

NEWSLETTER

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fire Safety For Kids



St. Paul's is currently seeking donations to help protect and educate children in Waterloo. The cost is \$15 per child. Each child receives a fire safety kit that includes family resources and an interactive DVD.

Donations must be received by September 11th.

Checks can be made out to St. Paul's.

Please include 'Fire Safety' in the memo.

Thank you for helping keep the children in our community safe.

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Bulletins

Bulletins are now available so that you can follow along with our Sunday services. You can find the bulletins on our website, stpaulswaterloo.com. Click on the bulletins tab under worship services on the menu. A link will also be shared to Facebook before each service.

The bulletins can be used to view our pre-recorded indoor worship services and our outdoor Facebook Live services.

Outdoor Services are Live via Facebook: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, ELCA

Pre-Recorded Services can be found on our YouTube Channel: St. Paul's Waterloo WI, Website: StPaulsWaterloo.com and on Facebook.

Inside St. Paul's

August Council Highlights...

- Financial Update: Income is up, expenses are down.
- Treasurer's Report: Money was transferred from general memorial savings to checking.
- Worship Committee: Services will continue to be held outdoors, weather permitting. They will discuss rain contingency and at their next meeting.
- The council tabled discussion of an FM transmitter until they have more information on cost.
- There hasn't been a response from St. Mark's or the Synod.
- CARES Act: Traci has been placing calls and emails regarding assistance for the church.
- A few donations have been made toward fixing the concrete for the ramp.
- Confirmation for the fall is still in the planning phase. Six students will be in their second year. Waterloo is having school Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Wednesday is a cleaning day.
- Community Safety Net: St. Paul's will sponsor 10 children.

August membership changes:

Received: 0 (UC), 0 (C)

Removed: 0 (UC), 0 (C)

Total Members: 519

Confirmed: 443

Unconfirmed: 76

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 **September 21st**. Information submitted after this date may not go into the newsletter for that month.

StPaulsWaterlooWi@gmail.com

Welcome Jaxson Dean Billings

Congratulations to Bryan, Jen and Emily Billings on the arrival of baby Jaxson.

Best wishes on your dearest new arrival.

We hope you are all doing well.

Enjoy every moment with your precious little one.



September Birthdays

9/3 Cassidy Kidd

9/4 Allen Beal

9/5 Ryder Doyle

9/6 Rebecca Abendroth

9/6 Morgan Galston

9/6 Denise Hauptli

9/7 Pamela Schmidt

9/8 Butch Galston

9/8 Katie Junkers

9/8 Brenda Priebusch

9/9 Dylan Bostwick

9/9 James Gabrus

9/9 Megan Marshall

9/11 Sharon Braunschweig

9/11 Dave Dorn

9/11 Diane Jordan

9/13 Quintina Fahrow

9/14 Jesse Hernandez

9/14 Valerie Knapton

9/14 Cameron Webster

9/14 Chase Webster

9/15 Chris Oelke 9/18

Blake Huebner

9/18 Gwen Larsen

9/19 Stephanie Berry

9/21 Ryan Scheel

9/21 Emerson Schulenburg

9/22 Mark Schaller

9/22 Ashley Wegner

9/23 Jakob Larsen

9/24 Wendy Springer

9/27 Melissa Gors

9/27 Ryahn Smith

9/28 Lauren Hernandez

9/29 Susan Wuchterl

9/30 Mark Knapton

9/30 Edward Tousignant



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!

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



Mobile Food Pantry

Friday, September 25th

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.

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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





From left to right: Haydn Hauptli, Benny Marshall, Pastor Robb, & Keegan Lauersdorf

May the Holy Spirit
light your way,
so that your
FAITH and LOVE
grow stronger every day.

Congratulations on your
Confirmation.

God's Blessings to you!

Confirmation Families– Please email the church with any group photos that you have so we can add them to the newsletter and confirmation photo album.

Meals on Wheels

The Karl Junginger Memorial Library is looking for volunteers for the Meals on Wheels program. Meals are delivered to the library from the caterer Monday-Friday between 11:45 am-12:00 pm and it takes up to an hour to deliver to participants in the community. Due to COVID-19, a no contact procedure has been developed for the safety of volunteers and meal participants. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the library (920) 478-3344.

Thank you!



MEALS on WHEELS



September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7:00 Facebook Live Service	3 Office until 12	4 Office until 12	5
6 9:00 Outdoor Communion Worship	7 Happy Labor Day!	8	9 Pastor 2:00-4:00 7:00 Facebook Live Service Office until 12	10 Office until 12	11	12
13 9:00 Outdoor Communion Worship	14 Office until 12	15 Office until 12	16 7:00 Facebook Live Service Office until 12	17 Pastor 12:00-1:00	18	19
20 9:00 Outdoor Communion Worship	21 Pastor 9:30-10:30 Office until 12	22 Office until 12	23 Pastor 2:00-4:00 7:00 Facebook Live Service Office until 12	24	25	26
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**Pastor Robb's office hours will be either outdoors or indoors, depending on weather and mosquitos.

Updates

I've never really liked making phone calls. I'm probably not alone in this. I would much rather touch base with someone in person. And so, it is not unusual that I will try to catch someone before or after a Sunday morning worship service to check up with them about something, or to ask them the question I have needed to ask them. But nowadays, that does not work so well.

As fellow members of St. Paul's, we don't see each other as frequently as we used to and we are not as up to date on what is going on in each other's lives as we were six months ago. I have made phone calls to some of you just to be in touch and hear how you are doing. A few of you have called me to me and my family, or to let me know about something that is going on. I've seen some of you during my office hours – either out in the front yard of the church or actually in my office. And we try to keep you informed on what's happening, especially with our worship services, through the newsletter, Facebook, email, and our website.

It takes a little more effort to keep up with one another during these Covid days. Take some time to call friends from church just to catch up, to express your care, to share the peace and love of Jesus with one another.

A Worship Update

Our worship committee met in August and our basic plan is to continue our current schedule for as long as the weather holds.

We are pre-recording a worship service each week for our local cable station and for Youtube. A link is being posted on our Website and on Facebook each Sunday morning. I am also making an effort to learn a little about video editing in order to make this a better worship experience for you all.

We are also holding an in-person worship service in our parking lot, with lawn chairs, at 9:00 on Sunday mornings. This is also posted live on Facebook. In the event of rain on a Sunday morning, we will move this service inside the church and observe appropriate protocols. We encourage members to wear masks to this service.

We have made initial preparations for moving our worship back indoors for if or when that becomes feasible. We have removed hymnals and communion cards. We have blocked off certain pews and marked recommended places for seating so as to maintain social distance. We have masks available for members who have forgotten to bring one. We believe we can accommodate about 40 people in our sanctuary in this way.

At this time, we do not have a plan for returning to indoor worship. If the spread of the Coronavirus gets worse in the fall and the winter, as it is expected to, we may not return to indoor worship until sometime in 2021. (It has taken about two months for that fact to sink into my brain. I remember back to the end of March when I could scarcely believe that we wouldn't be back inside by Easter – and then hearing of a congregation that had cancelled their indoor services through the end of April. It was astounding!)

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A good friend of my wife's is the Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA. She is recommending to their congregations that they not plan on opening until at least February (and she is thinking maybe even June.) I also heard her talking to Lisa about ideas for how congregations can celebrate Christmas Eve services this year.

I believe that we can figure all of this out. That we can still worship in ways that honor God and feed our souls. We can find ways to connect to one another and we can create meaningful worship that one day we will be able to look back on and say, "Remember how we did that back in 2020..." As we are open to the guiding of the Holy Spirit, we can do this together.

A Financial Update

In 2019, we spent a lot of time worrying about the finances of St. Paul's and had a lot of concern about the budget. As you may remember, early in 2019 we ran out of the reserve funds we had been using to help support our budget for several years. We were then in a pinch and a situation where our financial support of St. Paul's would have to grow or we would need to make some major cuts to the budget. Throughout 2019 our support of St. Paul's did grow – remarkably so. We were still worried about what would happen in 2020 though. I can tell you that our support of St. Paul's has continued to increase through the first 7 months of this year. Our financial support through July has been about \$9,000 above the same period in 2019. We are also two or three thousand dollars in the black relative to our spending so far this year.

I have always believed that God has called us to be members of St. Paul's, and has both called us, and given us the means, to support this ministry. God has been faithful in providing for us, and I see us as growing in our faithfulness in supporting our ministry. As your pastor, I am amazed and humbled by the responses of so many of our members who have grown in your giving over the past two years – in both big and small ways – as God has given you the ability. But I am not at all surprised – for God has gifted us with faith and strength beyond our imaginings.

A Synod Update

Bishop Peter Rogness has served our South-Central Synod of Wisconsin as an interim bishop since last October and has led us through a process of nominating candidates to serve as the next called Bishop of our Synod. On Saturday, August 29th we will hold our Synod Assembly (online) and we will elect our next Synod Bishop. Bishop Rogness will serve through the end of September and our new Bishop will begin on October 1st.

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A Confirmation (and Sunday School) Update

We were able to hold Confirmation services for our 12 confirmands over the summer, worship with about 3 families at a time outside. This coming year we will have about 15 students in 7th and 8th grades for our confirmation classes. As of right now, I have not decided how and when we will be meeting. What I have decided is that I am not going to start classes until probably October.



We have school starting up in a couple of weeks and things are going to be different this year all the way around. I plan to get in touch with confirmation families to talk about the coming year and what we will be doing. You may also feel free to get in touch with me.

I haven't touched base with our Sunday School people yet, but I think the same will probably apply there as well.

Well, this has been a longer letter than usual, but I hope you have appreciated the updates. Please feel free to be in touch with me with your own update, and May God's Blessings and Peace be with you all,

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

***Please see calendar for updated worship services due to Covid**

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