



Purpose Statement

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

News for Sunday, July 28

Join us for Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Click [HERE](#) for the 9:00 a.m. Worship bulletin

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We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Carolyn Duncan, Dan Dir, Lee Eilers, JoAnn Garcia, Patty Arians, Lori Dewey, Shirley Graftaas, Betty Steinke, Michael Harting, Bob Cornilsen, Larry Wahler, JoDell Cruz, Harold & Sandy Julifs, Lila Edeus, and Berta Beyer.

Placing our confidence in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of our loved ones, we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Ann Kennedy. Ann passed away on Monday. Her funeral will be Tuesday, July 30, at Schilling Funeral Home. A luncheon will be served at St. Paul following the service.

May God's presence bring you comfort and peace.

Hot Dog Day Friday, August 2, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Downtown Sterling

Featuring 25¢ hot dogs, chips & drinks at various locations throughout the downtown, along with side walk sales, a car wash, fun fair and more! Come see St. Paul's Face painting booth at the Fun Fair with FREE children's activities from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Sterling Marketplace (111 W. 2nd St).

Mark your Calendar!

St. Paul Family and Friends,

Sunday, August 11, will be a time of farewell with Pastor Makayla, Jacob, and Simon. Worship is at 9am followed by an open house until one.

If you would like to contribute towards a send-off gift for the Dahleens, please place your contribution in an envelope marked "Pastor Gift" (or give to Sue in the office) by Monday, August 5. There will be a group card for you to sign in Sue's office during the week, and on the usher's stand on Sunday mornings. If you would like to help with food, please see or call Mary Ordean (815.590.9158); she will have a sign-up sheet available Sunday mornings as well.

We hope you will be a part of this special time together.

Book Fair/Give Away

We have been hard at work this summer cleaning out closets and reorganizing at St. Paul. In the process we have books to give away. Please check out the free books in the fellowship hall. Thank you to Carolyn Duncan and Gabby Law for their time going through our closets.

CLEO (Church Ladies Eating Out)

CLEO meet monthly at 5:30 p.m. at a designated restaurant. The July outing on Monday, July 29 at The Factory in Sterling. If you are unable to attend because of bad weather or personal reasons, please join us the next month. If you need a ride or have any questions, please contact Judy Bartel at 815-751-6768. All are welcome!

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Through the month of **JULY** we will again gather School kits supplies for the 120 backpacks that have been sewn.

All you need to do is take a backpack home, fill it with the items on the list (which will be attached to the backpacks) and return it to the church. The empty bags will be located at the back of the sanctuary. You may also shop and drop off the supplies at church too. For those who would like to give a monetary gift please put your donation in an offering envelope marked LWR school kits. Questions contact Debbie O'Brien (815-441-0257) or call Sue the church office. Thank you for your support. These will be shipped, along with the quilts and personal care kits in September.

Backpack Blessing On Sunday, August 11, we will have a Backpack Blessing. Students or anyone in education--Bring your backpacks or bag to worship. There will be special Blessing around the backpacks during Worship for the students as they begin their new school year. Plan now to attend! And don't forget your backpack!

Children's Offering

The July Children's offering will go to towards the purchase of supplies needed for LWR School Kits. Families are also invited to shop for the needed supplies or contribute monetary donations to be used to purchase the items. Grab an empty bag from the coat rack at the back of the sanctuary to take with you. The list of items is attached to the bags.

Celebrate and Support LOMC
“Connecting the Word of God with the World of God”

Tri Church (St. John’s and St. Paul, Sterling and Immanuel, Rock Falls) is hosting a special event for LOMC (Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center) to celebrate and support their outdoor ministries.



We invite you to join us for this celebration on Saturday, August 17th from 5 to 7 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sterling, located at 1701 16th Avenue. A picnic style meal featuring ribeye steak sandwiches will be provided. In addition, outdoor games will be available.

We invite you to support LOMC as 2024 marks their 50th Anniversary! A 50th Anniversary Campaign appeal focused on “Generosity to the past and gifts for the future” is underway, “hoping to raise \$100,000 to honor and uplift God’s ministry of the outdoors at LOMC.”

We invite you to make a gift or pledge at this event. Staff and board members from LOMC will be available to share their joy for the camp and answer any questions.

To RSVP, please scan the QR code by August 5, 2024. Your RSVP is your “ticket” to this celebration. You may also RSVP on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

The Tri Church congregations are most grateful for your support of LOMC in funding the future!

THIS WEEK

Monday, July 29

Bell practice at 4:00 p.m.
CLEO will meet at The Factory in Sterling at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, August 2

Hot Dog Day – Downtown Sterling – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Bell practice at 4:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, August 4

Worship/Communion service at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

Next week – August 4

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Chad Arians
Acolytes – Arians family
Greeters/Ushers – Dan Dir, Keith Peugh
Reader – Keith Peugh
Sound – Brayden Arians
Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer Needed*