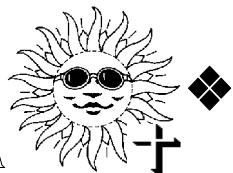


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Sunday, July 6, 2025

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion at the Altar

Sunday, July 13, 2025

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion by Stations

Sunday, July 20, 2025

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion by Stations

Sunday, July 27, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion by Stations

Come! Worship at St. Paul's

Every Saturday Evening
5:30 P.M. - Casual Worship

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Every Sunday Morning
10:00 A.M. - Worship

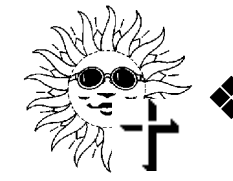
**You can also find our worship services
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◆ Pastor Stephen Zeller.....



PASTOR'S PAGE



But I Say To You...

Throughout the month of June, a group of you have been meeting with me on Tuesday evenings to dig into Jesus' words spoken in The Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew. I was drawn to that topic this summer because of the five words above: *But I say to you...* This "sermon" is Jesus' first major public teaching as recorded by Matthew.

When Jesus arrived on the scene declaring that he was the Messiah and Savior, people had expectations that he would turn everything on its head. And he did. Just not to their expected outcome.

He taught them, "You have heard it said, 'Do not murder,' and 'do not commit adultery,' and 'do not swear falsely,' and... ***But I say to you...***" Do all those things, ***and more.*** Don't just follow the law, exceed the law. Don't just care about people, love people. Don't just live a good life, live a perfect and complete life!

The Sermon on the Mount brings memorable teachings, such as the Beatitudes where God declares that those who are or feel broken are made completely whole. It includes the declaration that we are the salt of the earth, the light of the world, a city on a hill. It's where Jesus teaches us to pray The Lord's Prayer. He says, "Do not store up treasures on earth," "do not worry," "do not judge," "do to others as you would have them do to you."

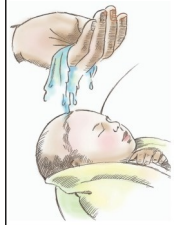
Jesus, in this first teaching of his ministry, teaches us how to live in a new way. He teaches us how to live the good life, not for our own sake but for the sake of others, for the sake of those in need, and for the sake of the world. He teaches us what God's kingdom in this place is meant to look like. He teaches us about hope.

I invite you: take a little bit of time, read Matthew chapters 5 - 7, and see what kind of hope it shines into this world. Couldn't we all use a little more hope?

Hope

CHURCH FAMILY

BAPTISMAL GRACE

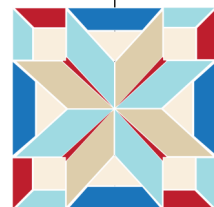


Scarlet Jean Theisen was washed clean in the waters of Holy Baptism on Tuesday June 10th. We welcome her into the fellowship of faith that we all share through baptismal grace of God. Scarlet is the daughter of Tanna and Tanita Theisen and was born on October 23, 2024. Scarlet's sponsors are Nathan Hawkins and Tory Viebrock.

THANK YOU

St Paul's Quilting Group, Thank you for the beautiful graduation quilt you created for me. This generous, thoughtful gift is a reminder of the continuous care and support of my church family. Your time, effort, and love are so clearly reflected in this beautiful quilt. Thank you again for blessing me with something so special.

Braden Poe



Thank You

THANK YOU

Fish Fry Volunteers, On behalf of everyone involved, we would like to extend a heartfelt *thank you* for your incredible support and dedication to making our recent fish fry a success. Whether you helped set up or took down tables, baked delicious cakes, caught or fried up golden fish, prepared potato salad, served food, or washed dishes, your time, effort, and enthusiasm did not go unnoticed. It was wonderful to see everyone come together to provide a delicious meal and create a warm, welcoming atmosphere for all. Thank you once again for everything you did. We couldn't have done it without you!

With deep appreciation,
Fish Fry Committee








JULY ACTIVITY PAGE



"IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!

Always live "in dependence" on God.

Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.

A=  E=  I=  O=  U= 

k _ p my _ y _ s
lw _ ys _ n th _ L _ RD.
W _ th h _ m _ t my
r _ ght h _ nd,
w _ ll n _ t b _ sh _ k _ n.
Ps _ lm 16:8, N _ V

Answer: I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV

PATRIOTIC PINWHEEL

Create this colorful July 4th craft.

What you need:

- Decorated card stock square (5" x 5")
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- 2 one-inch circles of card stock
- Glue
- Pipe cleaner (3 inches)
- Drinking straw



What you do:

1. Fold the square corner to corner to form an X. Unfold.
2. To make spokes, cut the four creases until an inch from the center.
3. Punch a hole in the middle of the square, near the tips of each spoke, and in the middle of each circle.
4. Fold each spoke toward the center, lining up the holes. Glue in place.
5. Wrap one end of the pipe cleaner around the top of the straw. Thread a circle, the pinwheel, and the remaining circle onto the pipe cleaner.
6. Roll the pipe cleaner end into a ball. Then spin!

ON YOUR CALENDAR



"ONE STITCH AT A TIME"

The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **July 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th** in the Gathering Space.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

WELCA will have their quarterly meeting on Wednesday, **July 2nd** at 7:00pm in the Chapel.



CIRCLE

The Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **July 21st** at 7:00pm. at the home of Rhonda Schlesselman.



SUNBEAM

The Sunbeam Committee will meet on Wednesday, **July 23rd** at 3:00pm.



EVANGELISM

The Evangelism committee will meet on Wednesday, **July 30th** at 7:00pm.



SATURDAY CASUAL SERVICE

Saturday worship begins at 5:30pm in the Chapel. There will be no service on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Welcome!



FREE YOGA CLASS

Every Monday at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's in the Fellowship Hall, a free yoga class will be offered. Thanks to new local doctor and certified Yoga instructor, Stephanie Schirding, for offering her time! This is a beginner's class.



SALVATION ARMY KIDS MEALS



For the past few years, the Salvation Army of Benton County has been providing weekly groceries to families with children to help supplement their food needs. Last year they estimated that over 600 people in our county were impacted by this meal program. 40-50 meals were distributed each week in Cole Camp alone last year. If you would like to financially contribute to this effort, you can include that in your offering at church (designated for Kids Meals) or mail it directly to: Salvation Army, PO Box 1432, Warsaw, MO 65355.

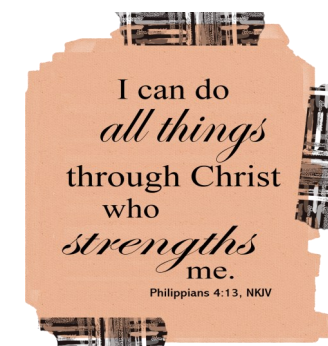
INDIVIDUAL FAITH STATEMENTS

Grady Elliott,

son of Jeff & Kristen Elliott

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13)

I chose Philippians 4:13. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," because it reminds me that when I feel empty or have nothing left to give, I can still do it with the guidance of God. I don't have to rely on myself for strength when I know God is by my side to help me through it. For example, when I'm getting ready to go to a sporting event I tell myself this verse to know that I can do it because God is there to guide me. This verse is very powerful and helpful because it applies to many things in your life. It doesn't have to be a sporting event, it could be about how to do your math homework that you don't understand and you can still lean on God to help you get through it.



Ben Goosen,

son of Luke & Anne Goosen

"Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the LORD your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6)

For my Bible verse, I chose Deuteronomy 31:6. This verse says, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." This verse reminds people to be strong and brave and not fear their enemies, for the Lord your God is with everyone and will never leave or abandon them. People need to trust in God daily to remind them to be strong in their daily lives. This verse also helps people who have to suffer from larger fears, such as people without homes or fresh water and people rebuilding from natural disasters. This reminds people to never doubt God's grace.

Deuteronomy 31:6 impacts my life daily to remind me never to be afraid because God is with me. Trusting in God's grace helps me to play sports and to not be afraid of the opposing teams. When playing football, the opposing team might have some kids that are bigger and

INDIVIDUAL FAITH STATEMENTS

stronger than me, and I might be afraid of getting injured. This is an instance where I need to have faith in God to help me to be brave and courageous.

My faith helps me in school as well. When taking a test I might be worried about getting a bad grade, but my faith helps me to be confident that I am smart enough and mentally prepared for the test so that I will get a good grade. Courage, strength, and bravery are things that we need in our everyday lives. My faith in God gives me these three things, and this is why Deuteronomy 31:6 is important to me.

Grant Kullman,
son of Eric & Emily Kullman
"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

I believe that God is the creator of the earth and every living thing. I believe that God created the mountains, the farmlands, oceans, and the galaxies. I believe God made man

in his perfect image. I believe in the holy Trinity, the father, son, and the holy spirit. I believe in the words of the Apostles and Nicene creed. I believe that God sent his only son Jesus to die on the cross in order for my sins to be forgiven.

Confirmation is an important step in growing my faith. When I was a baby my parents and congregation made a promise to support me in my Christian journey. Now that I am old enough, I am able to reaffirm those promises.

My confirmation verse is Romans 15:13: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the holy spirit." I feel comfort in this verse because when I believe and trust in God, He will fill me with hope and joy.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
CONFIRMANDS WHO AFFIRMED THEIR
BAPTISMAL PROMISES ON JUNE 8TH.**



SPECIAL OCCASIONS

ANNIVERSARIES:

7/7	Donnie & Any Brown	18
7/8	Travis & Rachel Goosen	07
7/8	Kevin & Ami Schlesselman	30
7/9	Tanna & Tanita Theisen	09
7/15	Jacob & Alli Brockfeld	02
7/16	Steve & Kim Oelrichs	43
7/18	Ron & Carolyn Eickhoff	55
7/19	Virgil & Diann Holsten	39
7/23	Luke & Anne Goosen	20
7/27	Zach & Reganne Thomas	01
7/29	Eric & Emily Kullman	19
7/30	Francis & Jennifer Rehmer	31



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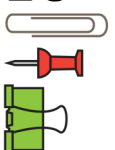
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◆ A Time To Celebrate.....

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

BIRTHDAYS:

7/2 Angela Alcorn
 7/3 Camille Schear
 7/6 Jon Beckman
 7/6 Tristan Fox
 7/10 Kaelyn Keith
 7/10 Curtis Oelrichs
 7/13 Ila McIntyre
 7/14 Cash Bredehoeft
 7/14 Ainsley Cook
 7/14 Kyle Luetjen
 7/15 Mindy Fox
 7/16 Judy Schlesselman
 7/17 Gary Brandes
 7/18 Kathy Gerken
 7/18 Pam Luetjen
 7/19 Bob Farrington
 7/19 Ami Schlesselman
 7/19 Robert Tatum
 7/21 Matthew Luetjen
 7/21 John Oelrichs
 7/22 Jeff Balke
 7/22 Kristen Elliott
 7/24 Sam Cash
 7/25 Barbara Donnell
 7/26 Brianna Banks
 7/26 Trisha Goosen
 7/26 Susan Goosen
 7/27 Kale Kruep
 7/30 Jimmie Barnes
 7/31 Isaac Zeller



BAPTISMS:

7/2 Kathy Oelrichs
 7/3 Joyce Wineinger
 7/5 Kathryn Schlesselman
 7/9 Ellen Harms
 7/9 Kyler Tinney
 7/9 Macoy Tinney
 7/13 Ruth Ann Kreisel
 7/13 Bill Viebrock
 7/14 Brian Ipsen
 7/14 Emily Kyle
 7/15 Gene Beckman
 7/15 Kay Jobe
 7/16 Jill Logan
 7/16 Geraldine Pabst
 7/17 Kolby Kyle
 7/23 Todd Rusk
 7/23 Teresa Viebrock
 7/24 Ben Goosen
 7/27 Janelle Strathman
 7/26 Bradyn Rehmer
 7/27 Delaney Gerken
 7/28 Cory Birch
 7/28 Tanita Theisen
 7/29 Justin Tinney
 7/30 Jon Beckman
 7/30 Jocelyn Loughery
 7/30 Allen Oelrichs



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SUMMER PLANS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It's almost here! St. Paul's VBS will be Monday through Friday, **July 7 - 11**, 6:00-8:30 pm nightly. VBS is for youth preschool (potty-trained) through completed 6th grade. There is no cost and you are encouraged to invite a friend! We'll gather around the campfire to explore timeless Bible stories that show how Old and New Testament campers trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name. You can register online, using the link on the church's Facebook page and website.

Can you help?? Anyone in 7th grade and up is invited and welcome to be a volunteer at VBS! We can always use station leaders, group guides, decorators, etc. Come for the whole week or just offer a couple hours when you can. Please let Emily Kullman know if you are able to assist in some way. All help is appreciated!



MID-MO BIBLE CAMP

This year's Mid-MO Bible Camp will be Sunday, **July 20th** - Thursday, **July 24th**, at the usual location, Camp Rising Sun in Lake of the Ozarks State Park. It's for youth who this summer have completed 4th - 9th grades. Friends are invited! Cost is \$100 per camper, but St. Paul's will pay for half of the fee for our members and a friend. The registration deadline for a t-shirt has passed, but you can still register for camp. Please do so ASAP. Registration forms are available on the Usher's Stands.



As always, adult volunteers are welcome and needed throughout the week. Can you help prepare a meal (or two?), assist with set up Sunday afternoon or clean up Thursday morning? Do you have lifeguard skills to offer on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday? Can you offer homemade cookies or help in any other way? If so, please let Pastor Stephen know so he can pass on that information.



◆ Send a note.....

NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS

Kris Barnes
(friend of Julie Cronin)

Jon Beckman

Don Brooks

Vernitta Brooks

Les Bruns

Ashley Campbell

Joe Campbell

Susan Canfield

Scott Cash

Vanessa Doop & baby

Cliff Eckhoff

Ron Eickhoff

Joseph Fuelling
(nephew of Paul Fuelling)

Adam Gumbel
(son of Jim & Kim Gumbel)

Karen Haase
(sister-in-law of Gene Beckman)

Larry Haase
(brother-in-law of Gene Beckman)

Art Heimsoth

Mike Hinkel

Diann Holsten

Gordon Ives

Greg Ives

Norene Ives

Joyce Jones
(sister of Connie Gerken)

Hazel Karstons

Marvin Logan
(brother of Gale Logan)

Kyle Luetjen

David Mobely
(brother-in-law of Randy Healan)

Stacy Morrison
(friend of Teresa Viebrock)

Kaleb Mundy

Jackie Ross
(sister of Randy Healan)

Jamie Simon

Kylie Simon

Liz Smart

Carmilla Swaim & husband
(friends of Debbie Eckhoff)

Nathan Vanderlinden

Judie VonHolten

Renee Weller

David Woolery
(friend of Jerry & Melisa Balke)



Nursing Home

Vern Dean Bohling (Ambrose Park #4)

Marie Viebrock (GSCC #203)

Florence VonHolten (GSCC#207)



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COUNCIL CONTINUED

Pickle Ball Lines: Pastor called the company that did the original lines and is waiting for a call back.

Worship:
Will meet next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Church Secretary Position: Is still open.

Constitution: The Constitution Committee has met and looked through a new model and will meet again in June for more discussion.

Lean-To on the Shed: Roy has spoken with the Street Commissioner about the water main, will check with Evergy about the electric lines and the city about a building permit.

Luetjen Property: Closing will be on June 16, 2025. The property committee will disconnect the electric and gas lines before work begins on clearing the property. Cory Rice has agreed to lend his excavator and Colby Schweritzer will lend the use of his track loader. Gravel parking lot will be the first priority.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 7:21pm with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 6:00pm.



Jake Jackson,President

Justin Tinney,Vice-President /Evangelism

Krista Poe,Treasurer/Stewardship

Susan Goosen,Secretary

Melinda Strathman,Worship & Music

Hannah Schweitzer,Parish Education

Josh Jackson,Property

Kelly Viebrock,.....Property

Roy Wagner,Property

Stephen Zeller,Pastor

COUNCIL



◆ Susan Goosen, Church Council Secretary

COUNCIL MINUTES

Congregational Council Minutes
Wednesday, May 14, 2025

PASTOR'S REPORT

Upcoming Events

June 1: World Hunger Fish Fry
June 8: Confirmation Service
June 22: Ice Cream Social
July 7-11: Vacation Bible School
July 20-24: Mid-MO Bible Camp

Vacation Dates:
May 26 - June 1

Thank You: Thanks to all for their help and leadership with Lent, Holy Week and Easter this year. Thanks to Shirley in the office for all the extra work that goes into this season.

Membership Transfer: Bryan and Shirley Bergeson (and Ben) have requested that their membership be transferred to Holy Cross.

Worship Attendance (in person):

April 12: 10	Palm Sunday: 133
Maundy Thursday: 37	Good Friday: 123
Easter Sat.: 10	Sunrise: 63
April 26: xx	Easter: 143
	April 27: 149
	(Special Congregational Meeting)
May 3: 10	May 4: 96
May 10: 18	May 11: 106

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Stewardship:

The Fish Fry is Sunday, June 1st. They are looking for fish and volunteers to help serve.

Evangelism:

Will meet next week.

Parish Education:

Vacation Bible School is July 7 - July 11 from 6:00pm until 8:30pm. Bible camp forms are here.

Property:

Roof: The roof repair for 3 remaining buildings is estimated of \$10,333.85 for a company out of Warsaw. Hope to get started at the end of the month, weather permitting.

Cross Repair: The cross repair is in progress.

Glass for Stained Glass: The plexiglass for the stained glass window is done.

Elevette: The removal is still in progress.

Fence: The fence between the church and the fellowship hall is being done by Nicholas Dieckman.

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(son of Matt & Isabel Hamilton and grandson of Judie VonHoltten)

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(grandson of Connie Gerken)

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**COMMUNITY FISH FRY WITH
THE COLE CAMP AREA
CHURCH ALLIANCE**

The Church Alliance will once again hold their Community Fish Fry on Saturday, **July 12th**, from 5:00-7:00 pm. It will be held at the First Baptist Church of Cole Camp. As this is a community effort with all the area churches participating, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** Could you volunteer some time that day to help set up or serve? Please let Pastor Stephen or Joyce Schlesselmann know if you are available to help. Thank you!



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BACK TO SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHING DRIVE & SALE

The Cole Camp Area Church Alliance is holding the annual Back to School Clothing Sale on Saturday, **August 2nd**, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, here at St. Paul's. You can help in many ways:

Clothing Donations

Drop off gently used clothing here at church for the Back to School Clothing Sale. All clothing is accepted, but clothing for children and youth is most needed. It is greatly appreciated if you can sort and label the donations by gender and size. Donations can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall during office hours or other activities.

Undies Sundays

In addition to clothing available for purchase, families with young children will be given new undergarments at the Clothing Sale. In years past we asked for in-kind donations of these undergarment items. This year we are requesting **financial contributions**. We will purchase bulk clothing items and repackage them into smaller packs to provide for a more equitable distribution of undergarments to local



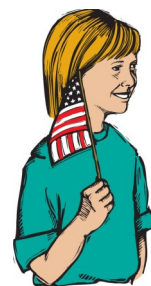
families. Those contributions can be made at any time, but our Undies Sunday will be the weekend of **July 20 & 27**. (We will still accept packages of underwear if you have already purchased those items.)

Happy Feet

We will once again offer vouchers for children (until they run out) that will allow them to purchase a new pair of shoes at JCPenny in Sedalia on August 9. Financial contributions for that can be made to "Happy Feet."

Volunteering

This year we will be sorting and arranging clothing all week, Monday through Friday, July 28 – August 1, in preparation for the Clothing Sale on Aug 2. Volunteers are welcome to stop by any day, starting at 9 am, to offer some time sorting. We will also need volunteers the day of the sale to assist shoppers and straighten up the clothing tables.



"I Pledge Allegiance..."

DETAILED TREASURER'S REPORT

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

	May	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
BENEVOLENCE RECEIPTS				
ELCA	2,595.00	7,400.00	(4,805.00)	35.07%
World Hunger	-0-	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.0%
Hope 5 One	3,476.25	5,000.00	(1,523.75)	69.53%
CC Food Pantry Donations	950.00	1,500.00	(550.00)	63.33%
Seniors of North BC	560.00	-0-	560.00	100.0%
Other	-0-	-0-	-0-	0.0%
TOTAL BENEVOLENCE	7,581.25	15,900.00	(8,318.75)	47.68%
OFFERING				
Home Purpose	78,035.29	223,913.00	(145,878.71)	34.85%
Building Fund 5%	4,107.09	11,785.00	(7,677.91)	34.85%
Total Offering	82,141.38	235,698.00	(153,556.62)	34.85%
Building Use	1,175.00	2,750.00	(1,575.00)	42.73%
Fair Stand, net	-0-	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	0.0%
Float	-0-	800.00	(800.00)	0.0%
Interest	9,369.86	-0-	9,369.86	100.00%
Miscellaneous	25,789.88	-0-	25,789.88	100.0%
Total Income	126,057.37	260,148.00	(134,090.63)	48.46
Expenses	405,018.55	260,148.00	144,870.55	155.69%
Net Income	(278,961.18)	-0-	(278,961.18)	100.0%

Cash and Investment Balances - May 31, 2025

May, 2025	Home Purpose	Building	Memorial	Crisis	Little Blessings	Seminary
	Note C		Note B		Note E	
Cash & Investment Balances	51,746.53	160,150.10	20,282.56	2,827.31	119,800.77	8,888.22

Note A: As of May 31, 41.7% of the year has elapsed, however, offerings as a percent of budget are only 34.85%. This indicates that offerings are approximately \$15,000 short of budgeted amounts.

Note B: Includes \$253,802.85 in roof replacement expenses and \$12,800.00 for parsonage window replacement (both of which were paid from insurance proceeds). Additionally, property/liability insurance premiums of \$44,789.90 were paid which is an increase of \$24,000.00 from 2024.

Note C: Includes \$3,330.81 of Communities of Calling Funds.

Note D: Includes restricted amounts of \$15,000 for Little Blessings and \$1,610.69 for Sunday School.

Note E: Includes \$118,527.19 in grant funds.