



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

July 2020

"We are God's servants, saved by grace, through faith, commissioned to share the Word of Christ to all."

A Message from Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Crisis? Or opportunity? As a society, we are faced with these two options. Do we see what is befalling our country as a crisis? Or as an opportunity? Whether we see the economic and racial strife as a crisis or as an opportunity will greatly influence how we see the world. If viewed as a crisis, we seek quick solutions to end the strife, and nothing more. But this solution is often short-lived because the roots of the problems still exist. If viewed as an opportunity, we seek to listen and learn not only to end the strife, but to heal and prevent further strife. This approach brings a more lasting solution.

As members of St. Paul, we are faced with these same two options. But beyond what is taking place in our wider society, which is important, we also face unique strife ourselves. If you didn't know, the 2020 budget was passed with an approximate \$54,000 deficit. Simply stated, our expenses are expected to be \$54,000 more than we receive from all sources. Even though giving has been above what we projected so far (a sincere thank you for your faithful giving!!), we are still significantly short of erasing our \$54,000 deficit. In fact, due to His Little Lambs being closed for almost 3 months and other events being canceled due to the pandemic, our deficit is projected to be closer to \$67,000 for 2020. Crisis? Or opportunity?

If you view this as a crisis, you want a quick solution – don't turn on lights, don't run fans or air conditioners, cut salaries or benefits, let people go, etc. You just want the problem to end and nothing more. In the short term, this will work. However, it's like putting a band aid on a deep cut. Untreated, this deep cut will gradually become infected and cause the whole body to fall ill. The solution will be short-lived because the root problem still exists – poor stewardship in making St. Paul healthy.

Instead of viewing this as a crisis, I'd like to view our 2020 budget as an opportunity. A chance for the children of God to respond as the children of God. We have the unique opportunity to trust God to continue to do amazing things at St. Paul. While solutions like those I've mentioned above may ultimately be necessary, we're ignoring what God can do if we trust Him with what He's given us – which is more than we realize (Philippians 4:19).

Take our school as a prime example. When forced to close the physical doors to the building at the end of the day on March 13, they opened the doors to an online, interactive form of education using the exact same curriculum they would have used in the physical classroom. Teachers and staff put in more hours in order to make this happen. Their efforts were not in vain, because as Paul writes, they "worked for the Lord and not for men....

[for they were] serving the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24), "knowing that in the Lord [their] labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Even now, they continue to plan for the 2020-2021 school year to make sure it is the safest, the most educational, and most importantly, the most Christ-centered school we can be.

Or, if you've been able to watch any of the live-stream services in the last 3 months, you can thank Jon and Julie Keinath for their expertise and countless hours devoted to the worship of our God. Without their help, we could not have live-streamed a single worship service. But thanks be to God for them! In addition, thanks be to God for the anonymous donor(s) who purchased our Pan – Tilt – Zoom (PTZ) camera to make our live-stream worship of our God even easier to run.

But in order for these and other ministries to continue to fulfill the Great Commission (Baptize and Teach all people – Matthew 28:16-20), they need your continued support now more than ever. Our congregation (123 years) and school (118 years) have weathered many storms because our ancestors viewed them as opportunities, not crises. They trusted God and took risks when the world around them seemed to be falling apart. They weathered the Great Depression, two World Wars, 9/11, and countless other societal and world changing events. Why? Because they believed they were part of a kingdom that can't be shaken – the kingdom of God (Heb. 12:28)!

And their belief was not misplaced. Because our God is a God who loves to make things whole from the things that are broken. He loves to lift up those who are low. Plus, He loves to strengthen the spiritually weak. It is said that God does His best work when we are at our lowest. He does this through the cross of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, the Son of God.

So, put your trust in God, not in the rulers of this world. For the rulers of this world often view things only as a crisis to be solved. By placing our trust in God, we can see everything as an opportunity for the kingdom of God to do her best work. Most importantly, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can view it as an opportunity to fulfill the Great Commission as we are all called by God to do. The ministry work carried out at St. Paul will make an eternal lifetime of difference in people's lives.

"Therefore, let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe" (Hebrews 12:28).

PRAYER: "Lord, help us all, with You, to yield Whatever love demands And freely give, as You have giv'n, With open hearts and hands" (LSB 787:4). Amen.

Pastor Tim Martinal

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Worship Services

Sunday 10 A.M.
(Also live-streamed)
Saturday 7 P.M.

Bible Study

Sunday 9 A.M.

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*The July Messenger is sponsored by Jim Jaruzel
in honor of Jeanne's birthday.*

St. Paul Worship News / Scripture / Memorials / CEF

Worship Updates

Worship Service Times

Saturdays at 7PM

Sundays at 10AM

Communion will be served on the 2nd and 4th weekends throughout the summer.

We will be continuing to live stream our 10AM service for those who wish to stay home at this time.

If you have not received an email from us with announcements, and would like to be added to our email list, please use this link. <https://www.stpaul-millington.org/subscribe.html>.

Scripture Readings

July 5th

Zechariah 9:9-12

Romans 7:14-25a

Matthew 11:25-30

July 12th

Isaiah 55:10-13

Romans 8:12-17

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19th

Isaiah 44:6-8

Romans 8:18-27

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26th

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Romans 8:28-39

Matthew 13:44-52

Memorials & Special Gifts

In Honor of Marian Reinert's 90th Birthday
General Fund \$100.00

In Honor of Sue & Wilbert Ill, Karen Bruner, & Patti Martinal
General Fund \$200.00

In Memory of Katherine Rohn
General Fund \$40.00

In Memory of Clemens Ill
General Fund \$20.00

In Memory of James Brown
General Fund \$20.00

In Memory of Art Weber
General Fund \$175.00



Lutheran Ministries

"Worship for Shut-Ins"

Sundays at 11:30AM on TCT Net. (DirecTV 377)

Sundays at 11:30AM on WAQP 49

July 5th

"Rest for Your Souls" - Matthew 11:25-30

July 12th

"Sowers of the Word" - Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19th

"Would-Be Weed-Puller?" - Matthew 13:30

July 26th

"Never Separated" - Romans 8:35-39

Contact Information

If you need to speak to one of the pastors or someone in the church office, call 871-4581 #3 and leave a message or email church.office@spmill.org. We will reply as soon as we can. In case of emergency, call one of the pastors on their cell phone.



St Paul Treasurer's Report
June 2020 Council

CEF Building Fund Summary

Mortgage Balance as of 05/31/2020:	\$415,023.02
Debt free date if nothing changes: March 2024	
May 2020 Mortgage Payment (<i>Deferred</i>)	\$0.00
* Principal	\$0.00
* Interest	\$0.00
Amount received to pay mortgage:	\$25,632.65
Amount Added to contingency fund:	\$25,632.65
Balance LEFT in contingency fund:	\$37,018.41

May 2020 Income & Expense Summary

May General Fund Income:	\$59,459.06
May General Fund Expenses:	\$85,012.56
May Deficit to date	(\$63,621.27)
Year to date Deficit	(\$80,164.60)
Overall: - Gen Fund Checking Balance:	(\$80,164.60)

RESTRICTED Cash Accounts Summary**

School Designated Accounts balance:	\$98,699.53
Church Designated Accounts balance:	\$53,277.78
All Memorials balance:	\$21,995.59
** This money is RESTRICTED***	

\$173,972.90

Accounts Receivable

School - SY 19/20

> Due 08/15/20 or at Registration (whichever first) \$ 12,308.91

His Little Lambs

> Current	\$	-	
> 7-14 days	\$	-	
> 14-21 days in arrears	\$	-	
> 21-28 days in arrears	\$	-	
> more than 28 days in arrears	\$	3,072.38	\$ 3,072.38
<i>Collections (ICS)(Active)</i>	\$	3,294.78	
<i>Collections (CSM) through 05/10/20</i>	\$	5,509.84	
<i>Collections (In House) 1 Family</i>	\$	12,724.00	

Total AR: \$ 36,909.91

Expense Freeze Go/No Go

Payroll - \$56,249 x 1.5	\$	84,500.00
BCN - \$10,880 x 1.5	\$	16,320.00
CPS - \$5,965 x 1.5	\$	8,903.00
LCMD Assoc - \$829 x 1.5	\$	1,244.00
Medicare - \$290 x 1.5	\$	435.00
Employer Taxes - \$1,793 x 1.5	\$	2,690.00
Monthly contracted expenses	\$	4,433.00
Open Purchase Orders	\$	3,124.00
Total non-Discretionary Spending:	\$	121,649.00

FCU PPP Loan Summary

FCU PPP Bal 04/30/2020:	\$188,225
Pay off scheduled: April 2022	
Oct 2020 Loan Payment*	\$0
* Principal	
* Interest	
Balance:	\$188,225

* Deferred 6 months

188,225 @ 75% is:	\$141,169
188,225 @ 25% is:	\$47,056

Wages to date:	\$84,780
Health to date:	\$23,996
Pension to date:	\$9,561
Utilities to date:	\$4,693

Utilities include:

Cell Phones
DTE
Consumers
TDS
Toshiba
Vill of Mill
Xerox

Non-Discretionary Spending

Cell	\$	60.00
DTE	\$	1,635.00
Gas	\$	1,823.00
Phone	\$	141.00
Vill of Mill	\$	323.00
Spectrum	\$	56.00
ChMS	\$	270.00
Payroll	\$	125.00
	\$	4,433.00

Daily Lectionary / Misc.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July Daily Lectionary			1 Joshua 6:6-27 Acts 10:18-33	2 Joshua 7:1-26 Acts 10:34-48	3 Joshua 8:1-28 Acts 11:1-18	4 Joshua 10:1-25 Acts 11:19-30
5 Joshua 23:1-16 Acts 12:1-25	6 Joshua 24:1-31 Acts 13:1-12	7 Judg. 2:6-23 Acts 13:13-41	8 Judg. 3:7-31 Acts 13:42-52	9 Judg. 4:1-24 Acts 14:1-18	10 Judg. 6:1-24 Acts 14:19-15:5	11 Judg. 6:25-40 Acts 15:6-21
12 Judg. 7:1-23 Gal. 1:1-24	13 Judg. 13:1-25 Gal. 2:1-21	14 Judg. 14:1-20 Gal. 3:1-22	15 Judg. 15:1-16:3 Gal. 3:23-4:11	16 Judg. 16:4-30 Gal. 4:12-31	17 1 Sam. 1:1-20 Gal. 5:1-26	18 1 Sam. 1:21-2:17 Gal. 6:1-18
19 1 Sam. 2:18-36 Acts 15:22-41	20 1 Sam. 3:1-21 Acts 16:1-22	21 1 Sam. 4:1-22 Acts 16:23-40	22 1 Sam. 5:1-6:3, 10-16 Acts 18:1-11, 23-28	23 1 Sam. 6:19-7:17 Acts 19:1-22	24 1 Sam. 8:1-22 Acts 21:15-36	25 1 Sam. 9:1-27 Acts 21:37-22:16
26 1 Sam. 10:1-27 Acts 22:17-29	27 1 Sam. 12:1-25 Acts 22:30-23:11	28 1 Sam. 13:1-18 Acts 23:12-35	29 1 Sam. 14:47-15:9 Acts 24:1-23	30 1 Sam. 15:10-35 Acts 24:24-25:12	31 1 Sam. 16:1-23 Acts 25:13-27	

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN--MICHIGAN

The mission of Orphan Grain Train is again under way following weeks of compulsory quiet. The quarantine only makes us now more eager to be working again to bring Christ's love and compassion to people wherever there is a need we can meet. The Orphan Grain Train--Michigan Center is immersed again in receiving, processing, and shipping donated clothing, medical equipment, quilts, bicycles, and other humanitarian goods. Center doors are regularly open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 am until noon. However, donor deliveries may be arranged virtually anytime simply by calling 989-600-2264. Donations have come to Sebewaing from as far as Alpena, Ionia, and beyond. Orphan Grain Train is a mission network of 27 branch locations across the country shipping humanitarian relief into 68 foreign countries and responding repeatedly to domestic disaster events with the concern of Christ. Visit ogt.org for further information.



LEAP News Nugget So, What is LEAP?

The "Lutheran Education Advancement Plan" (LEAP) has been, for the past ten years, an entity all about fostering and advancing cooperative Christian education program relationships among 23 Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations of the Great Lakes Bay Region of Michigan. All of those 23 congregations have been, and continue to be invitees to occupy membership seats on a "LEAP Board of Participants." LEAP exists to support and promote the school ministries of the 21 Lutheran schools which are owned and operated, to the glory of God and to the benefit of children of God by the 23 congregations connected to LEAP. The 21 schools include two Jesus-first-and always "free-standing" Lutheran preschools . . . and eighteen historic, noteworthy Lutheran schools which operate strong preschool-through-8th grade quality Christian education programs . . . and one excellent, highly regarded 9th through 12th grade distinctively Christian school - Valley Lutheran High School. LEAP functions in and through four principal focus areas. You are invited and encouraged to check LEAP out in the next (August) LEAP News Nugget to discover, review, and appreciate those four areas of focus.

We'll flesh that out a bit more next month!

Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Greetings to you from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I am in the final month of vicarage at First Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh. I have learned a great amount from my supervisor, the Rev. Dr. Douglas Spittel, from the congregation I serve, and from the experiences that I have had here. During this vicarage year, along with standard parish duties, I have been involved in college campus ministry, deaf ministry, blind ministry, and homeless ministry.

I was also tasked with the care of Holy Cross Lutheran Mission in the Hazelwood neighborhood of Pittsburgh. Hazelwood has been an economically depressed neighborhood since the closing of the steel mills in the late 1990s. When I arrived, Pastor Spittel had a faithful group of about 10 people who met at the library for Wednesday noon prayer and Bible study. Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries (PALM), the LCMS mission organization in the city, hosted an annual August Hazelwood Community Day where families could come for a fun day and learn about the mission and the Church. By September, we were looking for a room or building where we could establish a physical presence in the neighborhood and hold Sunday services. Most of the properties that were in our price range required a great deal of work and repair. However, the Lord provided the perfect solution. The ELCA congregation in the neighborhood was being pressured to close. They reached out to us and offered to sell their building to us for 1 dollar. They wanted their church building to continue to be used for Christian worship, and they also provided a necessary service to the neighborhood through their food and clothing pantry. Holy Cross Lutheran Chapel held our first Service of the Word on December 1st, Advent 1. The first baptism coincided with the first Divine Service on Christmas Day. The mission is thriving. Most of the members from the ELCA church are now communicant members of Holy Cross Lutheran (LCMS). The food and clothing pantry has continued to be a lifeline for the neighborhood, especially during the recent pandemic. 3 children, ages 9-12, are ready to begin confirmation classes and will do so this summer. Membership is up to 27. Finally, Holy Cross will also receive their second vicar in July as they continue to grow in size and to be nourished in the faith.

I have learned so much and God has tremendously blessed me this year. I was married one year ago in June to my wonderful wife, Hanna, and on Memorial Day, she gave birth to our daughter, Clara Hazel Kern. It was a difficult labor and delivery, but the Lord preserved both mother and child. Thanks be to God! I am so proud of Hanna and her strength and determination. When she was born, Clara was 9 lbs 3 oz, she measured 21 inches long, and she is already growing.

Thank you for your support during my years of seminary education! Your financial gifts have been so helpful. Your prayers have been and continue to be appreciated. As I enter into the final year, I thank God for you and for the influence that you have had on my pastoral formation. Thank you and God's blessings to you!

Yours in Christ,
Vicar Timothy Kern



February 2nd Parish Supper in the food and clothing pantry at Holy Cross Lutheran Chapel following a service of Thanksgiving for all of God's blessings upon Holy Cross Lutheran Mission and Chapel. The members at Holy Cross invited Missouri Synod Lutherans from all over the Pittsburgh Area to attend. It was a wonderful introduction and welcome to the Missouri Synod.

July Birthdays

Sherry ILL	07/01	Aurianna Rogers	07/14	Isabel Ketels	07/27
Dwight Keinath	07/01	Keith Woolwine	07/14	Aaron Knoll	07/27
Sowden Maureen	07/01	Daryl Benish	07/15	Donna Osborn	07/27
Aeryn Pattinson-Stiers	07/01	Megan Butterfield	07/15	Dean Rohn	07/27
Robert Ames	07/02	Erin Thompson	07/15	Diane Sebert	07/27
Suzanne Bleuer	07/02	Connie Titsworth	07/15	Kolton Woolwine	07/27
David Edler	07/02	Erik Torrey	07/15	Paula Kukulski	07/28
Joyce Koch	07/02	Dwight Rodammer	07/16	Christy Ostrander	07/28
Qwill Schmandt	07/02	Pat Saeger	07/16	David Russell	07/28
Sandy Weber	07/02	Scott Heike	07/17	Rebecca Dalton	07/29
Lynnzee Burns	07/03	Mark Romain	07/17	Anthony DeOrnellas	07/29
Dianne Scarborough	07/03	Dennis Shaffer	07/17	Mike Kern	07/29
Erica Cunningham	07/04	Ben Daenzer	07/18	Katelinn Koeltzow	07/29
Jayson Mays	07/04	Deklan Hager	07/18	Larry Petzold	07/29
Kent Singer	07/04	Neil Hecht	07/18	Philip Petzold	07/29
Barbara Smith	07/04	Renae Roth	07/18	Glenn Reinert	07/29
Dani Ayotte	07/06	Owen Schultz	07/18	Amy Yorke	07/29
Paige Ayotte	07/06	Alexis Alberts	07/19	Elizabeth Zeck	07/29
Dick Kolaja	07/06	Brian Bentley	07/19	Bethany Daenzer	07/30
Les Maxson	07/06	Kasen Ewing	07/19	Sierra Goodhue	07/30
Aaron Singer	07/06	Morgan Rader	07/19	Hans Schmandt	07/30
Tim Singer	07/06	Decima Sebastian	07/19	Sherry Sebert	07/30
Morgan Aulbert	07/07	Nathan Staple	07/19	Bonnie Wittum	07/30
Richard Myers	07/07	Brianna Burns	07/20	Randy Wolverton	07/30
Virginia Osborn	07/07	Kevin Clouse	07/20	Russell, Jr. Hayden	07/31
Heather Sergeant	07/07	Velva Cobanovich	07/20	Braxton Long	07/31
Mark Paquette	07/08	Abraham Higgins	07/20	Shane Reinig	07/31
Karen B. Petzold	07/08	Isaac Koch	07/21	Constance Wells	07/31
Kirk Piar	07/08	Laura Sherman	07/21		
Ethan Casto	07/09	Jessica Allen	07/22		
Renee Hecht	07/09	Linda Henderson	07/22		
Jenelle Keinath	07/09	Larry Keinath	07/22		
Ashley O'Dell	07/09	Addison Ley	07/22		
Erna Reinert	07/09	Shirley Ann Petzold	07/22		
Bradley Wilson	07/09	Hunter Wirsing	07/22		
Bud Zeck	07/09	Brianna Weber	07/23		
Aaron Keinath	07/10	Ryan Woodward	07/23		
Dennis Rodammer	07/10	Michele Alberts	07/24		
Nancy Wilson	07/10	Degrick Koch	07/24		
Dale Higgins	07/11	Tammy Simmons	07/24		
Muriel Mohr	07/11	Justin Steepe	07/24		
Karen Petzold	07/11	Larry Stevens	07/25		
Makenna Stratton	07/11	Eileen Ziegler	07/25		
Logan Adamic	07/12	Fred Erlenbeck	07/26		
Shirley A. Petzold	07/12	Ronald Johnson	07/26		
Scott Reinig	07/12	Cindy Kralik	07/26		
Kristie White	07/12	Frederick List	07/26		
Lydia Bruner	07/13	Nicholas Maschke	07/26		
Brittney Cartner	07/13	Jeffrey Platt	07/26		
Gabrielle Sherman	07/13	Lola Wendt	07/26		
Kathryn Snyder	07/13	Blake Ferrier	07/27		
Andrew Jaruzel	07/14	Michael Hibbard	07/27		
Patricia Petzold	07/14	Dusty Higgins	07/27		



Happy Birthday



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Let no one ever come to you

without leaving **happier.**