



**FIFTH SUNDAY/MONDAY OF EASTER  
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

**Our Mission: God's Love Shining through Us**

**. . . Opening doors and changing lives!**

**+ ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK AT St. Paul Lutheran +**

(leb=lower education bldg., ueb=upper education bldg., ufh=upper fellowship hall, lfh=lower fellowship hall, cr=conference room, tgp=the gathering place, klgr = KREW large group room next to library in leb, dchr=downstairs choir room)

<b>Sunday</b>		CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:20 AM	Bible Study – Never too Late (ufh)
	9:30 AM	KREW/High School Bible Class (leb)
	10:45 AM	Worship - Rite of Confirmation with Communion
	6:00 PM	Youth Group
<b>Monday</b>		
	7:00 PM	Worship
	8:00 PM	Bible Study – Never Too Late (ueb)
<b>Tuesday</b>		
	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study (cr) **Note time change
<b>Wednesday</b>		
	11:00 AM	Bible Study – Never Too Late (ufh)
	7:00 PM	Family Ministry meeting (ueb)
<b>Thursday</b>		
		NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – Sanctuary open at 8am
	8:30 AM	Praise Bible Study – Ephesians (ueb)
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts (ufh)
	7:00 PM	National Day of Prayer Worship Service
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>		

**ATTENTION ALL GROUPS/MINISTRIES:** Since we are not printing a Newsletter at this time, if you have an event, meeting, function, etc. that normally was listed on our Newsletter calendar, please send that information to Carolyn at [stpaulnt@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulnt@gmail.com), so she can list it in the above "Activities This Week" calendar.

**\*\* BULLETIN ARTICLES** must be in no later than **Wednesday at noon** to be included in the following Sunday. Please email them to [stpaulnt@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulnt@gmail.com).

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**GREETINGS from St. Paul: All first-time visitors should stop at The Information Center in The Gathering Place (TGP) for a special gift.**

**+ ASSISTANCE DURING our Worship Services +**

**FAMILIES:** - **Nursery Care** is available upon request. Please speak with an usher if you would like to use the nursery. We also have a **Cry Room**, if you would like to sit with your restless child there. It is at the rear of the sanctuary and has a speaker, so you can listen to the worship service.

**PERSONAL ASSIST HEARING DEVICES** are available for use during the worship services. We also have **LARGE PRINT ORDER OF WORSHIP** (with copies of hymns attached). Both items are located on the windowsill, as you enter the sanctuary from The Gathering Place.

**+ PRAYER CONCERNS for our St. Paul Family +**

**HEALING:** Dolores Ackerman, Karen Cowell, Melissa Gattie, Diane Goerss, Anne Gross, Marlyn Gross, Dennis Gurnett, Donna Manth, Jim Manth, Mike Mueller, Charlie Rindfleisch, Joanne Rowles, Hal and Jane Ruppert, Zachary Ruppert, Joe Sarzyniak, Barb Scott, Dottie Staggers, Kathy Warriner, Charlotte Wingert and Al Zuch.

**AT HOME:**

**HEALTHCARE FACILITIES:** Mary Jo Bishop, Joanne Heller and Marilyn Rumbold.

**MILITARY:** Christopher Carey, Matthew Daugherty, Eric Davis, Zachary Kijowski, Joe Kloc, Joshua Lindsley, Brian Mennes and Kyle Rae.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you have a prayer request for our prayer chain, please contact Tom Dreier at 716-694-6998 or [herrdreier@gmail.com](mailto:herrdreier@gmail.com) or call the church office.

**We pray that you find God's love for you at St. Paul!**

**IF YOUR LOVED ONE IS HOSPITALIZED,** please call the church office to let us know so Pastor Green and Pastor Bill can pray for them and visit them. The hospital personnel can no longer inform us due to privacy laws.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS** - this week we begin a new 4 week Bible study, "Never too Late" from Visionary Family Ministries. If you have someone in your life such as an adult child, relative or friend who has walked away or lapsed in the Christian faith, this study will offer guidance and support. You will learn it is *never too late for God to use you to point them to the love of Jesus and you are not alone!* Bible study times are Sundays at 9:20am, Mondays at 8:00pm and Wednesdays at 11:00am.

**GIFT CARDS** - Mothers' Day is one week away. We have many gift cards on hand that would make great gifts for mom or allow you to purchase a gift for mom, including Kohls, JC Penney, Bath and Body Works and more. Stop at the gift card table to view the complete list. Thank you for supporting Christian Education!

**ST. PAUL WEBSITE** ([stpaulnt.com](http://stpaulnt.com)) has information available about St. Paul, including Upcoming Events, weekly items such as Enews, Worship Services, Church Bulletin and Staff Page, links to Facebook and Church Directory (password for Directory is jlmтик@316 which stands for "Jesus loves me this I know at 316" for John 3:16.). Also there are links for Online Giving and RightNow Media, which has Christian Bible studies and inspirational videos available for kids and adults to view. If you've never seen our website or looked at it lately, check it out soon!

**SHUT-IN/HOMEBOUND MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST** - Covid has limited our ability to visit our shut-in, homebound and nursing home members. A list has been compiled with all of their names, addresses and birthdates. If you would like a copy, please call the church office. Prayers, notes of encouragement and phone calls are greatly appreciated too.

**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML) NEWS** - copies of the Spring Link (LWML Eastern District Newsletter) are available at the end of the Information Desk near the TV, along with other LWML materials and publications. There are also Registration forms available for the September 24-26 LWML Retreat which will be held at Lutherlyn Camp in Cabot, PA. The theme of the retreat is "Can do! with Jesus!" Registration forms may be mailed in beginning May 1, 2021.

**VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICES** continue to be available on our website or via St Paul Enews.

**THREE THINGS TO REMEMBER TO KEEP US ALL PROTECTED:**

- Wear your mask when singing or when walking about.
- Take your bulletin home with you.
- In the Holy Communion line, remember to stay 6' away from other family groups.

Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe!

**BULLETIN PRAYER LIST:** If you or a loved one are in need of prayers and would like your name or theirs to be listed in the bulletin under the middle section that says: Prayer Concerns for our St. Paul Family – HEALING, please call the church office. We will keep your name on the list for 3 months unless we know that healing is still needed or unless you call us sooner to let us know prayers for healing have been answered.

**THE ALTAR GUILD** is in need of new people to help serve the Lord through the weekly care and preparation of the altar linens, paraments and vessels used in our church worship services. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer your time, please contact Nancy Witkop at 731-4223 or Carol Carney at 693-1553.

**ST. PAUL COUNCIL ELECTIONS** are coming up on May 26, and nominations for the following (3) council positions are being accepted by the church nominating committee: Vice President, chairman of the Board of Elders, and coordinator of mission outreach. Each of these positions are a 2-year commitment. If anyone would like to be considered for any of these positions, please call or text Jeff Stebbins at 716-418-2620. Any names received will be reviewed by the council and called as nominees at the voter's meeting on May 26.

**CURRENT BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES** are posted on The St. Paul website under the "Newsletter" tab, which is under "News and Events".

**COMBINED YOUTH GROUP - TONIGHT** - The Middle School and High School Youth Groups will be meeting TONIGHT (Sunday, May 2nd) here at St. Paul from 6:00-8:00pm. If you have never attended a Youth night, now is definitely the perfect time to do so! We love to see newcomers and we pray you'll continue to join us!

**YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE CHANGE** - There will be no Youth Group NEXT Sunday, May 9th, due to Mother's Day. We hope our Youth and their Moms, Grandmas, Aunts, and other special mother figures have a wonderful and blessed day together. We hope to see you the following week (Sunday, May 16th) for our regularly scheduled Youth night here at St. Paul from 6:00-8:00pm.

**+ SERVING our Lord week of May 2 and May 3+**

**ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE:** **May:** Ann & Steve Heuer

**FLOWER COMMITTEE:** **May:** Shawndra Sterner – 909-7647  
Kimberly Toye – 930-5386

**WEEKLY:**

**ELDERS:** 8:00 AM – Jim Behnke  
10:45 AM – Dennis Gurnett  
Monday 7:00 PM – Tom Dreier

**LAY READERS:** 8:00 AM – Mary Hirner  
10:45 AM – Dennis Gurnett  
Monday 7:00 PM – Tom Dreier

**WEEK OF 4/25/2021** -Income given for Weekly Operating Expenses – **\$14,281.00 – Thank you!**  
Average needed weekly- **\$11,911.00**

**AT WORSHIP 4/25 and 4/26/2021:**

8:00am - 96      10:45 - 80      Monday - 38

**MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH FINANCIAL UPDATE** as of

3/1/2021:

Donations and Memorials:	\$432,765
Received against Pledges:	\$418,107
Received Unpledged:	\$ 58,102
Outstanding Pledges:	<u>\$128,630</u>
TOTAL	\$1,037,604
Repairs/Campaign Costs:	\$1,175,683
Still Needed:	\$138,079

Thank you for your prayers as we Move Forward in Faith!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED WEEKLY GIVING**

via our website [stpaulnt.com](http://stpaulnt.com), in the mail or in person at worship.

**PASTOR GREEN'S DAILY ENCOURAGEMENT** - ever since near the beginning of the Covid pandemic, Pastor Green has been posting a daily inspirational message and song on his Facebook page. These are also available on our St. Paul website <http://www.stpaulnt.com>, under the "News and Events" tab. May these messages give you hope and a smile!

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR The 2021-2022** school year is open to St. Paul members, previous preschool families and the community. We still have several places in the PK-4 class. Please call the church office if you would like more information or to make an appointment to visit the classroom and meet our teachers.

**FLOWER CHART CALENDAR** is in The Gathering Place on the bulletin board on the brick wall across from the Cafe. Above the calendar is contact information for those serving on the Flower Committee each month. On the date you wish to donate, please fill in your name and phone number, then contact the person who is listed for that particular month, and they will be able to help you arrange for your flowers to be placed on the altar. If you are donating for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, and you would like it put into the bulletin, please let the Flower Committee know or call the church office. Questions: please contact Ruth Stolzenburg, 694-4958 or Bonnie Urban, 622-9040

**DID YOU KNOW...**that the deposit from your cans and bottles can help fund the trip to the National Youth Gathering for the youth of St. Paul? If you would like your deposit to go to the Youth, there are collection containers outside of The Gathering Place entrance (by the parking lot). We thank you for all of your support as we are excitedly looking ahead to the Youth Gathering in Houston, TX next summer!

**FUNDRAISER FOR MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH (MFF):** Are you tired of cooking? The Women of St. Paul (W/SP) have the answer and you can help your church at the same time. The W/SP and Pellicanos Marketplace are partnering to provide 4 different, precooked, never frozen, microwavable dinners for pick up in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 22 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. These delicious and freshly made dinners include Beef Burgundy, General Tso's Chicken, Lemon Shrimp over Rice and Vegetable Lasagna. The W/SP will provide homemade Apple Crisp for dessert. All proceeds go to the MFF campaign. The last day to place your order is Sunday, May 9. **Order forms with price information are available on the credenza in the Gathering Place, and are also included in this bulletin.** Contact Bonnie Ryan, 930-8900 or Bonnie Urban, 622-9040 if you have questions.

**FAMILY MINISTRY MEETING** - Many apologies for needing to reschedule last month's meeting, but we hope that you will be able to join us for our make-up meeting this Wednesday, May 5th at 7:00pm in the Bible Study Room. Come spend Cinco de Mayo with us and plan some wonderful events at St. Paul! Hope to see you then.

**KIDS FUN NIGHT!!** - We will be holding the next Kids' Fun Night (for children currently in Grades 1-5) on **Sunday, May 23rd** (Please note that this was moved up a week, due to the Memorial Day holiday weekend.) from 6:00-8:00 pm here at St. Paul! Please wear your sneakers! Parents are welcome to stay, but that is completely optional. We are excited to see you later this month!

***USED CLOTHING SHEDS IN OUR AREA*** - As you drive around town, you may pass by other churches' parking lots hosting sheds designated for used clothing drop off. These sheds are owned by St. Pauly Textile in Rochester, who partner with local churches or community centers to collect used clothing. Donations are collected and used regionally, domestically and in international markets for textiles. Hosting sites also have "first dibs" on donations to distribute locally to people in need. St. Pauly pays hosting sites \$40 per 1,000lbs of clothing collected, which can easily amount to \$100-\$300 per month to a struggling church host site. Our elders looked into hosting a clothing shed here, but determined there are ample sheds in our community where the clothing and resultant funds can do much good. When you do your spring cleaning this year, consider your old clothing to go to one of these drop off sheds. St. Matthew, St. Mark and Redeemer Lutheran Churches all have sheds in their parking lots and would appreciate your donations.