



From the *Pastor's* desk

“⁶ For I the LORD do not change...” (Malachi 3:6 ESV) These words come to us from God himself through the prophecy of Malachi, the last book of the Old Testament. This chapter of the prophecy opens with the words: “¹ Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.” (Malachi 3:1 ESV) With these words was a new day about to dawn upon the kingdom of man, a new day of grace, not law, a day of forgiveness, not condemnation, a new day of love, not fruitless works. Within these words was conceived the prophecy of the birth of St. John the Baptist who would prepare the way for the Christ, our Lord and Savior, the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. With these words was a change announced; yet, God declares that He does not change.

We humans, God’s created, struggle with change. That is evident from the book of Genesis throughout the book of Revelation. Even when change is for our own good, do we resist. Consider the moanings of the Israelites when God, through Moses, freed them from the slavery of the Egyptians. Consider how the Jewish church, its Pharisees and Sadducees and scribes greeted the change announced with the incarnation of Jesus with hate and disdain. Consider how we ourselves react to change when we fail to keep in mind that God is in control; that “²⁸ ...for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28 ESV)

Yes, often with change come trials; however, God presents those trials to strengthen us in His Word, to bring us to Him. Listen to the words of the introduction to the prophecy of Malachi in the Lutheran Study Bible: “Heat and flame from glowing coals caress the bottom of a pot full of powdery ore. Slowly the ore begins to weep drops of lead mixed with silver, which flow to the bottom of the pot, lifting the dirt and debris that resist the heat. When the contents are poured out and cooled, the dirt breaks away, leaving a purer alloy that is ready to be heated and refined yet again.” (Lutheran Study Bible, p.1543) Such is how the test of change works in us to purify us and bring us closer to our God as through His Spirit are we sanctified in the Word, He who for us died on the cross of grace and mercy.

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church is facing change. Keep these words in your hearts and minds. Know that the God who is the same – yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8 ESV) – holds you in the palm of His hand. He will not let this world separate you from Him; yet will He seek to refine you through change that you are better prepared to do His will, serving He who created you, glorifying Him as You proclaim the name of Christ Jesus.

This is my last newsletter for I too face change in new ways with new opportunities. View this time as a time of opportunity for you and embrace it. Pray for the guidance of the Triune God. Continue to come together in Divine Worship and in prayer that the unity of the heart remains as you move forward, ever looking to that great and glorious day when our Lord and Savior calls us to our true home with Him in peace everlasting.

God’s blessings to all,
Pastor David Reber, Jr.

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The special Commemorative postage stamps you have been sending in will go towards missions so keep them coming!!

Chancel Circle welcomes donations of flowers for Worship Services. Living Flowers & Plants are requested as offerings to our Lord. Just let the office know the date you want to provide them and instructions for after they are used.



CIRCLE MEETINGS

Wednesday, July 2nd—6:30 PM — Community Service Circle at 2018 Lantern Lane

Hostess: All— annual Picnic
Devotions: Kathy Wuerflein
Topic: Veta Wheeler
Project: Donation to School Lunch Program

Wednesday, July 3rd — 12:30 PM — Visiting Circle

Wednesday, July 3rd — 1:00 PM — Service Circle

Hostess: Charlene McHenry
Topic: Darla Albright

Wednesday, July 8th — 6:00 PM—Chancel Circle

Altar Care & Hostess: Jane Brown

The next general meeting will be held Monday, July 29th at the Eastside Community Center at 6:00 PM. Please join us!



Updated church directories will be printed in July. Please notify the office by July 1st if you want to update your information.

CELL PHONES, INK CARTRIDGES etc.- LWML thanks you for helping us recycle these items.....you will find a complete list of other items we take on the bulletin boards in the cafeteria and also by the East Office Entry. Just a reminder WE cannot take any EPSON cartridges.....or leaking cartridges. We can not accept any cartridges marked “Remanufactured For”, or “Compatible With” or any refilled cartridges. Toner bottles, toner tubes for copiers, fax film and printer ribbons are not accepted for recycling. Please save your original box to pack the used cartridges OR use a ziploc bag.

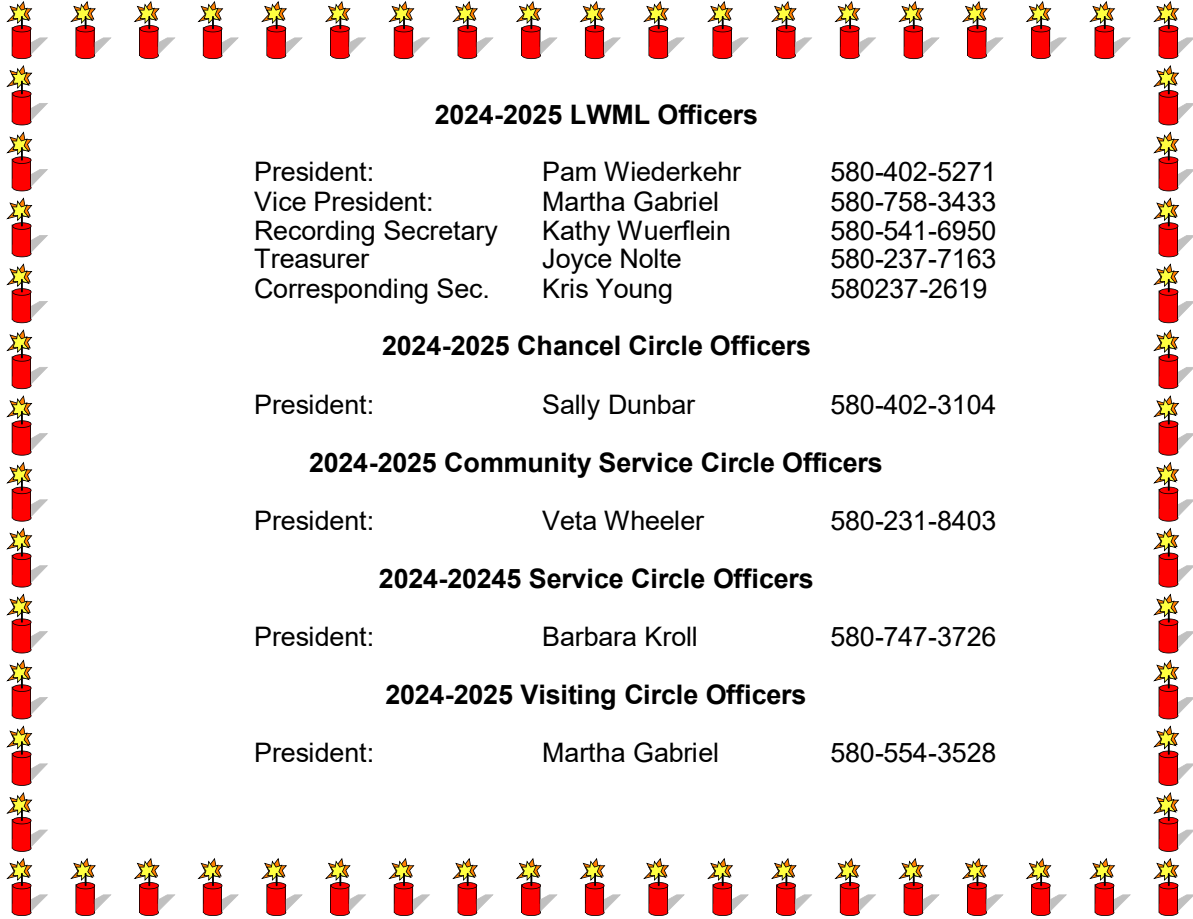
JULY is MITE MONTH!!

Noisy offering for July goes to LWML to help with their mission work through the world. The ladies at St. Paul’s appreciate all those who give to our mission work and want you to know how we look forward to all the missions this goes to help. Thank you for giving so generously. The noisy offering cans are located in the narthex for your convenience.



LWML

Lutheran Women *in Mission*



2024-2025 LWML Officers

President:	Pam Wiederkehr	580-402-5271
Vice President:	Martha Gabriel	580-758-3433
Recording Secretary	Kathy Wuerflein	580-541-6950
Treasurer	Joyce Nolte	580-237-7163
Corresponding Sec.	Kris Young	580237-2619

2024-2025 Chancel Circle Officers

President:	Sally Dunbar	580-402-3104
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2024-2025 Community Service Circle Officers

President:	Veta Wheeler	580-231-8403
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2024-20245 Service Circle Officers

President:	Barbara Kroll	580-747-3726
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2024-2025 Visiting Circle Officers

President:	Martha Gabriel	580-554-3528
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Elders are hosting a Potluck Brunch for Pastor Reber's retirement party immediately after the 9:00 AM Church Service on July 28th in the church basement.



BULLETIN BOARD

This page will be dedicated for our members who have their own business and would like to put the word out about it. If you are in the need of any type of service please check out this page first to see if there is a member that can provide the service to you. Let's join together to help support each other!

**“Enid Dental Care
Stephanie Herbst DDS
Dennis Morehart DDS
2411 Heritage Trail #4
Enid, Oklahoma 73703
(580) 237-2213**

“Give us a call if you are looking for a dental home!”

**Jenny Smithson—Broker Associate
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Cell: 580-747-6225**

**Call me for all your real estate needs!
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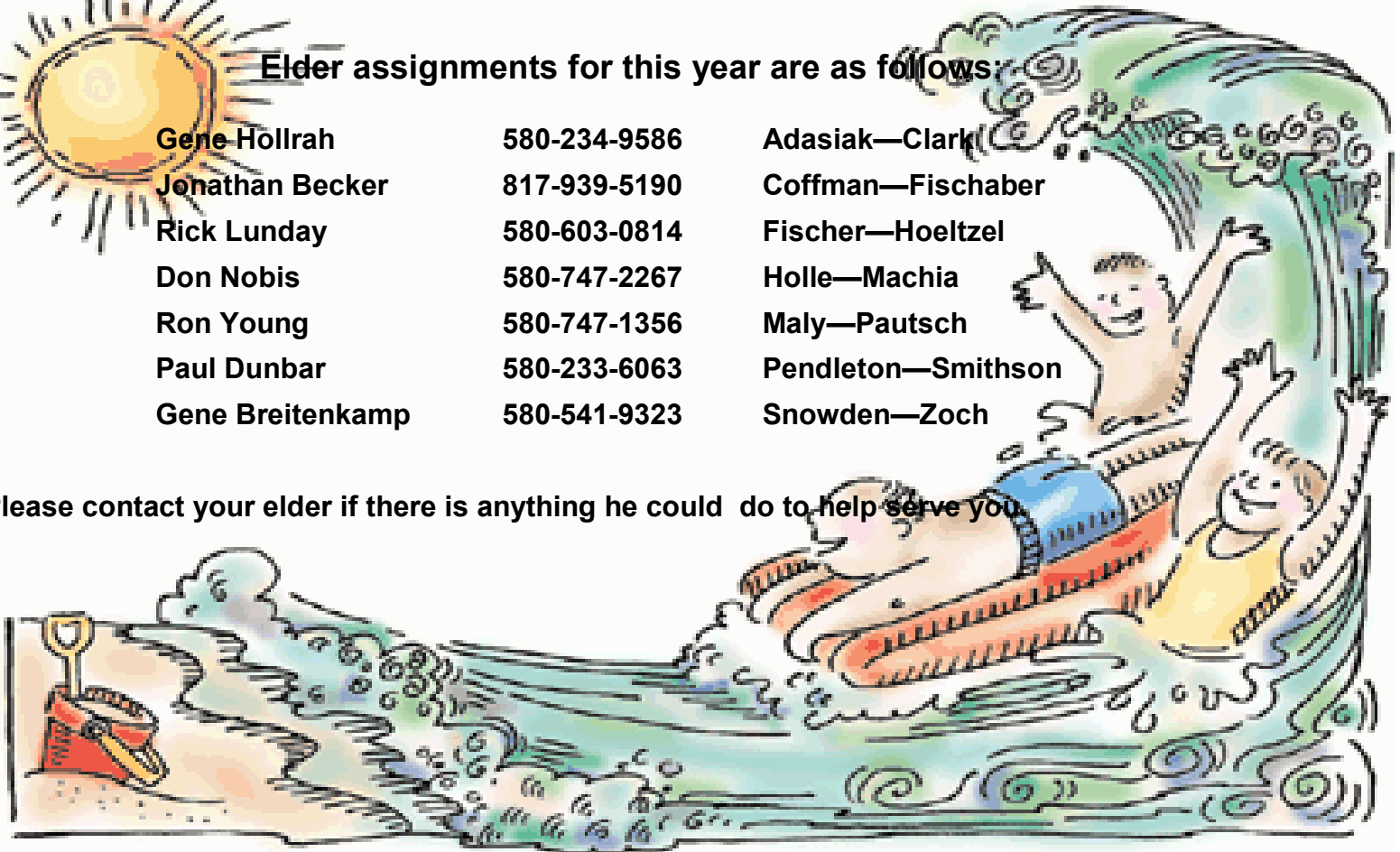


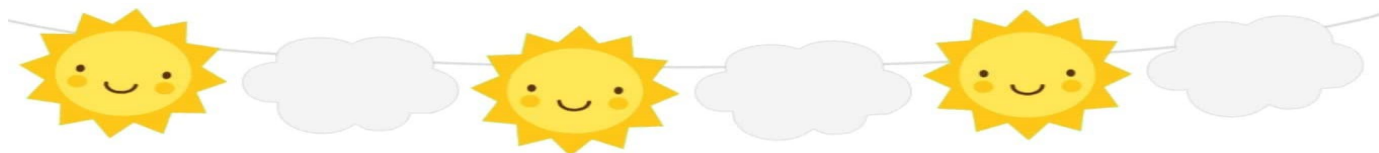
Elder assignments for this year are as follows:

Gene Hollrah	580-234-9586
Jonathan Becker	817-939-5190
Rick Lunday	580-603-0814
Don Nobis	580-747-2267
Ron Young	580-747-1356
Paul Dunbar	580-233-6063
Gene Breitenkamp	580-541-9323

Adasiak—Clark
Coffman—Fischaber
Fischer—Hoeltzel
Holle—Machia
Maly—Pautsch
Pendleton—Smithson
Snowden—Zoch

Please contact your elder if there is anything he could do to help serve you.





STEWARDSHIP

Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of God's family—the church—in managing life's resources for his purposes. It involves using what God has given us according to His purposes for use in our vocations in home, church and society. It is about the generosity of our Lord toward us in Jesus and our Holy Spirit-inspired response of generosity towards others.

LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

The June Rates are now out. For current interest rates, Call "Dial-a-Rate" at: 1-800-THE LCEF



Financial Professional Bob Morgenthaler is the Thrivent representative for Enid. He is available for questions or concerns you have on your insurance and investments products. Bob has been with Thrivent for 21 years. The office is located at 201 N Grand Ave, on the Northeast corner of Randolph and Grand. The office is Suite #510. Please call ahead to schedule appointments at 918-406-7029. You may also email at :

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FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF May 31st

Offering to Date	\$479,504
Year to Date—Income	\$711,738
Year to Date—Expenses	\$876,392



Birthdays of the Month



- 1 - Mateo Hong
- 8 - Watson Burdick
Joshua Koehn
Valera Sheets
- 10 - Dustin Albright
Paul Stephen Fisher
Mike Helberg
- 11 - Brooks LaBrue
Justin Wiederkehr
Andrew Wiederkehr
- 12 - Don Herth
- 13 - Marie Jordahl
- 15 - Kaleb Ingels
Rylie Navarro
- 17 - Jimmy Balisle
Joe Felton
Alexzander Lunday
Tim Riesen
- 19 - Robert Sims
- 20 - Caleb Ellington
Max Heim
Marilyn Hoeltzel
Linda Stong
- 22 - BoDean Free
- 23 - Doug Cole
Katie Hedges
Mona Webb
- 24 - Leah Fulk
- 26 - Lexie Pendleton
- 27 - Pat Dresser
- 28 - Aaron Gabriel
Gene Hollrah

There is a time
for everything,
and a season for every
activity under heaven...



- 29 - Nancy Long
- 30 - Mary Light
- 31 - Jonathan Becker
Carla Burdick
Lindy Eck

Birthday Greetings




Anniversaries this Month

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 - Roy & Cynthia Allen | 17 - Bryce & Kara Kvasnicka |
| 12 - David & Mechele Riesen | 22 - Derek & Colleen Gabriel |
| 13 - Casey & Melissa LaBrue | 28 - Phil & Jane Sutter |
| 16 - Joe & Marjorie Chandler | 30 - John & Rhonda Lamle |





Children's Ministry Team meets on the first Thursday of every month, at 5:00 PM in the all purpose room.



Senior Adults Ministry Potluck Luncheon will be held on the LAST Wednesday of each month at 11:30 AM at the Eastside Community Center (1810 E. Broadway Ave.)



Dominoes Group meets each 1st & 3rd Monday at 10:00 AM at the Eastside Community Center. (1810 E. Broadway Ave.)



Join us during our Sunday School hour at 10:15 AM. We have a class for age 3 through grade 12 and two adult classes. Adults meet in the basement and Library. Children meet in the all purpose room



Balance & Strength exercise class meets every Tuesday & Thursday at 11:00 AM at the Eastside Community Center. (1810 E. Broadway Ave.)



Ever wanted to learn to play cards, especially the game bridge? We have a bridge group that meets here two afternoons a week and they are willing to teach anyone who wants to learn. It's a great time of fellowship and fun. They meet on Mondays and Thursdays at the Eastside Community Center. (1810 E. Broadway Ave.)



We meet to play Pinochle on the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Eastside Community Center (1810 E. Broadway Ave.). We would love for you to join us! We'd be happy to teach you how to play.



Men's Bible Study Breakfast
Meet at Boomerang — located at 721 S. Oakwood Rd.— at 7:00 a.m. each Friday



**THE FOLLOWING ARE CHANGES
MADE SINCE THE PRINTING OF
THE JUNE NEWSLETTER**



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Hong**

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Kingfisher, OK 73750

Tommy Deterding
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office@stpaulsenid.com.

We send out prayer
requests, hospital news
and reminders of special
events.



With Deepest Sympathy



*Please keep the family of friends of
Don Herth in your prayers. Don
passed away on June 20, 2024. His
service was held here at St. Paul's on
June 24, with Rev. Reber and Rev.
Wade officiating. He was laid to rest
at Memorial Park under the direction
of Ladusau Evans Funeral Home.*



Memorial Gifts

In memory of Esther Mittelstet -

Memorials were made to **St. Paul's Lutheran School** by Linda Lohse, Ron & Kris Young, and Laird & Sandra Bartels

In memory of Walter Lemke -

Memorials were made to **St. Paul's Lutheran School** by Ron & Kris Young

In memory of Marjorie Chandler -

Memorials were made to **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** by Ron & Kris Young, Mrs. W. E. Benkendorf & Tai Chivaluksna

In memory of Harlan, Kevin & Brett Ragoss -

Memorials were made to **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** by Linda Ragoss



**GIVE
BLOOD
SAVE
LIFE**



There will be a blood drive in the parking lot on Sunday, July 7th from 12:00 PM—3:00 PM. To avoid wait times, you are welcome to call ahead to the office and schedule an appointment.



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MOVIE NIGHT

We would like to welcome you to the July family movie night!

July 28th

5:00 PM at the Eastside Community Center (1810 E. Broadway Ave.)



If you would like to continue or add a subscription to the Lutheran Witness, beginning October 2024, OR if you would like to cancel, please notify the office by August 1st. Please update address changes as well. The cost will be \$24.75/year. Please make check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and write Lutheran Witness in the memo line.



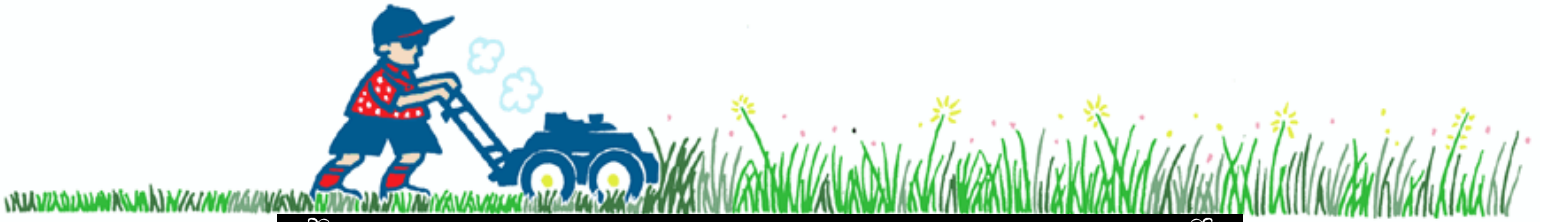
Branson Christmas show extravaganza

November 4th -8th, 2024--\$850.00

4 nights-- 8 meals-- admission to 6 shows-- including Dalena Dittos' Country Evolution, Doug Gabriel Morning Show; a Neil Diamond tribute show—evening shows include the Haygoods Christmas Show, Hughes Brothers Christmas Show, & Laugh your Yak-Off Christmas Show featuring Yakov Smirnoff.

Deposit deadline July 4th, 2024

See Kathy Grantz for reservations or call at 580-548-3329



2024~2025 Church Council Officers

Chairman:
Ron Young

Chairman Elect:
Paul Dunbar

Secretary:
Sherri Lunday

Treasurer:
Laura Burdick

Head Elder
Gene Hollrah

Members at Large:
Stephen Fisher
Layton Heitfeld
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Stewardship Chairman:
Gerald Nolte

Evangelism Chairman:
Martha Gabriel

Properties Chairman:
Mason Grittman

School Board Chairman:
Jennifer Miller





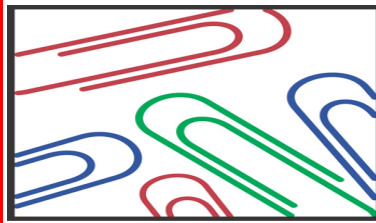
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The Mission at St. Paul's Lutheran Church is:

*Preach and Teach to ALL,
Comfort and Support those in need!*



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS

The Church/School Office hours are from 7:30 AM—3:30 PM. If you call prior to or after these hours, please leave a message. If it is an emergency please contact Pastor Reber at (918) 625-5876.

Thank You!



Contact Stephen Wiederkehr if you can help out! (580) 402-4109



2024 Vacation Bible School

July 14th

4:30—6:30 PM

July 15th-18th

9:00—11:00 AM

**St. Paul's Eastside Community Center
1810 E. Broadway Ave.**