

### This Coming Week at St. Paul's

<b>Sun:</b>	Spoken Divine Service (reservation only)	7:30 am
	Divine Service	9 am
	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	10:15 am
	Elders Meeting	11:15 am
<b>Mon:</b>	Pastor at Conference in Indiana	
<b>Tues:</b>	Pastor at Conference in Indiana	
<b>Wed:</b>	Pastor at Conference in Indiana	
<b>Thurs:</b>	Morning Prayer Service	8 am

### Our Gifts to the Lord Last Week

62 people worshiped at Sunday services last week (total).  
\$2517.00 was received in the regular offerings.  
\$ 3,770.84 is needed every week to meet our church budget.

### **St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church** ***The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod***

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**Pastoral Care** – If anyone is in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor Antonetti at (847) 971-0848 and he will help to take care of the situation and address it as quickly as possible. Our elders are also available if you would like to reach out to them as well; call Brian Popadowski at (815) 588 - 0884 or Ken Gerk at (815)263-0199.

Mr. Erich Kittlaus, Congregation President

Mr. Dennis Zimmer, Kantor

## **The Sunday Messenger**

*May 2, 2021*

**Good morning** to all gathered here today at Saint Paul Lutheran Church. A warm welcome to all of you as we gather together to receive God's gifts, His Word read and proclaimed, His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Thank you for being here today. A summary of today's readings for Cantate, the Fifth Sunday of Easter, follows:

### **Jesus intercedes for our good**

Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus-who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven-has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth. (Jn 16:5-15) "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights" through Christ. (James 1:16-21) The Holy Spirit helps us by taking of what is Christ's and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, "Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid." (Is 12:1-6)

**Upon Entering the Sanctuary** – We kindly ask that all conversation cease or be kept to a minimum and at the very most a whisper as we prepare ourselves for divine worship. In the front of the hymnal you will find some excellent prayers for worship.

**The Lord's Supper** – will be celebrated this morning. We ask our visitors and those who have not worshipped with us in a while to please read over the statement of Holy Communion (blue laminated sheet) that is found in each pew rack. Thank you.

**Adult Confirmation** – In our service today, Dan Campbell is joining by confirmation and Penny McSherry is being received by confession of faith Welcome to the St. Paul's family!

**Flowers** – Flowers have been donated today to the glory of God in honor of our new members being confirmed and received today.

**Mission Sunday** – Mission offering for May will be taken today for MorningStar Mission, a Christian organization which helps the homeless and needy in our community.

**Pastor at Conference this Week** – Pastor will be attending the Gottesdienst Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana, this week, Monday through Wednesday. If there is an emergency, the best way to contact him is by cell phone. If there is an *immediate* need, call one of the elders. Pastor will be checking email, but less often.

**St. Paul's Monthly Messenger** – The Monthly Messenger for May is now available. You should have received it by email if you are on the church email list. It is also available on the church website, and there are a few hard copies in the narthex.

**MANNA** – Manna order forms are available today, May 2. Orders are due with payment May 9. Orders will be available for pickup May 16.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are in need of volunteers to help with several needs. Please consider helping with any of the following:

- We would like to form a committee to help plan some events to commemorate our 150th Anniversary as a congregation. We are looking for someone who would like to lead this committee, as well as people who would like to be on it.
- We are looking for someone to coordinate "Autumn in the Field."

If you would be willing to help in any of these roles please contact Pastor Antonetti or Erich Kittlaus.

**Now Hiring Church Secretary!** – We are looking to hire someone to fill the position of part-time Administrative Assistant for our church office. Hours are flexible during the week. If you or someone you know may be interested in this paid position, please contact the church office, Erich Kittlaus, Pastor Antonetti, or any member of council.

**Attendance Slips** – In each pew, there are small slips which we are using for attendance. Please fill them out and place them in the offering plate as you leave. There are "visitor" forms available in the narthex. Please don't hesitate to fill them out and place them in the offering plate if you're a visitor.

**Spoken Service For Those Who Prefer a Smaller Gathering** – Held every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. The service is limited to 25 members, and members must reserve their space by contacting either Pastor Antonetti or the church office by phone at (815) 838-1832 BY THURSDAY of each week. This service will continue as long as there are signups, but if no one signs up the service will be canceled for that week. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Antonetti.

**Next Weekend's Scripture Readings** – In preparation for our worship next Sunday, the texts are as follows: *Numbers 21:4-9; James 1:22-27; John 16:23-30.*

**Serving the Lord this Weekend: Preacher:** Rev. Christopher Antonetti  
**Organist/Pianist:** Dennis Zimmer/Milton Lillie; **Elder:** Ron Barmann;  
**Trustee:** Richard Czimer; **Hannah Guild:** Doris Peterman, Jean Lemke

### **This Week We Lift Up Prayers**

**Members of our church family:** Michael and Tracey Bachmann, Mike Benson, Daena Hinkelman, Heidi Kopp, Barbara and Glenn Ferrentino, Sharlene Thomason, Carol Thompson, Rev. Richard Bellas.

**Family and friends including:** John St. Aubin (Thies); The Rev. Ron Rock; Annie Picard (Gerk); Jeanne Irvine (Wetherbee); Erica Doerfler (Fox); Parker Vicich (Lemke); Jackie Fox (Loucks); Rita Cunningham (Gudgel); Michelle (Gudgel); Kathy (Wetherbee) Glenn (Wetherbee); Mary Lynn & Richard H. (Czimer); John B. (Pilz); Yvonne Grigsby (Gudgel); Heather Pilz (Pilz)