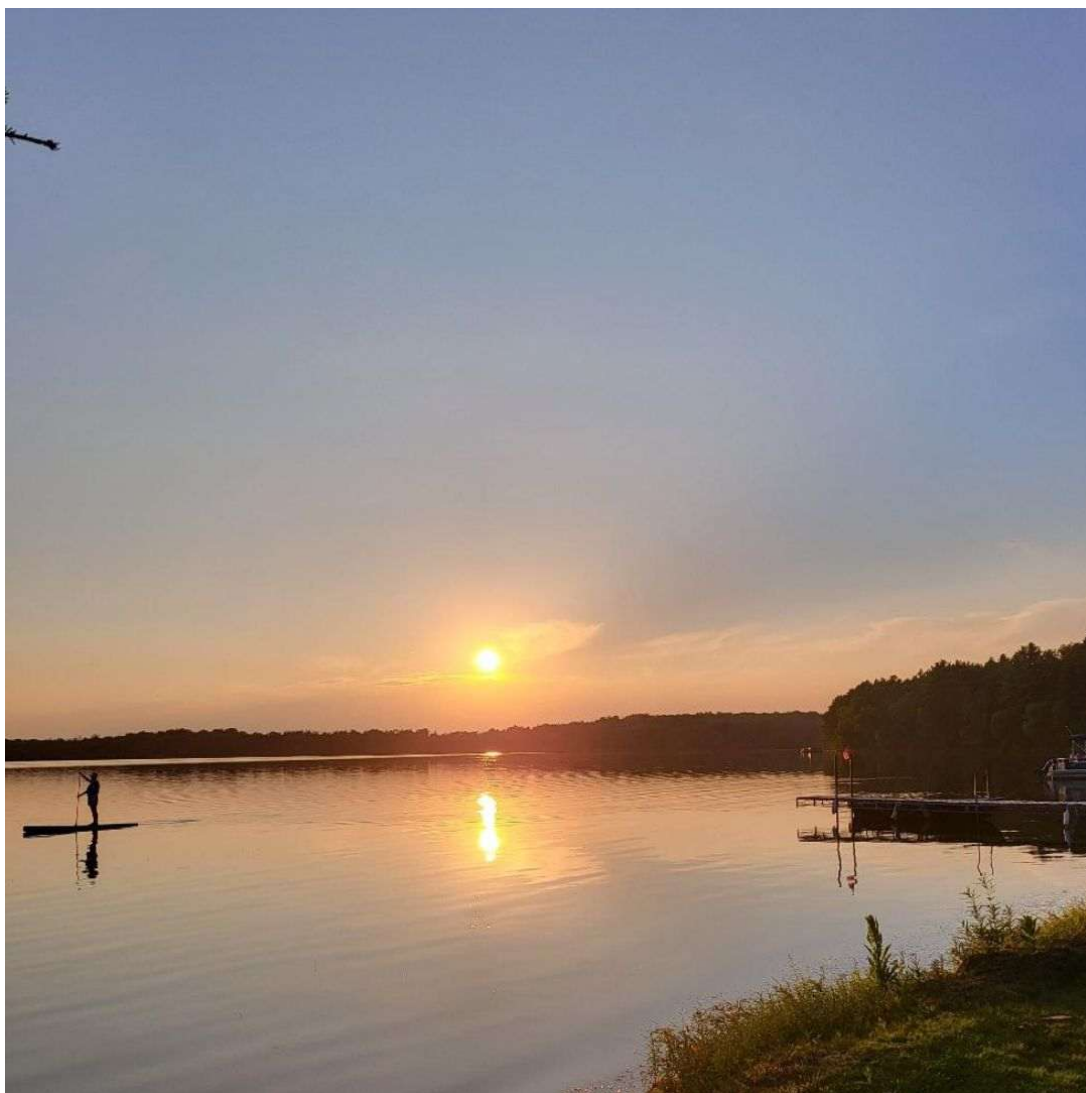


# The Messenger

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA

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**Worship With Us!**

Communion every Sunday - 10am

*Everyone is Welcome!*

## Guest Preacher

On Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, we welcome guest preacher Rev. Becky Erb Strang! Pastor Becky is ordained by the United Church of Christ and has served congregations in Texas and Ohio. She currently serves the Greater Milwaukee Synod as Assistant to the Bishop for Evangelical Mission. Welcome, Pastor Becky!



## August Primary

There is a statewide primary election on Tuesday, August 11th! This is a partisan primary, which means the results will determine the candidates for our next state governor, among other positions. Make your voice heard!

To learn more about what's on your ballot, and how to vote, check out <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>

## August Anniversary

12<sup>th</sup> Brett and Alyssa Gluth

14<sup>th</sup> Mark and Debby Van Engen

23<sup>rd</sup> Mike and Suzie Moylan



## Staff Vacation

Dianne will be on vacation August 7<sup>th</sup> thru August 16<sup>th</sup> and the office will be closed. She will be back in the office on Monday, August 17, 2026. If you need something from the office, please call the church and leave a message as someone will monitor the answering machine in her absence.

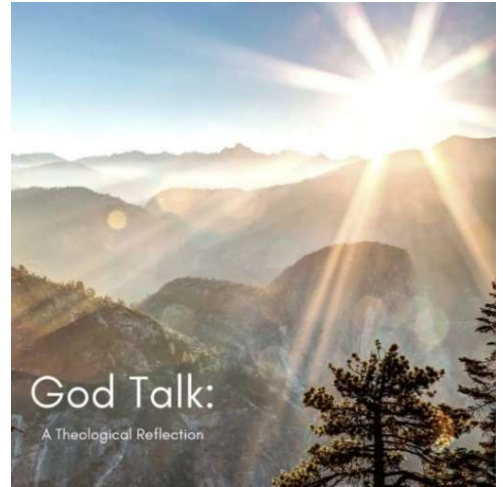


## August Birthdays

7<sup>th</sup> Callie Moylan/Wilder  
8<sup>th</sup> Jodi Eastberg  
18<sup>th</sup> Robbie Bromberek  
19<sup>th</sup> Jon Polinske  
27<sup>th</sup> Milo Schlake-Kruse  
28<sup>th</sup> Zhou Zheng Micheel

## God Talk

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place. (ELW 641 vs. 1)*



My year away on internship in Racine has strengthened my hope in the Church, as well as my conviction that God always has been, always is, and always will be creating something new among God's people.

It is good to be rooted in one neighborhood, one congregation, one city. And it is also good to look up from our work from time to time and see the wider picture.

Here are some things your siblings in Christ in Racine are doing:

- ★ Rejoicing at the baptisms of great grandchildren
- ★ Taking communion to shut ins
- ★ Worshipping in nursing homes
- ★ Serving hot meals to the homeless
- ★ Giving away books to school children
- ★ Stocking a food pantry and delivering food to immigrants
- ★ Gathering diapers and baby clothes for new parents
- ★ Being Jesus to the least of these

What a good and gracious God we serve, who is active in every time and every place! Here in our own little pocket of creation, St. Paul's congregation remains rooted in God's grace, partnering with God in God's work. And all over the world, in their own places and in their own ways, God's people are bringing hope to the hopeless, rest to the weary, and love to the lonely. Thanks be to God!

—Sarah Micheel

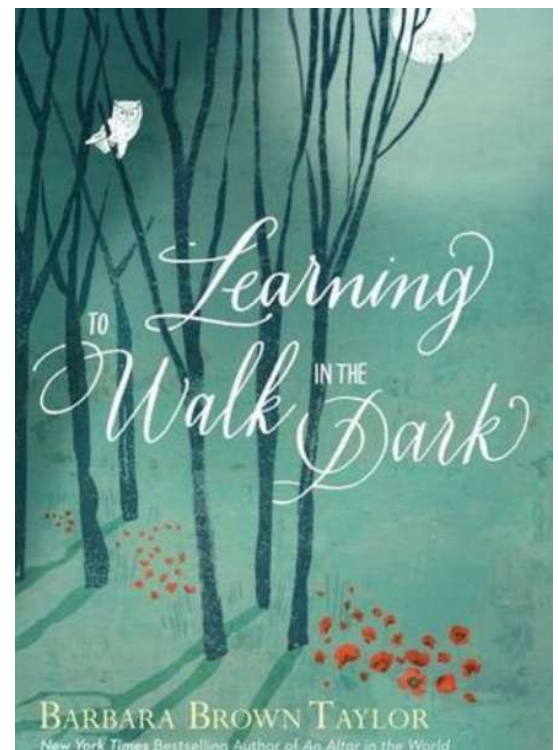
## Summer Book Club

It's not too late to join us on Wednesdays at Hoyt Park to discuss Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. There's still plenty to read and plenty to talk about:

August 5<sup>th</sup> chapters 7 & 8

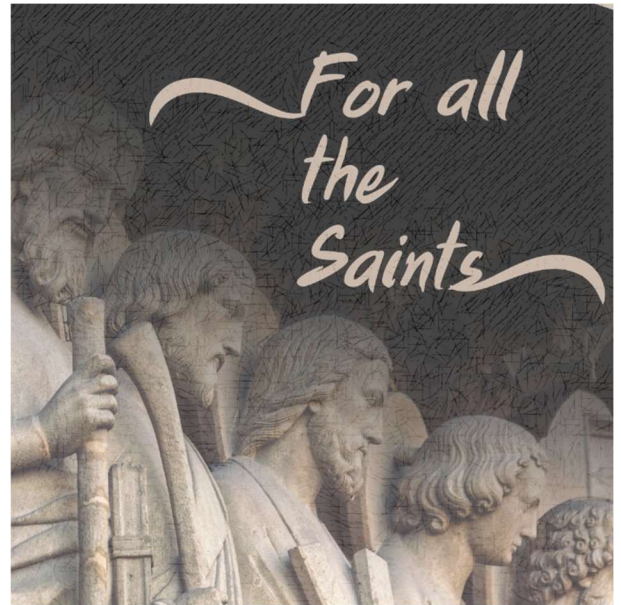
August 12<sup>th</sup> chapter 9 & epilogue

Great conversations begin at 6:30pm.



Florence Nightingale was born in 1820 to a wealthy English family living in Florence, Italy. She is considered to be the founder of modern professional nursing.

At the age of 17, Florence heard a voice from God, calling her to a specific mission of serving God's people. She decided to become a hospital nurse in England; however, her family did not think this was a respectable career path. In 1854 the Crimean War began, and Florence and 38 other nurses chose to go to a British military camp and assist with medical needs. There, she saw the terrible conditions faced by both soldiers and doctors as they tried to help the wounded. Florence kept



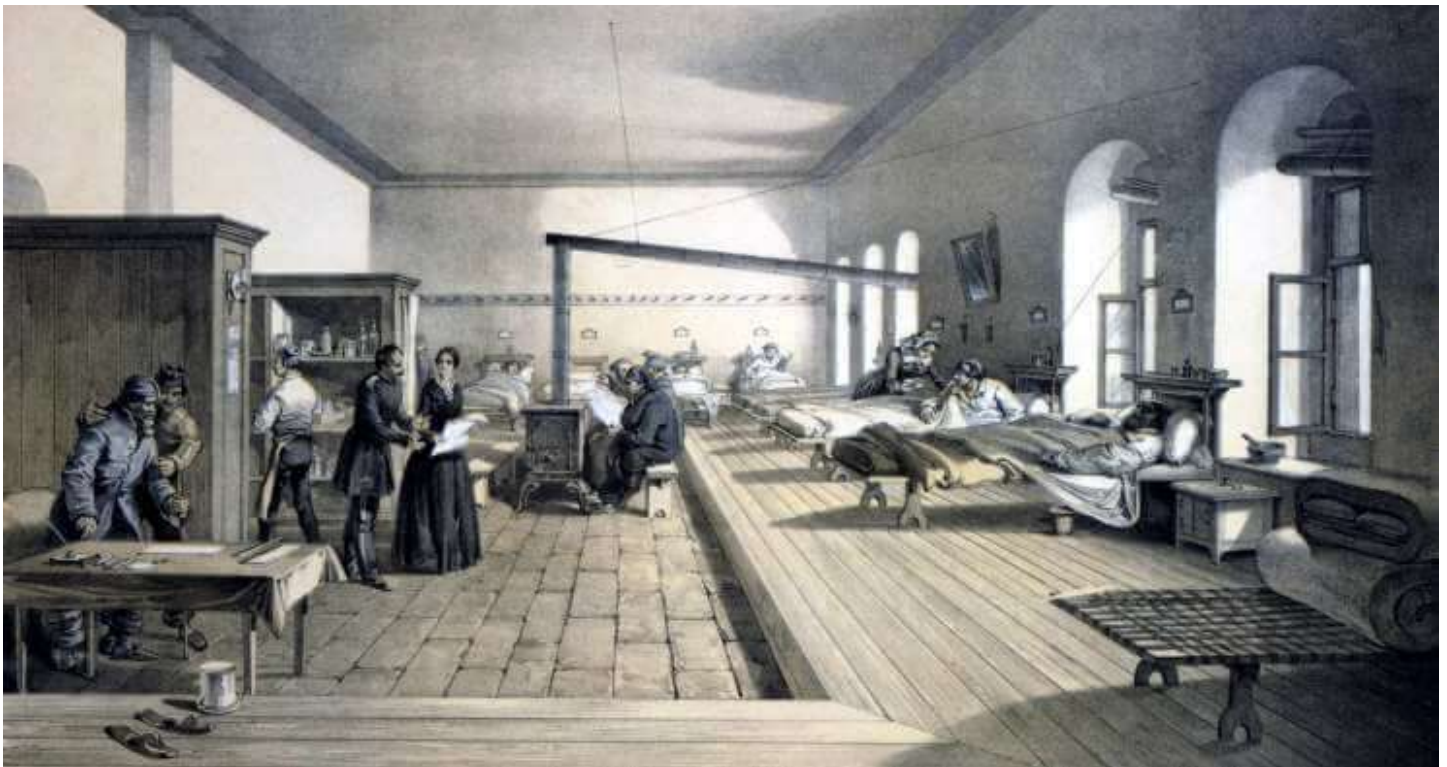
careful statistics and found that 600 out of every 1,000 soldiers was dying from infectious diseases, due to a short supply of clean bandages and medicine. Many patients were also sleeping on dirty floors without blankets. Nightingale then led an effort to improve sanitation, access to clean water and fresh food, and provide additional medical equipment. Over time, the mortality rate from

disease decreased dramatically to 2% and medics were better equipped to care for wounded soldiers.

Florence established the Nightingale School of Nursing in London in 1860, which is still operating today within King's College. Florence helped elevate nursing to a respectable profession, one that treats patients with a holistic approach. Her faith continued to be a strong influence on her work and ministry. She died on August 13, 1910.

For more on Florence and her legacy, check out: <https://www.historic-uk.com/HistoryUK/HistoryofBritain/Florence-Nightingale/>

*Image: Florence Nightingale in a ward at the hospital in Scutari*





## RIC Corner

*Do you know about  
the Trevor Project?*

The Trevor Project is the leading suicide prevention and crisis intervention nonprofit organization for LGBT+ young people. In addition to crisis support, they are dedicated to advocacy, research, and education in communities nationwide. Their website provides helpful, succinct definitions for common terms around gender and sexuality, training for those hoping to become better allies, and opportunities to get involved in local advocacy.

Learn more at [www.thetrevorproject.org](http://www.thetrevorproject.org)



# August

# 2026

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

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Saturday

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| July 26                                                              | July 27                                                                                   | July 28<br> | July 29                                                                                   | July 30                                            | July 31                                                                                                 | 1<br>                    |
| 2<br>10am Worship<br>Guest<br>Preacher: Pr.<br>Becky<br>ErStrang-GMS | 3<br>    | 4                                                                                            | 5<br>    | 6                                                  | 7<br><br>Dianne vaca | 8<br>Aug 6–Aug 16<br>     |
| 9<br>10am Worship<br><br>Dianne vaca                                 | 10                                                                                        | 11<br>    | 12<br>6:30pm<br>Book Club                                                                 | 13                                                 | 14<br>             | 15<br>until Aug. 16<br> |
| 16<br>10am Worship                                                   | 17<br> | 18<br>7pm Council                                                                            | 19<br>Kim's Table<br>Noon<br>6:30pm Book<br>Club                                          | 20<br>10am<br>*September*<br>Messenger<br>Deadline | 21<br>             | 22<br>10am<br>Tie Blankets<br>@ St. Paul's<br>Memorial<br>Suite                                             |
| 23<br>10am Worship<br><br>30<br>10am Worship                         | 24<br><br>31                                                                              | 25                                                                                           | 26<br> | 27                                                 | 28<br>             | 29                                                                                                          |

# **Outreach for Hope - 2026 Family Ride Run Walk**

## **Saturday morning, September 26th**



**OUTREACH  
FOR HOPE**

Outreach for Hope exists to support the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA congregations and ministries - known as Ministry Partners - serving low-income urban areas - that's us!

OFH grants provide St. Paul's with funds to support our outreach ministry through Kim's Table, our emergency food pantry and many other ministry partners who provide food pantries, meal programs, youth programs, medical clinics, clothing closets and much more!

This year, team St. Paul's will be participating at the Milwaukee site which starts and ends in Washington Park.

### *How can you help?*

- Consider participating. Join Pastor Juniper and Nancy Day and friends of St. Paul's, Beth Schulz and Brittany Wilson at the Washington Park, Milwaukee site. It would be great to have a team again this year! You could also participate at another site (Waukesha, Grafton, or Kenosha).
- Options at Washington Park include a 5K fun run or a 2-mile walk.
- If you can't run or walk, consider volunteering. There are several volunteer opportunities prior to and on the day of the event.
- Join us for lunch! It's free, you just need to register. It's a fun time to be outdoors with so many siblings in Christ

from around the synod. Who knows...you may run into a friend or two!

Learn more at ofhrrw.org, see the display table in the narthex or talk to me, Nancy, the OFH RRW Ambassador.

## Looking Ahead: Save the Dates in September!

~ Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> - *God's work. Our hands.*

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Watch for more information during the month.

~ September 26<sup>th</sup> – *Outreach for Hope Ride/Run/Walk*

Outreach for Hope is a ministry within our synod that provides financial and resource support for many local ministries in Milwaukee, including Kim's Table and our food shelf!

You can register **now** to participate and/or volunteer at <https://www.ofhrrw.org/>. St. Paul's will be at the Milwaukee location this year (in Washington Park).

~ **Date to be determined**: 185<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

Join us as we celebrate 185 years of ministry in the city!



*Looking  
Ahead*



## Kim's Table

At the July Kim's Table, we welcomed over 40 neighbors on a hot, hot day. Due to the heat, we moved the event indoors which was appreciated by all. Many thanks to the volunteers, and to those who helped

pack the breakfast bags and kids' fun pails the Sunday before. BTW – all the pails were given out, including to some children from across the street.

## Fleece Tie Blankets

We are making progress completing the fleece tie blankets for distribution at Kim's Table on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to those who helped prepare fleece tie blankets on Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>! The last designated date for making blankets is ***Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 am to noon*** in the Memorial Suite.

## 5th Sunday Service Project

Save the date...August 30<sup>th</sup> is the next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service Project. Planning is underway, so watch for more information in the weekly Wednesday email.





## **NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION**

*Bring your loose change for special offering collection at the Worship Service every first Sunday of the month.*

### ***All Peoples Food Pantry – Milwaukee***

Located at 2600 N 2nd St, in Milwaukee (53212) each week, their guests are invited into the Fellowship Hall where they can shop for their own food, to ensure food items chosen, work best for themselves and their family. Food items include shelf stable basics as well as a bag of protein items.

Guests are encouraged to call the church office ahead of time to be placed on their list. Those on the list are given priority in line and sometimes access to extras that may be in limited supply.

Here's how to access the All Peoples Food Pantry:

- Call/Text the church office to sign up.
- ID required: driver's license and a piece of mail from your current address.

The prophet Isaiah calls out to God's people to "come, and eat!" Isaiah invites us to "Seek God where God is to be found." This passage inspires the ministries we offer every Wednesday.

For more information, please visit their website at

<https://allpeoplesgathering.org/food-justice/isaiah-55-food-pantry>

# SUNDAY GOSPEL AND PSALM READINGS

## August 2 – 30, 2026

### **August 2**

Isaiah 55:1-5  
 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21  
 Romans 9:1-5  
 Matthew 14:13-21

*Semicontinuous First  
 Reading and Psalm*

Genesis 32:22-31  
 Psalm 17:1-7, 15

### **August 9**

1 Kings 19:9-18  
 Psalm 85:8-13  
 Romans 10:5-15  
 Matthew 14:22-33

*Semicontinuous First  
 Reading and Psalm*

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

### **August 16**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
 Psalm 67  
 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
 Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

*Semicontinuous First  
 Reading and Psalm*

Genesis 45:1-15  
 Psalm 133

### **August 23**

Isaiah 51:1-6  
 Psalm 138  
 Romans 12:1-8  
 Matthew 16:13-20

*Semicontinuous First  
 Reading and Psalm*

Exodus 1:8—2:10  
 Psalm 124

### **August 30**

Jeremiah 15:15-21  
 Psalm 26:1-8  
 Romans 12:9-21  
 Matthew 16:21-28

*Semicontinuous First  
 Reading and Psalm*

Exodus 3:1-15  
 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

## WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY TEAM: August, 2026

|                     | August 2<br>Pentecost 10 | August 9<br>Pentecost 11 | August 16<br>Pentecost 12 | August 23<br>Pentecost 13 | August 30<br>Pentecost 14 |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Assisting Minister  | Tim Kitzman              | Jeri Jende               | Jeri Jende                | Nancy Day                 | Bob Bromberek             |
| Usher Team          | 5                        | 1                        | 2                         | 3                         | 4                         |
| Altar Guild         | 5                        | 1                        | 2                         | 3                         | 4                         |
| Greeter(s)          | Karen Bromberek          | Karen Bromberek          | Karen Bromberek           | Karen Bromberek           | Karen Bromberek           |
| Communion Assistant | 5                        | 1                        | 2                         | 3                         | 4                         |
| Open                | 5                        | 1                        | 2                         | 3                         | 4                         |
| Close               | 5                        | 1                        | 2                         | 3                         | 4                         |
| Live Stream Team    | Mark Van Engen           | Brett Gluth              | Mark Van Engen            | Mike Polinske             | Brett Gluth               |

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