

# News @ St. Paul's

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST PAUL'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH

JUNE 2020



Online  
Church

3 ways to worship -- ST PAUL'S CHURCH



Home  
Church



Congregational  
Church

We will be worshipping together at 10:00 a.m. through three different mediums. Attenders may choose to participate via Online Church, Home Church, or Congregational Church, as highlighted below.

## Online Church

- Get dressed for the day.
- Make sure you're ready to worship at 10:00 am!
- Have a Bible and notepad ready and accessible.
- Sit up and be ready to worship and engage with the scripture.
- Call a friend after worship to discuss the worship reflection questions.
- Join us for the post church Zoom meeting! Starting June 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Home Church

- Commit to meeting with the same group weekly. If you aren't going to make it, let your host know.
- Arrive 15 minutes early ready to worship and engage. Help each other do the same!
- Be respectful of the host home and the standards they set for home worship.
- Be intentional with your discussion time. Answer the worship reflection questions.
- Pray for one another. Praying out loud can just be like talking!
- Bring a brown bag lunch to share after the service.
- You can host a Home Church! Contact the office to receive further suggestions and resources and to let us know you're meeting. Consider hosting a Home Church with Friends from St. Paul's or from your neighborhood.

## WORSHIP REFLECTION QUESTIONS FOR ONLINE AND HOME CHURCH

1. What was the big idea in this sermon?
2. What can we know about God – Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit -- from this worship service?
3. For whom or what was I challenged to pray as I participated in worship?
4. What gifts or skills am I challenged to invest at St. Paul's or elsewhere because of hearing this sermon? OR
5. How do I expect this worship time to show up in my life this week? Long term?
6. Share one praise from the last week and pray for one another regarding specific requests.

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## Congregational Church - Starting May 31st

- In order to respect the St. Louis county limits, we will be restricting in-person worship to 85 people. EVERYONE is being asked to RSVP for the service by contacting the church office. Call 314-993-0015 or email [RSVP@stpaulsefree.org](mailto:RSVP@stpaulsefree.org). If your plans change, please let us know so we can “cancel” your reservation. Any reservations over 85 will be given priority the next week.
- Plan on arriving 15 minutes early.
- Drink your coffee before you come as we will not be able to provide any.
- Adhere to all SAFETY STANDARDS while attending congregational worship:
  - ◇ Please bring a mask. During this initial phase, a mask is required to be worn at all times while on church premises by those 2 years and up.
  - ◇ Please observe social distancing guidelines and stay 6 ft away from others at all times.
  - ◇ We are creating a touchless worship environment. Bring your own Bible and a printed bulletin as hard copies will not be provided. Everything will be available on the screen.
  - ◇ Please respect the directions of ushers who are trained to ensure social distancing. Entire households will worship together. Households will be directed to their seat by ushers as they arrive, front to back. At the conclusion of worship, rows will be released back to front. If you are *single*, please consider finding the same family or another single person to sit with each week.
  - ◇ There will be one point of entry & exit – the main double doors under the canopy. These doors will be propped open. The only open portion of the church is the welcome center, narthex, sanctuary, and adjacent bathrooms. Please respect these limits and do not enter any closed doors.
  - ◇ Please keep your children with you at all times; there will be NO children’s ministry or nursery. The garden room and chapel will be available if your children get restless.
  - ◇ If you are unwilling to observe ALL of these safety procedures, please consider one of the other methods for worship.
- Singing can be hard with a mask. Try humming, reflecting on the songs, or singing as you’re able.
- Things will be different. Prepare your heart to worship God even with the restrictions. Get a good night’s sleep. Pray in the morning. Come to church ready to hear from God and to encourage each other.

### WHO CAN ATTEND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH?

- Anyone who is healthy, not showing signs of fever, coughing, sneezing, etc., (see COVID-19 Guidelines). If you are not feeling well, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND.
- We strongly encourage those who are “High Risk” to participate in worship through Online Church or Home Church.
- This includes those over the age of 65 and those with pre-existing conditions like lung, kidney, heart, or liver disease, diabetes or those who are immune compromised.
- Friends and guests are welcome to attend! Please help them RSVP through the church office and notify them of the current safety standards.



## Drive-in Communion Service Sunday, June 7 - 4:30pm



Our first drive-in communion service was an inspiration to all who attended, and we hope you can join us for our next one on June 7th. Please arrive early in order for our friendly parking lot attendants to assist you in parking. You will also receive sealed elements as you arrive. Everyone remains in their cars.



# Confirmation Sunday to be held on Father's Day, June 21.

## --by Pastor Mark Friz

Confirmation instruction at St. Paul's took an unexpected turn on March 15, when our church building was closed to help slow the spread of COVID-19. It was very difficult for parents, mentors, teachers and students to have to halt classes and wait for an appropriate time to reconvene.

This year, we have four students in the class of 2020, and one student in the class of 2021.

### Class of 2020

Fernando del Cid  
Eddie Gastelum  
Nate Starbuck  
Calvin Wong

### Class of 2021

Elizabeth Neier

After a 2.5 month delay, Confirmation Sunday has now been rescheduled to Sunday, June 21. Each of the five students will share a mini-sermon with the congregation, dealing with their personal statement of faith, or an assigned topic. The four students in the class of 2020 will then be confirmed.

Both Pastor Andrew and I wanted to wait until we could do this special service in person. Even though attendance in the sanctuary will be limited on June 21, we feel there will be plenty of room for the students, families, and St. Paul's members who want to attend in person that day.

Our celebration afterward is still in the planning stage. Most likely, we will have a picnic, as social distancing is much easier outside.

Please keep all of these students in your prayers as we all make needed adjustments during the epidemic.

## From the Elders by Jim Glauert

Did you ever wonder what it was like for Noah and his family on the ark? They were all alone and isolated from the world. It was just him, his family, and a lot of animals trapped in a confined space. After ten weeks of social distancing, isolating at home, and even quarantining we should all have some idea of just what a struggle it must have been.

We at least have the freedom to connect virtually, go to the grocery store, and get curbside restaurant pick-up. Meanwhile, Noah wasn't bothered by the constant din of 24-hour news, the specter of job loss, and concerns about the economy in an election year. Across time people have faced disaster in many different ways with many different repercussions. The one saving constant is knowing God is in charge.

As the elder board considered how to react to our current crisis we struggled with the question of how can we best find God's will in protecting our congregation from the spread of Covid-19? Our initial step was to close the building. We trusted our healthcare leaders and different levels of government when we were told that the best way to stop the spread was to isolate from each other. Because God was in charge He had prepared us for that day by providing our congregation the technology to stay connected and the people with the skills to use that technology. So even though the building was closed the church continued.

As time passed and Covid-19 was better understood new guidelines were established that changed the limits on groups coming together as long as social distancing was enforced. This places constraints on crowd sizes, including church attendance. Because God was in charge He had prepared us to meet in small groups outside the sanctuary during the Year of Welcome announced at our annual meeting in January.

As the situation continues to evolve the Elder Board will continue to seek God's guidance for His people. We will all proceed forward together in the knowledge and comfort that God is in charge.

## From the Deacons by Charlie Jung

We met via zoom on 5/11/2020. Chuck Caesar opened with prayer. Minutes from April meeting were approved. View and discussed Financial Report from April. Our congregation has been faithful in their giving thanks to you. As reported last month we have received the Care Act Loan and we are reviewing and keeping track of usage to comply with the rules. First Light is preparing the 932 house for their usage. We approved money to replace water heater as it was leaking.

We have been reviewing proposals from our tech committee on purchasing Video and Audio equipment to use in future services. We approved funds for upgrade on alarm system as parts were needed and old unit was out of date. We had a discussion on youth mission trip which money had been paid to reserve a spot. We are looking at a refund to students and possibly allowing the organization to keep the rest of the funds for their ministry. We have approved for new carpet to be installed in the office area. Meeting was closed by prayer from Kurt van Dyk. Thanks Again to all the support that you are blessing us with.



**TENTATIVE**  
MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON

**Monday, June 22**  
**3 - 6pm**

**BLOOD  
DRIVE**

### **Porch Pictures Still Available**

Did you miss having your picture included in our Porch Picture album this Spring? You can still be included in the 2020 edition!

If you would like to have your photo taken in front of your house, call the church office or email [stpauls@stpaulsefree.org](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsefree.org) and we will set up a time to stop by.



## 2020 Rummage Sale Cancelled

St. Paul's Crusaders has decided to cancel the August 1, 2020 Rummage Sale.

We will miss being together, but with so many unknowns with the coronavirus, we have made this decision. We all have to feel comfortable to come together. Our Church Elders, Deacons, and Pastors are working to get us back together in the safest way. We will keep everyone in our prayers. Everything's gonna be alright.

Judy Pfeiffer  
Crusaders



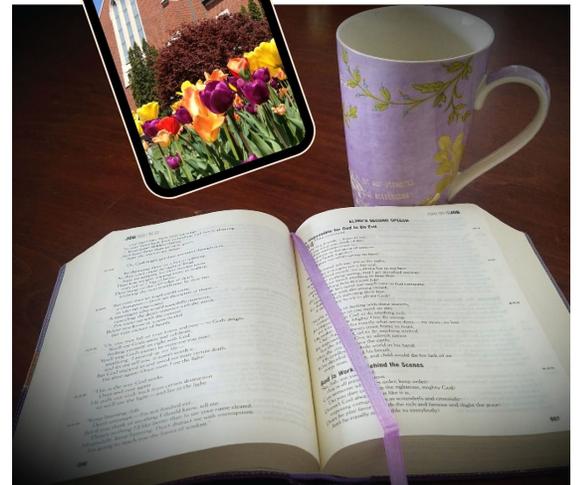
Are you in need of the summer edition of Our Daily Bread?

Contact the church office and we will be happy to mail one to you.

Tuesday Devotions  
11am

*continuing  
until further notice*

314-627-6338  
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*Save-the Date*  
**Church Picnic**  
**August 30, 2020**



*Welcome to Charlie Marie Bensing!  
Born May 21, 2020  
To proud parents Tim & Jennifer Bensing  
and also welcomed by siblings Levi and Ashlynn*



It is with great sadness, that King's Kids Camp has been cancelled this year



**THERE'S STILL TIME TO  
INCLUDE YOUR PETS IN THE**



## **PETS OF ST PAUL'S ALBUM!**

Email pics of your pets-dogs, cats, bunnies, hamsters, fish, birds. Kids: don't have a pet running around? Send us a pic of your favorite stuffed animal! Send your photos to:  
[stpauls@stpaulsefree.org](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsefree.org)

# Happy Birthday!

Roger Lindstrom	6/1	Dwight Holmon	6/19	Phyllis Bauer	7/1
Elaine Gabler	6/2	Barbara van Dyk	6/19	Marlene Buescher	7/1
Nick Palombo	6/2	Luke Vasel	6/20	Maria del Cid	7/1
Jack Owens	6/3	Jennifer Bensing	6/21	Greg Steimel	7/1
Easton Hohmann	6/5	Kris Immekus	6/21	Grace van Raalten	7/1
Bill Mueller	6/5	Doug Teare	6/21	Claudia Day	7/3
Susan Andrews	6/10	Julie Hohmann	6/22	Ruth Niemeier	7/4
Marlene Summers	6/11	Betty Wardlaw	6/22	Bob Schalk	7/5
Joyce Erselius	6/12	Gary Oliver	6/23	Kathy Woodrome	7/5
Betsy Stull	6/12	Daniel Alstadt	6/24	Gerene Hecht	7/6
Ken Russell	6/13	Christine Kraus	6/24	Donna Schalk	7/6
Tim Dahl	6/14	Susan Turner	6/24	Sharon McGaully	7/7
Danielle Walter	6/14	Mary Vass	6/24	Julian Steimel	7/7
Craig Caesar	6/15	Kassandra Williamson	6/26	Dean Alstadt	7/8
Chuck Caesar	6/16	Jeana Frederick	6/28	Zoe Stadler	7/8
Greg Wyne	6/17	Herbert Stemler	6/28	Scott Dieckgraeffe	7/9

## *Celebrating an Anniversary this Month*

Stefan & Kelly Cug	7	6/1	Robert & Marlene Summers	60	6/18
Michael & Sharon McGaully	57	6/1	William & Ruth Wyne	71	6/18
Conway & Letitia Wong	20	6/3	Robert & Mary Vass	49	6/19
David & Amanda Frederick	9	6/4	Melissa & John Shehan	2	6/23
Larry & Susan Jackson	43	6/11	Robert & Jerri Gill	53	6/24
Andrew & Melinda Seley	7	6/15	Jerry & Faye Eichholz	54	6/25
Donald & Susan Andrews	41	6/16	Mark & Gayle Friz	43	6/25
Eddie & Naomi Lebsock	54	6/17	Kelly & Vicky Schjenken	46	6/29
Ted & Marlene Shockley	49	6/18	Mike & Tammy Davis	30	6/30
			Jim & Martha Miller	59	6/30
			Kristine & Kenneth Williamson	7	7/3
			Kurt & Barbara Van Dyk	51	7/5
			Bob & Ann Kallemeier	30	7/7
			Greg & Jennifer Steimel	8	7/7
			Chuck & Phyllis Caesar	22	7/8
			Mark & Kristine Immekus	26	7/9



**Alma Anna Jung** passed May 26 at the age of 101. She was preceded in death by her husband Milton. A private burial service was held at St. Paul's Cemetery on May 28, officiated by Pastor Mark Friz.

**William C. Weber** passed away May 25 at the age of 82. He is survived by his wife, Janet. Funeral services will be private, officiated by Pastor Craig Bodenschatz.

**Ruth Cooper**, passed away on May 26 at the age of 95. She was preceded in death by her husband Floyd. Her private funeral service is being planned in Puxaco, MO, officiated by Pastor Mark Friz.

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# ***NEED PRAYER?***

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