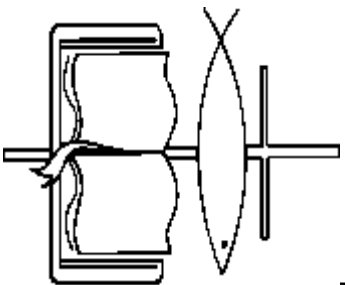


The St. Paul Lutheran News

St. Paul Lutheran Church is called to be an Inviting, Christ Centered Spiritually Growing and Community Serving Church where we are led by love to implement Jesus' teachings.



JUNE 2026

**JUNE Worship
Schedule**



Sun., June 7	8:30 a.m.
Sun., June 14	8:30 a.m.
Sun., June 21	8:30 a.m.
Sun., June 28	8:30 a.m.

Staff
Pastor
Rev. Joanna Patterson
Administrative Assistant
Kellie Carrier
Custodian
Edgar Jurado
Music/Choir Director
David Frank

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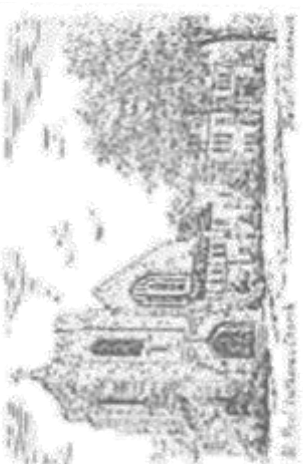
Church Office Hours

Tuesdays: 11 am-3 pm and

Wednesdays & Fridays: 8am-

4pm

**St. Paul Lutheran Church
617 St. Lawrence Avenue
Beloit, WI 53511**



JUNE 2026 ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

In-Person & Online Worship

Livestreaming worship with St. Paul available on Facebook & YouTube

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 3:30p.m- Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	2 5:30 p.m.- Worship & Music	3 Noon– Soup Lunch	4	5	6
7 8:30 a.m. Worship- In Person & Online Coffee Hour Immediately Following 11:00 a.m.Worship at San Jose	8 3:30 p.m.– Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts	9	10 Noon– Soup Lunch 5:30 p.m.-Council Meeting	11	12	13
14 8:30 a.m. Worship- In Person & Online Coffee Hour Immediately Following 11:00 a.m.Worship at San Jose	15 9:30-Basket Guild 1:00 p.m- Ruth Circle 3:30 p.m.– Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts	16	17 Noon-Soup Lunch & LYDIA'S CLOSET	18 8:00 a.m.-Men's Breakfast (Beloit Family Restaurant	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20
21 8:30 a.m. Worship -In Person & Online Coffee Hour immediately following 11:00 a.m. Worship at San José HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	22 3:30p.m- Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m.-Women's Bible Study	23	24 Noon– Soup Lunch	25 Noon– OWLS Potluck & Program.	26	27
28 8:30 a.m. worship In- person & online Coffee Hour Immediately Following 11:00 a.m. Worship at San Jose	29 3:30p.m- Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	30				

St. Paul Lutheran Church JUNE Celebrations!

BIRTHDAYS

Peggy Anastasi 6/7
Kellie Carrier 6/7
Frank Findley 6/7
Chet Organ 6/11
Edgar Jurado 6/13
Lisa Petersen 6/17
Jane Carr 6/23
Carol Mackechnie 6/25
Mary Olson 6/25
Judith Gallagher 6/26
JoAnn Leppla 6/27
Mark Stibbe 6/28



Anniversary

Denise & Chet Organ 6/3
Bryan & Kerri Carroll 6/11
Ron & Pat Radke 6/11
Roger & Jean Neitzel 6/26
Mark & Beth Stibbe 6/26
Ed & Beverly Scoville 6/27
Jodie & Brian Winchester 6/27

Powerpoint and Sound Tech Helpers

St. Paul is in need of Powerpoint and Sound Tech people to help out during Sunday morning worship. Service is needed on a rotating schedule. Training will be provided. Please keep this service work in your prayers. If you feel this is something you can help with, you can contact Dan, Jen, Chuck or Pastor Amy.



Welcoming our New Pastor

On June 1st we welcome Pastor JoAnna Patterson who will be filling the pastoral position as St. Paul's permanent Pastor. Her first day of worship will be Sunday, June 7th and worship time will change to 8:30 a.m. every Sunday. We look forward to welcoming her, her husband Chris, and her son, Michael, as part of our church family! We invite everyone to come to Worship our Lord and Savior and meet Pastor JoAnna.

God's Blessings.

Our deepest condolences go out to Ray Murphy and family as our Sister in Christ, Judelle, went to be with Our Lord and Savior on May 16th. Judelle will be truly missed by all who loved her. She spearheaded our Soup Lunch Ministry along with Ray. Please keep Ray and her family in your prayers.

Out deepest sympathies...





Financial Report – April 2026

As stated in the May newsletter, your generous offerings during March gave us a nice cushion to begin the year. To refresh, our net after the first quarter (Jan.-March) was a plus \$7,358 (Income minus expenses).

Our spending plan equates to needing income of \$13,892 per month. During April our income was \$10,050 and expenses were \$955 over budget resulting in a net balance at the end of April of \$2,561.

We will continue to need your support, particularly during the summer months.



“Prayerground” sample of what this might look like within the sanctuary, from Tori.

OWLS MEETING will be held Thursday, June 25 @ Noon with a Potluck lunch and Program by Karen Neas, one of our quilters, will speak on dealing with Alzheimer's. The title is “The Impact of Alzheimer's and Dementia in our Community”. All are welcome to attend!

Newsletter

Just a note to remind everyone that the deadline to submit items for the July newsletter is Friday, June 19th.
Thank you and God's Blessings.

SOUP LUNCH PREP HELPERS NEEDED!!!!

We are looking for prep help from 9:00-10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays, prior to soup lunch. This could include setting tables, cutting vegetables or whatever help is needed to prepare for our guests.

Soup Lunch is a wonderful ministry at St. Paul in giving back to our community. If you can help, just show up on any Wednesday morning.

If you have any questions please contact Ray, Chet, or Woody.

Thank you in advance for your service to your fellow neighbor!

Sharing Christ' Love. The Lunch Bunch



Want to connect with Pastor JoAnna? You can reach her at PastorJoAnna@me.com or at her cell number: 815-298-9951 She will generally be in the church office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning the first week of June.

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Terry (Billie Kenitzer's brother);
Kathy P.; Anne S.; Will S.;
Amber V. (Ray Murphy's daughter); **Sherry O.;**
Kristina (Pat Baker's granddaughter); **Ray O.** (Chet Organ's brother);
Juelane (Mark Mueller's sister); **Russ L.;**
Sheri H.; Jeana; Penney;
Troy R., Ray M.; Ruth M.; Shirley H.;
Jess; Jill; Janice (Katie Hassenfelt's mother);
Arle S.; (Chet Organ's friend);
Chris; (Marilyn Harris' sister);
Jim B.; (Kellie Carrier's cousin and family);
all those who have been affected by COVID-19 and other illnesses;
all those affected by the violence in our nation and around the world.
all those who seek shelter; and friends and family in the military.

Please let us know if you have any additions to or removals from the prayer list.



SOUP LUNCH

Soup Lunch attendance for the month of MAY was 218.
Please mark any financial donations for "Soup Lunch."
We are also in need of gas station and food gift cards (Subway, McDonald's, etc.).

You can **help support our Soup Lunch ministry** by mailing your donations to:

St. Paul Lutheran Church,
617 St. Lawrence Ave., Beloit, WI 53511
or by going to: <https://tithely.com/give?c=531526>



"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" — Isaiah 43:19

Dear Friends in Christ at St. Paul,

As I begin this new chapter of ministry alongside you, I find myself filled with excitement, gratitude, and anticipation for what God is doing among us.

One of the things that has impressed me most about St. Paul is your deep love for your community. Again and again, I hear stories of your generosity, your care for neighbors, and your commitment to being a faithful presence in Beloit. You have a rich history of serving Christ by serving others, and that spirit of compassion continues to shine brightly today.

The words of Isaiah 43 have been on my heart in recent weeks. God speaks these words to people living in exile—people who were grieving what had been lost and wondering what the future might hold. Into their uncertainty, God offers a promise: "See, I am doing a new thing!" The promise is not that everything will be easy or familiar. The promise is that God will be present, making a way forward and leading God's people into a future filled with hope.

I believe those words speak to us today. We find ourselves in a time of change and new possibilities. While we honor and celebrate all that has come before, we are also invited to look for the new things God is bringing to life among us. God is not finished with St. Paul. God continues to call, guide, and equip this congregation for ministry.

As we begin this journey together, I hope you will invite me into your stories. I would love opportunities to meet with you, visit with you, hear about your experiences at St. Paul, and learn what this congregation means to you. Whether over coffee, in your home, or at church events, I look forward to getting to know you better. Please know that a casual conversation after worship will likely not be a great time, and while I care deeply about what you have to share with me, I will be pressed to attend to my responsibilities at Faith. I am planning on having "St. Paul" days on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, where you will likely find me in the office. Please call if you want to have some time with me. One of my favorite things about being a pastor is the flexibility that means I am often on my way to meetings or visits. Know that I want to schedule something with you, too!

Strong relationships are built through listening, sharing, and spending time together. The more we learn from one another, and our fellow followers of Jesus, the better we can discern where God is leading us as a community.

Thank you for the warm welcome you have already extended to me. I am excited to walk alongside you, to celebrate God's blessings among you, and to discover together the new thing God is doing in this place.

May God continue to bless St. Paul as we move forward, trusting the One who always goes before us and walks beside us.

In Christ, Pastor JoAnna Patterson

Prayground Announcement from Tori Carr

You have already heard about the idea of creating a "Prayground" in our sanctuary, and I'm excited to now share this as an official announcement! With the full support of the church council, San Jose, and Pastor JoAnna, we will be moving forward with this new space designed especially for our youngest members and their families. Pastor JoAnna as well as Pastor Amy both have stated this will not be a distraction to them any more than the normal sounds and movement of worship.

Over the summer we will be trying different locations to see what best works in our sanctuary and with our congregation. Beginning the week of June 7th, we will start by testing out the front of the sanctuary. We plan to start by removing 2 or 3 of the front pews on the pulpit side of the church and replacing them with a rug and children's furniture.

The goal of this space is not simply to keep children occupied, but to help them learn how to worship by experiencing worship alongside their families and church community. A Prayground creates an intentional space where children can begin learning about church life by listening to scripture, hearing prayers, singing songs, and participating in worship in ways that are appropriate for their age and development.

Just as importantly, this space encourages guardians to remain present and actively engaged with their children during worship. Rather than stepping out or feeling disconnected, families can stay together in the sanctuary while modeling worship, participation, and faith practices for their children. Children learn best by watching and worshipping alongside the adults who care for them.

A Prayground is a small, welcoming area where children can play and engage during worship while still being part of the service. Rather than expecting young children to sit still for the entire time, this space allows them to participate in a way that fits their age, while parents can remain present in worship. It will be simple and can grow and adapt as our church does. Churches that have introduced Praygrounds often see stronger connections with families and continued growth. If we want to be a church that welcomes and supports younger families, this is a meaningful and exciting step forward.

Thank you for your continued support as we take this next step together!



DESIGNATED MISSION OUTREACH

JUNE
MISSION PARTNER

ELCA Disaster Relief

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, they stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>



Church Office Hour Adjustments

Effective immediately the following changes have been made. The church office will be open on:

Tuesdays-11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Wednesdays and Thursdays 8:00a.m.-4:00 p.m.

MINISTERS OF WORSHIP— JUNE

ALTAR GUILD: PAT BAKER

Date	Time	Council	Assisting Minister	Reader	Communion Assistant	Tech / Livestream	PowerPoint
7	8:30 a.m.	Melanie Schneider	Sharyn Pann	Melanie Schneider	Karen Moe	Murry Hughes-	Chuck Hughes
<i>COFFEE HOUR SPONSORED BY: Soup Lunch WELCOMING COMMITTEE: David Knutson/Jackie Ueland</i>							
14	8:30 a.m.	Tori Carr	Martha Stolze	Jean Neitzel	Glenda Liptow	Murry- Hughes	Zach Fillbach
<i>COFFEE HOUR SPONSORED BY: OWLS; WELCOMING COMMITTEE: CHET ORGAN/SHARYN PANN</i>							
21	8:30 a.m.	Chet Organ	Jane Carr	Carol Josh	Jean Neitzel	Hughes-Murry Team	Zach Fillbach
<i>COFFEE HOUR SPONSORED BY :RUTH CIRCLE; WELCOMING COMMITTEE: KAREN MOE/CAROL JOSH</i>							
28	8:30 a.m.	Mattha Stolze	Jean Neitzel	Martha Stolze	Jackie Ueland	Hughes-Murry Team	Chuck Hughes
<i>COFFEE HOUR SPONSORED BY: CHET & DENISE ORGAN; WELCOMING COMMITTEE: KATHY POHL/DONNA BLUM</i>							

JUNE SOUP LUNCH MENU

- 3- Broccoli Cheese Soup
- 10- Scalloped Potatoes & Ham
- 17- Chicken Noodle Soup
- 24- Beef Barley Soup





Remember Caritas when you are out and about shopping.

God's Blessings to all!



Pastor Amy's last Sunday with us was on May 31st. We will miss you. God's Blessings to you in your future endeavors.



Thank you Stateline Community Foundation

As a participant in the Literacy for Life Initiative sponsored by the Stateline Community Foundation, St. Paul has received a bookshelf, children's rug, posters and books for a Read, Talk and Play Everyday center in our Fellowship Hall. Children who attend church-sponsored events in our Fellowship Hall can take a book to keep for free! We are proud to be a part of this program that encourages early learning and helps prepare children to succeed. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kathy Pohl or Donna Blum.

Thank you Central Christian Church

As previously announced, Central Christian Church had chosen St Paul's Care Closet to be one of the recipients of their March Love Offerings. On Palm Sunday, Donna Blum and Kathy Pohl had the opportunity to share information about the Care Closet with the members of Central Christian. We had an informational table available and provided handouts about this outreach program. Recently we received our portion of the March Love Offering in the amount of \$6,356.66 for the Care Closet. God is good!

Pentecost Sunday-May 24th



St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Members

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Vice-President/ Worship	Melanie Schneider	608-436-6336
Secretary	Martha Stolze	608-827-9409
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FAITH Formation	Tori Carr	608-436-9397
Member	Karen Moe	—