



*On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" Mark 4:35-41*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings! Have you ever been in a boat during a strong storm? On a family vacation in Canada when I was thirteen years old, I experienced the terror of being in a boat during a terrible storm. My dad, my cousin Stacey, and I were being drenched by huge waves and the boat was filling with water, as the waves were trying to capsize us. My dad was afraid we would be swamped, so he landed our boat on a small island and we waited out the storm.

Now if you recall, most of the disciples were fishermen. Even though they were experienced, the storm was so powerful that the disciples feared they were about to perish. Yet somehow Jesus was peacefully sleeping right through it. As they are fighting to stay alive and fear they will be lost at sea, they wonder if Jesus' inaction means he simply doesn't care if they drowned.

In this pandemic, we are surely being buffeted by the winds and the waves of life right now. For some of us, our fear is of getting infected, particularly if we are advanced in age or have other health concerns; or our fear is for our loved ones. For some, our livelihoods are threatened. For some, loneliness may be overwhelming. For some, the fear is that our children will not get a good education. Yet, as we battle to sail our little boat to shore while bailing out water, God seems to be fast asleep on his cushion. We cry out, but God is silent.

Often in the Old Testament, when the Hebrew people thought that God had forsaken them, they said that he slept, as Psalm 44:23 shows us, "Rouse yourself! Why do you sleep, O Lord? Awake, do not cast us off forever!" The Israelites believed that God slept while they suffered.

Eventually the disciples finally woke Jesus and they asked him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" Immediately he rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Instantly the wind ceased and there was a dead calm upon the sea.

Then Jesus asked them: "Why are you afraid! Have you still no faith?" Though Jesus had performed many miracles - casting out demons and healing the sick - and he preached as they had never heard before, still his disciples did not believe in him. In their terror, their trust in Jesus fled.

We ourselves might ask our Lord, as the pandemic rages, "Wake up! Do you not care that we are perishing? Why don't you do something about this evil, Lord?"

We forget that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (Joh 3:16 NRS)" Once we were indeed perishing, but at great cost Christ has saved and redeemed us. He has freed us from sin, death, and the power of the devil – not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. All this he has done to make you his own and nothing – not even a pandemic – can separate you from the love of God through Christ Jesus our Lord!

Though the storms of life seek to destroy us every day, Jesus calms the waves and silences the wind. With him, we find refuge because there is no storm so fierce that Christ cannot calm it. As Lord and creator of heaven and earth, God's Word drowns out the storm and rescues us from destruction. Please gather with us each week to hear God's Word in person, online, or on Channel 8.

Love from your Sister in Christ,  
Pr. Tricia Mattson

St. Paul Lutheran Church—Church Council Meeting - June 10, 2020

Present- Paul Muske, Ed Meidl, Pastor Tricia, Tim Vogel, David Bittler, Doug Jeske, Shawna Jacobs

Also present-Katie Mueller, Church coordinator

Absent- Matt Sargant, Bill Vogel, Craig Valentin, Angel Clemon, Anita Jensen, Financial Secretary

Call to order at 7:46 pm by Paul Muske

Led in Prayer by Pastor Tricia

Secretary's Report: M/S/P Dave/Ed

Financial Report: M/S/P Ed/Dave

Pay May and June Benevolence of \$900.95, M/S/P Doug/Ed

Building and Grounds:

Parsonage Basement, waiting on quote from Randy Zinnel for basement electrical, Ed will contact Jeremy Zihlke about when he can get started on basement.

Parsonage Roof: We will gather quotes for a steel roof as well before making a decision.

Parish Education:

Ingham Okoboji Bible Camp is offering a "Camp-In-A-Box" cost is \$59 for first child in family and \$20 for each additional child after that. Parish Ed would like to Pay for half the cost for the families that wish to participate. Families will need to register and pay through IOLBC and submit a receipt to Anita to be reimbursed. (\$30 for first child participant and \$10 for each additional child.) M/S/P Dave/Doug

Rally Sunday, Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Parish Ed is looking into possibilities of having an outdoor worship and maybe a pack your own picnic or handing out ice cream treats. They will make a decision by next meeting.

First Communion was originally rescheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>, but Pastor Tricia is checking with families to see if they can move it up into September.

Pastor's Report:

Visitation

Calling our elder members to check in with them.

While practicing precautions to prevent the spread of Covid-19, I have resumed some visitation and I am providing the Lord's Supper to those who request it.

Worship

Leading Sunday worship Live on FB at 9:00 a.m. and drive-in worship at 11:00 a.m.

Giving Children's Sermons on Zoom at 10:15 a.m. weekly.

Parish Education

Resumed leading bible study at 1:00 p.m. at the Maples on their patio.

Leading bible study on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Teaching premarital counseling.

Met with a confirmation student to hear his memory work via Zoom.

Attended the Parish Ed Meeting on July 6.

Community

Attended the ministerial meeting in the park to bid farewell to Fr. Phil.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

COVID-19 Issues

COVID Preparedness and Response Plan has been revised per recommendation from the last council meeting.

Tim Vogel has agreed to be our Coordinator.

MN department of health guidelines for receiving holy communion need to be added

Need to add requirements for masks per council motion below.

The effective date will be that of the last council meeting-June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

There are daily cleaning checklists for when individuals are in the church.

M/S/P-To begin indoor services immediately, with masks required on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays for communion, and strongly encouraged for the remaining Sundays.

Pastor would continue with the drive-in service for this week to help with transition.

Saturday morning, available council will meet at 8:30 am to review and make sure entrance and sanctuary are ready.

Tim will contact ushers and help direct.

#### 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update

Hope to meet for the few remaining months.

Cemetery walk maybe moved to August.

Work in progress. Difficult to plan the year with Covid-issues.

#### Church Credit Card

Anita needs to go to F & M Bank in Morgan

#### Church Security – quotes TBD

#### **NEW BUSINESS-**

1. Katie gone July 10-19
2. LCMC Annual Gathering – October 5, Arden Hills, MN, limited to 250 voting delegates. Will also be live streaming the event for those to watch at home. Will check into availability for 1 member.
3. German Supper-tabled at this time.
4. Cemetery board minutes provided.
  - a. Working to update/renew directory, mapping and signs.
  - b. Agreed to help with a cemetery walk to celebrate 150<sup>th</sup> church anniversary
  - c. Revised care taker duties

Please plant the flowers on the proper side-need to be on the East side-those planted on the West will be contacted to please move.

Motion to adjourn at 8:33pm with Lord's Prayer

Shawna Jacobs

#### **2020 Church Council**

Paul Muske - Chair	Dave Bittler	Angel Clemon
Matt Sargent- Vice Chair	Bill Vogel	Doug Jeske
Shawna Jacobs - Secretary	Ed Meidl	Tim Vogel
Craig Valentin - Treasurer		

#### Worship Schedule Update

We have begun in-person worship again on Sunday's at 9:00 a.m.

Everyone entering the facility is asked to practice social distancing.

Face mask usage is required under Minnesota Executive Order 20-81.

Holy Communion will be on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's.

More guidelines and information can be found on page 7 or in our Covid-19 Preparedness Plan.

We will continue our Facebook Live of the 9:00 a.m. service. Or you may tune in to Channel 8 at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday for the recorded service.

The recorded service will also broadcast on Springfield's Local Channel 8 on Tuesday's at 7:00 p.m., and Wednesday's at 10:00 a.m.

If you or your family desire to meet one on one with Pastor Tricia for Holy Communion, please contact her.

Funds for Budget	\$77,663.26	Operating Funds	\$99,753.01
CARES Act Loan	\$22,089.75 (can only be used for payroll)	Operating Expenses	\$93,558.62
Total Operating Funds	\$99,753.01	Difference	\$6,194.39
Budget	\$102,526.80		
Difference	(\$2,773.79)		

Memorials Given From 5/17/20 to 7/25/2020

<b>In Memory:</b>	<b>Given by:</b>	<b>Designated for:</b>
Audrey Walters	Larry & Ruth Potter	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Don Schumacher	Larry & Ruth Potter	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Al Clennon	Larry & Ruth Potter	St. Paul Lutheran Church
	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
	Gertie Rosenau, Roger & Kelly Sargent	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Carol Meidl	<b>Designated for St. Paul Lutheran Church:</b> Larry & Ruth Potter, Marge Weber, Jeff Krueger, Lenore Krueger, Mae Meyer, James & Anne Pierson, Family & Friends, Tim & Jill Vogel, Kurt & Jan Kratz, Paul & Sharon Pieschel, Audrey Rieck, Barry & Barbara Johnson, Gertie Rosenau, Roger & Kelly Sargent, John & Dawn Marz, Tyler Marz, Mark & Stacia Rosenau & Family, John & Katie Mueller, Don & Darlene Wilsterman	
	<b>Designated for Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund:</b> Jim & Elsie Groebner, John Kaseforth, Bob & Marilyn Kratz, Elaine Hendricksen, Myrtle Lehnertz, Clayton & Deb Beyer, Jerry & Cheryl Diede, Dalores Stern, Rod & Rhonda Larson	
	Richard & Lois Zihlke	St. Paul Cemetery
	David Bittler, Steve & Sue Hendrickson	Baptismal Faith Chests
	Audrey Rositzke, Kurt & Mary Glaeseman	St. Paul Memorial Fund
Violet Krebs	Larry & Ruth Potter	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Chuck Schmidt	Ed Meidl	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
Marie Weinberger	Tim & Jill Vogel	St. Paul Lutheran Church
	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
	Audrey Rieck	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Jan Krieg	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
Linda Lang	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
Jim Pietz	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
Thomas Hayden	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
Gary & Marian Schweiger	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
Joann Wintheiser	Jim & Elsie Groebner	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
	Dalores Stern	St. Paul Lutheran Church

**Please pray for...** Alice Trebesch, the family of Dermont Wells, William Matzke (Alvin's brother), Bud Wendt ; Cylee Graff, Joseph Wendt, Emily Wendt, Ethan Langseth, Tabor Gluth and all those serving in the military, at home and abroad.

**Prayer Chain** – If you have a prayer concern you would like passed along to the Prayer Chain, please call Jan Severson (723-6358) or the church office (723-5880). Please specify if you want the concern on (1) the Prayer Chain and/or (2) included in Sunday morning prayers which will be included for **two** Sundays unless otherwise specified or request is renewed.

**Thrivent Financial**—As always, St. Paul Lutheran Church is grateful for your consideration when you make charitable giving plans. If you are a Thrivent Financial member eligible to direct Choice Dollars<sup>SM</sup>, we ask you to consider St. Paul Lutheran as you help direct Thrivent Financials charitable funds.

If you would like to set up mobile giving you are welcome to do so by downloading the "Give Plus Mobile" app offered by Vanco Payment Services, search for St. Paul Lutheran Church, or enter zip code 56087. You can give a one time donation or set up a recurring donation through your checking or savings account. You also have the option to set up automatic giving directly with your bank. If you have questions or need help, please talk to Katie in the church office.

Please be aware that this schedule could change on a day by day basis. We will do our best to keep you updated. Please email or call the church office if you have questions. [stpaul\\_lutheran@hotmail.com](mailto:stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com) or 507-723-5880. Thank you for your understanding.

# August 2020

**Sun**      **Mon**      **Tue**      **Wed**      **Thu**      **Fri**      **Sat**

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2 9:00 Worship 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	3 1:00 The Maples Bible Study	4 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	5 10:00 am Ch. 8 Broadcast	6	7 Office Closed	8
Pastor on Vacation						
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## 9:00 am Worship Service

We have trained volunteers who are helping with our in-person worship services.

The need for worship service helpers will be developed according to the plan or added as needed, therefore I will not be posting the schedule until further notice.

Thank you for being patient and understanding.

### August Birthdays!

1 - Harper Borth  
1 - Alvin Matzke  
1 - Ashley Rogotzke  
3 - Kortney Jensen  
3 - Kevin Wendt  
4 - Ian Nachreiner  
6 - Mark Buerkle  
6 - Kurt Glaeseman  
8 - Jenny Solmonson  
8 - Bill Vogel  
9 - Roger Sargent  
10 - Joseph Wendt  
11 - Delmar Nelson  
13 - Lonny Jensen  
14 - Ruth Kaseforth  
14 - Jonathan Longsdorf  
15 - Brayden Wendt  
19 - Jennifer Asmus  
19 - Jolene Danielson  
19 - Cody Graff  
20 - Bob Kratz  
20 - Larry Pederson  
21 - Sheryl Bloemke  
21 - Gary Renner  
28 - Daniel Groebner  
29 - Loribess Valentin  
31 - Don Bloemke  
31 - Scarlett Lund

### August Anniversaries!

8 - Bill & Mel Vogel - 11 years  
11 - Merlyn & Ruth Peterson - 47 years  
14 - Craig & Loribess Valentin - 16 years  
19 - Kevin & Jo Schwartz - 31 years  
28 - John & Dawn Marz - 38 years  
28 - Russell & Betsy Rogotzke - 55 years  
31 - Dale & Jolene Danielson - 46 years

#### **Deadlines:**

#### **Sunday Bulletin:**

Wednesday by 10 am.

#### **Epistle:** 20th of each month.

Please call or email the church office with additions or changes for the bulletins or Epistle.

[stpaul\\_lutheran@hotmail.com](mailto:stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com)

#### **August Altar Guild**

Kari Haugo, Marcia Schiller

If you are unable to help, please find a substitute or switch months with someone.

**We will not be delivering bulletins to St. John's and The Maples until further notice. Once we are able to visit our members again, Katie will be contacting those who have volunteered to deliver.**

#### **Weekly Bible Study**

Bible study on Monday's at 1:00 p.m. at The Maples and on Tuesday's at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We are limited to no more than 10 people, so if you are new to bible study and want to join, please contact Pastor Tricia at [pastortriciamattson@gmail.com](mailto:pastortriciamattson@gmail.com). If needed she can add an additional bible study.



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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St. Paul Lutheran is in need of an individual to be our St. John's Home Auxiliary Representative as soon as possible. The auxiliary plans birthday parties, bingo, picnics, and other social events that enrich the lives of our St. John's residents. The dues collected and their fundraisers help provide other items needed within the facility. This is a great volunteer opportunity! If you are interested in learning more or would like to volunteer, please contact Katie in the Church office.

- \*Worship is held online and in-person with social distancing measures implemented per local guidance. Multiple services may be considered to spread out participation.
- \*Entrance and exit into the church will be designed to avoid gathering. A handout will be posted and shared via email indicating that all worshippers should enter the church using the south door.
- \*Ushers will stand at the entrance to share necessary information with worshippers and to take attendance.
- \*The MDH's Visitor and Health Screening Checklist will be shared with participants prior to worship via email and posted at the church entrance.
- \*Face mask usage is required under Minnesota Executive Order 20-81. Worshippers are encouraged to bring their own masks. Masks are also available at the entrance.
- \*Participants who begin to feel unwell during worship are asked to leave immediately and to self-isolate at home.
- \*Only members of the same household can sit together and should maintain a distance of at least six feet from other households or individuals, capacity limited to 50%.
- \*An usher will direct worshippers to their seating, beginning at the front of the sanctuary to limit potential exposure.
- \*An usher will direct worshippers how and when to exit their pews.
- \*Guidelines for Holy Communion:
  - \*Communion should be distributed hand-to-hand, not hand-to-mouth.
  - \*6 feet of distance (two arm's length) distance should be maintained between the communion distributor and the receiver. This requires both parties extending their arms as comfortably as possible.
  - \*The distributor of communion should use hand sanitizer prior to initiation, and repeated after touching their face, coughing, or sneezing, or significant touching of another person or object in the process of distributing communion.
  - \*Hand sanitizer should be used before touching a mask to take it down for communion, and after touching a mask to put it back on. Note: hand sanitizer must be applied thoroughly and allowed to dry to be effective.
- \*The congregation will not be allowed to sing; a cantor will sing the hymns. The cantor will stand at least 15 feet from all attendees or will sing from the balcony.
- \*All congregational liturgical responses will be spoken rather than sung.
- \*Hymnals and Bibles will be removed from pews. Single use bulletins will be used. Congregants will be directed to take the bulletins home or deposit in a recycling bin.
- \*The offering will not be collected during the worship service. Offering plates will be located in the narthex.
- \*No fellowship/social hour will be scheduled during this phase. People are encouraged to leave the building immediately after the service (no mingling).
- \*\*Activities on-site
  - \*Bible studies and small groups meet in person while maintaining some online options for high risk individuals and those who do not feel comfortable being in public. Approval is required.
  - \*Office functions resume as normal, with attention to cleaning.
  - \*Groups, teams, and committees could meet in person. Approval is required.
  - \*High risk individuals (people over 60 and those with underlying conditions), whether staff, volunteers, or program participants, encouraged to continue to shelter in place during Phase 3.
  - \*Social distancing and public health practices (e.g. wearing masks and hand washing) will be implemented while at church and in community ministry, as is recommended in public spaces.

The Springfield Area Food Shelf has had to make some changes of operation due to COVID-19. Orders must be placed over the phone. Please call 507-227-7387.

Service days are Tuesdays 5-7 PM and Thursdays 9:30-11:30 AM.

The Food shelf is located at 804 East Rock St. (Schwanke building) Springfield. Call Sheri Koll at 507-227-0386/507-723-6120 or Jan Schwanke at 507-227-7387 if you have any questions.

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**Office Hours**

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Wednesday 1-4  
Or by appointment  
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Parish Coordinator: Katie Mueller  
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-noon  
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Housekeeper: Lisa Prechel

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**Worship:**

**SUNDAY at 9:00 a.m.**

**\*Watch for updates**

**Coffee Talk cancelled until further notice**



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**Tuesday 5:00pm – 7:00pm**  
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