

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Bangor, Wisconsin

LIVE STREAM SERVICES DURING THE COVID – 19 CRISIS

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SUNDAYS AT 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

Fourth Sunday Of Easter**May 3, 2020**

Personal Prayers For Worship: Pages 10-11 & 134-139 (front of hymnal)

Opening Hymn - 582

Liturgy – Page 15 (front of hymnal)

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 42:1-4; Psalm 27:4-5
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 7:1-24

All Scripture lessons are from the Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

The Apostles Creed – Page 19 (front of hymnal)

Hymn – 382

SERMON – John 7:1-24 – *THE CREDIBILITY OF CHRIST*

Offertory - Prayers – Lord's Prayer – Benediction

Closing Ensemble – ***“May The Peace Of God”***

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR TODAY

Isaiah 42:1-4

42 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight. I am placing my Spirit on him. He will announce a just verdict for the nations. ²He will not cry out. He will not raise his voice. He will not make his voice heard in the street. ³A bent reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not snuff out. He will faithfully bring forth a just verdict. ⁴He will not burn out, and he will not be broken until he establishes justice on the earth. The coastlands will wait for his law.

Psalms 27:4-5

One thing I ask from the Lord. This is what I seek: that I live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord, and to seek him in his temple. ⁵Yes, he will hide me in his shelter on the day of trouble. He will hide me in his tent. He will set me high on a rock.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God. ¹⁹In fact, it is written: I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will bring to nothing. ²⁰Where is the wise man? Where is the expert in the Jewish law? Where is the probing thinker of the present

age? Has God not shown that the wisdom of this world is foolish?
²¹ Indeed, since the world through its wisdom did not know God, God in his wisdom decided to save those who believe, through the foolishness of the preached message. ²² Yes, Jews ask for signs, Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified—which is offensive to Jews and foolishness to Greeks, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ We preach Christ crucified, because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

John 7:1-24

7 After this, Jesus moved around in Galilee. He did not want to travel in Judea because the Jews were trying to find a way to kill him. ² Now the Jewish Festival of Shelters was near. ³ So his brothers said to him, “You should leave here and go to Judea so your disciples there can also see the works you are doing.” ⁴ Indeed, no one acts in secret who wants to be known in public. If you are doing these things, show yourself to the world.” ⁵ For even his own brothers did not believe in him. ⁶ So Jesus told them, “The right time for me has not arrived yet, but any time is the right time for you. ⁷ The world cannot hate you, but it hates me, because I testify about it, that its works are evil. ⁸ You go up to the festival. I am not going up to this festival yet, because the right time for me has not yet arrived.” ⁹ After he said this, he stayed in Galilee. ¹⁰ However, after his brothers had gone up to the festival, then he also went up, not openly but in a private way. At the Festival of Shelters ¹¹ At the festival, the Jews kept looking for him. They asked, “Where is he?” ¹² And there was widespread whispering about him in the crowds. Some were saying, “He’s a good man.” Others were saying, “No, he deceives the people.” ¹³ Yet no one spoke openly about him for fear of the Jews. ¹⁴ When the festival was already half over, Jesus went up to the temple courts and began to teach. ¹⁵ The Jews were amazed and asked, “How does this man know what is written without being instructed?” ¹⁶ Jesus answered them, “My teaching is not mine, but it comes from him who sent me. ¹⁷ If anyone wants to do his will, he will know whether my teaching is from God or if I speak on my own. ¹⁸ The one who speaks on his own is seeking his own glory. But he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him—that is the one who is true, and there is no unrighteousness in him. ¹⁹ Didn’t Moses give you the law? Yet none of you does what the law tells you. Why are you trying to kill me?” ²⁰ “You have a demon!” the crowd answered. “Who is trying to kill you?” ²¹ Jesus answered them, “I did one work, and you are all amazed. ²² Consider this: Because Moses has given you circumcision (not that it comes from Moses, but from the fathers), you circumcise a man even on the Sabbath. ²³ If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry at me because I made a man completely well on

the Sabbath? ²⁴ Stop judging by outward appearance. Instead make a right judgment.”

THIS WEEK:

- Today - **Live Stream Services at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.**
(Also available afterward at any time on our website
www.stpaulsbangor.com & on Facebook.
- Mon. - ***Parents and/or students pick up & drop off their remaining school belongings, turn in completed assignments, etc. in the church basement: 3 – 6 p.m.***
- Building Committee Meets AT THE SCHOOL – 7 PM
- Wed. - **JOINT MEETING OF ED. COMM. & COUNCIL AT CHURCH: 7 PM**
- Next Sun. **Live Stream Services at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.**
Examination of Confirmands in Small Groups - Afternoon
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WITH THE LORD – Della Berg passed away on Thursday at the age of 100.
Funeral arrangements are pending.

CALL ACCEPTED We rejoice to announce that Mrs. Penny Adickes has accepted our one-year Call to teach grades 1-2.

WE THANK MRS. BEISKER for her service to Christ's lambs at our school for the past two years. Since we will not be able to gather in large groups for a proper farewell, you may wish to send her a note of thanks to: Mrs. & Mrs. Cody Beisker, 411 N. 4th Street, La Crescent, MN 55947. (Their newborn daughter, Lilliana, is doing well at Mayo, Rochester).

EXAMINATION of the confirmands in small groups with parents present is now scheduled for **next Sunday afternoon, May 10. Confirmation first communion & pictures are hoped for in June.**

IN MEMORY of Bonnie Miller, \$1,275.00 has been given to the General Fund and \$1,300.00 to the School Renovation Fund.

THANK YOU! to the 7th grade families and others for cleaning the church as we prepare for public worship services down the road.
Thanks also to our faculty and all of the volunteers who helped to clear out the school for the renovation which is scheduled to begin this week.

NOTES FROM LAST WEEK'S QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING

Various Reports were read and approved. **First quarter pastor's report** showed 3 baptisms, 1 adult confirmation and 6 funerals during for the first quarter. Council will discuss the possibility of providing communion in small groups in rotating fashion at some time in May as we did during Holy Week. **Pastor has been conducting catechism video classes with the 7th & 8th graders. A modified examination of the confirmands is being considered and then a public confirmation service (June??). Stay tuned.** The **principal's report** indicated that Mrs. Beisker and baby daughter are doing well. At the time of this meeting, Mrs. Penny Adickes was still deliberating our one-year Call to teach Grades 1-2. **The graduation of our four 8th graders may be observed at one of the services down the road. Mr. Dan Arndt,**

chairman of our building committee, presented the bid from Olympic Builders to renovate the school. The bid was unanimously approved by the voters.

Please note the paragraph below:

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL RENOVATION APPROVED

The voters unanimously approved acceptance of the bid from Olympic Builders for the remodeling of the school. The remodeling will include a new roof for most of the school and the gym, new drop ceilings in all the classrooms, all new floors, new exterior panels for the gym, new lighting and electrical, remodeling of the bathrooms, installation of a unisex handicap accessible bathroom, painting all interior walls, new lockers, all new windows, addressing any required foundational issues and the plumbing issues, a new locked security vestibule, a security system for the locked entrance, any required asbestos abatement, as well as excavation of the lot to join it to the donated land. The voters approved a maximum budget of \$500,000 for the project. The Building Committee, Council and voters were encouraged with the contract numbers that were received. At this point the estimated cost is \$451,280.13. The project is planned to be completed by Labor Day 2020. The estimated maximum mortgage payment is \$953.22 per month or \$221.68 per Sunday. It was noted that the Council had already included payments in a substantially greater amount than that in the current budget. The Committee, Council and voters were very encouraged that with allocated funds, some possible additional sources of funding, expected donations, and a bit more generous congregational support at the beginning of the project, there is a realistic possibility that the project could be paid for without the need of a long term mortgage. Appreciation was given to the Building Committee Members for their 20 months and continuing service: Roger Lund, Dylan Blount, Ben Hoth, Chad Horstman, Dale Hesselberg and Mark Larson. *[Above summary was provided by Building Committee Chairman Dan Arndt].*

ST. PAUL'S PARENTS & STUDENTS – NOTE THIS PLEASE!

Monday, May 4th, will be our last drop off and pick up day from **3 to 6 PM** in the church basement. Please return all completed school textbooks, and all other school property at this time. We will not be handing out any more assignments as our Education Committee has agreed to end the school year on May 4th. Students will be able to collect their personal belongings that were left at school. If you have any questions or are unable to attend please contact your classroom teacher.

PASTORAL VISITATIONS

Nursing homes and hospitals are restricting regular access at this time. For the safety of everyone and for the protection of our shut-ins, usual pastoral visits will be delayed. **In urgent circumstances, do not hesitate to phone the pastor (486-2754) and he will be happy to minister to you on a personal basis.**

OFFERINGS & FINANCES Our online giving app is now up and

running! Simply go the home page at www.stpaulsbangor.com and click on the offering button. We are also receiving offerings by mail, or as you may

wish, **by bringing offering envelopes to the parsonage**. Our treasurer continues to make regular deposits.

Running Total Received To General Fund
Since Livestreaming Began March 18, 2020:
\$59,777.48