



# THE MESSENGER

St. Paul Lutheran Church

## A Message from Pastor Mathew

*Verse 2: In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love.*

*Refrain: Healer of our ev'ry ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.*

*-Healer of our Every Ill ELW Hymn #612*

In Jesus' ministry we see that our Savior is concerned with the sick and the hurting. In the Gospel of Mark, he goes about healing those who are sick including Simon's mother-in-law. We see how tender and caring God is as Jesus gently takes her by the hand. (Mark 1:29-31)

Our annual meeting is in just a few weeks. It's a chance for us to look back on the past year and notice how God has been at work in this community. Perhaps this year we might notice how God is near to the broken hearted, the sick and the suffering.

Even in a pandemic God is faithful and our mission continues. Like the very first disciples, we follow Jesus and emulate him by serving and loving others. Often we find that in the process we experience the love of Christ ourselves.

God be with you,  
Pastor Mathew

Let us pray: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*-the prayer of the day for Feb. 7, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*



*The people of St. Paul gather to worship, reach out, and serve the Lord.*

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

February 1—Bobbi Jo Snyder  
February 1—Angie Zehr  
February 7—Robert Snyder  
February 8—Samuel Edinger  
February 11—Brock Claypool  
February 24—Jon Solberg  
February 25—Gail Thorson  
February 27—Grace Gschwendtner  
February 21—Ed and Maurine  
Gentes (1954)

### St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery

#### 2020 Donations and Memorials

Ted and Ginger Bauknecht—  
donation  
St. Paul Lutheran Church—  
budgeted item  
Jake Abry in memory of  
Alane Abry

If you would like your name listed here, please give your donation to either co-treasurer Mildred Girard or Larry Leach (they both have mail boxes in the church office). Please include the name of the person in whose memory you are donating. If you wish to remain anonymous, please note that.

**Please consider St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery as a recipient of memorial and tax deductible donations.**

### In-Kind Gifts

In following the IRS rules and tax guide for churches and religious organizations, “a donor cannot claim a tax deduction for any single contribution of \$250 or more unless the donor obtains a written acknowledgment of the contribution from the recipient church.” If you have made a non-cash gift of \$250 or more, please contact the church administrative secretary of your purchase and a receipt and a letter of acknowledgment will be provided for your tax documents. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

## Prayer Chain Requests

If you would like someone added to our prayer chain, please contact Pastor Mathew, Julie Mehlberg, or Angie in the office. Please let them know when names should be removed from the prayer list as well.

## Flower Donations

We will once again order fresh flowers for worship from County Market. Please sign up on the flower chart if you are interested in donating for a two week span. Please write your check for \$25 to St. Paul Lutheran and put “flowers” on the memo line. We thank you in advance for helping to make our worship space beautiful to bring honor and glory to God.

## Text Updates Now Available

**Updates from St. Paul are now available via text message.** These messages will be used to provide important reminders about upcoming church events, changes to worship plans due to inclement weather or health concerns, etc.

If you would like to receive text message updates from St. Paul, **here is how to sign up:** Text @stpaul210 to the number 81010.

It is important to text this exact message "@stpaul210" to the number. After you have done so, you will receive a welcome text from Remind.com with more information. Remind will ask you to identify yourself as a student, teacher or parent because Remind is typically used by schools. Since we are not a school, choosing one of these roles is not necessary.

If you have any trouble you can also text @stpaul210 to (213) 947-9776.

If you are unable to sign up but would like to receive text message updates, please email or call Angie and share your cell phone number and first and last name.

## Chicken Supper

The council has decided to postpone the chicken supper due to the current situation with the COVID pandemic. A future date has not been set.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 14 following worship. Please plan to attend. Check your email for a copy of the annual report or pick up a hard copy at the church. Please contact any council member if you have questions regarding the annual report or mission proposal.

## Congregational Council

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Drive by, honk and wave, it's a  
**Baby Shower Parade**  
honoring  
**Pastor Mathew & Pastor Amy**

**Saturday, February 6; 10:00 - 11:30 am**  
**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

Drive by to show your love and support and enjoy  
curbside treats and favors!

*Pastor's Request: Gifts are not necessary, but we would love a book that you think our baby would enjoy or clothing larger than 6 months.*