



# St. Paul's Scope

A Faithful and Welcoming Church

May 2025

Playing games often makes me feel annoyed. When I was growing up, playing games was always connected to being sick or worrying about getting in trouble. Because of this, I don't find games relaxing at all. Even simple things like playing a card game or basketball can frustrate me.

It's not that I never relax. I find peace in talking with people, reading, and especially being completely quiet. Lately, I need total silence, sometimes for hours, with so much going on. Silence feels special, and it's harder and harder to find.

Interestingly, even in religion, people often focus more on doing things than on quiet reflection and waiting. This is a typical pattern. An old saying from the East says, "You can only see your reflection in still water." This means that the busyness and distractions in our lives need to calm down before we can truly understand ourselves. This is hard because we're constantly getting notifications on our phones, emails, social media, and life updates so fast.

But one thing is for sure: God isn't in a rush. He waited long for Noah's generation to change their ways, but only a few did. Even when Jesus was on earth, he didn't seem hurried. He let Lazarus die before bringing him back to life. He didn't tell his followers exactly when he would return. As the Bible says, "The Lord isn't slow in keeping his promise, as some people think. Instead, he is patient with you, because he doesn't want anyone to be lost, but for everyone to turn away from their sins" (2 Peter 3:9).

Try to make time each day to "be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). When the distractions quiet down and your mind becomes still, you'll see your true self more clearly. I believe this true self is the best and most real version of you, the one that shows who Jesus is most clearly.

You are loved!

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Attendance for the Month of April				
Date	8:00am	10:15am	Sunday School	Online Viewers
4/6	A 81 / C 6	A 68 / C 15	A 24 / C 28	591
4/13	A 74 / C 4	A 75 / C 13	A 13 / C 33	640
4/20	A 129 / C 10	A 154 / C 38	A 32 / C 7	602
4/27	A 63 / C 3	A 82 / C 5	A 17 / C 14	437
Lent Services	4/02 — 34/1	04/9 — 51/0	04/17 — 45/5	4/18 - 80/3

Sunday Volunteer Schedule					
Time	Date	Council Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Lector
<b>8:00</b>	May 4	Tom Heppermann	Dale Lickenbrock	Camden Junge	Donna Smoker
		Brian Rippelmeyer	Kathy Lickenbrock		
	May 11	Kim Borja	Mary Endsley	Alise Freebairn	Lynn Gipson
		April Beisiegel	Debbie Ross		
	May 18	Kathy Lickenbrock	Pat Smoker	Camden Junge	Jeanie Stumpf
		Tom Heppermann	Donna Smoker		
	May 25	Brian Rippelmeyer	Stan Niemann	Tara Beisiegel	Scott Weber
		Kim Borja	Cheri Emge		
	June 1	April Beisiegel	Scott Weber	Tara Beisiegel	Tami Hughes
		Kathy Lickenbrock	Julie Weber		
<b>10:15</b>	May 4	Tom Heiken	Angela Kurburski	Dean Shaw	Amy Walton
		Julie Rickert	Matthew Kurburski		
	May 11	Chad Lindauer	Jim Kaiser	Audrey Lawson	Dean Huston
		Lee Hartmann	Lori Kaiser		
	May 18	Amy Walton	Betty Weber	Emily Kuhn	Julie Rickert
		Lauren Borger	Sharon Klann		
	May 25	David Mitchell	Jim Jacobs	Ryleigh Ribes	Teresa Huston
		Tom Heiken	Char Jacobs		
	June 1	Julie Rickert	Tom Heiken	Ryleigh Ribes	Donna Asbridge
		Chad Lindauer	Robin Heiken		

If you are scheduled to serve, please remember that we are counting on you!  
 If you cannot attend, switch with another volunteer and let the office know. Thank you!

# ... VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES ...

Acolyte Schedule		
Date	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
May 4	Camden Junge	Dean Shaw
May 11	Alise Freebairn	Audrey Lawson
May 18	Camden Junge	Emily Kuhn
May 25	Tara Beisiegel	Ryleigh Ribes
June 1	Tara Beisiegel	Ryleigh Ribes
June 8 Confirmation	Tenley Heppermann	Owen Inselmann

Communion Set-up/Clean-up			
Date	Set-Up	After 8:00 am	After 10:15am
May 4	Jim & Char Jacobs	Lisa McDonald Jill Kettler	Lauren Borger
June 1	Debbie Ross	Sandy Dickens Jeanie Stumpf	Jim & Char Jacobs

Audio/Video Volunteer Schedule				
Time	Date	Sound	Projectionist	Camera
8:00	May 4	Sandi Haege	Alexis Haege	Scott Weber
	May 11	Sandi Haege	Alexis Haege	Gregg Haege
	May 18	Sandi Haege	Alexis Haege	Scott Weber
	May 25	Sandi Haege	Alexis Haege	Gregg Haege
	June 1	Sandi Haege	Alexis Haege	Scott Weber
10:15	May 4	Sandi Haege	Roger Skaer	Sean Haack
	May 11	Sandi Haege	Lori Kaiser	Jim Kaiser
	May 18	Sandi Haege	Sean Haack	Jerry Ruhmann
	May 25	Sandi Haege	Roger Skaer	Sean Haack
	June 1	Sandi Haege	Lori Kaiser	Jim Kaiser

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS**  
are done between church services in the parlor.

May 11	Phyllis Ellerbusch
June 8	Jeanie Stumpf

**BENEVOLENCE OFFERING**  
The Benevolence offerings that you mark on your envelopes each month are Second Mile offerings for special mission projects.

**Our April offering for Pastor's Discretionary Fund was \$165.**

May benevolence offerings will be for the

**Outlet Meals.**

**Thank you!**



The *deadline* for articles to be included in the **JUNE 2025 SCOPE** is **May 25th**

## ... Ways to Donate & Love Your Neighbors ...



Food Pantry needs for the month of **May** are:

**canned sweet potatoes, canned stewed tomatoes, various jams and jellies, cereal, toothpaste, and bathroom tissue.**

Food Collection Sunday is May 11th.

The Pantry appreciates your donations and support!



St. Paul's loans out clean, gently used medical equipment. If you or a loved one are in need of some type of medical equipment, contact the church office to check on availability.

### HOSPITALIZED OR NEEDING MEDICAL CARE LAST MONTH



Bennie Schafale  
Mark Vernier  
Charles Ross



The Church Mice needs volunteers to help around the church.

Interested, contact Char Jacobs!

### NEED AN EASIER WAY TO GIVE?

Simply text "GIVE" to (618) 552-9327 or scan this QR code!

**OR...**Set up "Bill Pay" at your bank. Your bank will mail a check to St. Paul's for you for **FREE!**



Please remember to check your mail bin in the office if you or your committee has one. Thanks!



# Mother's ARE AAAH-MAZING!

LADIES - JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST, RELAXATION  
AND FUN AT THE "SPA" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUNDAY | MAY 11 | 9:05AM

## CHURCH CLASSES OR COMMITTEES - DO YOU NEED SUPPLIES?

Contact the church office if you need supplies. Please keep in mind that it takes approximately one week for orders to be delivered.



[churchoffice@stpaulsfreeburg.org](mailto:churchoffice@stpaulsfreeburg.org)

OR

[bookkeeper@stpaulsfreeburg.org](mailto:bookkeeper@stpaulsfreeburg.org)

## MEMORIAL DAY

*Remember And Honor*



**MAY 26 OFFICE CLOSED**



## ...Ministries ...



## Utility Assistance

To Receive Utility Assistance:

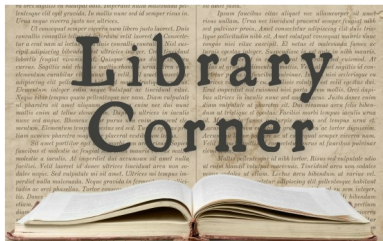
- ◆ Must be a member of St. Paul's or live in the Freeburg School District.
- ◆ Can only receive assistance once a calendar year.
- ◆ Must have driver's license or ID showing address of utility bill.
- ◆ Call the church office if you or someone you know is in need of assistance.

**VBS 2025**  
**June 25-27**  
**9:00am—11:30am**

Ages 4 yrs—5th Grade

Can you help? Volunteers are needed as **Group Leaders** to simply lead our children from station to station and help them have a great time!

If you can help, contact Sean Haack at [seanhaack04@gmail.com](mailto:seanhaack04@gmail.com) or 314-939-8448.



Lots of great books are available in our church library located in the Ministry Center.

Stop by and check it out!

# Thank You!

- A big thanks to Paden Muskopf and Matt Amann for replacing the rope on the church's flagpole.
- Thank you to everyone that baked, bought or donated to the Women's Guild Bake Sale. The total raised was \$1,112.
- A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped with, attended, and supported the Trivia Event to support DuBois Center. Not only did you contribute enough money to buy a horse, but there is enough money to get a good start on Hammock Village. DuBois is actively searching for two new horses thanks to you!!! An extra shout out of thanks to Nolan Shook and Bill Hughes for cooking the meal, Barb Johnson and Brenda Lovins for helping in the kitchen, Kris Mack for pitching in on the clean up, Karen Gipson and Carol Young for serving as judges and being in charge of tickets and money, Sandy Dickens and Julie Rickert for overall help with the event, Urban Baum for making vases for the tables, and the many wonderful silent auction basket contributors. A \$3,000 donation in Ethel Skaer's name certainly helped us reach our goal, but everyone was extremely generous in helping to raise \$6,323.

Tami Hughes

- Thank you for your generous 2024 year-end donation to DuBois Center. Your gift helps support our ongoing ministry. In 2025, we are excited to continue living into our mission statement.

Gratefully, Leah & Jason Petry  
Co-Interim Executive Directors

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



5/01 Bill Hughes  
 5/03 Tabitha Amann  
 5/06 Joseph Pruett  
 5/07 Virginia Capone  
 5/07 Duane Forcade  
 5/07 Zoe Rhutasel  
 5/07 Bennie Schafale  
 5/09 Delilah Foster  
 5/10 Josh Gaebe  
 5/10 Mary Wandling  
 5/11 Jim Kaiser  
 5/13 Johanna Crecelius  
 5/13 John Whitmore  
 5/14 Jacey Trentman  
 5/14 Raegen Trentman  
 5/15 Brian Oeltjen  
 5/16 Michael Adamson  
 5/17 Sean Haack  
 5/17 Anna Neff  
 5/18 Carol Young  
 5/22 Adelila Baker  
 5/22 Nolan Green  
 5/22 Tim Pruett  
 5/22 Ryan Tewell

5/24 Vicki Gaffney  
 5/24 James Harms  
 5/24 Claire Walker  
 5/25 Julie Rickert  
 5/26 Gregg Haege  
 5/26 Sierra Harding  
 5/27 Kim Borja  
 5/27 Lydia Lindauer  
 5/28 Behr Adamson  
 5/28 Davida Favre  
 5/30 Dennis Mensinger



5/01 Dean & Teresa Huston 29 Years  
 5/02 Bryan & Ruth Vogel 38 Years  
 5/12 Jim & Jill Kettler 35 Years  
 5/18 Allen & Ann Castens 51 Years  
 5/20 Gene & Pam Kramer 47 Years  
 5/26 Craig & Carol Brazelton 41 Years  
 5/27 Dustin & April Nail 25 Years  
 5/28 Gary & Chris Mack 31 Years



## Sunday Schedule

8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship

9:05 am Sunday School

Children's Church 10:15 am (Kinder through 4th Grade Students)

Nursery Services Provided 10:15am (Pre-K through Entering Kinder)

First Sunday of the Month – Communion Observed During Both Worship Services

## MAY

05/01	9:00am	Painting	05/15	9:00am 5:00pm	Painting Pantry
05/04		Communion	05/20	7:00pm	Church Council
05/05	6:15pm	Cinco De Mayo E & O Meeting	05/23	9:00am	Food & Clothing Sale
05/06	2:00pm 7:00pm	Pantry B & G Meeting	05/25		Scope Deadline
05/11		<b>Mother's Day</b> Blood Pressure Checks Food Collection Sunday	05/26		<b>Memorial Day</b> Office Closed
05/13	Noon 2:00pm 7:00pm	Women's Guild Pantry F & C Bank Meeting	05/27	6:30pm	Stephen Ministry

### Weekly Schedule

**7th & 8th Grade Confirmation:** Sunday 9:15 am

**Bible Study:** Sunday 9:05 am, Tuesday at 7:00 pm (Zoom)

**C.S. Lewis Bible Study:** Monday 7:15 pm

**Quilting:** Tuesday & Thursday at 8:30 am (Ministry Building)

**Boy Scouts:** Tuesday 7:00 pm (Basement)

**Choir Rehearsal:** Wednesday at 6:00 pm

**The Outlet:** Wednesday 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm (Youth Room)

**Faith Journey Rehearsal:** Wednesday at 7:00 pm

**"Reconfirmation":** Thursday at 7:00 pm (Ministry Building) Bible Study with Pastor Lovins

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### **Worship Services:**

Sunday 8:00 & 10:15 AM  
Sunday School 9:05 AM  
Children's Church 10:15 AM

