



Greetings from the Pastor Emelyn

Our joy and gladness in serving God and his church is not only because of the affirmation received from God, but also from the outcome of our work of ministry and mission. Servanthood in Christ is a great honor. In my head rings that hymn, "There's joy in serving Jesus wherever he may lead."

I have joy when the congregation I work with is able to hear the Gospel and benefit from it; when through my service, someone is converted and becomes part of God's family; when through me someone experiences God's healing and receives peace and hope, when through my leadership the church is able to grasp and see a new vision to be healthy and grow, when through my preaching the congregation receives spiritual nourishment that sustains them; when through my prayers, individuals and the community are transformed; the church carries out the mission of Christ for the world. The mission of justice and evangelism, the mission of reconciliation and transformation and the mission of moving converts to the next level in the discipleship pathway steering carefully in heavenward navigation.

In life, there are many things that give us joy. But the best happiness that one can have is when you experience and know that God is delighted with you.

A good beginning is having the hope of a good ending. Let's focus on our hope of hearing God's delight after we have accomplished our task, "Well done, good and faithful servant," (Matthew 25:21). Through Christ, with Christ, for Christ, we humbly succeed, remembering always the lesson of the vine that without Christ we can do nothing.



Lay Leader Notes

By Cindy Morse



Greetings to my St. Paul church family----

Why go to church?

Never had it summed up like this before.

I think this is fantastic, I love the guy's answer and the interpretation for the word BIBLE.

Enjoy and pass this on. A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote! " I've gone for 30 years now, and in that same time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons but for the life of me, I can't remember one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers, and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons to all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letter to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

I've been married for 30 years now. In that time, my wife cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for one of those meals.

But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead, today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!

Here are two quotes that provide us all with encouragement!

When you are down to nothing, God is up to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes in the incredible and receives the impossible!

Thanks for reading, stay safe, stay healthy and keep the faith!

I want to express my gratitude for the support that St. Paul members gave to the Black Hawk County Relay for Life event that I am a part of.

My three daughters, others and I are part of TEAM FROG, (Fully Rely on God) this was my husband's mantra while fighting his battle with cancer.

This event raised over \$92,000 dollars and our team helped by raising over \$6100.00. It is so appreciated. Our St. Paul family did their part by donating \$445.00 towards this goal.

Once again, thank you for your generous giving to fight this battle.

Thank You
Cindy Morse



Outreach Opportunities



Summer is a busy time for Outreach. We are packing bags of food for 29 kids and 11 families each week until school starts. You can help by donating individual servings of mac and cheese, granola bars, fruit snacks, applesauce and fruit cups.

Last summer so many of our members enjoyed the get-togethers that we will be doing this again. The host families will be providing the meat dish. The guests will bring potluck foods.



Summer Get Together



The host Family will provide the meat.

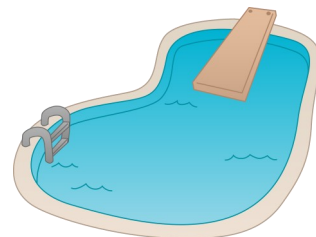
Others attending, please bring potluck foods.

Sign up at the church so the host family knows how many to expect.

- ♦ July 20 6:00 p.m. at Jerry & Joellen Krug
- ♦ July 27 6:00 p.m. at Danny & Deenie Higgins
- ♦ August 4 6:00 p.m. at Dick & Dee Huttons

Free Community Swim

Sunday, July 21, 6-8 p.m.
Sponsored by Crosslines



Finance Update

June 02	\$3175.00
June 09	\$2169.00
June 16	\$5168.00
June 23	\$3015.00



Thank you for your contributions of time and offerings.



Midwest Mission Kit List

Our congregation has collected items for the school kits for Midwest Missions. School supplies will be going on sale soon so July is a good time to buy. Also, items for personal dignity kits are needed.

May God bless you as you bless others.

PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT

- 1 Hand towel—no kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth—no dishcloths
- 1 Adult toothbrush—no multipacks
- 1 Bar soap 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo—12-19 oz
- 1 Deodorant—2-3 oz—stick, roll on, or pump
- 1 Lotion—8-10 oz
- 1 1-gal resealable plastic bag

Place all items in the resealable plastic bag

\$2 donation for toothpaste and carrying bag, per kit

STUDENT KIT

- 3 Notebooks—1 subject spiral 8" x 10 1/2"
- 1 Ruler—12" long with metric
- 6 Pencils—unsharpened
- 1 Pencil sharpener
- 1 Eraser—2" or larger
- 1 Box 12 colored pencils
- 1 Box 24 crayons
- 1 Pair student scissors
- 1 One-handled cloth bag*
- Place all items in the cloth bag



United Women In Faith July - 2024



June was a great month. We started out with Pastor Allen and Joyce's Retirement Party on the first Sunday of the month. What a great day that was.

June 15 and 16 our church was transformed to look like a beach and ocean for our Vacation Bible School, June 17- 20th. Each day was a new adventure with 40 plus kids and 32 teachers and helpers. Every morning, we greeted children who were happy, having fun, and learning about Jesus and God and their love for all of us.

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who helped everyone have a wonderful time.

Then on Sunday we had a great time at our Swim Party for our VBS. Lots of kids and parents enjoyed the pool on a perfect night. Thank you to everyone who helped feed our hungry swimmers.

Last month I introduced you to some ways "To Make Your Day" by Barbara Johnson.

Give yourself a gift today; be present with yourself. God is. Enjoy your own personality. God does. You are going to make it through no matter what is on your plate. Here are a few productive ways to put a smile on your face.

Find something to laugh about today. If all else fails, go and get a joke book from the library or call the funniest person you know.

Remember when you were only 5 years old and just finding out how wonderful you were? Write down the first memory that comes to mind.

Take a power nap.

Do something artsy. Dance to Mozart. Redecorate one wall. Paint a picture. Write a poem.

Hold all things loosely and mean it when you say, "Whatever Lord!"

Watch for more ways to help you smile next month.

Our Bible Verse for July is found in John 15:11.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

Wishing you and your loved ones a "Blessed Summer."

Pat and Charlene

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

June 2nd, we had a wonderful retirement party for Pastor Allen and Joyce.

SPRC presented gifts to them during church and then we all enjoyed a delicious lunch,

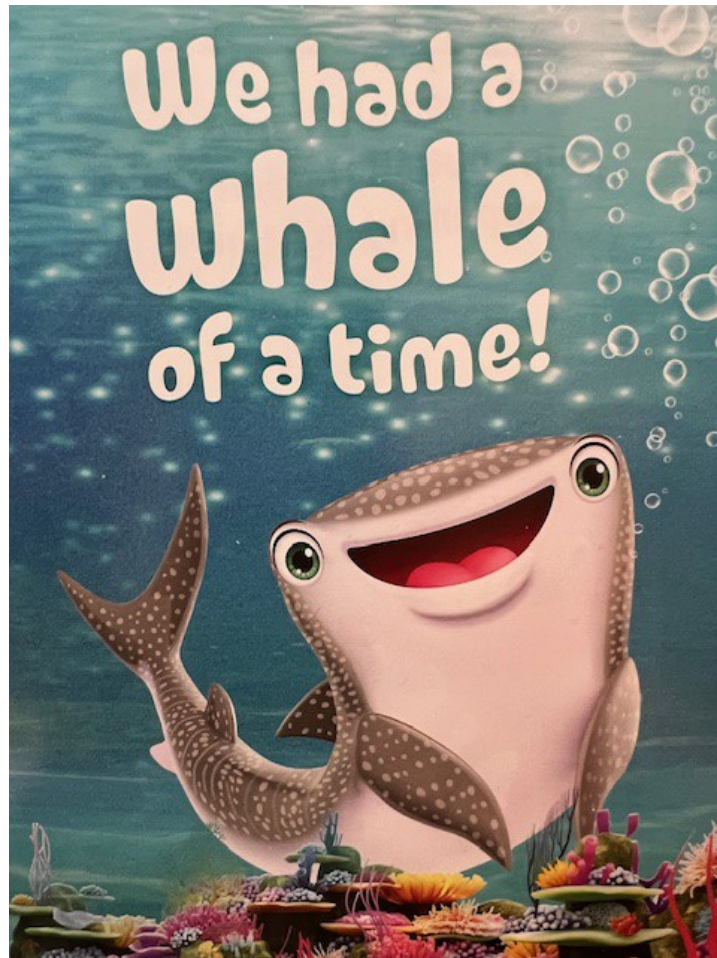
Special thank you to Dick & Dee Hutton for helping me with the planning, purchasing, and serving of the great Croissants with ham and turkey and all the trimmings.

Thank you to Marcia Bechtold who baked the cakes and to Vanessa Bechtold who frosted and decorated them. Thank you to Ann Starr for making her mom's popular lemon cake.

And finally special thanks to everyone who brought the delicious fresh fruit bowls and those who brought the great potato salad and everyone who helped serve. It was a great day and lots of fun working together. We wish Pastor Allen and Joyce the very best for the next chapter in their lives.

Pat Benda

EDUCATION NEWS



SCUBA 2024 VBS was a huge success for all the children! May all they learned stay in their hearts and minds!
Our wonderful volunteers make it all possible!

Library –Book of the Month

Praying Women
by
Sheila Walsh

How to PRAY When You Don't Know What To Say

Thank you Note from Pastor Allen

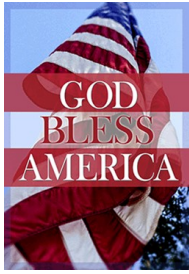


Dear Church Family,

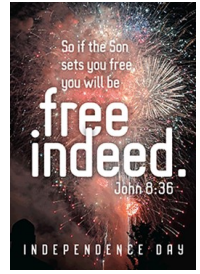
I want to thank you for the nice gifts you gave for my retirement. The lead stained glass window cross and the personalized windchimes are beautiful! Both Joyce and I truly appreciate the thoughtfulness and will cherish these gifts.

As I reflect over the past four years I want to thank the church for all the wonderful memories we have all shared together. My time here has truly been blessed.

God Bless. Pastor Allen



JULY 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Shawl Ministry 7:00 p.m.	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 	5	6
7 10:00 a.m. Worship Holy Communion	8 Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Shawl Ministry 7:00 p.m.	9 Finance 10:00 Trustees 5:30 p.m. Ad Council 6:30 p.m.	10 Jubilation 6:30 p.m.	11	12	13
14 Worship 10:00 a.m.	15 Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Shawl Ministry 7:00 p.m.	16	17 Joy Circle 9:00 a.m. Jubilation 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20 Potluck @ Krug's 6:00 p.m.
21 Worship 10:00 a.m.	22 Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Shawl Ministry 7:00 p.m.	23 Meekness 7:00 p.m.	24 Jubilation 6:30 p.m.	25	26	27 Potluck @ Higgin's 6:00 p.m.
28 Worship 10:00 a.m.	29 Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Shawl Ministry 7:00 p.m.	30	31			

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