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Let us go to the house of the Lord

I miss you. I miss hugs and handshakes. I miss your smiles and your laughter. I miss the high fives from the little ones. I miss talking to you and listening to you. I miss finding out about your week and what's going on in your life. I miss seeing people in the pews. I miss hearing our voices blend together in prayer and in song. I miss preaching to faces instead of to a camera.

God has blessed us with technological gifts so that we can bring God's Word to you at home. I am thankful for this technology and the people who make it work, especially Cory Feidt and Jim Jelinek, who have put in many hours to make sure that we produce a quality service. We don't want the blessings of technology to become a distraction because of poor quality while you try to listen to God's Word. So, I am thankful for their gifts and work.

But it's not the same as being together.

The Church is people, not a screen. The church is people loving and caring about each other. It's people growing together in God's Word. It's people assisting each other on the road to heaven. It's people gathering together to encourage and build each other up. It's people gathering around God's Word and sacrament.

Martin Luther said of the church, "In this communion of saints we are all brothers and sisters so closely united that a closer relationship cannot be conceived. For here we have one Baptism, one Christ, one Sacrament, one food, one Gospel, one faith, one Spirit, one spiritual body; and each is a member of the other. No other brotherhood is so deeply rooted and so closely knit. For while natural brothers possess one flesh and blood, one heritage and home, they must nonetheless part and merge with another blood and heritage." (What Luther Says, #808) As such a close knit fraternity, we need to be together.

It is my prayer that this forced separation from worship together has given you a longing to join with your fellow believers in one building, hearing, singing, praying, communing and worshipping together.

The other day I received a text from the mother of a student in our school. She sent a picture of her son's religion homework. He was to write a prayer on his worksheet. His prayer said, "Dear God, please make the sickness go away so that we can go to church. Amen."

May that be your prayer as well. May we have the attitude of King David who wrote in Psalm 122:

*"I rejoiced with those who said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'*

² *Our feet are standing
in your gates, Jerusalem.*

³ *Jerusalem is built like a city
that is closely compacted together.*

⁴ *That is where the tribes go up—
the tribes of the Lord—*

*to praise the name of the Lord
according to the statute given to Israel.*

⁵ *There stand the thrones for judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.*

⁶ *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
'May those who love you be secure.*

⁷ *May there be peace within your walls
and security within your citadels.'*

⁸ *For the sake of my family and friends,
I will say, 'Peace be within you.'*

⁹ *For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your prosperity."*

• Pastor Kenneth Frey

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Worship Schedule

Sunday services: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Monday evenings: 6:00 p.m.

***Times are listed in the event that the 'Safer at Home' order is lifted prior to service dates. Until then, we will continue to have services on facebook live on Sundays at 8am. Services can also be heard on WNAW 1280 AM.**

5/3	Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday
5/10	Fifth Sunday of Easter – The resurrection is the central foundation of salvation
5/17	Sixth Sunday of Easter – The resurrection is the central truth of our testimony
5/24	Seventh Sunday of Easter – The resurrection is the central might for our mission
5/31	The Day of Pentecost – Come, Holy Spirit

Official Acts

Transfer In:

Brian & Deb Paschen

Forever with the Lord:

Phyllis Hass departed this life on April 2nd, 2020 at the age of 92 years, 3 months, and 24 days.

Dale Timm departed this life on April 16th, 2020 at the age of 79 years, 7 months, and 19 days.

Financials through March 31st, 2020

	Mar.	July – Mar.
Income	\$ 136,514	\$ 1,551,952
Expense	\$ 176,711	\$ 1,544,159
Behind / Ahead	\$ -40,197	\$ +7,793

All bills are paid, all obligations are met.

***Yearly income includes a transfer of \$24,920 from MLF to GE Fund for deficit months.**

Report Date 4/19/2020

UPDATE ECC MORTGAGE-INVESTORS BANK

Original Note Date	4/10/2015	Next Maturity Date	10/20/2021
5 year locked interest (4.40%)			
Regular Payment for April 2020	\$9,170	P-\$8,489.74	I-\$680.26
Extra Payment on Principal For April 2020	-----	P-	0

Starting Mortgage Value	11/20/2015	\$ 2,000,000.00
Amount paid off of Principal as of	4/17/2020	\$ 1,809,551.20
Mortgage value as of	4/17/2020	\$ 190,448.80

ECC Debt Retirement Effort directly to debt	\$ 1,574,202.16
Money applied from normal monthly payment to debt	\$ 235,349.04
Total Payments on Principal	4/17/2020 \$ 1,809,551.20

Total interest saved over 20 years at 4.4% by ECC Debt Retirement Program

ECC Debt Ret.	Int %	Interest Saved
\$ 1,574,202.16	4.4%	\$ 1,385,297.90

To make an offering for ECC Debt retirement use any envelope in your packet or a normal envelope. Your envelope number must be on the envelope so your contribution can be recorded. **TO HAVE IT APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE OUTSTANDING BALANCE OF THE LOAN, WRITE "ECC DEBT RETIREMENT" ON THE ENVELOPE. To God be the Glory.**

School News

Mission Statement:

Using God's Word as our guide, St. Paul Lutheran School will raise up future generations of Christians in our community by assisting parents in the Christian teaching of their children and by striving for excellence in all areas of instruction.

St. Paul Lutheran School Continues Virtual Learning:

Governor Evers mandated that all schools will be closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. What a tremendous blessing technology has been for us at your school! St. Paul Lutheran School will continue educating children for time and eternity through Virtual Learning instruction in the same manner that they have been for the end of March and entire month of April. The official end date of our Virtual Learning school year will be May 22nd. It is hopeful that we will be able to join back together on June 4 to end our school year together. If this is not possible, we may have a virtual school closing service with a drop off of books and materials and a pick-up of the students' remaining items. We thank our faculty for their hard work and dedication to providing a Christian education for our families during the 4th quarter, and we thank our families for assisting the children in their homes during this unprecedented time in history. Please continue to keep your faculty and staff in your prayers as we continue to fulfill the mission of your school. May the LORD continue to bless our faithful efforts as we end the school year and make plans for the 2020-2021 school year.

Call News: Mr. Rehberger has returned his call to serve at Word of Life Lutheran School in Milwaukee, WI. This means that Mr. and Mrs. Rehberger will remain serving with us at St. Paul. What a tremendous blessing this is for us at St. Paul! Please keep Word of Life Lutheran School in your prayers as they make plans for the next school year.

Mr. Paul Hoffman, 6th grade homeroom teacher, has received a divine call to serve as teacher and principal at

Immanuel Lutheran School in Medford, WI. Please keep Mr. Hoffman and his family in your prayers as he deliberates this call and the call he has at St. Paul. Please reach out to him to offer your words of encouragement and support. You can reach him during this time via email @ phoffman@stpaulappletonwi.com or phone @ (248)836-7721.

Graduation Service: Our closing and graduation service is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 4th at 6pm in the church sanctuary. This will also be the date that end of the year materials will be sent out and any misc. supplies sent home. Please pencil this date into your calendar. More info to come.

Confirmation Service: Our confirmation service is typically the first Sunday in May. Because of the 'Safer at Home' mandate, that service has been tentatively rescheduled for Sunday, June 7th. More info to come.

International Program: St. Paul School has been recently notified of our acceptance into the International Program. This program allows for students living abroad to come to St. Paul for their education. What a blessing to be able to share the gospel with these children! Although we do not have any applicants as of yet, we are looking for housing for any potential students. There is a \$6,500 yearly stipend for those that house international students. If this might be of interest to you, please contact Mr. Kelley directly for more information (jkelly@stpaulappletonwi.com or 733-9061).

St. Paul VIRTUAL Book Fair

Our Spring book fair has been cancelled, so it was decided to do a virtual fair this year instead! There are over 6,000 titles to choose from for all ages and all purchases benefit St. Paul. Orders will ship direct to your home and there is FREE shipping on book-only orders over \$25. Sale runs through May 4th. Click the link below and then the 'Shop Now' button. Thank you for helping to bring more exciting reading material to our school and ECC!

[St. Paul Book Fair Link](#)

LWMS

Due to the extension of the Safer at Home order, our May 14th meeting has been cancelled. We hope to meet for our regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2020, 6:30 pm in Room 13 at the school.

Please pray for our missionaries and their children, some attending high school and college here in the United States, as they experience the pandemic far from one another. Also keep our assigned B.A.M. missionaries experiencing isolation in their respective callings. Contact Connie Frey for their home addresses if

you are interested in corresponding with them, conniefrey@hotmail.com.

- Home Missionaries – Pastor Scott Wolfram (pastorwolfram@gmail.com) and Staff Minister Jerry Worden (smjworden@divine-word.com) at The Word - Steven's Point Campus Ministry. Plus, a new home missionary has been assigned to our circuit - Missionary Benjamin Birner at Cross of Christ in Liverpool, NY.
- World Missionary John C. Hartmann (hartmannjohn5@gmail.com) with WELS Friends of Africa in Zambia

A message from Dr. Glen Thompson – Academic Dean, Asia Lutheran Seminary:

Asia Lutheran Seminary (ALS) was established in 2005 by WELS in Hong Kong to train pastors and evangelists for the Chinese-speaking world. I joined the faculty in 2012 to serve as the first academic dean. At ALS, many of its students are laypeople looking for more advanced Bible study. ALS also offers a variety of degrees, including a Master of Divinity degree that requires a working knowledge of both Greek and Hebrew. The goal is not just to raise up Chinese pastors and evangelists, but also future seminary professors, theologians for the Chinese Lutheran church, and men and women capable of witnessing about the good news of Christ in the wider Chinese Christian community. In my seven years at ALS, I feel that the Lord has given me a unique opportunity to use my training as both a pastor and scholar.

I have always been a student of languages, and I have been able to assist ALS in developing what a local Hong Kong Christian leader has called "the best biblical languages program in Asia." Both Greek and Hebrew are taught as living languages, with the students learning not only to read but also to speak and answer questions in biblical languages. This has led to a very high success rate and to a better appreciation of and competence in those languages. ALS is now attracting an increasing number of non-Lutheran students who wish to continue their studies at ALS after completing their language study.

Another way ALS reaches beyond our own Lutheran congregations is through its publishing and lecture program. Christians around the world watch and hear our professors and guest speakers lecture on important topics on the ALS YouTube channel. Studies are also published that can serve as seminary textbooks. They are available in Chinese at Christian bookstores in Hong Kong and Taiwan, and in English through Amazon Kindle. ALS students can access online courses on our Moodle site, and many of the Bible Institute level courses include students from across South Asia who study with us on their computers and cell phones. In all these ways, Christ and his free gift of salvation is preached while providing

sound theological education for those who shepherd God's Chinese sheep.

Thank You Andy!

The Evangelism & Fellowship Board wants to thank Andy Ziegler for building and donating our new 'Guest Welcome Center Desk' that you will see located in the church Narthex when we are able to again gather for worship. The desk will serve as a focal point for guests who are interested in information about our ministry program. A plan will be made to staff the desk on Sundays. It will include informational materials for guests.

Weekly Church Cleaners

Due to the "Stay at Home" orders that we are now under there is no need for any of you to continue with our Church cleaning tasks each week. When the order is finally lifted, we will resume the weekly cleaning with the teams scheduled at that point on our calendar. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact Glen or Linda Zimmerman at 920-788-6061.

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church and School Project Wish List

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| 1. | LED Lights for Gym | \$8,000 |
| 2. | Chimney cover for church | \$1700 |
| 3. | Push Bars for Door | \$4000 |
| 4. | Security cameras | \$5000 |
| 5. | Classroom doors | \$29,000 |

Any donations (large or small) given toward these items is greatly appreciated. Some of these items/projects have been purchased/completed and we are looking for members to help in covering any part of the costs involved.

For a closer look at these items as well as giving options, including 'Easy Tithe', please follow this link: [Wish List Giving](#). As always, THANK YOU for your support.

FVL NEWS

FVL's FOXFEST AUCTION is being held online THIS Friday, April 24 from 4 - 8 PM. All are welcome to participate. The auction will be more important than ever because of the increased needs for Tuition Assistance posed by the pandemic. WE ARE ENCOURAGING OUR FRIENDS TO REGISTER EARLY SO THIS IS NOT A FRUSTRATION ON FRIDAY. Register online at fvls.org. Bidders can plan to pick up items on Saturday, April 25. Items will be delivered to cars by FVL volunteers near the Commons entrance to minimize any close contact. Questions should be directed to Megan Beyer by phone at 560-5122 or via email at mbeyer@fvls.org.

International Student Housing Needed: 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 muhlenbrauck@fvls.org. A stipend of up to \$6500 is offered to host families to offset possible costs.