## JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER St. Paul's & Buffalo Lutheran Churches

## **Cares and Concerns and Activities**

JULY SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT 9:00 AM AT BUFFALO LUTHERAN CHURCH. PASTOR JACK DAMIEN CAN BE CONTACTED BY THE CHURCH PHONE AT 701-749-2309 AND THOSE IMPORTANT MESSAGES WILL BE FORWARDED TO PASTOR JACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE WILL APPRECIATE BEING CONTACTED BY PHONE REGARDING ANY SPECIAL EVENTS SUCH AS BAPTISMS OR FUNERALS! YOU CAN CONTACT CAROL HINTZ, OUR SECRETARY, BY LEAVING A MESSAGE ON ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH'S PHONE AT 749-2309 OR CALLING CAROL AT HER HOME AT 701-429-0030.

The Church Office should be open on Fridays from 1 PM-3 PM. If you find you need something at a different time don't hesitate to call Carol at her home at 701-429-0030.

May we remember with prayers of sympathy the family and friends of Duane Greiger of Buffalo. Duane passed away June 1 and her funeral was held Friday, June 7, at Buffalo Lutheran Church.

Thanks to all who joined in the three days of grand festivities of the Richman clan, and their many friends. We especially thank those who contributed to a memorable worship service on June 30, 2024, at St. Paul's in Tower City.

There will be a bridal shower for Kindra Hamlin on Sunday, July 21 at 2:00 pm at the Tower City Community Hall. Kindra is the bride-to-be of Hunter Smith.

Ecumenical Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, July 28 – Thursday August, 1, 2024 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Thursday there will be a potluck picnic in the Tower City Park with a program following at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Tower City. There will be music, games, crafts and learning all in a Christian setting. Students in grades Pre-K through grade 6 are invited to the week of activities. 5:00 – Indoor play activities, 5:30 – Meal, 5:45-8:00 Crafts, music, bible lesson. Register by texting the participant's names to (701) 490-2591 or emailing <a href="mailing-shirljand@gmail.com">shirljand@gmail.com</a>. Please register by July 15. If you would like to help, please contact Shirley Anderson.

July 19-21 is Shuffle off to Buffalo.

Karen Tabor attended the 37<sup>th</sup> annual END Synod Assembly on June 1-2, 2024 The theme was "Challenge: Learn, Discern, Respond" with 296 that attended. Business included reports, adopting 2025 budget, elections, and 2 resolutions: Compensation guidelines and a Welcome statement. We heard about the State of the Synod from Biship Leiseth and state of the ELCA from Kristin Opalinski (our churchwide rep). We had 2 worship services, and 2 keynote presentations by Dr Kelly Sherman Conroy (Native Theologian)

Workshops were offered and Karen attended the one on Christian Nationalism, a very frightening movement we all need to educate ourselves about.

Karen wishes to thank the church council for the opportunity to attend this years Synod assembly.

**Bethany News** 

Bethany on University

Bible Study will be on Monday's at 10:00 am Birthday Party on July 11 at 12:00 pm

Bethany on 42<sup>nd</sup>
Bible Study will be on Monday's at 3:00 pm
Birthday Party July 5 at 3:00 pm