

Welcome Home!

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church

May 2024 Newsletter



Ascension Day Worship

Join the Erie Lutheran Conference for Ascension Day worship at Luther Memorial Church at 225 W. 10th St. in Erie on Thursday, May 9 at 7 PM. Pastor Erik will be preaching.

ELCA rostered ministers and all clergy are invited to vest and process. Color of the day is white. Festive reception to follow worship.



Welcome New Children's Ministry Director

Please join us as we welcome Jamie Tech as our new director of Children's Ministry! Jamie has a bachelor's degree in Digital Discipleship with a minor in Family Ministry from Liberty University and over twelve years of volunteer work with youth ministry. She has previously worked as a Children's Ministry Director for four years. Jamie was born and raised about two miles from St. Paul's and all her children were baptized here (most recently in December 2020).



**WELCOME
TO ST. PAUL'S**

JAMIE TECH
Children's Ministry Director

Installation
Sunday, June 2
9 AM

@stpaulserie

Jamie and her husband, Justin, have been married ten years and have four children— Cassidy, Aivry, Maya & Saul. They love to travel every chance they get! Jamie loves Dolly Parton, Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash & Elvis Presley. She recently purchased a guitar & plans to start lessons because she believes you are never too old to learn something new!

Jamie shared, "When it comes to Children's Ministry, my heart and desire are to build lasting relationships, teach kids that God loves them unconditionally, partner with parents on their children's faith journey, and equip the next generation with the biblical foundation that sparks a desire within them to become disciples, seek God always, lead others to Jesus, and grow and mature in their faith."

Jamie will begin her new position on June 1 and her installation will be on Sunday, June 2 at 9 AM. You will be able to reach her at ChildrensDirector@stpaulserie.org and 814-833-1761, ext. 105.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

3108 Sterrettania Road
Erie, PA 16506-2658
www.stpaulserie.org

Saturday Worship Service, 5 PM
Sunday Worship Service, 9 AM

All Sunday worship videos are livestreamed at
www.facebook.com/stpaulserie
and available at
www.youtube.com/user/stpaulslutheranerie.

Wednesday Scripture Study, 9 AM

SCRIPTURE
Study
WEDNESDAYS
9 AM
CLARE-WOLFE
LOUNGE & ONLINE
All are welcome!
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84633242142>

Office Hours:

Mon - Thu 9 AM-3 PM

814-833-1761 | office@stpaulserie.org



Pastor Erik

Pastor Erik Young

814-833-1761, ext. 103
Pastor@stpaulserie.org

Pastor's Office Hours: Mon-Wed 9 AM-1 PM

SAVE THE DATE



Pastor Erik's Promotion Ceremony

UNITED STATES NAVY
CHAPLAIN CORPS

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO THE CEREMONY OF

ERIK F. YOUNG

AS HE IS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF

CAPTAIN

CHAPLAIN CORPS
U. S. NAVY RESERVE
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SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024, AT 10:30AM

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
3108 STERRETTANIA ROAD
ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA 16505

PLEASE STAY FOR THE "WETTING DOWN" TACO BAR
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING IN THE PARISH CENTER.

*Uniform of the Day:
Ceremony Participant: Service Dress Blues (w/ribbons) or equivalent
Other Military: Khaki or equivalent
Veterans: Service Ball Cap*

RSVP to Office@stpaulserie.org.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

SATURDAY, JUNE 1
1 PM
CLARE-WOLFE LOUNGE
[@stpaulserie](https://www.instagram.com/stpaulserie)

Rise Against Hunger Recap

On Saturday, March 23, at least 13 folks from St. Paul's attended the Rise Against Hunger event at St. Jude's parish. Rise Against Hunger is a nonprofit that provides meals to people in war-torn or disaster-impacted countries around the world.

It was a great event! We participated in a hunger demonstration which was to show how difficult it is to live in poverty. As we found out, the odds are definitely stacked against you. After the demonstration, we participated in packing the meals. It is quite the process and the Rise Against Hunger coordinators have it down. We helped set up assembly lines and then worked for several hours filling & packing quart bags with soy protein, nutritional additives and rice, intended to feed 6 people with food to fend off starvation. As the measurers manned the assembly lines, others sealed & labeled each bag, while still others took completed bags to pack in shipping boxes. We packed over 10,000 meals!!!



The meals will most likely be shipped to other nations who are experiencing a crisis or are struggling to feed their people. The Rise Against Hunger organization partners with other global agencies to end hunger by not only providing these meals, but also empowering communities to support themselves (chickens to raise, seeds for crops, & training), which is a lot like the ELCA World Hunger program.

Hopefully, we can participate in another Rise Against Hunger event & you can experience it for yourself! For more information, check out Rise Against Hunger at www.riseagainsthunger.org.



Congregational Care Ministries

Congregational Prayers

Please keep our brothers & sisters in Christ in your daily prayers: **Vince Balinski, Don Buzzard, Jeanette Carlstrom, Linda Conrad, Shawn Conrad, Janet Csir, Emma Cunningham, John Damico, Lee Eighmy, Debi & Ted Firment, Mark & Vicki Fischer, Lois Gilbert, Marsha Grace, Charlotte Haggerty, Phyllis Kennedy, Karen Laufer, Richard McGarvie, Pastor Mac, Jim & Nancy Price, Len Toy, Russ Wiest & Gary.** Pray for those who are dealing with cancer, financial hardships, & facing illness or surgery.

Continue to pray for those who are homebound or in nursing homes:

Nancy DiCola, Kathie Fry & Dottie Johnson. Wrap your hearts around those who are alone, broken-hearted, grieving, or anxious.

We continue to pray for those who are close to us who serve in the military, including their families: **Mike Cunningham & Dylan Green,** as well as friends of St. Paul's— **Samuel Arthur, Luke Goodwin, Brennan Madara, Natalie Ramish-Long, Benjamin Sperring, Brody Swab, Jordan Swab-Sanchez, Christopher Tinsman, Allison Ward, & Zachary Zehner.**

Bless our teachers everywhere & pray for St. Paul's **Sunday School, Pre-School, & Child Development Center's teachers.**

We keep our college students in prayer as they study and prepare for their future vocations: **Corinne Bechtold, Megan Bechtold, Sophie Beilharz, Stella Beilharz, Teddy Buchanan, Jake Buzzard, Andrew Collins, Emma Cunningham, Josh Douglas, Abbey Forehand, Sam Forehand, Jacob Gross, Drew Kwiatkowski, Tristan Leopold, & Ellie Schau.**

Anniversaries

May 2— Al & Linda Swab
 May 8— Sandy & Tom Pamin
 May 11— Kathy & Jeff Maries
 May 18— Aaron & Allie Wakley
 May 19— Mark & Linda Turi
 May 20— Don & Lori Buzzard
 May 23— John & Ellen Cooper
 May 28— Kris & Vince Balinski

Birthdays

May 2— Linda Swab
 May 3— Pam Brady, Greg Zimmerman
 May 5— Maureen Damico, Pati Swanson, Ryan Zimmerman
 May 8— Karen Martin
 May 9— Christa Kaffka, Elliot Rainbow
 May 10— Charlotte Rainbow
 May 11— Debbie Dravec
 May 13— Paul Berger, Violet Gould
 May 14— Wayne Gardner
 May 17— Dane Crncic, Sam Forehand
 May 18— Sam Gross
 May 19— Debi Firment, Garrett Fuhrman
 May 20— Beau Skeel
 May 21— Ansel Miglicio
 May 22— Mark Turi
 May 23— Mary Hetrick, Ken Thompson
 May 24— Diana Bernatowicz, Cindy Dohanic, Joe Douglas, Kelly Martucci
 May 25— Nancy Price, Karen Zahratka
 May 28— Dottie Johnson
 May 31— Sandy Pamin

Congregational Congratulations

Congratulations to **Mark & Vicki Fischer** upon the birth of their grandchild, Sawyer, on April 15, 2024!

Baptism

We welcome **Lucas Hines**, son of William & Jennifer Hines, into the body of Christ on May 11, 2024.



Congregational Thank You Notes

Dearest Friends,

The saying it "Takes a Village" couldn't be more true for events like the Easter Flock. What a joy to share and grow together in faith and friendship.

*Thanking God for All of You,
 Abiding Hope Lutheran Church*

To My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to "Thank Everyone" for their thoughts and prayers during my operation and recuperation.

The beautiful get well cards brought me much cheer and they were much appreciated. Thank you Pastor for the visit and prayer it gave me strength to endure what was coming. Thank you all for the phone calls and offers of help. It felt so good to hear from you all.

*In Christian Love,
 Ted Firment*

Soup Ministry

Please feel free to take soup to those you visit! We have many kinds of soup in the chest freezer in the church kitchen.



If you feel called to visit someone on a regular basis, please see or call Debbie DeCoursey or June Kessler at 814-833-1761, ext. 392.

Community Care Ministries

Hot Dog Supper

St. Paul's will be hosting Holy Trinity's Hot Dog Supper at 643 West 17th St in Erie on Thursday, May 30 at 5 PM. Set up begins at 4 PM & clean up usually wraps up at 6:30 PM. Join us!

Patchwork of Love Quilting & Knitting Ministry

Join our Patchwork of Love team of quilters & knitters! We meet on Tuesdays from 9-11 AM in Clare-Wolfe Lounge.



Church Council Highlights

From the April 2024 meeting:

- Pastor Ralph Mineo to serve as our supply preacher for the following weekends: May 18 & 19, June 8 & 9, and July 27 & 28.
- Approved additional fencing to be installed where Homer house used to stand so that Child Development Center can use it safely.
- Approved hiring new Children's Ministry Director, Jamie Tech, will a start date of June 1 and installation to follow on Sunday, June 2.
- Sold two church vans for \$4,000. Thanks to Joe Lang for spearheading this effort and seeing it through to completion.

Next meeting: Monday, May 20, 2024 at 6:15 PM.

Ministry Board Meeting

St. Paul's next quarterly Ministry Board Meeting is Monday, May 6 at 6:30 PM in St. Paul's gym. All ministry team members, leaders, & council members should plan on attending.

This is your opportunity to plan & share across St. Paul's various ministries!



Attendance & Finances

By The Numbers:	March 2024
Avg. Saturday Attendance	30 in-person
Avg. Sunday Attendance	107 in-person 23 online views
Income	\$38,327
Expenses	\$31,432
Difference	\$6,895
March Budget Income	\$31,942
March Budget Expenses	\$32,798
March Budget Difference	-\$856
Year-to-Date Income	\$85,525
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$94,518
Year-to-Date Difference	-\$8,993
Year-to-Date Budget Income	\$82,245
Year-to-Date Budget Expenses	\$96,166
Year-to-Date Budget Difference	\$13,921
2024 Total Budget Income	\$318,715
2024 Total Budget Expenses	\$368,480
2024 Total Budget Difference	-\$49,765

Faith Formation

Children's Church

All children in pre-K through third grade are welcome to join us for Children's Church during Sunday worship at 9 AM. Pre-K through third graders will begin in worship with their families, exit during the Children's Song, & return to worship to take communion with their families.



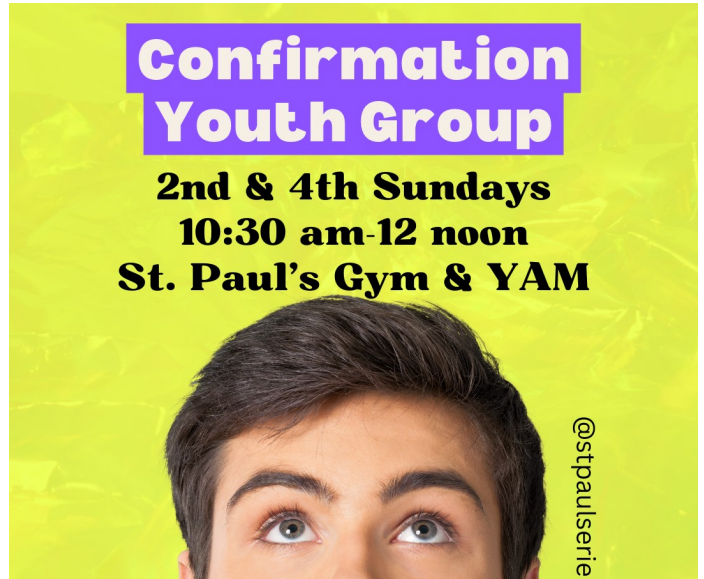
4/5 Club

Join us on the first & third Sundays of every month for this youth group designed especially for our fourth & fifth graders from 10:30-11:30 AM in St. Paul's gym.



Confirmation Youth Group

All sixth through eighth graders are invited to our Confirmation Youth Group on the second & fourth Sundays of every month from 10:30 AM-12 PM in the gym & YAM (youth & music ministries' office) of St. Paul's.



Confirmation Camp at Camp Lutherlyn

Confirmation Youth Group students should be signing up for ConfirCamp at www.Lutherlyn.com from June 16-21. See Pastor Erik if you would like further details.



Want to help our youth & young adults make their way to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering? Scan the QR code to give directly to our youth program!

Congregational Fellowship

Breakfast Group

Breakfast Group meets on Monday, May 6 at 8:30 AM at Perkins at 4403 Peach St. in Erie. All are welcome & responsible for their own meals.



Well-Watered Disciples Men's Fellowship Group

Well-Watered Disciples meets next on Tuesday, May 21 at 6 PM. Location TBA.



Child Development Center (CDC) Ministries



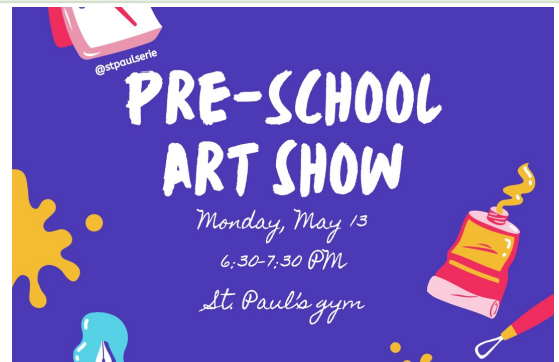
Child Development Center is currently hiring! We are looking for teachers for our school-aged program, as well as a floater for our toddler classroom. Interested? Send resume to CDCAssistant@stpaulserie.org.

We are also busy planning our summer program! There is currently a waiting list for this program, but if you are interested in more information, contact Nancy Dahlquist at CDCDirector@stpaulserie.org or 814-833-1761, ext. 124.

Pre-School Ministries

May is going to be marvelous! So much happening as we wrap up the year. This month we will have our Art Show, summer birthday celebration day, silly day, and end-of-the year family picnic. We wish all the best to the children moving to kindergarten.

All are invited to join our Pre-School students and their families celebrate the end of the school year with an art show and reception in St. Paul's gym on Monday, May 13 from 6:30-7:30 PM. As we prepare for the Art Show, we are looking for **cookie donations and/or raffle basket items with the following themes: movie/date night, beach & games**— inside or outside. Please drop off all donations, clearly labeled, in the church kitchen by Wednesday, May 8.



We also have two teachers retiring at the end of this school year— Tammi Ferrante and Sallie DiPlacido. We would like to thank Tammi and Sallie for all their years of love they have given our children and families. They will be missed, but we wish them well in their new adventures.

As a result, we are hiring a new teacher for our Monday, Wednesday, Friday Lintraditional classes, beginning September 2024. Applicants must have a love of learning. Prior experience is a plus, but not a requirement. Hours are 8:30-3:30 PM. Send resume & cover letter to PSDirector@stpaulserie.org.

Questions? Contact Julie Deitz at PSDirector@stpaulserie.org or 814-833-1761, ext. 115.

May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00am Scripture Study 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Scouts BSA Troop Meeting 8:00pm Basketball	2 6:30pm Scouts BSA Troop Meeting	3 6:30pm Scouts BSA Troop Meeting 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous Marble Group	4 8:00am Synod Day of Learning 12:00pm Promotion Ceremony Setup 5:00pm Worship
5 9:00am Children's Church (pre-K-3 grade) 9:00am Worship 10:30am Pastor Erik's Promotion Ceremony	6 8:30am Breakfast Group 6:30pm Ministry Board Meeting	7 9:00am Patchwork of Love Quilting Ministry 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting	8 9:00am Scripture Study 6:30pm Scouts BSA Troop Meeting 8:00pm Basketball	9 6:30pm Scouts BSA Troop Meeting	10 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous Marble Group	11 5:00pm Hines Baptism 5:00pm Worship
12 Mother's Day 9:00am Worship 10:30am Confirmation Youth Group (6-8 grades)	13 5:30pm Security Team Meeting 6:30pm Pre-School Art Show 6:30pm Worship Team Meeting	14 9:00am Patchwork of Love Quilting Ministry 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting 6:30pm Faith Formation Team Meeting	15 <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i> 9:00am Scripture Study 6:30pm Scouts BSA Troop Meeting 8:00pm Basketball	16 6:30pm Scouts BSA Troop Meeting	17 Pre-School End-of-the-Year Picnic 6:30pm Scouts BSA Troop Meeting 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous Marble Group	18 5:00pm Worship
19 Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:30am 4/5 Club (4 & 5 Grades)	20 6:15pm Church Council Meeting	21 9:00am Patchwork of Love Quilting Ministry 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting 6:00pm Well-Watered Disciples	22 9:00am Scripture Study 6:30pm Scouts BSA Troop Meeting 8:00pm Basketball	23 6:30pm Scouts BSA Troop Meeting	24 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous Marble Group	25 5:00pm Worship
26 Trinity Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:30am Confirmation Youth Group (6-8 grades)	27 Memorial Day	28 9:00am Patchwork of Love Quilting Ministry 6:00pm ECE Board Meeting 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting	29 9:00am Scripture Study 6:30pm Scouts BSA Troop Meeting 8:00pm Basketball	30 4:00pm Holy Trinity Hot Dog Supper 6:30pm Scouts BSA Troop Meeting	31 6:30pm Scouts BSA Troop Meeting 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous Marble Group	

Worship Assistants

Date	Event	Greeters	Ushers	Assist Minister/ Reader	Communion Assistant
May 4	6 Easter	Cheryl Till & June Kessler	Zech/Chiapa Team	Joanne Erikson	Jim Scott
May 12	7 Easter	Cheryl Till & June Kessler	Kessler/Szymanowicz Team	Erich Zech	Debbie DeCoursey
May 19	Pentecost	Cheryl Till & June Kessler	Curtis Team	Karen Marzka	Gretchen Andrews
May 26	The Holy Trinity	Cheryl Till & June Kessler	Wright Team	Greg Zimmerman	Kelly Zimmerman