



Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you-- you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Luke 12:22-34

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I come from a long line of worriers. How about you? During this time of pandemic in an election year, it seems that we are all more worried than usual. It is estimated that 18% of adults in America suffer from an anxiety disorder, though only 37% of them receive treatment. In addition, a whopping 25% of both children ages 13 to 18 and the elderly are afflicted by anxiety disorders.

What happens to your body when you worry excessively? The fight or flight mechanism in your body is engaged, preparing you to run like a bear is chasing you, or to battle an enemy with your broadsword, though no physical threat is actually present. Your nervous system releases stress hormones, which speed up your heart rate and breathing, raise your blood sugar, and send more blood to your arms and legs. Over time this can lead to a multitude of health problems. Worrying can't add a single hour to your life, but it certainly can decrease your life expectancy!

If worrying has so many drawbacks, then why do we do it? When some future outcome is uncertain, we want to make sure it turns out well. When we have a hard time living with uncertainty, we might return to a situation in our minds and keep turning it over, imaging every "what if" and how we might handle it—we're trying to control an uncontrollable situation.

As Jesus says, the nations of this world, the earthly kingdom, believe that they themselves must strive to meet all their own needs. Those of this world rely completely upon themselves and live as if there is no god: striving and fighting and straining to eke out a living. They believe that the weight of their whole world rests upon their own shoulders.

But, Jesus says, this is not the way for you. You have a Heavenly Father who knows just what you need. And it is his good pleasure to give it to you! This is the mark of a good father: he loves to give to his children. In the waters of baptism, the Father adopted you as his own beloved child, giving you a hope and an eternal future with him. God has brought you into his heavenly kingdom. He promises to provide for you all that you need, to give you each day your daily bread. Psalm 145 says of the Lord, "The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing." This applies to the ravens and the lilies and to you. Your Father in heaven is going to keep showering you in his gifts all the days of your life. Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom!

Love from your sister in Christ,
Pr. Tricia Mattson

Present: Ed Meidl, Pastor Tricia, Tim Vogel, Shawna Jacobs, Bill Vogel, Craig Valentin

Present via Zoom: Paul Muske, Katie Mueller-Church Coordinator, Angel Clemon

Absent: Anita Jensen (Financial Secretary), David Bittler, Doug Jeske, Matt Sargant

Call to order, Shawna Jacobs at 7:51pm

Devotion – Pastor Tricia--

M/S/P-Secretary's Report

M/S/P-Financial Report – Anita

When Ed is gone, the deposit needs to be placed in the safe for access for Anita to count. Ed was gone and was placed in Pastor's office. Anita is also gone on vacation now, so it will be caught up soon.

Need to apply for the Loan forgiveness for the CARES ACT loan-need the whole payroll amount before the application is completed.

Building and Grounds – Ed

Parsonage Basement floor is poured. Plan to begin lumber work this week to put up walls.

Parsonage Roof-waiting for bid for steel. Clarification needed that we would have the shingles removed, which would increase some labor costs and potential plywood replacements-but will make certain that the roof sheeting is in good condition.

The parsonage refrigerator is making some noises-just as a heads up. Ed will check it out.

M/S/P Paul, Ed and Pastor to decide together on a refrigerator replacement for no more than \$1,100 when the current unit fails.

Parish Education

Requesting additions to the Covid plan: That student will be temperature checked at the doors prior to entry with a touch free thermometer-needing 2 non-touch thermometers ordered.

This would be completed by adult board members or other church volunteers-to be scheduled.

To request parents to wait in the parking lot to verify their child has been admitted into Sunday school

To adjust the Sunday School time from 10:10am to 11am-parents are not to drop off children before 10am.

Children attending church service will dismiss with parents and then enter at the appropriate north door to go to Sunday school.

M/S/P-the above listed changes to the Covid plan for Sunday School.

Pastor's Report

Pastor will ask confirmation students/families how many individuals they plan to have in attendance for Confirmation Sunday to handle any concerns with capacity.

Sunday school teachers with exemptions for wearing face masks needs to be provided a face shield.

Visitation

Visited members at nursing home and in-home visits; some Holy Communion home visits.

Worship

Leading Sunday worship in-person at 9:00 a.m.

Presided at the wedding of Emily Vogel and Eric Goblirsch on 9/5.

Confirmation

Held our first confirmation class tonight.

Parish Education

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.

Finished teaching 1st Communion classes via Zoom on 9/2.

Taught a baptism class on 8/26.

Attended the Parish Ed Meeting on 8/31.

Community

Attended the Ministerial Meeting on 8/27.

Submitted an article to the Advanced Press entitled, *The Whole Armor of God*.

Granted two SAFE vouchers.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Issues

Tim suggests the attendance taker and greeter/person handing out bulletins can be one person-freeing up others to help rotate thru out the church.

Tim-reminder that we need to work on ushering out so that people know what rows go first.

Pastor would like to change communion flow back to regular flow of 1 side receiving and returning to their seats, and the other side would follow suite. Finishing service with the blessing. There will be a trash can for cups next to the exiting communion hand sanitizing station.

Church Credit Card

Still working on figuring out the LCMC 501 C3 status.

Anita still working on this.

Katie has had issues with using the LCMC 501 C3 tax exempt info for Amazon Smile donation

Church Security – quotes

Going to get a quote from a company from Balaton.

NEW BUSINESS

Benevolence to school milk fund-Have the school hold for now. Shawna will let Missions committee know to see if there are other suggestions.

Jan Severson resignation from St. John’s Auxiliary- Jan recommends contacting Jenny Solmonson. Shawna will reach out.

M/S/P 8:59pm with the Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted
Shawna Jacobs
Church Council Secretary

<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

8/30/20 9am - 30 9/6/20 9am - 33 9/13/20 9am - 68 9/20/20 9am - 69 9/27/20 9am - 74

Budget Recap Year to date (01/01/2020 to 09/22/2020)

Funds for Budget	\$103,270.01	Operating Funds	\$126,359.76
<u>CARES Act Loan</u>	<u>\$22,089.75</u> (can only be used for payroll)	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>\$118,882.92</u>
Total Operating Funds	\$125,359.76	Difference	\$6,476.84
 Budget	 \$129,867.28		
Difference	(\$4,507.52)		

Memorials Given From 8/26/20 to 9/25/2020

<u>In Memory:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>	<u>Designated for:</u>
Keith Bast	Frances Bast Richard & Lois Zihlke	St. Paul Lutheran Church St. Paul Lutheran Church
Dermont Wells	Tim & Kahla Petersen	St. Paul Lutheran Church
William Haseleu	Jim & Elsie Groebner	Good Shepherd Scholarship
Tamie Trapp	Ellen Arnsdorf	St. Paul Lutheran Church

Please pray for... The Family of Kerry Jenzen, Arlie & Dianne Anderson, Loren Filter, Barb Vanderwerf, William Matzke, 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.

October 2020

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 9:00 Worship with 1st Communion 10:00 Sunday School 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	5 6:30 Parish Ed Meeting	6 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	7 10:00 am Ch. 8 Broadcast 6:30 Confirmation	8 10:00 am Ch. 8 Broadcast 6:30 Confirmation	9 Office Closed	10 Office Closed
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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.

October Birthdays!

1 - Tina Meine
2 - Brayden Trapp
3 - Denise Gicker
5 - Brooke Jensen
5 - Tanner Weisensel
7 - Dalores Stern
8 - Leo Kral
9 - Nyla Quesenberry
9 - Jelene Nachreiner
10 - Darlene Wilstermann
13 - Jim Groebner
13 - Alice Trebesch
13 - Marlys Wendt
14 - Sarah Groebner
14 - Dawn Marz
16 - Kari Haugo
17 - Doug Schiller
17 - Milo Jensen
18 - Ruth Ann Gicker
20 - Delwin Beussman
20 - Leona Schottle
23 - Sara Haugo
23 - Victoria Quesenberry
23 - Falen Hillesheim
24 - Brooklyn Anderson
24 - Paisley Groebner
24 - Bentley Wendt
25 - Ashley Larson
26 - Norma Freeman
28 - Cylee Graff
28 - Grant Jensen
30 - Jeff Weisensel
31 - Rod Larson
31 - Liz Wendt

October Anniversaries!

2 - Jeff & Stacey Weisensel - 27 years
3 - Duane & Jelene Nachreiner - 50 years
3 - Larry & Kathryn Pederson - 39 years
8 - Keaton & Amber Borth - 4 years
9 - Bob & Sharon Rogotzke - 44 years
13 - Mark & Stacia Rosenau - 19 years
17 - Troy & Kay Hagert - 34 years
18 - Joe & Jessie Micka - 6 years
19 - Adam & Sarah Groebner - 18 years
28 - Glenn & Anita Jensen - 31 years
28 - Mike & Barb Marz - 53 years
28 - Doug & Marcia Schiller - 48 years
29 - Brian & Jen Timm - 15 years

October Altar Guild

Rhonda Larson, Ashley
Larson, Barb Marz

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.

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

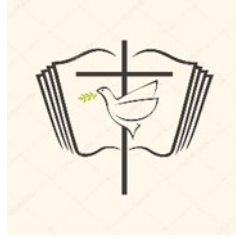


ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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St. Paul Lutheran is in need of an individual to be our St. John's Home Auxiliary Representative as soon as possible. The auxiliary plans birthday parties, bingo, picnics, and other social events that enrich the lives of our 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.

Important dates for Sunday School Families. These gifts will be given out during the 9 am worship service.

- 10/11 1st Grade Small Catechisms
- 10/18 3rd grade bibles
- 10/25 Preschool doves
- 11/1 Kindergarten bibles



2020 Annual Gathering Live Stream

For those who would like to attend the event virtually this year, we will be offering a free live stream on **Monday, October 5** from **9:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. CDT**.

Access to the live stream will be available at www.lcmc.net/live when the event begins.



No Veteran Goes Cold

Ride 2 Remember has partnered with Every Third Saturday to ensure no veteran goes cold this winter. We need your help by donating the items below

Sleeping Bags

Thermal Underwear

Coats

\$5-\$10 Food Gift Cards

Shampoo

Body Wash

Socks

Backpacks

Winter Hats

Gloves

Reading Glasses

Winter Clothing

ETS serves both men and women veterans and their children

All items will be donated to ETS on 11/21/2020



Cleaning out your closets? Getting a new winter coat and don't need the old one anymore?!? Consider donating to R2R and ETS and ensure no veteran goes cold this winter!

All gently used winter items are greatly appreciated!!

Thank you for the continued support of our Veterans!

Drop off now through 11/14

at Schwanke Engines LLC

8am-5:00pm M-F inside the door

804 East Rock Street ,

East Highway 14

Springfield

or call Jan 507-227-7387 for a different time.

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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Calendar Highlights

4th - First Communion Service
25th - First Communion Service

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



Springfield Area Food Shelf hours
Tuesday 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday 9:30am – 11:30am
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