

ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE BODY OF CHRIST IN A TIME OF ISOLATION

Beloved of the Lord,

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ... a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing...” (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 5; ESV)

These days I feel that I must specifically date anything I write in assessment of our current situation. Things change SO quickly! Just days after our first letter to you describing how we would continue to meet, it became clear that we should refrain from meeting for a time. Now, our restart date has become more uncertain. We are in a season when it seems best to refrain from embracing one another in-person in the Lord’s House. But, this season will not be forever and we will again meet in the Lord’s House. Tomorrow may bring news that we must endure for a time longer, or news of an effective treatment or indications that the worst is behind us. It is uncertain.

It is this uncertainty that brings us to worry and makes us anxious. There are so many plans that we would like to make or re-make. But, right now, they remain uncertain. As these uncertainties trouble your heart and soul, remember the words of Jesus to His disciples during the Last Supper: *“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.”* (John 14:1, ESV). We can face each of these uncertainties with a faithful confidence that God’s love for you and forgiveness in Jesus are absolutely certain.

Your Pastor, together with the Elders and Executive Board, will continue to monitor the situation and recommendations so we can make decisions for the spiritual and physical care of you and the Body of Christ here at St. Paul. We remain the Body of Christ even as we are physically more removed from each other right now. Your family remains intact even if you have had to isolate during this time. Your family in Christ remains intact even as we have had to isolate during this time. Christ still connects us and has blessed us with some wonderful ways to stay connected to His Word and each other. Here are a few things to please keep in mind in these days of isolation (and most will be helpful anytime!).

1. Visit www.spvc.org for the most current updates on services and activities. We don’t know when we’ll be able to return to worshipping together at St. Paul.
2. Does the church have your current email address? Email christine.cox@spvc.org so we’re up to date (include your cell too?). We want to keep you up to date with everything and this is a quick way to get information out.
3. Attend church via livestream or on-demand (or request a DVD). From www.spvc.org you can see our live services or you can watch at your convenience with our on-demand archives. Services and Bible Studies are available there and there is a link to bulletins and study handouts. We are SO blessed to already have this up and running

long before these circumstances. If you'd like to help support the DVD/Livestream ministry, make a contribution and put "DVD/Livestream" in the memo.

4. Supporting the work of the congregation: Almost every expense of the congregation remains the same even when we're closed. You have lots of options available to you:
 - a. Send in your contribution via mail. You can send it in every week, one-time a month, or whatever is best for you.
 - b. Bill-Pay from your bank. They will often be able to schedule a check to be sent however you'd like.
 - c. Give Online at www.spvc.org and click "Give Online." It's secure and fast.
5. Telephone some fellow members and check in with each other. How can you pray for them? What's been the hardest part of staying home? What's been most surprising?

We are still the Body of Christ and God has not forgotten you during these days. Keep looking for the ways God has sustained His blessings to you even during these struggles. We're also here to bear one another's burdens, so if you or someone you know has a need, please reach out and let us know.

In Christ,



Pastor Zielinski

TIPS FOR HOW TO ATTAND CHURCH ONLINE

Get Ready like you normally would! Take a shower. Get dressed. Eat. Etc. This will help put you (and your family) in the right frame of mind.

Get everyone in the house together! Worship is a corporate (group) activity, even at home.

Watch on the biggest screen you can! You'll feel more like you're actually there.

Participate! We have bulletins available on our homepage www.spvc.org Say your "Amen!" to the prayers. Sing the hymns. Even stand and sit.

Put away distractions! No phones, sipping on coffee, pets, etc. Nothing that makes it feel like you're just watching TV.

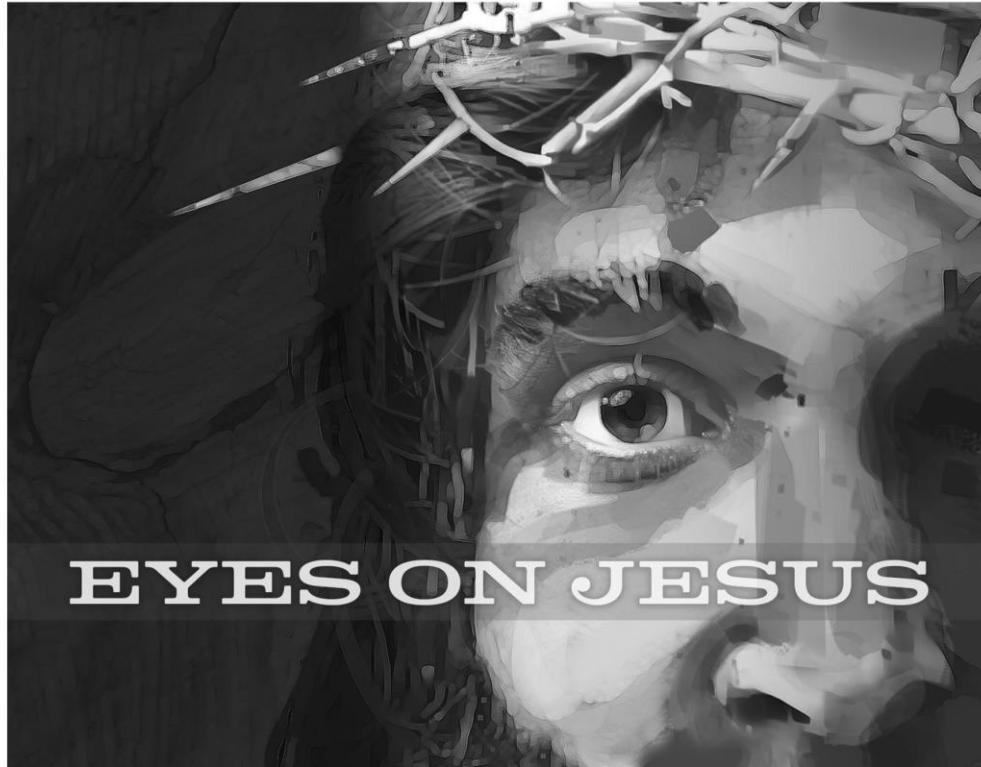
Watch LIVE or on-demand. Services stream once, live, but then are available to start whenever you're ready.

Remember, this is the best we can do FOR NOW. This can get us by in a pinch sometimes. But, it's nowhere near as wonderful as being in the Lord's House on the Lord's Day to receive the Lord's Gifts.

Remember, you (and your family) are loved! By God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; by your pastor; by your brothers and sisters in Christ; God's love binds us together.

Take God's Word to heart! As you hear it, let it correct you, comfort you, and fill you with courage, confidence, and hope in Christ.

REJOICE! Jesus died for you. You are forgiven and Jesus is with you always, even to the end of the ages.



EYES ON JESUS

**WORSHIP FOR LENT
LIVE-STREAM
AND ON-DEMAND
WWW.SPVC.ORG**

Wednesdays in Lent

10am - Bible Study via Zoom

11:30am - Worship Streamed Live

Always available On-Demand

Maundy Thursday, April 9

Tentative Schedule:

Worship Streamed Live 11:30am & 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 10

Tentative Schedule:

Worship Streamed Live 11:30am & 7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 12

8 & 10:30am Festival Divine Service

POSTPONED

NEW ST. PAUL

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

we will be postponing our new directory until further notice due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Lifetouch is closing and laying their employees off until the middle of June this year. Watch the bulletins for further details.

**FOR QUESTIONS
PLEASE CONTACT
LEN MAVER AT:
440.781.9009**

Annual Golf Outing Saturday, June 6, 2020



steak dinner, 50/50 raffle, basket raffle . . .

Registration: \$100 (\$110 after May 30)
18 Holes w/ cart & dinner (lunch at the turn)

Dinner Only: \$25

Family Sponsor: \$35

Hole Sponsor: \$100

Corporate Sponsor: \$1,000

Includes 1 foursome & 2 additional dinner guests

6:30am - Check-In, Coffee/Donuts

7:30am - Tee Time

1:00pm - Dinner/Prizes/Raffles

Sign up @ www.spvc.org

Maryssa's Mission
www.maryssasmission.org

Most of us have had our hearts touched by a child in some way. The reality is that not every child has the blessing of good health. We invite you to join us this year as we lend our support to The Maryssa's Mission Foundation (MMF), a local organization that aspires to change and positively impact the lives of families facing the challenges of caring for a medically fragile child by providing essential items and services that supplement hospital resources.

2020 VBS



We are edging ever closer to spring and summer, and VBS will soon be upon us before you know it! This year's theme will be "Rainforest Explorers, Jesus Leads the Way" and will be held the week of June 8-12th.

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF A NEW COORDINATOR

Colleen Kato has done a fantastic job in the past but wishes to step down at this time. We thank her for her many years of faithful service. Please prayerfully consider and let me know whether you would be willing to take on this important program for our kids.

NEEDED FOR 2020 VBS

Bible Challenge and Story - Vacant

VBS Director - Filled
Preschool Teacher - Filled
Craft Coordinator - Filled
Admissions - Filled
Snack Volunteers - Filled
Game(s) Volunteers - Filled

Thank you for serving St. Paul,
Barbara Pijor
Board of Christian Nurture

MONDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Please note there will be NO worship services on Monday evenings until after Easter.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

are still needed while services are suspended. Our Lord still provides for us and we return to Him a portion of His generosity. You have several ways to continue contributing until we are meeting in-person again:

1. Mail your contributions to the church.
2. Talk to your bank about their "bill-pay" options. They can likely send a check directly to the church on a scheduled basis.
3. Visit www.spvc.org and click on "Give Online" You'll be taken to our secure online giving site where you can make a one-time or on-going contribution.

PENDING:

WEEKLY EVENTS

DEFENDING THE FAITH, Sunday Bible Class
CONFIRMATION CLASS
10:00 AM WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
ADULT CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTION

THANK YOU

Dear Members & Friends at St. Paul, Your dedicated attention to being available with rides to doctor appointments and medical treatments for Marilynn has been appreciated. "Please call, I'm here to help" is often the response. Herb continues his exercises while at home now. Your phone calls, cards, thoughts, and prayers have kept us "in the loop!" Keeping us informed about our church family is so thoughtful. We miss seeing all of you. We're taking one day at a time, with God's help, as He gives us strength, healing, and daily blessings.

Love, Herb & Marilynn Rauhaus & Family

LENTEN SCHEDULE

ONLINE: Midweek Lent Worship
go to: spvc.org

CANCELLED: Lenten Meals

PENDING: Palm Sunday Worship
April 5th, 8am & 10:30am

PENDING: Maundy Thursday
April 9th, 11:30am & 7pm

PENDING: Good Friday
April 10th, 11:30am & 7pm

PENDING: Resurrection Sunday
April 12th, 8am & 10:30am

PENDING: Easter Breakfast 9:15am

PENDING: Easter Egg Hunt 9:15am

MEETINGS

LWML
CANCELLED

VISION PLANNING
PENDING

ELDERS
Tuesday, April 14th, 7:00 PM

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Tuesday, April 21st, 7:00 PM

QUILTERS & FRIENDS
CANCELLED

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

FREE clinics are available on the 2nd Sunday of the month between services in the secretary's office. Records are updated and readings are confidential. For questions please contact Beth Bremke at: 440.669.3180. **NEXT CLINIC:** May 10th

LWML

LWML continues to collect for Lutheran Veterans. There is a box in the narthex for personal care items: men's sox, underwear, hats, and gloves which can be used, but clean and in good condition. Don Gotsch delivers these items for us.

TRINITY CLOTHING MINISTRY is postponed until further notice. Thank you to those who have dropped off items.

BOX TOPS Thank you for collecting "box tops for education" for LWML over the years. We will be discontinuing this collection because most box tops are now electronic. The Box Tops mobile app is used to scan your store receipt and instantly adds box tops to your school instantly.

NOTICE Since we like to collect things, we will start to collect pop can & soup pull tabs. Please bring in just the pull tab, place them in the collection jar on the LWML shelf next to Pastor's office. Len Maver will take tabs to Ronald McDonald House to help families of children with medical issues.

LWML will be hosting the "Fall Bazaar" on Saturday, September 26th. This year's bazaar will include only vendors and crafters. There will be no flea market tables at this time. Reservations will start in May. Look for more information in the May newsletter.

NEXT LWML MEETING is Tuesday, April 7th at 9:30 AM.

LWML LORAIN-MEDINA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND

Collecting and sorting clothes at Trinity 9:00 AM to noon; organ recital, bring your lunch. Weather permitting, daffodil viewing at Lakeside Cemetery. Carpooling at 8:15 AM from St. Paul.

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH

Christian Growth Workshop at Faith, Avon 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Vision Faith Ministry will present a program on "Sermon Sketch Notes". Learn how to listen and then relate our Sunday sermons using "symbols". Open to all ages, more details coming.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH

Collecting various types of items that will be taken to the 2020 LWML convention.

For Jeremiah's Letter Inc. Dayton, Ohio: Travel or sample size personal care products, feminine hygiene products, school supplies, Windex, Bibles, children's books, Christian books, crosses, large spatulas, serving spoons.

Special need from our zone: Cookie sheets and loaf pans.

For the International Friendship Center: \$10 or \$20 Walmart cards.

Blessings,
Ethel Schiemann

QUILTERS & FRIENDS

We will be attending the Original Sewing & Quilt Expo at I-X Center in June; more info to come.

FROM THE TRUSTEES

SPRING CLEANING DAY we are planning our annual clean-up day sometime in May on a Saturday. We hope we can count on more folks this year to help spruce up the inside of the church, and if the weather permits, we'll attend to some landscaping, trimming hedges and general outside clean-up. More info to come.

TRUSTEES are not in the habit of promoting businesses, however we were pleased with the work and price of Powers Carpet Cleaning (Medina) who did a very fine job cleaning the carpets in the Hall, Narthex, Sanctuary, and Choir Room. If you need your carpets cleaned, mention to Dennis Powers St. Paul and he'll offer a 20% discount to our members. (Powers Carpet Cleaning 330-723-8484)

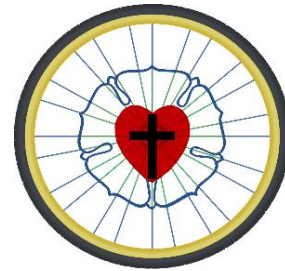
THANK YOU After many countless years of dedication to a very special project, Dave and Judy Scaife are stepping down as caretakers of the A-frame down the hill on Route 303. Their son built the structure as an Eagle scout project and the Scaife family has taken excellent care for many years by painting, planting flowers and trimming the shrubs. We can all thank them for the excellent care of this area over the years. If another group or family would like to adopt this project, please see one of the Trustees.

CEMETERY Please remove all Christmas wreaths and winter decorations by April 1st. Grass cutting will soon follow; all remaining winter decorations will be discarded.

SAFTY FIRST The Trustees are looking at installing a gate at the top of the stairs that lead to the basement area to try and prevent any accidental falls. Please be aware that your children need to practice care and some caution in this area.

QUESTIONS / CONCERNS Please drop a note in the Trustee mailbox if you notice anything that needs attention whether it's a light bulb out or a leaky faucet.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CYCLING FRIENDS



Spring is here!

Tune up your bicycle.

St. Paul Lutheran Cycling Friends will start the new cycling season on April 18th at the Stuhr Woods Picnic area in North Royalton at 2:00 PM. We'll bike along the newest paved path of the Cleveland Metroparks within the Brecksville Reservation to Brecksville Road and back; almost twelve generally flat miles.

Afterwards, there will be fellowship, dinner or ice cream treats available nearby at Loder's Shake Shoppe. For the best information on specific rides and the group, join the Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lutherancyclingfriends/> or just read the newsletter or look for scheduled rides on the bulletin board at church.

For questions please contact Walter Dill Jr. at: walterdill@gmail.com

Look for an average of 2 rides per month from Spring, through Summer, and into Fall.

PRAYER CHAIN FLOCKNOTE

If you have a Prayer Request, Praise or Update please visit:
www.spvc.org > Prayer ... or... send an email to: prayer@spvc.org

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“Prayers before Worship” can be found on the inside front cover of your hymnal. As the time for worships to approach, those around you may be preparing for worship through silent prayer. Please be courteous to them by being mindful of the volume of conversations. Thank you and may the Lord bless your worship of Him this day.

FELLOWSHIP HALL USAGE & RENTAL

To schedule all events please contact the church secretary at 330.483.3883 or, email: christine.cox@spvc.org
Once your event is scheduled, a Fellowship Hall Rental Form will be placed in your church mailbox. Please complete and return the form along with your fee remittance to the church office. Thank you.

ST. PAUL PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Christine Cox
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christine.cox@spvc.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Tuesday: Off
Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM;
11:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Friday: 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

HOME VISITS

To book your visit with Pastor Zielinski please contact the church secretary, or, visit: www.spvc.org and click “Book with Pastor Zielinski” to see available times.

ATTENTION PRISON MINISTRY

Magazines and other reading material at this time are not being accepted in our local prisons. Until further notice please withhold from bringing your magazines to church.
Thank you.

FOOD PANTRY

LWML has discontinued the general food pantry here at St. Paul. We now stock a few essential items to help someone in a pinch: peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish, and soup. It is easier to keep ONLY canned items on our shelf. Boxed and bagged items are targets for the mice.

At this time, our food supply is in good shape and thank you for your generosity. If we are informed of a specific need, we will shop for that person or family. LWML uses funds from the bake sales and specific donations to fund these activities. If you have a special need contact Pastor Zielinski at: 330.483.4119

OUR VERY SPECIAL MEMBERS

ANDRUKAT, Helen

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**BURGESS, Rev. Jeff & Bailey**

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**BUVINGHAUSEN, Rev. Garrett & Emilia**

Resurrection Lutheran Church  
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**MONDAY Dakota (Doug)**

P.O. Box 742  
Welcome, NC 27374

# 2020 APRIL CHURCH EVENTS

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                   | MONDAY                                                                                  | TUESDAY                            | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                          | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                 | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                               | SATURDAY |
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| <b>SUNDAY<br/>ONLINE<br/>WORSHIP</b><br>(at regular<br>scheduled times)<br><br><b>go to:<br/>spvc.org</b>                                                                |                                                                                         |                                    | <b>WEDNESDAY<br/>BIBLE STUDY<br/>&amp;<br/>ONLINE<br/>MIDWEEK<br/>WORSHIP</b><br>(at regular<br>scheduled times)<br><br><b>go to:<br/>spvc.org</b> |                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                      |          |
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| <b>PENDING:</b><br><br><b>LWML</b><br>Collecting Mites<br><b>8am</b> Worship<br><b>9:15am</b><br>Sunday School<br><b>9:30am</b><br>Bible Class<br><b>10:30am</b> Worship |                                                                                         |                                    |                                                                                                                                                    | <b>PENDING:</b><br><br>11:30am & 7pm<br>Maundy Thursday<br>Worship<br><br><b>ONLINE<br/>WORSHIP</b><br>(at regular<br>scheduled times)<br><br><b>go to:<br/>spvc.org</b> | <b>PENDING:</b><br><br>11:30am & 7pm<br>Good Friday<br>Worship<br><br><b>ONLINE<br/>WORSHIP</b><br>(at regular<br>scheduled times)<br><br><b>go to:<br/>spvc.org</b> |          |
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| <b>PENDING:</b><br><br><b>8am</b> Worship<br><b>9:15am</b><br>Easter Breakfast<br><b>9:15am</b><br>Easter Egg Hunt<br><b>10:30am</b> Worship                             |                                                                                         | <b>7pm</b><br>Elder Meeting        | <b>PENDING:</b><br>10am Bible Study                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                      |          |
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# 2020 APRIL BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

| SUNDAY                                            | MONDAY                                                | TUESDAY                                             | WEDNESDAY                                 | THURSDAY                                             | FRIDAY                          | SATURDAY                              |
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|                                                   |                                                       |                                                     | 1                                         | 2<br>Tricia Hibler                                   | 3<br>Jim & Trena Tighe (44)     | 4                                     |
| 5<br>Samuel Bremke<br><br>Dave & Judy Scaife (45) | 6<br>Jeannie Burgess                                  | 7                                                   | 8<br>Deb Weigel<br><br>Lenore Winterstein | 9<br>Chris Schnurr<br><br>Bob & Jeannie Miscuda (54) | 10<br>Tremonte Beck             | 11                                    |
| 12<br>Thomas Albrecht<br><br>Jack Gordon          | 13<br>Gary Kirchenbauer                               | 14<br>Rosie Hibler                                  | 15<br>Wendy Patrick<br><br>Mark Ross      | 16<br>Jerelyn Bosela<br><br>James Walker             | 17<br>John & Susan Willkom (27) | 18<br>Carol Hesketh                   |
| 19<br>Kyle Bremke                                 | 20<br>Matthew Buddie<br><br>Andy & Wendy Patrick (46) | 21                                                  | 22                                        | 23<br>Walter Dill                                    | 24<br>Fran Leu                  | 25<br>Susan Adams<br><br>Jerome Duran |
| 26                                                | 27<br>Paul & Dianne Schultz (57)                      | 28<br>Pam McGuire<br><br>Carl & Chris Strekely (47) | 29                                        | 30                                                   |                                 |                                       |