



St. Paul Weekly Newsletter for August 11th, 2024

Anxious? There's an APP for That

If you or a family member owns a smart phone you have undoubtedly downloaded and used APPs (applications) on your phone. Thousands of apps are available, everything from books and games to musical instruments and planning tools. It has been said that there's an app for everything.

This Sunday we begin a new series titled "There's an APP for That." We will be spending our time in the Gospel of John for this series. Throughout John, Jesus demonstrates that he is the long-awaited Messiah, has encountered every human need in his own life, and can meet every human need in the life of the believer. Whatever we may encounter, Jesus is the application; or to use the technical term, the app. Are you anxious today? There's an app for that!

Last Sunday

Worship Attendance: 39

We need your help! Working towards our goal of 50 in worship weekly!

Updates for our faith family:

Please be aware that Pastor Dave has been called to serve for **jury duty** for the months of July and August. His ability to answer phone calls and to be available depends on if he is actively serving at the time. Please leave a message and he will return your call as soon as possible. This will also affect church office hours for July and August.

Friend Construction showed up this morning (Friday, August 8) to drop off supplies to begin work on Monday morning on our **roof project**. Please keep the workers and the project in your prayers.

Please make a note that we are no longer receiving **email** from our GCI address. Please bookmark stpaulkodiak@gmail.com as our correct address.

Moments for Mission August 11, 2024

Thank you notes were recently received by St. Paul Lutheran Church from **Lutheran Disaster Assistance** a program provided through the LCMC. This program is administered through St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Marion, Iowa. Our Mission Committee was concerned for communities affected by recent weather-related damage in the Southern areas of the United States. These areas have been severely changed due to tornados, flooding, winds, and rain. Lutheran Disaster Assistance works within communities to be the hand of God in communities where many families have lost so

much. Our funds of \$817.67 will assist families now without shelter, food, or personal needs. Lutheran Disaster Assistance has received Mission funds in the past from our St. Paul Congregation.

Alaska State funds for Mission support were shared for the 1st quarter of 2024 with **The Covenant House** – Anchorage, Alaska. This organization works with youth in Anchorage and surrounding Alaskan communities. Through their facility in Anchorage, they provide shelter, food, counseling, and pastoral care. Many of these youth are in transient moments and Covenant House services and support leads them into more safe and healthy life moments. More information about Covenant House - Anchorage is available at covenanthouseak.org.

St. Paul Lutheran Church **Mission Committee** will meet the week of August 5th . Funds are available for distribution for the 2nd quarter of our program year. This quarter the Mission Committee has \$3788.28 to distribute to local, state, national, international faith-based organizations. Please share with us the names of any mission partners who may need the support of our Mission funds at any time. Your prayers for the work of the mission committee are always welcome or come join our fun group. Please contact – Mary Ann Kondro 907-518-1704 or Pastor Dave, 907-486-3632

This Week at St. Paul

Friday, August 9th

5:30pm – **LifeGroup adult Bible study** in the “Lounge Room” in Springhill Hall. All are welcome members and friends of St. Paul.

6:30pm – **AA meeting** in the Fireside Room.

Saturday, August 10th

Pray for our Sunday worship services.

Pray for who you will invite to attend church with you.

Sunday, August 11th

10:00am – **Worship**. We worship in Springhill Hall; use the side door that faces the church building.

11:00am – **Fellowship**

11:15am -- **LifeGroup adult Bible study**.

Wednesday, August 14th

7:00am – **Prayer breakfast** in Springhill Hall. Gather to pray for our church, for our community, and for lifting up the needs of others. Anyone is welcome to cook! Setup for breakfast begins at 6:00.

For more information contact Bill Barker at whbarker40@gmail.com.

Friday, August 16th

5:30pm – **LifeGroup adult Bible study** in the “Lounge Room” in Springhill Hall. All are welcome members and friends of St. Paul.

6:30pm – **AA meeting** in the Fireside Room.

Special Fellowship Events

- ❖ August 25: National Banana Split Day

Ongoing Fellowship Opportunities

- ❖ Start your Sunday rest with fellowship time after Sunday worship.
- ❖ LifeGroup, our adult Bible study class, meets after worship. There is also a LifeGroup meeting on Fridays at 5:30; contact Pastor Dave for more information. LifeGroup study sheets are available.
- ❖ Early birds are welcome at our Wednesday prayer breakfasts in Springhill Hall. Breakfast is served at 7:00. Anybody is welcome to cook! For details, contact Bill Barker at whbarker40@gmail.com.
- ❖ If you want to join our book club, contact Lynn Devlin at jldevlin@gci.net. All are welcome.
- ❖ Volunteers are welcome to assist with worship services! Let Pastor Dave know or email the church office at stpaulkodiak@gmail.com.
- ❖ If you would like to provide flowers for the altar in celebration of a special time in your own or someone else's life or to mark a memorial, add your name to the flower chart on the wall or let Debbi Canavan know at dcanavan@gci.net.

Community Service

- ❖ St. Paul volunteers cook for the Kodiak Area Mentorship Program and the Brother Francis Shelter. To sign up or for more information, contact Karen Winkler at 907-942-1315 or karenwinkler2014@gmail.com.
- ❖ St. Paul's Kim Miller Fund provides fuel oil to households in need in partnership with Petro Marine Services. To make a tax-deductible donation to the Fund, make a contribution to St. Paul and include a note that it is for the Kim Miller Fund.

Spiritual Growth

- ❖ **LifeGroup**, our adult **Bible study** class, meets after worship and Fridays at 5:30pm.
- ❖ **Prayer Breakfast** meets Wednesday's at 7:00am (come at 6am to help cook).
- ❖ Christian faith is strengthened when we make it an "every day" practice that involves daily moments of reflection and listening for God. If you would like a suggested course of personal study and prayer during the week, see the handout "Daily Walk on the Rock" on the same table as the LifeGroup study sheets and bulletins.
- ❖ **Worshipping** weekly is something we get to do. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am and other special times.

Going Deeper – John 2:1-11

We've all been to weddings. In my experience, these occasions are often filled with high expectations, tension, anxiety, and usually some kind of social blunder. I remember a wedding where the cake took on the look of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and, much to the horror of the bride and the cake servers, the top was ready to tip over.

At another wedding I remember the groom forgot his dress shirt and tie and he borrowed mine! The funny part is that he was half my size and was swimming in the shirt and tie. ((I wore my alb.) There was a lot of anxiety at that wedding.

What memories do you have of weddings with moments of anxiety?

The wedding that Jesus attends in Cana also includes anxiety. Jesus' mother sees that the wine is running out and a great social embarrassment is about to happen. The anxiety is high; Jesus' mother says, "they have no wine!" Jesus responds, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come" (John 2:4).

Yet Mary tells the servants do whatever Jesus asks. And the servants follow Jesus' orders, even though they probably doubt that the water they put in the jars will pass as wine. But it does! And it's not just any old wine; it is the best wine!

The anxious moments recede, and many wonder at this amazing event. This is the first sign that reveals Jesus' glory. And this is the beginning of the disciples' belief in Jesus.

John's account of the wedding at Cana shows us that Jesus can resolve our anxious moments. There is an abundance of grace and forgiveness for everyone. Jesus turns the wedding back into a celebration as his glory is revealed. Don't we wish all anxious situations would turn out like that? We all have anxious moments. What do you do, or what have you done, during a particularly anxious time?

Cell phones have apps you can add or purchase that do certain things. Maybe we wish Jesus was an app we could add to our phone, so we can push it whenever we need his help. Life today is stressful, and we feel anxious for many reasons. Managing our anxiety is important. Maybe a moment of prayer can help us?

Lord, I feel anxious and worried. Please give me a sense of calm. Come into my heart and give me courage and peace. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Please Pray for Health and Healing for...

Bill and Ann Barker and their son Erin	Those with addictions to alcohol and drugs
Kim Smead	The Hansen family
Amanda Barta	Rose and Mike Dolph
Emer Bajuclos	Jim Devlin
Joe and Mary Beth Symonoski	Bill Vogt and Karen Winkler
Linda Covert-Mosier	Baby Evie
Ross Omlid	The family and friends of Larry Ellsworth
Lena	Sharon

Denise York
Ava
The family of Sawyer Cipolla
Matthew
Liane Dierich-Erwin
The family and friends of Lynn Bash
Jerry
Tim
George and Dria Holloway
Laurie Johnson
Greg Culver
Sue Devers
The family of Darlene Wilson
Pat Scheider
Tony
Pastor Don

The Vogel family
The Cuello family
Karin Stahlhut
Chastity
Amy & Eric
The family and friends of Charlotte Ferris
Peace in the Middle East
Judy Starrett
George Lare and his family
Kyle Hannah
All fishermen and other seafarers
and the Coast Guard
Irelynn
Sherry Ball

If you would like to add or remove any name for prayer concerns, please contact the Church at the number and email given below or fill out a prayer request form in the church office.

Front Office Hours

The church office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Tuesday through Friday.

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