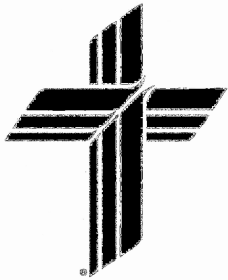


God's Family



- 10:00 a.m.—Sunday
Worship Service

Inside this Issue:



HOPE— A Mes- sage from Pastor Fisher	1 & 3
Birthdays, Anniversaries, Services & Food Pantry	2
Pastoral Visits; Next Oktoberfest Meeting; Worship Team Helpers Needed	3
Voters' Meeting Minutes, Guest Missionary, Entry- way Improve- ment	4
Kidz Carnival w/photos	5-9
LCMS National Youth Gathering w/photos	10-11
Ladies Aid History	12
St. Paul's Golf Teams Needed	12

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
150 W. Highway D
New Melle, MO 63365
(636)828-5616

Volume XXIV Issue 8
August 2022

HOPE

As over a hundred little children descended upon St. Paul's campus Saturday the 16th I was wincingly bracing for impact. What?! How could a PASTOR not be teeming with excitement, joy, energy! I'll tell you why... I was T-I-R-E-D. I was with 27 teens for a week in one of the country's hottest cities! I was worn out... beat up... tired! I think I am starting to see where my parents have been coming from all this time! I should apologize to them!

Now to be clear, we had a great group of teens at the National Youth Gathering, but behavior isn't always the problem. Adults, as I have learned, need...adult time! Adult space! And the Kidz Carnival meant coming home from 19,000 youth to 100 more, with decidedly stickier fingers and a greater likelihood of screaming and crying! How do I know? Because before the carnival, before the NYG, there was Vacation Bible School... we all want kids right! God gave me plenty!

So, who could blame me for dreading the countdown...the carnival was upon us. The "kidz" were coming.

St. Paul's, I know I don't speak for myself alone when I say that the past two years have been tiring. And as a congregation we don't even have that many kids. It's been tiring because the barrages that change and challenge throw at us at times can seem constant and without break. And it's not that it's all been bad. No one is complaining about 100 kids smiling, laughing, and enjoying fellowship! No one is complaining about increasing our congregation by $\frac{1}{4}$, no one is complaining about hosting a giant

Oktoberfest for our whole town, no one is complaining about the real honest-to-goodness transformation people are experiencing as they encounter Jesus through our ministry...

But even the good, the bad, the great, the sad, the joyful, the transcendent...all these things take their toll on our minds, our hearts, and our bodies. They can make us tired.

And that exhaustion, uncertainty, confusion, emotional roller coaster can, in fact, lead to frustration, complaining, and the longing for a good long break.

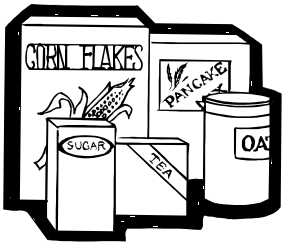
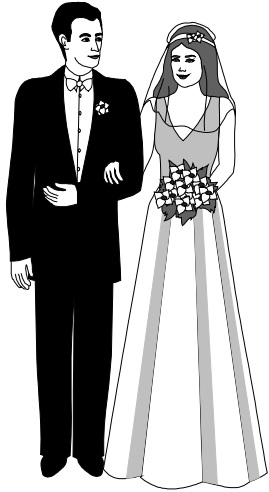
But while I am a huge advocate for vacations, time off, rest, and recovery...the Kingdom takes no breaks. We march on. We are pilgrims on our way to our heavenly home, journeying through the desert until the day we hear our Lord say, "Well done good and faithful servant" and we enter into his final rest.

So... being as tired as anyone, how do we do this? How do we keep going? Especially when we know that the goal is MORE young people, not less; to incorporate those events into the regular LIFE of the congregation. The desire is to make our church messier with the young in faith, the curious, the hurt, the broken, the loud, the quiet, the crying, the celebration, new instruments and old alike.

I think the answer is hope.

Our sermon series is a walk through Colossians with an emphasis on the story of all

(continued on page 3)



August Birthdays

8/1 – Joshua Haskins
 8/6 – Robert Greiwe
 8/6 – Amber Bargaen
 8/6 – Shad Schwede
 8/7 – Lucan Mathis
 8/9 – JoAnn Hammel
 8/9 – Mike Schmidt

8/16 – Rebekah Mathis
 8/18 – Hannah Wooten
 8/20 – Victor Bowman
 8/24 – Charlene Wehmeier
 8/25 – Stephanie Adelman
 8/28 – Tyler Holladay
 8/28 – Audrie Massmann

August Anniversaries

8/8 – William & Kathy Ault – 47 years
 8/15 – Terry & Judy Joerling – 52 years
 8/19 – Justin & Amanda Grimes – 17 years
 8/20 – Tim & Tina Janitch – 34 years

August Services

8/7—Sunday w/Communion —10:00 a.m.
 8/14—Sunday w/Communion —10:00 a.m.
 8/21—Sunday w/Communion —10:00 a.m.
 8/28—Sunday w/Communion —10:00 a.m.

Youth Group Meetings at Immanuel

The group is taking a summer break. Regular meetings will resume in August, so stay tuned!

CONTACT INFORMATION

FOR

Pastor Maxx Fisher

Office: 636-828-5616

or

Cell Phone: 812-216-5891

July Food Pantry Donations

Members of the congregation reported donating 36 food items and \$90.00 in cash to the New Melle Food Pantry during the month of June.

In the future, if you donate, please report this to Sherry in the office, so your donations can be included in our tally.

Meal-a-Month Needs for August

The **MEAL-A-MONTH ITEMS** for **August**: Sugar, boxed cereal, coffee, Bisquick, fruit juice, beef stew, sloppy Joe sauce/Manwich, spaghetti sauce, saltines, corn muffin mix, cake icing, applesauce, chili beans, laundry detergent, paper towels, chicken helper, tuna helper, and hamburger helper.

Please bring items directly to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. If you donating money, please make checks payable to: St. Vincent De Paul Society. You may hand deliver your monetary (cash or check) donation or mail a check to Immaculate Heart of Mary, PO Box 100, New Melle, MO 63365. Please report your donation to Sherry Brandes in the office for Voters Assembly and Ladies Aid records. You only need to report number of items (or boxes or bags) and dollar amount. No names will be attached to the donations; just a monthly tally of the number of food items and dollars donated will be recorded.

HOPE (cont'd from page 1)

creation, the story of everything and the one who creates it and holds it all together. Colossians reminds us that our stories is THE story of creation, fall, reconciliation, and a new life that is lived by and through a hope. A hope that in all things...the good the bad, and the ugly...all things hold together in Christ, and all things are being worked together for the end of this beautiful story, the resurrection, the life everlasting. But what does that mean for us here?

Paul writes:

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you.

Hope is faith in future promises...things unseen. Heaven is our hope. Eternity with Jesus is our hope. And faith follows the leader, who is none other than Jesus our Lord, King, and dear friend and brother.

Life in the faith isn't like a job that you can take a vacation from. We are always in transit, marching forward... but may I suggest that we have our great rest in our hope

in Jesus.

St. Paul's, let's keep going. Because we have a hope. We have a future. And so long as Jesus leads, that future is not resigned to only being the resurrection. But rather, we have a daily hope for the future because of the resurrection. The work we do here, the progress we make, the strides moving forward, has hope.

I, like Paul, give thanks for the accomplishments this congregation has made through faith. God has worked amazing things here. But I have a hope for our future; that because we are risen in Christ, because our home is ready and waiting for us, that we can go forward into a future with hope to inspire us when we are tired, hope to facilitate reconciliation when we are frustrated, hope to overflow with grace when we feel empty. We are a church with a future. We are a church with hope.

So, I say, and I know for a fact I am not alone in this, let the little children come to us. The young in age, the young in faith, and all the beautiful, colorful stories they will bring as we write the next chapter in our story together...I think a good title for that next chapter might just very well be "hope."

In Christ,
Pastor Maxx

Pastoral Hospital Visits

Pastor Fisher will make every effort to visit those who are hospitalized. He will visit members of St. Paul's, as well as other family members and friends (with their permission, of course). To do this, he will need to be contacted in a very timely manner. He will need information concerning location, length of stay, and medical condition, so he can be best prepared to serve the person who is hospitalized. If he is unable to make a visit, he will still pray, so contact him! If you are unable to contact him, please notify the office to see if Sherry can be of any help in making contact.

St. Paul's Sunday Worship Team: **MORE USHERS, MORE COUNTERS & MORE ALTAR TEAM MEMBERS** are needed!

Please contact the office if you would be willing to serve on any of these teams. We will need help with technology, soon, also. The more people who sign up for any task, the lighter the load becomes for everyone involved, so please consider being a part of the worship team.

A Note from our Oktoberfest Chairman:

NEXT OKTOBERFEST PLANNING MEETING: Tuesday, August 9, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Our next OKTOBERFEST is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 2022. We are looking forward to a fantastic event. If you have been involved in the past we look forward to teaming up with you again. If you haven't yet, please consider joining us in fellowship with our community and service to our mission.

Please contact Jeff Schneider for more information:
email: jschneider59@gmail.com or call: (636) 448-1050

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Voters' Meeting Minutes July 24, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Rick Pohlmann. 11 members and no guests were present.

OPENING DEVOTION: Given by Pastor Fisher.

MINUTES: Accepted as presented.

REPORT OF PASTOR: Pastor Fisher spoke about working with the LFM consultant concerning the spiritual direction of the church. He also spoke about offering a digital tithing system for those who would like to use this type of giving. Envelopes would still be available for those who prefer this method of giving.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Accepted as presented.

BOARD OF ELDERS: The Elders have been discussing removing a bench in church to make room for wheelchairs and the possibility of putting a restroom in the church.

BOARD OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: A new furnace and air conditioning unit is needed in the parsonage and also the second bathroom repair needs to be completed in the parsonage.

ADJOURNMENT

CLOSING DEVOTION: Closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilyn Finke

St. Paul's Receives an Entryway and Sidewalk Renovation

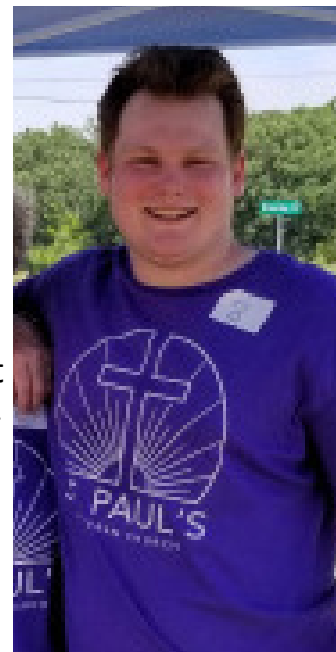
On Monday, July 18, MO-DOT began work on our west entryway and the sidewalk in front of the parsonage that extends to our sidewalk that leads up to the church. They completed that portion on Friday, July 22. This work is part of their project to add a crosswalk over Highway D to better enable children to safely walk to Daniel Boone Elementary School.

Guest Missionary Sunday, August 7—After Church

Ty Williams, grandson of Terry and Mary Bethel, is a domestic missionary doing college outreach, evangelism and discipleship.

We encourage everyone to come and support him and learn about mission work for the younger generations.

Light refreshments will be available.



The remainder of the sidewalk in front of church is not under their jurisdiction to repair. When and if that sidewalk will be replaced remains to be seen.

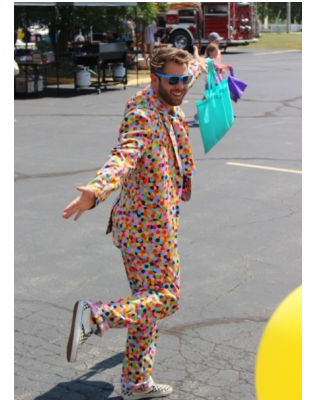
However, in the meantime, we can and should celebrate the improvement! Access to the church property is much better! Thank you, MO-DOT and all the workers who endured the heatwave to complete our portion of their project.



2nd Annual Kidz Carnival is a Success—Despite the Heat!



Welcome, Amenities, Special Guests



Upon arrival at the Kidz Carnival, children and adults were directed to the welcome tent. There Amoret Chappell and Sherry Brandes greeted them and gave each child a St. Paul's bag containing a lunch and ice cream ticket, as well as other goodies. They could use the bag to hold prizes they won while playing games. Adults were given lunch and ice cream tickets, too. Pastor Maxx raced around the church grounds in his colorful suit, handing out extra candy and making everyone feel welcome.

The New Melle Fire Department volunteers were among our special guests. They let the children board the fire truck and some kids even got plastic fireman's hats.



Rhonda DeGeal was chairperson for the committee to plan the day.

Other volunteers working to plan for the day, set up, clean up, assist in parking cars, running the games, and supervising other activities included: Amber Vossen, Amoret Chappell, Rick Pohlmann, Debbie Pohlmann, Carol Oberaitis, Evyn Humphrey, Cindy Kirkpatrick, Mary Bethel, Terry Bethel, Ty Williams, Jackie Eslinger, Austin Eslinger, Ethan Eslinger, Vicki Zuhone, Larry Zuhone, Sandy Schmidt, Mike Schmidt, Delaney Schmidt, Georgia Lee Diederich, Annie Schneider, Jeff Schneider, Sherry Brandes, Barb Auping, Charlene Blankenship, Addison Purcell, LuAnn & Brad Fisher, Pastor Maxx & Janie Fisher, and other members from Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Apologies to anyone who was accidentally omitted from this list; we had A LOT of helpers!

Food, Drinks & Ice Cream



Volunteers from St. Paul's, as well as their friends, assisted our "Master Hot Dog Roaster", Darwin Zimmerman, from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wentzville (pictured above) in serving lunch to over 200 people.

Some of the volunteers serving lunch and beverages pictured here are Vicki Zuhone, Sally Goth, Mason Jennings, Annie Schneider, Barb Auping, Margo Hoffmann, and Darrell Clark.



One very popular guy was Larry Shanley, our "Ice Cream Man".

Free ice cream was available to everyone and that was definitely a cool treat on such a hot day!



Games, Games, and More Games



The games were organized by Sandy Schmidt and her helpers. They included: Bowling, Ring Toss to a Board, Ring Toss to Soda Bottles, Football Toss, Bouncy Balls Tossed into Barrels, Catapult Rubber Chickens to a Clown Face, Knocking Down Wooden Bottles, Bean Bags to a Smiley Face Board, Baseball Bean Bag Toss, Over-sized Checkers, Large Connect A, Jumbo Jenga, Large Dice, and Corn Hole. Prizes included candy and other small items.

These games allowed people of all ages to participate by helping the young children succeed and enjoy games they may never have tried before. Helpers ranged from teens to senior citizens from our congregation. Smiles dominated the day!



Petting Zoo



In addition to petting the animals, the kids also had the chance to ride some ponies and get up close to some animals they may never have seen before.

The adults had just as much fun as the kids, when they watched their children enjoy the experience of live animals.

Face Painting, Balloon Art, and a Strolling Magician



While the magician strolled the grounds, the face painter worked indoors because of the temperatures. The balloon man was stationed by the front of the church and attracted quite an audience.

Straatmann Corn Bin, Bounce House & Family Time



The Corn Bin was as popular as ever, and even though the bounce house was really hot, the kids still loved it.

Most of all, though, the hundreds of smiles that the day brought to everyone—hot or not—was well worth the work and effort put in by all of our members and volunteers.

We can't wait to do it again next year!



A Special Thanks to our Kidz Carnival Local Supporters for donating some of the items and money we needed to make this day a success: Bavarian Smoke Haus/Dan's Country Meats; Blondin Professional Real Estate, Boone Country Connection, Elite Heating and Cooling, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Karrenbrock Construction, Lakeview Dental, Liz's Bar & Grill, Mobil on the Run, Peoples Savings Bank, Sam's Club-Wentzville, Short Stops, Straatmann Feed, and Tuepker Brothers Construction.

Also, a special thanks to all of the members of St. Paul's and other individuals who also donated items and/or money for this event.

Without all of you, this great day would not have been possible.



But we were NOT Finished Yet...

On Sunday morning following the Kidz Carnival, the Sunday School teachers offered a Special Sunday school event, giving children and their parents a chance to see what our Sunday School is all about. They had a Bible lesson, storytelling, games, and a craft. Following Sunday School, Pastor Maxx led us in a Youth Sunday Service with a message for all generations.

in all things

JULY 9-13, 2022

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

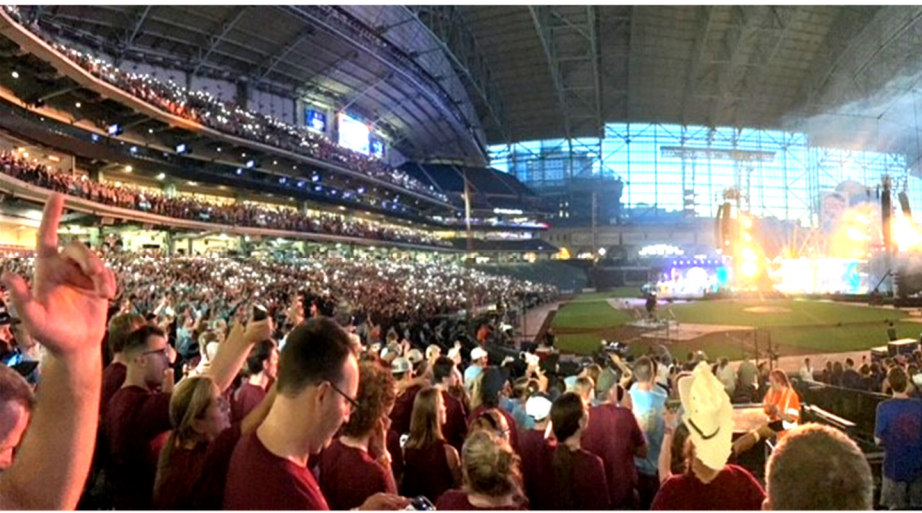


Janie Fisher (group leader) and Pastor Maxx, recently returned from leading a group of high school students on a remarkable trip of fellowship, fun, and of course faith, to the National Lutheran Youth Gathering. Immanuel Lutheran Church brought 27 students and 6 adults and joined the almost 20,000 others in Houston, Texas.

Above Left: Janie Fisher, Pastor Maxx Fisher, and Megan Auringer at the George R. R. Brown Convention Center collecting the Gathering backpacks for their group.



The group was in Houston from July 7-14, and enjoyed tourism activities, such as the Houston Space Center, the Houston Zoo, and the Kemah Boardwalk. The theme of this year's Gathering, "In All Things," was based on Colossians 1:15–20. "In [Christ] all things hold together. ... For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross."



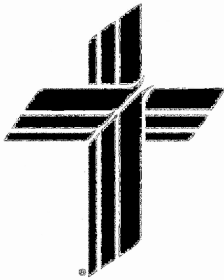
At the youth Gathering, every day began with a Bible Study that focused on recognizing how God's story of redeeming His creation is our story as well. The remainder of the day was spent attending sessions that touched on a variety of topics, playing in the recreation area, and obtaining free swag. In the evening, participants rocked out at a "Mass Event" where they came together at Minute Maid Stadium to sing along to music, watch skits, and listen to keynote speakers. A highlight was experiencing performances by Christian artists "For King and Country" and "FLAME".



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

P.O. Box 70
New Melle, MO 63365

"A new command I give
you: Love one another."
John 13:34



St. Paul's Lutheran Church-
Missouri Synod

ATTENTION:

**All St. Paul's Golfers
(or Friends of Golfers)**

Now would be a great time to form your own team for the New Melle Golf Tournament!

Pastor is already leading one group of 4, but this is a great way to get out and support our community, so let's add more teams.

Wear your St. Paul's T-shirts (if you don't have one, you can get one in the church office).

The information is all on this page, so get your team together and REGISTER NOW...the deadline is August 10th.

If you don't golf, pass the information on to your family or friends who do golf. Let's show the community we care about the youth in the New Melle area!

More Snippets of Ladies Aid History (from meeting minutes)

July 1942—Because of the war, a social was held instead of a picnic..

July 1949—Ladies Aid joined the Lutheran Missionary League.

July 1951—Flower Committee began.

July 1961—Ladies Aid paid for plywood to put up the ceiling in Parish Hall Basement.

Float entered in New Melle Festival Parade won special prize—\$5.

Layettes and leprosy gowns were sewn for World Relief.

July 1962—Ladies Aid gave \$400 for steeple repair and painting.

July 1968—Ladies Aid purchased four pastoral stoles to match altar paraments.



GOLF TOURNAMENT



2022

August 13th

PRESENTING SPONSOR:  PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK

Cost: \$125 per player
or \$500 per team

Includes:

- ~Beer, water and soda on the course
- ~Flight Prizes
- ~Closest to the Pin

Contest
Registration Deadline
August 10th

4 Man Scramble

The tournament will be held at the
Golf Club of Wentzville, 9 Pro Shop Drive,
Wentzville, MO 63385.

Proceeds will support scholarships offered by
the New Melle Chamber of Commerce and
youth sports programs at New Melle Sports &
Rec.

Gold Level Sponsor: \$650 Includes (1) Foursome, (1) Hole sponsorship and 4 Mulligans

Silver Level Sponsor: \$350 Hole Sign, Recognition at Dinner

Bronze Level Sponsor: \$150 Hole Sponsor

7:30 AM SHOTGUN START

Register at: www.newmellesportsandrec.com

For more information contact NMSR at (636)-828-5158 or Email
office@newmellesportsandrec.com