



# The Epistle June

# 2024

*"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil." Ephesians 6:10-11*

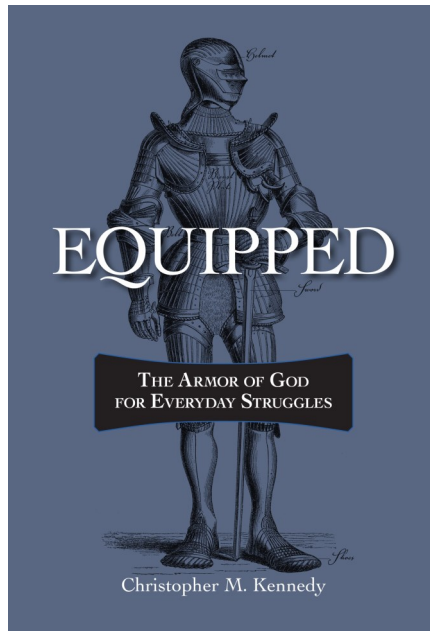
Dear Friends and Members of St. Paul's,

For all of June and half of July I am going to be presenting a sermon series titled **"Equipped, the armor of God for everyday struggles."** This series will look at the how each part in the armor of God can assist us in spiritual warfare. We live in a world that either minimizes the nature of evil or is fixated by such things. Thankfully God in his Word takes the evil one seriously and quickly centers us on Jesus Christ, who has and will defeat all things evil.

To supplement this sermon series all are invited to pick up the book **Equipped**, by Christopher Kennedy, in the church entryway (narthex).

Leading up to each sermon, individuals are encouraged to read a chapter in the book and use the prayers and Bible verses in the back of the book for their daily devotions. Have a blessed summer.

**Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Krenz**



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## Summer Sermon Series:

For seven weeks, starting June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Pick up a copy of the book, **Equipped, The Armor of God for Everyday Struggles** based on **Ephesians 6:10-20**.

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**- The Belt of Truth: Ephesians 6:14a & John 8:32

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**- The Breastplate of Righteousness: Ephesians 6:14b & Isaiah 61:10

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**- The Shoes of Peace: Ephesians 6:15 & John 14:27

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>**- The Shield of Faith: Ephesians 6:16 & Hebrews 11:1

**June 30<sup>th</sup>**- The Helmet of Salvation: Ephesians 6:17a & Isaiah 12:2

**July 7<sup>th</sup>**- The Sword of the Spirit: Ephesians 6:17b & Hebrews 4:12

**July 14<sup>th</sup>**- The Gift of Prayer: Ephesians 6:18 & Colossians 4:2

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mission Statement:  
*Proclaim Christ,*  
*Teach Christ's Word and Reflect Christ's Love to All!*



# FOOD pantry

## Current Pantry Needs:

*brownie mix, canned fruit, toothpaste, toilet paper*

**June Dates: 6/5 6/12 6/19**  
1st & 3rd Wednesdays - 1:30-3pm  
2nd Wednesday - 4-6 pm

**Call 281-4600 for assistance on all other days.**



**2024 VBS**  
Celebrate the Savior!  
**June 10th-14th**  
**9 am to 12 pm**  
at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

**Pick up VBS brochures in the Narthex for friends, family, and neighbors.**

Anyone willing to be an "extra set of hands" - come on by!

If you or someone you know might be able to help please email Carleigh at [carleigh.otfwell@gmail.com](mailto:carleigh.otfwell@gmail.com) or text 618-719-9307.

**Registration open: <https://vbsmate.com/events/StPaulsColumbia/28392>**



## Eve's Restoration Home Update:

Thank you for all the continued support of Eve's Restoration Home. Our board of directors have been meeting monthly to structure the organization.

**We plan to be an official non-profit this summer!**

Our next newsletter update will be released in June as well as a new prayer request sheet.

If you would like to receive email updates from us - feel free to contact Amanda Douglas at

[evesrestorationhome@gmail.com](mailto:evesrestorationhome@gmail.com)

## Sunday, July 14th

the congregation and friends of the congregation are invited to a church picnic at the main pavilion in **Bolm- Schuhkraft Park**.



The Stewardship Committee will provide the sandwiches and drinks. Members are asked to bring side dishes to share. Please sign up in the church entryway if you are attending.

**June 17 =Newsletter Deadline (3rd Monday)**

Usually the 3rd Monday of most months.

Send articles, photos, etc. to [secretary@stpauls-lcms.org](mailto:secretary@stpauls-lcms.org)  
-Thank you for your help!



## Summer Worship Schedule:

Our Summer **9am Worship Schedule** runs from **June 2nd to September 1st.**

## Summer Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class Schedule:

10:15am-11am.  
Every Sunday except July 14th and August 11th.  
(Topics TBD)

## Summer Children's/High School Sunday School Schedule:

10:15am-11am.  
June 16th, 23rd, & 30th  
July 21st & 28th  
August 18th & 25th

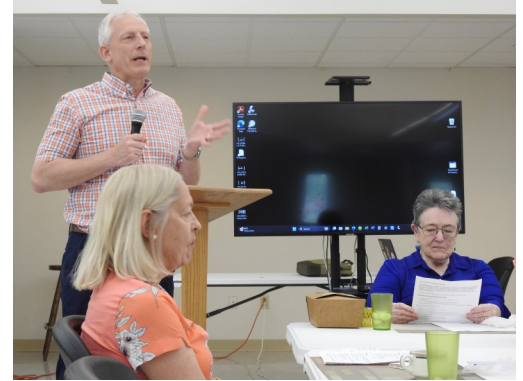


# LWML/LADIES LEAGUE

## LWML Mission Statement

*As Lutheran Women in Mission,  
we joyfully proclaim Christ,  
support missions,  
and equip women to honor God  
by serving others.*

Tulips graced our tables at our May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Nancy Radentz led us with a devotion entitled "Begin with God: So We Can Love Others" and with the common table prayer. We enjoyed our lunches prepared by The Abbey as well as the desserts and drinks provided by our hostesses. Pastor presented a thought-provoking topic on "The What's and Why's of Lutheran Public Worship."



LWML news and committee reports were presented during our business meeting. We will meet again on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. A representative from the House of Neighborly Service is planning to speak at this meeting. Marilyn Miller and Doris Mathews are scheduled to be our hostesses.

### LWML News

- 1) We will be making salt dough ornament favors at Holy Cross, Wartburg on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m. Many hands are welcomed to help! We are preparing them for the SID Convention.
- 2) The SID Convention is being planned for September 13-14, 2024. Our Metro South Zone and the Upper Kaskaskia Zone are the cohosts at Christ our Rock Lutheran High School, Centralia.

You are welcome to join us anytime at our meetings, events, service projects, or just to visit! For more information about Mailbox Membership or other events, contact Wanda at 618-281-4691.



### Comforts of Love Quilters-Tuesdays

Quilters meet Tuesdays from 9 am to 10:30 am.  
Please join us! We have "sew" much fun! **Thank you for all your support!**

Generally meets on the **third Monday of each month.**  
Please join us in June (6/17) at **6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.**  
**Women's Ministry hosts Church Potluck Luncheons on 4th Sunday of the month. Watch the Sunday Announcements for the next Luncheon.**





### OOPS – Wear Your T-Shirt

Did you get your St. Paul's T-Shirt yet? If not, why not? If so, have you worn it yet? The purpose behind our T-shirt project (like our yard signs) is to remind ourselves and others we are part of a Christian church family "Sending Love & Hope Through Jesus." So, get one if you haven't got one yet. They're displayed in the narthex right now and they're free although a \$10 donation is suggested. Be INTENTIONAL and wear yours, if you have one—to special events like VBS (June 10-14), like the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and other community events, like the church picnic (July 14), like Rise Against Hunter (August 11). Be INTENTIONAL and wear it to the grocery store, the doctor, McDonalds, the pool, the park, etc. Smile with pride and joy and say "I belong to St. Paul's too" whenever you're out-and-about and run into someone else who too is being INTENTIONAL.

That's this month's less-than-perfect  
Outreach **O**pportunity **S**uggestion  
from your **B**oard **O**f **C**hristian **O**utreach.



### (10-10-80)

This old principle has served people well for years. There is nothing radical or complicated about the principle of giving God the first 10 percent (a tithe), saving the next 10 percent and adjusting our lifestyles so we can live on the remaining 80 percent. How much we give, save and spend speaks volumes about us as people.

### Give 10 percent

The 10-10-80 principle applies biblical principles of giving. When we give our first 10 percent to God, we give the Lord our firstfruits and give proportionately. Prov. 3:9 reads, "Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce." God directs us to give Him the firstfruits from all we receive. As faithful stewards, we willingly respond to Him with our gifts out of love and commitment because we know He first loved and gave so much to us. We acknowledge God to be the Creator and Provider of all things. Consequently, we are simply returning to Him what He has already given to us. Paul wrote: "What do you have that you did not receive?" (1 Cor. 4:7 ESV).

Proportionate or percentage giving gives all Christians an equal privilege and opportunity to share in extending God's kingdom. Since God blesses us in different ways and amounts, the sizes of our gifts will vary. "For if the readiness is there, [the gift] is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have" (2 Cor. 8:12 ESV). The person giving \$100 from \$1,000 of income is giving proportionately just as someone earning \$100,000 gives \$10,000. We can give proportionately whether we are rich or poor.



## Fun Holidays in June

- 1st - National Flip a Coin Day
- 2nd - National Rocky Road Ice Cream Day
- 3rd - World Bicycle Day
- 4th - National Donut Day
- 5th - National Hot Air Balloon Day
- 6th - D-Day
- 7th - National Chocolate Ice Cream Day
- 8th - National Best Friends Day
- 9th - National Donald Duck Day
- 10th - Ball Point Pen Day
- 11th - National Corn on the Cob Day
- 12th - National Peanut Butter Cookie Day
- 13th - National Sewing Machine Day
- 14th - Flag Day
- 15th - Nature Photography Day
- 16th - World Sea Turtle Day
- 17th - National Eat Your Vegetables Day
- 18th - National Picnic Day
- 19th - Garfield the Cat Day
- 20th - National Ice Cream Soda Day
- 21st - National Peaches and Cream Day
- 22nd - National Onion Rings Day
- 23rd - National Hydration Day
- 26th - National Chocolate Pudding Day
- 27th - National Sunglasses Day
- 28th - National Tapioca Day
- 29th - National Camera Day
- 30th - Asteroid Day

\*Father's Day is the 3rd Sunday  
\*The First Day of Summer is when the sun reaches the highest point in the sky.





# CHILDREN'S Summer Children's/ Sunday School High School

Sunday School Schedule: 10:15am-11am.

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup>

July 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

August 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>



Childrens Message on May 5th at Confirmation Service

## 2024 Youth Event Calendar

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**- after the 9AM service Middle School and High School Youth can stay after and decorate the sidewalks with chalk for VBS. Pizza will be provided.

**June 10<sup>th</sup> thru June 14<sup>th</sup>**= VBS

**June 30<sup>th</sup>** High School Life Night

**July** Potential event at Perry County historic event

**July 14<sup>th</sup>**- Church Picnic

Potential trustee project at church

**August 11<sup>th</sup>**- Rise Against Hunger Event

Back to school ice cream social



Confirmation Questioning



Confirmation  
May 5, 2024



Connor Crank, Graycie Luberda, Campbell Ottwell, Kaylee Grandt, Ava Douglas, and Brooke Quevreaux

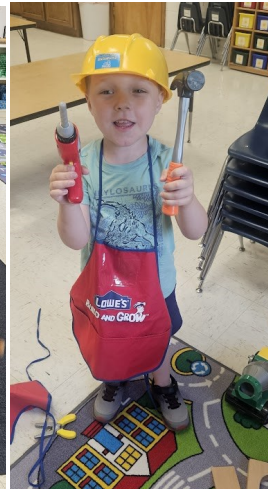


Our last day of preschool was bittersweet. While several students will be returning this fall for their second year with us, the remainder will be moving on to kindergarten. It's always hard to say goodbye to those students. We wish them well and we will certainly miss them!



Similar to many children at the end of the school year, we too are looking forward to our summer break! Summer is a time to relax, refresh and recharge for the next school year. We hope everyone takes time to relax and refresh a bit. It is good for the soul! Enjoy your Summer! We will return in the fall!

Ms. Shelly & Ms. April





## Pastoral Ponderings A Devotional "Restart"

In regard to activities, things tend to slow down here during the summer. Granted, there is VBS (June 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>), a church picnic (July 14), and a number of events in August, but in regard to weekly activities, things lessen. However, we still gather weekly to receive the Lord's everlasting gifts in worship, and this gives you a chance to take additional time to meditate on God's Word. Here are a few ways that could happen.

1. Start reading the *Portals of Prayer* devotionals along with the suggested Scripture readings. (These are available in the front entrance of the church.)
2. Read a Proverb a day (There are thirty one of them, so this is very easy to do in regard to your month.)
3. Use the *Equipped* book available in the narthex and read a chapter a week on a particular part in the armor of God. In addition, go to the back of the book and mediate on Bible verses and prayers found in the "Storehouse of Spiritual Weaponry."
4. Have a Daily devotional sent to your email via Lutheran Hour Ministries even the national LWML. Go to [Devotions - Lutheran Women's Missionary League \(lwml.org\)](https://www.lwml.org) or go to [Subscribe to Daily Devotions : Lutheran Hour Ministries \(lhm.org\)](https://www.lhm.org).
5. Read through half or all the Psalms this summer. (Pick up your copy of *Summer in the Psalms Reading Plan* in the Narthex.)
6. Use a new meal prayer: For example..."Lord Jesus Christ be thou our guest, our morning joy our evening rest, and with thy daily bread impart thy love and peace to every heart."
7. Make worship part of your vacation plans. You can easily find the nearest Lutheran church via the LCMS church locator.

### Adult Education

#### Tuesday Men's Bible Study

Meet w/ us at 7:15 am in the Narthex. All men welcome. We are studying the Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel readings for the following Sunday.

#### Wed. Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays with Nancy, on hiatus until Fall.

#### Fridays, Once a Month

It's **MATTHEW'S GOSPEL** in 2024. We're going to be studying the Gospel of Matthew in our second Friday of the month **Not Just for Couples Bible Study Group**. Our next class will be on **Friday, May 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall**. Before class preparation is strongly encouraged. Adults of any age are welcome. Please contact Pastor Sievers (314-882-2097) or ([pastorsievers@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorsievers@yahoo.com)) for more information.

### Summer Sundays Adult Bible Study

Starting Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> the Sunday Bible Study will meet after the 9 am service throughout the summer. In the month of June we will be encouraging our members to wear their name tags, and following the June 2<sup>nd</sup> worship service there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments in the narthex (church entryway). The adult Bible Study will meet every Sunday with the exception of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup>. Watch the announcements and Pastor's email for updates on the weekly topics.

### Adult Membership Class

I will be starting a new adult membership class. This is a class that covers the foundations of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. If you or someone you know might be interested in this 10 week class please contact Pastor Krenz at 618-363-0121 or email/call the church office.



# Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Brian and Jennifer Kimmel ♥ Levi and Carleigh Otfwell ♥	3 Jeff Phelps	4 Christopher Bequette Jeffrey Starek Joanna Douglas Kris Stuckmeyer Rachel Mathews Randy and Marian Mathews ♥	5 Brad and Deanna Roessler ♥ Nathan Kremmel Roger and Kathy Stechmesser ♥ Samantha Blosser	6 Eric Bierman Thomas Hagan Tricia Rauh	7 Harold and Jamie Lyon ♥	8 Debbie Aldridge Deborah Roediger Don Radentz Paul and Marilyn Snider ♥ Samantha Potts
9 Jeanne AuBuchon	10 Brian Upchurch Kurt and Erin Schmolli ♥ Marilyn Kiso Melvin Becherer Rachel Feldman	11 Barbra Schneider Randall Hood Jr	12 Amy Riebeling Charles and Wanda Gross ♥ Dale Schickedanz Gary and Ruth Camp ♥	13 Allison Eckert Margaret Simmons Trey Roessler III Zach Locke	14 Brett Gummshheimer Emily Stephens Patrick and Bethany Grandt ♥	15 Don and Christine Link ♥ Rick Meyer
16 Alice Jestus JoAnn Byerley Kent Haberl Mark and Dianne Bierman ♥	17 Charles and Jeanine Consolino ♥ Jennifer Ainsworth Joel and Savannah Greeting ♥ Sophia Collet	18 Eddie and Ann Luedeman ♥ Jack and Julie Russell ♥ Mike and Sandy Louis ♥	19 Eli Gummshheimer Sarah Haskell	20 Augustine Niehaus Bob Portell Haley Mathews Jacqueline Gross Joe and Jan Starek ♥ Rick Butler Tom and Sue Dillard ♥	21 Bernard Murrell and Phyllis Peters ♥ Marilyn Snider	22 Jeremy and Ashley Reichert ♥
23 Gene Haberl Tanner Roessler	24 Brandon Aldridge Jean McLaughlin Mozelle Niehaus Stephen Twillmann	25 Kinley Camp Vivienne Blankenship	26 Brittany Konersman Mark and Deborah Fischer ♥ William Duvall	27 Jacob Camp Nancy Radentz Nikki Link	28 Dane Quevreaux	29 Kariye Thompson





Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

# June



**2** 9 am Divine Service (Sanctuary)  
Fellowship in Narthex following this service

**3** Count (Team 3)  
Divine Service 6:30 pm

**4** Men's Bible St. 7:15 am  
9 am Quilters

**5** Food Pantry 1:30—3 pm

**6** Ladies League 11:30 am

**7** Bible Study @ Bria Nursing Home 2 pm

**8**

**9** 9 am Divine Service (Sanctuary)  
10:15 am  
-Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall  
11 am Youth decorate Church & Side-walks for VBS

**10** Count (Team 1)  
Divine Service 6:30 pm

**11** Men's Bible St. 7:15 am  
9 am Quilters  
5:30 pm Trustees  
6:30 pm Elders

**12** Food Pantry 4-6 pm  
Vacation Bible School

**13**

**14** 6:30 pm  
Pastor Sievers Bible Study/Mtg

**15**

**16** 9 am Divine Service (Sanctuary)  
10:15 am  
-Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall  
-Youth Bible Study - Youth Rm  
-Sunday School -SS Wing

**17** Count (Team 2)  
Divine Service 6:30 pm  
Women's Ministry 6:30 pm

**18** Men's Bible St. 7:15 am  
9 am Quilters  
6:30 pm Church Council

**19** 7:30 am Rotary Business  
Food Pantry 1:30 - 3 pm

**20** 9 am Newsletter Folders 6 pm

**21** Worship @ Bria Nursing Home 2 pm

**22** Private Party Fellowship Hall

**23** 9 am Divine Service (Sanctuary)  
10:15 am  
-Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall  
-Youth Bible Study - Youth Rm  
-Sunday School -SS Wing

**24** Count (Team 3)  
Divine Service 6:30 pm

**25** Men's Bible St. 7:15 am  
9 am Quilters

**26** Cooking School in Fellowship Hall

**27**

**28**

**29**

**30** 9 am Divine Service (Sanctuary)  
10:15 am  
-Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall  
-Youth Bible Study - Youth Rm  
-Sunday School -SS Wing  
10:30 pm Stewardship Mtg  
3 pm Life Night at Hancock's in Valmeyer

Dates, times, & locations subject to change. Additional activities may be added at a later date.  
For the most up-to-date calendar listing, go to: [stpauls-lcms.org](http://stpauls-lcms.org) then click on the "calendar" tab.



Our Summer 9am Worship Schedule runs from June 2nd to September 1st.



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**JUNE 2024**

**Sundays**

**@ 9 am thru September 1st**  
**Mondays - 6:30 pm**

**Worship with Us...**

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