

News N' Notes



ST. Paul's
Lutheran Church, School & Daycare

Let's Worship Together

Praise God! St. Paul's faith family is now coming together to worship. As of June 10, 2020, under the city of Janesville's Phase 2 of re-opening, churches are permitted to hold in-person, indoor worship services.

Our worship schedule will be as follows (until further notice):

- Thursdays, in the sanctuary (church building) at 6:30p
- Saturdays, in the sanctuary (church building) at 6p
- Sunday mornings, in the sanctuary (church building) at 8a
- Sunday mornings, in the PARKING LOT at 9a - Tune to 89.1 FM (Please note time change) (This service will also be live-streamed via Facebook Live and our website- www.stpaulsjanesville.com)
- Sunday mornings, in the sanctuary (church building) at 10a (Please note time change)

Those attending the services in the sanctuary (church building) are respectfully requested to wear masks and will be expected to practice social distancing.

Holy Communion will be offered:

- Thursday, July 9th at 6:30p;
- Sunday July 12 at 8a;
- Saturday, July 18 at 6p;
- Sunday, July 19 at 10a;
- Sunday, July 29 at 9a (Parking Lot Service);
- Thursday, July 30 at 6:30p;
- Sunday, August 2 at 8a.

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Voters Approve 2020-2021 Budget

St. Paul's Voters met on Monday, June 22, 2020 to discuss and approve next year's budget. We would like to thank our business manager, Cindy Perkins, for all of her hard work on obtaining a Payroll Protection Loan and for developing a balanced budget.

This budget includes a tuition increase of 4.5% on member tuition (from \$2,200 to \$2,300)—others slightly higher; no wage increases for staff; a 67% reduction in missions budget; and elimination of two part time church positions .



St. Paul's Rainforest Explorers

Vacation Bible School

August 3 – 7, 2020

From 6 to 7p

Drive-In Family Style VBS

VBS this year will be held for Preschool through 5th grade ONLY

Families attend VBS together from 6-7 pm each evening in St. Paul's parking lot. This new time is a way to help working families be able to safely attend VBS. We will have VBS songs, live on stage Bible stories, and projects to go. Each day you will receive "VBS in a Bag". This has all of your supplies for the day's projects so you can continue working on projects at home together as a family. Virtual VBS will be another option for any families that may not be able to participate in the Live Drive - In VBS. *Unfortunately, we are unable to offer ceramics for the older students this year.* Be watching for VBS updates as the summer progresses.

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

St. Paul's has applied for and received notification that it has been approved for a Paycheck Protection Loan. This government loan will provide for the salaries and benefits of our called and hourly workers for a period of two months (May and June). If this money is only used for salaries and benefits (and it will) then the loan will become a grant and will not require being paid back. Please note that this loan will not meet the total operating expenses for our church and school for that period.

Since the outbreak of Covid-19 our overall offerings have been \$45,000 short of meeting our monthly salaries, benefits, and other operating expenses. If our offerings increase by that \$45,000 per month then St. Paul's will be on a solid financial footing for the summer. May we please prayerfully consider responding with the same generosity that our Lord Jesus has first given to us in His death and resurrection for our eternal salvation.

God's blessings!
Pastor Decker

Ways to Give

MAIL

your donation to:
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran
Church,
210 S Ringold St,
Janesville WI 53545

ONLINE

stpaulsjanesville.com
Locate the DONATE
button.

GIVE + MOBILE

For our smartphone users, go to the App Store or Google Play and download the "GivePlus Church" app.

GIVE + TEXT

Send a text message to 1-833-261-9960 with the amount you would like to contribute (example: 25). Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register.

Mary in Milwaukee



Mary and her team members have made well over 600 visits in her first two years with us at St. Paul's. These all were mostly routine visits for Mary and her team. Unfortunately, on February 26, 2020 with the Molson Coors Brewery shootings in Milwaukee our visits became more than routine. Our training had prepared us for emergency, crisis deployments, where we might be asked to respond in less than 24 hours. Now we were faced with such a situation, almost in our own back yard. We thought we would try to describe how our ministry served after this tragedy.

After receiving the request from Lutheran Church Charities early Thursday morning after the shooting, Mary and two of her handlers, Dianne and Tyler, were ready to travel to Milwaukee. Mary and six other dogs, mostly from the Milwaukee area, spent several hours that day at Story Elementary School. The school, located in the same neighborhood as the brewery, was put on lockdown after the shooting for several hours. Dianne described this visit: "The classrooms were divided among the seven dogs. Mary visited one sixth grade class and three kindergarten classes. The kids and their teachers loved the dogs and the diversion from the previous day to start anew. We were happy to serve and provide love and compassion to Story school." Two days later, on Saturday, Mary along with her handlers Dawn and Tyler again traveled to Milwaukee. This time they were available at a teamster's office to visit with brewery employees.

The Monday after the shooting we would have been in Milwaukee again, however we had been asked to be at a local funeral home for a 13 year old boy who lost his life to cancer. This time we were requesting the help from other Comfort Dogs because of the large turnout that was expected at the visitation. Two dogs from Immanuel Lutheran in Belvidere, Kye and Bekka, came to serve with Mary. All three dogs were kept very busy providing comfort to the young man's family and friends.

We were in Milwaukee again that same week, this time splitting a long day between the medical examiner's office and the brewery. The medical examiner's office was a somewhat emotional visit according to Marys' handlers, Tom and Tom. The employees not only were dealing with the aftermath of the shooting but had dealt with a very tragic homicide case of a mother and her two young children only two weeks before, along with an extreme amount of deaths due to overdoses. Many of the employees spent time curled up next to Mary and the other comfort dogs, some choosing to talk about their experiences and some not. The chief medical examiner said no one had ever done anything like this for his employees. After leaving the medical examiner's office, Mary and the other dogs went to Molson Coors where employees were returning to work. Employees along with their families had the opportunity to spend time with the several dogs there before starting their shift.

Twenty-two dogs served at some point during this deployment, sharing the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ. At the time of this writing, Marys' visits, along with all the other Comfort Dog visits, have been put on hold during this time of uncertainty and health concerns. Hopefully soon there will be a more positive outlook. In the meantime, our ministry team is watching for ways we can serve in our community and share the love of Christ.

Please contact Mary by email, through Facebook or by talking to one of her team members if you know of someone or someplace that would benefit by a visit from her. Her email address is: Mary@K9Comfort.org. Find Mary on Facebook at Mary Comfort Dog to stay updated on her comings and goings.

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Official Acts

Baptism: March 14, 2020 *Huntleigh Rae Velasquez*
Parents: Johnn Boschna and Avelina Velasquez
Sponsors: Ashley Kohn and Nicole Harsha

Deaths:

03-01-2020 Marion E. Ludwig
03-10-2020 Jeff G. Hassinger
04-02-2020 Doris B. Schwartzlow
04-26-2020 Frank J. Splinter, Jr.
06-02-2020 Michael W. Schmidt
06-03-2020 Ronald M. Yager
06-11-2020 Elaine M. Ingold

Membership Changes:

3-13-2020 *Transfer to LCMS:*
Jameson Henning transferred to Lord of Glory Lutheran Church,
Grayslake, IL (LCMS)

5-15-2020 *New Member by Adult Confirmation*
Susan Dickman and Alistair
4248 Braxton Dr, Janesville WI 53546
(608) 580-0408

5-15-2020 *New Member by Adult Confirmation*
Kevin & Ashley Hoffman, Trevor Hoffman, Emma Syverson
8116 East B C Townline Rd, Clinton WI 53525
(608) 290-9390

5-18-2020 *Transfer to LCMS:*
Doreen Mann transferred to St. John's Ev. Lutheran, Edgerton
WI (LCMS)

With Sympathy:

Our prayers go out to all who are mourning the loss of someone special to them. We remember: The family of Marion Ludwig; Nicole Steinke and family on loss of grandfather Robert Buehl; Nancy Hassinger and children Brooke Staus, Kyle Hassinger, Heidi Bakke and Corey Hassinger on loss of husband/father Jeff Hassinger; Mary Toberman on loss of brother, David; Jeff Schwartzlow, Donna Pfaff and Doreen Mann on loss of mother Doris Schwartzlow; Mary Splinter and Diane Feggstad on loss of husband/step-father Frank Splinter; Janet Anderson and family on loss of father, Immanuel Duesterhoeft; Shirlee Schmidt, Megan Laskowski and Travis Schmidt on loss of husband/father Michael Schmidt; Lila and Kurt Yager on loss of husband/father Ronald Yager; the family of Elaine Ingold especially her daughter Cheryl Skelly and grandsons Joe and Scott Skelly; Kelly Zastoupil and family on loss of brother Mike Tanda.



Please Pray For . . .

Pray for those who are affected by this pandemic. Pray for doctors, nurses, and medical personnel who are at risk.

Pray for those whose jobs are being reduced or eliminated.

Pray for the quick diminishing of COVID-19.

Also, please keep St. Paul's Church, School and Day Care in your prayers. Pray for the students. Pray for the teachers. Pray for many of our hour-

ly workers who will not be working during this time. Pray that the financial support of our ministries will not lag, requiring an interruption of paychecks for staff and faculty.

Pray that we can all work together to come back to a St. Paul's that can be stronger than the one we left.

God's blessings!