

St. Paul's Epistle

Monthly Newsletter

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July 2020

Because of Covid 19 please be aware that everything in this newsletter is subject to change!

And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Isaiah 6:5

Greetings to you, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

I have always loved Isaiah chapter 6. Here we have the Prophet Isaiah in the presence of almighty God; and in the realization of where he is and who he is with his reaction is one of fear and trembling. And then, an angel brings a hot coal from the altar and touches his lips with it. From there, Isaiah is sent out to proclaim the Word of God to the people.

As I write this, we are in the process of reopening for public worship. We have already started to invite members to be part of the recording of the Sunday Services and what a tremendous feeling it has been.

To say that these past three months has been difficult would be the understatement of the year. When I was at Seminary, I was never told that I would be preaching to an empty room week in and week out. But there I was. Preaching to an empty room (well not quite empty, Dave and Tom were there) and then watching the service with my family on Sunday morning. It had become a new normal.

As we get ready for July, we will be having another new normal. Our hope is that we will have everything in place so that we will be able to Live Stream our service on Sunday mornings. That means that we will be together on Sunday mornings while others are watching the service at home. This will be another new normal, because there will be members that we would normally see on Sunday that will be staying at home. An effect that the Corona Virus has brought to us.

As we look forward to worshipping together, there will be social distancing, people wearing masks, hand sanitizer, taped off pews, and other temporary changes. We may even find ourselves trembling, like Isaiah did, as we enter God's house; but we need to remember that while things around us are changing that God's love for us never has and never will change.

I look forward to seeing you all soon. And I pray that we will boldly proclaim God's Word during this new normal.

Pastor Burns

Romans 1:16

Hello fellow congregation members,

Please save the date for the upcoming **congregational meeting**. It has been rescheduled to **Sunday July 19th at 10am**, following the 9am worship service. We plan to hold the meeting in the sanctuary to allow for proper distancing and may be able to accommodate members virtually (please let me know if you are interested in this option).

In addition to the committee updates, we do have 2 items that require discussion and a vote:

1. Adopting the new Constitution and ByLaws. This has been submitted to the Synod District and returned. There are new edits to some of the language in our original submission that were circulated to the congregation in early March. You may get a refresher of the changes at:

<https://www.stpaulsosseo.org/constitution>

2. Roof repair options. At our meeting last fall, Dave Glauvitz introduced the option of steel shingling for our church roof. This would be more expensive than the amount of money we received from our insurance carrier for the new roof repair, but it would last much longer. As a congregation, we need to decide if we wish to proceed with this added investment, so the repairs can be scheduled yet this summer.

I look forward to seeing everyone again!

Jeff Aalbers

Congregation President

Morgan McKibbin's new address:

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JULY Birthdays & Anniversaries

07/01 Tyler Hanson	07/17 Melissa Lee
07/01 Trenton Vassar	07/17 Jean Zoll
07/03 Laurie Gamache	07/19 Andrew Vassar
07/03 Sandy Slack	07/20 Sofia Westgaard
07/04 Stephanie Nelson	07/22 Diana Lahd
07/04 Roger Zeman	07/23 Olivia Groenke
07/05 Kraig Kruizenga	07/23 Georgie Kiffmeyer
07/06 Kacen Johnston	07/24 Sherry Glauvitz
07/06 Jason Voss	07/25 Jennifer Groenke
07/07 Ellen Dawson	07/26 Elaine Dolieslager
07/07 Ruth Voss	07/28 Eleanor Butler
07/09 Chris Hoppenrath	07/28 Tom Hall
07/09 Melanie Tuttle	07/29 Breanna Hanson
07/10 Breanna Higbee	07/30 Janice Emerick
07/10 Elijah Ibraheem	
07/11 Cyndie Zeman	
07/12 Steve Gamache	
07/13 Aaron Collins	
07/15 Kim Healy	
07/15 Carol Steere	
07/16 Angela Vasseur	
07/17 Trent Iverson	



07/02 Justen and Mindy Jones	09
07/05 Chris and Meagan Erickson	12
07/07 Sally and Ray Roberts	13
07/29 Bill and Marsha McKibbin	31



Remember in your prayers:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort– Sharon Schulz, Jim Feuerstein (brother of Judy Opsal), Rick Scheevel, Paula Schmidt, Sharon Wilken, Ada Fields (sister-in-law of Shirley Scheuble), Debbie Hanna, Judy Erickson, Jody Slack, Doug Steere, and Melissa Lee. Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform Pastor Burns.

Our Homebound Members are Vi Anderson, Rose Ebert, Terry Benson, Bev Hansen, Melissa Lee, Mae House, Doug Steere and Bertha Hannu (mother of Barb Gamache).

Our Troops who are serving abroad and here in the United States. For their safety and for those they are fighting for and against.

For the families of those who have lost their lives or were injured in the fight for freedom.

For persecuted Christians everywhere.

For those serving in the mission field– Elliot and Serena Derricks, Johanna Heidorn, Kayla Hoem and Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram

For peace and reconciliation world wide.

For our nation, President Trump and the leadership of the United States.

For our state, Governor Walz and the leadership of the state of Minnesota.

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Those Serving July 2020

Video David Gamache and David Glauvitz

Elders

July 5th	Rick Scheevel	9:00a
July 12th	Einar Finnvik	9:00a
July 19th	Einar Finnvik	9:00a
July 26th	Chris Higgins	9:00a

Ushers TBD

We are planning our first service back at St. Paul's for July 5th. We may not have all equipment for live streaming at that time. If you are not able to attend then just view the recorded service like you have been. David will have it posted as quickly as he can on Sunday's.

During this time of uncertainty, our greatest comfort is found in God's Word. **Tune in to live devotions on St. Paul's Facebook page every day at 11:00a.** These devotions are led by Pastor Burns.



Those who would like to receive the Lord's Supper individually may contact Pastor Burns at XXX.XXX.XXXX. Let him know if you would like to have it at home or at church.

Church Constitution

A summary of proposed changes to the St Paul's Constitution and Bylaws are available on the church website at:
<http://www.stpaulsosseo.org/constitution>
These changes will be discussed and voted upon at our upcoming congregational meeting on July 19th at 10:00a in the Sanctuary. Please review, if possible.

S.P.Y. June News

Youth and Family Board Chair: Amanda Harff
Zach Burns; David, Sherry and Sam Glauvitz;
Kim and Kyle Glauvitz; Mindy Jones and Ken-
zie Rick-Moores; Elijah and Jody Slack; Mo and
Leah Pitts; Leah Pickett and Grace Voss.

Youth activities are on hold right now.

Please be sure to check out the new Youth Face-
book page **S.P.Y Osseo** and like the page. This
is another place to find Youth information and
for the Youth to share!

Thank you to everyone who donated to
helping LWML and S.P.Y. get Cub gift
cards to Crossing Home in Richfield,
MN. We were able to order \$575 in gift
cards thanks to you!

We are in the process of updating our
church records. We are moving from
Shepherd Staff to Church 360Members
(a cloud based record system). This will
give our members the opportunity to up-
date church information from home.
Please keep an eye on information for
this coming soon.

Just a reminder NO VBS this summer!

The Board of Christian Education is looking
into virtual Sunday School options in case we
can't meet in person in the fall.



Lutheran Military Veterans and Family Ministries—

There is a box located on the large table in the
narthex for the purpose of collecting un-used
postage stamps to be mailed to Lutheran Mili-
tary Veterans and Family Ministries, Fort
Wayne, IN. These stamps, whatever the denomi-
nation, help to offset their costs for postage.
**These donated stamps need to be on their
original backing.** The United States Postal
Service considers any stamp stuck on another
surface a canceled stamp, even though it was
never used. Thank you for your continued sup-
port of this ministry!

Did you know that when you shop with Ama-
zon Smile, Amazon makes a donation to St.
Paul's Lutheran at no cost to you. If you are
making purchases through Amazon be sure to
shop through smile.amazon.com Amazon will
donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible pur-
chases.



Beause of Covid19 **if you do not feel comfort-
able attending a service and you do not have
access to technology.** We can send you the ser-
vice and bulletin in the mail. Just call the
church office (763.425.2238) or email
(office@stpaulsosseo.org) and we will send it
via mail or email.

Please contact us also if you are following the
posted services and would like the service and
bulletin while you watch. We can send them out
via mail or email. They are also posted on our
website www.stpaulsosseo.org

Church office hours vary during the week, we
are here for sure Monday's and Wednesday's
9:00a-12:00p if you don't catch us just leave a
message or send an email.

Sandy Slack
XXXXXXXX@comcast.net



Mite Box Sunday: July 5, 2020

Mite donations can be mailed to Sandy Slack, XXXXX XXXX XXX X, XXXXX XXXXX, XX XXXXX, or by going to our church's website for online giving. Click on "online giving," and then place the amount next to "LWML" and completing the form. Checks should be written out to "St. Paul's LWML." Those attending church services in the church may place their Mite Box Mission donations in the larger Mite Box in the narthex.

During the month of June, the members of St. Paul's have donated \$70 for Mite Box Mission Grants. Your donations for this mission are so important and very much appreciated!! **THANK YOU!!** Thank you for your donations during this time when you have not been able to worship in person in our beloved church.

St. Paul's delegates will have voted for the 2020-2022 Mite Box Mission grants by the time you receive this newsletter. Thank you to each person who voted for your preferred missions- Every proposed project of the 19 listed, received at least one vote. One proposed mission project was voted for by all but one voter! Your votes truly helped your delegates to represent your wishes. The 2020-2022 Mite Box mission grants, the new Mite Box Goal, and the new officers elected will be listed in the August newsletter.

Anything good about doing the convention's business online? Absolutely! This year there were twice the delegates voting than at the 2018 convention. One of the delegates is 95 years old, a dedicated sister in Christ. She has very poor hearing and therefore had stopped attending LWML conventions and other events. This year she was able to vote remotely and take an active part in the convention.

LWML and S.P.Y. have worked together to get Cub gift cards to **Crossing Home** in Richfield, MN. Please check out their program at **crossinghome.org**. The members of St. Paul's, along with a donation from St. Paul's LWML, have purchased \$575 worth of Cub Gift Cards that were sent to Crossing Home. Crossing Home works with men and women newly released from prison

Adopt-a-Student: St. Paul's LWML will be supporting this program again this year. A \$500 donation is sent to support each seminarian who will be selected by the seminaries, Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. Thomas Gustafson, whom we supported last year stated in his last letter how thankful he was to have received this monetary support.

Please pray for the missionaries whom we at St. Paul's support; Kayla Hoem, Johanna Heidorn, Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram, and Elliot and Serena Derricks. Each of them are limited in their activities because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The health care available in their countries often is less than desirable.

"CELEBRATE:" The LWML MN South District will be hosting a one-day mission gathering celebration on October 10, 2020 at Mayer Lutheran High School. The celebration will be "The Great Minnesota South District Mission – Get Together" and will use the theme "Tell Everyone What He Has Done!" The event activities will focus on the mission of the Lutheran Women in Mission and spreading the gospel. We will car pool for this one day event. Everyone, men, women, and children are welcome!

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

June 9, 2020

The church council met virtually on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. The meeting was called to order by President, Jeff Aalbers. Pastor Burns led the group in prayer.

The secretary's minutes of the May meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Board of Finance

Chair Ken Hardy submitted the Finance report. Below is the summary:

Year	May	YTD
2020	\$16,933.23	\$97,007.81
2019	\$15,666.61	\$130,298.95
Change	\$1,266.62	(\$33,291.14)

Treasurer

Don Walter submitted the following balances for the month of May:

Scholarship Fund	\$4,105.83
Checking:	
10101 PPP	\$4,973.66
Other	\$9,193.55
Total Checking	\$16,619.86
Savings	\$124,702.93
Total	\$145,428.62
PPP Loan	\$16,230.00

(PPP Loan should be totally forgiven as it will be used up in the allotted time)

Don briefly reviewed the Budget report with the group, explaining some details and answering various questions.

Pastor Burns reported the following:

Pastor has been working with others recording virtual services for the congregation. In June, we started inviting members to attend. We ask that members call the church office prior if they would like to come, as we would like to have a record for bookkeeping purposes and Covid activity, if needed.

Pastor has been in discussion with Elders of St. Paul's in opening services again. We will discuss in detail later in the meeting.

Pastor will contact the family of Rosella Rae Morbitzer to see how they would like to go about the rescheduling of her baptism.

He has also been in contact with a couple in rescheduling a wedding from June to August.

Music Director

Tom Hanna reported that the Smart recorder for organ will be in next week. The refurbishing company for the hand bells will be sending out packing crates to use to ship our bells to them to be refurbished, which should happen June/July and sent back to us in plenty of time to use for upcoming year.

Tom continues to work with Pastor on the worship services.

Board of Elders

Rick Scheevel reviewed two documents with the group concerning opening the church for service:

St. Paul's Service Checklist, which will be posted on front door (attached)

St. Paul's Return to Worship Plan Covid (attached)

Rick and Pastor have been involved in webinars and reviewing documents from federal and state guidelines regarding the safe reopening of our church and created the above documents with the information learned.

As of right now, we plan to open Sunday, July 5th at 9:00am for one service per week during the

summer. We will also begin our live streaming on July 5th.

Our plan is to get these documents out to congregation members this week and follow up with a phone call by an elder to members the week of June 22nd to answer questions or concerns.

Rick, Tom, Pastor and David have been busy determining what is needed for live streaming, ordering the equipment and learning how to use it to begin livestreaming our services on July 5th.

St. Paul's AED is out of service and a replacement one has been purchased and received.

Board of Trustee

Discussion was had as to what was received from the insurance company concerning our insurance claim for unit (coils) damages and actual roof damage. We received a verbal approval, but no payment for the (coils) units, only initial check for roof damage. Discussion was had about installing ionizers in the units when we replace. Dave will follow up with the insurance company to get paperwork concerning the claim(s) and approval(s) so we can move forward once procedure is decided after our congregational meeting.

Lee Schreiber has offered to assist Earl and Elijah with caring for cemetery lawns.

Jeff Rooney and Bruce Thompson continue to care for the church lawn, and it looks great!

We discussed removing the two birch trees and decided to take them down. They both are infested with Japanese beetles the trees are dying.

We have approved the installation of a water station near the flower garden for ease of maintaining it.

Board of Christian Education

Joyce Hardy requested approval to order VBS materials for next year's VBS program, making sure they secure it while it is available, as they are committed to going with that program and approval was given. Discussed potential of doing virtual Sunday School for next year, but we are waiting to see what the school district will be doing for next year. We may be sending surveys out to teachers and Sunday School families asking their thoughts about it.

Also discussed was having Summer Sunday School devotions on Facebook to keep the kids engaged over the summer months. Pastor offered to show them how to do that and they will think about it and inform the group at the next meeting.

Board of Youth

Amanda Harff reported that Graduation gift bags/goodie bags were made up and delivered to St. Paul's four graduates. The youth group is also working on a "Welcome Back" craft project for the narthex and are hoping to complete it before worshipers are ready to head back to church.

Board of Evangelism

Cindy changed the signs in the front of the church directing them to our website. We will be ordering the 2021 church envelopes, making sure to include envelopes for Epiphany and Ascension in the mix.

Old Business

Sherry updated the group on the transition of moving from Shephard's Staff to Church 360. She has begun training with it, and everything has been transferred. There is more training involved, but it looks to be a very positive move for St. Paul's. It is an on-line platform and is interactive for church members. It will work very well with the 'stay at home' work thing that we have been experiencing recently.

Constitution & Bylaws was tabled to this meeting. Our latest submission to the committee has been tabled to their August meeting for their review and approval. We are waiting to hear back from them. We discussed the rescheduling of the Congregational Meeting and decided to set the meeting for **Sunday, July 19th, following the church service**. Meeting will be held in the sanctuary. Big discussion items for the meeting is the approval of changes to constitution and bylaws and the roof issue. Our plan is to remind our members of discussion items in the July newsletter and on the website and a phone blast to prepare them for discussion and voting at the congregational meeting.

Council will next meet on Tuesday, July 14th in the sanctuary, as well as Google Meet. We can use the big screen TV for those joining virtually. We will also most likely have regular board meetings, but it is up to the boards themselves.

Question was raised if communion would be offered every Sunday or every other Sunday during the summer. It will be offered every other Sunday, beginning with communion on Sunday, July 12th. Meeting was adjourned and ended with the Lord's Prayer.

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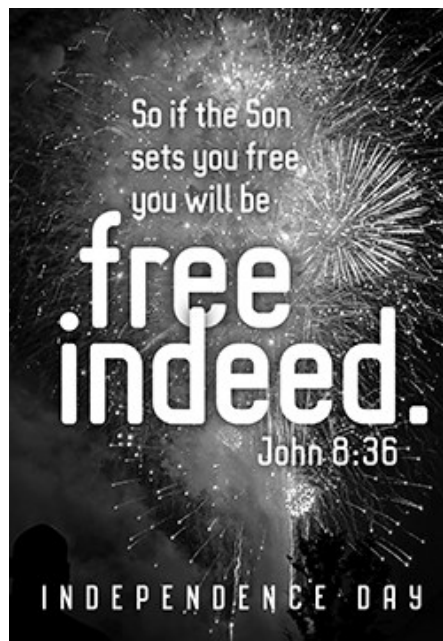
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Mite Box Sunday				
12 6th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00a Communion	14 7:00p All Other Boards 7:45p Council Meeting	16	17 Family Day for Staff	18
13 6:00p Bd. of Elders				
19 7th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00a Worship	21	23 Newsletter Mailing	24 Family Day for Staff	25
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26 8th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00a Communion	28	30	31 Family Day for Staff	
27	29			

Steel Roof Update

I have spoken with the insurance company and we have until Sept. 15th to complete the roof project. The supplier/manufacturer Edco products in Hopkins, MN has agreed to honor the price quoted last year so the numbers I spoke of last year are all good. We propose to re-roof the entire project with a 50 year steel shingle. The warranty is non-pro-rated and includes materials and labor costs to replace defective shingles. The paint fade warranty on the finish is 30 years. They are also warranted against perforation resulting from rust or hail. The normally “lifetime” warranty is limited to 50 years for an organization that could potentially go on forever. The cost to the church will be \$50,000 above what has been approved by insurance and this will cover the additional cost of steel materials, the additional cost of labor and time. It will also cover the rental of equipment needed to install the roof safely. Additionally, if voted yes, we propose to remove the brick chimney in the west wing. It will be removed down to just below roof level and the roof decking will be repaired/replaced. This chimney is not in use and creates more roof problems than it is worth. This will be removed and fixed at no additional charges with a steel roof. If we decide to use the insurance monies to replace roof with asphalt shingles, the only additional costs for the church would be to remove the chimney at \$2,000 labor and materials. The insurance funds would cover all of the other repairs.

Dave Glauvitz

Trustee Chair





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