



St. Paul News

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“In the Name of...”

In the morning, when you rise, you shall bless yourself with the holy cross and say, In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.¹

In the evening, when you go to bed, you shall bless yourself with the holy cross and say: In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.² (Luther’s Small Catechism)

We begin each service with these words. By Luther’s recommendation in his Small Catechism is to make the sign of the cross and say these words when you wake up and when you go to sleep. Why are the words, “In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.” so central to the faith?

Let’s begin with Jesus’ command in Matthew 28:19, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”. These are indeed the words with which we are all Baptized. Also, at Baptism the pastor says, “Receive the sign of the cross upon your forehead and your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.”

With the sign of the cross and the words of the Invocation, this is what we remember. We remember the moment in which God claimed us as his own child. We say these words when we wake up.

The word calls us to specific type of life. That as God’s children, we are his witnesses. We are to represent Him in our words and our actions. The Invocation reminds us that for the many moments we will fail throughout the day, we are forgiven by the blood of Jesus in our Baptism. The Invocation reminds us that if the day brings tribulation, we are God’s child. If someone breaks us down, and makes us feel like nothing we are God’s child. Starting the day with these words is a call to remember one’s identity in Christ.

The Invocation at the end of the day reminds us of the forgiveness we have in Christ for all of the failings that day, both that which we know of and don’t know of. The Invocation at the end of the day reminds us that should death take us in the night, we God’s own child and therefore an heir of paradise.

The Invocation at the start of the worship service reminds us that no matter how often we had sinned through the week, we are God’s own child, we can gladly say it. It means that as his beloved children, the word we hear is for us. The supper that is prepared for us. It means that we are heirs of his everlasting kingdom.

“In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.” Such simple words to guide us through an often challenging world. Great words to remember our identity first and foremost in Christ Jesus. They are words to remember we are God’s Own Child, the evils of the world, the devil, and death itself cannot rob us of our gladness. We indeed are made heirs of paradise.

¹ Paul Timothy McCain, ed., [*Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*](#) (St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 2005), 344.

² Paul Timothy McCain, ed., [*Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*](#) (St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 2005), 344.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for ANY ITEMS for in the November Newsletter by October 15th.

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

CHURCH NEWS

OFFICIAL ACTS Funeral: Roy Sievert

Received by Reaffirmation of Faith: Ken and Connie Boger

FROM THE ELDERS

Sean Benner, 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 to 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 or 374 (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, 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! We need ushers and tech personel, etc.

It is 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 available in the Narthex.

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

St. Paul Lutheran Church Elders are here for you, and interested in your input or concerns

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

PARISH NURSE Flu season is almost here. It is important for all people age 6 months and older to get a flu vaccine. The following article talks about why it is especially important for those 65 years and older to get a flu vaccine and how a high dose vaccine is a good option for those 65 years and older. It was taken from the website www.cdc.gov/flu/highrisk/65over.

It has been recognized for many years that people 65 years and older are at high risk of developing serious complications from flu compared with young, healthy adults. This risk is due in part to changes in immune defenses with increasing age. While flu seasons vary in severity, during most seasons, people 65 years and older bear the greatest burden of severe flu disease. In recent years, for example, it's estimated that between 70 percent and 85 percent of seasonal flu-related deaths have occurred in people 65 years and older, and between 50 percent and 70 percent of seasonal flu-related hospitalizations have occurred among people in this age group.

The best way to protect against flu and its potentially serious complications is with a flu vaccine. CDC recommends that almost everyone 6 months of age and older get a seasonal flu vaccine each year by the end of October. However, as long as flu viruses are circulating, vaccination should continue throughout flu season, even into January or later.

Flu vaccination is especially important for people 65 years and older because they are at high risk of developing serious complications from flu. Flu vaccines are updated each season as needed to keep up with changing viruses. Also, immunity wanes over a year so annual vaccination is needed to ensure the best possible protection against flu. A flu vaccine protects against the flu viruses that research indicates will be most common during the upcoming season. Flu vaccines for 2020-2021 have been updated from last season's vaccine to better match circulating viruses. Immunity from vaccination fully sets in after about two weeks.

Because of age-related changes in their immune systems, people 65 years and older may not respond as well to vaccination as younger people. Although immune responses may be lower in older people, studies have consistently found that flu vaccine has been effective in reducing the risk of medical visits and hospitalizations associated with flu.

People 65 years and older should get a flu shot, not a nasal spray vaccine. They can get any flu vaccine approved for use in their age group with no preference for any one vaccine over another. There are regular flu shots that are approved for use in people 65 years and older and there is also a vaccine designed specifically for this group: **High Dose Flu Vaccine** - The high dose vaccine contains four times the amount of antigen (the inactivated virus that promotes a protective immune response) as a regular flu shot. It is associated with a stronger immune response following vaccination (higher antibody production). Results from a clinical trial of more than 30,000 participants showed that adults 65 years and older who received the high dose vaccine had 24% fewer influenza illnesses as compared to those who received the standard dose flu vaccine. The high dose vaccine has been approved for use in the United States since 2009.

Sue Salcido RN FCN

LIFE QUOTE "I pray that the love of Christ emboldens you to rejoice in the Word and to speak it without



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fear of consequence ... may future generations speak of us like we do of David, Josiah, Luther, and our forefathers. May our children say of you and me, 'Our forefathers stood their ground on Christ alone, on His Word of truth alone.' The truth has set you free. Enjoy your own personal reformation. Then let your freedom in Christ be contagious! Let your life continue to shout: Thank Jesus

Christ my Savior! I'm free at last ... and so are you! Amen." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

COMMUNITY BASKET **Donations for October – Pasta: macaroni, mac & cheese, spaghetti and other related items.** 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 Inited Methodist Church in Ida Grove **on October 15th from 4:30-5:30PM**

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

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS If you are not able to be present for worship we encourage you to continue with your offerings either by dropping them off at the church, mailing them or doing electronic giving through your bank. Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated. Keep praying for God to lead us all through this time!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



God calls each of us to give. In 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 we read, “Now He Who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” These verses tell us that God will not only meet our needs but will provide even more than we need. God does not limit His gifts to His people but rather provides abundantly. God blesses His people with blessings that may or may not be material in nature. If God chooses to bless us financially, He is putting us in a position to be even more generous. The more we give, the more we can receive so we will be able to keep on giving, thus bringing thanksgiving to God.

COMING SOON: Faithful Stewards of God’s Gifts. As God’s stewards, we are to devote our lives and gifts to fulfill His purpose. However, our human nature seeks the possession of things, wants to be important, and desires to be in control. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we understand that God is in control and that He owns everything. “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof...” (Psalm 24:1). With transformed hearts, we can be God’s stewards who express our faith in the way we live our lives. Through faith, God provides motivation and power to live the Christian life in a growing awareness of God’s redeeming grace. In the coming weeks, we begin a stewardship emphasis titled **Faithful Stewards of God’s Gifts**. We will understand that being a Christian steward is a wonderful privilege. God calls and chooses us to be His stewards, and He acts in and through us. We are God’s hands, feet, and mouth to 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: - Narthex stoned glass window lighting complete.

- Repairing Education building heating and air-conditioning.
- Investigating installation of cameras at all exterior doors.
- Investigating Internet provider upgrade – can’t live stream – if updated could show on Facebook at 9:00am.
- Investigating solar lighting for the steeple.

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*



FOR CHILDREN:

PK-3rd grade - providing packets to do with their parents at home.
4th - 6th grades - 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:

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

Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

“The Way” Youth Night (7th-12th Grade)

Theme: Where did the Bible come from?
 Sunday, October 18th 6:00-7:30pm @St. John Lutheran, Battle Creek

“The Truth” Bible Class (7th-12th Grade)

Every Sunday from 10:15-11:15am
 Meets in High School Youth Room

“The LYF” Events

Pumpkin Carving Date & Location: To Be Determined

Keep an eye on your e-mails, Facebook, and Instagram (@stpaulig_lyf) for information on future events.

Higher Things Conference—Forgiven 2021

June 29-July 2, 2021

North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND

July 6-9, 2021

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

July 20-23, 2021

Calvin University, Grand Rapids, MI

July 27-30, 2021

Concordia University-Texas, Austin, TX



REMINDER TO CHURCH BOARDS: Your 2021 Budget will need to be presented at the October 13, 2020 Church Council meeting, for approval to be presented to the Voters’ Meeting in November.

LAP ROBES we have a couple ladies that are tying quilts yet and lap robes, and if you know of someone who would like a lap robe or would like one yourself, please let the church office know or Susan Miller. Thank you for those who have donated sheets and blankets for these, if you are cleaning out your closet we will still take blankets, sheets, etc. to be used for the lap robes and quilts.

A fixer-upper

Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what he is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently he starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is he up to?

The explanation is that he is building quite a different house from the one you thought of – throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but he is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it himself.

—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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LWML SUNDAY 4 9:00AM Worship w/Communion social distancing parking lot tune into 97.1 10:15-11:15AM 7 th -12 th Grade Bible Study 2:00PM online & local cable channel	5	Elders 7:00PM 6	10:30-4:30PM Bloodmobile 5:45-6:45PM Midweek 5th -8th Grades 7	8	9	10
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 11 9:00AM Worship social distancing parking lot tune into 97.1 10:15-11:15AM 7 th -12 Grade Bible Study 2:00PM online & local cable channel 6:00-7:30PM @ St. John's, Battle Creek 7 th -12 th Grade Youth	14	Church Council 7:00PM 15	9:30AM Bible Study 5:45-6:45PM Midweek 5th -8th Grades 16	17	18	19
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REFORMATION DAY 25 9:00AM Worship social distancing parking lot tune into 97.1 2:00PM online & local cable channel	26	27	9:30AM Bible Study 5:45-6:45PM Midweek 5th -8th Grades 28	29	30	Halloween 31 (set your clocks back 1 hour when you go to bed)