

NEWSLETTER

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worshipping – Together or Online



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The Question – Reopening?

"Pastor, when will the church open up again?; When can we come back together for worship?"

I've had just a couple of people ask me that question, but I am sure that more of you are also asking it. When can we come back to church?

Well, you are not the only ones asking that question. In every meeting I have had in the past two weeks, with our Congregation Council, with the task force our council established to discuss this question, with our Bishop, with our Synod's Conference Deans, with the pastors of the Beaver Dam Conference, with my text study, and with my Clergy Leadership Group, this has been one of the main topics of conversation – if not the only topic of conversation. The ELCA and the Wisconsin Council of Churches have issued guidelines for the reopening of in-person worship services and Dane County has issued Forward Dane for the reopening on businesses in Dane County. (To my knowledge, Jefferson County has not issued any such directive.)

Among all of the groups and pastors I have met with, the universal opinion is that we need to take our time before reopening. Do you remember the phrase that we picked up back when we first cancelled our worship services on March 14th and 15th – "out an abundance of caution?" Since then, there have been news stories of churches that had refused to close, where outbreaks occurred and people died. This is the burden that our pastors bear. We do not want any of our parishioners to get sick, or even die, as a result of coming to worship – and yet, we must still worship.

Online

Our online worship will continue at St. Paul's. Our Sunday services will be live on Facebook at 9:00, posted to our YouTube channel and website later that day, and put on the cable access channel during the week.

We will continue to have a Wednesday Evening Prayer service at 7:00 on Facebook.

It is our intention that streaming our Sunday service on Facebook Live will be a permanent part of our worship from now on.

In-person - Outdoors

"In-person worship" is a phrase I'd never heard before. Back in the pre-pandemic days, it was assumed that worship was in-person. But, of course, that has now changed, along with so much else.

Our council appointed a task force to discuss moving back to in-person worship at St. Paul's. The members are Sue Quamme, Jean Tousignant, Helen Hebel, Jill Oelke, and myself. We are also cautious about resuming in-person worship – especially in the church building. As the virus is transmitted by aerosols, gathering people indoors is more dangerous than gathering outdoors.

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May Council Highlights...

- **Pastor's Report:** He estimated that we would not gather in-person until July or later. Confirmation has been delayed until this time. He suggested holding neighborhood services where families can gather. Parking lot services were discussed. He will meet with Jean, Sue, Helen and Jean to discuss this. He has been sitting out front at the church, one afternoon a week in hopes that people will stop by to say hello.
- **Financial Report:** Income is up and spending is down. Money previously borrowed from the memorial fund will be transferred from checking back into the memorial fund.
- **Treasurer's Report:** There is \$1,000 for the ramp entered as an expense for building maintenance. Ramp money is in the boiler fund. The remainder of ramp money will come from the Schroeder memorial fund.
- **Stewardship Plan:** Tina would like to expand the Facebook Prayer group. Charter was less expensive than what we had with Frontier. The sound on Facebook Live is not the best quality due to echoes in the sanctuary. Songs are also blurry at times. We will look into these issues.
- **The Waterloo Diner** is giving free meals to individuals who cannot pay and helping those who are short on money.
- **St. Mark's Update:** Their situation has not changed and they said that they cannot contribute to the Kosky's expenses. A meeting is scheduled for 5/18 to discuss this with the Synod.
- **Ramp Update:** Work should begin by mid/end of June. Property Committee will meet with Kevin Zastrow to discuss our options for the east side of the building. Discussion was had about a work day to pull weeds.
- **Other Items:** The question was raised about where we would be financially if the virus hadn't occurred. Rob stated that we would be in the red. Property Committee will follow up with the cleaner to see if/when he is working as he has not been completing assigned tasks. Jill will follow-up with F&M Bank in regards to signature cards.

May membership changes:

Received: 0 (UC), 0 (C)

Removed: 0 (UC), 0 (C)

Total Members: 519

Confirmed: 431

Unconfirmed: 88

Received:

Removed:

Deadline for Newsletter

If you would like to make a contribution to the newsletter, **please submit information to the office no later than June 19th. Information submitted after this date may not go into the newsletter for that month.**

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June Birthdays

6/1 Michael Lanphier
 6/2 Thomas Gorder
 6/4 Julia Lanphier
 6/5 Benjamin Converse
 6/6 Lawrence Ehrke
 6/6 Bryn Huebner
 6/7 Amanda Haberman
 6/7 Mark Jeffson
 6/8 Naomi Filter
 6/10 Mark Pratt
 6/11 Jessica Jaehnke
 6/13 Chelsea Kidd
 6/13 Cole Silha
 6/13 Megan Smith
 6/15 Debra Fox
 6/15 Bruce Wuchterl

6/15 Vickie Yohn
 6/16 Kent Kohn
 6/17 Hannah Ward
 6/18 Hunter Schultz
 6/19 Jeriah Grunewald
 6/19 Patti Maertz
 6/19 Milli Reedy
 6/20 Paul Scheel
 6/21 Easton Ellis
 6/22 Keegan Braunschweig
 6/23 Anna Lanphier
 6/24 Corryn Retzloff
 6/25 Dave Zastrow
 6/26 Brynlee Lauersdorf
 6/27 Benny Marshall
 6/28 Chase Bostwick

6/28 Mason Gors
 6/29 Mike Beyer
 6/30 Riley Schulenburg



If your birthday is not listed; the omission is not intentional (please contact the church office with an update). We wish you a very Happy Birthday as well!



Mobile Food Pantry Friday, June 26th

2:00-4:30 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church– Fellowship Hall, in Marshall.

It is open to people in the Marshall and Waterloo area who are in need of assistance.

Volunteers are also needed from 1-6 pm to help unload the truck, set-up, distribute food and clean-up.

****Due to Covid-19, protocols may have changed. Please contact Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin for more information**

Attn: Members

Advertise your business Here!!

St. Paul's is offering free advertising to members who own or manage a business. Your ad space will be based on number of ads and newsletter space available. Typically a 2x3 ad will be available.

We want members to recognize, and be aware of other members business' so we can all help strengthen and support each other.

Please contact the office 920-478-2570 for more information. You can also email your ad, business card or a basic one can be created for you.

Stpaul226@frontier.com



St. Paul's Lutheran Church is seeking volunteers to help with the following openings:

Saturday Pianist
Lectors & Prayer Leaders
Videographers
Ushers
Counters
Communion Assistants

Volunteers for most positions are needed about once every two months. We will work with you to schedule Sundays that work best for you. Please consider stepping up to assist us with our worship services. If you are able to help, please talk to Pastor Robb.

Thank you for your ministry to St. Paul's.

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Ways to Give

We thank everyone who has worshipped virtually with us. Your online presence, thoughts, prayers, and continued donations over the past couple of months are appreciated more than you will ever know. We look forward to worshipping together in person again soon. In the mean time, you can continue to worship virtually with us and give using one of the following methods. Many blessings to you all.

Online & Mobile Giving

St. Paul's offers online giving through our website AND a free mobile app! With GivePlus Online and GivePlus Mobile, you can give anytime, anywhere!

- Make one-time or recurring donations using your debit/credit card or a checking/savings account
 - Log in or donate as a guest
 - Securely and conveniently manage donations
- For mobile giving, search your app store for the GivePlus mobile app.

To give online, please visit stpaulswaterloo.com/give

Mail

You can mail a check to St. Paul's at 226 East Madison St. Waterloo, WI 53594

For the health and safety of our staff and members, we ask that you do not drop off checks or money in person at this time. Thank you for your understanding.



Our Email Addresses Have Changed

We have updated our email address and are no longer receiving emails to our frontier accounts.

Please update your contacts with the following email address:

Office—
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Pastor—
PastorRKosky@gmail.com



Happy Father's Day!

Wishing a Happy Father's Day to all of the father figures in our lives.
Love and Blessings to you all!



-A Good Dad-

A good dad is such a joy to know;
He sees all his children can be;
and inspires each to blossom and grow.

A good dad notices and praises his children's success,
While he guides them to make changes that bring out their best.

A good dad, like a strong warrior, teaches and leads,
And successfully provides for his family's needs.

A good dad provides security,
happiness, and love;
For he is a true hero
A rich blessing from above.

Ramp Repair Update:

Donations Welcome

A bid of \$9,690.00 has been accepted and approved by the council for the repair of the ramp. This repair includes the ramp as well as the leak on the east side of the church.

To date, we have received donations totaling \$6,000 for the cost of the ramp.

Any other donations to help with the repair would be greatly appreciated.



St. Paul's Little Library

Our little library is in need of children's books.

If you have any that you no longer need, please consider donating them to our little library for everyone who passes by to enjoy.



Weekly Services

Sunday services are available weekly on Charter/Spectrum Cable Channel 992.

Past services can be viewed through our website and YouTube channel.

Weekly Broadcast Schedule

Mondays– 8:30 pm
Tuesdays– 8:00 am & 5:00 pm
Wednesdays– 7:00 pm
Thursdays– 12:00 pm



June 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7:00 Midweek Service	4	5	6
7 9:00 Worship	8	9	10 7:00 Midweek Service	11	12	13
14 9:00 Worship in the Parking Lot	15	16	17 7:00 Midweek Service	18	19	20
21 9:00 Worship Happy Father's Day!	22	23	24 7:00 Midweek Service	25	26	27
28 9:00 Worship	29	30				

Likewise, group singing is dangerous if there is one person who is infected, but asymptomatic. In this regard though, Summer is our friend.

While we are not planning any indoor worship services, we are planning an outdoor service on Sunday, June 14th at 9:00am. (We plan to have this service posted live to Facebook, and will also film a service indoors for YouTube and cable access.)

Rules for the Service:

- We plan to gather in the lower area of the parking lot, between the building and the river.
- We are limiting attendance to 25 members. If we have many more people sign up for this service, we will offer a 2nd service as well.
- We will be sending out an email with a link to sign up for the service. You may also call the church office to sign up.
- Bring your own chairs, or stand during the service.
- Household groups are to maintain social distance of 6 ft. between groups. We ask that this distance be maintained before, during, and after the service. There will be no fellowship hour following the service.
- It is "strongly recommended" that you wear masks. While the wearing of masks has become a "hot-button" issue in our country, we ask that you do this voluntarily as a sign of respect and care for our fellow members. We hope to have masks available if needed.
- We will not be celebrating Holy Communion at this service, nor do we intend to have any congregational singing.

After the service on the 14th, we will assess how things went, and keeping an eye on the status of the virus, we will make further plans.

Holy Communion – On Pentecost (June 7) and by Appointment

Many congregations are doing many different things regarding Holy Communion. We are all concerned with being able to celebrate communion both faithfully and safely. We ourselves celebrated Holy Communion online during our Easter Sunday worship service. We will be doing this again on Pentecost Sunday – June 7th.

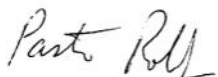
Preparations for Pentecost Celebration of Holy Communion

- Prepare a table to use as your home altar. A coffee table, end table, dining room or kitchen table, etc. Clean it off. You may want to put flowers on it or decorate it in a special way.
- Bread and Wine (or grape juice) – enough for each person who will commune.
- Communion Distribution – who will distribute the bread and wine to each person, or will you pass it around the circle. Give a blessing to those who do not yet receive communion.

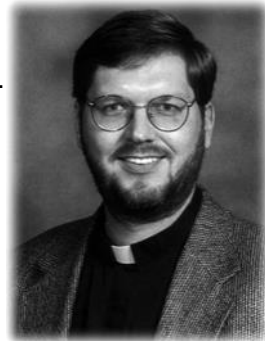
In addition, we will also begin offering communion by appointment. You may email me PastorRKosky@gmail.com, call me at (608) 345-2463, or leave a message on the answering machine at church, to schedule a time for you, or your family to come in to receive Holy Communion. This may be done inside or outside, depending on the weather.

May God's Blessings Continue to be Abundant in Your Live,

Your Pastor in Christ,



Pastor Robb



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A Christ centered community striving to make our faith active in love to all!

****Stay up-to-date on the latest news and announcements about the COVID-19 pandemic through Facebook and our website.**

Worship Services Offered:

***Wednesday 6:30 P.M.**

Saturday 4:15 P.M.

Sunday 9:00 A.M.

Communion offered every Wednesday, Sunday and the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month.

*Midweek services held on the first Wednesday of the month during May, June, July & August

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