

# TIDINGS

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## Calendar of Events

### July 2025

Thursday, July 4th	July 4th Holiday - Office Closed
Sunday, July 6th	Church Service, Communion & Summer Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday, July 13	Church Service & Summer Sunday School 10:00 am Semi-Annual Meeting 11:00 am
Sunday, July 20th	Church Service & Summer Sunday School 10:00 am
Monday, July 21st - Thursday July 24th	Vacation Bible School - 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Sunday, July 27th	Church Service - 10 am under the tent - Summer Picnic

### August 2025

Sunday, August 3rd	Church Service, Communion & Summer Sunday School 10:00 am
Saturday, August 9th	Steak Fry 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Sunday, August 10th	Church Service & Summer Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday, August 17th	Church Service & Summer Sunday School 10:00 am
Saturday, August 23rd	Annual Kitchen Cleaning - 9:00 - Noon
Sunday, August 24th	Church Service & Summer Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday, August 31st	Church Service & Summer Sunday School 10:00 am

**NOTE:** Beginning with the September Tidings we will be highlighting one Organization or Ministry each month. The intent is to explain what each Organization and Ministry does and hopefully solicit new members for these groups.

## **INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR**

***When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you in all truth. John 16:12***

I sat with a family earlier today as a doctor shared with them a number of options in the medical care possibilities of a beloved family member. It is a family I have known for 25 plus years. The patient had fallen about a week ago. Going to the hospital almost immediately, a brain-bleed was discovered. An injury resulting from the fall. Now, the patient having been unresponsive for the week, siblings and other family members would decide what would happen next. Some family members would stay at the hospital, spending the night in the room with the patient. The doctor had said that someone would be back in the morning when decisions could be reviewed and plans made. Prayers were offered and continue.

Difficult decisions are a part of life. Most of us have had to address such decisions on a number of occasions. We do it individually and we do it collectively. The question is, how do we make them? While we might each have certain common methods of decision making, we each carry with us our individual emotions and past experiences. We have our plans for the future, our abilities and our dreams.

We also have our faith, and a faith community to support us. We have words of scripture to guide and teach us. Jesus taught us the lessons of God's kingdom. He taught those who followed him and challenged the apostles to continue those lessons. He recognized the difficulties of his acceptance while he walked the earth, and he knew of the continuing need of his disciples and the early church to be guided in God's truth. He knew the truth would be difficult to determine once he was no longer physically present.

It would be so easy if Jesus was here, to provide us with the truth, He could provide guidance, structure and the peace that only he could offer. There was a continued need for an authority to proclaim the message of God the Creator and to tell of the accomplishment of Jesus, God the Son. Another is needed.

As Jesus ascended from earth, and the people gathered, the Holy Spirit came upon the multitude. Pentecost. The Holy Spirit, an advocate and counselor. The Trinity was gathered. The people would never be alone. We are not alone but have the love of God surrounding us, the truth of God's word guiding us and the fellowship of God's people strengthening us.

May these days of summer, and all your days, bring you peace.

Blessings, *Linda*

## **JULY/AUGUST COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY**

Throughout the months of July and August we will be collecting items in support of our veterans. With funding being cut for veterans there is a greater need than ever for items such as: socks, t-shirts, undergarments, sweatshirts & pants, and blankets. A collection box will be set-up in the narthex.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ACTIVITIES**

### **Vacation Bible School**

**"SAILING TO THE LIGHTHOUSE"** will serve as this year's Vacation Bible School theme. This year's fun packed activities will begin on Monday, July 21st and run through Thursday, July 24th. Each evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. and concluding at 8:30 p.m. children will participate in a variety of activities which includes Bible adventures, song & dance, crafts, games and snacks.

Children are encouraged to invite and bring their friends. In addition, children should plan now for fun and adventure as we explore with wonder, God's beautiful creation. Families should watch the church emails for additional information to come. Please RSVP to the Church Office (313) 291-1221 by July 16th if you have children who will be attending.

### **Family Fun and Lunch at Willow MetroPark**

Church families should plan now to spend a complimentary day of food and fun at the Willow Metro Park and Pool on Tuesday, August 5th. For those interested, round trip bus transportation from the church to and from the park will be provided. Upon arrival participants will partake in a light hot dog lunch. Afterwards, they will make their way to the pool for swimming. Please sign the sheet located on the Welcome Center desk located upstairs or contact Deborah Case to confirm your participation. It will be on a first come, first serve basis.

### **Summer Sunday School**

Summer Sunday School began Sunday, June 22nd and will continue through Sunday, September 7th. If you wish to serve as a teacher during the summer please contact Deb Case or Kaitlyn Isaacs.

## **ALL CHURCH EVENTS**

### **Semi-Annual Meeting to be held July 13th**

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the St. Paul Congregation will be held on Sunday, July 13th, immediately after the morning worship service. The meeting is expected to be relatively brief. A mid-year financial report will be shared by the treasurer as well as reports from a couple of other ministries to let everyone know what has happened at St. Paul since the beginning of 2025.

St. Paul church members are asked to sign in for the meeting once they have arrived to help establish a quorum. Look for the table in the narthex as you enter the church through the front or side doors.

### **Sew "N" Sew Gals to Meet**

Thursday, July 17th and August 21st at 10 am in the West Room. Bring a sandwich, dessert and coffee are provided. No sewing experience necessary. Join us for 'food for thought.' Contact Janet Staffeld, chairwoman, for more info. Since the beginning of 2025 the group has donated 169 items to Beaumont South. The items include blankets, afghans, baby hats and veteran blankets.

### **St. Paul Church Picnic July 27th**

The excitement will be building in the next few weeks as we all look forward to our annual Picnic. The big top tent will be erected a few days before the 27th. The theme for this year's picnic is "**SAILING TO THE LIGHTHOUSE**" so dress in your best sailing outfit. Make sure you invite your family members, friends, and neighbors to this special event.

At 9:30 Men's Fellowship will be hosting coffee hour before service begins. Service will begin at our usual time of 10:00 a.m. led by Rev. Linda Anderson and the Sunday School Children and any other children who participated in Vacation Bible School.

After service is over Christian Education will have activities for the children to participate in, and a bounce house will be available throughout the remainder of the event.

A couple of our church members have taken time to put together baskets to be auctioned off.

Lunch will be served at approximately 11:45 am. Our menu will consist of Hot Dogs & Brats, Hamburgers & Cheeseburgers, Pasta Salad, Fruit Salad, Vegetable Tray, Corn on the Cob and individual bags of chips. Beverages will be available to drink. At around 1:00 pm we will be having an ice cream social.

This will be an opportunity for church members and guests to fellowship together. We hope to see you there! Once again make sure you invite your family members, neighbors and friends.

### **St. Paul Men's Fellowship Ministry to host their Ninth Annual "Steak Fry"**

This event will take place at the Church on August 9th from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. The men of St. Paul will be available to assist you with the grilling of a New York Strip Steak or a BBQ Chicken Breast, your choice. Dinner will also include a Baked Potato (Regular or Sweet), Corn on the Cob, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert and Beverage. For an extra \$3 you can purchase an optional shrimp skewer with five pcs. of shrimp. You will want to purchase your ticket in advance to reserve your steak or chicken, since only a limited number of steaks and chicken will be available at the door for purchase. Tickets are \$18 per person and will be available at the Kiosk Table during July Coffee Hour or by calling the Church Office at (313) 291-1221 or Jim Poet at (734) 718-3137. All "Grill Masters" are invited to participate, if you have any questions please feel free to contact Jim Poet, Gary Staffeld, or Dan Case. It promises to be an enjoyable evening so come on down and bring your friends.

## **Annual All Church Kitchen Clean-up**

The St. Paul Building and Grounds Ministry will be hosting its Annual Kitchen Clean-up on Saturday, August 24, 2025. Time will be from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. All cleaning supplies and special equipment will be provided; all you need to do is come to the church in your work clothes ready to help clean. Please plan on coming to help even if you can only stay for one hour all help will be greatly appreciated. Coffee and Donuts will be provided for the helpers. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Staffeld or Dan Case or call the Church office at (313) 291-1221.

## **Fire Extinguisher Training**

The Safety and Security Ministry will be hosting a fire extinguisher training session in August for all members of the church. The session will be hosted by Westland Fire Extinguisher and will include tips on fire safety as well as hands on training on how to use a fire extinguisher. The actual date will be sent out in an email and posted in the Morning Tide once decided.

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **2025 Budget Status - Thank You for your Continued Support**

I am continuing to report only our actual income and expenses for the remainder of 2025. Our actual income for May was \$12,225.00 and our actual expenses for May were \$16,860.30 , a difference of \$4,635.30 which is a negative balance for the month. We are currently \$3,438.23 negative for the year. Our General Fund, which is the fund we use to pay our expenses (salaries, utilities, etc) is at \$29,739.86 a decrease of \$5,135.30 from April. Unfortunately these are both negative trends. If you have any questions about our budget please feel free to give me a call. Dan Case - St. Paul Treasurer

### **Meet your St. Paul Staff**

Interim Senior Pastor  
Administrative Assistant  
Financial Secretary  
Bookkeeper  
Office Manager  
Groundskeeper/Sexton  
Sexton  
Snow Removal Sidewalks  
Sound Technician

Rev. Linda Anderson  
Cindy Romas  
Annette Thie  
Jennifer Wilson  
Suzanne Mrowka  
Harold Fick  
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Eric Poet  
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Introduce yourself to these individuals next time you are at the Church and Thank them for their service.

### **2025 Membership Directory**

The 2025 Membership Directory is scheduled for release in the fourth quarter of 2025. All of your updated information must be submitted by the end of August. Please contact the Church office if any of your information has changed (phone number, address, etc). Please contact Dan Case if you have any questions.

## **FOUR Council Positions are Still Open**

Council Positions still open are: 2nd Vice-President (3 year commitment), 1st Vice-President (2 year commitment), two Deacons (2 year and 3 year commitment). A complete description of the positions can be obtained by contacting the church office or by speaking to a Trustee.

## **Current Council Members:**

President	Tim Ruffner
Treasurer	Dan Case
Recording Secretary	Jane Dykowski
Deacon	Jeannette Wackro
Elder	Pam Lange
Elder	Mark Ennis
Elder	Wendy Warner
Trustee	Toni Hill
Trustee	Michael Isaacs
Trustee	Conrad Heidt

## **REMINDER: Sunday Worship Facebook Live Videos to Change**

Due to a recent policy change by Facebook we will no longer be able to archive past Facebook Live Videos or our Worship Services. Effective July 1, 2025 Facebook will only archive 30 days of our Worship Services. If you have any questions regarding the change please contact Michael Isaacs, Gary Peters or Dan Case.

## **Pastoral Care**

If you find yourself or your family in need of pastoral care please call the Church Office at (313) 291-1221, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. If after hours please leave a message our voicemail is checked daily. In the case of an emergency please contact Tim Ruffner our President or Rev. Anderson.

## **HEALTH MINISTRIES**

### **Exercise Class Continues**

Exercise classes will be held on Thursdays from 11 am –12 noon. We will not meet the *first* Thursday of July or August. Our instructor, Delissa Hampton is there every step of the way to cheer you on to work at whatever pace you can do. All exercises can be done seated or standing position with or with the use of a chair, or a combination of both. A small donation of \$3 to \$5 is suggested but not expected for each class you attend. Hope to see you soon. Can't make it to class, but want to join us from home? Join us on ZOOM. You must be able to access the internet by computer, I-pad, or phone with video availability. The information to join the class is on [www.stpaulucctaylor.org](http://www.stpaulucctaylor.org), Health Activities. If you would like to participate or have any questions, contact the office or Kathy Williams.

### **Meditation Class**

Meditation class will be held on Thursdays, following the exercise class at approximately 12 noon in the parlor.

**Update for Our Call List Is Needed.**

Please contact the office if you are or know of someone who doesn't get email notifications regarding the death or serious illness of a church member. We have not done this in a long time. It is important to reach out to those members. Also, if you are willing to make calls contact Kathy Williams.

**Health/Medical Supplies Available**

If you have or need medical supplies, such as walkers, wheelchairs, please contact our parish nurse or the office.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES****Christmas Gift Sale Donations**

Once again a Christmas Gift Sale is being planned for early December. There has been increased interest in the event. There have been several inquiries regarding items to sell and about helping. Therefore, we are planning it again for 2025. The hope is to open the "shop" for a couple December weeks in the West Room. To enhance the inventory, we are soliciting donations of new items you may have which you are unlikely to use. Additionally, we hope to have work days at the church to assemble and prepare items for the sale. Your donations and "crafty" help will be appreciated. Please contact Peggy Staten or Jane Dykowski for more details about donations, helping and the event.

**Liturgists are still needed for Sunday Services**

If you would like to volunteer or would like more information please contact Rev. Linda Anderson or Cindy Romas in the church office. No experience needed. All information is provided to you.

**Auxiliary Deacons Needed**

If you're looking to serve our church but don't want to commit to being on the Council the Auxiliary Deacon position might be right for you. The auxiliary appointees are not required to attend or allowed to vote at the regular Council Meetings. They are only allowed to assist with normal and/or special duties as a Deacon (ie: usher, etc) or cover for the elected position, as required. If you are interested please see any Deacon on Sunday morning.

**Ushers and Acolytes Needed for Sunday Morning Services**

Visit our Usher / Acolyte Sign-up board located in the Narthex of the Church. Being an usher or acolyte is as easy as signing your name to the board, you can sign up for a single service or as many services as you want. Experience is not required; the Deacons will be glad to train you prior to the service. All ushers are asked to be at Church thirty minutes prior to the service. Talk to a Deacon on Sunday Morning if you would like additional information.

**Volunteers are still needed to cover the Office for Administrative Assistant**

The office is looking for volunteers to cover the office functions when the Administrative Assistant is sick or on vacation. Office hours are 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday through Friday. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sue Mrowka, Office Manager.

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Special Thank You to "Blocks Stand and Greenhouse" for donating all of the flowers used for the "Every Daughter Banquet" and for Mother's Day. They also donated all of the flowers that you see planted around the Church.

Also a special Thank You to Harold Fick for planting all of the beautiful flowers around the Church. Sure looks great Harold.

## **MEMORIALS**

### **FACILITY IMPROVEMENT FUND:**

In Memory of: *Dave Cowper* From: Gary & Pat Staffeld

## **WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR**

**Church Members and Friends:** Paula Block, Denise Foley, Julius Enesey, Dorothy Evison, Justine Kimbler, Dave Lange, Sr., Rosemarie Laslo, Joe Mayfield, Dave Schmoekel, Barbara Gish, Kyle Hard, Krystal Grant, Pam Jones, Bill Pattenaude, Thelma Poet, Maeve Rischel, Bob Robinson, Shirley Robinson, Sandi Rose, Joan Smarr, John Smith, Sue Spears, Kathe Stears, William Stears, Jr., Bridget Stephens, Sue Stern, Linda Tank, and Leah Wagner.

**Extended Family:** Susan & Dennis Bennett (sister, brother-in-law, Karen Hill), Rhonda Wioncek Berndt, Ted Butkin, Nora Cousino (sister-in-law, Helen St. Louis), Ailani Flores (friends, Rosemarie Laslo), Freeman Floyd, Phyllis Frost, (mom, Teri Staffeld), Alicia Hagen, Krystal Grant (daughter-in-law, Vickie Grant), Tony Koths, Jennifer Lee, Jeff MacZink, Sue Milatz, Steve Newberry, Debi and Al Petri, Linda Schutter (friend, Sandi Rose), Julie Renner, Jerry Rossi, Kevin Siemers, Vicki Simon (mother, Michael Isaacs), Randy Snelson, Rachel Tank (Daughter, Tom & Linda Tank), Blain Tayler, Anna Thomson (mother, Lucinda Chavez), Cindy Twilliger, Diana Williams.

### **Church Members & Friends in Extended Care or Rehab Care:**

**Judy Albright**, 17381 Michigan Heights Dr., Romulus, 48174-5911; **Darlene Babin**, American House, 16333 Allen Rd., Room 213, Southgate, 48195; **Barbara Gish**, American House, 16333 Allen Rd, Apt. 109, Southgate, 48195; **Lois Rice**, Burcham Hills, 2700 Burcham Dr., Apt. 536, East Lansing, 48823-9977; **Melissa Rossi**, 17652 Colgate, Dearborn Heights, 48125; **Sally Sigman**, American House 20300 Fort St., Room 256, Riverview, 48193; **Bert Thompson**, Optalis Health & Rehabilitation, 9150 Allen Rd, Allen Park; Office: 313-386-2150.