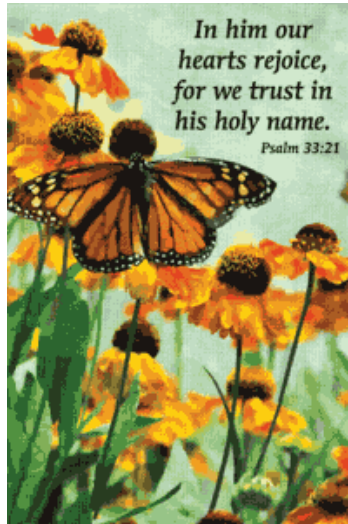


SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

August 2020

In the name of Jesus Christ,
Saint Paul Lutheran Church
is committed to praising,
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Pastors' Letter for the August Newsletter

I will open rivers on the bare heights,
and fountains in the midst of the valleys.
I will make the wilderness a pool of water,
and the dry land springs of water.

Isaiah 41:18

This Covid pandemic is starting to get very old isn't it, we are all just plain old tired of it, tired of the news, tired of the masks, tired of the social distancing, you name it we have had enough, but we can't make it all just disappear. In such times as these we mentally feel like we are in a desert, a barren land that we wish we could escape from. Yet Isaiah reminds us of God's deliverance, that we will see better days and better surroundings, that we need not give up but rather look forward to a brighter picture, that we can, even in the midst of a desert like time, have joyous hope.

Well thanks be to God that Saint Paul Lutheran is having a rich and full ministry even as we face many challenges in our life together. Between our two Sunday services and streaming participants, attendance is up over last summer, the giving is very good, committees are planning new activities with the realities of the day in mind and time and again people have risen to the occasion of helping us through these unusual times. While many congregations have just started meeting, we have been together now for two months, indoors and outdoors, praise God. Together we are praying, worshipping, confessing our sins, casting a vision forward, relying on God's grace and mercy.

The world is rather bleak right now on so many levels, domestically and internationally, but remember you are not lost, our good and loving God can do all things, praise be his Holy name.

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR: August Technology Special Appeal

Typically, we have used August for our CYC appeal but since that ministry is on hold right now we thought that this would be another opportunity to build up our funds for this new aspect of our ministry. Thanks to the generous time and resources of many of our members we have been able to live stream and do our outdoor service with a nice new speaker system. But as you know, with technology, there is always one more thing that is needed to make the system work smoothly. Please consider giving to the Technology Appeal. If you are using the envelopes provided please indicate where you intend the money to go, since the envelopes were printed in advance with the CYC cause on them.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Articles for the September newsletter need to be in the church office by **August 14th**.

OUR DAILY BREAD: Our dessert for August is going to be cupcakes, any type you wish to make! If you are able to contribute, we will need 30 dozen by August 21st. Thank you!

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.

Please e-mail the church office indicating what college you've recently graduated from, and your major. This information is needed by August 14. Thank you!



A NOTE FROM THE CEMETERY BOARD

Please do not drill any holes in the trees at the cemetery, the trees will be killed. Thank you!

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS

Donald Nace ~ please keep them in your prayers.



Book Club

We'll meet 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!

THANK YOU

Dear Saint Paul Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your generous donation! Because of you, Servants can continue connecting compassionate volunteers with people in crisis in York County, across the United States, and around the world! Thanks, so much for your faithful partnership with Servants! God Bless you! Trent Davis, Founder/CEO Servants, Inc.

Dear Friends, Please accept my sincere thanks for your recent gift! Your renewed support of LifePath is a great blessing as we reach out to people in your community who are struggling with hunger, homelessness, joblessness, addiction and more. Thank you for your prayers and partnership that is being used by God to transform lives! Please let us know if we can serve the congregation in any way. Jeffrey Kreuer, Chairman of the Board

I want to thank the congregation, council, for the opportunity to grow and learn in pastoral ministry as well as the financial support that had truly been a blessing towards tuition. Also, I would like to thank everyone that has reached out to me for graduating from Seminary in May. And I wanted to say another thank you to the internship committee (Amanda Myers, Deb Shue, Bill Enterline, Mike Brandt), Larry Rinehart (mentor) and Pastors Paul and Sally (coaches) for their time, energy, and counsel towards my growth as a future Lutheran pastor. I am now on the LCMC clergy list (available for call and ordination), and I am in the process of interviewing for calls in churches within LCMC, this summer. We will keep you all informed as we walk this new path. Thank you again for all your support and prayers. We will continue to pray for St. Paul and the future ministry. In Christ, Chuck Mann

Dear Members in Christ: I would like to thank the pastors and members of the congregation for the phone calls, cards, and the encouraging words spoken to me regarding my recent surgery. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated! In Christian Love, Diane Bahn

WORSHIP IN AUGUST

Aug. 2

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-5

Second Lesson: Romans 9:1-5(6-13)

Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21

Aug. 9

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Job 38:4-18

Second Lesson: Romans 10:5-17

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Aug. 16

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Second Lesson: Romans 11:2a,13-15,28-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Aug. 23

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6

Second Lesson: Romans 11:33-12:8

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Aug. 30

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

SPONSORSHIPS
ALTAR FLOWERS (\$40/wk)

Aug. 2	Georgianne Eyster & Paul Emig
Basket	Denny & Deb Shue
Aug. 9	Randy & Donna Barshinger
Basket	Will & Alyssa Gausmann
Aug. 16	Roxanne Donnan
Basket	Butch & Pat Maul
Aug. 23	Donald & Diana Fake & family / Ken Hoffman
Aug. 30	Carl Smyser

BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)

Aug. 2	Don & Donna Reeve
Aug. 9	Richard & Mary Keller
Aug. 16	Bernice Bahn
Aug. 23	Brenda Shorts & family
Aug. 30	Carl Smyser

BREAD & WINE (\$10/wk.)

Aug. 2	Ted & Norma Krebs
Aug. 9	Richard & Mary Keller
Aug. 16	Carl Smyser
Aug. 23	Rodney & Joyce Smyser
Aug. 30	Carl Smyser

DVD MINISTRY (\$10/wk.)

Aug. 2	Gary & Dot Mann
Aug. 9	Charlotte Hoffman & family
Aug. 16	Duane & Libby Hax
Aug. 23	Richard & Mary Keller
Aug. 30	Carl Smyser

PARISH MESSENGER

Carl Smyser

SANCTUARY LAMP

Al Dickensheets

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)

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"



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.

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**

**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.



**BACK TO SCHOOL
BACKPACK BLESSING**

SUNDAY AUGUST 16 at both services

School age boys and girls should bring their backpack to church and they will receive a tag for their packs and a blessing for the start of the school year.



Men's Group: we are planning to have Men's Group again in the fall starting Saturday September 8 at 8 AM, with a return to a popular theme we had several years ago "Stuff they didn't teach you in Sunday School". This year we will have a different edition, one on the Prophets. We will also have short presentations from members and guest alike as they fill in this statement "my life as a _____." Should be engaging, often times kicking off with breakfast.

Worship Update

Worship services are now 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.

Usually the Pastors are the only distributors of communion and they use the thorough hand washing and masks for distribution. Starting the first **Saturday** in August we will be holding Quiet Communion at **9:00 am** in our new narthex as an abbreviated service of Holy Communion with no singing. Those who attend this service will be required to wear masks. This is one more way for us to expand our ministry during this time of upheaval.



If you are checking out yard sales this summer, please remember that we need flat sheets, thin curtains without plastic backs, tablecloths and cotton material for the quilts we make for Lutheran World Relief. Any donations can be marked 'for quilts' and placed in the quilting closet in the conference room by the elevator. Thank you!

MOVIE NIGHT in the YARD! August 28 at 7 pm. Snacks and drinks will be provided as we watch TOY Story (the original) in the church yard. You may come dressed as a Toy Story character! Be prepared to have fun (outdoors, social distancing!)

We are putting together a new Church Phone Directory!! It will include the current address, phone number, cell phone number, and email address that we have on hand for you and/or your household. If we do not have that information for you and you wish to provide it, please send it to parishadmin@saintpaultrinity.org We would also like to publish a new PHOTO directory soon!! We are able to do this ourselves with our new updated system, so please consider submitting a photo to us! Thanks!



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