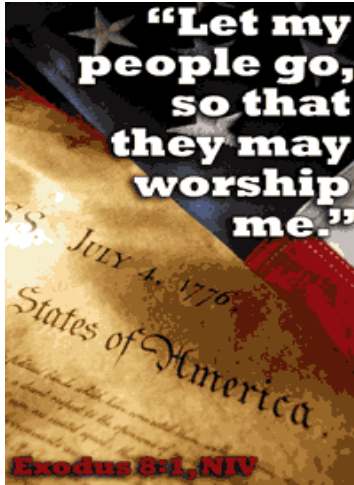


SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

July 2020

In the name of Jesus Christ,
Saint Paul Lutheran Church
is committed to praising,
praying, and proclaiming the Word of God.



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The Parish Messenger is
In honor of the birthdays of Laura, Maci and Max Runyan
and the baptism of Noah Gausmann

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Pastors' Letter for the July Parish Messenger

“One generation shall laud your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.” Psalm 145:4

Passing the faith on to the next generation is one of the chief callings of our lives. We are each given a missionary task and when Jesus told the disciples where to go with the good news, he had them start at home (Jerusalem) and eventually their mission was to spread to the ends of the earth.

What is that adage? When given the task of eating an elephant, in other words, a job that seems huge, what do you do? You approach it one bite at a time. That means, start small and step by step the job can get done. Therefore, we start with our own household when it comes to sharing the good news of Jesus and then we hopefully move on from there – because after all it is good news which is meant for all people. And our world certainly needs good news.

We are taking this same measured approach to coming out of the restrictions that have been upon us due to the COVID 19 virus. Step by step we are opening up the church. We have gone from attempting to have 25 people or under in our worship area, to now maintaining social distancing but allowing for more people, every other pew in a staggered manner. Outdoor worship is another step in our “bite by bite” effort to get more people out to church while being sensitive to the concerns brought on by this virus.

We also have been returning to visitation as the congregation feels comfortable. So please feel free to call us. We are putting the ball in your court so to speak so that you can make the call when you feel ready to welcome us as visitors to your home.

When the hospitals and nursing homes allow us back in we would also like to resume those visits and will be looking to our deacons for assistance in this regard.

If you would like to be trained as a deacon, please let us know. It is a rewarding experience to take home communion and we would like to expand this ministry when the situation in our community gets back to normal.

Thanks for your prayers as we continue to move through this together – to the glory of God!

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR: July Gideons

Distributing Bibles and New Testaments around the World

Having God's Word can and does lead people to faith in Christ, and those new Christians then grow by studying their Scriptures and even use them to share their faith with others.

For this reason, the Gideons focus on distributing complete Bibles, New Testaments, or portions thereof. These copies of God's Word are either given directly to certain individuals or placed in selected public locations where large numbers of people, may be searching for answers. We are thankful that a few of our members, are a part of this organization which does vital work for the kingdom of God. Prayerfully consider how you are able to help support this work financially. Checks should be made payable to Saint Paul Lutheran Church with Gideons in the memo line. Thank you!



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Articles for the August newsletter need to be in the church office by **July 17th**.

Scholarship applications are available in the Narthex and need to be turned in by July 12th, interviews will be held on July 19th and 26th.



OUR DAILY BREAD: Our desserts for July and August are Ice Cream Dixies. Anyone who wishes to make a monetary donation for this snack, please mark an envelope "Our Daily Bread Dixies" and

place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

We will not be having our usual VBS this year, however **we will be having a modified VBS** filled with fun activities for the kids! Mark your calendars for July 14, 16, 21, and 23 from 9:30am -11:15am. We are looking for some more helpers. Please call the church office or see Sandy Albright. Registration forms are available on-line or at the church gathering area.



If you are receiving a copy of the Sunday bulletin by regular mail and would no longer like to receive one, please contact the church office.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS

Luke Hubler~ please keep him in your prayers.



Lay Responsibilities Update

Lay responsibilities are taking on a slightly new shape. Currently we are not using Communion assistants at early service and the outdoor service assistants' jobs involve collecting and exchanging instead of distributing the elements. We are not using acolytes at this time either. Other jobs have taken on a new look and some new jobs have been added. Joyce Hall has established new job descriptions for all our Lord's Helpers. We will be mailing those out to those currently on the Helpers list. If you haven't helped in the past this would be a good time to jump on board. See Joyce or Pastor Sally if you are interested. **Thanks to all** who have been helping as we have been in these changing stages. Your flexibility and cooperation have been a blessing to us all!



**Friends in Christ is a group for widows, widowers
and anyone who wants to join us for a time of fellowship
We'll start up again in September**



Please call the Pastors if you or a loved one are in the hospital, we do not usually get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name, and we want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

Worship Update

Worship services will now be at 8:15 and 10am (in order to keep the outdoor service at a somewhat cooler time of day). Masks are optional but social distancing is strongly encouraged. When the services are held outdoors there are a number of spots available for those who want to listen from their cars, in case of rain the second service moves to the worship area.

Pastors are the only distributors of communion and they use the thorough hand washing and masks for distribution.

We will keep you updated as best as possible as the situation changes. Thanks for your cooperation and encouragement.

WORSHIP IN JULY

July 5

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12

Second Lesson: Romans 7:14-25a

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

July 12

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:10-13

Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-17

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

July 19

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 44:6-8

Second Lesson: Romans 8:18-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

July 26

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Second Lesson: Romans 8:28-39

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52



Book Club

We'll meet again in September.

CYC is taking a year off due to Covid 19. We are sorry for the inconvenience to our pre-school families and we are planning to get the program going again in 2021 with the same quality



Christian Education that has been provided for many years. If you are willing to help us in the coming year as we brainstorm what will work best for our community when we restart, we would appreciate your input

SPONSORSHIPS

ALTAR FLOWERS (\$40/wk)

July 5	Bernice Bahn & family / Evan Allison
July 12	Larry & Donna Rinehart
July 19	Geraldine Bahn & Family / Gary & Dot Mann
July 26	Wayne Adams/ Jack & Joyce Hall

BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)

July 5	Todd, Lorie & Samantha Krebs
July 12	John & Esther Jacobs
July 19	Open
July 26	Ira & Gloria Keech & family

BREAD & WINE (\$10/wk.)

July 5	Doug & Lesa Masemer
July 12	Open
July 19	Pat Eisenhart & family
July 26	Richard & Marty Keller

DVD MINISTRY (\$10/wk.)

July 5	Denny & Deb Shue
July 12	Denny & Deb Shue
July 19	Donald Nace
July 26	Open

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SANCTUARY LAMP

Marty & Sandy Albright

OPEN 2020 SPONSORSHIPS

- **Please note that if you are sponsoring the 5th Sunday, it may not be available next year.** If you wish to sponsor an opening, please call the church office (792-1650 between 8 am and 2 pm)



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given to you."

James 1:5

HARVEST OF HOPE NEEDS

The food pantry is unable to accept any food donations at this time until further notice. Monetary donations may be made to the church and marked "pantry"



Mark your calendars for Monday, July 27th. Saint Paul will be packing lunches at the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry from 10:00am till 5:30pm, we will split this into two shifts 10-2 and 2-5:30. Please sign up in the Narthex for this very worthy ministry!

Women of the Word

are collecting items to complete the Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. The items we need to complete these kits are: **Light-weight, dark-colored bath towel (20"x40" or 52"x27"), Bath size bars of soap (3 oz. or larger), Sturdy comb (no picks or fine toothed combs), one metal nail clippers (attached file optional).** Please hold these items at home until the church reopens. If you have any questions, please see Barb Sloat.

Need Back-to-School Clothing????

New & Gently Used Clothing Event

St. Paul Lutheran Church

201 South Main Street, Spring Grove

Friday, August 7th (Rain date Aug. 8th) 4:00 - 6:00 pm

***Outside Event – Masks must be worn.**

***Only 1 adult per family may shop.**

***No children permitted to attend.**

Clothing available for children entering grades K-8

Approximate sizes: Child's 3 to Adult-Small

Offered as a community program of several area churches to benefit families in need within the Spring Grove Area School District.

Financial Giving Opportunities

God has blessed us immensely during these past months of disruption to our regular routines. We have been able to stay connected through e-mail and regular mail, phone calls and texts. Now we are also offering a number of ways to worship – in person inside, in person outside, live streaming and recorded services through the web site.

During this time many of our members have remained extremely faithful in their offerings to the church. Thank you!

Despite the generous response we have had, still there is a strain on the church finances. We are adding new equipment to allow for the live streaming and enhancing our sound system for both in person and at home reception.

Therefore, we have already purchased some equipment amounting to over \$1000 to make the video link and we would like to purchase another \$2000 worth of equipment for the outdoor service. (currently we are renting the amplification system.)

We wanted to make you aware of these giving opportunities as well as remind everyone of the very real need for contributions to the regular 4 funds of the church. While making the finishing touches on our beautiful new addition some added building related things have cropped up which has stressed our building budget line. In addition, the current fund is always one of our biggest operating expenses that also needs attention.

Please remember that there are several ways that you can continue to give even if you are unable to get back to in person worship at this time:

- Mail your contribution to Saint Paul Lutheran Church 250 Trinity Road, York, PA 17408
- Stop by the church office Monday thru Friday from 8am-2pm and drop off your support.
- Go on the church website saintpaultrinity.org and go to online giving and pay using PayPal with your credit card. **There is an approximate 2.7% fee to the church using this service.**
- Have a direct transfer from your checking account to the church's checking account using ACH (Automated Clearing House) origination. **There is an approximate \$2,00 fee per transaction to the church for this service.** Contact Lawrence Smyser if you are interested 717-501-1387.
- Use the bill pay option from your bank which will send a check directly from the bank to the church in the amount you designate from your account. There is no fee for this. Contact Ed Dunklebarger for more information about this option.

If you want to address one of the specific budget or supplemental items mentioned above, please note that in your correspondence. Thank you, for your support of the mission of spreading the good news of the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

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Worship Services: 8:15 am & 10:55 am

Education Hour: 9:45am

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