

✠✠✠ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, COLUMBIA, IL✠✠✠

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Services: All in-person worship services and activities are cancelled through the end of May.

In our May congregational newsletter we listed the congregational deaths/funerals in the last two months. We apologize for failing to mention Bill Hertz who entered his eternal rest on April 10th. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Worship Services in June and beyond: While we would love to have one in person worship service in June, however due to safety guidelines and love of our neighbor we may need to have two to three services over each weekend and/or continue the online services. The Board of Elders will be discussing a number of options this coming Tuesday concerning the "how" and when of in person worship services. Due to ever changing circumstances the congregation needs to be prepared for ongoing changing approaches to public worship. Prayers for wisdom and direction are much appreciated.

Rummage Sale: If you are holding things for the Youth Group Rummage Sale to be rescheduled, thank you but you can donate them to benefit other causes if you do not want to hold them until next March. Given the uncertainty of the timeline to loosen Illinois' social distancing guidelines, we are hesitant to set a date for later this fall since the sale requires a lot of planning. We thank the congregation for supporting the youth's Butter Braid fundraiser earlier this year. Merz Goodwill started accepting donations Fri., May 8 but they caution they don't want to be overrun right away. Probably other donation sites are doing the same.

The Rise Against Hunger and the **Congregational Pictorial Directory** are still scheduled for August.

Individual/Family Communion: Please call me at the church office or on my cell phone if you would like an appointment for the Lord's supper here at the church.

Church offerings: You can mail your offering to the church at 227 Good Haven Drive, Columbia, IL 62236 or drop them off at church during the day. On most days someone is in the church office between the hours of 9am-5pm. Last week we received over \$9,000 in church offerings. To God be the glory!

CPH Website (portals@cph.org): A number of free devotionals are available for all ages at this website.

Online Worship Service, Sunday School Lesson, and Bible Study: Along with our weekly worship service, our You Tube channel will have a Bible Study on the three readings for Sunday Worship, and a short Sunday School lesson. You can access these by going to our web site or by going to YouTube and typing in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Columbia Il.

Confirmation Day Postponed: The confirmation scheduled for the end of the month and the questioning that proceeded that event have been postponed. A future date has been tentatively set for August 30th.

FROM THE TRUSTEES. While the parsonage is move-in ready, we will need a crew to clean up the entire parsonage yard – trimming bushes, limbs, raking leaves, power wash driveway, etc. Dates and times will be established based on volunteer availability. Please call Steve Lake – 314-398-4784.

Masks: Recently Lillian Koenigstein and Helen Nowak made masks for those working with the online worship services, and those helping out at the Food Bank. Thank you!

Food Bank: Twenty-nine families were served at the April 15th Food Pantry Distribution. This includes 51 adults and 12 children. Thank you to the congregation and community who have provided items for the food bank. Rarely does a day go by, when the bins in the front of the church are not full of food. Please note...if congregational members or others simply cannot find needed items in the store there is a good chance we might have those in our food bank. Please feel free to contact me (618-363-0121), the church office, or Kendra from the Board of Christian Caring (240-413-0014). While we do keep records of who receives food and various items, we also are committed to keeping things confidential. The next Food Pantry distribution will be held on Wednesday, May 6th from 1:30-3:30pm.

So that the church records can be up-to-date with your contact information, please remember to let the office know of any change in your address, any cancellation of land lines or addition or changes to your cell phone numbers and your current e-mail addresses. It is so important to have this information on file in the office.

Can recycling: Please do **not** leave your cans to be recycled in the preschool playground! Please put them inside the tan vinyl fence area outside the Fellowship Hall entrance. Thank You.

OUR RESPONSE TO HIS LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

General Fund

Needed each week: \$6,969.00

Received 5/03/2020: **\$7,962.00**

Building Repair Fund

Received 5/03/2020: **\$ 1,725.00**

Contributions were made to the Building Repair Fund in memory of Mike Maske by Doris Mathews, Luci Washburn and Mitch & Carol Essert and in memory of Maurice Schneider by Doris Mathews and Luci Washburn.

HAVING BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Dave Greatting	5/3	Linda Paulat	5/3	Gregory Woolley	5/3
Jackie Haberl	5/4	William Dietz	5/4	Zane Ebersohl	5/6
Kaylee Grandt	5/6	Mona Newton	5/8	Allie Sackman	5/9
Robert Schaefer	5/9				

“Life Together” Worship/Sermons in May

May 10th: The people of God are priests called to proclaim his excellencies.
1 Peter 3:13-17

May 17th: The people of God are to be prepared to defend their hope in Christ.
1 Peter 3:13-17

May 24th: The people of God are to rejoice as they share in Christ’s sufferings and his glory.
1 Peter 4:12-17

May 31st: The Day of Pentecost: What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit? Acts 2:1-21

Tentative Summer Plans:

Worshiping Together (June) VBS (June/July). Voter’s Meeting (July) A Congregational Pictorial Directory (August). Confirmation Day (August). Rise Against Hunger (August).

**It is the mission
of St. Paul's
Lutheran Church
to share the love
of God In Christ
Jesus with our
members, our
community and the
world in which
we live.**

Sunday, May 10, 2020