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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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In 1 Samuel 2, we meet Eli—a priest of the Lord whose public ministry stood in sharp contrast to his private parenting. His sons, though raised in the house of God, became corrupt and destructive because Eli failed to set firm and loving boundaries. He spoke warnings, but he didn't follow through. He offered correction, but not connection. His tragic legacy reminds us that permissiveness, even from a place of love or weariness, can leave children unprepared to live with wisdom, humility, or self-control.

Healthy boundaries are not barriers to joy; they are the structure in which joy—and faith—can grow. Parenting that includes consistent "no" is not harsh. It teaches our children that life has limits, others matter, and God is the true center. When those boundaries are rooted in relationship, they become a gift—not a punishment. Children may test them, but in time, they will be grateful for them.

Eli's story stands as a warning but also as a call to something better: a vision of parenting that is engaged, not passive. The goal is parenting where love sets boundaries, discipline is consistent, and the aim is not mere compliance but the shaping of a heart that honors God, oneself, and others.

Traditional Worship
8:30 A.M.
Illges Chapel (M250)
Leader: Rev. John Fugh, Jr.
Sermon: When the Shadows Are
Long

Contemporary Worship
9:00 A.M.
Fellowship Hall (M220)
Leader: Rev. Dr. Shane Green
Sermon: Impactful Parents Series
Eli
Scripture: 1 Samuel 2:12-17

Traditional Worship 11:00 A.M. Sanctuary (M260) Leader: Rev. Dr. Shane Green Sermon: Impactful Parents Series: Eli

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ST. PAUL EVENTS





The Study of Ezekiel Noon - 1:00 PM Room M232 June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, and 23 No registration required

Canned Vegetables Canned Meat Canned fruit Canned Tomato Products Mac and Cheese Spaghetti Sauce Jelly **Peanut Butter** Soup Rice and Noodles Breakfast cereal Toilet paper Bar soap



NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

Please bring non-perishable food items! June 21, 2025 Food Drive at St. Paul



Family Night Supper To Go:

Enjoy hot meals with salad bar and dessert for TAKE OUT ONLY

First pick-up on:

Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Butter Beans, Rolls, Full Salad Bar & Dessert PLEASE RSVP AT

stpaulcolumbus.com/supper

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KIDMIN MOMENT

When God first made people, He said they were very good. But later, people made many bad choices, and it made God very sad. God decided to send a big flood, but He chose to save a good man named Noah and his family. God told Noah to build a big boat called an ark, and Noah obeyed without arguing. He trusted God and did everything just as he was told. This story shows how important it is to listen to God and do what's right.

VBS is next week!
June 9-13!
We are so excited
to learn about God,
together!



Save the Dates:

Acolyte Training for 3rd Grade Students: 4:30-5:30 on Sundays, August 3, 10, 17, and 24.

Confirmation Kick-Off for the 6th Grade Class: Thursday, August 21

Promotion Sunday and Back to School Bash: Sunday, August 24

Children's church is now available during the 9:00 a.m. service. We need volunteers over the age of 18 to help us comply with our Safe Sanctuaries policy. Please let Donna Hightower know if you are willing to serve.



SPY MINISTRY

The First SPY S.O.S. of the summer (Sabbath on Sunday) is tonight. We want Sunday night sabbaticals for our students to rest, put distractions aside, and fully experience and be in the presence of our Creator. We are meeting at the Marvets' house from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., with lasagna for dinner. Bring your tennis shoes for an evening walk. We will be intentional about no phones during this sabbatical time. Also, Mission Trip final payments are due today, June 8th! (\$300).

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, June 8 8:00 AM Red Cross Blood Drive (Y210)

8:30 ÁM Traditional Worship (M250)

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship

9:30 Weekly Communion (M250) 10:00 AM Bridges SS Class (M235)

10:00 AM High School Youth SS Class (Y104)

10:00 AM Middle School Youth SS Class (Y106)

10:00 AM New Life SS Class (Y102)

10:00 AM Seekers Class (M234) 10:00 AM Wesley/Miller-Wilson

Class (M232) 10:00 AM Wildwood Class

(M150)

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (M260)

12:00 PM VBS Meeting (M220) 2:00 PM Spring Harbor Worship (Off Campus)

5:30 PM SNY Youth (Off Campus)

Monday, June 9 9:00 AM VBS (Various rooms) 1:30 PM Staff Meeting (M203)

Tuesday, June 10 9:00 AM VBS (Various rooms)

Wednesday, June 11 9:00 AM VBS (Various rooms)

Thursday, June 12 9:00 AM VBS (Various rooms)

Friday, June 13 9:00 AM VBS (Various rooms)

TALK ABOUT IT:

Today's Sunday School Lesson for Preschool and Elementary Children

Noah Builds the Ark (Genesis 6:13-22)

Anchor Point – We can trust God's promises.

Say the Bible verse together: "This is the symbol of the covenant that I have set up between me and all creatures on earth." (Genesis 9:17)

Questions for family discussion:

- How do you think Noah felt when God told him to build an ark?
- How do you think Noah's family felt about Noah's instructions from God?
- How do you think the world was different before the flood?

Prayer:

God, thank you for the covenant you have made with us. We know we can trust in your promise to always love us. Help us to be faithful to you. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP 258 SERVING THIS WEEK

- 8:30 Acolytes: Haley Alexander and Edee Portillo
- 11:00 Acolytes: Reiner Klinger and Gray Williams
- Cross Bearer: Josie Park
- Acolyte Helper: Sara Carver

ALTAR GUILD:

- Chapel: Knoxie Heisler and Susan Middlebrooks
- Delivery: Mimi Copelan and Susan Middlebrooks

USHERS:

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler, Stan Copelan
- (11:00) Mark Ellis (Lead), Asa Swift, David Koon, George Avant, Leo Koppang



The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of *Madison Jones and Will Cunningham*, and in loving memory of their grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Jones, Mr. George Lewis Godman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lafayette Short, Mr. Robert Barnett Cunningham, and Mr. and Mrs. William Tolliver Cunningham, Jr.



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Altar Fund

In memory of Betty Stinson

- by Helen Burgin
- by Riley Middleton, Jr.

Building Fund

In memory of Betty Stinson

by Ginger and Larry Harper

Childrens Ministry In memory of Betty Stinson

· by Donna Craig

Wesley-Miller-Wilson Class In memory of Betty Stinson

by Betty and Mike Hipps



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 8, 2025 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

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The Welcome & AnnouncementsRev. John Fugh, Jr.
The Choral Call to WorshipBe Joyfu
The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar
The Prelude Adagio from <i>Pastorale</i> , by C. Monza
Responsive Reading:
<u>Leader</u> : Today we celebrate the covenant of grace made visible through
baptism and confirmation.
Congregation: We rejoice in God's gift of new life, given through
water and the Spirit. We remember our own baptism and give thanks
for those who are now joining us in Christ's body.
<u>Leader</u> : We affirm the promise of faith: to turn from sin, to follow Jesus
Christ, and to live by the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: We commit ourselves to walk alongside, to encourage,
to teach, and to love them as fellow members of Christ's Church.
The Hymn of CelebrationO For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (#57)
The Sacrament of BaptismCharlotte Sumner Schley (see insert)
The Pastoral Prayer with The Lord's PrayerRev. Fugh
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.
The Confirmation of Anna and Henry Gosling(see insert)

The Leader: Let Us Worship God with His Tithes and Our Offerings. The Offertory Prayer
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below: praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
The Scripture Lesson
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. Congregational Response: Thanks be to God. The Passing of the Peace
Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you. Congregational Response: And also with you.
The Welcome and Registration of Attendance
(Children ages K4-2nd graders are invited to go to Children's Church, room M235, during the Welcome; children 3 and younger are taken to the nursery by parents.)
The Anthem
The Sermon
The Hymn of Consecration
The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World
The Choral Benediction and Amen
The Postlude

CONFIRMATION

ANNA GOSLING

HENRY GOSLING

CONFIRMAND EXAMINATION

Do you in the presence of God and this congregation renew the solemn vow and promise made at your baptism?

I do.

Do you truly and earnestly repent of your sins? I do.

Do you believe in God the Father Almighty? I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I do.

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to keep God's holy will and commandments and walk in the same all the days of your life as faithful members of Christ's holy church?

I do.

CONFIRMATION

Anna and Henry, may the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

All respond:

Amen.

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Will you be faithful to St. Paul Church with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness for the transformation of the world?

I will.

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME AND RESPONSE

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The Baptism of Charlotte Sumner Schley June 8, 2025

Born on November 13, 2024

Daughter of Caroline and Jack Schley Granddaughter of Edward and Lynn Walker, and John and Margaret Schley



(Vows Taken by Caroline and Jack Schley)

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sins?

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Will you nurture Charlotte in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

The Naming of the Child
The Sacrament Administered

(Vows Taken by the Congregation)

Do you renew your faith in God, place your trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior, and place your whole trust in his grace for salvation?

Will you nurture Charlotte in faith by loving and caring for her and will you do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love?