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The Church On The Hill*

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Pastor's Message

So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Luke 15:20

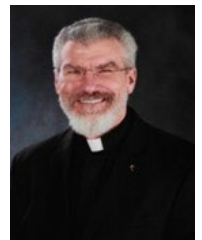
June is the month we celebrate our dads on the third Sunday. This year it falls on June 18th. This is a special day set aside to give honor to those men who shared in our nurturing and raising. Sadly, not all fathers are equal in the care and nurture of their children. There is a saying that goes, "any man can be a father, but it takes a special man to be a dad." The intent, is that special men go out of their way to put their children first, to care for them, love them, and always be available for them. Sometimes these special men are not the biological father of the child but someone else who stepped in and became their dad. Often these men are grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, and good men who married the child's mother and loved her children as his own.

Biological fathers and special fathers who care and love their children are a blessing that makes all the difference in a child's life. To know that kind of love, that places a child before their own needs, is the most precious feeling a child can know.

I think celebrating these fathers on a Sunday is most appropriate as it is the day we gather at St. Paul's church to celebrate and honor our Father who art in Heaven. The verse I chose above for this message comes from the parable Jesus told that we know as the "Prodigal son." It is a lesson our Lord teaches us about the true love of a father for his child. Even though the man's son did not do as he should have, and he demanded his inheritance and squandered it away, he was still loved by his father. We hear in the parable how the prodigal son's father faithfully waited and watched for the return of his wayward son. When that day arrived, the father immediately ran to his son, giving him hugs and kisses. This is the story of our God, our Father in Heaven, who has great love and compassion for each of us, his children. No matter the wayward ways we may go, and the sinful ways we may choose to act, our Heavenly Father is patient, and filled with compassion. He accepts us the way we are, and throws his arms around us in hugs and give us kisses of forgiveness.

I pray your earthly father was a special dad who treated you in this way and loved you unconditionally. If he wasn't, I pray you know the love of your Heavenly Father who always will be that Father. **Amen.**

Your servant in Christ Jesus,
Pastor David Viles



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Lori Meyer
- 6 Ron Loesch
- 6 Rose Strobel
- 8 Luke Frasher
- 8 Becky Weber
- 8 Jason Wood
- 9 Jahanna Koestner
- 10 Brenda Heidbreder
- 11 Roger Pennell
- 13 Larah Russell
- 13 Patricia Collins
- 14 Stacy Bubach
- 14 Kelly Grunden
- 15 Abby Rhodes
- 15 Leland Stewart
- 16 Andrew Steele
- 18 Heather Morgans
- 20 Denny Linhardt
- 20 Bethanee Plochberger
- 20 Dalton Garner
- 27 Shirley Loesch
- 28 Gary Hanks
- 28 Angie Stubinger
- 29 Laurie Koestner
- 29 Sharron Schneiders
- 30 Price Tschirg

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Month/Day	Attendance Phys./Virtual	Offering
<i>April 30</i>	<i>74 / 105</i>	<i>\$ 1,480.00</i>
<i>MAY 07</i>	<i>82 / 116</i>	<i>\$ 2,979.87</i>
<i>MAY 14</i>	<i>95 / 123</i>	<i>\$ 3,008.00</i>
<i>MAY 21</i>	<i>52 / 94</i>	<i>\$ 1,931.00</i>
<i>MAY 28</i>	<i>71 / 96</i>	<i>\$ 2,556.00</i>

Additional Income:

St. Paul's Carpet Fund: In memory of Lester Linsenhardt, our church has set up a fund to replace the carpet in the Narthex, Sanctuary, stairs and upper area and possibly the Sunday School / Office areas. Feel free to contribute as the Holy Spirit leads you. **Currently the fund has \$2,520.00.**

Special Thanks to Marvin Bubach, for mowing the Church Hill and making it look so beautiful, like a park.

"Christ In Our Home" new issue is in the Narthex Rack.

Thank you Pastor Kimberly Knowle - Zeller

Pastor Kim presided over worship service at St. Paul's on Mother's Day, May 14, 2023, while Pastor David took some time off for some much needed rest.



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Lori & Paul Meyer 1990
- 6 Abbie & Paula Linsenhardt 1981
- 7 Jonathan & Laura Kalaf 2014
- 7 Gary & Audrey Bunch 1975
- 12 Richard & Rosemary Heidbreder 1976
- 12 Leon & Elda Pistel 1965
- 13 Andrew & Kara Richart 2019
- 13 Kevin & Tracy Pistel 2015
- 18 Nicole & Andy Benne 1994
- 22 Jake & Sonya Loesch 2019
- 27 Scott & Cori Soell 1986
- 27 Delores & Robert Vlach 1981

Continued prayers for:

Ladine Heidbreder, Donna Viles, Ruth Strobel, and Julie Carel.



We join our hearts in sympathy with the family of Bob Collins. He passed away on May 25, 2023. We keep this family in prayer for God's grace to bring them comfort and peace.



Kimberly Knowle - Zeller

Mama * Writer * Pastor I've lived in West Africa and one summer hiked 500 miles across Spain, and now I call Cole Camp, MO home with my husband, two children, and dog. I love to walk...



If you would like to receive Pastor Kim's newsletter and keep up with her writings, you may do so by clicking on the link below and enter your email address.

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Congregational Council Meeting, May 8, 2023

† On May 1st, 2023, Church Council President Zola Finch announced that members' activities reports would be submitted via e-mail, due to travel and unavoidable absences of several Council members. These Council minutes are based on e-mailed activity reports. Members submitting reports were Stacy Bubach, Jana Thompson, Kathy Meller, Delores Vlach, Kent Nelson, Dan Tschirgi, Church Treasurer Kay Pascoe and Pastor David Viles. Frank Pascoe collected all responses to formulate the minutes.

† Pastor David Viles submitted his monthly report to the Council members via text. He donated his mileage from April 1 to April 30th. His April meetings included Church Council on April 10th, Lohman Lions Club on the 13th, meetings with Basement Contractor April 18th, S.T.A.R.S. on April 19th, and Ministerial Alliance on April 24th. Pastor detailed over seven home and office visits with our parishioners and others; he opened the Church basement at 4:30 am for the Election Day activities. Pastor attended the Easter Sunrise service at Trinity ELCA in Russellville, where he did readings and sang in our choir. He officiated at a wedding rehearsal and wedding service for Abby Bubach in Linn, Mo. He created and emailed the May Epistle and the Sunday Bulletins for each April Sunday. He conducted two Communion Sunday worship services, two non-communion services, one Communion Maundy Thursday service, and one non-communion Good Friday service.

† The treasurer's report was submitted Kay Pascoe via email. Items to note are that the Basement Remodeling was completed. Total contributions were \$98,960 and total contractor payments were \$123,217.07, leaving a deficit of (\$24,357.07) in the account. Also, during April, the Lester Linsenbardt Memorials and Carpet Fund received \$2,270.00. Lenten offerings were distributed; \$460.72 to Coyote Hill and \$337.25 to Halo House. Our Current fund expenses exceeded gifts by (\$129.90) for the month of April.

Evangelism: Delores Vlach reported that on Sunday May 7th the Evangelism Committee honored our newest members, Sharron Schneiders and Debbie Raithel with a reception following worship. She gave thanks to Marie Scheperle and Trish Russell for decorating the tables and bulletin board and serving the cake and drinks, and to Donita Stubinger and Misty Schroeder for providing the food and drinks. Both new members were given a packet of items and mementoes pertaining to St. Paul's. Our other special guest was our newly baptized member, George Henry England and his family. Delores reported that we are still in need of hosts for the August Fellowship Coffee hour. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. On June 4th during the Fellowship Coffee hour 2023 graduates will be honored. Those we know of currently are Garrett Collins, Trevor Collins, Michelle Collins, Charlie Miller, Kambry Pistel, Jordan Russell, Emma Steele, and Landon Plochberger.

Technology: Dan Tschirgi shared with the other Council members that a new internet service has become available in the Lohman area. This is Wisper Internet Service. Dan, as a user, is satisfied with this service and encouraged others to investigate it as well. If the Church subscribed to this new service a receiver would need to be mounted somewhere on St. Paul's grounds.

Worship & Music: Kathy Meller reported on the May 2d meeting of her committee. She reported that in a recent Council meeting there had been discussion of a request from a former member to giving or lending the two ancient plaster angels to an area Catholic congregation. Kathy learned that those angels were a confirmation gift to the Church from the 1912 class, and the members who revealed this information were definitely not in favor of our dispensing with them. Kathy urged us to investigate using them at some point during the coming year, and to pursue costs of repair if needed.

Kathy's Committee chose Setting 8 for June, July and August. The Choir will sing during May. The Bell Choir will perform on Mother's Day [May 14th], and that Sunday will have our guest Pastor Kimberly Knowle-Zeller. There will be a reception after worship. The Church Treasurer has issued a cheque to

pay her honorarium and mileage. On May 28th, there will be a short Memorial Day observance at the cemetery cross following worship. The Hymns were chosen for the month of June.

Parish Education: President Finch reported that the Parish Education meeting held on Sunday, April 16th was well attended. Three people are interested in volunteering to help or to teach Sunday School classes. At the time of the meeting, the starting date was undecided. However, Pastor David Viles reported that he has been contacted by parishioners who want us to begin Sunday School on the first Sunday of June [June 4th]; and that "since we are going to schedule Sunday School for one Sunday a month, we should not have a summer vacation as that would only give us 8 or 9 sessions a year for Sunday School. It made sense when we had Sunday School every week but that has changed." President Zola Finch was joined in concurrence of the June 4th beginning for Sunday School by Council Members Jana Thompson, Stacy Bubach, Kathy Meller, and Delores Vlach.

Church Improvement: Kent Nelson reported to the Council members that an agreement with Matt Bridges Construction has terminated his work on the basement remodeling efforts. A \$2,000 reduction in his payment was negotiated. Kent reported that Woodman Engineering worked on the air conditioning unit that was malfunctioning. They found issues with the pilot lights on the kitchen stove not shutting down in proper fashion. Research is still ongoing on finding a replacement for the kitchen stove.

Stewardship & Finance: Stacy Bubach reported that no Stewardship report is needed at this time.

Mutual Ministry: Jana Thompson reported on her April 19th Committee meeting. Church attendance was discussed. The basement remodeling project was also discussed, with most of her committee being satisfied with much of the work. Her committee also discussed the April 16th meeting regarding Parish Education and Sunday School and greatly appreciated the three volunteers who offered services for the continuation of Sunday School. Mutual Ministry Committee members were very pleased with the service and memorialization of Lester Linsenbardt. The Committee also discussed how we might continue to encourage electronic giving to the Church. This will be especially important for those who view our services online. It was reported that some 90 to 100 view online services. We should also continue to encourage attending our services in person when possible.

Old Business: None

New Business: On May 12, 2023, President Zola Finch sent an email to codify the business of creating a special fund to replace the carpet in the Sanctuary, Narthex, Balcony, and possibly the Sunday school and office areas. This fund will be named the "Lester Linsenbardt Carpet Fund" in memory of Lester's work in keeping the areas picked up and hymnals straighten and other duties to help Kathryn Linsenbardt. Kent Nelson made the motion to create the fund, Dan Tschirgi was the second to the motion, the rest of the Church Council responded in unanimous affirmation and the motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted by Frank Pascoe, Council Secretary

Mobile Food Pantry: Audrey Bunch

The Mobile Food Pantry was held May 9th on a nice sunny afternoon, in Russellville at Trinity's church parking lot. The volunteers served 148 families with 432 people in those families. Items given out were produce boxes containing: asparagus, blueberries, carrots, cottage cheese, mandarin oranges, milk, potatoes, tomatoes, yogurt, yellow peppers, other items bunches of bananas, bread, cereal boxes and bags, herbs Rosemary and Parsley, frozen sausage and salads. Volunteers from Lohman Lions Club were Alberta and Gary Zumwalt, from St. Paul's were Rosemary Heibreder, Dan Tschirgi, Gary and Audrey Bunch. Next Mobile Food Pantry will be June 13th at 1:00 P.M.

2023 Graduates from High School and College



Landon Plochberger, son of Jason and Jamie Plochberger, Landon graduated for the last time today at State Tech, Summa Cum Laude (3.80 to 4.00 GPA) with an Associates of Applied Science Degree in Civil Construction Technology. He completed his Heavy Equipment Operations last year and has also passed the Drone Certification Test.



Emma Steele, (2023 Adair County R-1 Senior), daughter of Stacy McNamar, is a graduate of Adair County R-1 High School. She will be attending Mizzou next year to study and obtain a degree in Agricultural Science.



Charlie Miller, son of Tony and Connie Miller, graduated from Cole R-1 Russellville High School. He will be attending the University of Missouri in Columbia where he plans to study Business and Law. Charlie will also be playing baseball for Mizzou as a pitcher.



Kambry Pistel, daughter of Theresa Pistel and granddaughter of Leon and Elda Pistel is a graduate from Capital City High School. She will be continuing her academic and athletic career at State Fair Community College where she will major in nursing.



Trevor Collins, son of Michelle and Darren Collins, received an Associate's degree in Business Administration, general option, from State Technical College in Linn, MO. He graduated summa cum laude with a 4.0 GPA and was awarded the top honor of Outstanding Student in his program. He works part-time at both RMI and McDonald's. His goal is a career with a company that delivers benefits to the community.



Garrett Collins, son of Michelle and Darren Collins, graduated from Capital City High School as part of the first class to attend all four years of high school in the new facility. He received recognition for graduating in the top 10% of his class and was also awarded for academic excellence in science. He plans to begin at State Technical College this fall in their Nuclear Technology program, Radiation Protection option.



Michelle Collins, extraordinaire, graduated from summa cum laude from William Woods with a degree in business, as a full time student, while working full time, and running a household as the chief coordinator. Wow, how amazing is that? Michelle continues her heroic schedule in currently working toward her master's degree.



Jordan Russell, son of Chris and Liz Russell, graduated from Capital City High School. Jordan plans to start his career working at Xtreme Body & Paint.

New Members:

On May 4, 2023 we had an amazing day of worship and new life in the church.

Two new members were added by affirmation to St. Paul's membership rolls. Sharron Schneiders, a lovely lady who has been attending St. Paul's for many months requested membership near the first of the year. She was quickly accepted but we wanted to wait until the basement was finished so we could celebrate in style. Who knew it was going to take four months to get there.

Debbie Raithel is the other new member, some of you have known her for many years as St. Paul's secretary who does her best to keep Pastor straight in the office. Unfortunately, she has her hands full with his changes to the bulletins. Debbie keeps the office up to date and supplies on hand. Pastor appreciates all she does in the few hours she has each week.

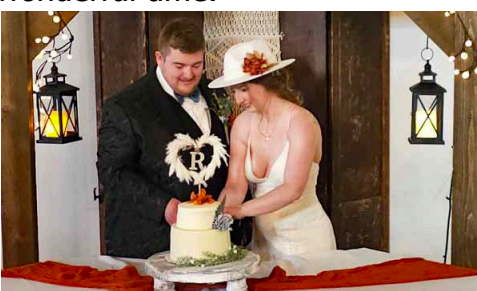


Our third new member this year was by Holy Baptism. His name is George Henry England, the son of Luke and Miranda England. He is handsome little guy and did good, but was a little hesitant of Pastor pouring water on him and putting oil on his head. Ha Ha



Wedding of the Month

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Abby and Dawson Rhodes. They were married on April 29, 2023 at the Ely Manor event center located in Linn, MO. Pastor David officiated the nuptials and everyone had a wonderful time.



STARS: Jeannette Fischer

St. Paul's STARS met on May 17 with 42 in attendance. Greg and Jack Markway presented a very interesting program concerning their grandfather, Joseph Aner Markway, and his arrival in Cole County on an orphan train. They have had a lot of success in their research and found more information than most families are able to find. Also, they shared general information about the history of orphan trains and the two major founders of the trains. On June 21, Kyle Crossman, Jefferson City fireman, will be our program speaker and he will share information about his work and give us general fire safety and prevention techniques. If you plan to attend, please make reservations with Rose Strobel at 782-4553 by Monday evening, June 19. Join us and bring a dish to share.

Margaret Circle: Erika Gerth

Margaret Circle will hold its annual "Salad Supper" at 6:00 PM Tuesday evening, June 6, at the home of Kay Pascoe. Each person attending is asked to bring a salad of their choice, to be shared with all the attendees. Erika Gerth will lead the Bible study. Please let Kay know that you will attend - you may reach her by phone (782-3478) or by email: kpfp@tranquility.net. We look forward to a wonderful evening of good food, sharing and the study of God's Holy Word!

Jr. Lutherans and Youth Group: Donita Stubinger

St. Paul's Jr. Lutherans met Saturday, May 20, 2023 to place flags in the Cemetery for the fallen Veterans. We only had one Jr. Lutheran, Briar Deaver, the rest of the crew were Senior Jr. Lutherans. Kathryn Linsenbardt, Roger Pennell, Melvin Stubinger, Glen Stubinger, Pastor David, Marie Scheperle, Madelyn Benne, Nicole Benne, and Donita Stubinger. Pastor David lead us in prayer as we enjoyed hotdogs, spaghetti, salad and dessert. We had a great evening of fellowship together. Thanks to all who helped and especially to Roger for getting everything together and organized. Because of the weekend activities for everyone, the visit to the Alpaca Ranch was cancelled for May 21st. We are trying to reschedule the trip for June 25, 2023, on a Sunday afternoon with lunch downstairs after church. We will then carpool to Tebbetts, MO. Details will be put in the bulletin as we get closer to the date.



Join us in the Fellowship Hall on July 2nd after church to start the 4th of July celebrations off with our famous Cinnamon Rolls!



Fellowship Coffee Hour: Thank you to the WELCA ladies for delicious food and drinks on May 4th. We had a wonderful time celebrating with our new members; Sharron Schneiders, Debbie Raithel, and baby George England. Thank you to Misty Schorder for the cakes and to everyone who decorated and made this such a special event. Remember we will meet again downstairs for Fellowship as we honor the 2023 High School and College graduating class on Sunday, June 4, 2023.

Mid-Mo- Spring Cluster Meeting: Marie Scheperle

The St. Paul's WELCA delegation to the Mid-Mo- Cluster meeting of WELCA traveled down the road towards Kent Memorial Lutheran Church at Sunrise Beach on Saturday, April 29. Joining us on the road were several horse and buggies plus several riding bikes. It was a beautiful day for Donita, Trish, Kathryn and Marie making the trip. Welcome to the day's activities was made by the President of the local WELCA. Marie Scheperle led the Opening Devotion. Following a sing-a-long led by Trinity, of Russellville. Pastor Ed Foster, of Kent Memorial, led the Bible Study. He spoke on the Bible verse for the day: Psalm 27:1, which was "The Lord is my light and salvation: whom shall I fear?" David proclaims that the Lord guides, delivers and protects all. We will not fear for the Lord is our light and salvation. During business meeting that followed, 44 answered to roll call. Lutheran World Relief Ingathering for Quilts and Kits will be held Saturday, October 11, 2023 at Our Savior's, Jefferson City. The In-Kind gifts went to Hurricane Deck Elementary School. Thanks to all who contributed items from St. Paul's which was delivered to Kent Memorial. Janice Gerken brought us updates on Central States News. A delicious lunch of Hot Chicken Salad, lettuce or spinach salad, rolls and spring colored poke cake was enjoyed by all. The afternoon speaker was Principal Christy Moulder of Hurricane Deck Elementary School in Sunrise Beach on "The Leader in Me", a national program in building leadership and life skills in students laying the foundation for sustained academic achievement. She was a very interesting speaker and made a great presentation. She was very appreciative of the many in-kind gifts that were brought by all attendees. Love Offering collected for the day amounted to \$1,098.00. One half goes to Synod WELCA and one half to Hurricane School. Prayer partners were exchanged. The Fall Cluster Gathering will be Saturday September 16, 2023 at Our Savior's Church, Camdenton. Thanks to St. Paul's WELCA for sending a gift of \$200.00 as a Love Offering to the gathering.

St. Paul's Choir



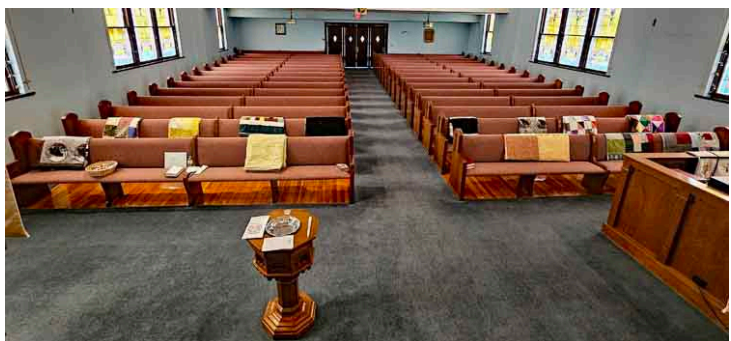
Thank you to our wonderful Choir who brought us many beautiful songs during the last month. They will take off the month of June and will be missed.

St. Paul's appreciates the time you give to praise God with your voices during our Sunday worships.

Thank you to our exceptional Music organizer, Kathy Meller, for all the work in researching and choosing songs.

Thank you also to our fabulous organist / pianist for playing the music as they sing.

Blessing of the Quilts: Thank you to everyone who spent hours piecing together quilt tops and then sewing and tacking them all together. These 21 quilts will bring more comfort and warmth than anyone can imagine. They are a blessing.





Lohman Lions Club

BBQ

Sunday - July 2nd, 2023



Lohman Community Bldg. - 8910 Lincoln St.

Dine-in or carryout - starting at 10:30 am

Chicken, Pork Steak & Brat Dinners \$12.00

Patriotic Worship Service - 9 am

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church - on the hill

Corner Collectables - open 9 am - 3 pm

Lohman Community Center Open House - 10:30 am - 3 pm

Historical display of Millbrook, Stringtown & Lohman

Old historic Lohman Mill tours - open 12 pm - 4 pm

St. Paul's WELCA will be serving on Church grounds beginning at 6 pm:

Hot dogs, chips, Root beer floats, Dessert, Soda & Water

Fireworks - 9 PM

On the grounds of St. Paul's Lutheran Church sponsored by:

Lohman Lions Club

City of Lohman

Xtreme Body & Paint

Farmers Bank of Lohman

Weber-Millard Funeral Home



Not responsible for accidents

Calendar of Events and Schedules

June 4th, Sunday: Fellowship Coffee Hour in the basement after worship.

June 4th, Sunday: 2023 Graduation recognition.

June 6th, Tuesday: Worship and Music Committee Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the youth room upstairs.

June 6th, Tuesday: Margaret Circle annual "Salad Supper" at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Kay Pascoe.

June 12th, Monday: Church Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the youth room upstairs.

June 13th, Tuesday: Food Pantry Volunteers at Trinity Lutheran in Russellville at 1:15 p.m.

June 15th, Thursday: Prayers for School Board at 6:30 p.m.

June 20th, Tuesday: Basement reserved for Lohman City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m.

June 21st, Wednesday: STARS will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. with presenter Kyle Crossman

June 21st, Wednesday: Mutual Ministry Meeting upstairs 6:30 p.m.

June 25th, Sunday: (**TENTATIVE**) Jr. Lutherans going to Reidel Alpaca Ranch in Tebbetts, MO.

June 26th, Friday: Epistle Deadline for News and Articles.

Bulletins are normally printed on Wednesdays.

Pastor David normally plans Fridays as his day off.

Usher Schedule

June – 04	Delores Vlach	Dan Tschirgi
June – 11	Stacy Bubach	Frank Pascoe
June – 18	Kent Nelson	Kathy Meller
June – 25	Dan Tschirgi	Jana Thompson

Acolyte Schedule

June – 04	Lucas Plochberger
June – 11	Mattson Stoermer
June – 18	Mackenzie Linnenbrink
June – 25	Oliver Stoermer

Greeters Schedule

June – 04	David Russell	Trish Russell
June – 11	Donald Weber	Marie Scheperle
June – 18	Devin Koestner	Jerry Koestner
June – 25	Richard Heidbreder	Rosemary Heidbreder

Readers Schedule

June – 04	Erika Gerth
June – 11	Bill Gerth
June – 18	Devin Koestner
June – 25	Laurie Koestner

Song Leader

June – 04	Kathy Meller
June – 11	Dan Tschirgi
June – 18	Dan Tschirgi
June – 25	Kathy Meller

Audio / Video Technician

June – 04	Dan Tschirgi
June – 11	Roger Pennell
June – 18	Roger Pennell
June – 25	Dan Tschirgi

Organist / Keyboard

June – 04	Zola Finch
June – 11	Zola Finch
June – 18	Zola Finch
June – 25	Zola Finch

Communionware for the Month

Jim and Cynthia Loesh

Communion Assistants

June – 11	Jahanna Koestner
June – 25	Laurie or Jerry Koestner

Altar Flowers for the Month

Delores Vlach

Security

June – 04	Melvin Stubinger
June – 11	Gary Elliott
June – 18	Jason Wood
June – 25	Devin Koestner

* **Communion Days noted in Yellow**