



Purpose Statement

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

News for Sunday, July 19, 2026

Join us for at 9:30 a.m. for CommUNITY VBS Worship at Grandon Civic Center
If inclement weather, worship will be held at Bethel Reformed Church
230 E. 23rd Street, Sterling

We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Maggie Villafuerto, Richard J., Callahan McCallister, Melinda, Brock Woessner, Lori Dewey, the Woodworth family, Michelle Klinger, Matt Friel, Sandy Julifs, Mike, Dylan Wescott, and Phyllis Jacobson.

During this time of transition if you have an emergency, please call Sue in the church office or one of the council members who will contact the pastor that is covering during that time.

Dear St. Paul Members & Friends,

We are excited to share that Pastor Mark Luepke has agreed to continue serving as our part-time interim minister through the end of this year. We are grateful for his passionate preaching, and thankful for his and Nancy's friendship. Thanks be to God for their partnership with us!

Blessings,
St. Paul Council

Happy 100th Birthday!

Cliff Miller will be turning 100 on July 26. If you would like to send him a card, his address is: 1701 Park Drive, Orange Park, FL 32073. Just a reminder that he does struggle with his sight, so large print cards would be great!

This summer, the **UNITE** churches are again hosting student musicians from the Sterling/Rock Falls area. This includes any student completing 7th grade – a just graduated college/post grad student. We ask that students share a piece with us at St. Paul and then arrange to play that piece at other **UNITE** congregations, where you will be paid \$30/service as a guest musician. This is a chance to keep your music skills tip top over the summer, share an IMEA or audition piece you 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 you!

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.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, July 21

Pastor Mark will be in the office -9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
WELCA Tri-Church Bible Study at Immanuel – 9:00 a.m.

Next Sunday, July 26

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

Next Week – July 26

Worship Assistants

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – *Volunteer Needed*

Acolytes – Arians family

Greeters – Janie Billings, Susan Kuehl

Ushers – Nancy Beck, Diane Yoeckel

Reader – Marilyn Geiger

Sound – Bradyn Arians

Communion Assistant – Janie Billings

Altar Guild – Audrey & Cathy Cox

Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer needed*

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Through the month of **JULY** we will again gather School kits supplies to send with the quilts to enable children to participate in their learning.

We have 60 backpacks sewn. They will be in the back of the sanctuary. Please take and fill with the school supplies and return to the church during the month of July. Thank you.

LWR School Supplies Shopping List

(All items need to be new)

4-70 sheet notebooks of wide-or-college-ruled paper. NO loose leaf paper.

1-30 centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other. **Hard rulers only please**

1-Pencil sharpener

1-Eraser (2 1/2inches)

1-BLUNT pair of scissors

5-UNSHARPENED #2 Pencils with erasers

5-Black or Blue ballpoint pens (No ink gel)

1-Box of 16 or 24 count crayons

