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June / July Newsletter

In Person Worship will resume Sunday, July 5, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

COVID-19 has significantly altered how we will do church for a while, but it has not changed Jesus' call to love God and neighbor. In order to do that, we ask that everyone continue to be flexible and remain positive as we work to ensure the safety of our church family. Taking all these extra steps to protect one another may feel like overkill, but the church must take seriously its call to protect all members.

So, what should you expect when you return?

1. There will be ushers at the entrances to help you and answer any questions you may have.
2. Please don't stand and visit with each other in the building or near the entryway.
3. We strongly suggest that everyone wear a face mask. (If you don't have one, we will provide one for you.) Children under two do not have to wear a facemask. Since they can be uncomfortable, we have appropriately shortened our worship service.
4. Hand sanitizer will be available upon entering the building.
5. There will be no children's church, Sunday School, or nursery. When we can safely add each of these programs back, we will do so.
6. There will be no bulletins. There will also be no bibles, hymnals, offering envelopes, pencils, or tissues in the pews. We will use a projection screen for responsive prayers.
7. To practice social distancing, we will have a smaller sanctuary capacity. Families of the same household may sit together, six feet apart from the next individual/family. We have taped off every other pew to mark safe spacing.
8. It goes without saying that if you are sick or exhibit symptoms you should not attend services.

If you fall into a high or medium risk category, worshiping from home will be your best option. We will record our live service and post it on social media in place of a second live service.

Please reach out if you have any further questions or concerns.

Office Hours: Current office hours are [Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00a.m. -12:00 noon](#). Though we are not unlocking the doors for visits, we will be available to answer calls and respond to emails during these hours. You also can continue to drop off your prayer requests or tithes and offerings during this time. As before, the first set of doors off the parking lot will be open and a basket will be available for you to place your donation or request in. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Congratulations to our 2020 High School Graduates

Brandon Dutton

Jacob Gladieux

Jordyn Helsler-Young

Daniel Snow

Nathan Volpi

We are so proud of you and we can't wait to see what you accomplish! God Bless!

More information about our Grads will be printed in our August Newsletter.

(If you are a graduate and you'd like to have your information published, please email stpaulsmonroe@sbcglobal.net)

Birthday List

JULY

1 – Asa Smith
3 – Jim Davis, William Paterson
4 – Jerry Spence
7 – Josh Ivey, Kelly Leask,
Alison Roa-Garcia
8 – Bob Paterson,
William Zeestraten
10 – Julie Linn
11 – Leon Burchette
12 – Carly Pabin
13 – Sally Leask, Ken Simmons
15 – Holli Weaver
17 – Jason Himebauch,
Alexis Jay, Amy Nolff
19 – Jacob Gladieux,
David McKay
20 – Wayne Tyson
23 – JoAnne Lynch
24 – David Low

25 – Allie Hilliard
26 – John Fedosky
30 – Jack Rayce
31 – Tori Pirlot

AUGUST

1 – Titus Hunter,
Robin Simonson
2 – Susan Fleming, Susan Bilka
Mary Kay Hamilton
5 – Karen Volpi
6 – Nancy Bomia, Tom Klemz
7 – Alisha Cooley
8 – Alex Roa-Garcia
9 – Brian Metzger
10 – Lisa Polczynski
11 – Emmett Mehki
12 – Andrew Polczynski
13 – Grace Paterson
14 – Harrison Tyner

15 – Kelly McCain
16 – Rachel Baker
17 – Kayleigh Kittle
19 – Norma Huntley
21 – Anthony Morr
22 – Trey Hunter
24 – Joyce Ackerman
25 – Rhonda Fogt-Shull,
Pam Gilbertson, Brad
Lewis, Ronald Stiffler
Marilyn Shingledecker
27 – Xander Leask, George Low,
Leighen Vergowven



Mark Your Calendar!

Although there aren't a whole lot of things going on at St. Paul's right now, we do want to let you know of a few things you may want to make a note of.

July 6th – 8th: Pastor Melodye will be out of town. Please contact the church office if you have any pastoral needs during this time.

July 26th – 28th: Michigan Annual Conference. Pastor Melodye, Paula Vergowven, and Cathy Butson will be representing St. Paul's at this year's virtual meeting. It will be paired down to only legislative items and will allow the conference to vote on necessary items. Pastor Melodye will be able to lead us in worship that morning, and attend the virtual conference later that evening.

August 4th: Election Day. St. Paul's will once again be a polling location.

August 20th – 26th: Pastor Melodye and her family will be out of town. Randy Lee will preach for us on August 23rd, and Paula Vergowven will handle any pastoral needs that may arise.

As we navigate our day to day lives, we will keep you updated on new events being added to the church calendar. Thank you again for your cooperation and understanding as we try to stay safe while working together as one family of God.

St. Paul's Church Family:

Prayer Concerns and other Information

Remember in your prayers...

St. Paul's has been praying for the following members over the past few months for various reasons. Please continue to pray for them, that the Lord will give them what they need most right now...

Brad Lewis, John Jacobs, Sharon Balk, Dale Rathbun, Cinda Doubler*

*Cinda continues to enjoy getting notes from her church family.
Her address is 640 Lavender St. Monroe, MI 48162.

In Sympathy...



We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of **Laird Shingledecker, who passed away on May 3rd**. Laird was a longtime member of St. Paul's and he will truly be missed by those of us who knew and loved him. Pray for his wife, Marilyn, as well as his large family as they grieve their great loss.

We also want to offer our sympathy to **Pastor Melodye and her family in the loss of her mother, Rosemary Surgeon on April 30th**. Though we did not know Rosemary, we must assume she was a wonderful woman to have raised our Pastor. Please continue to pray for the family who will gather later this year for a memorial service.

Our sympathy also extends to Leon and Laura Burchette. **Leon's brother, James "Birdie" Burchette, passed away on May 10th**. We are so sorry for your loss, Leon and Laura.

And finally, to the family of **Nancy Stewart, who passed away on March 25th**. Nancy was residing in a nursing facility in Alma when she passed away, but was originally from Monroe. She had been receiving our newsletters and other correspondences right up until she passed. Please pray for Nancy's family as they are grieving.

Do you have a prayer request you'd like your church family to know about? Contact the church office so we can alert the prayer chain. If you'd like to be part of the prayer chain, let us know. Please note: due to the confident nature of some prayer requests, we always seek the permission of those the prayer request involves before we send it out in the prayer chain. Thank you for your understanding.