

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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July 2024 Newsletter

The Bridge

Connecting Church with Home

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Pastoral message: The Necessity of Communal Worship During Summer



Dear Friends in Christ,

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

As the warmth of summer embraces us, many of us find ourselves caught up in the rhythm of vacations, outdoor activities, and family gatherings. The season brings a welcome change, a time to relax, recharge, and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Yet, amidst the sunlit days and restful nights, we must not lose sight of the importance of communal worship.

Summer can easily become a time when our regular routines, including church attendance, fall by the wayside. The Bible reminds us in Hebrews 10:24-25 of the critical need for Christians to gather together. This isn't merely a suggestion; it's an essential aspect of our spiritual well-being.

Strength in Community: Communal worship is a powerful reminder that we are not alone in our faith journey. As the Body of Christ, we draw strength from one another. In worship, we share our joys, burdens, and prayers, fostering a deep sense of connection and mutual support. This is particularly vital during summer when our schedules may become more scattered. Regular fellowship keeps us grounded and connected to our spiritual family.

Encouragement and Accountability: The summer months can sometimes bring a sense of spiritual lethargy. Regular church attendance provides an opportunity for encouragement and accountability. When we worship together, we inspire one another to remain steadfast in our faith. This mutual encouragement helps us stay focused on our spiritual growth, even when distractions abound.

Worship as a Priority: Setting aside time for communal worship during summer is a testament to our commitment to God. It demonstrates that no matter the season or our personal plans, our relationship with God and our commitment to His church remain paramount. This intentionality in prioritizing worship reinforces our faith and serves as a witness to others about the importance of placing God first in our lives.

Experiencing God Together: There's a unique and profound experience in worshiping God together with others. The collective prayers, singing, and hearing God's Word preached enrich our spiritual lives in ways that solitary worship cannot. It's in these gatherings that we often feel the tangible presence of God moving among us, touching hearts, and transforming lives.

This summer, make a deliberate effort to prioritize communal worship. If you're traveling, seek out a local church to attend. Invite friends and family to join you in worship, creating opportunities to share the joy and importance of gathering together as believers. Let your commitment to communal worship be a testament to your unwavering faith and dedication to God.

Blessings, Pastor Mark

Upcoming events

The <u>church calendar</u> is always available on every page of the church <u>website</u> on the right side, along with the church address, phone number, email address, and Youtube link for the online services. The online calendar contains the most up-to-date listing of events.

Click to see Church Calendar		
Weekly events		
Sunday: Worship 10:00 am		
Monthly events		

Tuesday, July 9, 7 pm--Church Council
Thursday, July 11, 6 pm--Friendship Circle
Friday, July 12, 4:30-6:00 pm--Community Meal and Clothes Closet

Upcoming American Red Cross Blood Drives

If you are willing to give blood this spring and summer, here are the dates to show up at our church:

July 1, noon-6:00

August 26, noon-6:00

School Supplies for the Salvation Army

We will collect School Supplies for the Salvation Army on the following dates:

Sunday, July 7 Sunday, July 14 Sunday, July 21 There will be a box in the side entrance to the church. These supplies will be given to those in need for the 2024-2025 school year. Thank you.



The Salvation Army's 2024

Back-to-School Bash



School Supplies Needed:

Elementary K-3

Crayola Crayons, 24pack

Crayola Markers

Elmer's Glue Bottle & Glue Sticks

Pencils #2

Large Pink Erasers

Fiskar Scissors - Rounded Tip

Folders with 2 pockets and prongs Spiral Notebook (wide ruled)

Composition Notebooks (wide ruled)

Ruler

Colored Pencils

Pencil Sharpener

Intermediate 4-6

#2 yellow, wooden pencils

Scissors

Crayons, 24 pack

Eraser (Pink)

Elmer's Glue & Glue Sticks

Colored Pencils

Plastic folders with pockets and prongs

Composition Notebooks

Notebook Paper

Spiral Notebook

Jr. High 7-8

#2 pencils

Pens

Highlighters

Colored Pencils

Elmer glue stick

Scissors

Composition Notebooks

Ruler

Plastic folders with pockets and prongs

Notebook Paper

High School 9-12

#2 pencils

Box of Markers

Notebook Paper (College Ruled)

2-Pocket Folders

Single Subject Spiral Notebooks

Box of Colored Pencils

Composition Notebooks

Ruler

School Supplies pdf

Bible studies on Sunday and Thursday

Adult Sunday School Class

Taking a break for the summer!

The Adult Sunday School Class will not meet during the summer months but will resume on September 8th with a new series of lessons. God's blessings to you!

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Taking a break for the summer!

Pastor Mark plans to start back up in mid-August with a new study.

Friendship Circle

Note from Sue Ambrosic:

Because of the July 4th holiday, Friendship Circle will be meeting July 11th at 6:00 in the lounge. A light supper will be served. All are welcome.

Janet Kuller will do the Bible study, and Deb Schmolt and Judy Hall will hostess.

Kim Oberlin will be taking over as president starting in July. Thank you so much, Kim!

Church Council highlights

Report from June 11, 2024, Council meeting

Welcome to new Council Members

Church Council met on June 11th. Our agenda was light as we closed out the 2023-2024 church year. Vice-President Greg Klein led the meeting while President Patty Long was on vacation. We welcomed new Council members Dwight Butler, Shane Jackson, and Barb Palmer, who will begin serving on Council July 1st. Dennis Morgan and Jackie Pritchett were unable to attend this meeting but will also assume office on July 1st.

Kathryn Myers to present sermon

Pastor Mark reported that Kathryn Myers will preach the sermon and Pastor Lynn Williamson will preside over communion while he is on vacation June 23rd.

Impact Massillon

Pastor also reported that Impact Massillon went very well and thanked Scott Larson and Johnny Stanko for their leadership the work that was done on two homes by our church volunteers with help from the football team.

Capital Campaign Plans

Pastor Mark also shared that he would be getting together members of the Capital Campaign Committee and the Property Committee to review the initial plans that architect John Picard prepared and possibly suggest tweaks before more detailed plans are drawn up.

Budget Approved

Dan Farrar reported that the expenses in May were much greater than expected (mostly due to building maintenance issues) and that much of the anticipated surplus which was expected to be left at year end was used to pay the bills for the month.

Concert Series and Special Music

Greg Klein reported for the Worship and Church Music Committee that Abby Haake has finalized the Concert Series for 2024-2025 and shared the schedule with Council. That schedule will be shared separately in the Bridge. It was also reported that Abby has lined up a variety of special music for Sundays this summer while the choir takes a break.

Ice Cream for Fireworks Celebration

Carol Stoner reported that the Parish Fellowship Committee will once again provide ice cream novelties to those who gather on the church lawn to watch the Independence Day fireworks show put on by the city of Massillon.

Outgoing Council Members and New Officers

Council then expressed our appreciation to Council members Johnny Stanko, Scott Larson, and David Stoner who are going off Council as they complete their terms.

Pastor Mark then led a meeting to elect officers for the next church year. The following were elected: Patty Long, President; Greg Klein, Vice-President; Dan Farrar, Treasurer; Tracie Schmolt, Secretary.

Respectfully shared,

Greg Klein

Vice-President, Church Council

Income and expense summary

May		YTD	
Income	\$ 16,825	Income	\$ 268,942
Endowment Withdrawal	\$ 2,083	Endowment Withdrawal	\$ 35,693
Expenses	\$ 35,241	Expenses	\$ 293,155
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (16,332)	Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 11,481

Financial notes:

We paid \$9,000 for the Parish Hall HVAC repairs that contributed to the May deficit. I anticipate a deficit in June. We will be paying \$3,200 for the Parish Hall window repairs.

Dan Farrar, Treasurer

Capital Fund Update

Capital Campaign Report

Phase One Projects	\$337,000
Funds raised	\$286,240
Interest	\$ 4,445
Building Fund	\$ 30,000
Remaining funds	\$ 16,315
to be raised	

June 8th Fundraising Dinner Update: Message from Sue Ambrosic



Pastor Mark and Marcia Wright display a magnificent quilt while emcee Jim Johnson takes the bids for the live auction. Marcia made the quilt herself.

Dear Church Family,

Once again I am at a loss for words at the generosity of my St. Paul's church family. We raised over \$15,000 from the Chicken and Biscuit Capital Campaign Fundraiser. We had 39 baskets donated by members of our congregation, 7 live auction items, 50/50 tickets and 42 sealed envelopes that we sold for \$20.00 each with a guarantee of getting at least 25.00 back in various gift cards, plus 40 plates of cookies that were sold for 5.00 each. I think all who attended (110 people!) had a wonderful time.

To all who helped with this fundraiser, and there were many, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. A very special thank you to Dave Stoner and all the kitchen help. Thanks to Becky Johnson, Janet Kuller, Kathryn Myers, and Sue Reid, who helped with all the baskets and setting everything up. Thanks to Jim Johnson for being our emcee, and for all God's Kitchen Angels for the delicious desserts. Thank you to Carol Butler and Jackie Pritchett for the pictures and PR work for the fundraiser. Last but certainly not least, thanks to Pastor Mark for moving all the tables and chairs and helping set up—and also for listening to me ask for the keys to the closet, or to please open the closet, or to please lock the closet—over and over again!

Again, many thanks to all who helped, attended the fundraiser, or donated money. Your generosity is and always will be appreciated.

PEACE, LOVE, JOY

--Sue Ambrosic



We brought the kitchen staff out for applause in appreciation of their hard work. Thank you, Lorelei, Nancy Lint, David Stoner, Kim Oberlin, Carol Marlow, Tracie Schmolt, Deb Hannum, and Deb Schmolt.



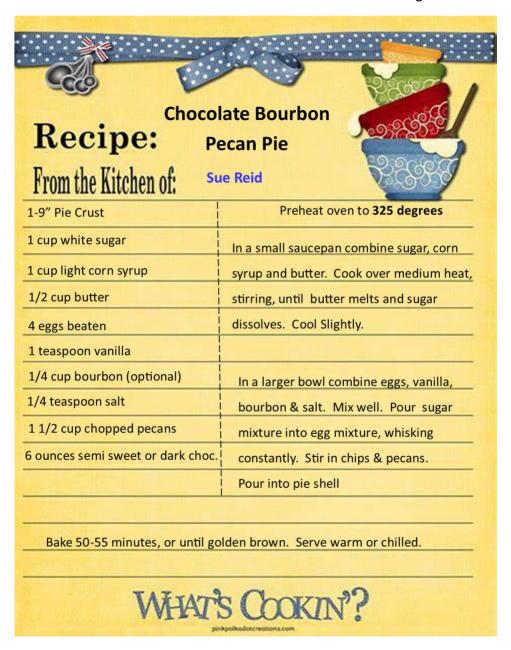
Sonia and Dave Sheetz join the many who took part in the silent auction.

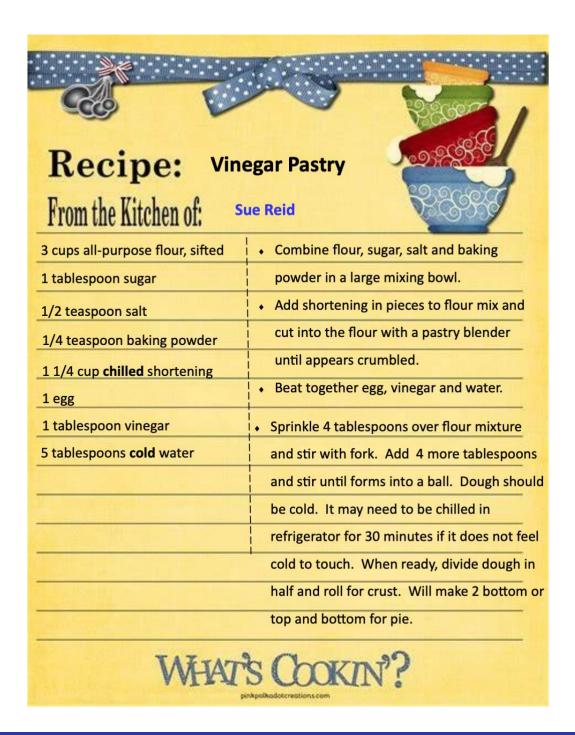


In the Gleitsman Lounge, Sue Ambrosic, Janet Kuller, Becky Johnson, and Kathryn Myers make final preparations in the week before the fundraiser. We are all grateful for their leadership.

Recipes from the Fundraising Dinner

Maybe you'd like to recreate one of the delicious offerings from the dinner. Sue Reid shares the recipes for her celebrated Chocolate Bourbon Pecan Pie and Vinegar Pie Crust.





June Community Meal report

Jack and Marsha Fortune report on the past month's Community Meal:

St. Paul's hosted our monthly Community Meal and Community Closet on Friday, June 14. A total of 86 meals were served.

It was an early summer feel as we served up delicious Coneys, potato salad, and applesauce. Dessert was cake and/or cookies.

We had a special gift for a couple of our patrons. It seems their photos had appeared in the latest edition of *The Bridge*. We gave them each a copy of the newsletter that featured their photo, as well as a framed copy of the photo. They were delighted!

We had 3 children on this particular Friday. In addition to the meal, each was given a small gift from the congregation.

The Community Closet was visited by many of those who came to eat. Summertime clothes are much in demand, and fortunately we are well stocked. Your generosity of donations has been wonderful! Thank you!

Our monthly gift bag tables were in full swing on Friday night. There is much need in our community, and we are so privileged to be able to help!

The generosity of this church never ceases to amaze me. Despite increasing costs, we find a way to keep this ministry alive and viable. We have many patrons who tell us how much they look forward to coming to St. Paul's on the second Friday of each month. We are so thankful that our members love the Lord and support this ministry.

St. Paul's Community Meal and Community Closet provide a free meal and clothing for all on the 2nd Friday of each month. Our next opening is Friday, July 12, from 4:30 to 6:00. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

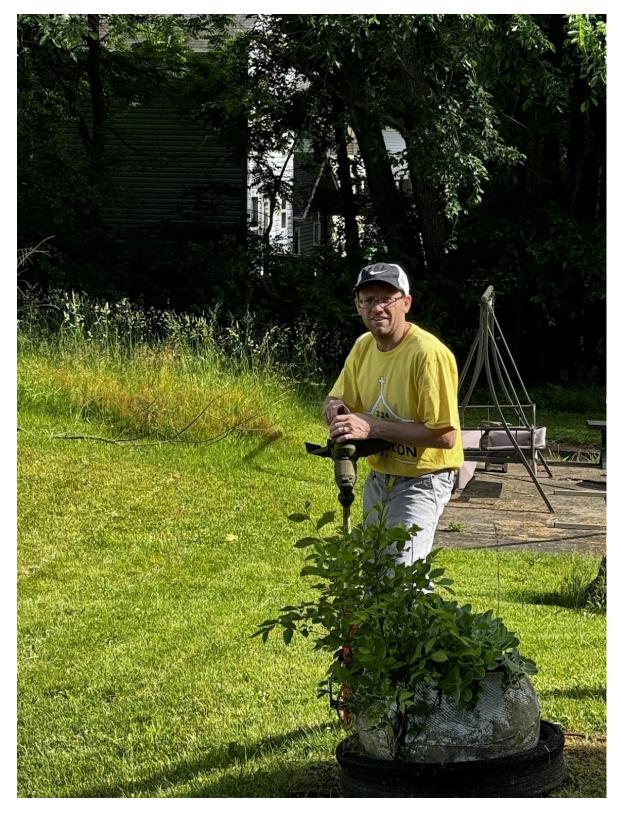
-- Jack and Marsha Fortune

Impact Massillon

St. Paul's joined with area churches to do Christ's work and make a difference for one of our Massillon neighborhoods. Volunteers put in new sidewalks, cleaned gardens, trimmed trees, planted, spread mulch, and provided lunch for our workers. We had a great time helping a homeowner who needed our strength and faith. This year, 19 churches from across Massillon participated on June 1, 2024, to address the needs of 24 homes. Thank you to everyone who came out to help our neighbors.



Deb Schmolt joins in on the hard work.



Scott Larson helps spruce up the property.

Click here to see more photos on our church website.

Next year's Concert Series

Dr. Abigail Haake, our Director of Music, is pleased to present next season's artists.

If you are interested in becoming a patron for this upcoming year, please let the office (hours and number listed at the bottom of the newsletter) or Dr. Haake (link at top of page) know. Below is an image of the form from our last concert and a clickable link to a pdf version. These forms will be available on Sundays as well.

I WOULD LIKE TO BE A PATRON OF THE 2024-2025 CATHEDRAL CONCERT SERIE Amount of Gift Included in Offering Envelope Patron \$50+ Beethoven Circle \$150+	S
Bach Circle \$250 +	
Conductor's Circle \$500 and over	
NAME(S) for Concert Programs: Check here if you do NOT want to be listed in the program	_
Email address:	
Please include your mailing address on the back so we can send you a thank you!	
Donor form pdf	

Cathedral Concerts — AT ST. PAUL'S —

Sunday, September 29, 2024, 4:00 PM Singers Companye





Sunday, October 6, 2024, 4:00 PM James Kibbie, Organist

Thursday, November 7, 2024, 7:00 PM Bowling Green State University Men's Chorus & Festival Choir





Sunday, February 23, 2025, 4:00 PM Minnita Daniel-Cox, Soprano

Sunday, March 9, 2025, 4:00 PM OPUS 216





Sunday, May 17, 2025, 2:00 PM The Canton Symphony Orchestra Chorus

CONCERTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL. YOUR FREEWILL OFFERING IS GRACIOUSLY RECEIVED.



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Recognizing Graduates

We would like to celebrate the achievements of our recent high school and college graduates in *The Bridge*. Please send a photo and information (for example, degree, major, institution, future plans) to the newsletter editor, <u>Carol Butler</u>. Thank you!

Prayer list

Dave Paul, Cheryl Lash, Jessica Swank, Mary Martin, Rick Theiss, Mary Boost, Patricia Kandle, Mary Ann Breslin, Joy Smith, Amy White, Lindsay Mays, Errett Butler, Theresa Eckleberry, Michael Jordan, Chrissy Sturtz, and Jack Young.

July birthdays

Favorite Bible or hymn verses: Every month we invite those celebrating birthdays to share their favorite verses. Be ready to send yours in!

Jackie Pritchett: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. (Ephesians 2: 8-9)

July 1--Deborah Hoffman July 4--Alayna Dunlap July 5--Diana Burns July 5--Robert Lewis July 5--Donna Viles July 9--Marie Stoner July 10--David Allman July 11--Jackson Lang July 13--Larissa Haring
July 13--Mary Ann Poling
July 13--Brady Rupp
July 16--Anna Langenfeld
July 17--Daniel Bennett
July 20--Kathryn Sheets
July 22--Jackie Pritchett
July 24--Harry Morgan

July 24--Ricky Richards
July 29--Caroline Deerwester
July 29--Allison Lang
July 30--Robert Englehart
July 30--Jan Geuy
July 30--Emma Lafferty

July anniversaries

Congratulations

July 1--Scott & Debra Hannum
July 8--Patty & Bob Long

July 10--James & Barbara Starrett
July 12--Jonathon & Amy Stuck
July 13--Paul & Susan White

July 16--Michael & Wendy Reiman
July 18--Paul & Linda Mutchler
July 22--David & Amy Burkett

July 25--David & Bronwyn Dourm
July 26--Jim & Debra Stevens

July 29--Jason & Abbie Deuble

July 31--Larry & Marie Stoner

Every month we invite those celebrating their anniversaries to share a wedding photo.



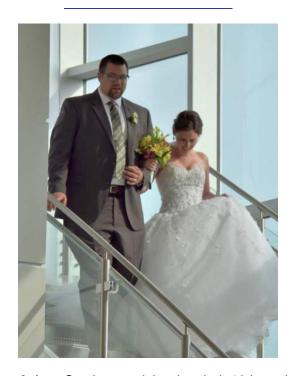
Paul & Linda Mutchler are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.



It's the 56th anniversary for Paul and Susan White. They married at Church of the Savior in Canton, having first met on a church Christmas bus trip to D.C.



David & Amy Burkett married 35 years ago.



Jonathon & Amy Stuck are celebrating their 10th anniversary.

Flowers for the altar

Please text Sue Ambrosic at 330-844-7648 if you would like to have the Altar or Throne flowers for 2024.

The cost of Altar flowers is \$40 per Sunday; the Throne flowers are \$28. Please contact Patty Carmola if you have any questions at 330-832-9405. You will be billed directly by *Carmola's Flowers* in Massillon.

Council members

Patty Long, president
Greg Klein, vice-president
Dan Farrar, treasurer
Tracie Schmolt, secretary

Judy Fichter

Dwight Butler Gary Collard Shane Jackson Cindy Lash Dennis Morgan Kathryn Myers Barb Palmer Jackie Pritchett Carol Stoner

Joe Hepler

Committee members

Sue Reid

EVANGELISM	FINANCE	WORSHIP AND MUSIC	STAFF SUPPORT
Kathryn Myers, Chair Amy Burkett, Sue Ambrosic Gayle Jackson Becky Johnson Cindy Lash Deidra Monastra	Dan Farrar, Chair Shane Jackson Greg Klein John Liebermann Patty Long Tracie Schmolt John Stanko	Greg Klein, Chair Carol Butler Dwight Butler Abigail Haake Karl Kalk Patty Long Kathryn Myers Kim Oberlin Phyllis Staver	Greg Klein, Chair Jennifer Nelson Maurer Jackie Pritchett Elizabeth Schehl
WELFARE AND	PARISH	MISSION	PROPERTY
SOCIAL ACTION	FELLOWSHIP	ENDOWMENT	MANAGEMENT
<u>Cindy Lash, Chair</u>	<u>Carol Stoner, Chair</u>	<u>Craig Maurer, Chair</u>	<u>Jim Johnson, Chair</u>
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Karl Kalk

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SCHOLARSHIP

YOUTH AND PARISH EDUCATION

Barb Palmer, Chair Amy Burkett John Liebermann Lisa Skelly

Jackie Pritchett, Chair Scott Larson Deidra Monastra Sue Reid

Serving during the month of July

If you are interested in serving for a future month, click on the contact person's email link.

ASSISTING MINISTER	COMMUNI
	ACCICTAN

Contact Karl Kalk

July 7--Patty Long July 14--David Stoner June 21--Scott Larson June 28--Carol Stoner

ON **ASSISTANTS**

Contact Patty Long

July 7--Dwight Butler & Cindy Lash July 14--Patty Long & Gary Collard July 21--Shane Jackson & Barb Palmer July 28--Jackie Pritchett & Greg Klein

GREETERS

Contact Karl Kalk

July 7-- Sue Ambrosic July 14-- Rob Pritchett July 21-- Pastor Lynn & LaShelle Williamson July 28-- Dick & Robin Cordes

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Contact Kathryn Myers Patty Long

Contact Karl Kalk Kathryn Myers

Contact Dick Longworth Jack and Marilyn Norton Karl Kalk Craig Maurer

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Open the app and search for St. Paul's by typing STPLC APP. Then click on the St. Paul's logo.

To take advantage of all the app's features, you must create an account. Get notifications and reminders of upcoming events, access our live stream worship and worship bulletins, send prayer requests, see the church calendar, and give electronically.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

We are a community of believers called together to be the Body of Christ for the sake of our families, community and our world. We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings as we celebrate God's redeeming and freeing grace in Jesus Christ our Lord.



The Reverend Mark Kreemer officiating.

Thank you to all who have submitted photos for this newsletter. To see more photos, follow the Facebook pages listed below.



Cathedral Concerts Facebook Page



St. Paul's Facebook Page

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ELCA Vision: A world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation.

