



Social Distance and the Lord's Supper

"For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.'²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Over the last couple years, we have had to shut down in-person worship, wear masks and social distance. Since we have been back to in-person worship, we have altered the way we serve communion, closed off every other pew and wore masks.

Masks are no longer required by the government so we have made the wearing of masks optional. Almost anywhere you go today, social distancing is left for people to do on their own. So, we no longer block off every other pew. We trust those who are concerned to social distance as they choose.

Some people in our congregation may still be concerned about COVID transmission, especially with new variants of the virus. We understand that. That is why we have the radio broadcast and the Facebook page as alternatives to in-person worship.

However, you can't receive the Lord's Supper through the radio or the computer. Consider the following paragraph from an article by Reinhart Buchholz in the Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly from 1966:

"There is no plainer evidence that a congregation or a synod is decadent than the decline in Communion attendance and the deterioration of Communion discipline. 'In the Supper of the Lord is the heart-beat of the Church. Where the heart dies, the whole body dies. The Church dies with the Lord's Supper' [Hermann Sasse, 'Kirche und Herrenmahl']. Communion cannot be replaced by mere preaching. Only where the Gospel is preached in its truth and purity can the Sacrament be preserved and rightly administered. And only where the Sacrament is rightly celebrated can the preaching of the Gospel remain pure. The congregation must have concern for both. No one can understand Luther's contending for the Lord's Supper, if he overlooks the fact that giving up the divinely-instituted celebration of the Lord's Supper inevitably leads to a disintegration of the faith. For Luther the struggle for the divinely-instituted use of the Sacrament was at the same time a struggle for pure doctrine. Justifying faith belongs to a blessed attendance at the Lord's Table."

We should not consider the Lord's Supper optional. It is an integral part of our worship and spiritual life. If you are concerned about in-person worship, contact the church office for someone to bring you the Lord's Supper privately. If you don't, we will assume that you will again make attendance at the Lord's Supper a priority in your life.

• Pastor Kenneth Frey

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Worship Schedule

Sunday services: 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. *Our regular Sunday worship schedule will resume on 9/12, with services at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*

Monday evenings: 6:00 p.m.

Our 8am Sunday services are on facebook live and can also be heard on WNAM 1280 AM.

9/2, 9/5	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – This is your life – Equipped <i>**Note there will be service at 6pm Thurs., 9/2, and No service on Mon., 9/6**</i>
9/12, 9/13	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Our family cares for people with disabilities
9/19, 9/20	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – Our family expects hard times
9/26, 9/27	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Our family welcomes children

Official Acts

Baptized:

Stevie Paschen, daughter of Travis & Emily Paschen

Forever with the Lord:

Olive Lecker departed this life on June 8th, 2021 at the age of 94 years, 3 months, and 21 days.

Rodney Henschel departed this life on July 29th, 2021 at the age of 77 years, 6 months, and 7 days.

Nancy Standiford departed this life on August 9th, 2021 at the age of 89 years, 3 months, and 22 days.

Transfer In:

Robert Van Riper and child Kirsten Gullerud

Profession of Faith:

Lisa Volkman Mildred & Duane Watermolen

Transfer Out:

Lizette Reyes and child

Melissa Smolinski and children

Neal & Lauren Davis and children

Release:

John & Lori Wenning and child

Financials through July 31st, 2021

	July	July
Income	\$ 116,493	\$ 116,493
Expense	\$ 163,644	\$ 163,644
Behind / Ahead	\$ -47,151	\$ -47,151

All bills are paid; all obligations are met.

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.

Back to School on 8/25: Registration day was a success!

Sunday, 8/22 St. Paul School held their annual Back to School Sunday & Registration Day. Nearly all of our families were able to attend, and our students' school supplies are all moved into their classrooms and ready to start in person instruction! Our Fall sports will go on as 'normal' – our volleyball teams have been practicing for a month now, and soccer and cross country practices will begin in the next couple weeks. At this point in time, all are welcome to attend student matches, meets, and games. Check out our Athletic Calendar [HERE](#).

Student Teacher at St. Paul: Mr. Jacob Price will be with us in the 8th grade classroom September 7-November 12. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues his education here at St. Paul.

Parent Night at FVLHS: Fox Valley Lutheran Schools will be hosting a parent night on Wednesday, September 29 starting at 6:30PM at Fox Valley Lutheran High School. Please join us as we host 5-stones of the Fox Valley to provide information regarding human sex trafficking. The program will highlight and discuss its awareness, education, prevention, networking, and collaboration.

LWMS

Our Lutheran Women's Missionary Society encourages missionaries and their families through the "Befriend A Missionary" program. This year St. Paul congregation has been asked to "befriend" 3 home missionaries and their families. They are

- Chris and Annie Mundstock (2-year old Mabel), who serve at Our Savior's Lutheran School in Peridot, AZ.
- Pastor Doug and Yuliya Lange (11-year old Solomon and 9-year old Elijah) who serve at Ascension Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, NC.
- Pastor Nathan and Becky Loersch (5-year old Alayna, 2-year old Fredrick, and 8-month old Titus) who serve at Illumine Lutheran Church in Rock Hill, SC.

Thank you to all who sent them birthday and anniversary cards. If any would like to participate in future mailings, please contact Joan Wolfgramm, 920 996-0731.

All women of St. Paul are invited to our local LWMS gathering on Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 6:30 PM in the church basement. Agenda items include synod mission updates and information about our Circuit's Fall Rally, set for Saturday morning, October 16, 2021, at Mount Olive. Our congregation will host the Circuit Spring Rally in 2023. For more information, contact Connie Frey, 920 428-5623.

A message from Mr. Dan Katzinski, member of Amazing Love Lutheran Church in Frankfort, IL:

Through the Mission Journeys program, Amazing Love Lutheran Church in Frankfort, IL, sponsored a mission trip to visit fellow Christians in Ukraine in September 2019. The Ukrainian Lutheran Church (ULC) shares fellowship with WELS with over 650 members, 17 congregations, 13 pastors, and 5 worship facilities.

Our objectives were centered on fellowship and exploration for future interaction with our brothers and sisters.

What started as a plan to visit with a group of men morphed into a trip with two men and two teens focused heavily on youth fellowship.

Pastor Dustin Blumer and Dan Katzinski were accompanied by Bella Blumer (Pastor's daughter, an 8th grader at Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy in Downers Grove, IL) and Ryan Witt (Dan's stepson, a freshman at Illinois Lutheran High School in Crete, IL) for 10 days in Ukraine. We flew into and out of Kyiv (the capital) and spent six days in the southern region of the country on the Black Sea. Every part of Ukraine we visited was stunningly beautiful.

The trip spanned two Sundays with Pastor Blumer preaching in four churches, four days at a school in the southern Ukrainian village of Ivanivka, and four evenings at the church in Ivanivka for fellowship, Bible Study, music, and worship.

The journey exceeded every expectation of the mission team! The trip was immeasurably more than we had asked for or imagined! The Ukrainians shared their history, culture, food, and ministry with us. They made us feel like family from the moment we arrived in the country. Bella and Ryan made close friends whom they hope to see again at the annual ULC Youth Rallies in Ukraine.

Mr. Dan Katzinski, Member of Amazing Love Lutheran Church, Frankfort, IL

Women's Ministry News

News *from and for* Women's Ministry:

We are again available to serve funeral luncheons for our congregation. Our coordinator is Ardyce Buss. She will help the family with catering information and determining

an appropriate number of people to plan for the meal. We sometimes need additional congregation members to help serve funerals. If you can help us, please add your name to the sign-up sheet posted on the Women's Ministry bulletin board just outside the church basement kitchen or you can put a note in Vicki Sheldon's mailbox. What does serving encompass? A salad or dessert may be requested, setting the tables, serving the food and clean-up. With an 11:00 funeral time, we start around 9:30 to get things setup and finish around 1:00. If you are called to help, you always have the option to accept or decline, depending on your availability.

October 10 is when we will hold our Fall Festival. A delicious roast beef dinner with mashed potatoes and vegetable followed by a mouthwatering dessert will be served. There will be both in-person meals and take out options available. The kid's meal will be chicken strips. A silent auction and bake sale will be included. Your contributions to our desserts, bake sale and silent auction are always appreciated. We cannot hold this event without contributions from our church members.

Our regular monthly meetings will begin on September 14 with pizza. All women of the congregation are invited to join us at this meeting or any meeting. Women's Ministry always meets the second Tuesday of the month (except in summer). We will return to meeting in Room 13. Our biggest topic will be October 10 Fall Festival.

Kids Only – Save the Date!

We are making plans to hold the "Kids Only" shopping event again this year. It has been scheduled for Saturday December 11th. All kids from St. Paul School, ECC, and Church (ages 4 years old - 8th grade) are invited to come and do their Christmas shopping for just \$1 per item. Everyone in the congregation is welcome to donate new items for the sale. They can be dropped off in the church basement. Watch for further updates and info! If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Sievert (851-9436) or Sheryl Wert. (858-6553)

ECC Update

ECC Clothesline LAST CALL: There is a mini clothesline located in the church narthex now through Labor Day. This clothesline has wish list items still needed for the ECC expansion classrooms. If you are still interested in donating, please help yourself to an item from the clothesline. Each pinned article has a photo of the item needed and ordering options. Some things have already been ordered, but need to be funded (this is specifically noted on those items). If you happen to find the requested item cheaper elsewhere - great! Please contact Candy Schulz for any questions and thank you for considering!

THANK YOU to all who have donated to the ECC classroom expansion already! Your generous gifts are so greatly appreciated! Several of you have remained anonymous, but we want you to know how much we appreciate ALL gifts and say a huge THANK YOU!!!!

WE NEED YOU!!! Do you love working with children? St. Paul ECC's recent expansion is a tremendous blessing to our ministry but we need more staff to help fill our caregiver positions. We have immediate openings for 3 assistant/floater teachers and 1 lead teacher. Benefits are available for full time positions. For more information contact Candy Schulz at 920-733-9061 or cschulz@stpaulappletonwi.com. Come join our team today!

attend the Instrument Discovery Open House at FVL, scheduled for 6-8 PM on 9/9. More details are available at fvlhs.org/fvl-schools-band. Contact Elisabeth Wagner at ewagner@fvlhs.org for more information.

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

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| 1. Push Bars for Door | \$2,500 |
| 2. Large Playground Improvements | \$25,000 |
| 3. Organ Refurbish/MIDI Input | \$33,000 |
| 4. Refinish Pews | \$40,000 |
| 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](#).

We've been blessed to receive donations to fully fund the items shown below, totaling \$337,114. They have been removed from the active Wish List and will be completed as soon as possible.

1. Hymnals
2. ECC Loan
3. Security Cameras
4. ECC & School Construction Project
5. Vex Robotic Program
6. Baby Grand Piano

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations towards these items!

FVL News

Accepting Applications at FVL - FVL is hiring a Media Center Supervisor, Activities Assistant, and Canteen Manager. Visit fvlhs.org/About/Employment for the full job descriptions and applications. Applications accepted until positions are filled.

Registration for the 2021-22 FVL Schools Band is open for Federation students entering grades 5-8. Plan to