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*St. Paul's Lutheran  
The Church On The Hill*

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## **Pastor's Message**

### ***June begins the season of 'Ordinary Time'.***

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Jesus taught, "**You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world**" (Matthew 5:13-14).

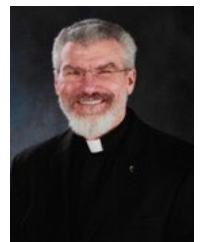
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Ordinary Time fills more than half of the church year, approximately 33 weeks. In the context of the Lutheran Church, it is the liturgical season that falls outside the major festivals and celebrations of the Christian calendar. Although often overlooked, it holds significant meaning and purpose within the

life of the Church. It is a time of growth, learning, and spiritual nourishment for the faithful. During Ordinary Time, the focus of the liturgy and readings shifts from the major events of salvation, such as the birth, death, and resurrection of Christ, to the practical aspects of living out one's faith in daily life. One key scriptural passage that informs the meaning of Ordinary Time is where Jesus instructs his disciples to "let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). This passage emphasizes the importance of living out one's faith in the midst of the ordinary, everyday circumstances of life. During Ordinary Time, the focus shifts from the significant events of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection to the daily life of discipleship and mission. The season is characterized by a sense of normalcy and routine, where the church continues to proclaim the gospel, and nurture faith in the midst of everyday life. It is seen as a time to cultivate a deeper relationship with God, and to put faith into practice through acts of love, service, and witness. Ordinary Time reminds the faithful that the true work of the Church is not limited to the major festivals, but is an ongoing process of discipleship and spiritual transformation.

It reminds believers that the life of faith is not just about the extraordinary events, but also the daily, ordinary moments where God's presence is encountered and his work is carried out in the world. The Lutheran Church is called to live out its faith in the world and proclaiming the gospel to all people. During Ordinary Time, many Christians are on vacations, at sporting events, camping, and other activities that take them away from attending church. This a great opportunity to "let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" **We find this time of the year is not so ordinary.**

Your servant in Christ Jesus,  
Pastor David Viles



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Lori Meyer
- 6 Ron Loesch
- 6 Rose Strobel
- 8 Luke Frasher
- 8 Becky Weber
- 8 Jason Wood
- 9 Jahanna Koestner
- 10 Brenda Heidbreder
- 11 Roger Pennell
- 13 Larah Russell
- 14 Stacy Bubach
- 14 Kelly Grunden
- 15 Abby Rhodes
- 15 Leland Stewart
- 16 Andrew Steele
- 18 Heather Morgans
- 20 Denny Linhardt
- 20 Bethanee Plochberger
- 20 Dalton Garner
- 27 Shirley Loesch
- 28 Gary Hanks
- 28 Angie Stubinger
- 29 Laurie Koestner
- 29 Sharron Schneiders
- 30 Price Tschirgi

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Month/Day	Attendance Phys./Virtual	Offering
<b>MAY 05</b>	<b>82 / 197</b>	<b>\$ 3,478.25</b>
<b>MAY 12</b>	<b>82 / 194</b>	<b>\$ 3,137.61</b>
<b>MAY 19</b>	<b>62 / 171</b>	<b>\$ 2,722.00</b>
<b>MAY 26</b>	<b>54 / 124</b>	<b>\$ 1,620.00</b>



**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Lori & Paul Meyer 1990
- 6 Abbie & Paula Linsenbardt 1981
- 7 Jonathan & Laura Kalaf 2014 **10 Yrs.**
- 7 Gary & Audrey Bunch 1975
- 12 Richard & Rosemary Heidbreder 1976
- 13 Andrew & Kara Richart 2019 **5 Yrs.**
- 13 Kevin & Tracy Pistel 2015
- 18 Nicole & Andy Benne 1994 **30 Yrs.**
- 22 Jake & Sonya Loesch 2019 **5 Yrs.**
- 27 Scott & Cori Soell 1986
- 27 Delores & Robert Vlach 1981

**In Appreciation to Marvin Bubach**

Memorial Day was fast approaching and the Church Hill was covered in tall grass. As Pastor David sat on his front porch, he saw the big green machine turning tall grass into smooth, park like pasture. Of course Marvin Bubach sat in the saddle moving it in and out of the nooks and grannies and under the trees and bushes. Then, he pulled out on highway D and made his way back to the farm. Thank you Marvin from St. Paul's congregation for all you do.

**CHRIST IN OUR HOME** devotional books for July-September are in the information rack in the Narthex.

This is a great way to start your day.

**Continued prayers for:**

*Jerry Koestner, Richard Heidbreder, Don Buchta, Royal & Evelyn Speidel, Donna Viles, Julie Carel, Cecil Knerschild, Pastor's friends Erin Gullickson and Linda Huff, and all those we hold dear in our hearts..*



## Congratulations to our 2024 Graduates



**Mackenzie Linnenbrink,**  
I graduated from Russellville High School and will be attending Columbia College to continue my track and field career, while pursuing a degree in elementary education.



**Madalyn Grace Benne,**  
I graduated from State Technical College of Missouri in Linn, MO with my Associates of Applied Science degree in Business Administration and also a Digital Marketing with cum laude honor on Saturday, May 11. I have started taking online courses from Missouri State University in Springfield, MO to get a bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Criminology while working.



**Lexie Plochberger,**  
I graduated from Russellville High School on May 3, 2024. I plan to continue my education and volleyball career at Missouri Valley College while majoring in Graphic Design.



**Abigail Gonzalez,**  
I graduated from Calvary Lutheran High School and attended Nichols Career center for their Graphic Design program. I plan to attend State Tech in Linn to achieve an associate's degree in Digital Marketing and Business Administration.



**Laney Marie Hager,**  
I Graduated from Merrell University of Beauty Arts and Science on April 26th. I am now employed by Drybar Salon in Columbia, MO.



**Lauren Stubinger,**  
I graduated from Russellville High School on May 3, 2024. I plan to attend Columbia College to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice.





**Matthew Miller,**  
I graduated on May 12th from the University of Missouri Columbia with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with Management emphasis. I will continue working with Jefferson Bank after graduation as a Credit Analyst in Commercial Lending.



**Wyatt Prosch,**  
I graduated cum laude with a degree in Commercial Turf and Groundskeeping from State Technical College of Missouri in Linn, MO. On May 11, 2024. I have been working at the Jefferson City Country Club as a permanent year-round groundskeeper. I also have my Missouri State Real Estate license.



**John Donald Murphy,**  
I graduated from California High School, and Nichols Career Center AutoTech program. I received a \$500 scholarship towards tools from the "Working Wheels for Working Families" program. I plan to continue my employment with Xtreme Body and Paint full time after graduation.

## Baptism of Dash Richard Heidbreder

Dash was Baptized on April 14, 2024. Nothing is more precious than a sweet baby becoming a child of God through Baptism. I baptized his sister Sloane in April 2019. I was thrilled to baptize her brother Dash with her help, and their wonderful parents, Ashley and Ryan Heidbreder. It was a blessed day.



## **Congregational Council Meeting, May 13, 2024**

† A six o'clock pm regular monthly meeting of the Congregational Council of St. Paul's ELCA was called into session by Council President Zola Finch. Council members present were Kent Nelson, Stacy Bubach, Jana Thompson, A.J. Ferrell, Misty Schroeder, Ashleigh Hillen, Devin Koestner, and Frank Pascoe. Also present were Church Treasurer Kay Pascoe and Pastor David Viles.

† The meeting opened with a prayer from Pastor Viles. The President requested a motion for approval of the previous Council minutes. This was accomplished upon a motion offered by Kent Nelson, seconded by Jana Thompson, and agreed to by all. Pastor Viles presented a brief devotion entitled "God's Wisdom for Tough Decisions". The President requested Church Treasurer Kay Pascoe to present a report detailing the Church's Statement of Financial Position. The Treasurer reported a total of \$300,147.58 for Cash & Investment totals as of April 30th, 2024. Her report detailed a total of \$33,571.39 in selected dedicated accounts as of April 30th, 2024. Current Offerings for the past month were \$10,889.76. Expense totals for the previous month were \$17,866.59. The President requested approval of the Treasurer's report, which was done upon a motion by Stacy Bubach, seconded by A.J. Ferrell and approved by all.

† The President requested Pastor Viles to present his monthly report. His report showed 85 travel miles for the past month, with no reimbursement requested. Pastor's report detailed over ten meetings with Church groups and other area organizations and over five personal visits with parishioners and other persons. He presided at three baptisms; attended the Baccalaureate service at Russellville High School; prepared worship bulletins and the May Epistle; and updated the Church's Facebook page. He presided at two Communion Sunday worship services, and two non-communion Sunday services. President Finch requested approval of Pastor Viles April Report. This was done upon a motion offered by Frank Pascoe, seconded by A.J. Ferrell and approved by all.

### **President Finch requested the various Council Committee heads to present their summary of recent activities:**

**Evangelism:** Misty Schroeder reported details of a very successful April 7th Pancake Breakfast. She discussed details for an upcoming Spaghetti supper for which volunteers will be needed. She proposed numerous ideas for additional special Sundays, including "Bring a Friend Sunday". Planning is underway for the traditional July 4th event.

**Technology:** Devin Koestner discussed the side screens, and demonstrations to the congregation about their location, size, and utility. This will be done prior to the Will West Co. actually installing the screens. Utilizing the new screens will require additional assistants either upstairs in the balcony, or from a laptop downstairs. Devin discussed numerous ideas for the utilization of the proposed screens. There was brief discussion about updating the church's website. It was suggested an expanded calendar of events should be on the website. Devin noted the additional security cameras that have been installed and the monitor added in the narthex.

**Worship & Music:** Ashleigh Hillen reported on the May 8th meeting her committee held. The committee decided to change to Setting 8 during June through August. There will be no bell choir in June. The Psalms will be sung by our choir during June. Graduation recognition Sunday will be June 2d. A patriotic service will be held on June 30th. The committee selected all the hymns for June. The committee will not meet in June.

**Parish Education:** A.J. Ferrell briefly discussed the education and youth calendar for the rest of 2024. There will be no Children's Sunday School in June. Sunday School will resume in July. She hoped we would have youth attending the Vacation Bible School event.



**Church Improvement:** Kent Nelson said that the recent strong winds damaged several trees. The new drain in the women's bathroom is completed.

**Stewardship & Finance:** Stacy Bubach reported no finance meeting. Stacy did want to say that the Church should continue to find a replacement for Church Treasurer Kay Pascoe who desires to retire just as soon as a qualified replacement can be found.

**Mutual Ministry:** Jana Thompson reported her committee met on April 17th. Mitch Plochberger has agreed to join her committee. Devin Koestner has joined the Church Council and will be replaced by Mitch. New Committee members this year are Debbie Boyce and Roger Pennell. The committee discussed the Altar Guild and suggested it designate a leader. This would be helpful in its work with other church organizations throughout the church year. The committee discussed the Time & Talent Survey and how few electronic surveys were returned. This survey -both paper and electronic - is vital to our filling positions on the various church committees. The members praised the recent Easter Service breakfast and the well-attended Sausage & Pancake Breakfast. The members present discussed the proposed screens in the sanctuary and the many positive and negative feelings shared by Church members. Other topics discussed at their meeting included the plans for the 4th of July festivities [to be held on June 30th] and the celebration for graduating seniors on June 2d.

**Old Business:** President Finch discussed her recent talks with Security Team leader Jason Wood and Pastor Viles. There was some effort to define what efforts related to safety and security were actually needed. More consideration relating to fire, tornadoes, and health were suggested. Proper training of those members participating in the security team is to be undertaken. Instruction and information forms should be prepared and placed in each pew for fire, storms, and individual health incidents that might arise during church services. The actual number of parishioners on alert each Sunday was suggested at two to three.

**New Business:** President Finch has vacated the parsonage as of May 14th. She expressed her appreciation for her ability to stay there prior to moving to her new home. There was brief discussion of the use of the Blessing Box and how it might transpire into something more useful than its present state. Misty Schroeder suggested that the Church Kitchen needs a handbook for those unfamiliar with kitchen appliances and for persons or groups using the kitchen for the first time. She volunteered to work on its preparation.

At 8:06 the President called for adjournment of the meeting, which was accomplished by Kent Nelson's motion, seconded by Misty Schroeder, and agreed to by all.

Pastor Viles led the group in a recitation of the Our Father.

Respectfully submitted by Frank Pascoe, Council Secretary.

### **STARS: Jeannette Fischer**

There were 32 STARS in attendance at our May meeting and after we enjoyed a delicious lunch of lasagna and amazing side dishes, we were fortunate to have Jeremy Amick present an interesting program about his recent history research and latest book, Lutherans of Cole County, MO.

Since June is a popular month for weddings, we are going to entertain ourselves at our June 19th meeting with wedding pictures. So bring your picture and a short story to share. As we view the photos, remember that smiles would be welcomed, but laughter would be even better. In honor of summer temps, our menu will feature chicken salad. If you plan to attend, make reservations with Rose Strobel at 782-4553 or 694-3634 by Monday evening, June 17.

### **Mobile Food Pantry: Audrey Bunch**

The Mobile Food Truck came to Trinity Lutheran parking lot in Russellville on May 14th. We had good weather at the church parking lot. Several clients came and told us it was raining in the areas around us. We served 126 families with 344 people in those families. Thanks to all the volunteers that help with this community event. Items given out: apples, cabbage, canned corn, celery, cereal, dairy assorted items, canned green beans, lemonade, potatoes, raspberries, soda, tea, tortilla pockets and turkey thighs. Next mobile will be June 11th at 1:00 P.M.

**The Russellville/Lohman Fire Protection District Auxiliary** would like to thank all that came to the BBQ on May 18th at Eagle Stop @ the intersection of C and D Highways. Thanks for supporting our communities.

### **Margaret Circle: Erika Gerth**

Ladies: It is time for Margaret Circle's annual Salad Supper! We will meet at the home of Kay Pascoe at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 4th to enjoy fellowship, delicious salads, and probably Kay's famous brownies for dessert! Bring a good appetite and your favorite salad to share. To round out the evening, Ruth Stubinger will lead us in the study of God's Holy Word. All women are welcome but we do need to know that you are coming. Please RSVP to Kay at [kpfp@transquility.net](mailto:kpfp@transquility.net) or Erika at [erikagerth329@gmail.com](mailto:erikagerth329@gmail.com).

**Children's Sunday School: AJ Ferrell & Wendy Barker:** We are taking off June so our next Sunday School will meet on July 7th. Then in August we will begin having Children's Sunday school twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Sundays which are non-Communion. **No Bell Choir in June.**

**Jr. Lutherans: Donita Stubinger:** Jr. Lutherans helped put flags on the graves of our fallen veterans for Memorial Day thanks to Roger Pennell.



We are planning on providing Cinnamon rolls for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration on June 30<sup>th</sup> starting Sunday morning for our Fellowship breakfast. Plans are also being made for the food stand downstairs. Our menu will include the big jumbo hotdogs, nacho chips with cheese dip, cookies, homemade pies and cakes, root beer floats, soda and water. We would appreciate help from any volunteers and donations. Please call Donita at 573-496-3704 with your food donations or if you can volunteer to help. Thank you so very much.



# Lohman Lions Club

## BBQ

Sunday - June 30th, 2024



Lohman Community Bldg. - 8910 Lincoln St.

Dine-in or carryout - starting at 10:30 am

Chicken, Pork Steak & Brat Dinners \$14.00

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Patriotic Worship Service - 9 am

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church - on the hill

Corner Collectables - open 9 am - 3 pm

Lohman Community Center Open House - 10:30 am - 3 pm

Historical display of Millbrook, Stringtown & Lohman

Old historic Lohman Mill tours - 11 am - 3 pm

Book-signing by Jeremy Amick

Mid-Mo Old Car Club will be on Front St., under the big tree, from 10:30 - 2:30

Everyone is welcome to bring their cars and show them off

St. Paul's WELCA will be serving on Church grounds beginning at 6 pm:

Hot dogs, Nachos & cheese, chips, Root beer floats, Dessert, Soda & Water

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## Fireworks - 9 PM

On the grounds of St. Paul's Lutheran Church sponsored by:

Lohman Lions Club

City of Lohman

Xtreme Body & Paint

Farmers Bank of Lohman

Weber-Millard Funeral Home



Not responsible for accidents



## Calendar of Events and Schedules

- June 1st**, Saturday: Wedding for Tyler Soell and Katie Rose.
- June 1st**, Saturday: WELCA Osage Cluster meeting at St. Paul's Church, at Cole Camp, MO.
- June 2nd**, Sunday: Fellowship in the basement after worship service, we will honor the 2024 graduates.
- June 4th**, Tuesday: Worship and Music Committee will not meet in person. Select hymns by email.
- June 4th**, Tuesday: Margaret Circle's annual Salad Supper! Meet at Kay Pascoe's home at 6:00 pm.
- June 8th**, Saturday: Memorial service for Pat Collins, mother of Debbie Boyce. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. followed by the memorial service.
- June 10th**, Monday: Church Council meeting in Sunday school youth room at 6:00 p.m.
- June 11th**, Tuesday: Food Pantry Volunteers at Trinity Lutheran in Russellville at 1:00 p.m.
- June 18th**, Tuesday: Basement reserved for Lohman City Council 5:30 p.m.
- June 19th**, Wednesday: S.T.A.R.S. will gather at 11:30 a.m. for food and wedding pictures and stories.
- June 19th**, Wednesday: Mutual Ministry Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- June 27th**, Thursday: Epistle Deadline for News and Articles.
- June 30th**, Sunday: St. Paul's plans a Patrotic worship service and an afternoon of fireworks and food.

Bulletins are normally printed on Wednesdays.  
 Pastor David normally plans Fridays as his day off.

### Council Schedule

June - 02	Frank Pascoe
June - 09	Jana Thompson
June - 16	Misty Schroeder
June - 23	Stacy Bubach
June - 30	A.J. Ferrell

### Acolyte Schedule

June - 02	Lucas Plochberger
June - 09	Volunteer
June - 16	Oliver Stoermer
June - 23	Madeline Stubinger
June - 30	Morgan Schroeder

### Greeters Schedule

June - 02	Rosemary Heidbreder	Richard Heidbreder
June - 09	Jason Wood	Jacklyn Wood
June - 16	Audrey Bunch	Gary Elliott
June - 23	Devin Koestner	Jerry Koestner
June - 30	David Russell	Trish Russell

### Readers Schedule

June - 02	Audrey Bunch
June - 09	Marlene Carlson
June - 16	Jessica Stoermer
June - 23	Erika Gerth
June - 30	Bill Gerth

### Song Leader

June - 02	Kathy Meller
June - 09	Dan Tschirgi
June - 16	Kathy Meller
June - 23	Dan Tschirgi
June - 30	Kathy Meller

### Audio / Video Technician

June - 02	Dan Tschirgi
June - 09	Roger Pennell
June - 16	Dan Tschirgi
June - 23	Roger Pennell
June - 30	Dan Tschirgi

### Organist / Keyboard

June - 02	Zola Finch
June - 09	Zola Finch
June - 16	Zola Finch
June - 23	Zola Finch
June - 30	Zola Finch

### Communionware for the Month

**Jim Loesch & Cynthia Loesch**

### Communion Assistants

June - 09	Donald Weber
June - 23	Audrey Bunch

### Altar Flowers for the Month

**Delores Vlach**

\* Communion Days noted in Yellow