



# Spirit of St. Paul

St. Paul Lutheran Church, East Lansing, MI

June 2023

## Fellow Minsters in Christ,

Pentecost come around the same time as summer begins and serves as a good reminder that the faith community is the body of Christ with each and every one sharing their unique gifts for carrying out God's mission and for the glory of God. I believe the Spirit makes our ministry greater than the sum of our parts. Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth says:

*<sup>3b</sup>No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.*

*<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good... <sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.*

When we were baptized in Christ all of us became one in Spirit as the body of Christ. In our faith community there are those that serve on the Council and committees, set up the altar, bake communion bread, set up and clean up communion, put out the seasons paraments, teach Sunday School and Confirmation, attend Bible Study, invite, welcome worship, preside, preach, call on sick and shut ins, prepare and give sermons, usher, serve as assisting minister, reader, acolyte, sing, play music, record serve, post to YouTube and Facebook, serve on the Green Team, host Red Cross blood drives, maintain our website, proof read, prepare and set out the bulletin, create the power point, advance the power point for worship, produce and mail the newsletter, order supplies as needed, take on special projects, set up the projector, advance the pages on the screen, unlock and lock the doors, set the thermostat, set up and clean up and serve refreshments for fellowship time, have fish fry's, and for the pantry contact clients, order and shop for supplies, stock shelves, make sure clients receive their order, roto-till, plant, weed, water harvest the garden and for facilities maintain

## Guiding Principles

We are a people who:

- ☼ Listen for God's Call
- ☼ Believe and Trust in God's Call
- ☼ Answer God's Call
- ☼ Support each other in times of joy and sorrow
- ☼ Live out our faith in prayer and service
- ☼ Share food with the hungry
- ☼ Believe the gospel is for all, not just Christians.

and fix as needed, mow and trim the lawn, take care of the flower beds, clean up the parking lot, quilt, give contributions and other things that make our faith community function to serve the community and world.

It is the capable people led by the Spirit that works together *in one Spirit* that makes it all work. Now as we enter Summer some of the activities will be put on hold until the Fall so we can get some rest as we read in Genesis 2:2-3: <sup>2</sup> *On the sixth[a] day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.* <sup>3</sup> *So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.*

Summer is a time to try to get some rest as we enjoy the good weather God has given us. You can help those who do things day to day by volunteering to take on just one task as we work together, all of us, as we drink of one Spirit. Enjoy your summer, God bless you,

Pr. Carl

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**Social Outreach & Ministry**



*St. Paul Pantry*

### **Food Pantry Report for June 2023 Newsletter**

A total of 143 clients were served in April, 2023, which meant 50 families were helped. So far since January 1, 2023, we have served 481 clients which means 163 families have been helped. We could not have accomplished this without the support of our congregation and the dedicated volunteers who work at the Food Pantry.

Between January 26, 2023, and April 25, 2023, 2,017 pounds of food was donated for the Food Pantry from members of the congregation, as well as outside donors from the community. We are very grateful for these donations.

MSU collects donations of leftover non-perishable food items when the students leave in the spring. St. Paul's Food Pantry was one of the organizations contacted to see if we would like to receive some of these donations again. We were able to obtain 432.4 lbs. of non-perishable food items to distribute to our clients.

This is a reminder that the Double Match Day opportunity for the Meijer's Simply Giving campaign will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2023. For every \$10 Simply Give card purchased on these dates, Meijer will provide an additional contribution of \$20.00, bringing the total to \$30.00 for a single customer purchase.

Volunteers are always appreciated who are able to work on Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoon pantry distribution days. If you are available and would like to help, please contact Bev Johnson or Tracy Collins. The Food Pantry Garden is being planned and started for this summer. If you would be willing to help with the garden, please contact Chuck Nelson or Barb Paff.



During June the Food Pantry is continuing to request donations of the following items, which are currently in short supply or unavailable from the Greater Lansing Food Bank.

TOMATO PASTE   TOMATO SAUCE   DICED TOMATOES  
JELLY   CANNED FRUIT   KETCHUP   MUSTARD   SALT   PEPPER

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## Upcoming Events

We are looking to start our choir back up beginning this fall! All who are interested in signing up or learning to sing should contact Elene or Kathy Griffin as soon as possible. Be on the lookout for more information.



June 14, 2023 @ 11am

Bring a sack lunch

& a friend!

# CPR TRAINING

**Get certified. Save a life. You'll be glad you did.**

Come to training for AED/CPR/First Aid Training @ 11:30am on June 4<sup>th</sup>!  
Training is free but a certification card from the American Heart Association is \$20.00.

Look for training session opportunities!

We are looking for...

- Reader
- Assistant Minister
- Communion Set up/Clean up
- Power Point Master
- Acolyte
- Greeter

Look for the sign up sheet after Sunday service.



Dates to Remember:

- June 4<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Study @ 7pm
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- June 5<sup>th</sup> – Worship Committee Meeting @ 6:30pm
- June 14<sup>th</sup> – Women's Bible Study @ 11am, bring lunch
- June 18<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Study @ 7pm
- July 16<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Study @ 7pm
- August 6<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Study @ 7pm
- August 20<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Study @ 7pm
- August 27<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation during service @ 10am
- TBD – Concert – MSU Musicians

## June Birthday Celebrations

6/1 – Charlotte C.  
6/6 – Bob S.  
6/7 – Mary H.  
6/8 – Kim C.  
6/9 – Helen W.  
6/12 – Kathie K.  
6/15 – Logan R.  
6/16 – Steve O.  
6/17 – Ardyth C.  
6/18 – Shani T.  
6/18 – Julie W.  
6/20 – Charles McG.



\*if you were accidentally omitted, please contact the church via voicemail or email.

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 <b>Worship</b> <b>First Aid training</b> <b>11:30am</b> <b>Confirmation</b> <b>7pm</b>	5 Worship Committee meeting 6:30pm	6	7 Food Pantry 5:30-7 Adult Bible Study 7pm	8	9	10
11 <b>Worship</b>	12	13	14 Women's Bible study 11am Adult Bible Study 7pm	15 Food Pantry 1-4 Council meeting 7pm	16	17
18 <b>Worship</b> <b>Confirmation</b> <b>n 7pm</b>	19 <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Deadline</b>	20	21 Food Pantry 5:30-7 Adult Bible Study 7pm	22	23	24
25 <b>Worship</b>	26	27	28 Adult Bible Study 7pm	29 Food Pantry 1-4	30	



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**Our Purpose: Feeding God's people both inside and outside while listening to what the people need.**