



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

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The Glad Spirit St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

June – August 2021



WOW! Excellent symbolism, and I am so proud of the Lutheran Church for doing this absolutely beautiful display of our GREAT American Flag. Thank you so so much - from me and...the six year old! WOW Just WOW!

It can be interpreted in many ways - those who came home with disabilities, those soldiers who came home with pride for serving their country and for those soldiers who did not get to come home. Thank you to all."



Pastor Wahl had a great idea to put American flags on the front lawn of Church for Memorial Day. Here is an email we received last week

“OK as I was driving the other day down Chicago Road, , and had a 6 year old in car seat in back - we spotted THE Flags - the BEAUTIFUL display of American Flags on the Lutheran church lawn. I had chills!

From the back seat - WOW! Just WOW! It was all he could say - WOW! Just WOW! I thought the same - and he kept repeating WOW! Just WOW! Just a few words that really explain the meaning of all those American Flags - WOW Just



Confirmation Class



Greetings

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church will be offering Adult Education/Confirmation classes this summer. An opportunity to explore the Lutheran religion as explained in Luther's Small Catechism. It is also an excellent time for confirmed members of the church to renew their own personal commitment of faith. Pastor D. Fleuchting has graciously offered to lead these classes.

An informational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 23rd at 7pm at St. Paul Church.

If you are interested in attending this meeting please contact the Church office 708-877-6564 or email office@splcms.org.

Yours in Christ,

Deb Brandy



Sunday School Survey

Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church **Please fill out this survey** so we can best proceed with Sunday School in the fall.

<https://forms.gle/9bM8KXNnzpCYmUK7A>

Feel free to email Dana Krieger (teacher92581@comcast.net) with questions and suggestions. More information about what Sunday School will look like will be forthcoming. Please complete the survey as soon as possible, but by August 1st, 2021.

Message From the Elders



Friends in Christ,

This is an update from the Board of Elders. Now that we are turning the corner on COVID-19, let's review our policies.

We are still requiring wearing masks in our Church and Parish Hall and Social distancing

In the Church we are roping off every other pew.

We are still not using the common cup for communion.

We have started walking around the offering.

We will start having coffee after Church starting June 6.

When the State moves into phase 5 (rumored to be mid June), we will make masks required for people who are not vaccinated and optional for people who are vaccinated. We will post a sign on the doors when this happens. We will still have masks and sanitizer at each door. We will also ask people to sing with your full voices. We will still rope off every other pew and not use the common cup for communion.

A special thanks to Deb for scheduling a pastor every Sunday for the last year plus.

We are also starting an adult confirmation class. If you are interested, the first class will be Wed, June 23 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.

The Board of Elders



Call Committee Report

The Call Committee has been reviewing and discussing different options available to congregations in the process of calling a Pastor. More information will be made available as things progress. A text message I received just today: When we work, WE work, when we pray God Works. Let us all offer up our prayers for guidance and Gods will be done.



Adult Fellowship

Starting June 6th Coffee and...has returned!! Yeah an opportunity to catch up!!! Coffee, Conversation and treats. These are a few of our favorite things. As in the past lets share providing the treats!



THE TRUSTEE'S REPORT

At this current time we do not have Trustees, but we have been very blessed with Henry and Louie Sella. They have been keeping the outside of the church looking good, as well as this inside and many other things that we don't notice until they are not available (like heat and air conditioning) Let's Give a big shout out to these 2 wonderful guys THANK YOU HENRY AND LOUIE FOR ALL YOU DO!



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Thanks everyone for your continued support. 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. As Covid restrictions ease, our food pantry will once again be used to help provide for those in need. Gift cards and monetary donations are still the best way to help support this ministry until we can fully open the pantry again.

Katherine Dampier's family received our sympathy card. Katherine had been a friend of St. Paul's for many years. Many of you knew her through our Social Ministry program. The family was grateful for the card and many prayers.

Thanks,
Norma



From Fellow Members

The church occasionally receives cards from members or former members of our church. These cards will be on the table in the parish hall as well as some blank cards to send out to others. It is a wonderful thing to receive mail (not a bill or advertisement) from people you know and care about. It is also a great way to just say Hi, we missed you! There is also an address list available for our members on the Special Concerns list and Serving in the Military. Take a card or sign a card with a little greeting and share the love!



1881-2021 140 Years

St. Paul's will be celebrating 140 years this year on September 12th. We need to Celebrate, Rejoice, Make a Joyful Noise, most of all Give Thanks for 140 years of being God's church. A great time to reflect on our past and into our future. Help plan the festivities Many Hands make light work. All hands on deck!!!!

There has been some discussion of creating a few new banners to go in between the windows in church as well as a few to cover the back of the piano that reflect the colors of the paraments. If you are interested in working on these projects over the summer please contact Deb Brandy.



Madalynn Rose Marie Kitakis was Baptized into Christ on Sunday April 18th by Pastor Dooberstein. Madalynn was surrounded by her family and friends. Parents are Tim and Nikki Kitakis and her big sister Kayla.



I recently found out the purpose of the Remember in Prayer or as I call it the “Pink sheet” with all the people listed, St. Paul Family, Birthdays, Anniversaries, those with Special Concerns and Serving in the Military has a little different purpose than I thought. I always thought, let me pray for them Sunday and we are good. Guess what I did not have the big picture the idea is for this to go home with us to hang on our fridge where we see it daily, or with our morning devotions and to pray for those on the list for the week. Wow... I was not too sure about this, for the whole week? Well, I thought let me at least try it, I might like it... I was in for a surprise I found myself actually reaching out and calling people. This has blessed me in more ways than I could have imagined, And to reread the rest of the Pink Sheet, like the radio programs, upcoming events and the jokes.

Church Council Meetings:

Council meetings are now held Sunday Mornings after the Church Service.

Here is the schedule for the Summer Months:

June 6th

July No meeting

August 13

September 12.

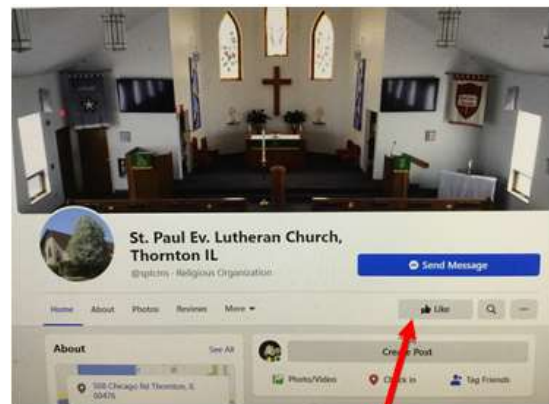


Live

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

or enter www.facebook.com/splcms in your favorite browser.



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.

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

September - May

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

September - May

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Church Office Hours

By appointment.

Bulletin Deadline
Thursday by 10 a.m.

Contact the church office to submit personal testimonials about what God has done for you. Or original art that is inspirational or humorous to the artist.

Here [Genesis 15:6], in the most appropriate place, the Holy Spirit wanted to set forth expressly and clearly the statement that righteousness is nothing else than believing God when He makes a promise.

At this point there arises an important debate concerning the Law and faith: whether the Law justifies, whether faith does away with the Law, etc.

In this connection Paul learnedly stresses the matter of time: that in this chapter Moses is speaking about righteousness and a righteous or justified Abraham prior to the Law, prior to the works of the Law, yes, prior to the people of the Law and before Moses, the lawgiver, was born. Accordingly, he says that righteousness is not only not from the Law but is prior to the Law, and that neither the Law nor the works of the Law contribute anything toward it.

Then what? Is the Law useless for righteousness? Yes, certainly. But does faith alone, without works, justify? Yes, certainly. Otherwise you must repudiate Moses, who declares that Abraham is righteous prior to the Law and prior to the works of the Law, not because he sacrificed his son, who had not yet been born, and not because he did this or that work, but because he believed God who gave a promise.

In this passage no mention is made of any preparation for grace, of any faith formed through works, or of any preceding disposition. This, however, is mentioned: that at that time Abraham was in the midst of sins, doubts, and fears, and was exceedingly troubled in spirit.

How, then, did he obtain righteousness? In this way: God speaks, and Abraham believes what God is saying. Moreover, the Holy Spirit comes as a trustworthy witness and declares that this very believing or this very faith is righteousness or is imputed by God Himself as righteousness and is regarded by Him as such.

-Martin Luther



Northern Illinois District

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

February 2021

To the Congregation of Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Thornton,

What you and your congregation are doing is of vital importance! Thanks for sticking with Jesus and the challenging work He has set before you and us. This is no time for retreat or fear. We have endured the challenges and opportunities of 2020! We are people of faith, not fear! We are confident in Christ and His work. He is still at work!

This year has reminded us what a blessing and opportunity we have as a part of a church family: The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Your partnership with the Northern Illinois District means:

- An Emphasis on the Word
A year of sorting through cultural, social, and pandemic issues based on the Word with accountability to Christ, Church, and each other. The work of Christ continues!

Assisting with issues of communicating the Word of Christ with technology as well as a faithful witness in times when religious liberties were/are under assault.

Thousands of hours of spiritual care and counsel through the staff of the NID.

- An Emphasis on Wellness
Connecting with our lay leaders as they worked with pastors, principals, and other congregations for the welfare of our 200 plus congregations, 93 schools, and numerous other ministries located in NID.

Assist our professional workers in a year of great stress and "decision fatigue" with the Church Worker Care Team which has been assisting numerous workers.

- An Emphasis on Witness
NID videos have assisted and encouraged a Christ-given view of our life together in the midst of challenge. These videos have reached the unchurched!

Encouragement and support of multi-ethnic work in Northern Illinois including Black, Hispanic, and immigrants from Africa, South and Central America, Asia and literally around the world.

20% of undesignated gifts support the work of the LCMS.

Our mission is not to sustain a bureaucracy, but to engage the Church as the Church in these days of fear, anger, doubt and spiritual apathy! We are a church that listens to and follows Jesus!

Thank you for your partnership with us as detailed in your enclosed year-end statement! May our Lord continue to provide encouragement in our work together this in 2021!

You are valued, dear People of God! Thank You!

Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss
President, LCMS Northern Illinois District

So awesome to be with you on Christmas Eve. God willing see you Palm Sunday and Easter.

We are grateful for your prayers + financial support!!

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St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report by Major Group

April of Fiscal Year 2021
 Responsibility: All
 Fund: 01 - General

	April	Year-to-date	Year-to-date	Remaining
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
Income				
Offerings	6,350.00	26,722.29	25,761.68	-960.61
AXA Income	55.00	220.00	220.00	0.00
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	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	6,405.00	26,942.29	25,981.68	-960.61

	April	Year-to-date	Year-to-date	Remaining
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
Expense				
Salaries	2,015.00	7,735.00	18,198.28	10,463.28
Car Allowance	235.02	1,000.08	1,000.00	-0.08
Insurance	1,762.50	1,762.50	1,733.32	-29.18
Utilities	636.27	1,876.55	2,200.00	323.45
Maintenance	76.61	1,419.38	500.00	-919.38
Office Expenses	121.15	821.27	500.04	-321.23
Spiritual Supplies	359.96	854.51	1,016.68	162.17
Boards	10.50	232.81	666.68	433.87
Conventions/meetings/Conf	0.00	0.00	166.68	166.68
Pay Pal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	5,217.01	15,702.10	25,981.68	10,279.58
Income Less Expense	1,187.99	11,240.19	0.00	-11,240.19

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St Paul month end totals

2021	Offerings	Expenses	difference		<u>Transferred in from Savings to Cover Expenses</u>	<u>Transferred out to Savings</u>
January	\$7,658.00	\$2,291.52	\$5,366.48			\$8,500.00
February	\$6,722.15	\$2,952.53	\$3,769.62			\$4,000.00
March	\$6,157.14	\$5,402.16	\$754.98			
April	\$6,405.00	\$5,217.01	\$1,187.99			\$2,000.00
May			\$0.00			
June			\$0.00			
July			\$0.00			
August			\$0.00			
September			\$0.00			
October			\$0.00			
November			\$0.00			
December			\$0.00			
Year to date	\$26,942.29	\$15,863.22	11079.07			\$0.00
						\$14,500.00

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	\$4,517.72	\$41,830.94	\$1,006.50	\$14,807.81	\$28,608.77	\$90,771.74
February	\$3,788.89	\$45,831.26	\$1,006.50	\$14,807.81	\$28,608.77	\$94,043.23
March	\$3,778.50	\$45,831.67	\$1,006.50	\$14,772.15	\$28,608.77	\$93,997.59
April	\$4,078.81	\$47,832.06	\$1,006.50	\$14,734.63	\$28,832.05	\$96,484.05
May						\$0.00
June						\$0.00
July						\$0.00
August						\$0.00
September						\$0.00
October						\$0.00
November						\$0.00
December						\$0.00