



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

June 2020

"We are God's servants, saved by grace, through faith, commissioned to share the Word of Christ to all."

A Message from Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Continuing to move forward when the odds appear to be against you takes faith or is a sign of insanity.

A few weeks ago, I was enjoying the bright yellow flowers in Spring, but somewhere there is a "rule" that we are not supposed to have these flowers in our yards. Following this rule of life, I was determined to remove these flowers from speckling my green lawn. I do not like to use chemicals, because my pet and family use the lawn. My plan was to pull every dandelion from my yard as quickly as possible, before they could multiply. I moved from one flower (weed?) to the next, on my hands and knees. Then it occurred to me that I could easily use my time to think, listen to theological podcasts, pray and occasionally daydream. I was pleased with my progress in clearing a large portion of the back yard, however, the side and front yard were untouched. I hoped to get to them on another day. You know the end of this story. I did not get to the rest of the yard. Even if I had continued, the odds of getting every single plant was too great. In addition, seeds from plants outside my yard would find their way to my "perfect" lawn (This does not acknowledge the countless other varieties of weeds in my yard that I did not target). I was fighting a losing battle.

The COVID-19 pandemic has infiltrated our "yard" and we want to remove it entirely (not to mention all forms of suffering and pain). This is a losing battle, or is it? In "my little world" project, I chose to use my time wisely and meditated on what God speaks to me in His Word and then I spoke back to Him in prayer. That is how you and I can spend our time as well. Our time can be very productive, even when it looks like a lost battle. There are many challenges we are facing. We cannot overcome or eliminate them on our own. That is why we are better off admiring the beauty that is in the world (ex. the bright cheerful yellow flower of a dandelion) despite the weeds (ex. numerous problems we face).

Moving forward, as an individual congregation within the universal Church, are we insane to continue? There is not a chemical or quick solution for the problems we face as a church and our mission seems futile. Our only hope is to rely on God. He strengthens our faith through His Word. He will listen to our hearts through prayer. In the meantime, we can enjoy the gift and beauty of life here and the promise of eternal life where there will be no more suffering and pain.

We are not insane. Most of the time the odds don't look good, but we are not gambling or relying on ourselves. We are living by faith in the only true God, who is the God of life. We will win, living in Christ.

"For me to live is Christ, to die is gain." Phil. 1:21

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Heb. 11:1

"...Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4:6

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."
-Jesus

Remember – you matter to God and you matter to me,

Pastor Jim Bruner

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1 John 4:10-11

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Saturday 7 P.M.

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Sunday 9 A.M.

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**The May Messenger was sponsored by Jon & Fran Carnet
in thanksgiving for their many blessings through the years.**

**The June Messenger is sponsored by Marvin & Dorothy Schreiber
in honor of their 61st Wedding Anniversary.**

St. Paul Worship News / Scripture

Worship Updates

We are excited to announce that we will begin opening the sanctuary for in-person attendance on May 30th at 7PM and May 31st at 10AM. In order to do so safely, there will be additional requirements that everyone must follow. Please follow this link (<https://www.stpaul-millington.org/news/covid-update-5222020>) to find out how you can participate and keep our community of believers safe during this time.

We will be continuing to live stream our 10AM service for those who wish to stay home at this time.

If you have not received an email from us in the last week with other announcements, please use this link to be added to our email list. <https://www.stpaul-millington.org/subscribe.html>.

8th Grade Graduation

We will be celebrating with our 8th grade graduates on June 7th at 1PM. The sanctuary will only be open for the graduating students and their families. However, members of the congregation are invited to join in via a private live stream. All members we currently have an email address for will receive a specific link to view the worship and celebration.

In addition, we would like to celebrate our High School and College graduates. Please send us a picture of your graduate and the school they are graduating from and we will add them to a presentation video that will be run during the graduation live stream. You may submit them via Facebook Messenger or email them to school.office@stpaul-millington.org.



8th Grade Confirmation & First Communion

Sat., June 13th during the
7PM Worship

Scripture Readings

June 7th

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Acts 2:14a, 22-36
Matt. 28:16-20

June 14th

Exodus 19:2-8
Romans 5:6-15
Matt. 9:35-10:8

June 21st

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Romans 6:12-23
Matt. 10:5a, 21-33

June 28th

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Romans 7:1-13
Matt. 10:34-42



Worship ANEW **Lutheran Ministries** **"Worship for Shut-Ins"**

Sundays at 11:30AM on TCT Net. (DirecTV 377)
Sundays at 11:30AM on WAQP 49

June 7th

"I Believe in God!" - Matthew 28:19

June 14th

"Christ's Death is Amazing" - Romans 5:6-9

June 21st

"A Bold Faith" - Matthew 10:27

June 28th

"Sword of Peace" - Matthew 10:34

This month's Messenger is a shortened version as at this time we are still unsure of many things.

As always, if you need anything, you may leave a message on the church office phone, email church.office@spmill.org, or call one of the pastors. In case of emergency, one of the pastors would be the quickest way to get a hold of someone.



St. Paul Lutheran School

June 2020

St. Paul Lutheran School is committed to engaging students with a comprehensive education grounded in God's Word to prepare them for a life in Christ.

This school year ended uniquely and too quickly. However, we should all remember how much our heavenly Father has blessed us, and as we continue in faith to walk through the rest of our adventures as His children, wherever He may lead us. Thank you Lord, for all You have blessed us with and done for us, Your children!

Due to the times that we are living through, graduations for Pre-school, Kindergarten and 8th grade will be done a bit differently. The Pre-school and Kindergarten teachers have or will be contacting you about how your graduation exercises will take place. The 8th grade graduation will take place on June 7th at 1:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The sanctuary will only be open for the graduating students and their families. However, members of the congregation are invited to join in via a private live stream, located on the St. Paul Lutheran church/school website.

2020-2021 school registration will happen June 16th, 17th, and 18th from 10 a.m. -7 p.m. The registration paperwork can be found on-line at the school website <http://www.stpaulmillington.org/registration.html> When you come in, please make sure you bring all pertinent papers, insurance cards, and driver's license (for iChats). Please help us get the word out about our school. If you know of someone who could be blessed by the Christ-centered education which is offered at St. Paul Lutheran School, please tell them or better yet, invite them to come with you. They will have the opportunity to meet with some of the teachers, take a tour of the school and receive information concerning enrollment.

The school office may have different hours through the summer. Please call first to make sure someone is here. Thank you.

Also as a reminder, even though it is summer, the Kroger, Meijer & Boxtops for Education programs continue.

Our school faculty and staff would like to thank you all for your help during the digital learning that we had at the end of the year, prayers and support throughout this school year. May God grant us His blessings for a safe, relaxing and fun-filled summer! We will see you at church, school registration, working in our Community Garden and around town.

Until next school year, blessings on your summer!



Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. I Corinthians 10:31

Bookkeeper's Corner / Finance Summary / Memorials

Bookkeeper's Corner

By Diane Mills, Director of Finance

We've had to be creative in our finances of late, given everything going on. We've had several council meetings via Zoom to discuss and obtain consensus on our financial changes. Here's what is going on:

- In March 2020 we nearly depleted our checkbook so we obtained a \$125,000 COVID-19 loan from Church Extension Fund (CEF).
- On April 3, 2020, we became eligible for the Payroll Protection Program (PPP), submitted the application, and were funded \$188,225. About 75% of this loan is "forgivable", but that's down the road. Because we obtained the PPP, we did not use the \$125,000 loan from CEF.
- Simultaneously, our building contingency fund was also depleted. CEF deferred our April, May, and June payments giving us a chance to save building fund offerings – those funds are being sent to the building fund CD and is earning interest. On July 1st, our mortgage payment will resume.
- Council met again to discuss the specifics of our mortgage payment. We average \$9,000-\$12,000 a month in building fund contributions. We took this opportunity to lower our payment to \$10,000/month so we would never again have to be on the verge of depleting our contingency fund. It is imperative that you maintain your level of giving (in all funds!) so that we do not deplete this fund before the loan matures in January 2024.
NOTE: we CAN pay off before maturity if more money comes in!

The bottom line: we continue to make adjustments to our finances because we consistently spend more than we receive. Obtaining loans is NOT the answer as we cannot pay it back. We will once again be in this same situation (no money in the checkbook) unless we change our spending habits, follow God's law to provide first fruits, or a combination.

This is my last Bookkeeper's Corner article.

God's blessings to all.

Diane

April 2020 Income & Expense Summary

Apr General Fund Income (includes PPP): \$255,255.01
 Apr General Fund Expenses: (\$81,060.08)
 Apr Surplus \$174,194.93
 Year to date: Surplus \$150,157.23
 Overall: Surplus - Gen Fund Checking Balance: \$150,157.23

CEF Building Fund Summary

Mortgage Balance as of 04/30/2020: \$415,023.02
 Debt free date if nothing changes: October 2022
 Apr 2020 Mortgage Payment (Deferred)
 * Principal \$0.00
 * Interest \$0.00
 Amount received to pay mortgage: \$14,884.68
 Amount Added to contingency fund: \$0.00
 Balance LEFT in contingency fund: \$1,633.66

Memorials & Special Gifts

April, May, & June

In Memory of James Rude General Fund	\$30.00
In Memory of Loraine Petzold General Fund	\$20.00
In Memory of Paul Bleuer General Fund School Fund	\$145.00 \$15.00
In Memory of Milly List General Fund Building Fund	\$180.00 \$125.00
In Memory of LuRene III General Fund	\$50.00
In Memory of Clemens III General Fund	\$135.00
In Honor of Barbara Sergent's 90th Birthday Building Fund	\$100.00
In Honor of Lloyd Walz's 90th Birthday General Fund Building Fund	\$100.00 \$25.00
In Memory of Clemens III General Fund Building Fund School Fund	\$140.00 \$230.00 \$40.00
In Memory of Olivia Rose Building Fund	\$50.00
In Memory of Henry E. Mohr Building Fund	\$100.00
In Honor of Gerald Koeltzow Building Fund	\$15.00
In Honor of Lloyd Walz's 90th Birthday Building Fund	\$70.00
In Memory of James Brown General Fund Building Fund	\$200.00 \$20.00
In Memory of Bob Ramsey Memorials Undesignated	\$5.00

Wayne Jaruzel	06/01
Dale Roth	06/01
Dwight White	06/01
Mitchel ILL	06/02
Marcia Keinath	06/02
Jason Keinath	06/04
Delilah Sabgash	06/04
Jake Petzold	06/05
Jack Petzold	06/05
Trenton Reinertson	06/05
Lisa Rodammer	06/05
Peter Shollack	06/05
Carl Simmons	06/05
Jordan Tyree	06/05
Ryker Cunningham	06/06
Ryland Cunningham	06/06
Heath Holmes	06/06
Janice McKee	06/06
Kelly Nelson	06/06
Bob O'Neil	06/06
Levi Ostrander	06/06
Marian Reinert	06/06
Joshua Cunningham	06/07
Rachel Foley	06/07
Laverne Pashby	06/07
Victor Reinert	06/07
Danial Woolwine	06/07
Sue Howay	06/08
Bob Irving	06/08
Cassie Matthews	06/08
McKenna Slough	06/08
Timothy David	06/09
Kara Keinath	06/09
Nathan Selich	06/09
John Huber	06/10
Kristy Jaruzel	06/10
Ella List	06/10
Janine McMahon	06/10
Jenna Meacham	06/10
Jamie Morningstar	06/10
Jeremy P. Petzold	06/10
Gary Shreve	06/10
Beth Skouson	06/10
Andy Stratton	06/10
Christina Bassett	06/11
Darryl McLaren	06/11
Jake Rodammer	06/11
Parker Rodammer	06/11
Chad Ruppel	06/11
Ryan Steepe	06/11
Alyxandra Carlyon	06/12
Lillie Flach	06/12
Shelly Ide	06/12
Marc Keinath	06/12
Cindy Petzold	06/12
Gerry Smith Sr	06/12
Betty Valentine	06/12



Rod Wilson	06/12	Brian Rodammer	06/22
Colleen Woelke	06/12	Florence Hohman	06/23
Kaitlyn ILL	06/13	Shelli Lugg	06/23
Crystal Raymond	06/13	Wally Prusi	06/23
Rick Sherman	06/13	Jasmine Brandle	06/24
Sheri Webster	06/13	Ronald Coleman	06/24
Micah Denome	06/14	Paul Horning	06/24
Melissa Galloway	06/14	Colton Keinath	06/24
Laura Gleim	06/14	Kristen Keinath	06/24
Jason Gross	06/14	Edward Schmidt	06/24
Gary Hecht	06/14	Lillia Sherman	06/24
Charlene Kinney	06/14	Emily Bailey	06/25
Jakob Selich	06/14	Dustin List	06/25
James Simmons	06/14	Richard Saeger	06/25
Gwyn Keinath	06/15	David Walz	06/25
Charles Sischo	06/15	Sandra Fackler	06/26
Lloyd Taylor	06/15	Michael O'Hearn	06/26
Kathy White	06/15	Jennifer Stewart	06/26
Ashlee Keinath	06/16	Kathryn Hayden	06/27
Tamara Ley	06/16	Meagan Rodammer	06/27
Dale Torrey	06/16	Hudson Stewart	06/27
Heather Hayden	06/17	Tim Walter	06/27
Estee Heike	06/17	Gregory Hoard	06/28
Pamela Bush	06/18	Kelly Keipinger	06/28
Nadine Fealko	06/18	Emily Loomis	06/28
Bonnie Gross	06/18	Avery Mills	06/28
Jennifer Hahn	06/19	Valerie Peche	06/28
Jodi Henderson	06/19	Otto Petzold	06/28
Dustin Sebert	06/19	Benjamin Hayden	06/29
Jeanette Allard	06/20	Trevor Sherman	06/29
Levi Keinath	06/20	Ryan Woolwine	06/29
Angelina Knapp	06/20	Shannon Blue	06/30
Tricia Langley	06/20	Blake Burns	06/30
Jacob Schoenkne	06/20	Cheryl Dormire	06/30
Becky Wolfington	06/20	Jackie Hecht	06/30
Chad Fackler	06/21	Robin Johnston	06/30
Pam Schultz	06/21	Brooke Milostan	06/30
Linda Dues	06/22	Collin Milostan	06/30
Edward Meeks	06/22	Jim Saeger	06/30
Dale Peche	06/22		

Daily Lectionary / CEF

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June Daily Lectionary	1 Eccl. 9:1-17 John 9:24-41	2 Eccl. 10:1-20 John 10:1-21	3 Eccl. 11:1-10 John 10:22-42	4 Eccl. 12:1-14 John 11:1-16	5 Prov. 1:8-33 John 11:17-37	6 Prov. 3:5-24 John 11:38-57
7 Prov. 4:1-27 John 12:1-19	8 Prov. 5:1-23 John 12:20-36	9 Prov. 8:1-21 John 12:37-50	10 Prov. 8:22-36 John 13:1-20	11 Prov. 9:1-18 John 13:21-38	12 Prov. 10:1-23 John 14:1-17	13 Prov. 13:1-25 John 14:18-31
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21 Prov. 24:1-22 John 19:1-22	22 Prov. 25:1-22 John 19:23-42	23 Prov. 27:1-24 John 20:1-18	24 Prov. 30:1-9; 18-33 John 20:19-31	25 Prov. 31:10-31 John 21:1-25	26 Joshua 1:1-18 Acts 8:1-25	27 Joshua 2:1-24 Acts 8:26-40
28 Joshua 3:1-17 Acts 9:1-22	29 Joshua 4:1-24 Acts 9:23-43	30 Joshua 5:1-6:5 Acts 10:1-17				

CEF Representative

The Church Extension Fund is a great way to serve the mission of God and LCMS Churches in Michigan. Members invest in funds or notes and the proceeds are used for loans for building projects and loans to church workers. You can set up an IRA or invest for retirement. The rates are very competitive with current rates available through banks or credit unions. Check out their website at micef.org.

We are looking for someone to be the Church Extension Fund representative. You would be promoting CEF at St Paul. Your job would be to assist members and provide them with information about how to invest with CEF. You are not providing financial advice, but information about forms, rates, and options to invest. You have resources that are provided by CEF. You would attend an annual weekend conference also. If you are interested, you can contact John Petzold 871-6133 or Jim Weber 871-4063.

Congratulations and God's Blessings to ALL of the Class of 2020 Graduates!



Take pride in how far you have come and have faith in how far you can go.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY
June 21st**



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