

THANK YOU

THANK YOU

Many thanks for all the prayers, cards and calls since my accident. And thank you to the ones who helped at Classic. I felt your prayers and thoughts.

Sincerely, Diann Holsten



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Thank you for your very generous donations to the Della Lamb Service Agency. Those many bags of items donated filled four large boxes, which were delivered to the Women of the ELCA Convention last week. The agency picked all the donated items on Friday, June 20. Della Lamb is a local refugee resettlement agency in the Kansas City community. It has been in operation for the past 10 years. The donated items of hygiene products and household cleaning supplies will be put to good use throughout the community. Thank you!!!



COMMUNITY FISH FRY

Thanks to all who helped the Cole Camp Area Church Alliance host its annual Community Fish Fry on July 12th. Special thanks to our Alliance representative, Joyce Schlesselmann, for her hard work and leadership that day. We had many people who volunteered time and donations and we ended up with a wonderful offering that will go towards new shoes for area youth through the Happy Feet Project. Thank you!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS Success! Thanks to all the kids, parents, and volunteers who attended, helped with, or led Vacation Bible School this year! Around 40 kids attended throughout the week, including many guests, to hear stories from the Bible of how to trust in God when we are afraid. As an offering, we collected items to create 24 birthday cake packages to be given out at the Cole Camp Food Pantry. What a great week!!

CHURCH FAMILY

BAPTISMAL GRACE

Braxton Lee Balke was washed clean in the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 6th. We welcome him into the fellowship of faith that we all share through baptismal grace of God. Braxton is the son of Chad and Rebecca Balke and was born on June 2, 2025. Braxton's sponsors are Ryan and Amanda Haas.

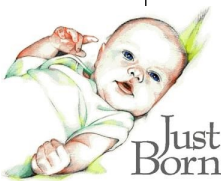


BAPTISMAL GRACE

Korbett William Dieckman was washed clean in the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 27th. We welcome him into the fellowship of faith that we all share through baptismal grace of God. Korbett is the son of Nicholas and Adrienn Dieckman and was born on May 10, 2025. Korbett's sponsors are Malissa Adams and Chris Dieckman.

NEW BABY

Congratulations to Hunter Anderson and Marissa Douglas on the arrival of their son, Reno Christopher Alan Anderson. He was born on Friday, July 4th. Reno Christopher Alan is the grandson of Tara Anderson, great-grandson of Bill and Wanda Viebrock and great-great grandson of Marie Viebrock.



OPENINGS

Little Blessings Day Care currently has openings for toddlers (age 2 and above). We have experienced some attrition in our numbers due to a child moving from the area and children who are moving to preschool (R-I School) or kindergarten in the fall. Children will need to have a physical and a current immunization record to enroll. For questions or to enroll, please contact Barbara Metscher (660-668-3537 Ext. 2) or Janice Gerken.

St. Paul's



ENROLLMENT

Additionally, "Little Blessings" Preschool is enrolling three-and four-year-olds for preschool in the fall. Children must be three by July 1st. A physical and a current immunization record is also required. Our preschool will be in session each Tuesday and Wednesday morning beginning on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, continuing throughout the 2025-26 school year. For questions or wishing to enroll, please contact Rhonda Schlesselman (660-669-3823) or Janice Gerken.





◆ Saturday, August 2nd.....

BACK TO SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHING DRIVE & SALE

The Cole Camp Area Church Alliance is holding the annual Back to School Clothing Sale on Saturday, **August 2nd**, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, here at St. Paul's. You can help in many ways:

Clothing Donations



Drop off gently used clothing here at church for the Back to School Clothing Sale. All clothing is accepted, but clothing for children and youth is most needed. It is greatly appreciated if you can sort and label the donations by gender and size. Donations can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall during office hours or other activities.

Undies Sundays

In addition to clothing available for purchase, families with young children will be given new undergarments at the Clothing Sale. In years past we asked for in-kind donations of these undergarment items. This year we are requesting **financial**



contributions. We will purchase bulk clothing items and repackage them into smaller packs to provide for a more equitable distribution of undergarments to local families. Those contributions can be made at any time, but our Undies Sunday will be the weekend of **July 20 & 27.** (We will still accept packages of underwear if you have already purchased those items.)

Happy Feet



We will once again offer vouchers for children (until they run out) that will allow them to purchase a new pair of shoes at JCPenny in Sedalia on August 9. Financial contributions for that can be made to "Happy Feet."

Volunteering

This year we will be sorting and arranging clothing all week, Monday through Friday, **July 28th – August 1st**, in preparation for the Clothing Sale on **August 2nd**. Volunteers are welcome to stop by any day, starting at 9 am, to offer some time sorting. We will also need volunteers the day of the sale to assist shoppers and straighten up the clothing tables.



COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY CASUAL SERVICE



Saturday worship begins at 5:30pm in the Chapel. There will be no service on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Welcome!

"ONE STITCH AT A TIME"

The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **August 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th** in the Gathering Space.



BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

As schools gear up for another school year, we give thanks to God for the gift of learning and for those who take on this endeavor as their vocation. During worship on Sunday, **August 17th** we'll offer our prayers and blessings upon students, teachers and administrators as this new school year.



SUNBEAM

The Sunbeam Committee will meet on Wednesday, **August 27th** at 3:00pm.



ACOLYTE

"Acolyte" is an ancient word that means "helper." In our worship services acolytes help out by lighting candles and helping in other ways. Acolytes at St. Paul's usually begin in the 4th grade, so if you would like to help out in this way join Pastor Stephen after worship on Sunday, **August 24th**, for a brief training session. Please let him know if you are planning on coming so we can make sure you are on the upcoming schedule.



FREE YOGA CLASS



Every Monday at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's in the Fellowship Hall, a free yoga class will be offered. Thanks to new local doctor and certified Yoga instructor, Stephanie Schirding, for offering her time! This is a beginner's class.

Keep tapping your feet to the music in your head.





◆ Wednesday, July 2, 2025

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

The meeting was called to order by Janice Gerken.

The minutes were reviewed.

There was discussion about the Ice Cream Social. Will there be any changes for the future?

The Fall Mid-MO Gathering will be held at St. Paul's in Lohman, MO. Sharel Wienberg made a motion to give \$50.00 for Love Offering. Glenalee Dillon seconded, motion carried.

Sharel Wienberg made a motion to give \$100.00 for in-kind offering. Glenalee Dillon seconded, motion carried.

Sharel Wienberg made a motion to give \$100.00 to the Happy Feet project. Glenalee Dillon seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.



REMINDERS:

August 2 -
Back-to-School Sale

September 27 -
Fall Mid MO Gathering

October 1 -
Next meeting at 7:00pm.

October 18 -
Lutheran World Ingathering

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◆ Send a note.....

NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS

Kris Barnes
(friend of Julie Cronin)

Jon Beckman

Don Brooks

Vernitta Brooks

Harold Brown
(father of Donnie Brown)

Les Bruns

Ashley Campbell

Joe Campbell

Susan Canfield

Scott Cash

Cliff Eckhoff

Ron Eickhoff

Joseph Fuelling
(nephew of Paul Fuelling)

Adam Gumbel
(son of Jim & Kim Gumbel)

Karen Haase
(sister-in-law of Gene Beckman)

Larry Haase
(brother-in-law of Gene Beckman)

Art Heimsoth

Mike Hinkel

Gordon Ives

Greg Ives

Norene Ives

Joyce Jones
(sister of Connie Gerken)

Hazel Karstons

Susan Kyle

Marvin Logan
(brother of Gale Logan)

Kyle Luetjen

David Mobely
(brother-in-law of Randy Healan)

Stacy Morrison
(friend of Teresa Viebrock)

Kaleb Mundy

Jackie Ross
(sister of Randy Healan)

Jamie Simon

Kylie Simon

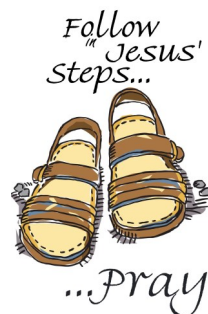
Liz Smart

Carmilla Swaim & husband
(friends of Debbie Eckhoff)

Nathan Vanderlinden

Judie VonHolten

David Woolery
(friend of Jerry & Melisa Balke)



Nursing Home

Vern Dean Bohling (Ambrose Park #4)
Marie Viebrock (GSCC #203)
Florence VonHolten (GSCC#207)





MILITARY

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Capt. Ashlie Colston

(daughter of Jon Beckman)

Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton

(son of Matt & Isabel Hamilton and
grandson of Judie VonHoltten)

Whiteman Airforce Base

Private Braydn Hood

(grandson of Connie Gerken)

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Major Joseph Strathman

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**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!**

OFFERING

Thank you, St. Paul's, for your ongoing generosity in sharing your time, talents, and treasures. The staff and leaders of the church work hard to be good stewards of your gifts and offerings. At the end of June we are halfway through the budget year. Our budgeted expenses are on track, however our budgeted offering income is behind nearly \$23,000. The major expenses and projects that we've undertaken over the past few months have been entirely covered by insurance money we received due to our claim, so this budget shortfall is truly our everyday operating expenses. At this time of year we historically run a little behind, but this is a little more than usual. We wanted to make you aware of this and hope that you might consider helping us get closer to our budget. Thanks again for your ongoing support!



◆ September 4, 5 & 6.....

COLE CAMP FAIR

SIGN UP SHEET



The Fair Stand Schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the link. Online scheduling is also available. Thanks to all who have already signed up. Thank you!

FAIR STAND

The food stand will be put up on Sunday, **August 31st** at 1:00pm and taken down on Sunday, **September 7th** at 1:00pm.



FLOAT

Calling on all pleaters, fluffers, stuffers, and frame builders! For the present time, we will meet on



Mondays, Wednesday, and Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. in the in the Gathering Space. Dennis is constructing the "little blue truck" at his home. However, guys (builders) will need to help with work on the frame. Many hands will make the project run smoothly.

FAIR PIES

Each family is asked to bring two fruit pies according to the following schedule, divided alphabetically by last names. There are pie tins available for your use in the gathering space.

Thursday, September 4th

~~ A - C

Friday, September 5th

~~ D - M

Saturday, September 6th

~~ N - Z



DETAILED TREASURER'S REPORT

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

BENEVOLENCE RECEIPTS	June	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Target %
					Note A
ELCA	3,025.00	7,400.00	(4,375.00)	40.88%	
World Hunger	1,925.92	2,000.00	(74.08)	96.3%	
Hope 5 one	3,476.25	5,000.00	(1,523.75)	69.53%	
CC Food Pantry	1,050.00	1,500.00	(450.00)	70.0%	
Seniors of North BC	560.00	-0-	560.00	100.0%	
Other	40.00	-0-	40.00	100.0%	
Total Benevolence	10,077.17	15,900.00	(5,822.83)	63.38%	
OFFERING					
Home Purpose	90,583.90	223,913.00	(133,329.10)	40.46%	50.0%
Building Fund 5%	4,767.60	11,785.00	(7,017.40)	40.46%	50.0%
Total Offering	95,351.50	235,698.00	(140,346.50)	40.46%	
Building Use	1,365.00	2,750.00	(1,385.00)	49.64%	
Fair Stand, net	-0-	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	0.0%	
Float	-0-	800.00	(800.00)	0.0%	
Interest	9,437.73	-0-	9,437.73	100.0%	
Miscellaneous	25,823.18	-0-	25,823.18	100.0%	
Total Income	142,054.58	260,148.00	(118,093.42)	54.61%	
Expenses	Note B	520,622.86	260,148.00	260,474.86	200.13%
Net Income					

Cash and Investment Balance - June 30, 2025

Home Purpose Note C	Building	Memorial Note D	Crisis	Little Blessings Note E	Seminary
46,009.66	67,176.03	20,282.56	2,902.31	120,425.29	8,888.22

Note A: As of June 30, 50% of the year has elapsed, however, offerings as a percent of budget are only 40%. This indicated that offerings are approximately \$23,000 short of budgeted amounts.

Note B: Includes \$253,802.85 in roof replacement expenses and \$12,800.00 for parsonage window replacement (both of which were paid from insurance proceeds) and \$82,162.58 in property acquisition costs. Additionally, property liability insurance premiums of \$44,789.90 were paid which is an increase of \$24,000 from 2024.

Note C: Includes \$3,140.37 of Communities of Calling Funds.

Note D: Includes restricted amounts of \$15,000 for Little Blessings and \$1,610.69 for Sunday School.

Note E: Includes \$118,527.19 in grant funds.



◆ Susan Goosen, Church Council Secretary

COUNCIL MINUTES

Congregational Council Minutes **Wednesday, June 11, 2025**

PASTOR'S REPORT

Upcoming Events

June 20: Band to WELCA
Convention
June 22: Ice Cream Social
July 7-11: Vacation Bible School
July 20-24: Mid-MO Bible Camp
August 2: Back-to-School
Clothing Sale

Vacation Dates:

July 14 - July 18

Synod Assembly: Attended Synod Assembly with Greg Bredehoeft and Janice Gerken.

Confirmation: On Sunday, June 8, three youth affirmed their baptism through the Rite of Confirmation. They are Grady Elliott, Ben Goosen, and Grant Kullman.

Membership Transfer: Blair Olson (Bergeson) has transferred her membership to a church near her.

Funeral: On Sunday, June 8, Pastor performed a short memorial service for Mitch Carier, Jr. a non-member, offsite.

Baptism: On Tuesday, June 10, Scarlet Theisen, daughter of Tanna and Tanita Theisen, was baptized here at St. Paul's in a private family service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Stewardship:

The Fish Fry attendance was up from last October. Next year's date will be May 31.

Evangelism:

Will meet next week.

Parish Education:

Vacation Bible School enrollment is online. It will be held July 7-10 from 6:00pm until 8:30pm.

Property:

Siding on storage building will be done at a later date. Shingles on shed, garage and parsonage is complete. Gutter to be done at a later date. 5 can light batteries and bulbs have been replaced. Roy is working on the Exit sign.

Worship Attendance (in person):

May 17: XX	May 18: ??
May 24: 16	May 25: 82
May 31: 18	June 1: 81
	(Pastor Stephen's Vacation)
June 7: 18	June 8: 135
	(Confirmation Service)



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COUNCIL CONTINUED

The AC unit was looked at by Tactical HVAC. The evaporator and coil was replaced and is running.

Worship:

Met and planned services.

Old Business

Cemetery: Still in need of repair to damage.

Roof: Repair is complete.

Elevette Removal: Property is discussing options.

Fence: The fence between the church and the fellowship hall has been completed.

Pickleball: Pastor received a call back with an estimate of \$4,600.00 for lines. Lenny is looking into tape as an option. More information is needed before moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Church Secretary Position: Is still open.

Constitution: The Constitution Committee will meet next week.

Lean-To on the Shed: Roy has done preliminary on the gas line and water line and found that neither will affect our plans to build.

Day Care: Their meeting is set for Friday, June 13th to discuss finances.

Luetjen Property: Closing will be on June 30. There was a motion made to have Chairman Jake Jackson sign for the church to purchase property at the price of \$82,500.00

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 7:45pm with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 6:00pm.

COUNCIL



◆ A Time To Celebrate.....

SPECIAL OCCASIONS**BIRTHDAYS:**

8/1 Donnie Brown
 8/1 Kendall Cook
 8/2 Ryan Akin
 8/2 Paul Fuelling
 8/2 Jason Viebrock
 8/7 Ruby Sangster
 8/7 Stephen Zeller
 8/8 Camryn Schear
 8/10 Sara Dunn
 8/11 Creed Jackson
 8/11 Lydia Rodewald
 8/14 Harley Balke
 8/14 Easton Oelrichs
 8/15 Glenalee Dillon
 8/15 Kenneth VonHolten
 8/19 Marie Viebrock
 8/19 Caitlin Weller
 8/19 Emma Weller
 8/19 Michael Wissman
 8/20 Maesyn Hiatt
 8/22 Lily McIntyre
 8/23 Stacy Viebrock
 8/24 Gracynn Elliott
 8/25 Kim Knowle-Zeller
 8/25 Lesa Warden
 8/28 Cory Birch
 8/28 Jacob Daily
 8/28 Tanita Theisen
 8/29 Briggs Schlesselman
 8/29 Brexley Schlesselman
 8/30 Dennis Brandes
 8/30 Torie Williams
 8/31 Addison Burnes
 8/31 Lindsey Tinney

**BAPTISMS:**

8/1 Ramona Lukenbill
 8/1 Caitlin Weller
 8/1 Emma Weller
 8/2 Wayne Balke
 8/2 Victoria Belcher
 8/2 Leighton Tinney
 8/5 Braden Poe
 8/8 Luke Goosen
 8/9 Angela Alcorn
 8/9 Katy Gerken
 8/9 Pam Luetjen
 8/10 Sandra Balke
 8/12 Brianna Banks
 8/12 Marcus Harms
 8/13 Camille Schear
 8/14 Gary Brandes
 8/15 Reid Carver
 8/16 Kevin Schlesselman
 8/17 Mary Balke
 8/17 Shelly Ives
 8/18 Mason Randall
 8/19 John Oelrichs
 8/19 Jace Tinney
 8/23 Sara Jackson
 8/25 Hudson Kullman
 8/26 Trisha Goosen
 8/28 Kristen Elliott
 8/29 Jeff Balke
 8/30 Curtis Oelrichs





SPECIAL OCCASIONS

ANNIVERSARIES:

8/4	Dave & Lee Ann Ramel.....	46
8/4	Michael & Lesa Richards.....	25
8/10	Dennis & Mary Balke.....	51
8/14	Bob & Shari Farrington.....	54
8/14	Tom & Kathy Oelrichs.....	44
8/17	Don & Ellen Harms.....	57
8/18	Pastors Stephen & Kim Zeller.....	13
8/19	Jim & Kim Gumbel.....	47
8/20	Chris & Paula Kappleman.....	32
8/27	Glen & Joyce Webb.....	59
8/29	Mike & Rhonda Schlesselman.....	44



"FOLLOW JESUS."



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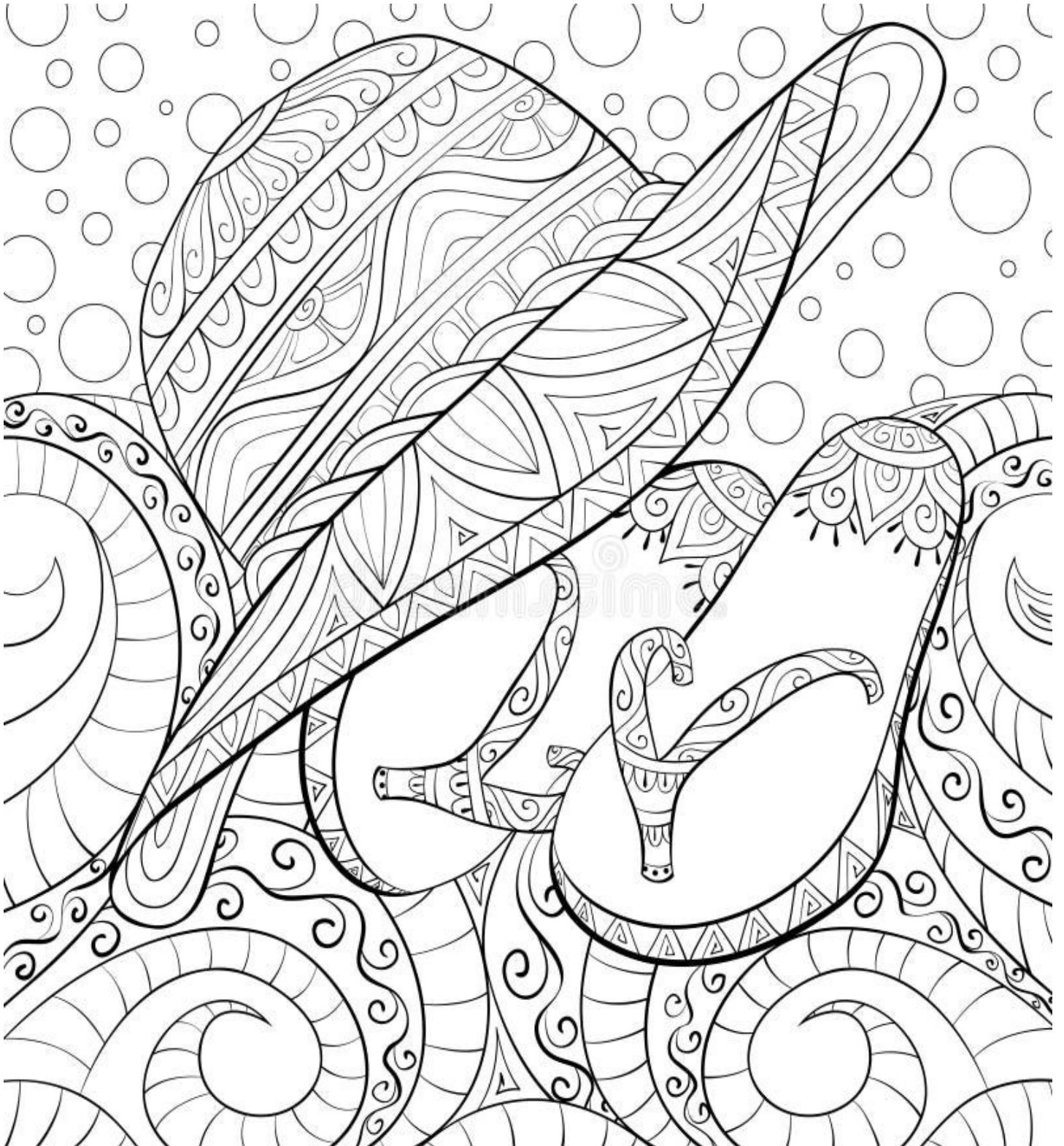
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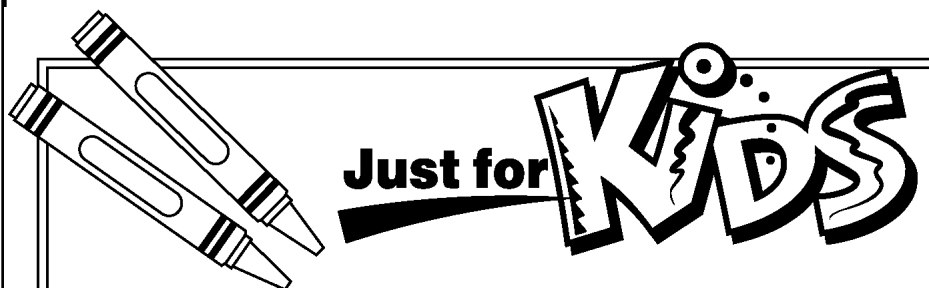
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OFFICE HOURS AND
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AUGUST ACTIVITY PAGE



Unique Creations

Have you ever walked along the shore and noticed the footprints you make in the sand? A famous poem called "Footprints in the Sand" reminds us we are never alone.

Unscramble each word and write it inside the footprint. See what Psalm 119:133 (NRSV) says about our footsteps. (The bold letters are the first letters of the words.)



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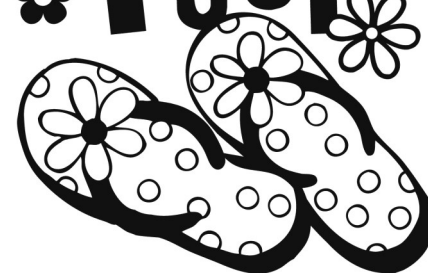
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Psalm 119:133, NIV

Answer: "Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me."

Happy Feet



This summer, put your best foot forward by brightening up a pair of flip-flops.

What you need:

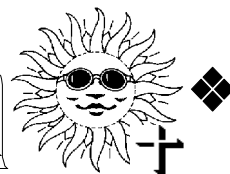
- Flip-flops in your size
- Metallic permanent markers
- Foam stickers
- Craft gemstones
- Plastic flowers
- Ribbon
- Hot glue gun (and adult help)

What you do:

Use these ideas to decorate clean, dry flip-flops:

- Draw with markers on the soles.
- Decorate the sides and soles with stickers.
- Glue gemstones along the strap.
- Glue plastic flowers on the strap between your toes.
- Wrap ribbon around the strap and glue in place.

St. Paul's Sunbeam



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"BEING TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S
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Sunday, August 3, 2025

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion at the Altar

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion by Stations

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion by Stations

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion by Stations

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion by Stations

Come! Worship at St. Paul's

Every Saturday Evening
5:30 P.M. - Casual Worship

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Every Sunday Morning
10:00 A.M. - Worship

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