

Our Journey



June 2021

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Recently the CDC and the Wisconsin Council of Churches issued new recommendations concerning Covid-19. The Bounce Back Committee of St. Paul's and Spirit Alive! met on Monday, May 17 and the St. Paul's Church Council approved a plan for going forward.

*We will return to indoor worship on **Saturday night at 5 p.m. June 19 and Sunday morning at 9 a.m. June 20**. We will continue outdoor worship on the lawn or in the parking depending on the weather, Sundays at 9 a.m.

*Masks **must** be worn over nose and mouth inside the church building.

*If you are feeling ill, please stay home!

*We will continue to offer an online worship service on YouTube.

*If there are those who may not want as crowded a worship in the sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall will have the sanctuary service streamed.

*An offering basket will be in the narthex both before and after service. No offering will be taken during the service.

*We will not sing, but Maggie Dahlberg, our Music Director will be doing prelude and postlude.

*We will continue to use the prepackaged communion elements. They will be given out in the narthex before church.

*No coffee hour

*No passing of the peace

*For those who want to visit with others, we ask that they please visit outside in the parking lot.

*We will continue to monitor levels and suggested practices from the CDC and Wisconsin Council of Churches

The realities of the pandemic are still with us. However, scientific data has shown that those who are fully vaccinated run the least amount of risk. It is our hope that if you are able to be vaccinated, that you get it. We will be monitoring the data over the next month before we go inside as well as when we have resumed indoor worship. As levels improve, we will look to lift some restrictions.

Please pray for and practice patience and understanding.

Peace to you –

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Pastor Cindy".

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Monday—Thursday

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St. Paul's Mission Statement:
Go in peace, devoted to faith, hope and love.



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Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

The March 4 council meeting was held via Zoom. The opening devotion centered on hope....new life. God knows us intimately and give us hope and is there for us.

The financial report stated we are \$33,000 over the total operation income. We continue to move money to Johnson Bank (from First American Bank.)

Pastor reported Ash Wednesday was a huge success with over 102 folks, 79 of which were from St. Paul's.

Spirit Alive sent a letter, with most of the questions referring back to the original agreement. From this, they feel like they don't have as much of a voice since we have not been inside. Pastor Kevin wants to know what kind of commitment we want to make to one another. The authority comes from the congregation voting on recommendations from our church council.

Outreach reported Noisy Offering has been doing well. A free will offering was asked for Easter grocery gift cards. The Blessing Box is also doing well.

Worship and Music reported a virtual service and parking lot service will be held on Good Friday. Maundy Thursday will be drive up communion. The Herstedt family once again will make palm crosses for Palm Sunday.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Complete council minutes are available in the church office in the binder on the counter. Additional copies are available for the taking in the Narthex, in a pocket file, on the nursery windows, near the council members' pictures.

Church Council Members

President,

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MerriLee Unrath, 262-694-7424

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Gordon Johnson, 262-553-9724

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Jan Duncan, 262-697-9339

Outreach

Janet Hogan, 262-652-9415



Operating Update

April Income \$ 23,977

April Expenses \$ 21,138

YTD Income \$255,622

YTD Expenses \$317,983

Expenses include costs paid related to the parking lot, not included in the budget.

FLOWER CHART

Once worship is held back inside, we intend to have flowers on the altar again. There are many openings on the chart, on the office door. Please pick your date on the chart, then fill out a Flower Chart Sign Up Form, again located on the office door. Leave this form along with the \$20 and flowers for the Saturday/Sunday you've chosen will be on the Altar. It is **very important** that you take the flowers home with you after worship. Regardless of which worship you are at (Saturday or Sunday) take them home. Any flowers in the building on Monday morning will be disposed of.

PLANTS IN THE BUILDING

Our custodian takes care of watering the plants, so we ask that you NOT water them - even if you feel they need watering. Jim has a regular schedule and will be sure to take care of them. Your help is needed, however, in cleaning out dead leaves - feel free to do this anytime you see that it is necessary. Thanks.

SEASON OF PENTECOST BULLETIN

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the Season of Pentecost bulletin. This will be used while we are in the parking lot or on the lawn for worship. Please bring this bulletin with you to worship.

FLOWER BED HELP

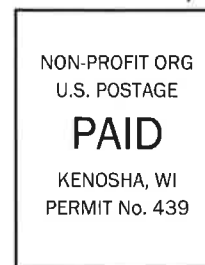
Do you like to have a little dirt on your hands? Do you want to enjoy fellowship outdoors? Are you able to work occasionally in the two flower beds at church? Well, St. Paul's has just the ticket for you! We are in need of anyone who would like to help out around the church outdoors. There is a hose available as well as watering cans for you. Sandi Ferrari is looking for folks who would like to help out. Please contact her at 262-551-0111 to get answers to your questions and to make plans to help out.



Many thanks to ALL who have not only kept St. Paul's in your prayers, but have continued to be very generous with your offerings - regular pledges, special free will offerings for various benevolences, noisy offerings whenever you were asked, for whatever you were asked - you responded.

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Address Service Requested



GOD WILL: Go before you

Walk beside you

Stand behind you.....

And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age. *Matthew 24:20*

WEATHER-RELATED CANCELLATIONS

of church activities (choirs and committee meetings) will follow
Kenosha Unified school closings.

Announcement will appear on Milwaukee channels NBC and ABC.

Worship services will be a separate decision. Decision will be made by 6:00 a.m., or earlier.

Please call the church office when in doubt for worship closings: 694-3101.

Articles or information for the newsletter should be submitted to the church office electronically by the 15th of the month.
(Bulletin deadline is Tuesdays 8:00 a.m.)

The church's e mail address is stpplc.office@sbcglobal.net All information may be edited and printed, as space allows.

The home page of our website, www.stpaulskenosha.org, has a link to the current newsletter as well as to the current calendar.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Season of Pentecost 2021

Parking Lot Worship

9:00 a.m. 101.5 FM

GATHERING MUSIC

(If you are outside of your car, for the protection of others, please wear a mask).

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(Silence for reflection and personal confession.)*

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

HYMN

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

THE MESSAGE

THE APOSTLES 'CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE CHURCH AND OUR WORLD

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs. (After each petition Lord in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**) (A brief silence.)

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant it for the sake of the one who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Most Merciful God. **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER - Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN

SENDING

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND MORE

Birthdays

- 1 Kathryn Falcon
- 2 Patricia Herstedt
Savannah Herstedt
- 3 Susan Rose
- 4 Lucas Becker
- 5 Caroline Titel
Donald Van Besien
- 7 Susan Maxey
- 8 Greyson Malsack
Joe Szabo
- 9 Adam Barrera
Nancy Edquist
Marva Tetting
Polly Waara
- 11 Nancy Granger
Brian Hogan
- 12 Ellen Brookhouse
Hannah Peterson
- 16 Pam Whyte
- 17 Mary Meier
- 19 Zachary Whitefoot-
Sorensen
Ken Wiele
- 20 Aleigha Robbins
- 21 Bradley Becker
Dolores Irish
- 22 John Aasen
Hannah Knudtson
- 23 Susan Herstedt
Kevin Mifflin
Ashley Smith
David White
- 25 Zachary Johnson
- 27 Judy Fulghum
Paul Klemp
Gary Olson
- 28 Kim Cochran
- 29 Matthew Johnson
Julie Peterson
Daniel Vargas

Please Note:

Names of people celebrating birthdays in the week ahead are read out loud as we celebrate another year and gift of grace bestowed upon us by almighty God.

Anniversaries

- 4 David & Kathleen White
Karen & Richard Lund
Marlene & Stephen Behling
- 5 Karolyn & Ron Danielson
- 9 Justin & Hannah Wallisch
Weber
- 10 Nick & Donna Gorr
- 11 Nancy & Edward Edquist
Julie & Jeff Peterson
- 13 Dianne & James Ballard
- 29 Mark & Janet Rendler
- 30 Lisa & Greg Glista

Thank You to Andrea Janda of the Evangelism Team for sending off welcome notes.

Congratulations to recent grads who have let St. Paul's know about their accomplishments:

Hannah Knutson
UW-LaCrosse, Doctorate in Physical Therapy

Morgan Knutson
UW-Whitewater

Please notify the church office:

- When you or a loved one has entered the hospital. The hospitals do not always contact us.
- When you move or have a change in telephone number or email address.

New Contact Information

Barbara Olson
Brookdale
10108 - 74 Street,
A4
Kenosha, WI 53142

New Members

Folks who have recently joined the St. Paul's family:

Madisen Kaelber
Tyler Nitsch
Karen Ginter
Karen Richie
Nancy Bose
Sue Barrett
Eugene and Ellen Brookhouse
Wendy and Brad Haugstad

Welcome! We're sure glad you're here!

Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Worship with
Coffee and Fellowship
after service

Pastor:
Cindy Aasen
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Pastor's Hours:
8:00 a.m./Noon
Monday thru Thursday



























St. Paul's Calendar of Events *June 2021*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting	2	3 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Bounce Back 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Council	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5
6 9:00 a.m. Worship on lawn	7 6:00 p.m. Knitters 6:30 p.m. Properties	8 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Bible Study	9	10 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Outreach	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12
13 9:00 a.m. Worship on lawn	14 6:00 p.m. Knitters	15 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 4:45 p.m. Evangelism 5:30 p.m. Christian Ed 6:30 pm. Worship and Music NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16	17 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19 5:00 p.m. Worship (begin inside worship once again)
20 9:00 a.m. Worship (begin inside worship once again)	21 6:00 p.m. Knitters	22 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Bible Study	23	24 8:30 am. Men's Bible Study	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 5:00 p.m. Worship
27 9:00 a.m. Worship	28 6:00 p.m. Knitters	29 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting	30			

Choosing Safer Activities

Accessible link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/participate-in-activities.html>

	Unvaccinated People	Examples of Activities	Fully Vaccinated People
Outdoor			
Safest		Walk, run, wheelchair roll, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
Less Safe		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	
Indoor			
Less Safe		Visit a barber or hair salon	
		Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	
		Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	
Least Safe		Go to an indoor movie theater	
		Attend a full-capacity worship service	
		Sing in an indoor chorus	
		Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	
		Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	

Get a COVID-19 vaccine



Prevention measures not needed



Take prevention measures

Wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).
- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

Rooted in relationships

ELCA missionaries and pastors Rachel Eskesen and Zachary Courter are partners in work, life and ministry. The married couple has served in Central Europe since 2015, accompanying the Lutheran Church of Hungary (LCH) and Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Augsburg Confession in Serbia and coordinating the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program in Central Europe.

"We're filled with gratitude to walk alongside the YAGM volunteers and their host communities here in Central Europe."

Eskesen and Courter oversee a small group of YAGM volunteers, who serve schools, soup kitchens, homes for those with disabilities, nonprofits, refugee organizations, Roma communities and other ministries.

"One of the things I love about our program is matching the gifts of the YAGM volunteers to the needs of the communities with which they'll serve," Eskesen said.

"We're filled with gratitude to walk alongside the YAGM volunteers and their host communities here in Central Europe," Courter added.

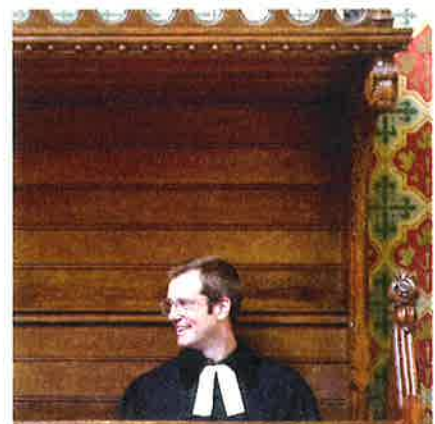
In addition, the couple preaches and presides at City Park Lutheran Church in Budapest and partners with its ministries.

Mission Support funding enables their work mentoring young adults and walking alongside companions in Hungary and Serbia.

Though the political environment there can be tough, Eskesen said she and Courter are inspired by the commitment of their colleagues to proclaim the gospel. The relationships they are forming — as they preach, teach, learn and receive the gifts of the global church — keep them grounded.

Eskesen appreciates how ministry abroad allows her and Courter to use their gifts and grow in faith. "We live in a global context right now that's increasingly polarized and isolationist," she said. "Every day, when we work with young adults, I can see how God is calling us to relationships that are bigger than any relationship we have. A big part of my daily faith experience is seeing not only how we can welcome volunteers into the communities that we love but also how we've been welcomed here."

To follow this missionary couple, visit their blog (zachandrachel.wordpress.com) and [Facebook.com/YAGMCentralEurope](https://www.facebook.com/YAGMCentralEurope).



ELCA missionaries Rachel Eskesen and Zachary Courter coordinate the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program in Central Europe. Your Mission Support dollars sustain their ministry.