

JUNE

2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in Christ! Pentecost is upon us. The word "Pentecost" means 50th. The Jews celebrated the Pentecost festival fifty days after the Passover. Also called the Festival of Weeks or Festival of the Harvest, devout Jews observed this holiday by gathering in Jerusalem, as commanded by the Lord (Deut. 16), "Then you shall keep the festival of weeks to the LORD your God, contributing a freewill offering in proportion to the blessing that you have received from the LORD your God."

For Christians, however, Pentecost is the day of the fulfillment of Christ's words of promise, "In a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Act. 1:5) and John the Baptist's prophesy, "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire" (Lk. 3:16). Acts 2 describes the supernatural event, "Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them [the disciples] were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." The foreigners gathered there were amazed to hear the uneducated Galilean disciples suddenly start speaking to them in their mother tongues!

This astounding gift was given to equip the disciples for Jesus' Great Commission, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high" (Lk. 24:46-49). To speak to all nations, a common language was required, and in this event the confusion which the Lord caused at the Tower of Babel (Gen. 11) was reversed. The disciples then began to boldly proclaim Christ to all nations!

The charge is sometimes made against Lutherans, particularly by charismatics, that we do not preach and teach enough on the Holy Spirit. However, our doctrine regarding the Holy Spirit is quite thorough. A simplistic teaching on the Trinity itself goes like this: God the Father speaks, God the Son is the Word that is spoken, and God the Holy Spirit is the hearing of that Word. Therefore, the Holy Spirit's primary role is to give you ears to hear the promise of Christ with the goal of making a believer out of you.

To create faith, the Holy Spirit uses these tools: calling, gathering, enlightening, and sanctifying. You were called to the waters of baptism by name and claimed by Christ forever. The Holy Spirit continues to gather you for worship, Sunday school, and adult education so that you will trust that you are marked with the cross of Christ forever. As you hear and study the Word, the Holy Spirit enlightens you by revealing the love, mercy, and grace that Jesus Christ has for you. And finally the Holy Spirit makes you holy by cleansing you through hearing the Word and receiving the sacraments, as Luther's Small Catechism says, "In this Christian church day after day he fully forgives my sins and the sins of all believers." So, the Holy Spirit is really the work horse of the Trinity, constantly at work doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves: creating saving faith in Jesus Christ alone!

On Sunday, May 31, in honor of Pentecost, you are invited to boldly wear red as a testament of the power of the Holy Spirit who lives in you, closer to you than your next breath! See you in church!

Love from your sister in Christ,

Pr. Tricia

St. Paul Lutheran Church—Church Council Meeting - May 13, 2020

Present via Zoom video: Paul Muske, Bill Vogel, Tim Vogel, Doug Jeske, Angel Clemon, Pastor Tricia, David Bittler

Also Present: Katie Mueller, Church coordinator (Zoom video) & Anita Jensen, Financial secretary (Zoom audio)

Absent: Ed Meidl, Matt Sargant, Craig Valentin

Call to order 7:50pm Paul Muske

Devotion – Pastor Tricia prayer for those affected by the coronavirus.

M/S/P-Secretary's Report

Financial Report – Anita

Received payroll protection loan for payroll, this amount was not reflected in

M/S/P-to pay Jan-April benevolence per committee recommendations

Building and Grounds – Ed

Parsonage Basement-has been added to Jeremy Zhilke's calendar to stub in the walls.

Katie will confirm and refresh what the quote covers, also have him inspect the roof/shingle conditions.

Need to get quote for electrical costs to finish basement.

Governor's orders: no major changes regarding church at this time. Pastor will resume Tuesday Bible study as long as classes are under 10 participants. Pastor will look at having participants register

M/S/P-to resume bible studies on Tuesday night as long as CDC guidelines are followed.

There were 22 cars in attendance last Sunday.

Parish Education Report

No Report.

Pastor's Report

- Action Items

M/S/P to resume baptisms. Pastor is to encourage social distancing amongst the family members and to use good judgement.

To allow Pastor to give a red hymnal to a member who needs a replacement.

- Visitation

Calling our elder members to check in with them.

While practicing precautions to prevent the spread of Covid-19, I have brought the Lord's Supper to member homes and led a commendation service at the New Ulm Medical Center.

- Worship

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

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

Presided at Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Services.

Presided at the graveside service for Marie Weinberger on 4/15/20.

Presided at the committal of Darla Knutson on 5/6/20.

Held the Baccalaureate Worship Service to bless our graduating seniors on 5/10/20.

- Parish Education

Continuing to teach premarital counselling sessions.

Offered bible study via Zoom, but so far little has been expressed.

- Confirmation

Finished teaching confirmation via Zoom on 4/29

Met with 8th graders via Zoom to go through their faith statements on 5/5 and 5/6.

M/S/P- to have Affirmation of Baptism Worship Service on Sunday, September 27, 2020

- Community

Reviewed scholarship applications and met remotely with the Jenniges and Reiner Board members

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Issues

CARES Loan

Drive-In Worship:

M/S/P-to continue with the 9 & 11 am services on Sundays, and to cancel Wednesday night services until further notice.

150th Anniversary Update-suspended

Church Credit Card-Anita needs the articles of incorporation, Constitution or background paperwork for the start of the church.

Church Security – quotes TB—no new updates. Church is lock down from Covid.

Computer Upgrades – Nuvera installing-coming May 15th to install.

Online Payment options-Give Plus through Servant Keeper/Vanco is free, if we want to add credit/debit option: \$10/month plus Credit/Debit: 2.75% + 45¢ per transaction, ACH/eCheck: 1.00% +45¢, signed up for Facebook donations but waiting for approval from Facebook.

NEW BUSINESS

Servant Keeper Upgrade to Version 8, last updated in 2013-need new version for new computers

M/S/P- to purchase Option 1 (local) \$299 + \$50 each additional computer from the General fund for a total cost of \$399.

Option 2 (cloud) \$299 + \$29.99/month(month of May is free with sign up) Includes automatic backup, Cloud offers mobile options for unlimited users: mobile self-managed member profiles (members can update own information and sign up for events), online church directory, mobile ministry contact information at your fingertips, visitation/counseling notes, attendance, member access to personal giving, and more

VBS Discussion (June 7-11)

Look for alternatives and will collaborate with St. John's.

M/S/P to postpone VBS until further date.

Ethan Langseth is joining the National Guard and will be away to basic training for the summer.

Private Memorial Service for Carol Meidl. Public memorial service to be held at a later date

Motion to adjourn @ 8:55pm with the Lord Prayer

Shawna Jacobs
Church Council Secretary

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

The Council met recently to begin discussing opening up the church for in-person worship. In order to comply with the governors order we must develop and implement a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan that addresses many components to keep everyone safe and healthy. The plan is quite extensive and includes training for all employees and volunteers. It will take some time to develop, but please know that we are working on it. We do not have an official date of when we will get to worship in person, but we will let you know once we are ready.

Until then, please continue to join us during our Facebook Live Worship at 9:00 a.m., which is also viewable on Channel 8 at 10:30 a.m. and the 11:00 a.m. drive-in worship service.

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

Budget Recap & Attendance Year-To-Date (01/01/20 to 5/27/20)

Funds for Budget	\$61,810.63
<u>CARES Act Loan</u>	<u>\$22,089.75</u> (can only be used for full-time payroll)
Total Operating Funds	\$83,900.38
Budget	\$71,768.76
Difference	\$12,131.62
Operating Funds	\$83,900.38
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>\$65,829.48</u>
Difference	\$18,070.90

We ask at this time that folks refrain from entering the church building unless the need is urgent, in order to protect everyone's health. Offerings and correspondence may be mailed or put in the drop box in the west side door. Thank you!

Memorials Given From 4/24/20 to 4/17/2020

<u>In Memory:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>	<u>Designated for:</u>
Don Wall	Larry & Ruth Potter	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Chuck Schmidt	Larry & Ruth Potter	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Marie Weinberger	Larry & Ruth Potter	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Al Clennon	Jeff & Stacey Weisensel	St. Paul Lutheran Church
	Justin & Jennifer Asmus	Bible Camp Scholarship Fund
Carol Meidl	Justin & Jennifer Asmus	Bible Camp Scholarship Fund

Please pray for... Larry Potter, Georgiana Hewitt (Dalores Stern's sister), Chuck Churchill (Sherry Fenger's brother), The family of Carol Meidl; 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.

Weekly Bible Study

Pastor Tricia will be resuming bible study on Tuesday's at 6:00 p.m. in Room 101. 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. If needed she can add an additional bible study.

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.

Once again, we appreciate those who have been continuing to send in their offerings. 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. If you have questions or need help, please talk to Katie in the church office.



You also have the option to set up automatic giving directly with your bank. If you would like the form or more information, please contact 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 or 507-723-5880. Thank you for your understanding.

June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pastor on vacation	2 No Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	3 10:00 am Ch. 8 Broadcast	4	5 Office Closed	6
7 9:00 Facebook Live Worship 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast 11:00 Drive-In Worship	8	9 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	10 10:00 am Ch. 8 Broadcast 7:45 Council Meeting	11	12 Office Closed	13
14 9:00 Facebook Live Worship 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast 11:00 Drive-In Worship	15	16 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	17 10:00 am Ch. 8 Broadcast	18	19 Office Closed	20
21 Happy Father's Day! 9:00 Facebook Live Worship 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast 11:00 Drive-In Worship	22	23 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	24 10:00 am Ch. 8 Broadcast	25	26 Office Closed	27
28 9:00 Facebook Live Worship 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast 11:00 Drive-In Worship	29	30 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast				

9:00 am Worship Service

We are working on a plan to implement in-person services, but it will take some time to develop the plan and train staff and volunteers. Please watch for announcements for when we will be able to gather again.

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

Thank you for being patient and understanding.

June Birthdays!

2 - Kurt Kratz
2 - Norman Krebs
2 - Jordyn Plaster
3 - Bobbi Jo Timm
4 - Lily Groebner
5 - Reagan Plaster
6 - Travis Wendt
7 - Josh Nachreiner
7 - Jamie Zihlke
8 - Kyle Quesenberry
9 - Kim Graff
9 - Christopher Longsdorf
10 - Mitchell Buerkle
10 - Larry Potter
10 - Sawyer Wersal
14 - Andrew Rogotzke
14 - Alyssa Shaw
16 - Jodi Nachreiner
18 - Cash Anderson
19 - Doug Gatzlaff
20 - Rylyn Marz
21 - June Wendt
22 - Adeline Schubbe
23 - John Mueller
23 - Jamie Marz
25 - Elizabeth Vanderwerf
25 - Emily Vogel
25 - Blake Zihlke
26 - Kristin Rogotzke
26 - Jan Severson
26 - Teagan Steffl
27 - Rachelle Halvorson
28 - Connie Knutson
29 - Daniel Kettner
30 - Lorelei Pidde

June Anniversaries!

1 - Harmon & Megan Quesenberry - 24 years
5 - Maurice & Shirley Weber - 70 years
6 - Robert & Marilyn Kratz - 61 years
12 - Donald & Darlene Wilstermann - 65 years
16 - Layne & Jennie Vanderwerf - 20 years
17 - Tim & Megan Hillesheim - 3 years
20 - Paul & Jo Muske - 50 years
21 - Justin & Jennifer Asmus - 23 years
21 - John & Katie Mueller - 17 years
22 - Rod & Rhonda Larson - 29 years
23 - Matt & Tasha Sargent - 2 years
27 - Carla & Clyde Moret - 33 years

June Altar Guild

Kari Haugo, Marcia Schiller

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

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

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.

"150 YEARS OF WALKING WITH GOD"

June 2020 - Cemetery Walk
July 2020 - Mission & Prayer Walk
August 2020 - Neighborhood Walk
September 2020 - Walk in the Park
October 2020 - All-Saints Walk
October 11, 2020, Anniversary Celebration
November 2020 - Walking With the Word
December 2020 - Walking Into the Future

***The June Anniversary committee is working on a self guided tour of the cemetery. When more information is available, we will let you know.**



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Worship On Wednesday (W.O.W) has been cancelled until further notice.

You are invited to a SURPRISE DEPLOYMENT EVENT for Emily Wendt

on Sunday, May 31st at Riverside Park shelter #3 from 3-6 pm.

Emily is being deployed to Horn of Africa on June 1st and will be deployed for a year.

Let's give her a memorable send off! You can stop and visit or drive by and honk.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

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

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 507227-7387 if you have any questions.

150TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Fill out this form or Order online at <http://www.deluxeprint.biz/St--Paul-s-Lutheran-Church.html>

T-shirts are \$15 each (see note on extended sizes)

Youth Sizes: Small Medium Large

Adult Sizes: Small Medium Large XL

2XL(add \$2) 3XL(add \$3) 4XL(add \$4) 5XL (add \$5)

Colors: Maroon or Gray

Size: _____ Color: Maroon or Gray Price: _____

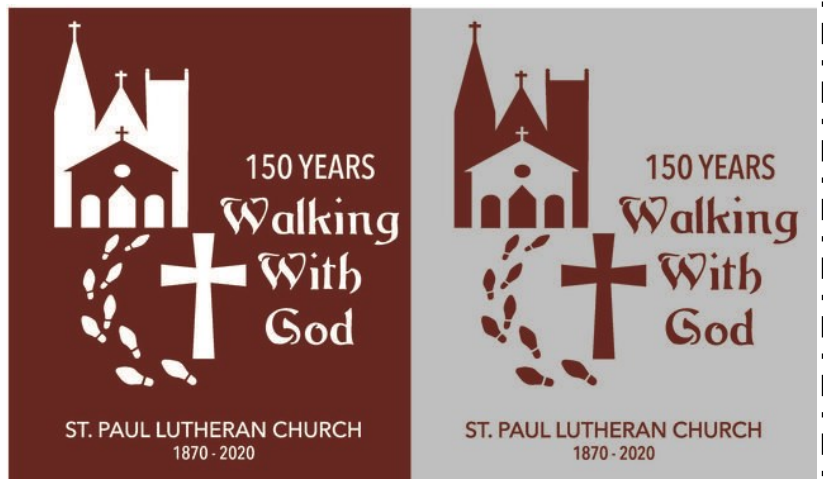
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Maroon shirt with white lettering.

Gray shirt with maroon letting.

Please make checks payable to:

Deluxe Print

Bring this form and your payment to the church office in an envelope marked

T-SHIRT ORDER.

Total Amount Due \$ _____

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Office Hours

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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. & 11:00 a.m.

*Watch for updates

Coffee Talk cancelled until further notice



Please see update on page 4

Springfield Area Food Shelf hours

Tuesday 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Thursday 9:30am – 11:30am

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