

November

2020



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We live in a time of great division. With the election approaching, this is more evident than ever. The left and the right are caught up in a game of tug-of-war, fighting for control over our nation and its laws.

In Luke 12:49-56, Jesus tells us that he didn't come to bring peace but division. He didn't come to bring us harmony and leave us in an undisturbed condition. But the kind of division that Jesus speaks of is different from the division we are experiencing today. For Jesus, division comes not through the law, but through the gospel.

Jesus comes to choose people in order to give them his favor. He chose the disciples. Jesus chose Lazarus, whom he raised from the dead. He chose the blind, the deaf, and the mute. Jesus chose the paralytic. He chose the Gerasean demoniac. He chose the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus chose the Canaanite woman and her sick daughter, whom he healed. In each of these people, Jesus created saving faith in himself.

What happens when you go around choosing people unto salvation through the forgiveness of their sins? It causes divisions. There are some, like the Pharisees, who think, "I am already covered through my multiple religious works: thank you very much!" There are some who will be offended that you would suggest that they have ever done anything that requires forgiveness, "Just who do you think that you are anyway?"

And this is how Jesus got himself killed: through the baptism with which he was to be baptized on the cross. Therefore, we certainly don't want to "disturb the peace" in such a way that we find ourselves in similar hot water, right? We are afraid to cause division in this way, by forgiving sins. "Sure, I'll love my neighbor as myself, as long as there's no risk to me." But we conveniently "forget" that Christ could return at any time. If we only share our political "weather predictions" with our neighbors, but not the Good News which may save them from the coming judgment, how much do we really love them?

So, what does Jesus do when faced with our cowardice towards sharing the gospel? He calls us to repentance that he may forgive us all our sins. He comes to us through his Word and Sacrament to divide us from our sinful, selfish thoughts and deeds - what we have done and what we have left undone - through the forgiveness of our sins. And in dividing us from our sins, Jesus chooses us for himself.

Jesus specializes in the business of choosing, and he has chosen you for himself. The full favor of God now rests upon you. The Lord has united you to himself, and nothing in all the world can separate you from him. Please come each Sunday to worship and be chosen again through the Word of Christ. See you in church!

Love from your sister in Christ,

Pr. Tricia Mattson

St. Paul Lutheran Church—Church Council Meeting - October 14, 2020 at 7:45 p.m.

Call to order: Present: Pastor Tricia Mattson, Paul Muske, Ed Meidl, Bill Vogel, Doug Jeske, Dave Bittler, Tim Vogel, Katie Mueller (Parish Coordinator)

Present via zoom: Angel Clemon, Anita Jensen (Financial Secretary)

Absent: Craig Valentin, Matt Sargant, Shawna Jacobs

Devotion – Prayer led by Pastor Tricia

Secretary's Report: MSP Doug/Bill

Financial Report: MSP Dave/Doug to accept financial report. MSP Doug/Bill to pay Benevolence for August and September totaling \$1,044.41.

Building and Grounds – Ed

Parsonage Basement-Going along good. Concrete done, electrical done, construction crew working on it now. Have quotes coming from Miesen's on flooring options.

Parsonage Roof, received one bid, waiting on second bid coming on Friday for steel. Tabled.

Parish Education Report: Discussed Christmas Program and asking for volunteers for the committee. Also need volunteers for taking temperatures as the kids come in the building.

Pastor's Report:

Visitation

Visited members in their homes, at St John's Lutheran Home, and at Gil-Mor Manor.

Worship

Baptized Taisley Salonek and Aurelia Peart on 9/20 and Milo Brown on 10/4.

Presided at the wedding of Jaime Zamaniego and Chelsea Fallis on 10/10 in Riverside Park.

Confirmed four students on September 27.

Gave First Communion to three students on 10/4 and the other three will receive it 10/25.

Led a Holy Communion worship service at the Maples on 9/15.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes are going well.

Parish Education

Due to Covid-19, Maples bible study at 1:00 p.m. on patio is currently suspended.

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

Taught a premarital class on 10/2.

Taught baptism classes on 9/14 and 10/14.

Attended the Parish Ed Meeting on 10/5.

Community

Attended a SAHS 8th grade football game and 7th grade scrimmage on 10/8.

Celebrated Alice Trebesch's birthday on 10/11.

Granted one SAFE voucher.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Issues - COVID-19 church coordinator needed. Thank you to Tim Vogel for covering it in the beginning. MSP Doug/Dave to appoint Bill and Ed as co-coordinators.

Church Credit Card, need to look at other alternatives as we are not able to get credit card. Check back with F&M about getting a debit card again, otherwise check with other financial institutions.

Church Security – Quote from Advanced Security Products out of Balaton, MSP Ed/Doug to approve up to \$3,000 to install the system from undesignated memorials.

Benevolence to school milk fund, Mission committee decided to direct it to the food shelf instead MSP Ed/Tim to redirect funds to the food shelf. Katie will contact the school about getting the check back.

St. John's Auxiliary Rep: Jenny Solmonson was going to talk to Jan Severson about what the position entails. Will let us know if she can do it.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Parishioner request to change Sunday School to 9am and Worship to 10am. No action taken by council.

2. Add in Contemporary music and liturgy one Sunday a month during the 9am service: MSP Bill/Ed hold it on the 2nd Sunday of the Month beginning in November and do the WOV on the 4th Sunday. See how it goes.
 3. Set Holiday Services
 - a. Thanks for the Harvest-No Service this year
 - b. Thanksgiving (Wednesday, November 25, 7pm)
 - c. Christmas Eve Service (Thursday, December 24, 5pm & 7pm) need people to pre-register to a service due to seating limitations
 - Christmas Day Service (Friday, December 25, 9 am)
- MSP Doug/Ed to approve all of the above services and times
4. Snow removal bid, Saw Works, Nick Seidl, for \$83/hour, MSP Paul/Ed
 5. Thanksgiving Baskets \$3,129.08 in account, 2019 expenses \$1,133.59(\$250 from Thrivent), last year we delivered to 24 families, 86 people. MSP Ed/Bill to offer the Thanksgiving Baskets again this year.
 6. College Care Packages ~ Get Thrivent Action Team Kit and will use the money for snacks and shipping costs. Luther League will package them up.
 7. Schedule Staff Reviews: Tabled
 8. Set Date for Annual Meeting: January 31, 2021, MSP Bill/Doug
 9. Christmas gifts for shut-ins: No visits this year, just package gifts and have no contact delivery. Upgrade our recording equipment to support live broadcasting: Katie will contact New Life to see if they can give us options.
- 9:13 pm MSP Ed/Dave to adjourn.

Submitted by
Katie Mueller

<u>2020 Church Council</u>		
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 & Sunday School Update

In-person worship 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.

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.

Sunday School on Sunday's at 10:10 a.m.

St Paul Attendance

10/04/20 9am - 86 10/11/20 9am - 35 10/18/20 9am - 45 10/25/20 9am - 51

Budget Recap Year to date (01/01/2020 to 10/25/2020)

Funds for Budget	\$121,164.99	Operating Funds	\$143,254.74
CARES Act Loan	\$22,089.75 (can only be used for payroll)	Operating Expenses	\$136,212.89
Total Operating Funds	\$143,254.75	Difference	\$7,041.85
Budget	\$146,955.08		

Memorials Given From 9/26/20 to 10/25/2020

In Memory:	Given by:	Designated for:
Tom Hayden	Glenn & Anita Jensen	Baptismal Faith Chests
Jan Krieg	Glenn & Anita Jensen	Baptismal Faith Chests
Eileen Radtke	Glenn & Anita Jensen	Baptismal Faith Chests
	Amanda & Dylan Thompson	Baptismal Faith Chests
Dermont Wells	Glenn & Anita Jensen	Baptismal Faith Chests
	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Good Shepherd Scholarship
William Haseleu	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Good Shepherd Scholarship
	Glenn & Anita Jensen	Baptismal Faith Chests
Gary Don Hesse	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Good Shepherd Scholarship
	Glenn & Anita Jensen	Baptismal Faith Chests
	Ed Meidl	Good Shepherd Scholarship
Leo Lang	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Good Shepherd Scholarship
Bernice Augustine	Glenn & Anita Jensen	Baptismal Faith Chests
	Amanda & Dylan Thompson	Baptismal Faith Chests
Kerry Jenzen	Glenn & Anita Jensen	Baptismal Faith Chests
James Pietz	Glenn & Anita Jensen	Baptismal Faith Chests
Robert Potter	Ed Meidl	Good Shepherd Scholarship
Carol Meidl	Glenn & Anita Jensen	Baptismal Faith Chests
	Amanda & Dylan Thompson	Baptismal Faith Chests

Please pray for... Alice Trebesch; 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.

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.

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.

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	9:00 Worship - Kindergarten receive picture bible 10:00 Sunday School 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	2 1:30 The Maples Bible Study 6:30 Parish Ed Meeting	3 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	4 10:00 am Ch. 8 Broadcast 6:30 Confirmation	5	6 Office Closed	7
8	9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	9 1:30 The Maples Bible Study	10 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	11 10:00 am Ch. 8 Broadcast 6:30 Confirmation 7:45 Council Meeting	12	13 Office Closed	14
15	9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	16 1:30 The Maples Bible Study	17 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	18 10:00 am Ch. 8 Broadcast 6:30 Confirmation	19	20 Office Closed	21
22	9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	23 1:30 The Maples Bible Study 2:00 Downtown Estates HC	24 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	25 10:00 am Ch. 8 Broadcast No Confirmation 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Worship	26 Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28
29	9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	30 1:30 The Maples Bible Study					St. Paul Lutheran Church 303 N Cass Ave Springfield, MN 56087 507-723-5880 stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com pastortriciamattson@gmail.com

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.

November Birthdays!

1 - Barry Hoecherl
2 - Michael Graff
2 - Troy Hagert
3 - Beverly Beussman
3 - Tricia Mattson
4 - Barb Marz
4 - Tyson Meidl
5 - Jace Rosenau
5 - Bentley Borth
7 - Xandar Asmus
9 - Abigail Shaw
10 - Shane Clemon
11 - Kendra Rummel
12 - Krystal Plaster
12 - Alex Quesenberry
13 - Gene Gramentz
16 - Russell Rogotzke
16 - Craig Valentin
18 - Jan Kettner
18 - Russell Johnson
19 - Mark Rosenau
19 - Tiffany Trapp
20 - Gerritt Meidl
20 - Amber Borth
21 - Dave Bittler
21 - Kelly Sargent
22 - Casandra Graff
22 - Lucas Jensen
23 - Tristan Fabian
23 - Lydia Vogel
26 - Merlyn Peterson
27 - Jerome Kettner
29 - Ken Renner
30 - Skyler Gewerth

November Anniversaries!

1 - Gerard & LeAnn Jensen - 40 years
3 - Richard & Lois Zihlke - 58 years
10 - Matt & Jenny Solmonson - 29 years
13 - Mark & Michelle Buerkle - 21 years
19 - Brian & Malorie Kral - 9 years
23 - Jacob & Marlayna Gatzlaff - 1 year

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.

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

November Altar Guild

Stacia Rosenau, Colleen Meidl

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



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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The Springfield Area Food Shelf 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.

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.

College Care Packages

Luther League will be packing boxes for our College Students in the beginning of November. We ask you to bring in pre-packaged snacks and other fun things that can be sent in these boxes to send well wishes and cheer to our members away from home. Please have all donations to the church office by **Monday, November 2nd. Approximately 20 boxes will be sent. If you have a child in college, please send their college address to Katie in the office by that date as well.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Springfield, MN

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

If you know of a family who is in need or could use the thoughtful gift of receiving a full Thanksgiving meal, please call the church office at 507-723-5880 or fill out the below form and place in the offering plate upon your exit or return to the church office at your earliest convenience. We need to know their address, phone number, how many people are in the family. If you would like to help package and deliver the boxes, please let Katie know. **Deadline to sign up is Monday, November 16th at noon.**

Please send a Thanksgiving basket to

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Adults _____ Children under 10 _____ Children under 18 _____

I would like to:

_____ donate/buy _____ for the baskets.

_____ help put baskets together.

Name: _____

_____ help deliver baskets.

Phone: _____

Items you can donate:

Canned green beans

Canned cranberries

Canned turkey gravy

Boxes of instant mashed potatoes

Boxed stuffing mix

Jars of pickles

Disposable roaster pans.

Donations need to be brought to the church office by Monday, November 16th at noon.

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

Postmaster: Dated material
Please Deliver Promptly
Address Service Requested

Calendar Highlights

1 - Kindergarten receive Picture Bibles
8 - Contemporary Worship Service
25 - Thanksgiving Eve Worship

We are on the Web!
www.splcspringfield.org

Phone: 507-723-5880
Fax: 507-723-8712

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: Lisa Prechel

Maintenance: Ed Meidl

Financial Secretary: Anita Jensen
Fin_secretary@newulmtel.net

St. Paul EPISTLE is a publication of St. Paul Lutheran Church.
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



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Thursday 9:30am – 11:30am
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