

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Family Newsletter



Return to Normal Services

Governor Reynolds has given the okay to open up the churches for normal services as long as we use social distancing guidelines and other healthy measures. Beginning Mother's Day weekend, May 9-10, we will return to Saturday evening services at 6:00 p.m. and both Sunday morning services at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

PLANT SALE!



Mother's Day Weekend Plant Sale

Plants will be on sale in the gym. There is a large selection of extra plants to choose from. Please stop by and get some extra plants and flowers.

Preorders may also be picked up during these times.

Friday, May 8th from 3:00 p.m.-5:30 PM

Saturday, May 9th from 10:00 a.m.-Noon.

Pastor's Page

Peace be with you!

We thank God that He has been keeping us safe since the outbreak of the Coronavirus pandemic. He is a faithful God, He never forsakes us or leaves us, and His grace is always sufficient for us.

Normally, when we see our friends, we like to shake their hands and hug each other to show our friendliness. However, for the past two months, we all have learned to do many things we never did before, like social distancing, wearing face masks and air hugging. We see people, with their face masks on, talking to their friends at least 6 feet apart from each other. It is really strange for us to do that, for we cannot tell from their face masks if they are happy, sad or mad. Maybe we should all draw a smiley, happy face on our face masks to let others know that we are still friendly.

Here at St. Paul's, we also have to learn to do things in some new and creative ways.

Since the middle of Lent, we have been recording and live streaming our worship services so that people can stay at home to be safe from COVID-19 and still worship with others online. Also, we have done drive-in services in our church parking lot and "in person continuous worship services" on Sunday mornings with the limit of 10 people or less. These may not be the ideal ways of worshiping, but they do teach us not to take things for granted and appreciate more when we can go back for our regular church worship services.

Most of us are familiar with the hymn, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" written by Robert Robinson in 1758. The second verse of the song begins with these words: "Here I raise my Ebenezer."

The word, "Ebenezer" means stone of help.

To understand this word, we have to go to the story in First Samuel, chapter seven.

There, we read when the Philistines were ready to attack Israel, God's people cried out to Him for help and He answered them.

"The Lord thundered with a mighty sound that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion, and they were defeated before Israel. And the men of Israel went out from Mizpah and pursued the Philistines and struck them, as far as below Beth-car. Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, 'Till now the Lord has helped us.'" (1 Samuel 7:10-12)

As we look back on what we have been through these past two months, we see not only challenges and struggles but also God's abundant grace and unending mercy. He provided us not only food and drink we needed for our body, but also His presence and guidance in every step we had to travel and every decision we had to make. When we did not know how to keep our worship services going, God provided the right tools, means and people to keep us staying in His Word.

All this reminds us that we are still in the wilderness, we are not in the Promised Land yet. Just like when the Israelites were in the wilderness, God provided food and water for them, today He takes care of our bodily needs. Further, just like God was with them with a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day, today He is with us in His Word and Sacraments.

For this we can say with the Prophet Samuel, "Till now the Lord has helped us," and we can also sing with the hymn writer Robert Robinson "Here I raise my Ebenezer." Amen .

God Bless and Stay Safe,
Pastor Kenny Hsu

Dear members of St. Paul's,

At this time, Iowa's Governor, Kim Reynolds, has given churches the okay to return to normal services with social distancing guidelines put in place. Therefore, we will plan to have normal church services beginning on **Saturday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.**

However, if you don't feel comfortable coming or are not feeling well, we encourage you to stay home and watch our services online.

- * **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/StPaulsLutheranChurchSchool
- * **Church Website:** www.siouxcitystpauls.org
- * **Church App:** This app can be found at the app store or google play. Search St. Paul's Lutheran Sioux City

Starting Saturday May 9, We will begin Live Streaming our Sunday services on Facebook/[stpaulslutheranchurchschool](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulslutheranchurchschool).



Tithes and Offerings can be made through following means:

- Mailing your offering envelopes to the church office at 612 Jennings St. Sioux City, IA 51101
- Church website (www.siouxcitystpauls.org) for online giving.
- Church app on your smart phone for online giving.

To stay informed, please call or email the church office to verify your contact and email information:

- Phone: (712) 252-0338
- Email mychurch@cablone.net

In Person Worship Services This Weekend, Sunday, May 3, 2020

- We are providing "40 minute Continuous In Person Worship/Communion Services" with limited number of people at a time. (25 or less).
- If you and your family desire to come, please call the church office at 712-252-0338 to reserve your time from the following spots on Sunday:
 - 08:15 – 08:55 a.m.
 - 09:05 – 09:45 a.m.
 - 09:55 – 10:35 a.m.
 - 10:45 – 11:25 a.m.
 - 11:35 – 12:15 p.m.



Confirmation Classes for 3rd year have begin again via Zoom meetings. We will change our confirmation time to Wednesday afternoons at 3 pm. Let the church office know if this new schedule will not work for you and if you didn't get a link to the zoom meetings. Our goal is to finish all the requirements, and when Coronavirus is gone, we will pick a Sunday for confirmation.



COVID- 19 Guidelines for Continuous Learning

Dear Parents and Friends of the School,

"Let the spirit of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body you were called to peace." Colossians 3:15

The Governor has announced school will not be in session (in the building) for the rest of the year. However, we will continue with our school year. We do take attendance and we make the children accountable for their work.

Our Continuous Learning Plan will be in effect until the end of the year. I am sending you the plan we have written for the State of Iowa so that you understand that your child will still get an education and we are giving grades. If your child does the majority of the work that is asked of him/her and shows competency in the work, they will be promoted to the next grade. Our teachers have been doing everything to get the work to you. Please, get the work back to them.

Mid Quarter grades will be sent in three weeks. Preschool parents will get a call about progress at that time. The Plan is written for Kindergarten through Fifth, as those grades are under the Department of Education. Preschool will follow the path of the rest of the school. We will continue to provide services.

Our hourly, as well as our salary, workers are all being paid. Please, do the best you can at getting tuition paid. We know these are difficult times and understand problems that arise. Please, call if you cannot make a payment.

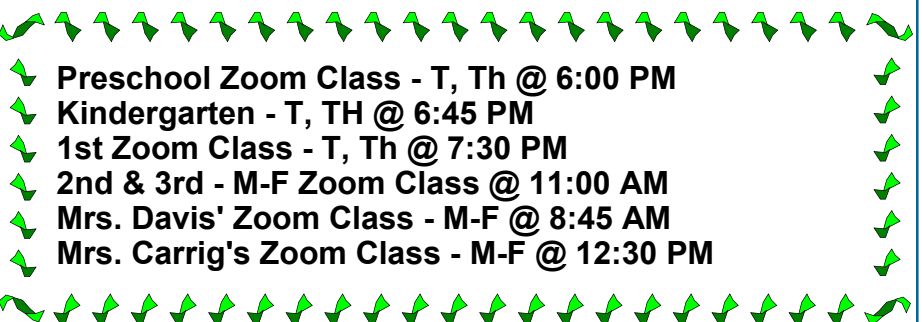
I am praying for all our St. Paul's families, staff, students, and congregation. I know Christ is working in you as I see the laughter and learning of the children. Please, know I pray for peace for you and our nation.

Blessings. I pray for our St. Paul families every day. I know this is overwhelming. Please, know that we are all in this together. God says, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Josh. 1:5 and "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Josh 1:9

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NEED A BOOK TO READ? St. Paul's Lutheran School has a Lending Library that you can use for free. The Library is located next to our flag pole and children that are Preschool through 5th Grade may borrow a book from the box and return it for another one. Lending and returning are on a trust and grace basis. Please, enjoy!!! If you would like to donate, there is a box by the trophy case for gently used or new books, or just leave the book in the Lending Library.



Ways to Support St. Paul's Lutheran School

Support our School with Scrip!

How it works ...You buy gift cards from the school, and the school earns money. We carry a variety of cards in the office. The last chance to order will be **May 1**. To order, call Sarah Gunn at (712) 223-1238 or stop in the church office. Scrip is a year-long fundraising program that supports St. Paul's Lutheran School and its families. Scrip cards are simply purchased for everyday expenses, such as food, clothing, gifts, gas, etc. To order go to www.shopwithscrip.com or stop in the office.



Shoparoo is school fundraising made easy: *the free app turns pictures of your everyday shopping receipts into cash donations and sweepstakes entries for our school! Yep, it's that simple. All you have to do is shop as you normally do, snap pictures of **all your receipts** with the app, and just like that the school has earned \$\$\$!*

Get started today:

1. Download the free Shoparoo app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store
2. Select our school from the list and start taking pictures of your receipts - shop anywhere, buy anything!

YOUTH EVENTS



YOUTH - Make Plans to Join Us

Junior Youth Gathering – October 17-18

Theme: **IDOL TALK**

Location: Sheraton, West Des Moines, IA

Focus: The Ten Commandments

Senior Youth Gathering – November 20-22

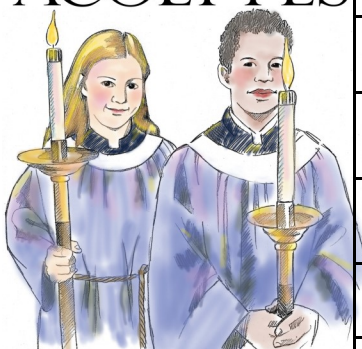
Theme: **2020 – Faith**

Focus: Fix Our Eyes – Run the Race

Location: Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines, IA



ACOLYTES



DATE	6 p.m. Saturday	8:15 a.m. Sunday	10:45 a.m. Sunday
May 3	Marla Anderson	Eliza Gunn	Christian Spencer
May 10			Reagan Granstrom
May 17	Marla Anderson		Justice Sherman & Diamond Henry
May 24	Breezie Treglia		Christian Spencer
May 31			



Anniversaries

May 01	Travis & Alicia Behrens	17 Years
May 04	Jerry & Brenda Budzinski	29 Years
May 05	John & Amber Haines	2 Years
May 05	Don & Reta Lantis	47 Years
May 07	Ryan & Sacha Williams	15 Years
May 10	Bill & Vera Hanna	67 Years
May 10	Don & Donna Olson	45 Years
May 12	Kevin Sr. & Sandra Bock	41 Years
May 12	Jeff & Kerry Johnson	13 Years
May 14	Chris and Amy Meek	9 Years
May 15	Raymond & Coleen Kissinger	38 Years
May 15	Rick and Sandy Rise	27 Years
May 15	Gaby & Mark Steele	39 Years
May 16	Jane & David Yingst	40 Years
May 19	Jeff & Shamayne Frank	36 Years
May 21	Kari & Gary Henneous	44 Years
May 22	Stacy & Ricky Frazier	20 Years
May 23	Dudley & Suzy Joines	17 Years
May 24	William & Karen Baker	24 Years
May 26	William & Loes Abbe	60 Years
May 26	Larry & Jeanne Doerr	47 Years
May 26	Charlie & Mickey Striegel	47 Years
May 26	Richard & Sherry Welte	36 Years
May 26	William & Nicole Zinn	13 Years
May 28	Joseph and Randi Hood	1 Year
May 30	Mark & Deb Durio	28 Years
May 31	Nick & Sarah Gunn	17 Years



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Birthdays

May 1

Olivia Ford
Tyler Neddermeyer

May 2

Doug McBride

May 3

Kylee Eickholdt
Katie Ferdig
Jacie Moore
Christina Ramirez
Mark Steele

May 4

Ava Beougher
Kristen Zediker

May 5

Kathleen Heibel
Susan Horst
Jeff Johnson
Julie Johnson
Tim McCormick
Bob McKeever
Kenny Sherman Jr.
Kellen Sulzbach
Brooke Zinn

May 6

Amy Towns

May 7

Isabel Hannemann
Carol Schuldt
Jeff Sulzbach

May 8

Donald Olson
Drew Wagner
Jeremiah Jaminet

May 9

Nathan Marrinan
Lionell Rugu
Veronica Windle

May 10

Ali Comeaux
Emilee DeVries

May 11

Matthew Haller
Ryan Hanson
Dave Stevenson

May 13

Jason Wagner

May 14

Marjean Nichols
Mckinzey Wilcox

May 15

Cory Black
Janet Frederick
Tom Murphy
Gaby Steele

May 16

David Siefker

May 18

Barbara Sampson

May 19

Stacy Frazier
Norma Nielsen
Michael Roscovius
Courtney Schweigert

May 20

Elliot Knowles

May 21

Kage Gardner

Mary Haller

Trevor Hill

May 22

Charles Ball
Kay Domsch
Trish Gill
Michael Montagne
Jeff Strom
Brian Winegar

May 23

Averie Felix

May 24

Carmen Donaldson
Janice Meek
Jon Sulzbach

May 25

Tracy Seibold

May 26

Toby Wingert

May 27

Julie Collins
Jodi Kennedy

May 28

Eric Hueschen
Mandy Steele
Nicole Zinn

May 30

Lori Sulzbach

May 31

Jacob Hanson
Shanna Meek
Heath Nelson

(If you see any discrepancy in names, day or years in our birthday or anniversary list, please let the church office know, so we may update our records.)

Notes from St. Paul's



Main Street Living — Local Lutheran Worship

During this time when we are not able to gather together for church services, "This is the Life," followed by Lutheran Worship Service, led by local LCMS pastors is at 10 a.m. every Sunday morning on KCAU Channel 9. You can also watch these programs on demand at www.mainstreetliving.com.

The Good Shepherd Hour airs every Sunday morning on the following radio stations.

KSCJ — 1360 AM & 94.9 FM — Sioux City at 8 a.m.

KLEM — 1410 AM & 96.9 FM — Le Mars at 8 a.m.

KAYL — 101.7 FM — Storm Lake at 8:30 a.m.

KVFD — 1400 AM — Fort Dodge at 8 a.m.

All other activities (circles, meetings and bible studies) held at the church and school buildings are suspended until further notice.

Young at Heart Club

Young At heart Club" will meet Sunday, May 17th at Noon.

Board of Education

Our next meeting scheduled for May 20 at 7:00 p.m. May be a zoom meeting if needed.

Friends of Christ

Annual Memorial Day Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25. Bring your own table service and skillet. The hosts will provide food.

Women's League

April and May meetings have been postponed due to COVID-19

Evangelism

Hello Everyone, Are you staying safe? How strange these few months have been. But God said we will have trials and tribulation. So no matter what you are going thru. Jesus is with you. Call upon him. He will hear you. Hope to see you all soon.

Evangelist Committee, Marlis Hilden



High School/College Graduates



Since May is Graduation Month, our June newsletter will be listing our St. Paul's graduates. If you are or have a graduate, please let the church office know at 252-0338. If you like, you may list your parents' names and your future plans.

COVID –19 Activities for Families

Are you one of the many mothers or fathers looking for ways to fill your child’s extra time at home with positive, Godly activities each day? This can seem like a daunting task and added complexity to the “new normal” of balancing social distancing, homeschooling, Sunday schooling, work and more. However, Godly activities that are engaging can be both easy and meaningful. Here are three Simple and Engaging Godly Activities for Families:

Morning Letterboard Devotions

Letterboards are a fun way to create your own message and incorporate it as décor in your daily life. However, you can use that simple letter board for more than décor, it can be a spring-board into a simple and meaningful morning devotion. Set up a rotating schedule that puts one family member in charge of coming up with the “message of the day”. If a child is too young, pair them up with an older sibling or parent that might help them. It can be a few words from a bible verse, a meaningful phrase referencing the Lord, or you can reference a bible verse (i.e. John 3:16). Then, the family will gather at the same time each day (if possible, in the morning) to talk about the new message on the letterboard. Have the creator explain why they chose the message and how it applies to them. Engage the rest of the family in a discussion of what it means to them and how it applies to them. Close with a prayer and put the letterboard where everyone can see it throughout the day and be reminded of the meaning.



Living Prayer List

What’s simpler than a piece of paper hanging on the fridge? Not much! That’s why a “living” prayer list is super easy to do. Engaging the whole family about who to pray for helps take the focus off of our own worries and helps focus on what we can do for others. And prayer is powerful! What better way to teach your kids the importance of daily prayer. Add a new name, or group of people (like nurses), each day at dinner time. In addition to your regular dinner prayer, include the newest prayer list addition in the prayer. Continue to build the list at dinner time one addition at a time. Encourage your children to pray throughout the day and before they go to bed for all the names and groups of people on the prayer list.



Blessings Jar

It’s easy to get wrapped up in the worries. Worry about catching the virus, worry about spreading the virus to others, worry about death, worry about the economy, worry about losing a job, worry about not seeing friends or family, worry about when this will end. The list goes on and on. A “Blessings Jar” takes that worry and flips it around by focusing on the many blessings. You can use a mason jar with lid or whatever you have around the house. It demonstrates how the Lord provides for us, loves us and takes care of us. Before the end of the day, each family member will write down a blessing on a small slip of paper and put in in the blessings jar. This continues each day of the week until Sunday. After whatever form of worship takes place (listening on radio, watching on Facebook or TV, or reading the Pastor’s service via email) open the lid and read out all the blessings for the week. The blessing jar is a really simple way to look around and be thankful for food, shelter, clothing, clean water, family, electricity, good health, technology to help us communicate, and so much more.



As the parent, be that example they need to see. Someone that trusts fully in the Lord. That’s not to say you can’t share your worries, you certainly can and should, but always reaffirm that God’s got this – God’s got you – God’s got me – God’s got us. “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

May 2020

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<p>3</p> <p>Worship/Communion 8:15-8:55 9:05-9:45 9:55-10:35 10:45-11:25 11:35-12:15 5 p.m. Elders Meeting on Zoom</p>	4	5	<p>6</p> <p>3 p.m. Confirmation – 3rd year on Zoom</p>	<p>7</p> <p>★NATIONAL★ DAY of PRAYER</p>	<p>8</p> <p>3-5:30 p.m. Plant Sale pick up</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10-12:00 Plant Sale Pick up 6 p.m. Worship</p>
<p>10</p> <p> HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</p> <p>8:15 a.m. Worship Inside 10:45 a.m. Worship Inside</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6 p.m. Youth Parents and Committee meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>3 p.m. Confirmation – 3rd year on Zoom</p>	14	15	<p>16</p> <p>6 p.m. Worship/Communion</p>
<p>17</p> <p>8:15 a.m. Worship/Communion 10:45 a.m. Worship/Communion Noon, Young at Heart Club</p>	18	19	<p>20</p> <p>3 p.m. Confirmation – 3rd year on Zoom</p>	21	22	<p>23</p> <p>6 p.m. Worship</p>
<p>24</p> <p>8:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 10:45 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>25</p> <p> MEMORIAL DAY</p> <p>Church Office Closed 8:00 a.m. Friends of Christ Breakfast</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>27</p> <p>3 p.m. Confirmation – 3rd year on Zoom</p>	28	29	<p>30</p> <p>6 p.m. Worship</p>
<p>31</p> <p>8:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 10:45 a.m. Worship</p>					<p>*Education Hour: A high school Bible Study, one adult Bible Study, Praise Team, and Sunday School, all at 9:30 a.m.</p>	

LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES

Month	Events	Dates	Group
May	Child Evangelism Fellowship		Evangelism Club
	Soup Kitchen	May 26	Evangelism Committee
June	V.B.S.		Sunday School
	Lamplighters at Trinity	Jun. 3	
July	Lamplighters at Calvary	Jul. 1	
August	Soup Kitchen	Aug. 24-25	Evangelism Committee
	Lamplighters at Concordia	Aug. 5	
September	Friendship Sunday		Evangelism Committee
	Lamplighters at Faith	Sept. 2	
October	Trunk or Treat		Evangelism Committee
	Lamplighters at Hope	Oct. 7	
November	Dried food for Gospel Mission		Social Concern
	Soup Kitchen	Nov. 23-24	
	Lamplighters at Redeemer	Nov. 4	
December	Mittens & Hats for Women's Shelter		St. Paul's School
	Lamplighters at St. Paul's	Dec. 2	



We Can't Serve both God and Money

By nature, we are selfish and greedy people. Our society encourages that sinful mindset by telling us that more and newer is better. Although Scripture nowhere teaches us that being rich is sinful, it does warn us that wealth may be a trap and temptation *"that plunges men into ruin and destruction"* (1 Timothy 6:9). Jesus said, *"You cannot serve both God and Money"* (Matthew 6:24). An indication that our money has become overly important to us is when we ignore the needs of others and the needs of our church. With God's strength, we can place God first and overcome the temptation to love our money.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, I pray You will enable me to be faithful with all my blessings, especially in the attitude toward and in the management of my money. Help me always to be thankful for what I have. I thank You for Your constant love and presence in my life. Through Christ I ask these things. Amen.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!



Servants for the Month of May

Altar Guild:

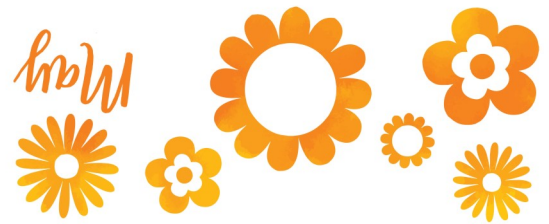
Judy Seaman and Marlis Hilden

Elders:

Sat., 6:00 p.m.: Randy Johnson
Sun., 8:15 a.m.: Ron Cason & Robert Greene
Sun., 10:45 a.m.: Tim Draube & Randy Johnson

Ushers for May

5/3	1st Service	Steven Segebart
	2nd Service	Randy Johnson
5/10	1st Service	Dallas Schulz
	2nd Service	Mike Popken
5/17	1st Service	Jack Smith
	2nd Service	Jack Smith
5/24	1st Service	Nick Gunn
	2nd Service	Bob Grothaus
5/31	1st Service	Tim Draube
	2nd Service	Bill Hanna



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