



St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
508 North Chicago Road
Thornton, IL 60476

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The Glad Spirit

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

March – April 2021



We will be holding all of the Lenten services this year. Pastor Fluechtling will be leading all of the Lenten services through Good Friday. **(Lent and Holy week services will be at 7p)**. Northern Illinois district President Buss will come down and lead our Palm Sunday **(at 9:45a)** and Easter service **(at 7a, only one service)**.

All services will be live streamed and archived on Facebook at, www.facebook.com/splcms

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***“St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church,
Thornton IL.”***

Ash Wednesday
With Communion and ashes
February 17, 2021 7pm
Redemptive Love

In our service for Ash Wednesday we will look at the "Redemptive Love" that our Lord has for us. He redeems us from sin, death and hell so that we might live with Him forever.

For the Six weeks of Lent, we will look into the rich and diverse aspects of our Lord's love for us, shown most clearly in the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Each service focuses specifically on a meaningful description of God's love for us as it is shown us in to the words and actions of our Lord who is God's love incarnate come down from heaven to save us. **Wednesday Lenten Worship Services** Begin at 7:00 p.m

Lenten Services schedule for 2021

Second Wednesday In Lent
February 24, 2021 7pm
Compassionate Love

In our service for the Second Wednesday in Lent we will look at the Compassionate Love that our Lord has for us. He feels for us in our need and takes measures to help us out of our despair.

Third Wednesday in Lent
March 3, 2021 7pm
Steadfast Love

In our service for the Third Wednesday in Lent, we will look at the steadfast nature of His love for us. He will always keep on caring for us through thick and thin and never will He ever stop holding us close to Him. In this, God's love is shown.

Fourth Wednesday in Lent
March 10, 2021 7pm
Enriching Love

In our service for the Fourth Wednesday in Lent, we will look at the Enriching Love that our Lord has for us. His Love fills us with good things and helps us to grow and develop into the people he wants us to be.

Fifth Wednesday In Lent
March 17, 2021 7pm
Living Love

In our service for the Fifth Wednesday we will look at the Living Love that our Lord has for us. His love enlivens us to carry out His will with energy and share His love whole heartedly. In this, God's love is shown.

Sixth Wednesday In Lent
March 24, 2021 7pm
Holy Love

In our service for the Sixth Wednesday in Lent, we will look at the Holy Love that our Lord's Lord has for us. His love sets us apart to divinely inspire us, His people to love beyond all human love.

Maundy Thursday
with Communion
April 1, 2021 7pm

Good Friday
Tenebrae Service
April 2, 2021 7pm

Easter Sunrise
April 4, 2021 7am

*Message
From the
Elders*



At this time because of Covid 19 there will be no Pot luck dinners or Easter Sunrise breakfast. Hopefully we can resume Fellowship meals later this year

Lent is a time that we look at sin, in particular our own sins and Jesus suffering and his death for each one of us. Make every effort to make every service whether in Church or on-line. As well take extra time this Lent for devotions. There are many ways to devote some time to the Lord, be it reading the Bible, your Catechism, Portal of Prayer or one of the many daily devotions that are available to us. Here's a small sample:

Lutheran Hour devotions
Lutheran Church Charities
Issues ETC

On pages 6-8 please find our 2020 year-end financial statements along with the 2021 Budget which will be voted on the next voters meeting. Please note Pastors salary and insurance may need to be adjusted once a Pastor is called. For now the Budget has been adjusted to something we believe we can afford. Should you have any questions please contact Church Council member, or Mary Sella at 708-877-6231 or Treasurer@splcms.org

On page 5 please find a questionnaire for calling a Pastor. Take some time and input your thought on what our Church needs. Because of Covid this has been a slow process. The call committee

hopes that we can share a Pastor with another Parish and split the costs. Should you have any questions contact Bill Sommer or one of the Elders.

Watch for spring cleaning dates, our Church is in need of a good cleaning. As well when the weather breaks cleaning and planting on the Church grounds.

Volunteer, there are many positions and help that is needed in every area of the Church. Elders, Trustees, Altar Guide, Evangelism, Church cleaning teams, Monitor operator, Facebook live operator.

Facebook live has been well received during the pandemic. We have seen up to 78 devices checking in during a service. Remember to LIKE our page and by all means SHARE when you watch. This is your way to Evangelize



Lenten Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries

The Marks of Love

Following the narrative of Mark's Gospel, The Marks of Love explores the life and ministry of Jesus. The tragedy of Golgotha is met with the triumph of the resurrection on Easter morning. Along the way, we learn of Jesus' deep compassion for those He loved and served, including those who put Him to death.

No story in human history is like the narrative of Jesus' Passion. In it we see God in the flesh, coming to seek and to save the lost. In The Marks of Love, we meet a Savior who endured life's hardships, suffered our pain, and bore the weight of our sins. Each left its mark on Him as He pressed on to the cross, giving His life for ours, appeasing God's wrath against sin, and rising victorious over sin, death, and the devil.

Daily Devotions from LHM will help strengthen and encourage your faith as you do the same for others. Have them delivered right to your inbox, podcast the audio devotional, access them on your mobile device through the FREE app, or listen with Spotify, iHeart Radio, Alexa, or

Google Home. Devotions for Lent are available at <https://www.lhm.org/lent/>. Perfect for personal reflection or to share with family, friends and congregations, these seasonal meditations will help prepare you to celebrate the true meaning of these seasons.



There is a discussion group on Facebook about LHM's "The Marks of Love" Lenten Devotions Beginning February 17. Each day's devotion will be posted to the group. You can make a comment or a thought for discussion on one of the posts. To search on Facebook the group is called Let's Discuss the Devotions. The address is www.facebook.com/groups/st.paul.discuss/



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First, a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone for your continued support of Social Ministry through our Food Pantry. Without congregational help, we would not be able to help those in need and do God's work. God commands us to help each other and give to others as we have been blessed to receive.

In November and December, we remembered our military and shut-ins by sending greeting cards. We were also able to help six families at Thanksgiving and four families at Christmas with Aldi gift cards in place of actual food baskets; Greeting cards and Portals of Prayer were also included. In between the holidays, additional items from the food pantry closet and supplemental gift cards were distributed to help those in need. Our food pantry closet is still being used, and your donations of non-perishable items are always welcome.

It is hard to believe that we are going to be doing our second Easter with COVID-19 restrictions still in place; our plan is to utilize the Aldi gift cards again. Easter is April 4th, and we are planning to send out the cards on March 21st, so they will arrive in time to shop for their Easter meal. If you would like to contribute towards the gift cards, place your donations in your regular church envelope and note it for "Social Ministry Easter".

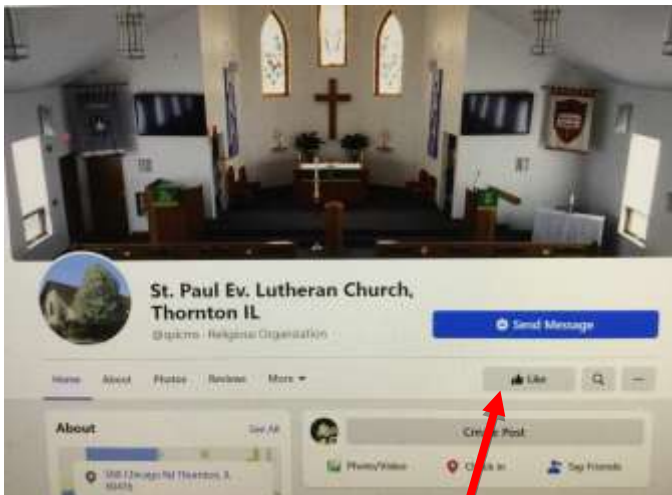
God's blessings to all and thanks again from the families.

"For I was hungry, and you gave me food."
—Matthew 25:28



Live

Our on-line Church Service has moved. We are no longer streaming our service on the web site. We have moved to Facebook. Simply, on your Facebook page search for:
St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Thornton IL



Once there click the Like button.

That's it, Sunday mornings at 9:45 go onto your Facebook page and when we go live you'll get a notification.

The Service then is on Facebook for later viewing as well. For those who are not on Facebook, services will still be available on our website by the following day. For those who don't have a

computer you can always call the office to get a DVD mailed to you.



We'd love to see you in worship. If for some reason you cannot make it, you may join in the service in our live streaming at 9:45 a.m. at www.facebook.com/splcms



Asleep in Jesus – Bob Gastrich of our congregation entered eternity on Saturday, February 13. At this time arrangements are pending.. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though he die, yet shall he live." (John 11:25)



GOD THINKS I SHOULD SLEEP IN HERE 'TIL HE'S FINISHED MAKIN' IT THUNDER AN' LIGHTNIN'.

Congregational Survey Questionnaire **Open-Ended Responses (optional)**

Your answer to these questions will help the church leadership understand your needs and desires more fully.

1. What are the strengths of this congregation?

2. What would you change about this congregation?

3. Your message to the leadership of this congregation – I want our leaders to....

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St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Budget Worksheet by Minor Group

	2018 Year end	Actual 2019 Year end	2020 Year end	Budget 2020	2021
Income Accounts					
Major 01, Offerings					
Envelopes and Baskets:	\$129,650	\$111,540	\$72,229	\$111,540	\$77,285
Amazon Smile:	\$104	\$152	\$173	\$152	\$0
Gap:	\$0	\$9,772	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total, Offerings:	\$129,369	\$121,464	\$72,402	\$111,692	\$77,285
		Pastor would have given	\$27,000		
			\$99,402		
Major 08, AXA Income					
Major, AXA Income:	\$715	\$660	\$660	\$660	\$660
Major 09, Thrivent Funds Income					
Major, Thrivent Funds Income:	\$89	\$531	\$0	\$0	\$0
Major 10, Ohio National Ins. Income					
Major, Ohio National Ins. Income:	\$805	\$198	\$0	\$0	\$0
Major 12, Hall Rental					
Major, Hall Rental:	\$1,000	\$600	\$200	\$0	\$0
Total Income:	\$131,978	\$123,453	\$73,262	\$112,352	\$77,945

2021 Weekly offerings needed \$1,486.25

Expense Accounts

Major 01, Salaries

Pastor Salary:	\$68,450	\$65,000	\$8,125	\$65,000	\$30,000
Guest Pastor Salary:	\$2,575	\$0	\$8,265	\$2,000	\$10,000
Organist Salary:	\$1,644	\$2,339	\$833	\$3,000	\$1,000
Secretary Salary:	\$4,950	\$7,440	\$9,354	\$9,360	\$11,700
Janitor Salary:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Church Portion of F.I.C.A.:	\$0	\$0	\$435	\$0	\$895
Total Salaries:	\$77,619	\$77,779	\$27,012	\$80,360	\$54,595

Major 02, Car Allowance

Car Allowance:	\$240	\$240	\$300	\$2,400	\$0
Mileage Reimbursement:	\$418	\$0	\$2,680	\$0	\$3,000
Total Car Allowance:	\$2,818	\$240	\$2,980	\$2,400	\$3,000

Major 03, Insurance

Church and Property:	\$4,459	\$4,667	\$4,964	\$4,900	\$5,200
Pastor Insure/Retirement:	\$27,974	\$25,170	\$2,355	\$17,644	\$0
Total Insurance:	\$32,433	\$29,837	\$7,319	\$22,544	\$5,200

Major 04, Utilities

Electricity:	\$2,793	\$2,559	\$2,585	\$3,000	\$3,000
Gas:	\$1,451	\$1,434	\$1,449	\$1,500	\$1,500
Water:	\$127	\$120	\$100	\$200	\$200
Telephone and Internet:	\$1,543	\$1,835	\$1,906	\$1,900	\$1,900
Total, Utilities:	\$5,914	\$5,948	\$6,040	\$6,600	\$6,600

Major 05, Maintenance					
Total Maintenance:	\$6,742	-\$227	\$2,746	\$1,500	\$1,500
Major 06, Office Expenses					
Supplies:	\$422	\$347	\$398	\$500	\$500
Computers/printers:	\$2,498	\$334	\$386	\$500	\$500
Postage:	\$493	\$429	\$405	\$500	\$500
Total Office Expenses:	\$3,413	\$1,110	\$1,189	\$1,500	\$1,500
Major 07, Spiritual Supplies					
Spiritual Supplies:	\$1,829	\$1,568	\$2,796	\$2,000	\$3,000
Church Supplies:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Music:	\$89	\$2	\$0	\$50	\$50
Total Spiritual Supplies:	\$1,918	\$1,570	\$2,796	\$2,050	\$3,050
Major 08, Boards					
Evangelism:	\$19	\$0	\$84	\$200	\$200
Adult Education:	-\$10	\$0	\$505	\$200	\$500
Stewardship:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100
Sunday School:	\$0	\$0	\$246	\$0	\$1,000
Fellowship:			\$316	\$200	\$200
Total Boards:	\$0	\$0	\$835	\$700	\$2,000
Major 14, Conventions/meetings/Conf					
Conventions/meetings/Conf:	\$80	\$872	\$355	\$750	\$500
Major 15, Pay Pal Fees					
Pay Pal Fees:	\$0	\$0	\$21	\$0	\$0
Total Expense:	\$131,235	\$116,289	\$51,293	\$118,404	\$77,945

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St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report by Major Group
 December of Fiscal Year 2020
 Responsibility: All
 Fund: 01 - General

	December Actual	Year-to-date Actual	Year-to-date Budget	Remaining Budget
Income				
Offerings	7,496.20	72,402.75	111,692.00	39,289.25
AXA Income	110.00	715.00	660.00	-55.00
Thrivent Funds Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ohio National Ins. Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hall Rental	0.00	200.00	0.00	-200.00
Total Income	7,606.20	73,317.75	112,352.00	39,034.25
Expense				
Salaries	2,265.08	27,012.10	80,360.00	53,347.90
Car Allowance	275.00	2,980.00	2,400.00	-580.00
Insurance	1,136.25	7,319.21	22,544.00	15,224.79
Utilities	483.80	6,039.24	6,600.00	560.76
Maintenance	132.00	2,745.54	1,500.00	-1,245.54
Office Expenses	85.59	1,188.86	1,500.00	311.14
Spiritual Supplies	219.30	2,796.25	2,050.00	-746.25
Boards	40.00	905.41	700.00	-205.41
Conventions/meetings/Conf	0.00	354.71	750.00	395.29
Pay Pal Fees	0.00	21.20	0.00	-21.20
Total Expense	4,637.02	51,362.52	118,404.00	67,041.48
Income Less Expense	2,969.18	21,955.23	-6,052.00	-28,007.23

St Paul month end totals

2020	Offerings	Expenses	difference	Transferred from Savings to Cover Expenses	TRANSFER TO SAVINGS
January	\$7,137.63	\$8,612.30	-\$1,474.67		
February	\$6,119.05	\$7,119.01	-\$999.96		
March	\$7,603.24	\$3,986.78	\$3,616.46		\$2,500.00
April	\$4,700.98	\$3,768.78	\$932.20		\$3,000.00
May	\$5,149.74	\$2,775.18	\$2,374.56		\$2,000.00
June	\$4,930.00	\$3,267.40	\$1,662.60		\$2,000.00
July	\$6,221.25	\$3,471.86	\$2,749.39		\$3,000.00
August	\$7,097.83	\$2,815.68	\$4,282.15		\$3,000.00
September	\$5,008.00	\$3,912.70	\$1,095.30		\$3,000.00
October	\$4,470.00	\$2,986.09	\$1,483.91		
November	\$7,273.83	\$4,009.72	\$3,264.11		\$4,500.00
December	\$7,606.20	\$4,637.02	\$2,969.18		
Year to date	\$73,317.75	\$51,362.52	21955.23		\$23,000.00

Bank Balances on the last day of the month, which will not show any outstanding checks or deposits.

Date	5/3 Checking General Fund	5/3 Savings	5/3Savings LYF (9032)	AXA Equitable Annuity	Ohio Annuity	Total assets
January	\$4,108.63	\$10,328.71	\$1,006.50	\$15,227.86	\$27,789.01	\$58,460.71
February	\$4,069.44	\$10,328.79	\$1,006.50	\$15,227.86	\$27,789.01	\$58,421.60
March	\$5,493.90	\$12,828.88	\$1,006.50	\$15,160.18	\$27,992.29	\$62,481.75
April	\$4,679.07	\$15,828.99	\$1,006.50	\$15,160.18	\$27,992.29	\$64,667.03
May	\$3,597.15	\$17,829.12	\$1,006.50	\$15,090.27	\$27,992.29	\$65,515.33
June	\$5,426.69	\$19,829.27	\$1,006.50	\$15,056.93	\$28,199.34	\$69,518.73
July	\$4,001.37	\$22,829.46	\$1,006.50	\$15,021.52	\$28,199.34	\$71,058.19
August	\$6,050.69	\$25,829.64	\$1,006.50	\$15,021.52	\$28,199.34	\$76,107.69
September	\$4,575.61	\$28,829.87	\$1,006.50	\$14,953.26	\$28,410.22	\$77,775.46
October	\$4,429.62	\$28,830.11	\$1,006.50	\$14,957.28	\$28,437.84	\$77,661.35
November	\$4,833.47	\$33,330.34	\$1,006.50	\$14,916.93	\$28,437.84	\$82,525.08
December	\$6,685.16	\$33,330.34	\$1,006.50	\$14,882.01	\$28,437.84	\$84,341.85