



# Monthly Messenger

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

May 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,

This has been a unique several weeks, to say the least. Normal, everyday life as we knew it, came to a screeching halt. This was replaced, for most of us, with many hours spent at home doing various things: watching TV (probably too much news), reading, putting puzzles together, playing games, teaching our kids, working from home, cooking, unemployment procedures, "to do lists", and various other items. Days blurred together. We celebrated Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter from home. For some, fear and isolation have become daily uninvited house guests.

There's also been a lot of talk about "essential services/businesses" – what they are and how to define them. Many places deemed "essential" have cut back on what they do. For example, many restaurants are only serving their "signature items" – items they're known for. McDonald's is only selling about 5 or 6 items, like Big Mac's, Quarter Pounders, and Chicken McNuggets. The same goes for Burger King, Applebee's, etc. They're doing this because their resources are limited. So, they're only doing what they do best.

It got me thinking, what are our "essential services" as a congregation? The Bible tells us what's "essential". It is summarized in the Great Commandment and the Great Commission, both given to us by Jesus. The Great Commandment is: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." (Matthew 22:37-40). The Great Commission is: "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20).

This is what is "essential" for us, as Christians, to do. How we carry these 2 Commandments out varies. Certainly Word & Sacrament ministry falls under this. As does our school. In fact, all of the ministries we do at St Paul should fall under these 2 Commandments. And if not, maybe we shouldn't be doing them.

So why do I bring this up? Because like many "essential businesses", our resources may be limited for a time. And with limited resources, we should focus on only doing what we do best. And what's best about St. Paul? Our Word & Sacrament and school ministries! What this means, is that for a time, we may have to forgo doing other ministries. It means, for a time, we may have to change how we resource Word & Sacrament and school ministries. Regardless, we simply do what we do best.

Here are some examples of how we're doing this already during the pandemic. We went from talking about streaming worship to doing it. We went from having in-person school to distance learning. Many of us went from in-person giving to digital giving. Will worship services continue to be streamed? Will distance learning become part of the new normal for our school? Will digital giving continue to grow and become part of the new normal? Will something else come up? What will be the new normal?

Our lives will continue to be challenged and reshaped in many ways long after this pandemic has passed. How we move forward, lifting high the cross of Christ, will continue to be challenged and reshaped as well. Yet we don't go into the future alone. For Jesus is with us always, even to the end of time. And He remains the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Therefore, I encourage you to continue to pray for St Paul, that we carry out the Great Commandment and the Great Commission faithfully – don't forget to pray for the staff, teachers, and pastors as well. I encourage you to continue to read and study God's Word – alone, as a family, and with us at St Paul. I encourage you to continue to worship with us – by livestream, audio CD, or in person again when that time comes again. I encourage you to continue to support the ministries God has seen fit to establish among us with all God has given you – financially, talent-wise, and time-wise. I encourage you to continue to reach out to your neighbors – whether they are members of St Paul or not – with the love of Jesus. And I encourage you to actively participate in the future of St Paul, so that future generations may come to know of Jesus and His great love for them, as we carry out the Great Commandment and the Great Commission together.

Pastor Tim Martinal

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Saturday 7 P.M.

**Bible Study**  
Sunday 9:45 A.M.

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# St. Paul Worship News / Finance Summary / Scripture

## **Worship Times**

Join us on Sundays at 10AM  
for our live streamed service.

Go to [stpaul-millington.org](http://stpaul-millington.org) and click on the link or  
go to [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for  
St Paul Millington.

## **Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Live streamed on Sundays at 9AM.

Go to [stpaul-millington.org](http://stpaul-millington.org) -click the Bible study link.

## **Scripture Readings**

### **May 3**

*Acts 2:42-47*

*1 Peter 2:19-25*

*John 10:1-10*

### **May 10th**

*Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60*

*1 Peter 2:2-10*

*John 14:1-14*

### **May 17th**

*Acts 17:16-31*

*1 Peter 3:13-22*

*John 14:15-21*

### **May 24th**

*Acts 1:12-26*

*1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11*

*John 17:1-11*

### **May 31st**

*Num. 11:24-30*

*Acts 2:1-21*

*John 7:37-39*

## **Mar 2020 Income & Expense Summary**

Mar General Fund Income: \$81,861.52

Mar General Fund Expenses: (\$86,591.60)

Mar Deficit (\$4,730.08)

Year to date: Deficit (\$40,581.03)

Overall: Surplus - Gen Fund Checking Balance: (\$24,037.70)

## **CEF Building Fund Summary**

Mortgage Balance as of 03/31/2020: \$415,023.02

Debt free date if nothing changes: October 2022

Mar 2020 Mortgage Payment: \$14,135.00

\* Principal \$12,727.78

\* Interest \$1,407.22

Amount received to pay mortgage: \$14,587.80

Amount Added to contingency fund: \$452.80

Balance LEFT in contingency fund: \$1,633.66

## **Bookkeeper's Corner**

**By Diane Mills, Director of Finance**

These unusual times force us to change the way we do things. Finances at the church are no exception. Here are things we have implemented to keep us solvent for the foreseeable future.

a. Giving/offerings through the US Mail have been consistent. Thank you. Giving/offerings through our on-line giving have picked up significantly. Thank you for that as well. Between the two platforms, our offerings cover a lot of our expenses.

b. Because our general fund was in the red by over \$40,000 before the pandemic, the church council voted (via Zoom conferencing) to apply for the Small Business Association Payroll Protection Program (PPP). We were one of the first in line at Frankenmuth Credit Union and was subsequently funded for \$188,225. We hope to have most of it forgiven, but inevitably we'll have to pay some of it back; another unfunded expense.

c. Church Extension Fund is deferring our mortgage payment until July 1, 2020. We will not have to make the April, May or June mortgages; but will resume on July 1, 2020 with the normal payment of \$14,135.00 (using what we will collect between now and July 1st). Yes, this will extend our debt free date.

d. Because we are also concerned about our school families that still owe April/May tuition fees, we are deferring the balance of their accounts until August 15, 2020 or school year 20/21 registration; whichever happens first.

Before the PPP, we had approximately 2 months of payroll/benefits in the checkbook. This figure actually represents all designated and memorial funds as we exhausted the general fund in February.

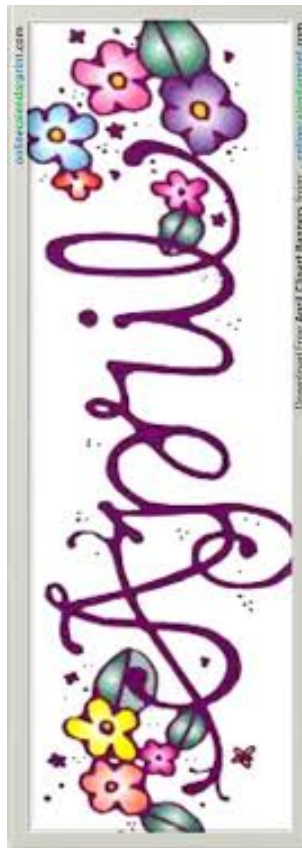
Since we have been spending more money than we take in for the past several months, this breaking point was inevitable. The virus just accelerated the break point. Unprecedented decisions must be made if we are going remain solvent.

The Lord will provide for our needs; always has and always will. We, however, need to separate the needs from the wants.

Please continue to be patient and bear with us during this time of uncertainty. 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](mailto: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.

Jeffrey Kennard	04/01
David Reinert	04/01
Amelia Wagner	04/01
William Bassett	04/02
Keagan Butterfield	04/02
Kierrah Butterfield	04/02
Bonnie Draper	04/02
Bob Wager	04/02
Angel Gorsuch	04/03
Brendan Johnson	04/03
Tobin Keinath	04/03
Jack Reinert	04/03
Harper Mills	04/04
Seth Mittler	04/04
Janet Reinert	04/04
Duane Switzer	04/04
Ethan Hoard	04/05
Steven, Jr. Holmes	04/05
Ryan Keinath	04/05
Kelsi McAlister	04/05
Carlee Allard	04/06
Jacob Myers	04/06
Beth Todd	04/06
Lisa Bentley	04/07
Sharon Jensen	04/07
David Ackerman	04/08
Christina Detgen	04/08
Matthew Johnston	04/08
Angie Ayotte	04/09
Hunter Dennis	04/09
Dylan Herrick	04/09
Clinton Schwab	04/09
Jenna Albrecht	04/10
Dakota Bouck	04/10
Brody Norman	04/10
Avery Mays	04/11
Anika Sykes	04/11
Marla Coggins	04/12
Valerie Dennis	04/12
Sheila Haynes	04/12
John Osborn	04/12
Sophia Gleason	04/13
Eric Hoard	04/13
Katy Sheppard	04/13
Art Weber	04/14
Zachery White	04/14
Jacob Adamic	04/15
Fay Carmona	04/15
Tamara Schultz	04/15
Faith Stratton	04/15
Shellie Watchpocket	04/15
Donald Coleman	04/16
Leah Denome	04/16
Ryan Goodhue	04/16
Sidney Werner, Sr	04/16
Kolten O'Neil	04/17
Sarah Thayer	04/17



Gavin Blue	04/18
Armand Carmona	04/18
Sawyer Keinath	04/18
Mandy Skinner	04/18
Tamera Smith	04/18
Bridgett Greenan	04/19
Virginia Reinert	04/19
Philip Erlenbeck	04/20
Martin Powell	04/20
Nicole Stiff	04/20
Katrina Wager	04/20
Angela Burton	04/21
Zi Koch	04/21
Kourtnei Petzold	04/21
Ian Stiff	04/21
Bryan Bonadurer	04/22
Matthew Greenan	04/22
Timothy Jolly	04/22
Shelley Shollack	04/22
Jim Weber	04/22
Pastor Jim Bruner	04/23
Brookelyn Finatri	04/23
Alyssa Frahm	04/23
Ruth Ann Petzold	04/23
Isaac Petzold	04/23
Bette Chambal	04/24
Noah Reinbold	04/24
Bernice Schiefer	04/24
Joshua Torrey	04/24
Heather Weber	04/24
Claire Erlenbeck	04/25
Debbie Galant	04/25
Morgaine Anderson	04/26
Zachary Cunningham	04/26
Delores Damm	04/26
Amanda Hergenreder	04/26
Owen Reinig	04/26
William Badgley	04/28
Madison ILL	04/28
John Petzold	04/28
Bradley Bonadurer	04/29
Stephanie Deavey	04/29
Edwyn Maschke	04/29
Nicholas Yorke	04/29
Kyle Clark	04/30
Terence Frixen	04/30
Mason Ley	04/30
Cali Anderson	04/30



# May Birthdays!

Janice Binder	05/01	Larry, III Greer	05/14	Seth Mohr	05/24
Jean Jensen	05/01	Colin Meacham	05/14	Eunice Peche	05/24
Jonathan Petzold	05/02	Gina Werner	05/14	Jamie Blue	05/25
Kim Reinig	05/02	Dawn Reinert	05/15	Jon Keinath	05/25
Bryan Wilson	05/02	Terri Reinert	05/15	Tammy Kowitz	05/25
Rachel ILL	05/03	Joshua Allen	05/16	Edna McLaren	05/25
Hudson Myers	05/03	Nathan Draper	05/16	Lydia Denome	05/26
Lindsay Paquette	05/03	Debra Werner	05/16	Paul Hibbard	05/26
Emma Stewart	05/03	Diane Bishop	05/17	Daniel Meacham	05/26
Lori Stratton	05/03	Skylar Ley	05/17	Steve Waterman	05/26
Cody Woodward	05/03	Carmin List	05/17	Matthew Schiefer	05/27
Michelle Jaruzel	05/04	Melissa Wagner	05/17	Mark Ferrier	05/28
Holly Jones	05/04	Angela Zeck	05/17	Sharon Garrett	05/28
Landon Kern	05/04	Jean Harsen	05/18	Jorden Goodhue	05/28
Travis Washburn	05/04	Heidi Vande Streek	05/18	Rachel Lawrence	05/28
Emma Burns	05/05	Connie Damm	05/19	Carmen Leitz	05/28
Haily Kennedy	05/05	Larry ILL	05/19	Marlene Straub	05/28
Hudsen O'Neil	05/05	Jay Rodammer	05/19	Katherine Weber	05/28
June Bierlein	05/06	Elliana Vande Streek	05/19	Flora Weber	05/28
Betty Bleuer	05/06	Jordyn Frahm	05/20	Chad Cobanovich	05/29
Owen Butterfield	05/06	Jacob Jensen	05/20	Jennifer Koch	05/29
Rian Edler	05/06	Kelley Opperman	05/20	Joanne Lee	05/29
Thomas Glynn	05/06	Amy Bentley	05/22	Taylor Martinez	05/29
Madison Hahn	05/06	April Ehrhardt	05/22	Victor Schwab III	05/29
Rosie Horning	05/06	Gary Knoll	05/22	Cheryl Leix	05/30
Adam Johnson	05/06	Angi O'Neil	05/22	Steve Schultz	05/30
Jodie Lowrey	05/06	Robin Shaffer	05/22	Alfred Cunningham	05/31
Destiny Stevens	05/06	Hudson Sheppard	05/22		
Mya Sutton	05/06	Angela Thomason	05/22		
Yvonne Burrows	05/07	Gale Brown	05/23		
Conor Gentry	05/07	Brenda Frahm	05/23		
Stephanie Long	05/07	Kelsey Gronowski	05/23		
Barbara Paquette	05/07				
Timothy Weber	05/07				
Jackson Shreve	05/08				
Audrey Brown	05/09				
Lexi Bruner	05/09				
Shane Edler	05/09				
Matthew Harrington	05/09				
Joshua Myers	05/09				
Adam Gross	05/10				
Kristin Hoard	05/10				
Mary Kern	05/10				
Sandra Lince	05/10				
Sarah Mays	05/10				
Betty Bradley	05/11				
Cathy Gentry	05/11				
Cherri Holmes	05/11				
Julie Piar	05/11				
Caleb Reinbold	05/11				
John Walz	05/12				
Harper Aguirre	05/13				
Troy Bonadurer	05/13				
Kieran Ehrhardt	05/13				
Zach Myers	05/13				
Jackie Sabgash	05/13				
Stephen Schmandt	05/13				



# Daily Lectionary / LEAP / CEF

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May Daily Lectionary</b>					<u>1</u> Ex. 39:32-40:16 Lk. 8:22-39	<u>2</u> Ex. 40:17-38 Lk. 8:40-56
<u>3</u> Lev. 8:1-13; 30-36 Lk. 9:1-17	<u>4</u> Lev. 9:1-24 Lk. 9:18-36	<u>5</u> Lev. 10:1-20 Lk. 9:37-62	<u>6</u> Lev. 16:1-24 Lk. 10:1-22	<u>7</u> Lev. 17:1-16 Lk. 10:23-42	<u>8</u> Lev. 18:1-7; 20-19:8 Lk. 11:1-13	<u>9</u> Lev. 19:9-18, 26-37 Lk. 11:14-36
<u>10</u> Lev. 20:1-16, 22-27 Lk. 11:37-54	<u>11</u> Lev. 21:1-24 Lk. 12:1-12	<u>12</u> Lev. 23:1-22 Lk. 12:13-34	<u>13</u> Lev. 23:23-44 Lk. 12:35-53	<u>14</u> Lev. 24:1-23 Lk. 12:54-13:17	<u>15</u> Lev. 26:1-20 Lk. 13:18-35	<u>16</u> Lev. 26:21-33, 39-44 Lk. 14:1-24
<u>17</u> Num. 3:1-16, 39-48 Lk. 14:25-15:10	<u>18</u> Num. 8:5-26 Lk. 15:11-32	<u>19</u> Num. 9:1-23 Lk. 16:1-18	<u>20</u> Num. 10:11-36 Lk. 16:19-31	<u>21</u> Num. 11:1-23, 31-35 Lk. 17:1-19	<u>22</u> Num. 11:24-29, 12:1-16 Lk. 17:20-37	<u>23</u> Num. 13:1-3, 17-33 Lk. 18:1-17
<u>24</u> Eccl. 1:1-18 John 6:60-71	<u>25</u> Eccl. 2:1-26 John 7:1-13	<u>26</u> Eccl. 3:1-22 John 7:14-31	<u>27</u> Eccl. 4:1-16 John 7:32-53	<u>28</u> Eccl. 5:1-20 John 8:1-20	<u>29</u> Eccl. 6:1-7:10 John 8:21-38	<u>30</u> Eccl. 7:11-29 John 8:39-59
<u>31</u> Eccl. 8:1-17 John 9:1-23						

## LEAP News Nugget for April, 2020

### "Is School Closed?"

Many, many schools are closed these days, as the corona-virus pandemic continues to rear its ugly head across much of the globe. So also, the classrooms of the Lutheran School "buildings" of our twenty-two "LEAP Lutheran schools" here in our corner of Michigan are presently closed, while many of the students and educators who normally occupy those buildings during school hours have re-located to homes. Within our "Lutheran Education Advancement Plan schools" of LEAP, and certainly, related to very many other schools, world-wide, students have been sent home, where they are "having school" under directions given by teachers, parents, health experts, education experts and others.

To give a sense of how that looks . . . we share here words presented in print by a school principal of one of our (LEAP) Lutheran schools a few days ago: . . . "100% of our families are on board and are as committed to making this work as we are. Teachers will be in communication with students daily, not only to teach academics, but to remind them that God is in control of all things, that His love is great, and that we love them and want them safe and healthy."

Students of the schools of LEAP are still studying, learning, and growing, still connecting with their schools and with fellow members of their school families, **and still growing in Christ and praising their God!**

## 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 a very competitive with current rates available though banks or credit unions. Check out their website at [micef.org](http://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.



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depends on the quality  
of your thoughts.