



St. Paul's

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FROM THE PASTOR

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" - Psalm 122

Absence makes the heart grow fonder. You don't know what you've got 'till it's gone.

Do these ring true for you? Have you made it to this point yet? Do we realize the things we have neglected or taken for granted once they have been taken away? I really do hope the answer is "yes." I pray we would *long for the pure spiritual milk that by it you may grow up into salvation (1 Peter 2:2).*

But Christ hasn't been taken away from us. He remains with us and for us. Things have only been adjusted for the time being. Yet we should long to be in the house of the Lord. We should long to be in church. This was David's prayer many times in the Psalms. Yes he had God's Word and promises in his heart and mind and on his lips, but he longed to be in church – *Let us go to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).*

In the church, the pastor stands in the stead and by the command of Christ to forgive those who fear their sins. In the church, faith is sustained and nourished like a newborn at her mother's breast as God's Word is proclaimed and the Holy Supper is distributed according to Christ's command. In the church, our Lord gathers us under His wings like a hen does her chicks as heaven meets earth and we are shielded from the attacks of the devil.

It was David's prayer to be in the house of the Lord, in Jerusalem where the Word of God was in the temple, in a specific place. The church is our Jerusalem and the risen Christ is our temple, city, altar, and mercy seat, to which, from which, and with which we seek and hear His Word and receive abundant blessings - the pure spiritual milk which gives us all good things. Let our prayer ring out to be in the house of the Lord once again seeking His forgiveness for any apathy we formerly held for the Third Commandment and the place where He gathers His children to be fed. Let us long to be refreshed by the river of life which flowed from our Savior's side and spills into the chalice.

Dear saints, the Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Take to the Word of God and prayer in your home and be ever watchful for every opportunity you have to be in the house of the Lord from this time on. May God in His mercy keep us from ever having to be jarred in this way again. Christ is risen from the dead. Let us place all of our confidence, our whole lives, in that. He is faithful. He will deliver us. He has baptized us and we are His.

Alleluia! Christ is risen, indeed!
Pastor Suggitt

A Simple Weekly Catechism Reading Plan

[Just the Catechism itself – not a thick explanation of the Catechism.]



Luther kept reading the Small Catechism every day.

It is a prayer book, a meditation book, and a life book. It keeps offering more. It is not just information. It comes to us in daily life, when we know it well, frequently think on it, and pray from it.

There are many good reading plans for growth in prayer, meditation, and living from the catechism. Here is one that is simple and realistic for a person just starting.

If you miss a day, don't condemn yourself. The part you missed will come again next week. Today you can read the little part for this day, never mind whatever might have happened yesterday. God will bless you with wisdom without upbraiding you about yesterday. He will give liberally, generously, ungrudgingly. He will give without reproach, without criticizing, and without rebuke (James 1:5). If you ask for bread, your Father will not give you a stone (Matthew 7:9). For fish He will not give you a snake (Luke 11:11). For an egg He will not give you a scorpion (Luke 11:12).



Monday – Ten Commandments

Tuesday – Creed

Wednesday – Lord's Prayer

Thursday – Sacrament of Baptism

Friday – Sacrament of the Altar

Saturday – Table of Duties

Sunday: before Divine Service – Christian Questions with Their Answers

Sunday – any time later in the day - Confession

Each Morning – Morning Prayer

Each Evening – Evening Prayer

If you have misplaced your Small Catechism, it can be found in the hymnal, LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK, beginning on page 321.



The refurbishing of the organ is almost complete! Please keep watch for a date for the rededication of the organ when she will sing once again. The keys for donations to fund the refurbishing are continuing to be colored in. Thanks to all who are giving to the project.



Individuals or families who desire to receive the Lord's Supper should contact Pastor Suggitt to set up a time. This can be done in a safe way for those with concerns. (989)551-3976



You may currently view services on Facebook by navigating to St. Paul Linkville. You may also navigate to the service by using the church's new website: **stpaullinkville.org**

Offerings can be mailed into the church **or** offering envelopes may be placed into a larger envelope and dropped at any Thumb Bank depository location with the heading ATTN: Patti Reinhardt



The deadline for articles for the June issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" is Sunday, May 24, 2020. Email them to Sandy at salcido.sandy8@gmail.com or place them in the newsletter mailbox at the top of the stairs.

Thanks for keeping the congregation informed about what's going at St. Paul.

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Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Youth Catechism: 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE



I hope everyone is taking advantage of the “stay home” mandate to spend some quality time with your family. During times like these, we are able to reflect on all the things that God has so richly blessed us with. The love of family is one of our greatest blessings. Please take time daily to pray with your children. Kids need to know that God is always with us, even when things are scary, strange, or different. Hmmm? I seem to recall that we learned something like that during VBS last summer?!

Pastor is streaming our church service on Facebook each week. Also, the church website is up and running so you can go to online and click on the video to watch. Very exciting! I’m not on Facebook so my household has also been streaming services from Martin Luther Chapel on YouTube. I enjoy the services and the children’s messages. They are helping me get through this crazy time. *[editor’s note: You do not need a Facebook account to view St. Paul services online.]*

How about your family? What are you doing to hear God’s word each week? Each day? In this day and age of technology on your phone, watch, television, computer – there is really no good excuse why you aren’t “going to church”. If technology fails, I hope you all have a Bible and Luther’s Small Catechism in your homes. If not, feel free to contact Pastor to borrow from the church.

I ordered some new biblical activities for your kids to do at home. As soon as they arrive, I will get them to each Sunday School family.

Sunday School was scheduled until May 10th, with Recognition Sunday on May 17th. Not sure when we will be able to return to church in the church, so those dates are tentative. If we are back, let’s plan for class on both of those dates. Donuts and refreshments will be offered to everyone on May 17th as we recognize our students and teachers.

Praying that I can see you all very soon, Susan Schember, Sunday School Superintendent
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Youth group is open to all students in 5th grade through college. Friends are always welcome! We help with community service and church events. It’s a great way to earn volunteer hours! We also try to meet at least every other month for a meeting or fun event. It’s not a Bible Study. It’s a chance for Christian students to spend some social time together. Do we talk about God? Yes, we try to incorporate God’s word into our meetings. Pastor is almost always available to attend. He might have a short “lesson” or we might play “ask the Pastor” or we might watch a good movie. We play games, make cookies, make crafts, bonfire, play putt-putt, go swimming, go bowling, etc. I’d even like to try camping out!

I haven’t heard from any youth group kids or families regarding ideas for summer events? Call me, email me, text me, snapchat me ideas about what you’d like to do as a group this summer! Parents, please encourage your kids to be actively involved in our Youth Group!

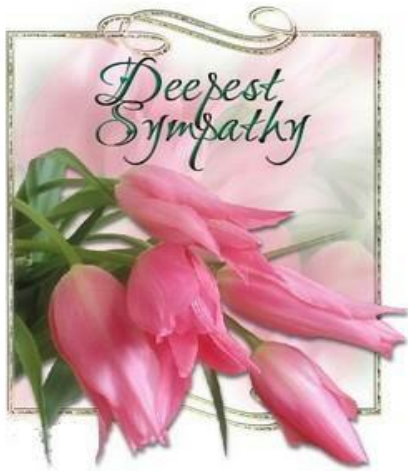
God’s Grace And Blessings To You,
Susan Schember, Youth Group Director
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Lutheran Service on Television:

worshipanew.org

DirectTV Channel 377 - Sundays 11:30am
Antenna Channel 49
Comcast Channel 8



It has pleased the Lord of life and death to call to his eternal home the life of Kenneth Henry Error on Sunday, March 22, 2020. Ken was given Christian burial from St. Paul on Monday, March 23rd.

Please keep Sue as well as family and friends in your prayers for peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in their hearts.



The annual church yard clean-up by the Huron County Sheriff's department work crew has been curtailed....so the trustees could use a hand with yard work.

If you'd like to get some fresh air and are trying to stay healthy, our church grounds could use some sprucing up – raking leaves, patching areas in lawn from snow removal, pruning, etc.

Obviously we don't want to meet in groups so going over on an individual basis is recommended.

Thank you in advance and stay safe, this won't last much longer.



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IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR!

We are planning a Family Cook-Out and Backyard Game night on Wednesday, June 24th 5:30pm – 8:30pm.

All St. Paul families are invited to come out for a potluck picnic and fun night of kickball, corn hole, horseshoes, ladder ball, Kan Jam,



hopscotch, bubbles, chalk drawing, face painting, etc. There will also be a bonfire with s'mores!



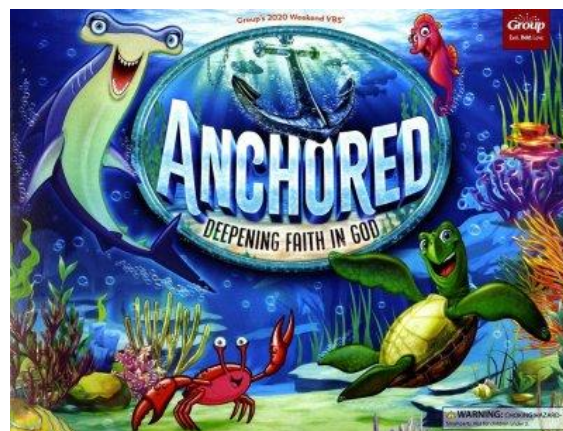
Grilled meats, cold beverages, and s'mores will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and lawn chairs. In order to purchase enough supplies and setup enough tables, please call or text Susan Schember by June 17th to let her know how many will be attending.



CANNING JAR DRIVE

If you have clean mason jars at home, and you don't plan to use them, we are collecting them for bazaar canning! Please be sure they are REAL canning jars (Ball or Mason or Kerr) and that they are clean with no cracks or chips. Start boxing them up for us!

When church is open again, there will be a bin for collecting them in the fellowship hall. We are in need of half pint, pint, and quart jars. For those of you who provide canned goods for the bazaar – they will be placed on shelves in the basement for your use.



Vacation Bible School @ St. Paul July 27, 28, 29 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

We're looking for volunteers for Vacation Bible School. We have: a teacher, a puppeteer, a music director, a craft director, a Pastor, and a VBS coordinator.

Ladies Aid, Church Council, and Youth Group will be providing the meals. Dinner will be included for 3 days of fun for students age 3 through 6th grade. Spread the word!

Would you like to help? Volunteers are still needed for: craft helpers, recess director and helpers, tech/video helper, money counters, small child buddies, etc. And, who wants to help make a float and advertising for area parades?

Please contact Susan Schember to let her know where you'd like to help! 586 246-4567



Want to listen to good theology concerning current topics, the Bible, and Christ crucified for you? Check out *Issues, Etc.* on your computer or smartphone.



This time has been very difficult for us, but knowing we have the support of the members of this congregation certainly helps. Your thoughts and prayers continue to be greatly appreciated.

We can't begin to express what your monetary gift means to me and my family. It will definitely help lighten the load as the medical bills trickle in.

I have not been back for a check-up yet due to the virus but am feeling good and pray for continued good health.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Scott & Karen Gaeth



As you're busying yourself during this stay-at-home order remember that the need for new and gently used clothing is constant at Orphan Grain.

Clothing: *gently used or new*

- Infant, children's, women's and men's clothing
- Shoes – clean and wearable
- **New** underwear (**only**) – all ages and sizes (*Customs officials will levy fines if used underwear is sent in our shipments.*)
- Socks (*good used or new*)



3rd - Cory Fritz
 Harrison Conrad
 6th - Wendy Tabar
 8th - Mark Sticken
 9th - Tonya Parrish
 10th - Mindy Zmierski
 Zane Schember
 12th - Susan Errer
 Kayla Parrish
 13th - Nevaeh Parrish
 14th - Ruth Kumaus
 16th - Gabriel Rogers
 19th - Michelle Gayari
 Susan Dubs
 21st - Melissa Deming
 Ken Errer, Jr.
 Rebecca Wright
 22nd - Loren Stein II
 25th - Daniel Dubs
 26th - Manuel Thies
 28th - Jaime Harmer
 29th - Ava Gies
 31st - Julie Kreh
 Chloe Collon
 Stella Reinhardt



5th - Henry & Ava Gies
 7th - Marc & Jodi Reinhardt
 8th - Chad & Jennifer Timmons
 Don & Peggy Parrish
 10th - Joe & Sandy Salcido
 11th - Todd & Michelle Murphy
 17th - Dennis & Fern Dubs
 Pastor & Sheryl Wenskey
 18th - James & Margaret Sauer
 21st - Rich & Heidi Perkins
 23rd - Kevin & Sheila Truemner
 26th - Branden & Jessica Albrecht
 29th - Jeff & Erin Shuboy

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