

## Oct 2020

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Meets 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm

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# St. Paul Lutheran Church

*From the  
Pastor's Desk*



*Greetings and His peace to you!*

As we either watch, hear, or read the news each day, we wonder (more often than ever) things like “*what’s this world coming to ?*” **or** “*what’s going on in this world today ?*” **or**, more so lately, “*Is this the end?*” With all the crazy things going on, it’s easy to get wrapped up in them and even to take part in the less-than-morally-acceptable goings-on and maybe even something that is unlawful. We are ready to act on what we think needs to be fixed. We want our world to be a good and decent place to live. For us and our children and grandchildren, both now and in the future.

Our Savior Jesus the Christ knew the kinds of things we would encounter in this day and age well before any one of us was born. He told His disciples on several occasions that they would endure many hardships and even be persecuted because they were believers. We, the believers of today, face those same trials and scripture tells us in the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of **Ecclesiastes** that “there is nothing new under the sun,” meaning that everything, especially sin, is and has been around since the Fall of man. No sin is new, it’s just packaged differently, and often cleverly concealed to fool us. And later on in scripture, we are reminded by Simon Peter in **1 Peter 4:12** not to be surprised “*at the fiery trial when it comes upon you.*”

As long as we are alive, we are *in* this world and have to endure the trials that come with being in this world. Even Jesus had to endure trials and temptations when He was here on earth. It ain’t easy living in this world. There is good news though. Jesus had our backs *before* He was crucified. He **prayed** for all believers in the Garden of Gethsemane just before He was led away to be put on trial and crucified for our sins. Jesus *knew* that His disciples and all believers would have to remain in this world until their earthly death and it would not be easy for any of them, so He prayed a prayer that spans across the ages and includes the believers of today. Right after He assured His disciples that He had overcome the world He asked His Father in Heaven to “*keep them in Your name*” and to “*keep them from the evil one.*” Jesus told His heavenly Father that He was praying “*for them.*”

The “them” that you have been hearing in the past couple of scripture quotes is talking about, .... is **YOU**, the believers in Jesus the Christ. Jesus prayed for you just before He went willingly to the cross to complete your protection from the world.

The Apostle John reminds us that as believers we need to be wary and avoid the things of this world when he says in **1 John 2** not to *“love the world or the things of the world”* because they are the desires of our sinful nature and are not the things of God.

As the world continues to become a more difficult place to live in, remember that we live in this world, but we are not to be of this world.

*Father God, please guard us from trials and temptation of this world. Amen.*

in His name,

*Pastor Mike Metzler*

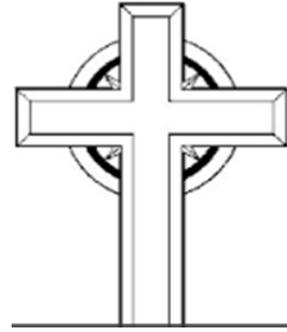
*“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” -1 Cor. 10:31*



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*Pastor's Hours ~ Mon-Thurs: 9am to Noon    Fri & Sat: Off*

# Church News



**GermanFest:** See you in 2021

**Welcome** Matt Zabrok and Patrick Hagen who are our newest members of our congregation.

**Thank you** everyone who mowed, pulled weeds, landscaped and everything you all do.

**Quarterly Voters Meeting** is Sunday October 18. More details to come.

**Newsletters:** Please let Jennifer or Cydelle know if you would like to your newsletters mailed to you instead of email. We hope everyone enjoys getting the newsletter each month.

**Offerings:** Thank You to all who mailed in your offering. You can also give online should you choose to do so - go to the church website, click on “church news” at the top, and choose “electronic offering”. This is a safe and easy process. We are grateful for all contributions!

**CASE update:** We decided to wait until January to start CASE due to COVID19. We are going to wait and see how the school year goes first. We will let families know of any changes as they come up.

**Confirmation:** Will continue as schedule for now. More to come later.

**Sunday School:** We will continue to follow the HF school district schedule, therefore if they are distant learning, there will be NO Sunday School. This could also change, watch for more information.

**Communion Bottles:** Friendly reminder that we would like communion bottles returned along with your cups.





**Stewardship for 9/1/20 to 9/20//20**

General Fund .....	\$4,839.00
Little Lambs.....	\$10.00
Missions.....	\$10.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$4,864.00</b>

**October 2020**

- 2nd: Carolyn Vogler  
Deb Sikkink
- 3rd: Nancy Williams
- 4th: Kelly Christensen  
Tianna Day
- 5th: Larry Gregg
- 8th: Lucille Signore
- 9th: Jerry and Rebecca Perrotti
- 10th: Pastor Mike
- 11th: Duane and Liz Klar
- 12th: Shawn and Karissa Ausmus  
Matt and Jayne Maser
- 13th: Sue Hickle  
Leah Ausmus
- 15th: Dayton Hawkinson
- 21st: John Frank  
Ron Brant  
Cydelle Klande
- 22nd: Doug Kottke
- 24th: Elliotte Signore
- 26th: Troy Peterson
- 28th: Bailey Gorsenger  
Eddie Welch
- 31st: Barb Schroeder

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

*Thank you.*

**Flower Chart:**

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup>: Larry & Linda Marotz**  
.....in loving memory of loved ones

**Oct 11<sup>th</sup>: Duane & Liz Klar**  
.....in honor of their wedding anniversary

**Oct 18<sup>th</sup>: (open)**

**Oct 25<sup>th</sup>: (open)**



# LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs started on Thursday Sept. 10 with 8 students. Isaac, Bella, Kyzen, and Joel are returning from last year. Harlan, Nash, Kyler, and Reece are new this year. In our first bible story we learned how God made everything by saying the words. In our circle time and activities, we talked about the letter A, the number 1 and the color red. We made a big red apple with pieces of tissue paper and an apple tree with red circle stickers. We are enjoying all the toys during free play and especially like going outside to the playground.

We are excited to start our school again on Monday October 5.

*Miss Sharon*



# YOUTH GROUP

## Greetings Everyone!

With all that is going on in our world and community, it has been challenging to determine the best next steps for our youth group. There are some circuit events being scheduled and I am hopeful that we can get together again soon as a St. Paul group as well. Please look for information coming out to each family with youth group age students in the near future.

## Circuit Confirmation Retreat

I am excited to share that the Circuit Confirmation Retreat held outdoors at Finlayson was a success with a number of our Hinckley students attending. A special thanks to LeAnn and the Pastors for putting this together for our youth.

The next Circuit Youth Event is planned for Saturday, October 24th in Isle from 2:00-4:30 pm at Everette and Eve Moss's place (same location that we met at in June) 3941 Hwy 27, Wahkon, MN 56386.

There will be a scavenger hunt, Bible study for the youth and the adults, and a fire and smores at the end. Plan to bring your Bibles, lawn chairs, masks, and social distancing skills. All youth confirmation age and above are welcome, and adults as well.

**Please RSVP to Rebecca by October 20 (612-247-9319).**

## Christmas Wreaths

Good News! We will get to celebrate Christmas COVID or not! If you would like to purchase wreath products to enjoy at your home or as a gift for others, we will still make these available to everyone this year.

Information will be out soon – so check in with your usual youth sales contact or contact Rebecca directly 612-247-9319 or [rebecca.perrotti@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.perrotti@gmail.com).

Product choices are the same as in past years – we will try to make the brochures available, but since we may not be at church in person, you can just tell us what you need, or contact Rebecca or the youth for assistance.

**Final orders are due by October 31. Expected delivery week of November 22.**

*~ Rebecca Perrotti, Youth Group Leader ~*

# YOUTH CIRCUIT WORKER

Hello and blessings to you!

In August we had a confirmation retreat at Peace Lutheran Church in Finlayson! Thank you to those who came and attended! The Bible studies were done by Pastor Metzler and Pastor Maunula on the Lord's Prayer.

We have a youth event coming up on October 24th 2:00-4:30 pm. It will be in Isle this time and we will be having smores, a Bible Study, and having a scavenger hunt!

Please keep an eye out for continued updates on events!

Thank you!

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**"Thy Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105**



**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
**Unapproved council minutes**  
**9-14-20**

**Present:** Tonette Peterson, Tracy Peterson, Randy Hickle, Tony Nelson, Toby Hickle, Pastor Mike, Robbie Robinson, Jennifer Kubesh, Carol Robinson,

Meeting was called to order by Randy at 7:04pm. Pastor opened with a prayer.

**Secretary's report** was accepted as read.

**Treasurer's report** accepted as read. Motion Carol second Tony.

*Income: \$87,719.33 Checking \$28,465.73 Expense \$81,900.20 Savings \$58,961.73*

*Net Income \$5,819.13* (noted that the Savings total includes the \$20,000 loan for Pastor as well as all memorial funds, and the checking acct includes the \$15,000 PPP loan)

**Pastor's report:** home & office visits, installation of SS and CASE leaders, LL lesson, confirmation retreat, HFHS pastor meeting, Confirmation prep, pastor installation in St. Cloud, adult membership classes, premarital classes, elder meetings, newspaper articles, weekly meditation posted online

**Old Business**

\*upon motion by Tracy, SPLC will not pay the youth circuit worker for maternity leave. Voted, carried. We would like to see detailed reports from the youth worker monthly or quarterly at least. The year review of the continuation of her services will be in October.

\*LL has a Covid preparedness plan in place. There are currently 8 kids enrolled

\*Roof repairs are coming along. Waiting on a lift and schedules to free up for workers.

\*Furnace filters will be checked and changed more frequently.

\*New furnaces will be delayed a bit as the manufacturer is closed due to Covid.

\*Sidewalk will be repainted with grit this week.

**New Business**

\*SPLC will get a second night deposit box key. Motion Carol, second Tony

\*Randy will get bids from Jeff's Landscaping for snowplowing,

\*CASE is on hold until January. No bus is available on Weds and waiting to see how school goes.

\*Tracy will check into the CARES Act grant

Upon motion by Toby and second by Robbie, we adjourned at 8:51pm closing with the Lord's Prayer.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Tonette Peterson, St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Secretary*

**OCTOBER 2020**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2 3pm Msg & Meditation online	3
4 9am Outdoor Worship 10am <a href="#">Confirmation</a> (1 <sup>st</sup> <del>VI</del> students)	5	6 3pm Msg & Meditation online	7 2:20pm Confirmation (2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr Students only)	8	9 3pm Msg & Meditation online	10
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# COME JOIN OUR WORSHIPPING FAMILY

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For God so Loved the World



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