike Cunningham - *H. Roberts' friend*
 Janine Dress - *seasonal guest*
 Cody Eddleman - *John Beyer's husband*
 Lily Gibson - *Susy Scholl's neice*
 Niklaus Heisler - *Irene Felicetti's great-grandson*
 David Jackerson - *Susy Scholl's son*
 Jenny Jerrems - *Susan Burmaster's friend*
 Maryjane Kapela - *Janine Dress's cousin*
 Philip Koepke - *Irene Felicetti's friend*
 Kate Kretschmann - *Lindy Lindemann's family*
 Kenny Manselle - *June Manselle's son*
 Shirley & Dan Martin - *Susy Scholl's friends*
 Marsha McKinney - *former member*
 Nora McQuaig - *Ginny McQuaig's daughter*
 Pam Mills - *Daniel Mills' sister*
 Logan Nitchie - *Irene Felicetti's friend*
 Becky Nobles - *Lindy Lindemann's friend*

Linda & Jim Norris - *Doris Schlotterback's family*
 Karen Paulsson - *Jim Paulsson's sister*
 Terry Panthana - *Jean Panthana's niece*
 John Popielarsky - *Ethel Hamilton's friend*
 Starr Ramon - *Hildreths' friend*
 Manny Rivas - *Cindy Schlotterback's friend*
 Candy Reimer - *PrAshley's godmother*
 Brian, Kenny & Tommy Schlotterback - *Doris Scholotterback's sons*
 Cynthia Lu Scholl - *Susy Scholl's sister*
 Rob Scianni - *Sciannis' son*
 Clint Schantz - *former member*
 Donna Shepherd - *Gail Seyfarth's sister*
 Joan Simone - *Puckhabers' friend*
 Bethany Smith - *Smiths' daughter*
 Timothy Smith - *Ginny McQuaig's godson*
 Noel Studenwalt - *Smiths' nephew*
 Jean Taffe & family - *Susan Burmaster's cousin*
 Donna Van Ness - *Missy Craig's neice*
 Elaine & Mark Vanderweight - *Jim Paulsson's friends*
 David Weinberger - *Puckhabers' friend*
 John & Janet Welther - *Ethel Hamilton's family*
 Dottie Lynne White - *Susy Scholl's sister*
 Judith Wismer - *Community Meal guest*
 Pr. Pete & Nancy Zieg - *J. Jordan's friends*
 Amy Zuccarello - *Michele Hilton's daughter*

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble, with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.” 2Corinthians 1:3-4

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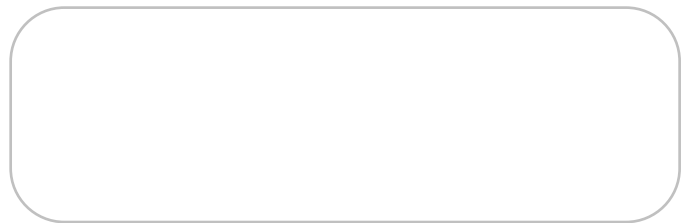
Rev. Ashley Nicolls, Pastor

Sunday Schedule

9:30a Service of Worship In-person

9:30a Service of Worship on Facebook Live

10:30a SonDay School



St. Paul Mission Prayer



God of grace and love, you created us as your children and have brought us to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are not perfect people, but this church is the perfect place for imperfect people. Thank you for your grace through Christ given to us. You call us to proclaim to everyone we meet that your grace is for them too. As a Holy Spirit-led family of God, we ask you to help us joyfully share your word and serve your people, so that together our lives make a difference in your kingdom here on earth. Strengthen us in our mission together; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.