

May 2020

This newsletter is a monthly publication of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Articles and information pertinent to the life and mission of the congregation may be submitted to the church office or by email. Space limitations may require editing of material.

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Meets 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm

Randy Hickle,
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Matt Maser, *Vice Chairman*

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Treasurer

Tonette Peterson,
Secretary

Cydelle Klande,
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Robbie Robinson
Toby Hickle
Aaron Peterson
Isaac Maser

Trustees
Rick Williams
Carol Robinson
Tony Nelson

St. Paul Lutheran Church

ANTI-VIRAL SCHEDULE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

We currently have the following....

LIVE DRIVE-IN SERVICE

Sundays at 9am

Pull into the lot, and tune into 88.1 FM

RECORDED SERVICE

Posted on both our Facebook Page and then on our website
9am on Sundays

Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/SPLCHINCKLEY/>

Website Link: <http://www.stpaulhinckleymn.org/>

Also available:

MESSAGE AND MEDITATION

& Recorded Devotion

Tuesday and Fridays at 3pm on Facebook and then on our Website

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**MORE UPDATES WILL FOLLOW AS THE GOVERNOR LIFTS  
RESTRICTIONS**

Continue to pray for the strength, comfort, and faith in God for all and an  
end to this pandemic.

# Church News



## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Pastor can be reached by cell phone (763)-286-4803 or email [revmetzler18@gmail.com](mailto:revmetzler18@gmail.com).

\*\*If you are not receiving emails, or have not updated the church with an email address, please let Pastor know, so we can get you on the email list.

## **Offerings**

If you are still interested in sending the church an offering, please do so. Please send any donations directly to the church: PO BOX 99, HINCKLEY, MN 55037. THANK YOU! We understand everyone is struggling from this situation.

## **Communion**

Call or email the Pastor if you would like to receive communion. He will work out a plan so you may receive the sacrament in a safe and private manner. Contact information is above. We are also offering communion on communion Sunday's at our drive in Service.

## **Council Meeting**

Monthly Council Meetings are being conducted through Zoom online.

## **Quarterly Meeting**

The quarterly meeting for April has been cancelled.

## **Event Cancellations for 2020 Summer**

Summer Gospel Concerts  
Summer Outdoor Worship

## **Confirmation**

Pastor is using Zoom to meet with the kids for learning. Confirmation date is still TBD. Contact Pastor if you have questions.

## **Graduation**

Congratulations to Hannah, Edward, and Allision and the remaining class of 2020. You did it!

Greetings!

Praying that you are all staying well and doing your best to be patient and understanding in this pandemic situation.

With regulating our outings, we also have had to make decisions on if we really need to go out and how long we're at the store or wherever the destination. With that comes potential exposure to the virus and even with the 6-foot social distancing in place some folks out there seem to not pay much attention to this.

With that said, some of the quilting ladies from our congregation have sewed some **fabric masks that are available** for members who would like to have them for shopping, taking walks, or other activities taking place outside of the home. If you know someone that would like/need a mask please call/text/e-mail me to come and pick it up, **OR** I or someone else can drop it off in a clean plastic 'zip-type' bag at your door step.

If you would like to make some masks, just let me know, and I will get you the instructions/diagrams to make them. There is a need in addition to our congregation.

God's richest blessings to you and your family!  
in Christ,

*Pastor Mike Metzler*





## Stewardship for 4/1/20 to 4/26/20

General Fund .....\$11,795.00  
Altar Flowers .....\$36.00  
Missions .....\$15.00  
Little Lambs .....\$10.00

**TOTAL .....\$11,856.00**

### May 2020

1st: Liz Klar  
4<sup>th</sup>: Vivian Klem  
Wendy Kroschel  
Piper Brant  
6th: Reese Bottelson  
7th: Abraham Maser  
Kim Hopkins  
Keith Hopkins  
12th: Jordin Klar  
Ben Gregg  
13th: Jessy Klande  
14th: Carol Nelson  
23rd: Hunter Peterson  
Chelsey Bottelson  
24th: Audrey Zamora  
26th: Nichole Hansen  
27th: David Berquist  
Rod Lawin  
28th: Sheila Wimmer  
29th: Betty Christensen

*If we are missing anyone, please let  
Jennifer or Cydelle know! Thank  
you.*

*I will extol the LORD at all times;  
his praise will always be on my lips.  
I will glory in the LORD;  
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.  
Glorify the LORD with me;  
let us exalt his name together.*

*I sought the LORD, and he answered  
me;  
he delivered me from all my fears.  
Those who look to him are radiant;  
their faces are never covered with  
shame.  
This poor man called, and the  
LORD heard him;  
he saved him out of all his troubles.  
The angel of the LORD encamps around  
those who fear him,  
and he delivers them.*

*Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed is the one who takes refuge in  
him.  
Fear the Lord, you his holy people,  
for those who fear him lack nothing.*

*Psalm 34:1-9 (NIV)*

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
**Unapproved council minutes**

**4-13-20**

Present: Tonette Peterson, Tracy Peterson, Randy Hickle, Tony Nelson, Robbie Robinson  
Toby Hickle, Aaron Peterson, Matt Maser, Carol Robinson

Meeting was called to order by Randy at 7:02pm. Robbie opened with a prayer.

Secretary's report was accepted as read

Treasurer's report accepted as read. Motion Robbie second Toby

Income: \$11,540.36 . Checking 15,529.05 Expense \$17,739.09 Savings \$58,894.55 Net  
Income \$-6198.73 (noted that the Savings total includes the \$20,000 loan for Pastor as well  
as all memorial funds)

Pastor's report: home visits, office visits, Bible Study, LL lesson, CASE, Confirmation, extra  
worship services, recording services, parking lot worship on Easter, keeping up with  
pandemic guidelines, Zoom meetings with elders and council

**Old Business**

\* A heat loss assessment was done (at no cost to the church). There are a number of  
recommended repairs and upgrades (ladies restroom vent, new furnaces, insulation changes).  
We will look into some of these. Hoping to get a new furnace bid by fall. Will be close to  
\$20,000 for 4 furnaces at 97% efficiency.

\*Little Lambs is done for this year.

\*Board of Fellowship meeting will be held when it's safe to be done in person.

\*Grinnell Mutual will take over insurance coverage beginning at 12:01 AM on 4-14-2020.  
The first quarter has been paid.

\*The lawn mower has been serviced.

\*Meetings previously scheduled are on hold until its deemed safe.

**New Business**

\*Drive-In service went well. We will put the station where all can see.

\*PPP application through the SBA has been submitted.

\*Upon motion by Tracy and second by Robbie, the summer gospel concerts for 2020 will be  
canceled due to the pandemic. Depending on the financial situation in the fall, it was  
suggested that the budgeted money for the concerts be used toward missions. This will be  
addressed at a quarterly meeting.

\*To keep everyone safe, outdoor worship will be canceled for 2020. Motion by Toby, second  
by Matt.

\*April quarterly is canceled.

\*Carol motions closing the fellowship committee checking account and youth group  
checking account, putting these funds into the general account. Second by Matt. After  
discussion, this is tabled.

\*Confirmation will be going to distance learning soon.

\*Thermostats will be programmed accordingly for the season, and no worship at this time.

\*The trustees will lead Spring clean-up on April 24-25th.

\*A list of amendments for the website contract (due on 8-1) will be compiled.

We adjourned at 8:55pm Respectfully

*Submitted, Tonette Peterson, St. Paul Lutheran Church council secretary*



# CREATION MOMENTS

*Proclaiming Evidence for Truth*

## THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

### A Touching Truth



#### ***Ecclesiastes 3:5***

*"A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;"*

Most people consider their sense of sight the most important. While the loss of sight is a terrible tragedy, life can go on. Lose your sense of smell, and food will be flavorless, but you can get by.

Loss of hearing, too, is a great loss, but the loss can be adjusted to. And few people's lives are threatened by the loss of the sense of taste. However, if you lose your sense of touch, you lose your sense of pain and, therefore, any warning that you might be injuring yourself. Unfortunately, there are people who have no sense of touch. Sometimes they receive life-threatening injuries because they cannot feel pain.


Science has shown that touching is necessary for life. Newborn animals that are licked by their mothers have a higher resistance to disease. They are also more likely to live to adulthood than newborns that are untouched by their mothers. Chihuahua pups have a notoriously high rate of death because their mothers are often unwilling to lick them. Lambs will die after birth if their mothers do not lick and nuzzle them. Even human infants who are not lovingly touched enough will suffer from depression, poor sleep, weight loss, poor immunity and, in extreme cases, even death.

Our wise Creator has built into us the need for touch. Though we take it for granted, without touch, life would be impossible. Can you name some other gifts He has given you that you have been taking for granted? Thank Him today!

*Ref: McCutcheon, M. 1989. The Compass in Your Nose. Los Angeles: Jeremy P. Tarcher. p. 112. Photo: Pixabay*

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**MAY 2020**

| SUN                                                                                 | MON                              | TUES                                 | WED | THURS | FRI                                  | SAT |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|-------|--------------------------------------|-----|
|  |                                  |                                      |     |       | 1                                    | 2   |
| 3<br>9am Drive-in<br>Worship                                                        | 4                                | 5<br>3pm Msg &<br>Meditation online  | 6   | 7     | 8<br>3pm Msg &<br>Meditation online  | 9   |
| 10<br>9am Drive-in<br>Worship w/<br>Communion                                       | 11<br>7pm Council Mtg<br>on Zoom | 12<br>3pm Msg &<br>Meditation online | 13  | 14    | 15<br>3pm Msg &<br>Meditation online | 16  |
| <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>                                                                 |                                  |                                      |     |       |                                      |     |
| 17<br>9am Drive-in<br>Worship                                                       | 18                               | 19<br>3pm Msg &<br>Meditation online | 20  | 21    | 22<br>3pm Msg &<br>Meditation online | 23  |
| 24<br>9am Drive-in<br>Worship w/<br>Communion                                       | 25                               | 26<br>3pm Msg &<br>Meditation online | 27  | 28    | 29<br>3pm Msg &<br>Meditation online | 30  |
| 31<br>9am Drive-in<br>Worship w/<br>Communion                                       |                                  |                                      |     |       |                                      |     |

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