



St. Paul News

The Newsletter of
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INSIGHT FROM THE GOD' WORD

Staying in Bed

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17



One night a boy fell out of his bed. The next morning when he told his mother, she asked him how it happened. He answered, "I don't really know, but I expect I stayed too close to where I got in."

There are many people who also stay too close to where they originally got in when it comes to their faith. They join the church but never grow in their faith. They go to church on Sunday but never open their Bibles during the week. They never attend Bible studies. Thus, they never move deeper in their walk with the Lord. When a Christian stops growing in his or her faith, he or she runs the danger of falling out of the bed of faith!

Growth in faith comes through the Word, the Bible. The Bible is, after all, "God-breathed" - God's inspired Word to us. It not only makes us "**wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus**" (2 Timothy 3:15), but is "**useful for teaching, rebuking,**

correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man [and woman] of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Check out the varied Bible Study opportunities this congregation is offering this fall. Make a decision that now is the time for you to make a concerted effort to grow in your faith.

Each of us must ask whether we're growing in our faith. If not, we must do something about it. "**Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity**" (Hebrews 6:1).

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Lord God, through Your Word You have made us "wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." Through the study of Your Word, continue to instruct us, teach, rebuke, correct, and train us in righteousness, so we might be thoroughly equipped for every good work. Amen.

Your Pastor,
Rev. Richard A. Salcido

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for ANY ITEMS for in the October Newsletter by September 16th.

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: Kinze Bieret Confirmation: Bradyn Barber, Silvia Buns, Ethan Frank, Trenton Gilbert, Chloe Jamison, Faith Johnson, Kelton Ladwig, Dylan Malone, Taylor Schable, Carson Sharkey, Hailey Wilcox.

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.

The Fellowship Hall will be available on Sunday mornings if we are in need of overflow seating. If all the "green" seats in the sanctuary are occupied you can go to the Fellowship Hall to view the worship service live on TVs.

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 3.4 (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

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.

We need volunteers! As we are returning to our worship service on Sundays, volunteers are needed. We need ushers, tech personel, etc.

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. This means we need no less than 16 additional ushers and no less than 12 tech volunteers for Sunday mornings. Having this many will enable volunteers to serve only once or twice per month. This much staffing is needed before we can add any additional services.

You can go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c4faeab28a5fc1-volunteers> to sign up as an usher or tech volunteer.

Training will be provided for all these volunteers..

You can also contact the church office 364-2918 or Brent Harm, 712-210-4135 if you are willing to help out as an usher. A sign up sheet is also on the Welcome Center.

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

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

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

FROM THE PARISH NURSE It's time to start planning to get an annual flu vaccine. Here are some excerpts from frequently asked questions taken from the website: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/season/faq-flu-season-2020-2021>. To get the full article and more information please visit the website.



What viruses will the 2020-2021 flu vaccines protect against?

There are many different flu viruses and they are constantly changing. The composition of U.S. flu vaccines is reviewed annually and updated as needed to match circulating flu viruses. Flu vaccines protect against the three or four viruses (depending on the vaccine) that research suggests will be most common.

Are there any changes to the 2020-2021 Northern Hemisphere vaccines from what was included in this season's 2019-2020 U.S. flu vaccines?

Yes, this season's flu vaccines were updated to better match viruses expected to be circulating in the United States.

Do we need to get a flu vaccine earlier this year (i.e. July/August)?

While the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices has not yet voted on the flu vaccine recommendations for 2020-2021, CDC does not anticipate a major change in the recommendation on timing of vaccination. Getting vaccinated in July or August is too early, especially for older people, because of the likelihood of reduced protection against flu infection later in the flu season. September and October are good times to get vaccinated. However, as long as flu viruses are circulating, vaccination should continue, even in January or later.

Will there be changes in how and where flu vaccine is given this fall and winter?

How and where people get a flu vaccine may need to change due to the COVID-19 pandemic. CDC is working with healthcare providers and state and local health departments to develop contingency plans on how to vaccinate people against flu without increasing their risk of exposure to respiratory germs, like the virus that causes COVID-19.

Some settings that usually provide flu vaccine, like workplaces, may not offer vaccination this upcoming season, because of the challenges with maintaining social distancing.

What is the difference between Influenza (Flu) and COVID-19?

Influenza (Flu) and COVID-19 are both contagious respiratory illnesses, but they are caused by different viruses. COVID-19 is caused by infection with a new coronavirus (called SARS-CoV-2) and flu is caused by infection with influenza viruses. Because some of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are similar, it may be hard to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone, and testing may be needed to help confirm a diagnosis.

Will there be flu along with COVID-19 in the fall and winter?

While it's not possible to say with certainty what will happen in the fall and winter, CDC believes it's likely that flu viruses and the virus that causes COVID-19 will both be spreading. In this context, getting a flu vaccine will be more important than ever. CDC recommends that all people 6 months and older get a yearly flu vaccine.

Can I have flu and COVID-19 at the same time?

Yes. It is possible have flu, as well as other respiratory illnesses, and COVID-19 at the same time. Health experts are still studying how common this can be.

Some of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are similar, making it hard to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. Diagnostic testing can help determine if you are sick with flu or COVID-19.

Is there a test that can detect both flu and COVID-19?

Yes. CDC has developed a test that will check for A and B type seasonal flu viruses and SARS CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. This test will be used by U.S. public health laboratories. Testing for these viruses at the same time will give public health officials important information about how flu and COVID-19 are spreading and what prevention steps should be taken. The test will also help public health laboratories save time and testing materials, and to possibly return test results faster.

Is COVID-19 more dangerous than flu?

Flu and COVID-19 can both result in serious illness, including illness resulting in hospitalization or death. While there is still much to learn about COVID-19, at this time, it does seem as if COVID-19 is more deadly than seasonal influenza; however, it is too early to draw any conclusions from the current data. This may change as we learn more about the number of people who are infected who have mild illnesses.

Will a flu vaccine protect me against COVID-19?

Getting a flu vaccine will not protect against COVID-19, however flu vaccination has many other important benefits. Flu vaccines have been shown to reduce the risk of flu illness, hospitalization and death. Getting a flu vaccine this fall will be more important than ever, not only to reduce your risk from flu but also to help conserve potentially scarce health care resources.

What is CDC doing to promote flu vaccination during the COVID-19 pandemic?

To address the importance of influenza vaccination, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, CDC will maximize flu vaccination by increasing availability of vaccine, including purchasing an additional 2 million doses of pediatric flu vaccine and 9.3 million doses of adult flu vaccine, by emphasizing the importance of flu vaccination for the entire flu season, and by conducting targeted communication

outreach to specific groups who are at higher risk for complications from flu. These same groups are often at higher risk for COVID-19 too, so protecting them from influenza is important to decrease their risk of co-infection.

A prayer for the aged taken from Portals of Prayer July to September 2020 p. 112: *As we consider our aging bodies, we remember the terrible toll sin has taken on our world. Your creation is groaning in anticipation of renewal. Help the aged be content in their waiting for You. Show them their use in the lives of others. Help them remember that their bodies and minds are precious to You for eternity. And, Lord, please provide willing and able help for them in their time of need. Amen*

LIFE QUOTE "When discipline and correction are called for in the Christian family, it is always administered in love, given for the express purpose of benefitting the family as a whole—the household as a whole. By this the family is strengthened to better witness to the life they share by faith in Jesus. For by the grace of God and in the power of His Holy Spirit, the Christian family at work, worship, prayer, or play bears witness to the faith that is in them through their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." *Ron Schlegel, The Lutheran Laymen – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



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COMMUNITY BASKET Donations for **September – Laundry/Kitchen items: detergent, bleach, sryer sheets, fabric softener, dish soap.** 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 Quad County Corn Producer in Galva on **September 17th 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

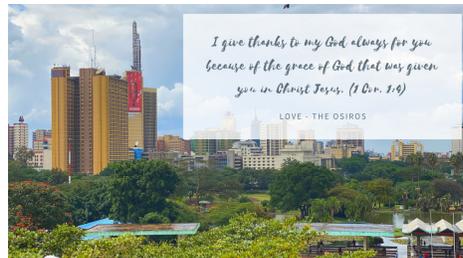


Jim Elliot, who was a missionary and a martyr for his faith, gave us this profound statement: "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." Through faith, we understand the truth in this statement. All of our worldly possessions will at some time be taken away from us. We will lose them during our lifetimes, or they will be taken away at death. They cannot be kept forever. However, we have the opportunity to use our material possessions in service to the Lord by giving to those in need and God's Church. What we give through faith will provide spiritual dividends for us as well as for others. As Paul wrote, "[The gifts you sent] are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God" (Philippians 4:18). In verse 17, he wrote, "Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account." What we do in Christ's name for Him, we cannot lose.



SHARA OSIRO - Serving the Lord in Eastern and Southern Africa

Dear Friends in Christ, We pray that you and your families remain safe and well as we



face these uncertain times. Michael and I and our Africa team are all well. We thank the Lord for His protection and for keeping us in His care.

Thank you for your faithful support of our ministry. We really can't thank you enough for all of your prayers, love, encouragement and support. It is a blessing for us to serve the Lord and to share this journey with you.

Love in Christ,
Shara & Michael



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: - Narthex stoned glass window lighting complete.

- Investigating installation of cameras at all exterior doors.
- Investigating placement of outdoor lights at north entrance doors.
- Water fountains – not cooling need fixing or replacing.
- Investigating Internet provider upgrade – can't live stream – if updated could show on Facebook at 9:00am. Possible Verizon hotspot option.
- Investigating motion activated lighting by front door.
- Investigating solar lighting for the steeple.

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



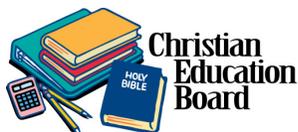
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City on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00 AM. The first 30 minutes are remastered episodes of the popular "This is the Life" series that was very popular in the 70's and 80's. The second half of the program is a modified Lutheran worship service that 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*



FOR CHILDREN:

PK - 4th grade - will be provided packets to do with their parents at home.

5th - 6th grades will meet on Wednesdays at 5:45-6:45 PM in the lower level classrooms.

7th & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION – 7th & 8th Grade classes meet on

Wednesdays at 5:45 - 6:45 PM. 7th Grade meets in the lower level Conference Room. 8th grade meets in the Fellowship Hall.

We ask that all students wear a facemask when entering and leaving the building through the lower level (7th Street) doors. The doors will be marked – **one door "Enter Only" and the other "Exit Only."** Facemasks may be removed while in the classroom but must be worn when leaving the classroom for any reason.

FOR ADULTS:

Theology Via Facebook (also know as "Theology at Jimmy's") led by Pastor Wehmas. Bible Study meets weekly on **Thursdays at 6:30PM** on Facebook. 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!

Wednesday Morning Class meets on Wednesday mornings in the Fellowship Hall (to provide for social distancing) at 9:30 AM. Led by Pastor Salcido. Our study is entitled One Nation Under God – Healing Racial Divides in America, written by our own District Executive, Rev. B. Keith Haney.

FROM THE BOARD OF YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE *Amy Bennett*

Lutheran Youth Fellowship Daily Videos

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



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SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Elders 7:00PM	2 9:30AM Bible Study 5:45-6:45PM Midweek 5 th -8 th grades	3	4	5
6 <i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00AM Worship w/Communion social distancing parking lot tune into 97.1 2:00PM online & local cable channel	7 Labor Day Church Office Closed	8 Church Council 7:00PM	9 9:30AM Bible Study 5:45-6:45PM Midweek 5 th -8 th grades	10	11 <i>Patriot Day</i>	12
13 <i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00AM Worship social distancing parking lot tune into 97.1 2:00PM online & local cable channel	14	15	16 9:30AM Bible Study 5:45-6:45PM Midweek 5 th -8 th grades	17	18	19
20 <i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00AM Worship w/Communion social distancing parking lot tune into 97.1 2:00PM online & local cable channel	21	22 <i>Autumn begins</i>	23 9:30AM Bible Study 5:45-6:45PM Midweek 5 th -8 th grades	24	25	26
27 <i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00AM Worship social distancing parking lot tune into 97.1 2:00PM online & local cable channel	28	29	30 9:30AM Bible Study 5:45-6:45PM Midweek 5 th -8 th grades			