



St. Paul News

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The Heroes of the Faith

"Our churches teach that the history of saints may be set before us so that we may follow the example of their faith and good works, according to our calling. For example, the emperor may follow the example of David [2 Samuel] in making war."¹ (Augsburg Confession)

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." (Heb.12:1)

Third Sunday in May our nation remembers Martin Luther King Jr.. Third Monday in February is President's Day. The last Monday in May is Memorial Day, set aside to remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom. Juneteenth is June 19th. This was the anniversary of the date that the last state in the union enforced the emancipation proclamation, thus ending slavery for the entire United States of America. 4th of July we remember signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The point is that our nation is filled with its holidays. Each one set aside to teach us something about our nation's history. Every single one of those dates have great and important stories to be told. Similarly the church has its own set of days. Days which have been set aside for the importance of teaching about the faith.

If you make regular use of the Congregation at Prayer, weekly devotionals, you will regularly see examples of these days. For example the last week of August, there are four commemorations during the course of the week. August 24th focuses upon St. Bartholomew, the Apostle, (called Nathaniel in Gospel of John). August 27th remembers Monica, an extremely faithful woman who was instrumental in the conversion of her son to Christianity. Monica's son is remembered on August 28th, he is known as St. Augustine of Hippo, one of the greatest theologians in the history of Christianity. Finally on August 29th, we remember the martyrdom of St. John the Baptist.

Each of these days we are reminded of faithful individuals recorded in scripture and outside of scripture. We are reminded of their examples of faith. Both Bartholomew and John the Baptist were martyrs. The story of Bartholomew being skinned alive prior to crucifixion is difficult to hear, but an example of incredible endurance. John the Baptist is an example of how if one stands against immorality in his nation that there are those who will retaliate. Monica is an example of the power of a mother's faith even upon adult children. St. Augustine was an intellectual giant whose influence upon Christians through the ages is overwhelming.

Throughout the church year there are many of these dates. There are many who have gone before you and faced many trials and tribulations as you do. October 26th we remember a trio of hymnwriters who lived during great plagues and wars, but none the less gave incredible expressions of faith through hymnody. As 2020 has been so challenging, what reminder of how God can carry us through these trials by the use of music and other gifts and talents.

Throughout your year I encourage you to make use of the Congregation at Prayer. Read the daily scriptures, and read about the feasts and commemorations. Pray prayers of thanksgiving to God for the work done through these men and women of faith. Consider even purchasing "Celebrating the Saints" by William Weedon. It can be found on Amazon and CPH. Our Lord has indeed given us a great cloud of witnesses so that we may "run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." (Heb. 12:1b-2) Amen.

¹ Paul Timothy McCain, ed., [*Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*](#) (St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 2005), 44.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for ANY ITEMS for in the **September Newsletter by August 13**

Remember it's up to you or your family members to let the church office know if you are hospitalized.

CHURCH NEWS

OFFICIAL ACTS – Baptism: Jordan Reed, Funeral: Cheryl Knudsen



FROM THE ELDERS *Sean Bender, Brandon Johnson, Doyle Brown, Jeff Gilbert, Brent Harm, Aaron Hoffman,*

We are following CDC recommendations for Covid-19 mitigation protocols. That means that we limit worship attendance to insure safe distance (6') between families/households which means that our maximum occupancy in the sanctuary is approximately 90 persons. So at this time we will have 1 service only on Sunday morning at 9:00AM

If you would like to, you can also come sit in your car in the church parking lot at 9AM and tune into FM 97.1 and listen to the worship service, if it happens to be a communion Sunday, you will be instructed when and you can come inside the doors of the Narthex, receive the Sacrament and exit down the hall and out the door by Pastors' offices.

The entire sanctuary will be misted with an anti-viral agent before each worship service. Hand sanitizer and face masks are available in the Narthex, or you can wear your own.

We will continue put our services on the Internet via St. Paul Lutheran Facebook page, St. Paul Lutheran Church Ida Grove You Tube page, the St. Paul website and on the Local Cable Channel 117.4 (Longlines) recordings will be available on Sunday afternoons at 2:00PM

If you know of someone who does not have these capabilities to watch the Worship Services and would like a DVD copy of the Sunday Worship please let the church office know 364-2918

Please check our website www.stpaulig.org for various information including links for our recorded worship services. Links for various information for Daily Devotions, kids Daily Devotions, etc

As we are returning to our worship service on Sundays, volunteers are needed. We need ushers, tech personnel, etc. If you are willing to be a part of this effort please call the church office.

It will be imperative to have at least 4 ushers per Sunday to accommodate the social distancing and other measures we are needing to take at this time. Contact the church office 364-2918 or Brent Harm, 712-201-4135 if you are willing to help out ushering. Sign up sheet is on the Welcome Center.

Prayer: If you have any prayer requests simply call the church office. Please keep all health care workers, emergency personnel and law enforcement personnel in your prayers and honor them with your respect as well as follow their instructions. They are on the "front lines" during this time.

Also available on the Website under the bulletin tab will be Congregation at Prayer, Weekly Worship Service, and Weekly Bulletin. Other various items will be under the "What's Happening" Tab.

NEED A DEVOTIONAL RESOURCE you can access with your cell phone, tablet, or computer? Check out the Congregation at Prayer on Facebook. Daily scripture readings, weekly hymns and parts of the catechism. This can even be used with your children. Daily Scripture readings have devotional thoughts in the comments section. Find a link to it on the church's Facebook page. If you have questions, or need a quick link to this resource e-mail Pastor Neil Wehmas, pastorwehmas@gmail.com

KNOW AND PRAY FOR YOUR ELDER

<u>Elder</u>	<u>Household Name Begins with ...</u>
<u>Jeff Gilbert</u>	<u>Aa - Er</u>
<u>Doyle Brown</u>	<u>Es - Iz</u>
<u>Brent Harm</u>	<u>Ja - Lor</u>
<u>Sean Benner</u>	<u>Los - Ree</u>
<u>Aaron Hoffman</u>	<u>Ref - Tar</u>
<u>Brandon Johnson</u>	<u>Tas - Zz</u>

FROM THE BOARD OF HUMAN CARE *Daisy Thayer & Glenda Hausman*

FROM THE PARISH NURSE People are often confused about what antibiotics can do and how to take them properly. The following is adapted from the website <https://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/community/about/can-do.html>.

Antibiotic Do's & Don'ts



What You Can Do - Smart use of antibiotics is the best care. Here are some steps you can take to use antibiotics appropriately so you can get the best treatment when you're sick, protect yourself from harms caused by unnecessary antibiotic use, and combat antibiotic resistance.

Take antibiotics ONLY if you need them.

Antibiotics ONLY treat certain infections caused by bacteria, such as: Strep throat, Whooping cough, Urinary tract infection (UTI).

Antibiotics DO NOT work on viruses, such as those that cause: Colds and runny noses, even if the mucus is thick, yellow, or green; Most sore throats (except strep throat); Flu; Most cases of chest colds (bronchitis).

Antibiotics also ARE NOT needed for some common bacterial infections, including: Many sinus infections; Some ear infections.

Taking antibiotics when they're not needed won't help you, and their side effects can still cause harm. Your doctor can decide the best treatment for you when you're sick. Never pressure your doctor to prescribe an antibiotic.

Take antibiotics exactly as prescribed if you need them.

If your doctor decides an antibiotic is the best treatment when you're sick: Take them exactly as your doctor tells you. Do not share your antibiotics with others. Do not save them for later. Talk to your pharmacist about safely discarding leftover medicines. Do not take antibiotics prescribed for someone else. This may delay the best treatment for you, make you even sicker, or cause side effects. Talk with your doctor and pharmacist if you have any questions about your antibiotics.

Talk with your doctor if you develop any side effects or allergic reactions while taking an antibiotic.

Common side effects range from minor to very severe health problems and can include: Rash, Nausea, Diarrhea, Yeast infections.

More serious side effects can include: *C. diff* infection, which causes diarrhea that can lead to severe colon damage and death; Severe and life-threatening allergic reactions; Antibiotic-resistant infections.

If you need antibiotics, the benefits usually outweigh the risks of side effects and antibiotic resistance.

Antibiotics aren't always the answer when you're sick. Sometimes, the best treatment when you're sick may be over-the-counter medication. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for tips on how to feel better while your body fights off an infection.

LIFE QUOTE "The One who created the heavens and the earth, the Author of the sun and the stars in the sky,



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is also the One who came Himself as the promise of light. Into the darkness of this world, the Word at the very beginning became flesh to dwell among us. Of this remarkably authored story, one witness writes: In Him was life and that life was the light of all people. The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.

(John 1:4-5)" Tejdor Tiewsoh, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries, Shillong, India – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

COMMUNITY BASKET Donations for August. All items are appreciated as well, as they can always use donations. The Community Basket is open on Thursdays (except 3rd Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM. The **Mobile Pantry** will be at St. John Lutheran Church, Kiron on **August 20th from 4:30-5:30PM**

FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP & MISSIONS Brad Zobel & Deb Clausen

We would encourage all to continue with your offerings either by dropping them off at the church, mailing them or doing electronic giving through your bank. Keep praying for God to lead us all through this time!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



Jesus said, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33). Unfortunately, many people seem to transpose this verse as they first seek worldly things with the hope that God's blessings will still be there. Are you more focused on your lifestyle, what you drive, or what you wear than with seeking God? God's promise to those who seek Him is that He will provide for them and bless them. Do you trust in

His promise?

IT MATTERS WHAT WE DO WITH OUR GOD-GIVEN TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURES.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:10).

SHARA OSIRO



Serving the Lord in Eastern and Southern Africa Shara Osiro serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Eastern and Southern Africa, based in Kenya. As the communication specialist for Eastern and Southern Africa, she helps to share the story of what God is doing through LCMS personnel and partner churches in this part of Africa. Shara helps to generate professional, relevant, useable media from the Africa field to be used by LCMS missionaries, the LCMS Office of International Mission, LCMS Mission Advancement, the LCMS Communications Department and partner churches. Another facet of her work is taking photographs and putting together videos of the mission work that takes place in her area. Shara was born in St. Vincent, in the West Indies, and graduated from college with a bachelor's degree in biology. Her home congregation is Christ Lutheran Church in Phoenix, Ariz. Shara has previously served on short-term mission trips to Uganda, Rwanda, Mexico and Peru. She also served with the LCMS for two years in South

Africa. She enjoys going to the movies, reading, traveling and working with kids. Her husband Michael is Kenyan and works as a software engineer. **Prayers:** Pray for Shara and Michael as they serve in Eastern and Southern Africa. Pray God grants them continued strength and wisdom to serve Him and to develop and nurture strong relationships with the local people. Ask God to help them be strong Christian witnesses to many people. Ask the Lord to keep Shara and Michael in good health so that they may serve to their fullest capacity. Let us thank God that Shara and Michael are serving His children in this part of the world.



MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS Mission Central – LCMS World Mission

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Be sure to check the bulletin board in the hallway by pastors' offices for information on Missionaries visiting Mission Central this month.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES *Ross Ladwig, Jeremy Mason, Doug Hanson & John Brinkman*

Project Updates: - Investigating installation of cameras at all exterior doors

- Investigating placemet of outdoor lights at north entrance doors.

FROM THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM / ASSIMILATION *Jen Hoffman & Kristy Gilbert*

MAIN STREET LIVING IS A LUTHERAN TELEVISION PROGRAM that is endorsed by the Iowa West District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The program receives no funding from the District, but is totally funded by viewers and congregations of the KCAU Viewing area. The program is broadcast on **KCAU, the ABC network affiliate in Sioux City on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00 AM.** The first 30 minutes are remastered episodes of the popular "This is the Life" series that was very popular in the 70's and 80's. The second half of the program is a modified Lutheran worship service that features a different Pastor each week, from the station's broadcast area.



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FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION *Jon Devitt & Robyn Devitt*

THEOLOGY VIA ZOOM (also know as "Theology at Jimmy's") led by Pastor Wehmas. Bible Study meets weekly on **Thursdays at 6:30PM** on Facebook (as long as Jimmy's is closed). If you would like to join this study contact Rev. Wehmas at pastorwehmas@gmail.com. He will then send you the link to join the study. We still welcome you to come at any time to join us!

7TH & 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION on Wed. Aug. 26 at 5:45PM, for parents and students.

Midweek 4th - 6th grades starting Sept. 2 from 5:45-6:45PM

PK-3rd grade we will provided packets to do with their parents at home

Lutheran Youth Fellowship Daily Videos

Every day I am creating and posting videos to help you with your journey through this time. I am using YouTube/Facebook to post daily devotions. The range from 7-12 minutes, examining a specific passage of scripture. On TikTok and Instagram, I am posting 60-second daily nuggets of thought. My TikTok Channel is @PastorNeil. Instagram channel: @stpaulig_lyf

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Virtual Bible Study (Starting August 23rd)

High School Bible class for the last two years has been open to 8th-12th graders. This year, I intend to continue that practice. However, I am not confident in our ability to have Bible Class in the youth room and maintain distancing. So, until that is a possibility, a virtual Bible Study will be starting on August 23rd at 8pm on Zoom. This will be open to 6th Graders thru 12th graders. There are two major reasons for doing it at this time:

- 1) Your son/daughter are starting their week with God’s word, it is one of the last things they will do before they start each school week.
- 2) It will put people in the mind of having regular Youth Night on Sundays for when we launch “The Way”.

The Way—Youth Night

The Way will be a Youth Night to launch when we are able to do so safely and as a good witness to our larger community. It will be open to 7th-12th graders. Juniors and Seniors, I am very much looking to you as leaders of this ministry alongside adults and myself. The Way will be a night of fun and God’s word. Every night will involve games or activities and times of worship, discussion, or meditation upon God’s word. We will at times deal with complex issues. For example, a night discussing racism from a Lutheran perspective is in the works. The Way will be every 1st & 3rd Sunday from 6:30-8:00pm. Start date will be determined at a later time.

