



Purpose Statement

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

News for Sunday June 26

Farewell Celebration for Gerad VonHolten – 11:00 a.m.

Join us for Worship at St. Paul at 10:00 a.m.

Click [HERE](#) for the St. Paul bulletin

Tri-Church Online Worship Services

Worship will be available at 9am on Sunday and any time after that:
You can call the toll-free number 1-888-975-5536 and listen anytime.

To Watch Worship Click [HERE](#)

Bulletin Click [HERE](#)

We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Lillian Strike, John Ukena, Florence Pfundstein, Doc Adelman, Dave Lockhart, John Ukena, Berta Beyer, MacKenzie Gorman, and Marcia Fields.

PARKING LOT UPDATE

The work on the parking lot has begun. It will take approximately 7-10 days to complete. During this time you are asked to park on 16th Avenue or on LeFevre Road.

Join us in celebrating Gerad's ministry!

Gerad Von Holten has faithfully served as St. Paul and St. John's Youth Director for years. He has coordinated Tri-Church confirmation and been an integral part of our Tri-Church worship. As Gerad's role in these positions finishes June 30, we would like to take the opportunity to thank him for his ministry.

Please join us for a farewell celebration reception June 26 at 11am at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Geraniums have been purchased. They are planted outside to help beautify the church. If you would like to donate toward this purchase, please place your donation in the offering plate, in the office, or mail to the church.

Furniture Needed

We have some people in our congregation and in our community who are in need of some furniture, especially dressers and are not in a financial position to purchase them on their own. Please contact Pastor Makayla if you are repurposing any furniture.

Summer Youth Musicians

"This summer, some of the **UNITE** churches (including St. Paul!) are hosting student musicians from the Sterling/Rock Falls area. This includes any student completing 8th grade – a just graduated college student. Students are asked to share a piece with their home congregation and then arrange to play that piece at other **UNITE** congregations, where they will be paid \$25/service as a guest musician. This is a chance to keep music skills tip top over the summer, or share an IMEA or audition piece they may be working on, or another special piece. Please contact *Dawn Zeigler @ 815.275.3775 or dawn@stpaulsterling.com* for all of the details! We can't wait to hear the music!

How about a night of baseball? Come out this summer and cheer on our CommUNITY church slow pitch softball team, THE HOLY COWS! They play once a week at Centennial Park in Rock Falls. Times and the day of the week vary. Check the calendar on the other side to see what day and time they play this week! The more the merrier.

CommUNITY VBS: It is time to register for VBS - Under the Big Top: A Circus of God's Wonders! This year, VBS will be a one day outside event at Bethel Reformed Church on Sunday, July 10th. Check-In/Registration will begin at 1:30 with the VBS program from 2-4. We invite all parents to come at 4:00 to see the closing program and then stay and eat dinner with us outside. The menu will be: hotdogs, chips, fruit, cookies, lemonade/water. VBS is for children ages 4 yrs. - 5th grade. When registering, please put down the grade you just finished. We also **need volunteers** to help be crew leaders, help at a main station, water station, bathroom host, dinner host, traffic director, set-up, tear-down, etc. There are many opportunities to serve. Please scan the QR code with your phone or visit our Facebook page to register a child or as an adult volunteer. If there is inclement weather, VBS will be cancelled and not rescheduled. There is also a VBS Worship Service on July 17, at 9:00 @ Grandon Civic Center. Please join the fun!



Children's Offering

St. Paul's purpose statement is "Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word." At St. Paul, when we say "all" we mean ALL! We are dedicated to creating a world where all God's beloved children and families can live in dignity just the way God created them. Our June Children's Offering will support PFlag Sauk Valley, a local organization supporting LGBTQIA+ persons and their families so that we can have proud people, loving families, safe communities, and a diverse and inclusive world.

THIS WEEK

Monday – June 27

CLEO will meet at Brinks in Sterling – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday June 28

Election Day

Let's Feed Our Children Packing Day

CommUNITY Softball Game – 6:00 p.m.

Centennial Park, Rock Falls – North Diamond C

Wednesday – June 29

Let's Feed Our Children Distribution Day

Next Sunday – July 3

Tri-Church online Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Outdoor Worship/Communion at 10:00 a.m.

Next week's assistants – July 3

Opener/Closer – Jen Pillars

Head Usher – Jen Pillars

Greeters/Ushers – Nancy Beck, Diane Yoeckel

Reader – Jim Gorman

Sound – Jim Gorman

Altar Guild – Janie Billings, Ann Beswick