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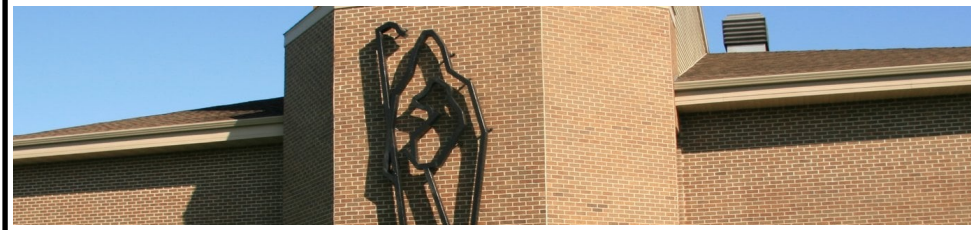
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Summer Worship Schedule Sunday Mornings

**9:00am Worship
May 29th thru September 4th**

**Check our website for
more information.**

All Are Welcome!



Shepherd's Voice

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Dear fellow Lutherans;

I am writing this letter to you for two reasons: to tell everyone that we have so much to be thankful for and that with that deep sense of gratitude we could also use your help.

First, why we are thankful. The PLC Annual Meatball Supper was extremely successful. After taking a three-year hiatus, due to the pandemic, this community event served over 600 delicious meals. What a wonderful opportunity for outreach and connecting with one another and the greater Paynesville community. Additionally, all of our youth activities and teaching opportunities have grown this past year. For example, the kindergarten – 5th grade after school program, called iQuest, has continued to grow all throughout the winter, we even served over 130 meals to youth and families on our last Wednesday. As Pastor Paul always says, “with all activity on Wednesdays, it simply glorious chaos!” Our Sunday worship and Sunday School participation has also increased this past school year. It is great to see so many of you and we are eager to welcome even more of you back as you feel comfortable.

However, there are a few areas that we need your help. Primarily these areas focus on stewardship and staffing. We have been blessed with incredible support in the years past and we give thanks to you for all the ways that you have invested in your church community. That being said the disruption that COVID has caused to our regular attendance and giving has been significant. Although the number of people attending church and church functions are getting closer to where they were, the regular stewardship giving has not followed in direct proportion.

On one front, the building fund (the mortgage of the church) is being supported very well. We have been able to pay more than required on the mortgage which will pay off the mortgage ahead of schedule, keep up the great work! That is not the case with giving to the regular operating fund (which pays the monthly church expenses). This fund has been trending just below where we need it to be. In 2020 during COVID we were able to procure some grant money that helped us tremendously, but since 2021 we have seen the monthly giving dip below our monthly expenses and therefore negatively affect the check book balance.

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Graduation Sunday 9:00am worship 10:00am Fellowship	6 12:30pm Quilters	7	8 9:00am Men's Bible Study	9 10:00am Women's Bible Study	10	11
12 9:00am worship 10:00am Fellowship 5:30pm Floodgate Meeting	13 12:30pm Quilters	14	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day 9:00am worship 10:00am Fellowship	20 12:30pm Quilters	21	22 9:00am Men's Bible Study 5:00-7:00pm Meet Us On Maple Event	23	24	25
26 9:00am worship 10:00am Fellowship	27 12:30pm Quilters	28	29	30		

June Birthday Blessings to...

- 1 Teresa Williams, Emily Nelson, Julie Youngs
- 2 Anessa Anderson, Michael Atkinson, David Berg, Cora Hentges, Cheri Pinske
- 3 Rachel Ampe, Carol Davis, Dave Mutschelknaus
- 4 Jim Gabrielson, Eddie Gottwald, Doug Lura
- 6 Tim Smith, Grady Kotschevar
- 7 Cailyn Ahrendt, Destiny Hopfer
- 10 Michelle Starks
- 11 Darcy Alstead, Amanda Meierhofer, Gary Reeck, Bruce Lindeman
- 12 Peter Jacobson, Leah Michaelis, Bruce Brendal
- 13 Gabriella Hartfiel, Jamie Soine, Colleen McNab, Thomas Smith, Trish Plantenberg
- 16 Edith Buermann, Chad Campbell, Carly Lehmkuhl, Aiden Hopfer, Daniel Rajewsky
- 17 Autumn Ellefson, Karlee Hanson, Aiden Larson, Marcia McCarney
- 18 John Hartert, Andrew Schmitz
- 19 Lauren Michaelis, Anna Fink
- 20 Darien Nelson, Easton Rindahl, Melissa Nelson, Ava Mumm, Christopher Soine
- 21 Ben Bugbee, Cherie Ludwig, Nick Nichols
- 22 Beth Realdsen, Anna Johnsrud
- 23 David Schwandt, Steve Timpane
- 24 Arthur McMillan
- 25 Leenay Doll, June Simpson
- 26 Dale Klein, Eric Robinson
- 27 Denise Schwandt, Carter Savage, Dominic Savage
- 28 Bill Keller, Alayna Buggs
- 29 Beverly Stowell, Steve Whitcomb, Luther Grothe, Gage Klimek, Aiden Kuechle
- 30 Stephanie Johnson, Michele Moser, Nora Nordmann, Gary Weber

This monthly shortfall makes it very difficult for us to consider additional staffing and yet we are a church that is large enough and has enough involvement that we do need additional staff support.

After Pastor Adam Butler took another call-in fall of 2021, we have continued to sustain all the church programs through our remaining staff. This was intended to be for the short-term only, with the hope that once COVID subsided giving would also return to pre pandemic levels.

Probably the most often asked question of me since I joined the council has been “when are we going to get another pastor or staff person(s)? Believe me, we all want that, council, current staff, parishioners. Thankfully the current staff have taken on this extra responsibility but that isn’t sustainable for the long term. Here is where you can help. We really have three options: 1) increase our collective stewardship so that we can afford to increase the PLC staffing. 2) increase our volunteering to help make all that we love about our church continue to happen. 3) decrease some of the church offerings (programs) that we currently provide, which we believe nobody wants.

I am asking three things from all those who call PLC your church home:

- Continue to pray for your church community and those that continue to struggle with issues from the past 2 years.
- Consider how you can get involved. Whether it be volunteering or increasing your stewardship commitment.
- Finally, share your hopes and dreams for your church. We are in a place of great opportunity, and we have a strong congregation poised to do great things in the name Jesus. What do you see as God’s mission for PLC in the years ahead? Your PLC leadership would love to hear how the Holy Spirit is nudging us!

We are a blessed congregation with good leadership, and we welcome your thoughts and prayerful consideration on these issues, together we have no doubt that God will continue to guide us! We will be connecting regularly throughout the summer with updates, revelations, and spirit lead inspirations.

God is good! Thank you all for your attention and God Bless,



Paul D. Evans
Executive Council President

Class of 2022



Graduation Sunday

Nope, you cannot graduate from church - because we are always the church together! However, we will have an opportunity to recognize all our graduates on **Sunday, June 5th as a part of our 9:00 am worship service**. Graduates will receive their quilt made by ladies of the congregation as well as a PLC water bottle. Help us celebrate with our graduating seniors!

Jordyn Bebus	Maggie Malling
Bennett Evans	Miller Mumm
Madison Hentges	Reese Reutzel
Alex Hoiseth	Easton Rindahl
Ellary Jacoby	Kianna Roeske
Alex Johnson	Connor Roufs
Makullen Kleist	Kendra Shepherd
Bryan Larson	Logan Utsch
Gretta Lemke	Gabe Voss

Graduation Celebration for Alex Johnson

We'd like to invite our PLC family to an open house celebrating Alex Johnson's graduation on Sunday, June 26, 2022 from 2-6 p.m. at the Veteran's Park shelter, 15612 Cedar Point Road.



Women of the ELCA

Heartfelt thanks to each of you who chose to help in any way with the Women of the ELCA Meatball Supper! Many hands DO make light work and it was a great success. What a joy to see our community gather for good food and fellowship. 600 were served!

The Women of the ELCA put together over a dozen school kits to donate to Lutheran World Relief. Thanks to Dee Haines for sewing all the backpacks and to Steve Moburg for hand-delivering the school kit to Lutheran World Relief in St. Paul.

Weather Effectd Our Sound System

The weather the week of May 8th affected our sound system at PLC, and we are awaiting repairs to our system. We will continue to offer services online, however, we have had to find alternative ways to run our sound system. Our current situation is not ideal but allows us to continue offering services in this way. During this time, we will not be able to put the words on the screen for you to view online, this is due to a sound delay with the system. If you would like to participate in the call and response portion of the service, please visit our website and click on the link "Order of Worship" this will allow you to participate in those portions of the service. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.



2022 Paynesville Community VBS



August 1, 2022 - August 5, 2022
9:00 am - 11:30 am
657 Maple St.
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Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

Registration opens June 1st at
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/paynesvillecommunityvbs>



Help is needed in the church office with simple office tasks (answering phones, welcoming walk-ins, etc. If you are interested in helping please contact Tammy in the office.



If you are in need of pastoral care, we encourage you to call the church office and connect with Pastor Paul Shumaker. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you are need of spiritual support of any kind. God bless you and your family.



The Women's Bible study will meet on Thursday June 9th, 2022 at 10:00 in the church Chapel. Pleasuring your copy of the Gather magazine, a Bible and your prayers for those in need. Copies of the Bible study will be available for those who need one. See you June 9th.



PAYNESVILLE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
**CAMP
HOUSE**
JULY 2022
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
CAMP HOUSE RD
BRIMSON, MN

There is still time to register for Camp House!

Visit our website or contact the church office for more information.

MEET US ON MAPLE STREET

JUNE 22 | JULY 13 | August 17 | SEPTEMBER 14
5:00 - 7:00 PM

PAYNESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH
ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Wednesday, June 22
5:00-7:00 PM**

**Lily's Wings, Burgers & Things
All-You-Can-Eat**

Boneless Chicken Wings | Chicken Drumsticks | Pulled Pork
Sandwiches Smoked Chicken | Mac-N-Cheese | Fries
Coleslaw

**\$12 Per Person/Per Meal
Tickets for sale at PLC or at event**