



Paynesville Lutheran Church

July & August 2023

*The monthly newsletter of
Paynesville Lutheran Church*

Point others to Jesus • Love generously and gracefully • Cultivate disciples

Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday Mornings

9:00am Worship

10:00am Fellowship

Check our website for
more information.

All Are Welcome!



Paynesville Lutheran Church
657 Maple St.
Paynesville, MN 56362



Shepherds Voice

PAYNESVILLE AREA VBS
July 31, 2023 - August 4, 2023
9:00am - 11:30am
Paynesville Elementary School
205 W. Mill St. Paynesville, MN 56362

Go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.

Paynesville Community VBS is open to all students that have finished Kindergarten through 5th grade. Students who have finished 6th grade and up are welcome to sign up as volunteers.

We are in need of adult and youth volunteers with the many different activities during the week. If you are willing to help please register online.

To register visit our website
www.paynesvillelutheran.org



Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, **August 27th** during our 9:00am worship we will be have a special time during worship for Blessing of the Backpacks. All children, youth, college students, and students of any age are encouraged to bring along their backpacks to worship so we can bless all those who begin a new year of learning.



The women's Bible study group meets on the second Thursday of every month at 10:00 in the church chapel. We use the Gather magazine Bible study and there are copies available for those who don't have one. We hope you will join us on Thursday, July 13 and Thursday, August 10 at 10:00am. All are welcome!



The Men's Bible study meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at PLC at 9:00am. Join us as we enjoy time together in Bible Study and fellowship.

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00am-11:30am VBS @ Elem. School	2	3	4	5
6 9:00am worship 10:00am Fellowship	7 12:30pm Quilters	8	9 9:00am Men's Bible Study	10 10:00am Women's Bible Study 4:30pm Deacon Meeting	11	12
13 9:00am worship 10:00am Fellowship	14 12:30pm Quilters	15	16	17	18	19
20 9:00am worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:00am Runday Funday	21 12:30pm Quilters	22 4:00pm. Just For Kix	23 9:00am Men's Bible Study 4:00pm. Just For Kix	24	25	26
27 9:00am worship 10:00am Fellowship	28 12:30pm Quilters	29	30	31		

August Birthday Blessings to...

- 1 Josie Hecht, Dusty Veldkamp
- 3 Carl Segaar, Maggie Youngblom
- 4 Randy Hanson, Kaleb Miller
- 5 Maggie Reutzel, Harper Johnson, Christopher Nygaard
- 6 Noelle Pierson
- 8 Tyson Bruntlett, Viv Johnson, Barbara Fagerberg, Laura Nordmann, Holden Robinson, Jennifer Soine, Jace Wendroth
- 9 Matthew Utsch
- 10 Joey Fry, Doug Schwandt, Pyper Nelson, Ann Andersen
- 12 Valerie Stanger, Jason Albright, Kenley Kierstead-Hahn, Dalton Larson
- 13 Wyatt Nordmann
- 14 Jennifer Klocker, Jaxxyn Doll
- 15 Kelley Heimerman, Lucas Youngblom
- 16 Ann Lundgren, Teagan Shumaker, Mari Shumaker, Ava Martinson
- 17 Pat Hansen, Tom Jacoby, Diane Schwandt
- 18 Brandon Kleven, Tim Woehler, Aubrey Nepsund
- 19 Isabella Moline
- 20 Craig Klocker, Nancy Alstead, Karen Brendal
- 21 Tony Anderson, Connor Roufs, Linda Haag
- 22 Gerald Birkholz, Reagan Reutzel, Cullen Kieser
- 23 Brian Williams, Karen Johnson
- 24 Karen Swenson
- 25 Darrel Voorhees
- 27 Tammy Armstrong, Jeff Deming, Abbie Swenson, Jennifer Blum
- 28 Brynleigh Demo
- 29 Heather Arnold, Kaisa Robinson
- 30 Christy Swafford
- 31 Kaitlyn Schwandt, Jade Flugga, Graclynn Heder

July Mission of the Month - Back to School

It's hard to believe but Alison at the Paynesville Community Center is already ramping up for Back to School and that means we're ready to start collecting supplies!

The number one item needed this year is **new tennis shoes or monetary donations for new shoes**. Last year the center provided new shoes for over 200 students. Other items needed are: head phones, earbuds, notebooks, pens, #2 pencils, crayons, and Texas Instruments calculators. **The center is also in need of gently used kids and youth clothing.** Cash donations are very much appreciated, as well.

Thank you for helping students in our community get a great start for their next year of education! Items can be dropped off in the gathering area!



Did you know that volunteering (or giving of yourself) can provide incredible fulfillment in our lives not to mention that it is a core value of our Christian faith. Paynesville Lutheran is always looking for people to assist with all sorts of things to make the ministry we share possible. As much as we would love your help right here there are other places in our community that are in need as well. Consider volunteering for the Rose/Senior center or the Community Service Center. Both organizations do amazing work within our community caring for people in incredible ways. If you have sometime consider sharing your time you won't be sorry!

August Mission of the Month

PLC have been sponsoring students through ChildFund and Kozefo for several years, both organizations are committed to improving the well-being of children in some of the world's poorest places. We currently support one student from each organization. Your support does more than help kids get a strong start in life. It helps their families and entire communities thrive. Donations are being collected the entire month of August to support our sponsored children, please note "Child Sponsorship" when making a donation, checks (written to Paynesville Lutheran Church). Thanks for your generous support.



Youth Opportunities Registration September 13th 4-7pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL
iQuest
SOWERS
CONFIRMATION
SR. HIGH YOUTH

Come to church on **Wednesday, September 13th anytime from 4:00-7:00pm** to learn about and get registered for all the ministries offered on Wednesday nights at PLC! We'll have tables set up outside with information on iQuest, Sowers, Confirmation, Senior High Youth Group, music groups, and more! This night is for everyone, students and their parents and anyone interested in what opportunities are available at PLC. We encourage all who are considering being a part of any of our Wednesday night ministries to come at some point in the evening. We will also have food, music and so much more! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office.

Columbarium

In the coming weeks and months you will begin to see some changes in the landscaping around the church. This is in preparation for the columbarium that will be installed soon. Most of the work will be done around the large shepherd and the area just outside of the sanctuary's exit door. Many of the shrubs are overgrown and need some care or simply need to be removed and replaced. Once completed this area will look beautiful. The columbarium is a wonderful way for us to continue to minister to families during some of the most difficult times that we face. If you would like more information about the columbarium check out the churches website or stop in the office.



Columbarium Committee

Paynesville Lutheran Church

**RUNDAY
FUNDAY**
5K

Do you enjoy running, walking, or biking outside? **Join us after worship on August 20th** for Runday Funday. We'll have something for every one, a longer 5K course along with a 1 mile course for those who want a shorter route. Wear your gear to

church so you're ready to GO after worship. Water, snacks, and treats will be available before and after the event. ALL are welcome to participate! It's Runday Funday, people!

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- 1 Christopher Moser, Bentley Newgard, Jordan Kieser, Gabriel Voss
- 2 Jordan Buermann
- 4 Kathy Kampsen, Trey Stanger
- 6 Judy Kulzer, Joseph Neuman, Jane Voorhees, Jack Jacobson
- 7 Ellie Jacobson, Emma Stanley, Sandy Weber
- 8 Clara Martinson
- 9 Lois Johnson, Christy Shumaker, Carson Fuchs, Lauren Fuchs
- 10 Matt Ellefson,
- 11 Samantha Leusink, Michelle Reinke, Lisa Reeck, Mazwell Lieser, Vivian Tri
- 13 Ardith Ampe, Eric Hartfiel Jr. Tricia Kiefer
- 14 Karen Birkholz, Dick Realdsen, Scott Larson, Derrick Mumm,
- 15 Paul Bugbee, Miriah Hartfiel, Paul Shumaker
- 16 Barb Ingalsbe, Gavyn Ahrendt, Lindsey Albright
- 17 Megan Haase
- 19 Bre Ashton, Katie Jones, Ryker Kalahar, Isaac Voss, Megan Scholten
- 20 Patti Cremers, Craig Lukow, Kayte Thompson, Waylon Fischer
- 21 Cole Kampsen, Diane Keller, Audra Lura, Justin Reeck, Aubrey Ahrendt, Kayla Youngblom
- 22 Romelle Hentges
- 23 Kristyn Osterhaus, Brad Skoglund, Evelyn Borchard
- 24 Brean Kleist
- 25 Briana Soine, Mason McNab, Madison McNab
- 26 Dean Bahr, Eliza Carlson, Ralph Daby, Jeff Youngs,
- 27 Caren Carlson, Bev Hanson, Bonita Kirschenman, Dean Hanson, Eva Hoeft
- 28 Aylah Meyer, Chuck Blum
- 29 Destin Reiter
- 30 Shawn Reinke, Bob Vadner, Lucy Youngblom
- 31 Niley Hopfer, Catie Hoiseth

FILL THE CAMP 2023!

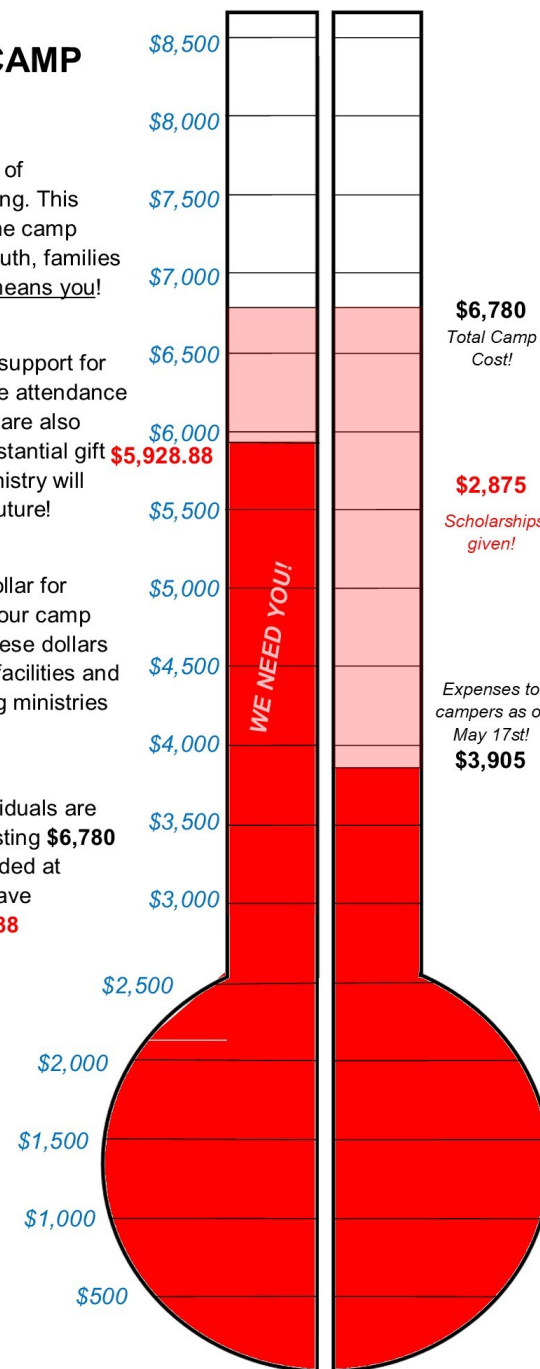
PLC has a long history of supporting Bible camping. This year our goal is to fill the camp (**Camp House**) with youth, families and volunteers—that means you!

Not only is there great support for deep discounts to make attendance possible for all, but we are also working to make a substantial gift to the camp so that ministry will continue well into the future!

Our goal is to match dollar for dollar the cost of all of our camp attendees this year. These dollars will go to updating the facilities and supporting the on going ministries of GLLM.

As of June 8th, **26** individuals are signed up for camp costing **\$6,780** with scholarships provided at **\$2,875!** Together we have already raised **\$5,928.88** for the matching fund!

Camp experiences change lives and creates incredible leaders. Please give to this amazing project and help us make camp a priority for this summer and many summers in the future!



As of June 8th, 2023

VOLUNTEER — WITH YOUTH —

We are in the full swing of summer, but before we know it we will be kicking off another year of activities at PLC. We can't wait to have all our K-5th graders back on Wednesday nights to learn about God and grow in faith together! We'll continue with our Whirl curriculum from Sparkhouse focusing on select stories throughout scripture through entertaining videos, interactive classroom activities, and reading through the bible together.

Leaders— We are looking for leaders for iQuest on Wednesday nights from 3:00-6:00pm for any of the age groups we have. If you've got space in your schedule on late Wednesday afternoons, we'd love to have you! It's a great opportunity to connect with our youngest generation and take part in faith formation with them. We are in need of adult to help lead our youth thru their weekly rotations and help with each weeks lesson. We use the Whirl curriculum which has little to no prep for our leaders. For more information please contact Tammy in the church office.

Games Leader — Part of our afternoon at iQuest each week is an activity/game time with the students. This year we're looking for someone to take charge of that time together. We have a catalog of games, activities, and others to pass along to anyone willing to take this on! If you're interested, please contact Tammy in the office for more information!



We are looking for help with our Sunday School program this fall. Youth meet each Sunday following the morning worship service for a time of music, Bible stories and fun. This program continues to grow each year and we are in need of your help. If you can help for a week, a month, or all year we would love to have you join us. Please contact the church office for more information.

Comfort Creators - Prayer Shawl Ministry

Did you know that we have a prayer shawl ministry at PLC? We have several who knit or crochet prayer shawls and baptismal blankets for those in need and our newly baptized.

We want to thank Patti Cremers for leading this group for the past several years. Patti will be stepping down from her roll and we are looking for someone to help lead this group. If you are interested please contact Patti Cremers at 320-295-2099 or the church office.



God's work. Our hands.

The Board of Deacons is excited to bring back God's Work Our Hands Sunday! This year marks the 10th anniversary of GWOH and we are excited to take part in this once again. Sunday Sept. 10 will be the day that we celebrate this special Sunday along with other churches of the ELCA. Look for more information to follow regarding sign ups for different activities both within and beyond the walls of PLC. We will begin with a short welcome and prayers at 9:00 am in the sanctuary and then we will continue our worship as we serve God in our activities in our own church building and in the larger community. We are looking for your help as we figure out the plan for this day - one of the activities that we would like to do is to create a "Neighbors in Need" opportunity. This could be someone who would appreciate a visit and communion who is not able to get out to church, this could be a person who needs a minimal maintenance repair at their home (small jobs only), or use your imagination and let us know what you come up with!

This is a great opportunity to worship God through serving others as God's active hands in the world. Contact Kari through the PLC church office for more information or to let us know of a need.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

There are no updates at this time. The call committee continues to wait for additional candidates to be a part of our team at PLC. With staffing shortages everywhere and fewer and fewer pastors we wait with patience knowing that God is getting just the right person ready for to share in ministry with us. We invite you to continue to pray for this process and our current staff as we wait patiently.