



# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

## MINISTRIES

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### Weekly News

#### Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>May 17<sup>th</sup></b> Worship Service (facebook live & WNAM 1280 AM)
<b>Monday</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>May 18<sup>th</sup></b> ECC Board Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 6:30 p.m.	<b>May 19<sup>th</sup></b> Church Council
<b>Wednesday</b> 6:30 p.m.	<b>May 20<sup>th</sup></b> Prime Time with the Lord
<b>Thursday</b> 9:15 a.m.	<b>May 21<sup>th</sup></b> Bible Study
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>May 24<sup>th</sup></b> Worship Service (facebook live & WNAM 1280 AM)

**In memory of** Doris Rehfeldt, \$1,000 has been given to St. Paul Church from her family for Mother's Day.



**OUTSIDE CHURCH FLOWERS:** Anyone who would like to help keep our exterior flowers watered, please contact Linda Zimmerman at 920-788-6061 or Julie Bork at 920-734-5794. *"Many hands make light work".*

**A Note from the Bargain Garden:** April 1, 2020, marked the 28th anniversary of The Bargain Garden Thrift Shop. Since its beginning, the BG has donated \$1,233,000 to FVL and \$120,000 to other WELS charities. (In 2019 alone, FVL received more than

\$124,000.) So far in 2020, \$43,269 has been donated to FVL (\$15,000 for operations; \$28,269 for a van and door projects). While we remain closed to keep volunteers and customers safe, we are anxious to reopen. Notification will be sent to the Federation churches when a date has been determined.

Please keep in mind that although many of you are “spring cleaning,” our space to receive donations is limited and spreading out your donations to the Bargain Garden would be helpful.

We look forward to serving you and raising funds for FVL’s teen ministry. We pray that God will continue to bless our efforts.

**A message from the Apple Valley Food Pantry:** Our next pantry collection date is **Sunday, June 14, 2020**. If in-person worship is allowed prior to that date, donations may be dropped off in the St. Paul Church basement. If not, donations can be taken directly to the pantry at St. Matthew’s (129 S. Mason Street in Appleton). Items needed by the food pantry are: **Cereal (on average between 150-175 boxes are needed per month), cookies, crackers, boxed potatoes, canned fruits, macaroni and cheese, hamburger helpers, toilet paper and paper towel, pancake mix and syrup, tomato and chicken soups, all canned meats, peanut butter, and healthy snacks.**

**Thank you for the amazing gifts for the pantry that were received over the past couple of months!** We have been overwhelmed by your generosity to the response of our needs to assist those using our pantry. Your love and compassion to help us during this difficult time have eased our concerns for the time being because the need is always going to be there to assist others who need it the most. God certainly does provide for his people through your acts of Christian love and kindness. Every little thing you do to support the pantry is appreciated by all of us and those whom we serve. Thank you and God bless.

**Weekly Offering/E-Giving Update:** As you are already aware, our weekly in-person services are currently suspended which also means we have not been able to give our weekly gifts for collection. A portion of our weekly gifts and offerings helps our ministries cover standard operating expenses, payments, bills, etc. As we are actively continuing our ministries through Facebook services and on-line virtual schooling, the requirements for our general operating funding has not decreased. While we are waiting for our normal in-person services to resume, if you are able and still wish to give your weekly or Lenten gifts please feel free to mail your offering to

our church office or use the EasyTithe giving option on our website or at this link <https://app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/offering>. EasyTithe giving can be a one-time or weekly reoccurring offering. You could also be setup for direct deposit through your banking institution if you are not comfortable giving online. Whatever your choice, thank you for your continued support for our St. Paul Ministries!

### **FVL NEWS:**

**HOST FAMILIES still needed** for FVL's International Program next fall. Despite the current health concerns, FVL's International program continues to offer the opportunity to share the Gospel with students from around the world. Applications are being received, and we have a great need to find housing for at least six more male students. International Coordinator Monica Uhlenbrauck stays updated with all the latest travel and health advisories to keep both our host families and students safe. If you are interested in helping share the Gospel with international teens in this way, please contact Monica at [muhnlenbrauck@fvlhs.org](mailto:muhnlenbrauck@fvlhs.org). A stipend of up to \$6500 is offered to host families to offset possible costs.

*Give to St. Paul online or via your mobile phone - Any time, any day.*

However God calls you to faithfully give, we make it simple!

## ONLINE GIVING

1. Go to: [www.easytithe.com/offering](http://www.easytithe.com/offering) and Click SIGN IN.
2. Click "Register for An Account" if you are first time user.

You can give using a credit card, debit card, or, e-check. You can also set-up recurring giving. You have the option of directing your gifts to the following funds or projects:

- Church Budget offering
- St. Paul Employees Emergency Fund
- ECC Debt Retirement
- MLC Tuition Grants
- Chimney Cover for church
- Push Bars for school doors
- Security Cameras
- Classroom Doors
- LED Lights for gym
- Parish Needy Fund



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## MOBILE PHONE

1. Download the EasyTithe Giving app from your Smartphone app store. Search for St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church or enter zip code 54911. Click on St. Paul.
2. Or, enter into your browser: [www.easytithe.com/offering](http://www.easytithe.com/offering) and Click SIGN IN.
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Note: If you give online or via the mobile app, don't feel awkward about not putting anything in the offering plate. You can still use your offering envelope during the Worship service. Mark the e-Giving box on your offering envelope and place in the offering plate!

**If you are having trouble getting your EasyTithe account set-up, please reach out to Gary Jahnke at [GJahnke@new.rr.com](mailto:GJahnke@new.rr.com), or, 920-428-2893 for some friendly assistance!**