St. Paul Lutheran Church
Connecting people to Christ

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Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin

May 2021

"Life: Better Together"

Pastor Kyle Backhaus

"We are here to teach, encourage, and build one another up as we together go about the work of "Connecting People to Christ," where we live, work and play."

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! Although we celebrated Easter several weeks ago, the church continues to celebrate the season of Easter. The truth is that every Sunday throughout the year, although we may move into different seasons such as Advent, Lent or Pentecost, every Sunday is a mini-Easter: a celebration of what Jesus has done for you and me by His life, death, and resurrection from the dead.

As we continue to celebrate the Good News of what Jesus has accomplished for you and me, I cannot think of better time to meet at church. As people of God, we gather together as a congregation to worship our Lord, lift one another up, to serve one another, and to encourage one another as we live out our Christian faith in the world.

I know that many of you may be watching from home, and faithfully tuning into all that is happening at St. Paul. You are enjoying being able to grab your coffee and sit in front of your big screen in your pj's and watch and worship with us. If that is you, great! I am glad that you are hearing God's Word and worshipping with us. We will continue to livestream the service. If you are connected to a small group, and have been active in God's Word, that's wonderful and I am glad that you are continuing to find connection, deepen relationships, and grow your faith. But as Christians, we are meant to live life alongside each other. To do life together. We need our Christian community, we need God's gift of grace and personal assurance of forgiveness in the Lord's Supper.

A recent Gallop study showed that mental health ratings are at an all-time low. Across the board, people reported that they were doing worse than they were before the pandemic. But it also showed that those who worship weekly in a community of believers, who attend church, worship with others, pray with others, encourage others, are doing better (a 4-point increase). (https://news.gallup.com/poll/327311/americans-mental-health-ratings-sink-new-low.aspx)

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The Mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church

"As Friends of God through Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, we are **Connecting People to Christ** *by sharing His love in word and action everywhere we are."*

Pastor Kyle Letter Continued...

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live in community, and it is my belief that we do life better together! The relationships that we develop the body of Christ are too important to let slip, not only as adults but for kids and grandkids, too. We are here to teach, encourage, and build one another up as we together go about the work of **"Connecting People to Christ,"** where we live, work, and play.

Some of you may not be ready to rejoin us in person quite yet, or you may have some health or extenuating circumstance that keeps you from joining with us physically. That's okay, but know we can't wait to see you face to face, and I want you to know that we have missed you and will be here when you are ready to return. Until that time, I hope that you continue to tune into our services online and stay connected to your church family at St. Paul.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Kyle

Seeking Servants in Worship Ministry

Our worship services at St. Paul run on the help of servant volunteers that commit a bit of time each week or month to serve our Lord by serving our members. There are many opportunities for anyone who would like to be more involved or serve in various ways at their church.

SUMMER is a great time to "test" out serving and see what role fits your gifts best!

Our worship would benefit from:

- Instrumentalists for worship (guitar, drums, bass, keyboard)
- Audio/Visual support (operating Soundboard, Projection, or Cameras)
- Ushers (greet, pass out Weekly News, help seat people, dismiss for Communion)
- Altar Guild (prepare communion elements, change altar paraments)

Training and guidance will be provided! Contact Thomas Walkenhorst to serve (thomasw@stpaulfalls.com)

Baby Drive Thank You

Thank you for your generous donations of baby items! We collected over 2,800 items including almost 1,500 diapers and pull-ups. The families being supported by Mary's Room appreciate your support.

St. Paul Friends' Club

Thank You LHS Students

A big thank you to the 14 Lutheran High Students that came to scrub the grout in the Worship Center and to polish the pews on Friday, April 16, under the direction of their teacher Rick Zeuner! This is a huge project that is greatly appreciated!

Love INC News

Love INC is in need of a Social Media Coordinator. If you love social media, the role of Social Media Coordinator is perfect for you. This person is responsible for scheduling and posting all social media items for Love INC on Facebook and Instagram. Must be able to attend a one hour meeting at 3 PM on the third Wednesday of each month. All other time for this role is completely flexible to your schedule and can be done anywhere!

Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ
of Sheboygan County

If you are interested, call Dawn at Love INC at 920-783-6701 ext. 5104.

Confirmation Sunday

May 2 2 pm

Please keep these students and families in your prayers.

Graduation Sunday

Sunday, June 6

9:15am Worship Service

Help us celebrate our graduates as we hear about future plans and where God is leading you. The Congregation is also welcome to attend this service as we pray for, lift up and encourage these young people.

Confirmation Seder Meal

The Seder meal will be held on Tuesday, May 18. We are in need of 1-2 adults that would like to help with set up, participation, and clean up from this meal. If you would be interested, please contact Nicole in the church office. It is a great experience as we walk alongside our Confirmation students and their 1st Communion experience.

Lifest

Consider attending this Christian music festival (in Oshkosh from July 8-11) for a day, stay over-night, or perhaps even try two nights. Plans are being made to offer different options for those that would like to attend or simply get a taste of this experience. Contact Jeff if you'd like to consider attending this year. Visit lifest.com to see who will be playing and other available experiences.

Library News

I would like to introduce myself as the new Church Librarian, Kim Jo Kattner. I also want to gratefully thank Carolyn Deeley and her husband Doug for the many years they served us in our Church Library! It's hard to believe that she was our Librarian since 1967! I for one am very thankful we have this great resource and have taken advantage of it since we have been members here at St. Paul.

Since I recently retired from the work force, a CNA for Sheboygan County since 1981, I thought I would step in to give Carolyn and Doug a rest from the position. I am willing to hear any suggestions or have anyone help out in the Library as I seek to keep the shelves in order and have new resources available. Right now, I'm just slowly getting out the two boxes donated from the last year.

The three first books I put on the shelves are two biographies, Martin Luther, Bonhoeffer by Eric Metaxes and My Second Elaines by Martin Schreiber. The third author is a former Wisconsin Governor whose wife had Alzheimer's. This book is also in large print.

Happy Reading and have a wonderful spring in God's Blessings,

Kim Jo Kattner

Early Childhood Center

In April, the Preschool and 4K classes were unable to invite their Grandparents into the center for a visit because of continuing COVID restrictions. Instead, the children learned a fingerplay about their grandparents and picked out a few songs to sing. We videotaped them and grandparents were invited to watch the YouTube clips. The children enjoyed doing this and their families enjoyed watching.

The 4K graduation service will be Wednesday, May 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot. There will be no restriction on number of family members allowed to attend.

Enrollment for next year has been continuous, leaving us currently with no spots left in any of the 4K or Preschool classes. At this time, Child Care is just about at capacity for the school year. Call 467-6733 and we can tell you what is still available.

Sunday School Update

Looking Back:

Following along with the worship themes, Sunday School classes are following the lectionary series. In April, we focused on Jesus' resurrection and the lives of his followers after this life-changing event.

Moving Forward:

Sunday School will continue through May 16 during the 9:15 service. Kids are dismissed about 9:40 for a sermon-themed message at the kid's level of understanding. In May, we will look at some accounts of believers in the early church after Jesus ascended into Heaven. Can't make Sunday School for a week? Visit stpaulfalls.com/sunday-school for a resource or a video you can show and discuss at home with your kids (or grandkids!).

Family Easter Event Recap

Families gathered on Palm Sunday for a Real Life Walk Thru of Holy Week. Involvement included placing palms on the ground for Jesus, seeing the temple cleared, using a whip, touching a crown of thorns and nailing sins to a cross. Along the way, kids learned hand-signals to remember the events of each day of the week. Interspersed through it all were a variety of games and an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt leading to a final message (Jesus is Alive!) and reward.

Pictures: Seth & Annalise look at a crown of thorns. Heidi and Addie practice with a whip. Stephanie, Amos, Abigail, David, Terry, and Aurora are nailing sins to a cross. Liam, Lorraine, Mason, Jess, Marissa, Paul, Sephra, Roman, and Katrina stack Easter eggs.

AWANA Update

Looking Back:

Kids and parents continue to spend time learning, understanding, and applying God's Word. This was month 8 of 9 in our ***InPerson*** journey of going through the Old Testament. In April, our In-Person AWANA focused on *2 Kings and the Major Prophets.* Prophets continue to speak as God carries out judgement on the Divided Kingdom of Israel. First we said "Israel Scattered" as this Northern Kingdom was taken over/destroyed by Assyria. Then we said "Judah Exiled" as this Southern Kingdom was taken down and many of the people were taken to live in Babylon. But the remnant of God's people remains and some seek to remain faithful to God...including Daniel. And after a 70 year timeout, "Judah returned."

Online teachers, kids (and some parents) continue to connect by learning the Old Testament books of the Bible focusing on the minor Prophets and discussing and applying the Bible to things like the beach, watch/clocks and pajamas!

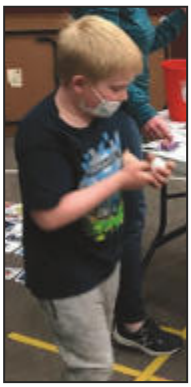
At ***Home*** a number of students continued earning awards in their handbooks: Grayson Gierach (1 Jewel and Pilot Wings—Book 3), Sophia Schmidt (2 Jewels-Book 2), Madalyn Schmidt (1 Jewel-Book 2), Jolene Backhaus (1 Chevron-Binder 1). Emaline Backhaus earned her last jewel in Book 1 and completed her book *(See Picture)*!

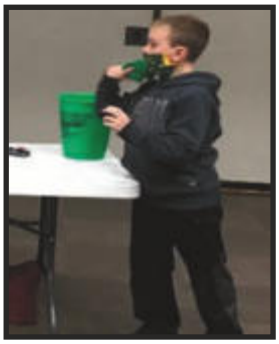
Moving Forward:

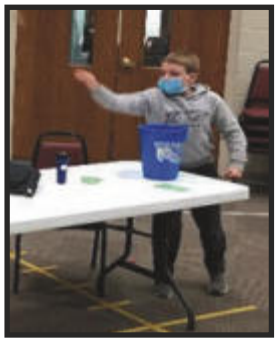
The first week of May will be our last week of AWANA. We will end with a celebration of all that was accomplished Inperson, Online and At Home.

We will bring to close our year-long look at the Old Testament, learning the 39 books and actions/hand-signals for more than 40 key events.

PICTURES: Grayson, Drew, Kim, Reagan, Jennifer & Charlie all ripping up pieces of paper, getting ready to represent how the Israelites were scattered. Ben, Chloe, Riley, and Aaron are focused on carrying objects, representing the people of Judah going into their 70 years of exile.







Jeff Diener, Director of Children's & Family Ministry - JeffD@stpaulfalls.com

Teacher Assistant Spotlight

Rachel Gartman

Grade: 9th

Sunday School Role: Teacher's Helper for K/1

Favorite class at school: History

Favorite Color: Yellow

Favorite Food: French fries

Favorite Season: Summer

Favorite TV show/book: Brooklyn 99

Favorite fun activities: Volleyball, Youth Group, hanging out with friends

Favorite Bible Story: The Good Samaritan

When I get older...I want to travel

A memory from when you attended Sunday School: Good teachers!

Why are you helping with Sunday School: I enjoy volunteering with different aspects of church, and my mom was teaching so I decided to help out

What have you learned from being a helper?
Best methods for teaching kids

Pictures: Rachel helps out a couple of students in class

FAMILY TOOL BOX

Deuteronomy 6:7 instructs parents to impress God's Commandments on their children. While it would be nice if teachers, coaches, and bosses would support this, in the end it is the job of parents to daily raise their kids in the Lord. Below are some suggestions to help along the way. For more specific resources feel free to contact Jeff.

Consider living… …in community:

Do you have any fun traditions or are you planning on going to the beach or a park? Consider inviting an acquaintance or another family that might benefit from your invitation. It may seem simple from your end, but to someone else it might be a break or breath of fresh air. Don't ever take for granted what a simple phone call or invitation might mean to someone else.

Consider writing down… …your prayer concerns.

Doing this will help you remember what to pray for. It can also help your family to see how God is working. It may not always be a "Yes." The answer might be "No." Or the answer may take the form of something you never imagined.

Consider Praying Together…

Dear God. You are awesome and wonderful. Please help us to share with others the many blessings that you've given to us, whether it is time, money or ideas. We love you. Amen

Youth Ministry at St Paul

Nicole Dollevoet, Director of Youth

6 & 7th grade Confirmation classes assembled personal care kits

Confirmation students recently had a service project night where they assembled Personal Care Kits for our Neighbors in Need. Over 100 kits were assembled. We also heard from Love INC director, Tandra Sbrocco as she described for us the current needs in Sheboygan Co. Many thanks to Tandra and all of our students for their hard work.

This year has been amything but simple, easy, or normal and yet our Confirmation mentors have shined! They continue to pour the love of Christ into their small groups. Many thanks to our amazing mentors- if you see one of them, please thank them for their time! Jen, Tim, Allison, Bob, Stephanie, Mike, Jessilyn, Holly, Josh, Darla, Marilyn, Clark, Aiden, Josie, Rachel, Jacob, Abby, Kennedy, Abbe, Taylor, Charlie, Kelly, Nathan, Ethan, and Abby. Thank you!

During Youth Group each month we have a service project and for this past month it was sending Easter cards to our shut-ins. It is fun to see the creativity of the youth as we think about and pray for these special people of our congregation. This last month we enjoyed a movie night, hide-and-seek and a bit of time outside. We are excited to join together this summer again at Rochester Park. Every Sunday night we will join for fellowship at the park and each week will hold a different theme. June 6th will be our kickoff to summer nights at the park. So, make plans to come and join us all summer long!

Youth Group- Gathering in fellowship and around God's Word each week!

St. Paul Young Adults: We had a great group of young adults join us for an in-person and virtual night of Trivia. It was a great evening filled with many laughs. Watch for other young adults events that will be scattered through out the summer months.

Young Adult Trivia Night!

St. Paul Youth Mission Team served the following locations last month as a part of their day of service: Camp Y-Koda, Love Inc, Sharon S. Richardson retail shop, Mary's Room, and Sheboygan Historical Museum. They also cleaned church pews and a few yards. This is to prepare us for this summer while we serve in Nashville! Plans are all in place and we are ready to head out June 26th. Final meeting will take place in May and then we will take part in commissioning during the June 24th worship service. Special thanks to everyone that has lifted our group up in prayer, donated and sent us well wishes. We are ready to be the hands and feet of Jesus in Nashville!

Youth Mission Team serving Sheboygan County!

Guys Get Together Recap/Next Meeting

Cornhole was the game of the night. Despite some great efforts, we must call Mike and Pete the victors of the night. A great buffet of food was provided by all, highlighted by a delicious chocolate cake provided by Tom. Devotional time focused on a call to be bold in our faith. Discussion was based on a video from Kirk Cameron's Campfire Revival and a recent message by Pastor Tom. We have been given incredible power in the Truth of God's Word. May we rely on and trust in this—boldly, confidently. There may be challenges and it may get messy when we stand on His Truth, but nonetheless we must not waiver.

May 10: Next Guys Get Together 6-8pm at ST. Paul (Fellowship at 6, Devo around 7, Optional: Bring a snack to share)

A Shared Experience

What comes to mind when you hear the word *Pentecost*? Many people think of a mighty wind, tongues of fire and multiple languages. But Acts 2 begins with another detail that's just as key: Jesus' disciples "were all together in one place." Because they were together physically and spiritually, the early believers didn't miss the life-changing, world-changing birth of the Church.

The pandemic, while changing our definition of gathering, also highlighted our need for interaction. If Jesus' first followers hadn't been assembled on Pentecost, they would've missed the outpouring of God's power and the indescribable joy God had for them. Think about what believers today might miss if we neglect to worship with other friends of Christ. Who would want to miss God's blessings, promises and joy?

Policy #56 – Guidelines for Membership

A new policy was developed by our Elder Team and approved by our Church Council. If you have any questions, please talk with Pr. Kyle or an Elder.

Membership at St. Paul comes with certain rights and privileges. Our Constitution, Article 3, states:

"Only Those can be and remain members, hold office, or enjoy the rights and privileges of membership in this congregation, who:

- declare their adherence to all the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments as the only source, rule and guide in matters of faith and practice;
- are familiar at least with Luther's Small Catechism, and declared their acceptance thereof;
- abstain from manifest works of the flesh (Galatians 5:19-21) and lead Christian lives;
- do not despise preaching and the Word of God and His Sacraments;
- are not members of any lodge or anti-Christian society; and
- subject themselves to all regulations adopted by the congregation, as long as these are not in conflict with God's Word, and who, whenever they have failed, submit in brotherly love and meekness to the correction to be applied according to the Scriptural rule in Matthew 18:15-19."

Article 7 regarding "Privileges and Responsibility of Members" states:

"In Christian love, it is the privilege and responsibility of members of this congregation to:

- Grow in faith as they search the Scriptures at home and in congregational fellowship; (Psalm 119:1-14; 2 Timothy 3:14-17)
- Partake in the Lord's Supper frequently; (Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25)
- Pray for and support the staff, lay leaders and ministry of the Church; (Eph. 6:18-19)
- Live a morally decent life before God and our fellow men, abstaining from open works of the flesh (Gal. 5:18-21), and so conduct themselves at all times in such a way as to bring honor and glory to God;
- Provide for the Christian training of their children by instruction at home and through the ministries of the church; (Deut. 6:4-9; Eph. 6:4)
- Contribute proportionately and generously of the financial blessings that God has entrusted to them for the support of the mission and ministry of the church at home and abroad; (2 Cor. 8:12; 9:6-8, 11-13)
- Seek to discover and use their God-given spiritual gifts so that they may participate in fulfilling the mission of the congregation: and (1 Cor. 12:1-11)
- Attend the Congregation meetings."

The Bylaws, Article I "Membership" tells us "All members are expected to lead a Christian life as outlined in Articles III and VII of the Constitution." It goes on to say,

> "By Self-Exclusion: Any member who deliberately absents him/herself from the congregation, rejects admonition and refuses to meet with the Pastor(s) or any appropriate team designated by the Pastor(s) to discuss such conduct has thereby excluded him/herself. Upon the recommendation of the Senior Pastor or a Pastor designated by the Church Council and approval by the Elder Ministry Team, such a person shall be removed from the membership roll by reason of self-exclusion."

In order to provide the best spiritual care to members of St. Paul Lutheran Church, this policy and procedure is being put in place, with the hope that inactive members would see the church's desire to meet and share the Gospel with them.

Exceptions will be made for special circumstances when the church is notified, such as shut ins and military personnel.

Procedure

Being a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church is a privilege and partnership. As stated above in Article VII of our Constitution, the member has cer-

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tain duties to remain a part of membership.

When someone has been absent from gathering with us for an extended period of time, it is hard to provide spiritual care to them and for them to be an active participant in the church and body of Christ. Therefore the following steps will be taken.

1. A list of people who have no recorded attendance over a period of 4 years will be generated at the start of every July.
2. The pastor(s) will contact those on that list and ask if they would like to maintain their membership at St. Paul. If they would like to maintain membership, they will be encouraged to attend service and gather together with us as the Body of Christ.
3. If their name appears on the list the following year, they will be removed from active membership.
4. For those who the church has no contact information available, they will be removed from active membership when their name appears after 4 years of non-attendance.

The bylaws include a clause on the reinstatement of membership. Should someone who is removed from membership appeal to the pastor at a later date to continue membership the bylaws state:

> "Self-exclusion or excommunication terminates membership. However, should a person so excluded, repent and desire to be received into the fellowship of the congregation again, he/she shall have their membership reinstated upon approval of the Senior Pastor, or a Pastor designated by the Church Council, and the approval of the Elder Ministry Team."

WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Jesus commands us to be his witnesses. This craft is a reminder to reach out to all our "circles."

What you need:

- 5 bowls or cups (assorted sizes)
- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Brad fastener
- Crayons or markers

What you do:

1. Place the bowls and cups upside down, each on a different color of paper. Trace around the circles and cut them out.
2. With a pencil, pierce a small hole atop each circle. Layer circles on each other from largest to smallest, aligning the holes. Insert the brad through all layers.
3. Starting in the center, label the circles *my house, my city, my state, my country, the world*. Draw a picture on each one.
4. Pray, asking Jesus how you can spread his message.

Heavenly Father,
we lift to you our prayers for

-1-Men's Bible Study ***and birthdays***: Lettie Leitch, Scott Poth, Peggy Wilcox, Max Zuengler ***Anniversary:*** Cindy & Phillip Lodde, Amy & Shaun Murphy

-2-Confirmands ***and birthdays***: Dennis Gatzke, ***Anniversaries:*** Tim & Penny Graf, Eric & Kori Novicki, Chad & Heidi Prisinger, Tom & Jen Schmidtke

-3-Tech Team ***and birthdays***: Brad Helgeson, Neil Jensema, Mason McDonald, Jack Rauwerdink, ***Anniversaries:*** Dennis & Jean Kuznacic

-4-Adult Choir ***and birthdays***: Nicole Dollevoet, Zoe Fintelmann, Isaiah Jones, Bonnie Kunert, Calli Nonnemacher, Luke Oppenheimer, Sarah Switzer, Holden Turner, Jackie Zeinemann ***Anniversaries:*** Bill & Barbara Guenther, Alan & Peggy Preder

-5-Facility Maintenance ***and birthdays***: Dawn Bruckschen, Maxwell Haines, Sara Jaap, Alyssa Resnick, Jasen Schmidtke, Lisa Wallner ***Anniversaries:*** Terry & Carol Horne, Rick & Kris Riley, Terry & Lori Schuette

-6-Thursday Praise Team ***and birthdays***: Drew Akright, Jozie Albertin, Viktor Albertin, Noah Chapman, Dick Fotsch, Hunter Graf, Liz Gruetzmacher, Dale Hammen, Tyler Jones, Benjamin Klaas, Marilyn Schmidtke, Lois Steffen ***Anniversaries:*** Dale & Sandra Hammen, Roger & Martha Jensema, Tom & Donna Ragan, Dawn & Eric Richardson, Claudia & Tom Siegert, Dan & Janina Siemers, Jamie & Trisha Sperber

-7-*This Side of Heaven* ***and birthdays***: Karee Abbott, Lorraine Broetzmann, Ryan Krist, Bruce Mertzig, Jerry Plehn, Kelly Roelse, Kayla Spatt, Brad Ten Pas, Ken Thiel, Mary Wallner, Roseann Weinhold

-8-Altar Guild Servers ***and birthdays***: Dave Burhop, Carol Guse, Sara Hausner, Trey Jensema, Travis Lehn, Garrett Pfister, Rita Ten Pas, Jarrod Teunissen ***Anniversaries:*** Mike & Janelle Fitzgerald, Dennis & Barb Petrie, Jeff & Lisa Wallner

-9-*Celebration* ***and birthdays***: Brianna Born, Bill Bussert, Saul Grosshuesch, Presley Leitch, Trisha Neerhof, Leigh Schlecht, Mary Sommer, Marv Ter Maat, Grace Worzella ***Anniversaries:*** Julie & Brad Pietenpol

-10-St. Paul Friends' Club ***and birthdays***: Grace Debbink, David Esparza, Evan Grossen, Hope Hagenow, Ryin Hagenow, Joy Heinen, Jerry Jorgenson, ***Anniversaries:*** Barry & Janel Kunert, Jay & Geri Rusch

-11-Bell Choir ***and birthdays***: Sue Berceau, Dorothy Block, Alexis Gavin, Mark Grasse, Baylen Kissel, Barry Kunert, Carley Lara-Ruis, Marilyn Risberg, Jonathon Rzadzki, Savannah Strojny, Jason Winter ***Anniversaries:*** John & Pat Pool, Mark & Tara Wagner

-12-Hispanic Ministry ***and birthdays***: Shelly Fischer, Carlee Gregoire, Kathy Mathwig, Kimberly Rauwerdink, Denise Schroeder, Craig Senglaub, Dawn Thimmig ***Anniversaries:*** Joe & Allison Blake, Richard & Sarah Pfister, Marv & Mary Ter Maat

-13-Pastors & their Families ***and birthdays***: Jayne Akright, Joel Bresser, Alex Fitzgerald, Ashley Oppeneer, Dayton Palmer, Paul H. Ten Pas ***Anniversary:*** Jim & Paula Schwonek

-14-Prayer Chain ***and birthdays***: Pam Fischer, Steve Gerk, Lee Anne Gilson, Judy Gudmundson, Jerry Huibregtse, Bill Kettering, Joey Lorenz, Dan Mayer, Bobbie Norlander, Scott Phehn, Reagen Renzelmann, Justin Trakel, Landon Trakel, John Washatko ***Anniversaries:*** Jake & Nikki Kattner, Lee & Kathy Mathwig

-15-Endowment Team ***and birthdays***: Aiden Abrahamson, Karen Berg, Devin Christenson, Michele Leuck, Grant Roehrborn, Jebidiah Sanders, Jacob Strojny ***Anniversary:*** Claire & Linda Knutson

-16-*Good Hope Road* ***and birthdays***: Megan Gavin, Glen Jaschob, Pat Jenkins, John Kimme, Julie Loebel, Makala Pfeifer, Tiana Ruffalo, Jessica Thill, Nathan Voitek, Jaxson Witkowski ***Anniversaries:*** Bill & Donna Den Boer, Jack & Donna Felch, Jeff & Debra Sass, Terry & Julie Van Engen, Mike & Denice Voitek

-17-Youth Ministry ***and birthdays****:* Nancy Carey, Asa Diener, Penny Graf, Michele Graller, Barbara Guetzke, Bonnie Heinen, Amanda Hildebrand, Janice Schmidtke, Sally Sprannagle ***Anniversary:*** Wayne & Arline Richter

-18-Church Council ***and birthdays****:* Pete Haase, Ben Schmidt, Malaya Sperber, Miles Thiel ***Anniversaries:*** Dave & Jackie Cook, Victor & Michelle Cruz, Josh & Amanda Graminske, Kent & Lisa Saemann, Lee & Peggy Wilcox

-19-Ladies' Auxiliary ***and birthdays****:* Sue Artabasy, Dylan Brody, Justin Daniels, Ruth Fasse, Hannah Held, Mason Schmidtke ***Anniversaries:*** Robert & Judy Koenig, Keith & Bonnie Kraemer Sr., Tim & Nikki Punke, Steve & Ann Schielke, Joe & Michelle Zuengler

-20-*Harvest* ***and birthdays****:* Jenny Beckmann, Linda Bertram, Jacob Bramstedt, Chris Daun, Gabby Garett, Sarah Gartman, Bob Hall, Ann Hammett, Christine Hicks ***Anniversaries:*** Mike & Kim Scharinger

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-21-Ministry Staff ***and birthdays****:* Vicki Blecher, Tyler Heilberger, Jeff Mueller, Kathy Rowe, David Schreurs ***Anniversaries:*** Steve & Ginger Fleming, Tim & Shari Kaat, David & Lori Post, Steven & Rose Stiemke

-22-St. Paul Early Childhood Center ***and birthdays****:* Chris Casper, Jason Garland, Allie Winkel, Aleida Wohlgemuth ***Anniversary:*** Chris & Jenny Klemme, Peter & Lorraine Marotz

-23-Ushers ***and birthdays****:* Brian Brotz, Mark Brown, Gavin Christel, Amy Davis, Sarah Fischer, Matthew Haefke, Amanda Kaat, Erin Kunert, Jennifer Novotny, Jack Prisinger, Althea Smith ***Anniversaries:*** Dan & JoAnn Eirich, Bill & Dorthy Kohl

-24-Finance Team ***and birthdays****:* Emma Baier, Brittney Eirich, Trace Ottman, Morgan Richter, Dustin Scroggins, Abby Thiel, Elizabeth Wimmler ***Anniversaries:*** Dave & Bethany Boenisch, Nick & Amanda Boge, Kevin & Jen Fenn, Lee & Melissa Geisthardt, Steve & Jana Gruttner, Michael & Mary Heilberger, Tom & Lisa Horn, Bruce & Kathy Kunert

-25-The Gathering Place ***and birthdays****:* Kody Babler, Ken Brake, Luke Hackney, Olivia Lehn, Cassie Maas, Warren Raeder, Karen Rusch, Jordan Siemers, Katelyn Trakel ***Anniversary:*** Daryl & Carrie Gavin, Andrew & Kayla Mohr

-26-Quilters ***and birthdays****:* Scarlett Albright, Justin Bramstedt, Kaci Halverson, Tom Koeppen, Danielle Monnot, Brady Mullikin, Julie Radzins, Jeff Shircel, David Webers, ***Anniversaries:*** Pete & Jackie Hansen

-27-Memory Matters ***and birthdays****:* JoAllen Herzog, Zach Kattner, Nancy Ottman, Rick Riley, Laura Stone, Chuck Thimmesch, Lee Wilcox, Dick Winter ***Anniversaries:*** Rona & Andrew Gremminger, Steve & Kathleen Meinschock, Pam & Joel Sandee

-28-Able Fellowship ***and birthdays****:* Pastor Kyle Backhaus, Branson Burkhardt, Ray Horn, Scott Johnston, Brayden Kuester, Sandy Mullikin, Harper Rawlings, Tom Splittgerber, Andy Wolf, Samantha Wollner ***Anniversary:*** Roger & Kathy Jeske

-29-Connecting Groups ***and birthdays****:* Adalyn Grady, Kane Hall, Breck Kampmann, Jennifer Walz, Renee Weiberg ***Anniversaries:*** Dave & Lisa Held

-30-Communion Assistants ***and birthdays****:* Nicholas Beyer, Jeremy Horn, TC McCarty, Brianna Spatz, Patty Thiel ***Anniversaries:*** Tammy & Peter Mittnacht, Jim & Shelby Sloma

-31-Veterans, Military Personnel and Others Serving our Country ***and birthdays****:* Lynn Bruckner, Jeff Casper, Heidi Jensema, Maxine Koeppen, Richard Kraft, Graham Miller, Tim Punke, Julie Roelse, Benjamin Smith, Taylor Wilberg ***Anniversaries:*** Benjamin & Jessilyn Klaas, Rick & Jean Lindau

…Amen.

Financial Report -

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Financial Results- 12 Months Year to Date Actual, Budget & Variance

	9 Months Ended 3-31-21 Actual	9 Months Ended 3-31-21 Budget	Variance from Budget (Short)/Over
General Offerings	$ 866,410	$ 966,418	$ (100,008)
Other Income	$ 35,046	$ 18,236	$ 16,810
Mission Offerings	$ 70,036	$ 63,926	$ 6,110
Total Income	**$ 971,492**	**$ 1,048,580**	**$ (77,089)**
Operating Expenses	$ 789,193	$ 983,334 1	$ (185,141)
Mission Support	$70,036	$63,926	$6,110
Total Expense	**$ 868,230**	**$ 1,047,261**	**$ (179,031)**
Surplus (Deficit) Total	**$ 103,262**	**$ 1,320**	**$ 101,942**

1. Expenses are under budget due to the unfilled 3rd pastor position

Early Childhood Center reporting has been included in the numbers shown.

The Gathering Place reporting has been eliminated as it is self-funding.

Capital Improvement & Parking Lot Funds

	Monthly Activity Increase (Decrease)	Balance at Month End
Capital Improvements	$13,623	$ 68,557
Parking Lot Fund	$ 2,607	$ 56,051

Membership Report

Baptized Members	2,611	Confirmed Members	2,149

Contact Karri in the Church Office for a detailed report.

Note: *The Church Council met after the newsletter was sent to the publisher, so the May council summary will be included in the June newsletter. Council minutes are also posted on the bulletin board outside the Choir Room, and posted on the website.*

St Paul Lutheran Church Event Calendar May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:00 am Men's Bible Sty 8:30 am Celebration Rehearsal
2 7:45 am Worship HC #1 9:15 am Worship SS #5 10:45 am Worship #9 2:00 pm Confirmation	**3** 9:15 am TGP 11:45 am Dir Mtg 6:00 pm Boy Sct*	**4** 9:15 am TGP 9:00 am Women's Bible Stdy 5:45 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Cub Sct Pk3885 7:00 pm CWF*	**5** 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am Pstr Bible Study 6:00 pm Conf 6:00 pm AWANA	**6** 9:00 am Mmry Mttrs 9:15 am TGP 6:30 pm Worship HC*	**7** 6:30 pm Able Fellow-ship*	**8** 8:30 am Celebration Rehearsal
9 Mother's Day 7:45 am Worship HC #2 9:15 am Worship SS #6 10:45 am Worship #10 Cinnamon Roll P/U	**10** 9:15 am TGP 6:00 pm Guys Get Together	**11** 9:00 Women's Bible Stdy 9:15 am TGP 5:45 pm Bell Choir	**12** 10:00 am Pstr Bible Stdy	**13** 9:00 am Mmry Mttrs 9:15 am TGP 6:30 pm Worship HC*	**14** 6:00 pm Able Fellow-ship	**15** 8:00 am Men's Bible Sty 8:30 am Good Hope Road First Communion Event
16 7:45 am Worship HC #3 9:15 am Worship SS #7 10:45 am Worship #11 9:15 am Sunday School - Last Day	**17** 9:15 am TGP 6:30 pm Quilters 6:00 pm Boys Sct* 6:30 pm Harvest Rehearsal	**18** 9:00 am Women's Bible Stdy 9:15 am TGP 5:45 pm Bell Choir 6:00 pm Seder Meal 6:30 Cub Sct* Pk3885	**19** 10:00 am Pstr Bible Stdy Ladies' Auxiliary Outing	**20** 9:00 am Mmry Mttrs 9:15 am TGP 6:30 pm Worship HC*	**21**	**22** 8:30 am Celebration Rehearsal
23 7:45 am Worship HC #4 9:15 am Worship SS #8 10:45 am Worship #12	**24** 9:00 am ECC Grad Pct 9:15 am TGP 11:45 am Staff Mtg 6:00pm Boy Sct*	**25** 9:00 am Women's Bible Stdy 9:00 am & 12:30 pm ECC Chapel 9:15 am TGP 2:00 pm Blood Drive 5:45 Bell Choir	**26** 8:30 am ECC Grad. Practice 9:00 am & 12:30 pm ECC Chapel 10:00 am Pstr Bible Stdy 6:30 pm 4K Graduation	**27** 9:00 am Mmry Mttrs 9:15 am TGP 6:30 pm Worship HC*	**28**	**29** 8:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal
30 7:45 am Worship HC #1 9:15 am Worship SS #5 10:45 am Worship #9	**31 Memorial Day** ECC - Child Care Closed Church Office Closed					

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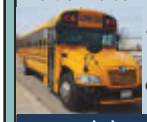
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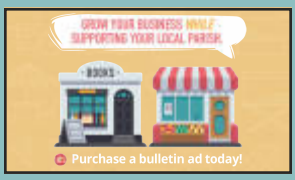
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Worship Schedule

Thursday	6:30 PM	Informal (Country Music 3rd Thurs./month)
Sunday	7:45 AM	Traditional (Hymns)
	9:15 AM	Blended (Hymns & Praise Band)
	10:45 AM	Contemporary (Praise Band)

Wee Care Nursery

Nursery staffed Sunday from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Education Schedule

Sunday School during 9:15 AM service (during the school year)

Early Childhood Center

3 year-old class - Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 - 11:30 AM or 12:30 - 3:00 PM
4K Class - Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8:30 - 11:30 AM
Child Care - Monday through Friday 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Ages 2 ½ - 5 years Call for Drop-ins

The Gathering Place & Memory Matters

TGP - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Memory Matters - Thursdays 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM