



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Summer Newsletter

June 2026

Church Information

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SERVICE HOURS:
Sundays @10:10am

Mark Your Calendar

June 15-19

Vacation Bible School
6:15pm-8:30pm

June 29

Women's Bible Study
begins

July 2

Bag Night 6:30pm

July 13

Church Council Meeting
6:30pm

August 11

Women's Group Picnic
@The Kenton's
6:00pm

September 13

Church Picnic
@Winfield Township
Community Park

News from the Pastor *Adopt a Seminarian*

Several years ago, our North American Lutheran Seminary started an initiative for congregations called "Adopt a Seminarian" that invites individuals, congregations, and mission districts to walk along side future leaders of the North American Lutheran Church.

It goes without saying that this is a dynamite idea, so we have decided to make this part of our benevolence ministry here at St. Paul's. So, without further ado, let me introduce you to our Seminarian Kristin Dawson. Below is her first letter to our congregation. - Pastor Shawn

To the Members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! My name is Kristin Dawson, and I am a distance-student seminarian at NALS. I was recently notified that we have been paired through the Adopt a Seminarian Initiative, and wanted to reach out to make initial contact with you.

First, I thank you for your interest in supporting seminarians through prayer and long distance communication. It is a blessing to know that there are others out there in the NALC who are keeping seminarians like myself in prayer as we embark on our studies and journeys towards God's calling for each of us.

Second, I wanted to ask for a few specific prayers at this time. Currently, I am in my second semester of the Master of Arts Religion program at Trinity Anglican Seminary. I am praying my degree track will inevitably lead me towards the NALC Diaconate. My primary vocation is Board Certified Music Therapist, and I am hoping to combine my therapeutic and counseling skills to serve others within the church, especially other Pastors and Deacons who may desire counseling or spiritual support in their individual calls or commissions.

At this time, I am asking for prayers for a few specific things;

-First, I am gearing up to submit a credit transfer proposal to the Registrar at Trinity to attempt to get some dual credit for some courses I completed in my previous Masters degree. This credit transfer could help lessen the length of my seminary journey and of course lessen financial burden! (I am blessed to be receiving 100% financial support from my current congregation at this time, but want to be a good steward of that wonderful gift!). Please pray for the Registrar to discern what is appropriate to transfer and that as many credits will be accepted as possible.

-Second, please continue to pray for me as I finish this semester and prepare for future terms. We are about half way through the term at this point. I hope to finish strong with the one course I am taking currently, and feel prepared to start ones summer course, then two in the fall!

-Finally, my husband, Pastor Aaron Dawson (NALC) and I are expecting our second child (a girl) at the end of May. We currently have one son, Asher, who will be 3 in early May. Our new baby girl is named Islay, pronounced "Eye-luh," and is an incredible blessing and gift to our family. We are incredibly excited to meet her! Please be praying for us that we will have a safe delivery in May and good health all around.

Thank you all for your prayers, and I look forward to future correspondence with you and the rest of St. Paul's congregation.
God's peace be with you all,
Kristin Dawson

Informational Congregational Meeting this Sunday, June 14.

A short Informational Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday June 14 immediately after the service. This meeting should only require 10 minutes. Church Council wishes to inform the congregation of some important maintenance information that will require re-appropriating 2026 budgeted funds, from one proposed project to another.

Women's Summer Bible Study ~ The Book of Luke

Monday Evenings @6:30 beginning June 29

\$15/book Sign up at the Kiosk or contact the church office.

Did you know that you can give to St. Paul's online? Just log on to our website and click on "Give" or scan the QR code to the right.



Council Notes:

The front door to the Church has been repaired and the threshold was replaced. A new lock will be installed on the front door as well.

A new faucet for the kitchen sink in Heide Hall has been ordered and will be installed soon.

Please provide updated phone numbers to Melissa Kenton in order to update a St. Paul's text list as well as an email in order that the email list is current. Having updated, accurate phone numbers and emails will enable quick communication in case Sunday morning services need to be cancelled due to weather, (as we did last winter) or some other unforeseen circumstances.



Luther's Corner

"The Gospel is a blessed Word. It demands nothing of us, but announces everything that is good, that God has given us poor sinners his only Son that he is to be our Shepherd; he will seek us famished and scattered sheep and give his life for us, to redeem us from sin, from eternal death, and from the power of the devil." Martin Luther on Psalm 23:3



Summer Shoe Drive Benefitting South Butler Community Library

Do you have shoes that you don't wear or that don't quite fit? Consider donating them! St. Paul's will be hosting a shoe donation box.

What it is: South Butler Community Library is holding a **Summer Shoe Drive** from May 1 to August 15 to raise funds for the Library. **What Kinds of Shoes:** Pairs of shoes of all kinds can be donated: Tennis shoes, high heels, boots, fancy shoes, plain shoes... The Library will earn money based on the weight of the shoes collected. **What Happens Next:** The shoes will be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network. Funds2Orgs works with micro-entrepreneurs, helping them create, maintain, and grow small businesses in developing countries. Proceeds from the sales of the collected shoes are used to feed, clothe, and house their families. **Your Impact:** By donating gently worn, used, and new shoes to South Butler Community Library, the shoes will be given a second chance and will make a difference in people's lives around the world.

Please contact Kimberly Siemer at 614-638-5469 with any questions. *Clean out your closet and make a positive impact for someone in need!*