

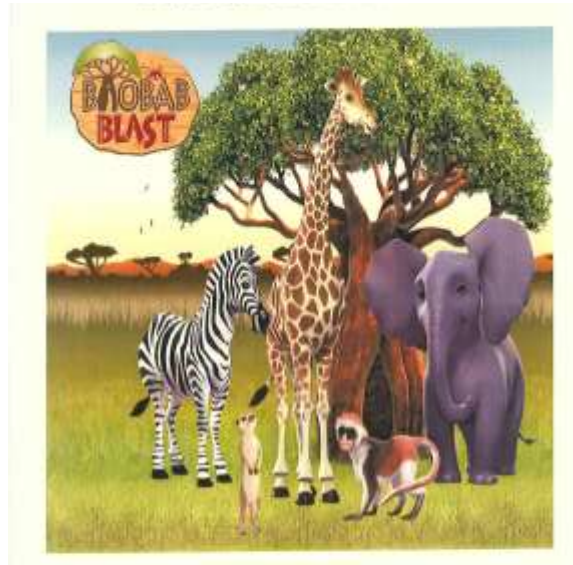
Newsletter

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WITH THE WORLD

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Sunday
Worship Services
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



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Baobab Blast **God's Great Get-Together** **Vacation Bible School**

June 27 to July 1, 2010
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Richardson Hall

A light supper will be served at 5:15 to 5:45 for VBS participants.

VBS activities include Bible stories, Music, Crafts, and Games For:
Preschool-Ages 3 & 4
Grades– Kindergarten to Grade 6
(Nursery provided for infants to age 2 years)

Adult Bible Study
6:30 to 7:45 led by Pastor Kevin in Sanctuary

PASTORS AND CHURCH COUNCIL

Council Takes Major steps in getting our financial house in order.

St. Paul reminds us, “I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:12-13)

Our culture measures blessing as money and has completely forgotten, or never known, that it is God who is the originator of blessing. God’s not against money. Gather it up. Pass it out. We are living in the story of the abundance that God has provided for us. Spreading wealth, God made us who we are as God’s people.

As the church---stewards of God’s radically different message—we hold a sacred treasure of truth. To the fearful ones among us who read the daily front pages, to the proud ones among us who promise us that our efforts will bring all that we need—to all of them and to us God offers fundamentally different news: God’s abundance is unearned. God’s generosity can shape ours. The life at the top of God’s lifeline is fulfilling, rich, satisfying, enough.

Will we let God have that much market share in our lives? We don’t control God’s economy! Part of our anxiety is that we are challenged daily to trust that God will indeed provide. And as Christians, we are also expected to use this assurance as we make our money decisions.

As people of faith, as a congregation of faith, we hold a truly unique perspective on life. God’s economy—an abundance that is more that we could ever earn. A responsibility that is larger and more energizing than we could have ever imagined. A message the world hungers. A generosity that changes lines and strengthens lifelines.

A steward is a person who takes care of precious property which is not his or her own. We own nothing in this world. Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. God does not need us to give to him. God has given everything to us, so that we want to give to others, as a response to God’s love.

Steward comes from the Greek word, “*oikos*”, which means house. Stewardship is taking care of household matters. A related word is “*oikonomics*” from which we get the word, “*economics*.” Stewardship is taking care of money matters that God has entrusted to us.

Jesus said, “Give me an account of your stewardship. Give me a record of how you are taking care of your household affairs.” How are you taking care of things around the house? Your clothing? Your car? Your furniture? Your plants? Your animals? All the property that has been entrusted to your care?

And none of this belongs to you. Your clothes, your house, your furniture, your pets, your toys, your plants, your family. None of it belongs to you. Can you take it with you when you die? Of course not! It’s not yours. Everything in life belongs to God who entrusts you and me to care for these precious possessions.

Jesus said, “Give me an account of your household finances. Give me a record of how you are managing money.” It is so important that we learn to manage money rather than having money manage and dominate our lives. We need to learn to manage money wisely. Of course, we teach our children these values also, often giving them an allowance or work for an allowance, so they have money, not merely to buy things, but to learn to manage money effectively.

PASTORS AND CHURCH COUNCIL

Over the past few years we have been spending more than we have been receiving in financial gifts to the church. Our checking account balance is gone. In order to get our expenses in line with our estimate of giving projections we must make reductions in our spending plan of over \$40,000. In order to live within our means immediate and yet faithful action must take place.

The council has looked at our 2010 Spending Plan and made significant cuts across the board within our programmatic and administrative costs. However, that in and of itself will not be sufficient enough cuts to allow us to operate and continue doing ministry in this place. Therefore, additional cuts have to be made in the area of staffing.

At the May 17th council meeting; it was voted that the following actions take place. Knowing that these actions have profound effect on individuals and the whole congregation, these are necessary financial cuts that must be made; in order for us to manage our monies effectively. Therefore, the Volunteer Ministries Coordinator position held by Marsha Bryant will no longer receive salary. Marsha has graciously agreed to provide for this position for the time being as a "volunteer". The other staff position that will unfortunately be eliminated is that of our Associate Pastor for Discipleship, The Reverend Richard "Dick" Krogmann. Pastor Krogmann will officially be with us in this

position until June 20th and then will return on occasion as the supply pastor. We are grateful for his ministry, leadership, and discipleship among us. We will truly miss his presence and spiritual guidance, but look forward to his supply leadership in worship.

Additionally, Pastor Kevin's package will be cut in the areas of Continuing Education, Cell Phone reimbursement, and Mileage. We are also making cuts significantly to the salaries of our Organist, Rebecca Rowland and our Custodian, Birdell Davis.

These are not easy decisions that have to be made. We will persevere! We will overcome this economic hurdle! We will remain faithful! We will continue our ministry and mission! However, we will do all of this in a simpler way of life and leaner form of resources.

May God continue to guide our days and deeds with His peace!

Serving with you!

Pastor Kevin Strickland

Tom Sims, Council President

PASTORS AND CHURCH COUNCIL

Consecration Sunday, 2010

. . . the REST of the story!

On Sunday, May 16, the Congregation gathered once again for a Celebration Luncheon in order to lift up and recognize what had been accomplished through its Consecration Sunday Program this year. The results of that program were, again, VERY positive – yielding an increase in “estimates of giving” that was more than 3% . . . a level of growth which – considering the current recession – is significant. The initial calculation of Offerings for the coming year indicated an increase of nearly \$10,000 – with a large number of responses yet to be received.

But this 3% growth-statistic only HINTS at the true scope of congregational response! As a part of preparations for Consecration Sunday this year, extraordinary efforts were made to ensure the accuracy of reported results. A careful assessment was made of the impact of lost employment, lower household incomes and the inevitable changes in congregational membership that have taken place. This impact was extensive, indeed, pointing to the expectation that the total of LOST Worship Offerings in the year ahead would exceed \$44,000!

So . . . “the REST of the story” regarding Consecration Sunday at St. Paul this year is that – well BEYOND a reported 3% level of growth – the Congregation has ‘made up’ an extraordinary deficit in Offerings that would severely impede congregational ministries! In addition, the results of the program this year will continue to change as remaining commitments are received. These results will be regularly reported to the Congregation.

Obviously, the people of St. Paul will need to continue in their faithfulness in order that congregational ministries not be diminished by the effects of the current recession . . . and other factors that are beyond our control. Our newest commitments will begin on July 1, and it will be imperative that each of us works to honor his or her commitment throughout the year ahead. But clearly, our faithfulness is already showing!! Our responses to God’s abundant Grace in our lives are the evidence of truly remarkable stewardship growth! Thanks be to God!

Pastor Krogmann

SUPPORTING/GROWING MINISTRIES

MESSAGE FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Several of you have asked me about making contributions to Saint Paul from home using your bank's on-line bill pay system. To start in that direction, Saint Paul now has a bank account at Mountain National Bank (MNB). Although direct electronic transfers will not be available at first, the bank representatives have offered to have us route our on-line contribution to the MNB Branch on Hwy 411 and they will deposit the checks directly into our account. After about six months, they hope that some of the banks will be able to electronically transfer directly to our MNB account. Six Saint Paul families have begun utilizing this system. If you are interested, please contact me for more information.

The July 2010 through June 2011 Contribution Year at Saint Paul begins July 4. For those of you who use envelope packets, new ones will be out in the hall for pickup starting June 20. If you currently have a packet but don't plan to use the envelopes because you put loose checks in the collection plate or will be signing up to use the on-line bill pay system, please contact me so the envelope packet can be used by someone else. If you didn't have a packet this year and want one for next year, please contact me.

If you have any questions, contact me at 865-405-9474 or 423-884-6317 or hpcp2@tds.net.

Herb Perry

PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

St. Paul Adult Ministries

On Tuesday, June 8th, we will meet at the church at 8:30 and leave by 9:00. Clayton will tell us where we are to go in Oak Ridge. This will be a no cost bus tour of the Oakridge facility. You must have signed up by May 25th so that your background was checked. There are many fast food places there, so we may decide to eat on the way home.



On Wednesday, June 30, we will meet at the church at 11 or 11:30 to carpool to the Cumberland County Playhouse in Crossville to see "Tennessee,. USA", a musical-history of Tenn. This opened the playhouse in 1965 and has been on tour since. Please sign up by June 10th.

Cost- \$20 for ticket, and \$2-3 for your driver. Check the sign up sheet to see if we will eat before or after.

Plan ahead:

In July:



The "Music Man" will be at the Clayton Center July 2-4 and 8-11. Cost is \$14 for Seniors (over 65)



July 20, 3 pm, Wine and snacks at Paula and Ann's, swim if you like.

Men In Mission

Red Lewis Night

The Men in Mission will be hosting Red Lewis Night at the Tennessee Smokies Baseball Park on June 5, 2010. Game starts at 6:15 p.m. with fireworks after the game. We wanted to help our folks by having this Red Lewis Night at the first of June, to be cooler than in the past. Tail gating will be in the Smokies Club House on the 3rd baseline near our seats. If you have any questions, see Mark Fisher, or any member of MIM.

Country Western Hoedown

The Men In Mission will be having a Country Western Hoedown on June 19, 2010, Saturday night; from 6:00 - 9:00 pm in Richardson Hall. There will be music and food.



Tickets are \$10.00 each (see any of the MIM for tickets).

This fund raiser is for our Community Food Connection and Church Ministries and Thrivent will match our funds. Any questions call Mark Fisher

at 984-8731.



Dinner Divas

June 5th, 7 pm
Lemon Grass in Maryville,
RSVP: DeeDee Walker,
617-4143



Golden Anniversary Celebration Sunday June 6

Lunch will be served in Richardson Hall at 12 pm following the 10:30 worship service on Sunday June, 6. Hosts will be Gene and Virginia Frye in thankfulness and celebration of their golden wedding anniversary. Everyone is invited.

SERVING MINISTRIES

Gabriel Wright is an intelligent, loving, beautiful 4-year-old member of our congregation who is challenged with autism. His speech is delayed significantly from what it should be. His fine and gross motor skills are affected as well as his ability to determine where he is in relation to things around him. His biggest challenge revolves around his senses. He is often hypersensitive to sounds, smells, lights, food texture and even some fabrics of clothing.

He has a fascination with anything that spins or turns, like fans, and wants to play with the blades. Due to the sensory issues, he is in a constant state of "fight or flight" and tends to run at the slightest disturbance. This is not an issue indoors as much as it is outside. He is unable to recognize the danger of running blindly through a parking lot, or understand the possibility of getting lost. We are blessed to have had him accepted into the Wilderwood Service Dog program which will provide assistance to him and comfort to his family.



DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Christian Education Ministry

June Schedule of Events

No Sunday School classes in June

June 6 to 16, Confirmation Camp at

Lutheridge

June 27 to July 1, Vacation Bible School –

6:00 to 8:00pm

Sunday School News:

There will be no S.S classes during June and

July. Sunday school will begin on August 8

with Rally Day.

Youth and Family

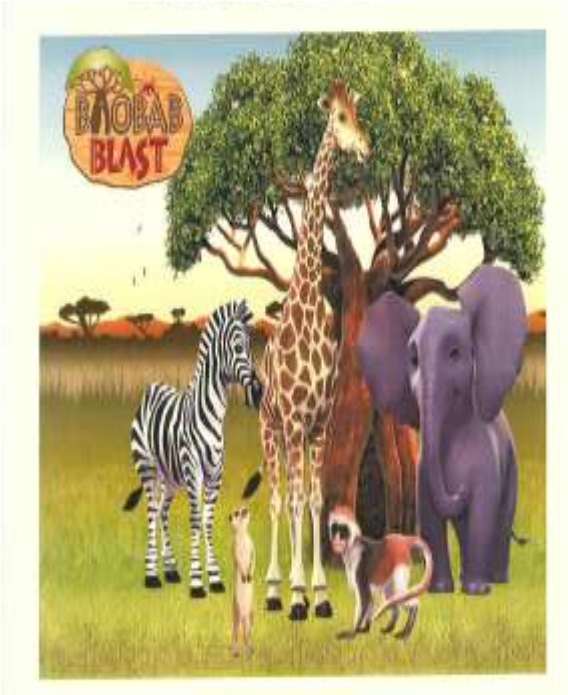
Youth and Family has decided to sponsor an appeal for school supplies for the children of Haiti and the VBS committee has agreed to help us on this venture. We are asking the children of St. Paul and well as the members of the congregation to participate in this activity. During VBS, we will be collecting School Supplies for the children of Haiti. ELCA is having a drive for school supplies for the children of Haiti and we will do our part by collecting supplies during VBS. ELCA is very particular about the supplies that are listed so it is asked that we stay with their guidelines. The children of VBS will need your help so we are asking all children of God (all

members of St. Paul) to participate in this event. The children will be decorating the bags during VBS; and the youth (all members) will be putting the bags together in July and August.

Here is the list of items needed for each bag:

- ◆ Notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8" x 10 1/2" totaling 150 sheets(if using 70 sheet notebook, please include 3) no loose leaf paper.
- ◆ 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors)
- ◆ 1 -30 centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ◆ 1 pencil sharpener
- ◆ 6 new unsharpened no. 2 pencils with erasers; secured with a rubber band
- ◆ 1 eraser 2 1/2" long
- ◆ 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors
- ◆ 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



**Vacation Bible School:
Baobab Blast!
God's Great Get-Together**

**June 27 to July 1, 2010
6:00 to 8:00pm**

TRUST LOVE FOLLOW CARE SHARE

"The great baobab tree in the expansive African savannah is the setting for this year's VBS. This exciting get-together has something for everyone in the community to **LOVE**. Kids will be creating, running, jumping, and **FOLOWING** with action-packed games; singing great new songs; and **SHARE**-ing the good news with everyone they meet. **TRUST** us, this is the VBS you don't want to miss! It's all about being part of a community, **CARE**-ing for others, learning about the Bible, and having fun, of course!" (Augsburg Fortress Publishers)

VBS is scheduled for June 27 to July 1 beginning at 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This year a Light supper will be provided for VBS participants beginning at 5:15 to 5:45, VBS activities will begin at 6:00 pm.

Vacation Bible school is designed for Preschool (age 3 & 4) to grade 6. Grades are based on the

grade your child will attend in the fall. Nursery will be provided for children up to age 2. There will also an Adult Bible study led by Pastor Kevin during VBS time. Volunteers for all areas in VBS can be used. We can use Junior and Senior High students as well as adults. If you would like to help in some way call Winnie Johnson.

Watch for VBS sign up and pre-registration in the Welcome Center!

Items needed for set up for VBS decorations: (African Themed Items)

These items need to be provided as soon as possible – Contact Regina Culver or Laura Mallette.

- ◆ Bamboo screens
- ◆ Hamper size woven baskets
- ◆ Sisal rugs
- ◆ Muslin fabric for painting – needed soon to be painted
- ◆ Woven shades

Mission Project:

During VBS, we will be collecting School Supplies for the children of Haiti. ELCA is having a drive for school supplies for the children of Haiti and we will do our part by collecting supplies during VBS. (See previous page for list of items needed.)

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Time after Pentecost begins on May 23 through November 27, 2010, with many festivals and occasions during this time period.

Color green is used unless a festival falls on a Sunday.

Musicians and Instrumentalists, if you would like to play the prelude or offertory during the summer, please **contact Rebecca Rowland**.

Your time is needed with a friendly greeting. . .

Yes, YOU can do it! 10:30 Ushers need your help now. If you are not Volunteering in any way for your Church, won't you consider helping in this important part of our Worship Service? Please contact any Usher on duty or **contact Denny Mansmith**.

To All (more than 175 people) who assist in Worship Service throughout the year, we give thanks

and praise God for your willingness to serve. There is room for YOU, if you are not serving your church in one of the following activities: Acolyte, Altar Guild, Assistant Minister, Children's Church, Choir, Communion Assistant, Crucifer, Lector, Musicians, Sound Room, and Torch Bearers. Special gifts we have are our Choir Director, Marsha Wynn, Organist, Rebecca Rowland, and Pastor Kevin and Pastor Krogmann.

Other noticeable activities not under the Worship Ministries Team yet vital to our Worship Service are Greeters, Nursery Attendants and Tellers.

The Worship Ministries Team will not meet in June and July.

PROCLAIMING MINISTRIES



Interested in being a member of St. Paul?

Have you searched for a place to call home? Have you looked for a community to share your gifts and grow in faith? Have you yearned for a large extended family that will support you, uplift you, walk with you, and help you grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ? Then we welcome you

home to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We welcome you to come home and worship with us, dine with us, fellowship with us, grow in Christian love toward one another with us.

Come and learn more about St. Paul and what it means to be a member of this family of faith over a conversation with Pastor Kevin and Pastor Krogmann on **Sunday, June 13 and June 20 at 9:15am in Richardson Hall**. If you decide to join, we will welcome you on Sunday, June 27th. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kevin at anytime 865-982-4285. I look forward to our conversations and journey together.

JUNE



2010

June 1	Jericho Clark	June 16	Nathan Vollman
June 3	Joey Merkord	June 18	Carl Bell
June 7	Charlie Morrow	June 19	Jessi Sherman
June 7	Shane Burts	June 20	Virginia Frye
June 9	Frank Rutherford	June 20	Beth Drane
June 9	Melissa Lindquist	June 21	Regina Culver
June 10	Sharon Pitts	June 22	Dave VanBuskirk
June 11	Perry McClellan	June 23	Marilyn Stritter
June 12	Carol Perry	June 23	Marianne Searfoss
June 12	Brady Lassiter	June 25	Steve Zrioka
June 12	Reed Solt	June 26	Laura Schmeichel
June 14	Dawn Hutchison	June 29	Alice Lewis
June 14	Willie Able	June 30	Janice Godfrey
June 15	Keith Law		



June 7 Larry & Carol Galyon
 June 8 Merl & Judy Krull
 June 13 Robert & Mitsue Eichen
 June 14 Andy & Sue Vollman
 June 15 Bob & Maxine Falls
 June 24 John & Jean Beck
 June 25 Henry & Karin Bell
 June 26 Joel & Marianne Searfoss
 June 26 Scott & Sarah Geyer
 June 28 Dale & Mary Nell Biehler

OVER 50 YEARS
OF MARRIAGE

June 1 Warren & Marilyn Stritter
 June 4 Gene & Virginia Frye
 June 6 Les & Ann Mann

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Note: If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement for that Sunday.

Duties	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
Assistant Minister	8 a.m. Warren Bielenberg	8 a.m. Erika Johnson	8 a.m. Elaine Fisher	8 a.m. Mike Culross
Assistant Minister	10:30 a.m. Beth Drane	10:30 a.m. JB Johnson	10:30 a.m. Art Hafner	10:30 a.m. Carolyn Speck
Communion Assistants	Jackie Kreider Valari Burts Art Hafner James Hall Brenda McClellan	Betty Ludwig Mark Fisher Elaine Fisher Anne Sims Tom Sims	Laura Mallette	Erika Johnson JB Johnson Carol Perry Carolyn Speck
Lector	Chris Mallette	Joel Searfoss	Will Ludwig	Jim Pitt Tami Wyatt
Ushers	Mo Bruceckner Floyd Johnson	Betty Ludwig Will Ludwig	Bertha Franks Dot Dismann	Tim Walker Leslie Walker Micah Walker David Walker
Altar Guild	Suzanne Bielenberg	Ethel Duff	Jackie Kreider	Brenda McClellan
Acolyte	Taylor LeBlanc	Ian Culliton	Arielle Tollifson	Eric Walker
Crucifer	Taylor LeBlanc	Katlin Kuzman	Ian Culliton	Sammy Fowler
Children's Church	Valari Burts Jenna Burts			
Nursery		Dorine Keeble Terri Fowler	Judy Krull James McMillion	Chris Mallette Laura Mallette
Greeters	Steve and Linda Zrioka	Jim and Sharon Pitts	Greg & Leigh Caldwell	Robert & Marsha Bryant
Sound Room	Will Ludwig	Mark Fisher	Will Ludwig	David Walker
Tellers		Will Ludwig Merl Krull	DeeDee Walker Kris Zimmer	Karl and Sandi Weber Chris Culliton
			Chris Mallette Laura Mallette	Charlie and Juanita Morrow
			Chris Culliton	Chris Family Chris Culliton
				Warren and Marilyn Stritter Roger Miller
				Marcy Ward Jan Hanes

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8am - Worship Service 9:30am - Lectionary 10:30am - Worship 6	MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED 9:30am - Via de 7	10am - Comm Food 11:30am - Out To 6:30pm - GS Troop # 7pm - Men in Mission 7pm - Youth & Family 8	10am - PRAYER 2	8:30am - Lutheran 7pm - Men in Mission 10	Animal Works Fund Raiser @ Fellowship Hall Synod Assembly 4	6:15pm - Red Lewis 7pm - Dinner Divas- 5
Lutheridge Synod Assembly 8am - Worship Service 10:30am - Worship 12pm - Frye 50th 13	9:30am - Via de 6pm - Jamestown Vig. 14	8:30am - Oak Ridge 5pm - Property 6pm - GS Troop #74 6:30pm - GS Troop # 15	10am - PRAYER 16	6pm - Thrivent Blount 7pm - WELCA Bible 17	Pastor Kevin's Day Off 18	6pm - Country 19
8am - Worship Service 10:30am - Worship 2pm - Youth Pool 20	9:30am - Via de 6pm - Council Mig 21	Newsletter Deadline 6:30pm - GS Troop # 22	10am - PRAYER 23	6:30pm - NAMI 24	Pastor Kevin's Day Off 25	Out to Lunch Bunch 26
AFFIRM 8am - Worship Service 10:30am - Worship 27	9:30am - Via de 6pm - Ministry Team 28	6pm - GS Troop #74 6:30pm - GS Troop # 29	10am - PRAYER 30	6:30pm - NAMI 1	Pastor Kevin's Day Off 2	3
6pm - VBS-Vacation Bible School 8am - Worship Service 10:30am - Worship 27	9am - Staff Meeting 9:30am - Via de 28	10am - Risk 6:30pm - GS Troop # 29	10am - PRAYER 30	8:30am - Lutheran 7pm - Men in Mission 1	Pastor Kevin's Day Off 2	3



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Associate Pastor for Discipleship

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Monday—Friday

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Dates of Interest

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| June 5 | Red Lewis Night at the Tennessee Smokies |
| June 6-12 | Confirmation Camp At Lutheridge |
| June 8 | SPAM outing to Oak Ridge National Laboratory |
| June 12 | Youth Pool Party at Pastor Kevin's |
| June 19 | Country Western Hoedown |
| June 20 | AFFIRM |
| June 27-July 1 | Vacation Bible School |