

# THE TOWER TALK

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

12 Park St, Box O, Treynor, Iowa 51575

Tel: 888-487-3880

**July**

**2022**

## Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning on  
**Sunday, June 19th - Sept. 11th,**  
we will have only  
**1 worship service**  
**each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

Traditional and contemporary services will alternate. We invite everyone to come for **coffee/treats fellowship time at 9 a.m.** before worship.

## VBS week was Awesome!!

We had 99 children attend VBS and over 70 adult, middle & high school volunteers!! Thank you to everyone who helped make it a wonderful and safe week!

The mission this year was Lutheran World Relief and we collected \$1,334.13 and 9 bags of items for personal care kits! Thank you to Berni Bichel & Peg Sornson for sharing with the children about this mission! We pray that these donations will go where it is needed and bless others!

## Thank you to everyone who has donated to the help with the cemetery monument repairs—we have reached our goal!!

Thanks to the congregation for its generous support of the recent project to straighten ten headstones at the cemetery. The project's objective was to improve overall appearance of the cemetery. The project was completed on June 23rd and was fully funded by you and a considerable contribution from Mike Hoy and Hoy Kilnoski Funeral Home.

St Paul Cemetery Committee

## Ice Cream Social

The Ice Cream Social will be held Friday, July 8th from 4:30-7:00pm!

Come join us for sloppy joes, sandwiches, brownies, pie, and **HOMEMADE ICE CREAM** along with fellowship!



Post cards have been mailed as a friendly reminder of what you are being asked to provide or help with. You can also see the June Tower Talk for **more information.**

## July Vacations

Pastor Sharon will be on vacation from July 29th-August 8th, 2022. In case of a pastoral emergency, call Denise Wilson at 402-680-8172 to contact the pastor providing emergency care.

Pastor Joyce Miller will be our guest Preacher on July 31st.

Denise Wilson will be on vacation from July 22nd-July 24th, 2022.

## Lift Update

We are very excited that the lift installation was done on May 31st!! Thank you to everyone who helped with this important project!

We are waiting for the state inspection. When that happens we will be able to use it!

**“Knowing Jesus, Telling about Jesus, Loving as Jesus Loves”**

# St. Paul Lutheran Church information...

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Office hours: 8:30 am - 12:30pm  
Monday - Friday

Preschool Tel: 712-796-1177

**Mission:**  
"Knowing Jesus,  
Telling about Jesus,  
Loving as Jesus  
Loves"



## STAFF

**Pastor Sharon Worthington**

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admin@treynorpreschool.com

Monday - 9am-12pm  
Wednesday - 9am-12pm  
Thursday - 9am - 12pm  
Friday - 9am - 12pm



**Pastor's  
Office Hours**

Or call the church  
office to schedule  
an appointment  
888-487-3880

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Corey Vorthmann, President  
Tracy Flathers, Vice President  
Amber Schaaf, Secretary  
Dave Key, Treasurer  
JJ Pote  
Kristi Kenny  
Dawn Rector



## MINISTRY TEAMS

The following is a list of contact persons that you can ask questions or get involved:

Praise Team - Deb Schmidt

Prayer Chain - Church Office

Stewardship Team - Jan Meis, Glenrose Meier

Hospitality Team - Diana Andersen

Maintenance Team - Roger Andersen

Library - Adrienne Karr

SPY (High School youth) - Denise Wilson

Confirmation - Pastor Sharon

Sunday School & VBS - Denise Wilson

Preschool (Volunteers, Governing Board) - Shirley Chambers

Altar Guild & Holy Communion - Lynell Vorthmann

Weddings - Shirley Chambers

Funerals - Ann Vorthmann & Lynell Vorthmann

Companion Congregation Team - Roger Andersen

Technology Team - Roger Andersen, Denise Wilson

WOW - Cory Young

Jr. Lutherans - Denise Wilson, Carrie Radford

Cemetery Committee - Josh Lammert, Dennis Deitchler, Ron Thomas, Jim Karr

Bingo Team - Julie Sealock

Quilting - Berni Bichel

Bethany Lutheran Health Services Auxiliary—Norma Vorthmann

Baptism Ministry: Christina Schmidt, Carol Miller & Helga Calkins

IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Roland Burger. Roland was a long time, faithful member of St. Paul and will be missed greatly! We pray for God to give Roland's family the comfort and peace that only He can give.

Our Sympathy and Prayers also go to the families of Mark Lucy, Gerald Young, Rick Hope, Dean Pope and Wayne Andersen.

Our families cannot thank you enough for the outpouring of love that you showed to Dad during his very short illness. The St. Paul family blessed him with your friendliness and caring hands. Those of you who dropped by the hospital and got that "smile" you know how important you were to him. To Pastor Sharon who stopped by the last five nights for scriptures and prayer and was with us to the end but stepped out so we were with Dad as he took his final breath.

Even though Dad knew the end was near and was ready to go home, we wanted just a few more days!! Our hearts are empty just like "his pew". But we look ahead to the day that we too will walk in his garden.

Blessings to each and every one of you!



Roland's daughters

**Calling all quilters!**

Can you tie a knot? Can you make a stitch with a needle? You are needed! St. Paul quilters continue to look for more ladies to help finish the quilts that will be treasured by people here at home and around the world. Come join the ladies who are meeting once a month to tie the quilts. We will meet **Monday, July 11th from 9:00 am-noon.**

We would love to have you join us!

**Our Preschool is Hiring**

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool is currently seeking a Preschool Director, Lead Teacher, Teacher Associate and support staff for the 2022-2023 school year. A fun, creative and loving career, flexible schedule, Christian family environment, summers & holidays off, paid training, Iowa DHS Licensed Center with a 5 star quality rating. Visit [www.treynorpreschool.com](http://www.treynorpreschool.com) for job descriptions and an application form. Submit your resume and/or application to [admin@treynorpreschool.com](mailto:admin@treynorpreschool.com) or to the Preschool directly. Contact Shirley Chambers at 402-651-8816 or the Preschool at 712-796-1177 for more information.

**2022-2023 Preschool Registration**

The Preschool is accepting 2022-2023 applications as of February 1st. If you know of a parent with a preschool-aged child, please give them our contact information: Phone (712)796-1177

Website: [www.treynorpreschool.com](http://www.treynorpreschool.com)

Email: [admin@treynorpreschool.com](mailto:admin@treynorpreschool.com)

**Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone who helped at the community worship service! It was a great time to gather as a community and worship together!

**Get to know our new Administrative Assistant!**

My name is Jonelle Peterson Walter. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Wayne State College, and still practice this field as a Bail Bondsman for 5 counties in Iowa.

I have a wide background in communications and structured cognitive training from being an Assistant Probation Officer for five years, and I have two years of experience working with children and families as a Behavioral Health Intervention Specialist. I have enthusiasm to inspire and teach others positive attitudes and behaviors, and to always be the best you can be, not only in my own home, but in the community, to better manage life's many challenges.

I have two wonderful children, and they are my world. Blaine, my son, is 16 years old, and will be a Junior at Glenwood Community High School in Glenwood, IA. Blaire, my daughter, is 14 years old and will be a Freshman at the same high school next year. I live very close to my mom and sister, whom are important family to me. I absolutely love sports and movies, as I am always up for a good suspense movie.

I am very excited to be a part of this wonderful church staff and community.

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)



## SUMMERTIME

“Summertime and the living is easy.” The lyrics of this famous song from “Porgy and Bess” summarizes the illusion so many of us have when we start the summer season. We look forward to long, lazy days, where we can relax and wind down from the frantic pace of the rest of the year.

But, June has passed and my July calendar shows no sign of letting up. The illusion of rest vanishes before the reality of the summer commitments that crowd in to replace my other activities. The type of activity may change, but the frantic pace never wavers. What can I do? Where can I go to find the rest and the peace I need to be restored and refreshed?

Jesus says, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” He goes on to say, “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Matthew 11:28-29)

In the midst of our busy-ness, Jesus invites us to come to him. As we take time to be with Jesus through moments of prayer during the day or more extended times of prayer and Bible reading, we discover that Jesus takes our burdens upon himself.

He takes our problems and over-commitments, our worries and frustrations. He gives us fresh perspectives on our priorities, new insights on our needs and desires. He calms our driven-ness so that we can learn how to live in him. Most wonderfully, he gives rest to our souls, so that even in the most frantic upheaval, we can operate from an inner attitude of quietness and calm. And as we learn to do this, it carries through to our other busy seasons of the year!

So, whatever your summer holds – hard-earned vacation time or stepped-up levels of work and responsibilities – enter into them by coming to Jesus. In him “you will find rest for your souls.” May you discover and enjoy true rest and refreshment this summer through Jesus.

Pastor Sharon

### **SPY Mission Trip**

Please pray for our youth and adults as they go and serve in Oklahoma, June 21st - 28th. May they be safe & grow in their faith!

Sam Burmeister,  
Sydney Burmeister,  
Gabby Pote, Jacob Pote,  
Carl Swalwell,  
Gretchen Swalwell,  
Levi Young, Katie Weis,  
Cory Young and  
Denise Wilson

They will be sharing about their experiences at worship sometime in July or August - we will let you know when it gets scheduled.



### **SPY Youth Can Kennel**

**Aug 18th thru Sep 14th**

We will sort cans on Wednesday, August 31st & Weds., September 14th - sort times will be determined closer to the dates.

We had to trade dates because we were scheduled to sort during our mission trip. We appreciate your donations of cans & bottles that will help with our mission trip expenses!



# Council Minutes for June 15, 2022

The St. Paul Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, June 15th, 2022. All members, except Corey, Kristi and Dawn, were present.

Pastor Sharon opened the meeting with prayer.

Tracy called the meeting to order.

Dave gave an update and reviewed the monthly financials (April and May).

Pastor Sharon shared the pastor's report. The past few weeks have been very busy with Vacation Bible School. We had 99 kids participate in the fun this year! Kudos to Denise for her dedication and hours spent making sure VBS runs smoothly. Pastor Sharon also officiated at Baccalaureate for our senior students and Roland Burger's funeral service.

A Companion Congregation update was then given. Good news- the Tanzanian auction will be held again this fall after being canceled for two years due to Covid.

Denise shared a SPY update. Cell group ended at the beginning of May. The mission trip to Oklahoma is coming up soon.

JJ made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Dave seconded. The motion carried.

The council discussed the organist position and will be updated soon with possible candidates.

The Semi-Annual Meeting has been set for October 16th, 2022 at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and Krispy Kreme donuts will be provided.

The July church council meeting will be July 14th at 6:30.

Pastor Sharon made a request to the council for vacation days/vacation Sundays. The dates are: July 29th, July 31st, and August 1st-4th. JJ made a motion to approve the vacation dates. Amber seconded and the motion passed.

Then Dave gave a lift update. The lift is almost done! Once complete, an inspection will be scheduled.

With no further business, Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting. JJ seconded. The motion passed.

The council meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amber Schaaf, Secretary

The next church council meeting is Wednesday, July 14th at 6:30 p.m.



## Ministry Team Council Report Schedule

**July** - Hospitality and Farm

**August** - Vacation Bible School

**September** - Maintenance Team

**\*Team leader - please provide a written update of your ministry to the church office a few days before the scheduled council meeting. Thank you!**



## Wedded Band News!

Join us on July 24th at 6pm in the fellowship hall. We will have a light meal. Our featured speaker will be **Ruby Bentley who will share about historic Macedonia.**



## Prayer List

*We Pray for You!*  
Request the Prayer Chain  
Contact: church office at 888-487-3880 or  
lutheranchurchspl@gmail.com

### PRAYER LIST OR PRAYER CHAIN?

The prayer chain is activated when a situation arises in which immediate prayer support is requested. A request made to the prayer chain is kept in absolute confidentiality and is not published. Individuals may be on both the prayer chain and the prayer list if desired.

**Prayers:** Staci Poland; Helga Calkins; Coretta Andersen; Ed Calkins; Ruby Bentley; Roger Schmidt; Penny Buckingham (Madonna Rehab Center in Omaha); Barb Rath (in nursing home, send cards to her home address & Randy will deliver to her); Ken Andersen; Lois Von Weihe; Betty Schmidt; Susan Goos; John Sealock; Norma Voss; Marilyn Lustgraaf; Trent Casey; Roy Maguire; Jan Young; Bruce Bentley; Ann Roof; Herb Sudmann; Wendy Vorthmann; Palmer Vorthmann; and our members serving in the military: Logan Young and Kaelin Bruning.

**Prayers For Others:** Donna Criss; Robert Keysor; Bobby Meier; Mark Walter; Sandy Walter; Rita Epperson; Chris Rochleau; John Marty; Jill Hook; Beth Moore; Carol Worthington; Kaitlyn Boyer and the family of the deceased in this accident (friend of Ann & Roger V); Joy Weaver (Jessica Pote's mom); Rose Marie Davis; Lucy Jackson; Don Korkow; Dianna Smith (former member); Kendal Tripp; Julie Eden; Belinda VanAernam; Andy Anderson; Aubrey Greiner; Dennis Nelson; Nixon Quick; LaVonne Sidebottom; Marlon McKenzie.

**Prayers for those who have lost loved ones:** Family of Roland Burger; Family of Mark Lucy; Family of Gerald Young; Family of Rick Hope; and Family of Dean Pope.



Madelyn Deitchler	July 02	Andrew Chambers	July 14	Lanee Wasenius	July 23
Sheryl Henderson	July 02	Ashlyn Vorthmann	July 14	Gabriel Ragland	July 23
Jennifer Vorthmann	July 02	Easton Kenny	July 14	Eric Plumb	July 24
Keely Smith	July 02	Katherine Klahn	July 14	Teresa Plumb	July 24
Kendall White	July 02	Michael Nielsen	July 15	JJ Pote	July 24
Deb Miller	July 03	Ken Andersen	July 15	Deb Saar	July 24
Sarah Vorthmann	July 03	Griffin Melby	July 15	Justin Miller	July 25
Robert Meis	July 04	Tom Bruning	July 16	Craig Sudmann	July 26
Morgan Lammert	July 05	Avery Dyke	July 16	Dan Vorthmann	July 26
Melaina Vorthmann	July 06	Kyla Penney	July 16	Nicole Manning	July 27
Shelby Vorthmann	July 06	Mallory White	July 18	Reid Andersen	July 28
David Anderson	July 07	Scott Plumb	July 18	Lori Falk-Goss	July 29
Nikki Woods	July 07	Steve Chapman	July 19	Shawn Gillespie	July 29
Frank Maguire	July 09	Randy Rath	July 19	Juliette Pote	July 29
Zander Hayes	July 10	Coretta Andersen	July 19	Marcia Wolfe	July 29
Darrian Hayes	July 10	Craig Rath	July 20	Clara Delavan	July 30
Renae Deitchler	July 11	Steven Caruso	July 21	Madilynn Hebing	July 31
Taiya Vorthmann	July 11	Lila Eitmann	July 21	Charlie Schrage	July 31
Diana Andersen	July 12	Jasmine Bruning	July 22	Jim Sietsema	July 31
Phoebe Andersen	July 12	Katina Granger	July 22	Devin Vorthmann	July 31
		Randy VonWeihe	July 23	Jacob Young	July 31



## July Stewardship News!

### Stewardship Suggestions?

We are a very generous congregation! Each month we give money to non-profit organizations, some of which we are familiar with and others, not so much. We have been doing this for years, and we should be proud of the ways we have been able to help people through these ministries.

As a Stewardship Team, however, we are wondering if there are other ministries and non-profit organizations that you would suggest we consider monetarily supporting? If so, the Stewardship Team would like to hear from you. We don't necessarily have more money to share, but we can possibly re-think how this money is distributed, and consider making some changes or additions. Please contact Jan Meis or Glenrose Meier if you have suggestions.

Thank you!  
Stewardship Team



### June 2022 Bethany Lutheran Health Services News!

BLHS hosted a BBQ Block Party on June 9. It was well attended and under tents due to rain. There are several out-of-doors activities scheduled in June at the Home: walking club, lunch at Henry's Diner, parking lot party/car show, outdoor bowling, bubble painting, scavenger hunt, courtyard picnic, a visit to the Glass Chapel, a Wal-Mart trip, and a lemonade/gardening event. Their water fountain is flowing beautifully.

At the Heights they will also have shopping trips to Walgreens, Wal-Mart, Super Saver, and Good Will. They planted garden on the 1 st and 10 th . On the 2 nd they took a boat ride fishing trip to Lake Wanahoo. Other outings include: walking club, axe throwing on the patio, breakfast at the Goldmine, lunch at Garcia's Mexican Restaurant, and lunch at the Twisted Tail. Please continue to remember those that live and work at the Home and Heights in your thoughts and prayers.

### Call Team Update

Our Ministry Site Profile has been posted to the ELCA website and interested pastors are able to indicate their interest. The call team met with Rev. Dr. Mike Kroona, Assistant to the Bishop in June. They are feeling very positive about the progress being made in the call process.

Please continue to pray for God to guide us and possible candidates in this process.

Call Team members: Berni Bichel as Chairperson, Mira Dreyer, Alice Falk, Sheryl Henderson, Adrienne Karr, Bob Schmidt, John Swalwell, Kirk Vorthmann and Katie Weis.



# 2022

**Mission: Oaks Indian Mission**


**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

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<b>3</b> 9:00am Fellowship 9:30am Worship	<b>4</b>  INDEPENDENCE <i>Day</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:30am Maint. Team Day  7pm AA upstairs	<b>8</b> 12pm on F-hall & Conf room for social  4:30-7pm Ice Cream Social	<b>9</b> 11am-5pm Tracy Black & Holly Fenn F-hall rental
<b>10</b> 9:00am Fellowship 9:30am Worship Nelson Baptism  12-4pm Gene Young F-hall rental	<b>11</b> 9:00am-noon Quilting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30pm Council Mtg.  7pm AA upstairs	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:00am Fellowship 9:30am Worship  4-6pm-Silver Creek 4H Black	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  7pm AA upstairs	<b>22</b>  <i>Denise Wilson            (Vacation)</i>	<b>23</b>  <i>Denise Wilson            (Vacation)</i>
<b>24</b> 9:00am Fellowship 9:30am Worship  <i>Denise Wilson            (Vacation)</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <i>Pastor Sharon            (Vacation)</i>  7pm AA upstairs	<b>29</b>  <i>Pastor Sharon            (Vacation)</i>	<b>30</b>  <i>Pastor Sharon            (Vacation)</i>
<b>31</b> 9:00am Fellowship 9:30am Worship Pastor Joyce Miller- Guest Preacher <i>Pastor Sharon            (Vacation)</i>						





## 2022 Volunteer & Music Schedule for Worship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>Welcome Team</u>
7/3/22	9:30 am	Ruby Bentley	Denise Wilson	Taryn White	Pastor Sharon	Ken & Coretta Andersen
7/10/22	9:30 am	Praise Team	Pastor Sharon	Livia Schroeder	In Memory of Roland Burger	The Pote Family
7/17/22	9:30 am	Ruby Bentley	Ken Andersen	Shaylee Smith	Ken and Coretta Andersen	Ken & Coretta Andersen
7/24/22 -	9:30 am	Praise Team	Pastor Sharon	Layne Young	Kevin and Alice Falk	The Young Family
7/31/22	9:30am	Ruby Bentley	Patty Walter	Henry Wise	Denise Wilson	Ken & Coretta Andersen

**2022 Flower Chart:** The new flower chart is hanging up in the church entryway. Please consider signing up to provide the altar flowers on a Sunday. You can have them in honor of someone for a birthday, an anniversary, in memory of someone, or just because! Live flowers on the altar add a lot to our worship service and space, and you can take them home after the last service.

### **Acolyte Reminder:**

**Be sure to check the calendar above for dates and services you are scheduled to acolyte. If you are unable to acolyte, be sure to find a substitute and let the church office know of the change. Thank you!**

### **Flower Donations**

Shirley Chambers is willing to make flower arrangements for the Altar. Instead of paying her for the arrangements, you contribute to the Pre-School scholarship fund. This way the money you would have spent at a florist instead helps support the Pre-School. That's a win-win!

Thank you, Shirley for sharing your gifts with us and flower sponsors for beautifying our worship space.

## St Paul Workday June 2, 2022

There were 6 people helped with the work day – Coretta and Ken Andersen, LaJean and Doug Wehring, Mike Sukup, and Roger Andersen.

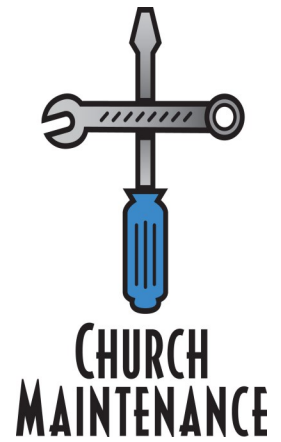
- Check AED and oxygen tank as a monthly task
- Put water in all the floor drains as a monthly task
- Checked the preschool water softener – needs more salt but we are out for now
- Checked the heat pump fins to make sure they were not covered with excess dirt
- Weeded in and around the flowers and shrubs
- Cleaned out the fire ring ashes
- Removed some dead parts from the yew east of the sanctuary entry
- Trimmed the pine tree next to the bell
- Trimmed the bushes around the church
- Burned the limbs in the fire ring plus some pallet material from the new lift install
- Spent several hours helping with VBS cardboard and Styrofoam cutouts
- Mike and Ken took leftover materials from the lift install because they had a use for it

We schedule the work day for the first Thursday of every month so join us July 7 for some “fun” and probably homemade cookie and brownies.

Other tasks performed since the last Tower Talk update includes:

- Ken and Coretta have been taking the recycle cardboard and plastic to the recycle center
- Dennis has been mowing at least weekly
- Put “Slow” signs and traffic cones near the cemetery entrances for Memorial Day
- Trimmed the grass around the buildings, trees, fences, and post a couple times
- Denise Keay is adding some plants around the bell and marquee
- Denise Keay adding 3 pavers from the sidewalk to the bell
- Denise and Dave Keay trimmed the crabapple tree by the bell and marquee
- Cleaned out the fire ring ashes a second time
- Picked up sticks from the yard a couple times to make mowing easier for Dennis
- Watered the Easter lilies that were planted outside
- Got a lot of cardboard and Styrofoam down from overhead in the shed for VBS
- Put up plastic “Caution” fence between the sidewalk and street in front of the church
- Cleaned up after the lift was installed
- Mark Mertes made an aluminum diamond plate threshold for the new downstairs door
- Mark Sornson has been finishing off the lift area so there can be a final state inspection
- Put a new battery in the exit light above the sanctuary exit doors
- Tested the new battery to make sure it lit the lights at least 30 minutes
- Burned the palm leaves from the last 3 Palm Sundays to be used for future Ash Wednesdays
- Helped with VBS setup and takedown
- Replaced the bathroom door handle in the youth center
- Move the pulpit back to the altar area
- Removed and replaced the stair rail for Roland’s funeral
- Tim Ryan replaced 2 carpet squares by the lower lift door that the lift installers messed up
- He also fixed the carpet at the east end of the basement altar area by the new door
- Took the VBS banner down from the outside of the church

The OMG (Old Maintenance Group)



**Next maintenance workday:  
Thursday, July 7th at 8:30 a.m.  
All are welcome to come and help!**

**TOWER TALK**

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**DATED MATERIAL**

July 1, 2022

**WE ARE BLESSED AT ST PAUL!**

**9:00 am Fellowship, coffee & treats**  
**9:30 am Worship Service**

**WE HAVE AN AWESOME GOD!**

