

From the Pastor's Desk

Many of us have missed gathering as a faith community on Sunday mornings to worship our God. In an attempt to gather safely, we have developed some guidelines or expectations for how we might gather via drive-in worship style. I think it is important to recognize our responsibility and liability for one another – especially the most vulnerable among us. We are “trying” something new and we will need to be flexible as time goes on. Tom Wilson will be providing a stage and sound equipment that will allow you to turn your car radio to an FM station to listen to the service in your car. There will be ushers wearing masks directing traffic to help you get in line on the paved parking lot side.

Expectations:

People **MUST** stay in their cars

Two services – 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Zoom social hour @ 9:00 am

Services will be approx. 45 minutes or less

No admittance to the church building – bathrooms are **NOT** available

Online worship will continue for those not comfortable in joining us in the parking lot

In case of inclement weather including, but not limited to heavy rain, lightning, snow (this is Michigan!), temperature below 50 degrees, high winds worship will be cancelled. Announcement will be on Facebook.

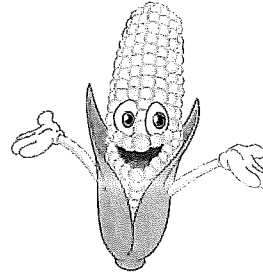
Bulletins will be provided for each person – keep them and recycle them at home. They will include hymns.

Offering collected at a station next to the ushers.

We will “try” this style of worship the first Sunday of each month beginning **July 5!** I look forward to seeing those of you that are comfortable with joining us.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bonnie



Annual Neighborhood Corn Roast has been postponed to 2021. We look forward to next year being able to do this annual event to thank our neighbors, share a meal (including corn from our garden!) together, play games and hear awesome music!

Re-Opening the Building Committee

Linda Barker, Cathy Stuewer, Marcus Middleton, Chris Matts and Laurie Morris have volunteered to work with Pastor Bonnie to study the guidelines from our Synod, the CDC, our insurance company and much more for re-opening our building. They will look at what needs to be done to our building to prepare for small groups to gather inside, for community groups that use our building to return and for us to gather in the sanctuary safely for worship. Please hold them in prayer as they work to consider the safest way for our most vulnerable members to gather.



FOOD TRUCK—SAVE THE DATE

August 20, 2020, Volunteers please be there by 9:30 with distribution starting at 11:00.



A note

from the Treasurer

*Thank you for your continued support of our ministry.
Julie Lusk*



Thank you in advance!

The Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers for council members, officers, and committee representatives with special sets of skills to build our faith community!

The election will be at the November Voters Meeting, and those elected will begin serving on January 1, 2021.

Please consider these positions listed for election this year. We ask that you yourself be open to consideration, and that you volunteer and/or suggest others who might be willing to fill the following positions:

President-Elect. Term commitment 2 years, serves as Council President the 2nd year

Assistant Financial secretary. 2 years. 2nd year is Financial Secretary.

Council Secretary. 2 years.

Evangelism Chair. 2 years.

Finance Chairperson. 2 years.

Worship and Music Representative. 2 years.

Youth Representative. 1 year.

Nominating committee: 4 members, 2 are retiring council members, 2 are from the congregation at large.

Audit committee. 3 years.

Synod Assembly. 2 members, 1 year.

Names may be submitted to the Nominating Committee, during the month of July.

Job descriptions are available through committee members.

Marcus Middleton, Jim Weston, Kay Schnur.



We're excited to share that we've launched online giving at **St. Paul Lutheran Church** through Tithe.ly, a safe and secure giving platform that allows you to give one-time or recurring gifts!

To make an online contribution go to our website, stpaul Lutheranph.com, and click on the green "Give" button in the middle of the page.

You can select where your contribution will go (current expenses, GWIP, memorial, etc.) and whether you want it to be recurring or one time.

You can make your contribution using a credit card or bank account.

Please consider "Cover Fees" when making your contribution. This covers the nominal fee for processing your contribution.

Thank you for supporting our ministry!



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS June 8, 2020

Rich Cochrell led our Chapter 4 discussion of "The Church of Us vs Them".

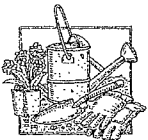
Online giving will soon be available as an additional option for receiving contributions/donations to St. Paul. More information will follow.

Due to COVID19 our annual Corn Roast will be postponed until 2021.

Margaret Hanselman was appointed to the Archives Committee.

Karen Lee was appointed to the Audit Committee, replacing Brooke Troy who has resigned due to a move to North Carolina.

The Synod has established guidelines for re-opening. Cathy Stuewer, Chris Matts, Laurie Morris, Marcus Middleton and Linda Barker have volunteered to be on a committee to review these guidelines and create a plan for re-opening as directed by the Synod



FLOWER GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

- It's that time of year again to use your green thumb to help **maintain the herb garden and geranium beds**. This includes weeding, clipping the grass, and watering at least once a week. Volunteers will be signing up for two weeks at a time beginning with the week of July 5. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Joan Fleming at 810 984-4652.

Drive-in Style Worship

Join us **July 5 at 8:00 or 10:30** for Drive-in style Worship. Please see Pastor Bonnie's article for details and expectations!

Kroger Community Rewards Program. St. Paul will receive rewards from your purchases at Kroger. To use the rewards program you can register online at krogercommunityrewards.com. All **current participants** in the Kroger Community Rewards Program **do not** need to re-enroll this year in order to earn funds for St. Paul. The rewards program runs from May 2020 to May 2021. Our NPO number is RK460. **Registration is online only.** Last quarter 34 households earned \$93.32 rewards for St. Paul.

Newsletter: The newsletter deadline for the August Ray is Sunday, July 19, 2020. Articles may be submitted via e-mail (stpaulww@comcast.net), on a flash drive or in writing.

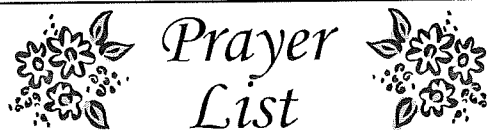


Remember Our Members In The Military

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Connie Ganger
Lavina Kodet



*Prayer
List*

If you would like to add someone to our church prayer list, please email Pastor Bonnie at pastorbonniek@gmail.com. Request received by 9 a.m. on Fridays will be included in worship that Sunday. Those received after that time will be added to Pastor Bonnie's personal list and offered the following Sunday.

GRANT APPROVAL

The Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Foundation has approved St. Paul for a grant totaling \$2,350.00.

There is \$900.00 for our August 20th food truck and \$1450.00 for the new Reading for Life Program at St. Paul. The grant is limited specifically to supplies, instruction resources, and books for the children. Funds are not to be used for student Holiday, end of year gifts, snacks, tutor training, background checks and volunteer appreciation. This grant is made in memory of Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, which faithfully ministered to its members and to the community of northeast Detroit for 73 years. It is an expression of the continuing ministry and faith of the former Mt. Zion community.

On-line worship opportunities

While we are not able to be face to face in worship in our sanctuary there are still opportunities to gather to hear God's word, to pray, to sing and to be encouraged. Each Sunday at 9:30am on our Facebook page worship is posted for us to gather in our homes at the same time to view worship. Our theme through July is "Beguiled by Beauty—Cultivating a Life of Contemplation & Compassion". The service is then posted on our website stpaulwlutheranph.com under the "Worship services" tab. We also gather on Zoom each Sunday at 10:30 for a virtual social hour. Here is the link to join us on Zoom – <https://zoom.us/j/8109829853>