



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Greetings in Christ! Last month we learned about the immense change that takes place in baptism. We then belong to Christ, we are dead to sin, and the law has no more power over us. It is revealed to us then that the law is not and never was our means of becoming righteous, according to the apostle Paul in Romans 7.

Then Paul switches gears and asks if this means then that the law is sin. Is the law at fault? Was the law the problem all along? His answer: by no means! The law was never meant to make us righteous, but instead was meant to show us what sin is.

Paul says, "I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, 'You shall not covet.'" Nothing makes you hungrier than going on a diet. Nothing makes you want to read a book more than learning it has been banned. Nothing makes a 13-year-old want the wrap-around harem pants that she discovered at the Renaissance Festival more than when her mother declares that she cannot use her school clothes allowance to buy them. (In fact, I still want them!) Things become more delightful when they are forbidden.

Paul continues, "For sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me." Sin seduces us and makes us even more wicked. Sin pretends that what is contrary to the law is good and sweet, while it simultaneously makes the law appear to be overly harsh and unyielding. It labels the law a real killjoy. After all, girls just wanna have fun, right?

But the law is holy, as are the commandments, which are also just and good. The law was given by God and is meant for our good. The law was given to protect us and prevent chaos. The law is meant ultimately to drive us to Christ, who is our only hope.

Then Paul asks did the good (the law) then bring death to me? Again, his answer: by no means! But it was sin, working death in us through what is good. The law, when we bump up against it, makes us understand that our actions are sinful. Like when a state trooper asks you, "Do you know how fast you were going?" and then gives you a ticket.

In fact, the law in its proper use is meant to show us that we are sinful beyond measure. The law is meant to put an end to our own salvation projects – once and for all - so that we cry out, "I cannot do it! I cannot save myself. I thought I could do the law, but instead it has killed me."

And in this way the law does its proper work, which is driving us to flee to our only refuge: Jesus Christ. And it is Christ - and only Christ - then who silences the demands of the law. Christ, who won the victory upon the cross, now says to the law, "Your threats have no merit against this one." For this one, my beloved, is dead to the law, but alive in me. This one, my chosen one, belongs to me, for I handed myself over in her (his) place. This one is forgiven; and I remember his (her) sins no more!

Please join us for worship on Wednesday, July 7, at 6:30 p.m. or Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Come and hear the promise of Christ which sets us free!

Love from your sister in Christ,

Pr. Tricia

St. Paul Lutheran Church—Church Council Meeting - June 9, 2021, at 8:30 p.m.

Chairman Matt Sargent called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

Members present were Matt Sargent, Bill Vogel, Tim Vogel, Doug Jeske, Pastor Tricia and Jeff Krueger. Also present was Katie Mueller, Parish Coordinator.

Members absent were Craig Valentin, Dave Bittler and Angel Clemon.

Pastor Tricia led the group in a prayer.

M/S/P to approve the Secretary's minutes from the May meeting.

M/S/P to approve the Financial Report as printed. Anita set up a \$990.00 checking account and \$10.00 savings account (required) at SouthPoint Financial Credit Union to get a Debit Card that the church can use. M/S/P to pay the Benevolence for January-May.

Building and Grounds Report:

- Derek Krebs Construction will begin the parsonage roof project soon.

Parish Education Report:

- Vacation Bible School is in progress. Approximately 39 children are attending the sessions being held at Riverside Park.

Pastor's Report:

Visitation

- Visitation with members in their homes, at the nursing home and assisted living.

Worship

- Led Holy Communion worship at Downtown Estates on May 17, 2021.

- Baptized Emmett Veenstra during the May 23, 2021 worship service.

- Led Worship on Wednesday Service with Holy Communion on June 2, 2021.

Parish Education

- Attended the Parish Education VBS meetings on May 18, 2021 and June 3, 2021.

- Leading Bible Study on Mondays at 3:00 p.m. at The Maples.

- Leading Bible Study on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. at church.

- Led the Openings and Closings and set up and helped with Storytelling during VBS.

Community

- Bid Lisa Prechel a fond farewell at a staff luncheon on May 21, 2021.

- Gave the invocation and benediction at the Memorial Day Program in the Springfield Public School Auditorium on May 31, 2021.

Continuing Education

- Attended the 1517 Conference, "The Life Lived in Christ" in Fergus Falls, Minnesota on May 15, 2021.

Old Business:

- Recording/live broadcasting equipment still needs to be installed.

- Mission Sponsorship Committee set up the benevolence distributions for the year:

 - 15% - Springfield Area Food Shelf

 - 15% - St. John's Lutheran Home

 - 10% - Ingham Bible Camp

 - 10% - SAFE

 - 10% - Thanksgiving Basket Project

 - 10% - Food for Kidz

 - 10% - Food for the Poor

 - 10% - Samaritan's Purse-Operation Christmas Child

 - 5% - Public School Milk Program

 - 5% - Military Bible Sticks

M/S/P to accept the Benevolence distributions as presented.

- The new flower cooler will arrive in early July. Katie will notify council to set up manpower to move the old one out and the new one into church.
- No applicants for the Housekeeping position. Michelle Berberich with “Simply Clean” proposed a six-month contract for one-day-a-week cleaning at a cost of \$1,135.00 per month. M/S/P to accept the contract but for only every-other-week cleaning to fit our budget at this time. Katie will contact Simply Clean.

New Business:

- Katie will be on vacation July 16-25. Sunday bulletins will be finished before she goes on vacation.
- M/S/P to purchase a new professional heavy-duty vacuum cleaner for the church. Cost not to exceed \$500 with monies taken from the Memorial Fund.
- Reviewed the May 12, 2021 Cemetery Board minutes.

M/S/P to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.
Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 7:45 p.m.

~Jeff Krueger, Church Council Secretary

2021 Church Council		
Matt Sargent- Chair	Dave Bittler	Angel Clemon
Bill Vogel- Vice Chair	Doug Jeske	Tim Vogel
Jeff Krueger - Secretary	Craig Valentin - Treasurer	
There are 2 vacancies		

Women of the Word Annual Gathering September 18, 2021

Women of the Word, Augustana District
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU to gather with other women
in fellowship and God’s word.

Featuring Guest Speakers
Bonnie Wasberg and Pastor Julie Smith

8:30AM Coffee/Registration
9:00AM Worship
3:00PM Dismissal

Hosted by Crossroads Lutheran Congregation
Location: 2948 180th St. Dawson, MN 56232

Registration Deadline: Before Sep 1, 2021

Need Ground Beef?

Black Angus, 90% lean

1 lb packages

\$4/lb with proceeds going to

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Contact Bill Vogel

507-441-1946

Can deliver locally.

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



Thank you to
everyone who helped
make VBS a success!

The Board of Parish Education is seeking 2 new board members.
Please talk to Katie in the office of Pastor Tricia if you are interested in
joining Parish Ed.

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Notice: Please update your phone numbers and/or email address with the church office! Several of the
numbers we have are disconnected and we need to know how to get a hold of you! You can leave a note in
the box outside of Katie’s office, use one of the yellow information cards in the church pews, call or email the
church office at 507-723-5880 or stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com. We appreciate you keeping us updated!
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St Paul Attendance

5/30/21 9am - 39 6/2/21 6:30 pm - 5 6/6/21 9am - 43
 6/13/21 9am - 44 6/20/21 9am - 40

Budget Recap Year-To-Date (01/01/21 to 6/21/21)

Total Funds for Budget	\$62,039.67	Total Operating Funds	\$62,039.67
Budget	\$87,744.50	Operating Exp.	\$70,326.75
Difference	(\$25,704.83)	Difference	(\$8,287.08)

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 DollarsSM, we ask you to consider St. Paul Lutheran as you help direct Thrivent Financials charitable funds.



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Memorials Given From 5/26/21 to 06/25/21

In Memory:	Given by:	Designated for:
John McCracken	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Good Shephard Scholarship Fund
Dorothy Nachreiner	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Good Shephard Scholarship Fund
Darlene Utz	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Good Shephard Scholarship Fund
John Timm	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Good Shephard Scholarship Fund
Noel Pidde	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Good Shephard Scholarship Fund
Cheri Belling	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Good Shephard Scholarship Fund
Sophie Evers	Larry & Ruthie Potter	St. Paul Lutheran Church

Please pray for... Walker Krueger (son of Nate Krueger and Jennifer Sellner), Crissy Rogotzke; Jesse Kettner, Emily Wendt, Joseph Wendt, 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.

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
St. Paul Lutheran Church 303 N Cass Ave, Springfield, MN 56087 507-723-5880, stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com pastortriciamattson@gmail.com						
4 Happy 4th of July! 9:00 Worship 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	5 No Bible Study	6 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	7 10:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast 6:30 pm Worship on Wednesday	8	9 Office Closed	10
11 9:00 Worship 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	12 3:00 pm The Maples Bible Study 6:30 Parish Ed Meeting	13 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	14 10:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast SANTA Burger Blast for lunch and supper 7:45 pm Church Council Meeting	15	16 Office Closed	17
18 9:00 Worship 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	19 3:00 pm The Maples Bible Study	20 10:00 am SJLH Worship 6:00 pm Bible Study 3:00 The Maples HC 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	21 10:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast	22	23 Office Closed	24
Katie on vacation -----						
25 9:00 Worship 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	26 2:00 Downtown Estimates HC 3:00 pm The Maples Bible Study	27 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	28 10:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast	29	30 Office Closed	31

9:00 am Worship Service

Date	Sound & Video	Reader	Acolyte	Usher
7/4	Tim Vogel		Brooklyn Anderson Gabby Schenk	Team 2
7/11	John Mueller	Kurt Glaeseman	Noah Mueller Wyatt Mueller	Team 3
7/18	Russell Rogotzke	Jeanette Pidde	Bryan Buerkle	Team 4
7/25	Peter Heitzman	Paul Muske	Nicholas Groebner Nathan Groebner	Team 1

Usher Teams

- 1 - Delwin Beussman, Don Bloemke, John Marz, Paul Meidl, Mark Rosenau
- 2 - Dave Bittler, Doug Gatzlaff, Kurt Kratz, Mike Marz, Ashley Rogotzke, Jacob Rogotzke
- 3 - Rod Larson, Doug Schiller, Russell Rogotzke, Ethan Langseth
- 4 - Mark Buerkle, Tim Vogel, Scott Vogel, Kurt Glaeseman, Bill Vogel

July Birthdays!

- 1 - Peter Heitzman,
- 1 - Bob Rogotzke
- 1 - Scott Vogel
- 6 - Emily Wendt
- 7 - Carol Carlson
- 7 - Jordan Pidde
- 9 - Sue Hendrickson
- 11 - Molly Jacobs
- 12 - Malorie Kral
- 13 - Marge Wellner
- 14 - Kurt Krebs
- 14 - Peggy Larson
- 15 - Michael Marz
- 16 - Cody Groebner
- 16 - Shawn Plaster
- 16 - Kevin Schwartz
- 17 - Sherry Fenger
- 18 - Randy Wendt
- 18 - Britany Wersal
- 21 - Timothy Vogel
- 22 - Barbara Vanderwerf
- 23 - Nathan Johnson
- 24 - Josh Timm
- 26 - Nicole Shaw
- 27 - Otto Krueger
- 28 - Harmon Quesenberry
- 28 - Noah Solmonson
- 29 - Noah Mueller
- 30 - Dana Jacobs
- 30 - John Marz
- 30 - Kathryn Pederson
- 30 - Jen Timm
- 31 - Abigail Jensen

July Anniversaries!

- 11 - Don & Sheryl Bloemke - 40 years
- 11 - Daniel & Jena Veenstra - 6 years
- 14 - Kurt & Janice Kratz - 37 years
- 14 - Jacob & Jamie Marz - 9 years
- 16 - Derek & Nicole Shaw - 16 years

July Altar Guild

Kari Haugo, Marcia Schiller

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

We have a great need for volunteers for our worship services in the areas of Altar Guild (preparing communion), Ushers, Sound & Video Recorders, and Acolytes!

PLEASE consider volunteering for one of these much needed jobs!



We will be having Wednesday Worship Services at 6:30 pm on the following dates this summer:
Wednesday, July 7, 2021
Wednesday, August 4, 2021

Graduating Seniors and College Students, don't forget to apply for the Good Shepherd Scholarship. **Applications must be received by July 15th.** For a copy of the Eligibility Rules and Application go to www.splcspringfield.org/Scholarships Or email Katie in the office at stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com

SANTA Burger Blast Fundraiser will be held Wednesday, July 14.

Serving on the parking lot at Springfield Market from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
SANTA Burgers, chips, pop and cookie.

Volunteers are needed to help from St. Paul's:

2 people to help make burgers Tuesday evening, July 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Community Center.

2 workers for the 11:00-1:00 shift on Wednesday.

2 workers for the 4:30-6:30 shift on Wednesday.

A couple of people to help set up Wednesday, July 14 around 10:00 a.m.

****Contact Jeff Krueger or Ed Meidl if you are able to help out!****

STUFF THE BACKPACKS SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Brown County United Way's Stuff The Backpack Program! Drop of any NEW school supplies between now - July 22nd at St. Paul's Church! A collection bag will be in the sanctuary or you can bring to the office!

Last year, Brown County United Way was able to fill more than 300 backpacks with age appropriate school supplies and distributed them throughout Brown County. Supplies needed:

#2 Pencils	2-Pocket Folders
3-Ring Binders	Crayola 24 Count Crayons
Crayola Broad Tip Markers	Spiral Notebooks - wide ruled
Crayola Colored Pencils, sets of 12	Dry Erase Markers
Elmer's Glue- 4 oz bottles	Ultra Fine Tip Sharpie Markers
Fiskars Kid Scissors - pointed	Glue Sticks
Highlighters	Large Pink Erasers
Pencil Top Erasers	Pencil Bags & Boxes
Hand Sanitizer	Post-it Notes
Composition Notebooks	Facial Tissue - we need a lot
Disinfecting Wipes	

Help Support St. John's Circle of Care Auxiliary by becoming a member! Dues are only \$5 a year. Membership dues go to special programs for our residents, tenants, and staff at St. John's Circle of Care. Dues can be given to Jo Schwartz, your Auxiliary Rep. Or dropped off in the church office marked "Auxiliary Dues" with your name on it.

FOOD FOR THE POOR - HAITI

Food for the Poor, one of the charities that SPLC supports, contacted the church regarding the great need in Haiti right now. Due to gang violence and unrest, many homes have been burned in this already impoverished country and 8,500 people have been displaced. The need for food, water, shelter, and other necessities is dire. If you feel called to help, please earmark your donation "Food for the Poor - Haiti." Thank you in advance for your generosity!

St. Paul's will be hosting our own American Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, August 3rd from 8 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



**American
Red Cross**

Volunteers are needed! I need 2-3 people who can volunteer their time to help me that day. Even if you can only help for a portion of the day, that would be great!

**St. Paul Lutheran
Church, LCMC**
303 N Cass Avenue
Springfield, MN 56087

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Calendar Highlights - July 2021

3 - Larson/Cook Wedding
7 - Worship on Wednesday
14 - SANTA Burger Blast

We are on the Web!
www.splcspringfield.org

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Office Hours

Pastor: Tricia Mattson
Monday & Thursday 9-noon
Wednesday 1-4
Or by appointment
pastortriciamattson@gmail.com

Parish Coordinator: Katie Mueller
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-noon
Email: stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com

Housekeeper:

Maintenance: Ed Meidl

Financial Secretary: Anita Jensen
Fin_secretary@newulmtel.net

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It is published monthly to keep members and friends informed
of programs and ministries of the church.

Articles may be submitted for publication subject to content.

Worship:

SUNDAY at 9:00 a.m.

*Watch for updates

Coffee Talk cancelled until further notice



Springfield Area Food Shelf hours
Tuesday 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday 9:30am – 11:30am
625 N Jackson Ave - Springfield, MN 56087
(Springfield Clinic Lower Level)
507-723-3663 (FOOD)