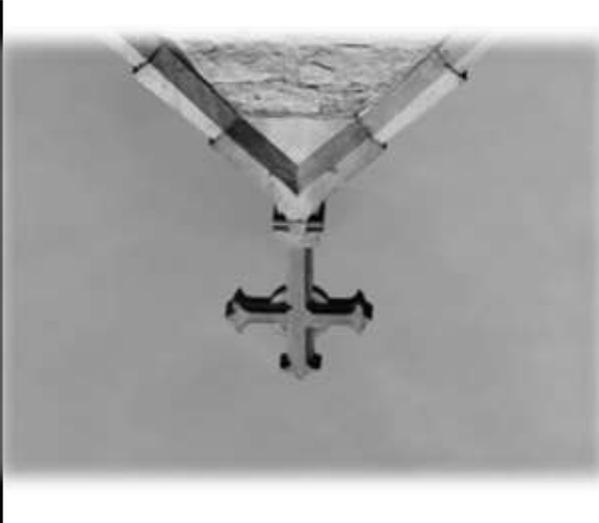


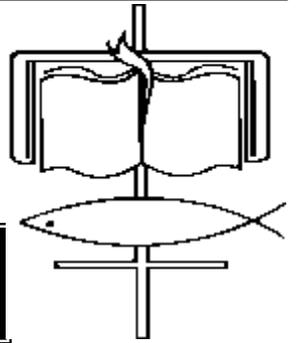
SAVE THE DATES
 Join us as in-person
 worship resumes on
THURSDAY, APRIL 29
 @ 7:00 p.m.
 &
Sunday, May 2
 @ 9:30 a.m.
 Details inside.



Staff
 Pastor
 Rev. Lucy Wynard
 Secretary
 Resa Haile
 Custodian
 Edgar Jurado
 Music/Choir
 Director
 David Frank

APRIL 2021

*St. Paul Lutheran Church is called to be an Inviting, Christ Centered
 Spiritually Growing and Community Serving Church where we are led by
 love to implement Jesus' teachings.*



The St. Paul Lutheran News



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APRIL 2021 St. Paul Lutheran Church

No In-Person Worship Online Only

Recorded worship with St. Paul & San José available on Facebook & YouTube

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Online Last Supper Devotion & Communion	2 Good Friday 7:00 p.m.. – Online Seven Last Words Service	3
4 Easter Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Online	5 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	6	7 Noon Soup Lunch To- Go	8	9	10
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St. Paul Lutheran Church April Celebrations!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Sue Katterhenry's Birthday
4	5 Glenda Liptow's Birthday	6	7	8 Russ and Glenda Liptow's Anniversary	9	10 Sharyn Pann's Birthday
11 Bryan Carroll's Birthday Karl and Anne Schilling's Anniversary	12 Lance and Rachel Shepherd's Anniversary	13	14 Mackenzie Kothe's Birthday	15 Russ Liptow's Birthday	16 Barrie Nowaczyk's Birthday Jim and Marie Leppla's Anniversary	17
18 Madelynn Mueller's Birthday Marvin & Karen Roecker's Anniversary	19 	20 Tim and Sherry O'Grady's Anniversary	21 Beth Stibbe's Birthday Jean Neitzel's Birthday Ken & Marilyn Harris's Anniversary	22 Randy and Katie Hassenfelt's Anniversary	23 	24
25 Donna Kepler's Birthday	26	27 	28	29	30 Michelle Carlson's Birthday	

MEMORIALS COMMITTEE UPDATE

During the month of March, St Paul received memorials in memory of Gladys Weeden and Joyce Buske. We would like to thank family and friends for their generosity.

DESIGNATED MISSION OUTREACH

Each month, St. Paul supports a local or national ministry. You can donate using your red offering envelopes. Donations will be disbursed to the specified group at the end of each month.

April's featured mission:

LUTHERDALE

Lutherdale is an ACA-accredited outdoor ministry site that serves ministry partners through quality Christ-centered programs, providing a vibrant ministry of hospitality year-round for youth, families, and adults.

For more information, check out their website at:

lutherdale.org

SPONSOR BUSY BOXES FOR CLASSROOMS

Help us help some of the educators in our congregation. As teachers anticipate welcoming students back in person, they know they will need new safe resources to engage kids, individualized to meet COVID-19 precautions. **Busy Boxes are activity boxes that help kids engage in fun learning away from a screen**—they might have Play-Doh, Legos, or puzzle books, etc. After kids play with them for a period of time they can be sanitized and returned to the shelf for the next child. How can you help? Sponsor a Busy Box for \$10—or sponsor a few, as you're able! Mark your donation **Busy Boxes**, and we'll collect that money and donate it to Aldrich & McNeel teachers.

LYDIA'S CLOSET IS UNABLE TO ACCEPT ANY DONATIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Stateline Community Foundation—St. Paul has received an endowment disbursement from a fund that was originally set up to go to Calvary Lutheran. Larry motioned to use this money towards upgrading the sound system; Dave seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

APTIV—is an organization based in Janesville that offers services to people with disabilities. They are looking for a location in Beloit to hold their summer camp programs, June 7-September 3, Monday-Friday 8-3. It would be 12-15 young people and staff. Pastor will follow up with them and set up a time so they can look at the space we have available to see if it will fit their needs.

Pastor's Report: Pastor emailed her report prior to the meeting. We discussed a few points. Dave motioned to cover up to ½ the cost of a new laptop for Pastor Lucy; Larry seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

President's Report: Nothing additional this month.

Committee Reports: *Believers Club*—Bible distribution was figured out. Putting together packets for Easter to send to the homes of Believers Club members.

Outreach—Working on putting together "Love Your Neighbor" packages. These include laundry soap, personal care items, bus tokens, etc.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:33 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jane Carr, Secretary.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 1 - Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. – **Online Last Supper Devotion & Communion**
with Pastors Lucy & Dan

April 2 - Good Friday

7:00 p.m. – **Online Seven Last Words Service**
An ecumenical collaboration of Beloit congregations

April 4 - Easter Sunday

9:30 a.m. – **Easter Celebration Online**
with Holy Communion

READER-INTERCESSOR APRIL SCHEDULE

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Intercessor</i>
4	Rachel Wilson	Roger Neitzel
11	Jane Carr	Hayden Murry
18	Cathy Oswald	Sharyn Pann
25	David Frank	Chet Organ

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Date: 3/9/2021 **Meeting:** held via Zoom **Call to order:** 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Jean Neitzel, Judy Markee, Ken Harris, Jane Carr, Jen Murray, Dave Knutson, Katie Hassenfelt, Linda McManigle, Larry Mortimer, Pastor Lucy.

Devotion: Led by Pastor Lucy. We continued with "Holy Currencies." Pastor will continue leading devotions as we go through the book. April will cover Chap 9 & 10.

Approval of Minutes: After a couple of corrections were made, Dave motioned to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2021 meeting; Ken seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Larry motioned to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting, held Feb 14, 2021; Jen seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ken emailed the report prior to the meeting. We discussed where Lent Offerings should go. Dave motioned for the Lent Offerings to go directly to Family Promise, not to our office account; Ken seconded. All approved. Motion carried. Jen motioned to approve the Treasurer's report; Dave seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Office Report: Katie motioned to approve the office report; Larry seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Finance Report: Katie emailed the report prior to the meeting. Larry motioned to approve the Finance report; Jen seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Old business: *Eckholm Property* - Eckholm Property- Offer was accepted and closed on Feb 26. Jean is gathering info from various groups and sources so council can discuss disbursement of the funds at the April meeting.

New business: *Search for Custodian*—Edgar Jurado has been hired as the Church Custodian.

Chet Organ Celebration—We will plan a celebration of Chet's retirement and hard work as soon as the weather and/or COVID restrictions permit.

Installation of new council members—We will meet at Church on March 16 to record the installation so it can be added to our Sunday service.

Welcoming new members—Pastor presented a list of people wishing to join our congregation. Katie motioned to approve all; Ken seconded. All approved. Motion carried. Pastor and Jean will contact them and set up times to record.

In-Person Services—Ken motioned to tentatively start back with in person services April 29 & May 2; Larry seconded. All approved. Motion carried. We will discuss details at the April meeting.

Streaming Services—We need to look into options to livestream vs. prerecording the service. Improvements will most likely need to be made to the sound system, laptop, and internet service. Dave and Jen will work on finding out what all is needed.

CLASS OF 2021

IF YOU ARE A GRADUATING SENIOR THIS YEAR, WE HAVE A SPECIAL GIFT FOR YOU FROM ST. PAUL. PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE ASAP SO THAT WE CAN PUT YOU ON THE LIST AND ARE ABLE TO HAVE ONE READY FOR YOU.

YOUR HELP NEEDED FOR **CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE PROJECT**

WE ARE WORKING ON AN UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY. PLEASE SEND YOUR UPDATED CONTACT INFO (PHONE, EMAIL, ADDRESS) AND BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY INFORMATION TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.

BIRTHDAYS WITHOUT THE BIRTH YEAR WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE PRINTED DIRECTORY UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED.



(Rockin) QUILT RETREAT
May 11-16, 2021



Calling Loud Quilters!

Bring:

Your UFOs (unfinished objects) to work on or start a new quilt
Your favorite music to listen to
Your favorite movies to share
Your closest quilter friends

Eat, sleep, shop, and sew at Lutherdale Quilt retreats.

See <https://www.lutherdale.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/May-Quilt-Retreat-May-11-16.pdf> for more information.

Back to In-Person Worship!

Hey, St. Paul—are you ready to go back to church?

Well, get ready, because **St. Paul will be resuming in-person worship April 29 and May 2.** Just as we did last summer and fall, **we will offer two weekly in-person service options: Thursdays 7 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**

But before we head back into the sanctuary, there are some important points of emphasis.

The CDC recommends these precautions to protect yourself and others:

- Get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you are able.
- Wear a mask when you're in public, even if you've been vaccinated.
- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths or adult strides) from others you don't live with.
- Wash your hands often and thoroughly, and avoid touching your face.
- If you have a serious underlying medical condition, have symptoms like a fever or serious cough, have been exposed to the virus, or feel unsafe about coming – stay home and worship with us online at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings!

As you are entering church, please make sure you are wearing a mask. This is to show your love for your neighbor and fellow church attendee. If you don't have a mask, one will be provided for you.

Before you enter the sanctuary please use hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer stations are available.

When selecting your seat, please keep physical distancing in mind, staying 6 feet apart. The pews will be marked to help you with this. Families who live together can sit together.

Our worship service will continue to look different from how it did before COVID-19: It will be shorter, there will be no congregational singing for the time being, and we will share the peace at a distance. Pastor Lucy will not be shaking hands.

We will offer communion at least monthly, but not every week, and it will be distributed on the way out of the sanctuary so you can move farther away from others before removing your mask to partake.

Offerings can be dropped in a basket on the back table of the Narthex or given online or mailed to the church office.

We miss our church friends, but out of love and care for one another, whenever possible, please take conversations outside after the service.

Over the coming months our worship services will continue to evolve as we pay attention to local, state, and national recommendations, and as we

Soup Lunch To Go at St. Paul



Soup Lunch volunteers continue to serve the community with Soup Lunch To-Go, handing out 354 meals so far in March.

You can help to support our Soup Lunch ministry by mailing your donations to:

St. Paul
Lutheran

Church, 617 St. Lawrence
Ave., Beloit, WI 53511

or by going to: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=531526>

Please mark any financial donations for "Soup Lunch." We are also in need of sandwich bags, spoons and forks, napkins, and books, particularly adult fiction.



Wednesdays @ Noon

April Menu

- 7 - Mostaccioli w/meatballs
- 14 - Broccoli cheese soup
- 21 - Turkey noodle casserole
- 28 - Beef barley soup

Prayer List

We offer our prayers and deepest condolences to the family and all who loved Jack Winchester, who passed away on March 14.

May God comfort and sustain those who mourn.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Dick P. (Chet Organ's friend); **Charlene B.;** **Jennifer and all those who seek shelter;** **Robin B.** (Resa H.'s friend); **Beth J.** (Katie Hassenfelt's friend); **Rick M.;** **Roger E.;** **Amy F.;** **Will S.;** **Kathy W.** (Pastor Lucy's mother-in-law); **Lynn** (Jan Knutson's college friend); **Jane and Egil;** **Tori C.;** **Tom** (Billie Kenitzer's brother); **RL;** **Kathy P.;** **Juelane** (Mark Mueller's sister); **Larry & Shayne M.** (St. Paul Soup Lunch friends); **Carol M.;** **Steve H.;** **Timothy W.;** **Shirley** (Ken Harris's mother); **Ashley H.;** **all who have been diagnosed with or are waiting for test results or are otherwise affected by COVID-19;** **and all those affected by the violence in our nation and around the world;** **and friends and family in the military.**

Names will be kept on the prayer list for two months unless otherwise requested. If you would like to have yourself or someone you know added to the prayer list, please let us know. Email secretary@stpaulbeloit.org with prayer list updates. Please use "Prayer List" in the subject line.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Members

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Secretary & Staff Support
Treasurer
Financial Secretary
Worship & Music
Youth Ministry
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Jane Carr
Ken Harris
Katie Hassenfelt
Larry Mortimer
Jen Murry
Linda McManigle
Dave Knutson

lean into the new realities of our society and our congregation's needs. Please be patient, hopeful and flexible! We trust the Holy Spirit will bring blessing and joy out of this – but maybe not the specific things we want on the timeline we want them. Trust God and give grace to your fellow St. Paul members as we figure this all out together.

And just one more time as a friendly reminder . . . you have **THREE options for worshipping with us:**

- * **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in-person at St. Paul ***
- * **Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in-person at St. Paul ***
- * **Sundays at 9:30 a.m. online on our Facebook and YouTube pages**

Whether it's in-person or online, we look forward to worshipping together with you. Thank you for your participation in the life and mission of St. Paul—there are wonderful things ahead of us!

Pastor Lucy and your St. Paul Council

Treasurer's Report: February 2021

<u>Income Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Summary</u>
Regular	10498.00	Beginning Balance
San Jose		Income
Lent (Family Promise)	385.00	Available Funds
Billboard		Expenses
Christ in Home	45.00	Correction
Family Promise		Ending Balance
Roof Fund		
Mission Outreach	69.00	Spending Plan/Mo.
General Fund	10997.00	Over/Under Mo.
Online Giving	1051.35	Over/Under Year
Misc	185.00	
Interest	0.56	
Total Income	12233.91	
		Roof Fund-Beg. Bal.
Eckholm Property		-Dispersment
-Deposit	49598.60	-Deposit
- Disbursement	0.00	-Ending Bal.
-Ending Balance	49598.60	

Wondering About Another Pandemic Easter



Can I confess?—I'm tired. **Easter is coming - Easter is almost here . . . but I am tired.**

Tired of isolation. Tired of second-guessing.

Tired of stretching my pastoring skills out of my comfort zone.

Tired of hybrid online schooling. Tired of Zoom calls and preaching to a camera.

Easter is coming . . . but will it bring more of the same?

Perhaps you're with me, perhaps you're tired too. If so, I invite you to join me in practicing the hard work of hope. As we approach Holy Week and Easter, and then a whole season of Easter, I am preparing my heart and head to celebrate. Easter is coming—and even if we cannot meet in person for a while still, and even if we do it behind masks, and even if church doesn't feel the same when we come back together, and even if my own spirit lags in tired discouragement—nothing can change the fact that Christ is RISEN!

It did not feel like Easter to those first disciples—but it was. It was not what they had expected or hoped for, and their first reaction was fear and disbelief. But it turned out to be more than they could have ever imagined. Life eternal—from such a discouraging, heart-wrenching, soul-terrifying event as crucifixion! I invite you to wonder with me . . . **What if this pandemic season *isn't* a sidetrack from God's great redeeming work—what if it's right at the heart of what God wants to do, needs to do, with God's church today?** What if this time isn't just a period of days, months, to be waited out – what if it's God's great "kairos time"—the right time for God to act and for us to participate in the Gospel? What if this time is exactly when and how God wanted to draw near to us in this day and age? To get our attention and reform us once again? Easter is coming . . . will we be ready to receive it?

Open our eyes, Lord. Open our hearts. Teach us to watch for You—risen among us. Amen.

Pastor Lucy

IT WAS A YEAR AGO

when the words CLOSED and CANCELLED took over
when the word ESSENTIAL was defined
when the words NEVER ALONE became our comfort & our challenge
when the word CHURCH was understood as people, not place

IT WAS A YEAR AGO

when each news cycle shifted our reality
when virus numbers displaced market numbers
when nature healed and adapted without us
when humanity clashed and divided among us

IN THIS YEAR

phone calls became new lifelines and zoom calls got old fast
our choices teetered between protecting mental or physical health
we learned to bake bread, make art and plant seeds
we noticed the ways that inequity is seated at our table so
we practiced gratitude for & generosity with what we have

IN THIS YEAR

we practiced simplicity and OPENED ourselves to what could be
we discerned that God's Love and Our Faith are ESSENTIAL
we prayed because we truly were NEVER ALONE
we practiced hospitality & forgiveness because WE are the CHURCH

IT'S BEEN A YEAR

and in this year
our story is growing
not to what was
but to what we will become



Kendra Wieser

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