

✠✠✠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.

Public Worship in June: The Elders met this past Tuesday and discussed many options concerning future public worship here at St. Paul's. One change in June will involve a 20-25-minute devotional/communion service on Wednesday nights starting June 3rd. Each service will involve 9 people, and individuals/families will sign up ahead of time online or by contacting the church office. These sign-ups will be set up at the end of May. It is hoped that three to four services can be held each Wednesday night. If more are needed, they can be added during the week. For now, the weekly Sunday services on YouTube will continue. The Elders are meeting again on Tuesday, May 26th to further discuss this and other options for worship in June and beyond.

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 food assembly event is still scheduled for August 9th, however due to social distancing the process will look differently.

Individual/Family Communion: Please call Pastor at the church office or on his 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 YouTube 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.

Zoom Bible Study: This Thursday night (May 21st) at 6:30pm we will be having a Zoom adult Bible Study on the scripture readings for Sunday, May 24th. Acts 1:12-26, 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11, and John 17:1-11. Please call the church office or contact Pastor Krenz at 618-363-0121 if you are interested in taking part in this study. The present plan is to record this and make this available to the congregation. Pastor Krenz will contact participants early in the week with more specifics on how this grand experiment will work.

Church Council: On Thursday, June 11th at 8pm we are planning to have a church council meeting with social distancing at church. While this group usually meets once a quarter, the present plan is to meet on a more regular basis during the pandemic (monthly/bi-monthly). There are several monthly decisions that need to be made as a congregation, and we hope assembling the church council will assist in that process. One person from the Board of Education, Christian Caring, Youth, Cemetery, Outreach, Elders, Trustees, Communication, and Board of Finance is asked to attend and give a report at this meeting.

Zoom Subscription: Our congregation now has a Zoom Subscription. If a committee or board would like to meet through this video format please contact Pastor Krenz or the church office.

Food Pantry: On May 6th seventeen households, including two new households were served through at the Food pantry distribution. The next food pantry distribution will be held on Wednesday, May 20th from 1:30pm-3:30pm.

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 5/10/2020: **\$9,292.20**

Building Repair Fund

Received 5/10/2020: **\$ 310.00**

HAVING BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Sean Frederick	5/10	Tucker Herbeck	5/10	Jan Starek	5/11
Lorene Moehrs	5/12	Brian Upchurch	5/12	Loren Koenigstein	5/13
Jennifer Kremmel	5/13	Sam Woodcock	5/15	Raina Roessler	5/16

“Life Together” Worship/Sermons in May

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 17, 2020