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He is Risen!



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Dear Friends,

I write this article as I recover from recent surgery. Thank you for your cards and messages, including videos sharing your prayers and well-wishes. I feel grateful and am touched by your concern.

The surgery was somewhat unexpected and I didn't know what to anticipate in terms of a recovery. I asked the surgeon about what I might expect and his reply was not very specific. There has been more pain than I expected and my progress has been slower than I hoped for. However, I am feeling better and cautiously optimistic about my recovery.

I'm struck (once again) how life has a way of "interrupting" our schedules and routines. Throughout the past year, I have tried to keep a daily routine of self-care so that I might continue to do the best I can in my personal life and in my calling as a minister. Some days I've done better than others. One of my concerns with this surgery was the interruption of that routine.

This has been one more opportunity for me to rely upon God. It has also been an opportunity for me to receive from God blessings, healing and love. I have done some of that - and you have been an important avenue of that grace.

Thank you again.

Pastor Greg

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One Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Via Facebook Live or streaming on website.

Church Office Hours
8:30 a.m.— 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

St. Paul's Christian

April 2021,



Dear Church Family,

Happy Easter to you all! What a joyous service on Easter Sunday with some wonderful surprises--several beautiful performances by our Praise Team and Cathy Schmidt doing double duty as Praise Team member and Lector! When I closed my eyes, I could almost imagine being back in Church again. It was a joyful harbinger of things to come.

Well, we need imagine no longer. I am so very happy to announce, on behalf of the Council, that on May 2nd, our Church will reopen for in-person Sunday worship services at 10:30 am. Further details will be on our website and in future written communications. Let the countdown begin!

As your Council President, I can tell you that leading and navigating our Church through even a few months of these unpredictable and difficult times has been one of the bigger challenges I have faced in a long time. There have been many important, and at times conflicting, considerations to sort through and balance. The only thing I was ever sure of with any certainty was that no matter what decisions Council and the EMC made, someone was bound to be unhappy! But as we approach our Church's reopening, I can assure you that your Church's leadership has been fully engaged keeping our Church members' collective best interests at heart every step of the way, even if it has meant keeping our Church closed for longer than we ever could have imagined. I am immensely grateful for the service and commitment of our EMC and Council members, and for all those who contributed and continue to contribute in other ways to keeping our Church members connected during this time thank you all!

May 2nd will be a joyous day and will mark the first step as we begin this new phase of our Church's journey. It will take time and patience to transition back to the full vitality that we have come to know and love as St. Paul's. But I am confident we will get there, because I have experienced firsthand how much you all love our Church. We just need to be patient with and understanding of each other and the times we find ourselves in. I think Saint Francis de Sales, a Geneva Bishop noted for his deep faith and gentle approach to the religious divisions resulting from the 16th century Protestant Reformation, said it best: *"What we need is a cup of understanding, a barrel of love and an ocean of patience."* Let these words be our guidepost in the months to come.

Blessings to you all and I can't wait to see you in Church!

Nancy Bellis

Church Council President

Church Reopening Announcement



The Church Council is overjoyed to announce that our Church will be reopening for in-person services **on May 2nd**! You will be receiving a letter announcing this in the mail, but we wanted to relay this news as quickly as possible. To comply with Illinois's mandated capacity limit of 50 people, reservations are required to attend these Sunday services and will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations can easily be made on the St. Paul's website or, for those who do not have access to a computer, by calling **Lena, our Office Manager, during office hours at 815-459-5096.**

Please see the Council News and the instructions on how to reserve a spot for attendance appearing elsewhere in this Beacon. Live streaming of our Sunday worship service will also continue to be available and can be accessed from St. Paul's website or its Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you in Church for those who choose to attend!

Hallelujah

How to Make In-Person Service Reservations

We are excited to welcome everyone back with the offering of in-person Sunday service beginning **Sunday, May 2nd !!** There are a few important requirements to attend:

First, attendance will be limited to a max of 50 people per the present State allowance for large gatherings.

Second, a **RESERVATION is required by all who wish to attend**. Reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis only. We have created a very simple method to make this required reservation. On St. Paul's web-site (stpaulsucc-cl.org) there is a **YELLOW "button"** at the center of the Home page.

You will be able to make a reservation from your computer or your cellphone. Simply click on the yellow button and you will get the Registration Page. The instructions there indicate to next click on the wording **"SPOTS REMAINING"**, located at the bottom of this registration page.

Complete the Reservation Form with your Name, Number in your attending party, and your email address. You **do NOT** have to individually register others in your party, just the total number. Once you have completed the form, click **Submit**.

The system will generate and send you a confirmation email. If the Sunday Service has reached the maximum allowed to attend, this page will say "This Event Is Full" and you will NOT be able to make a reservation NOR attend that Sunday's service.

If you do not own a computer or a cell phone and do not have internet access, you can call Lena, church Office Manager at 815-459-5096, Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM and she will register you.

The reservation system will accept new reservations either until the max allowed is reached OR **up to Noon on the Saturday immediately prior to the Sunday service**.

Note – if you make a reservation and during the week your plans to attend change, PLEASE go back to this site and **CANCEL your reservation** so others may be able to attend.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED AND ANYONE WITHOUT A RESERVATION WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND until such time when we can allow a greater number in the building at one time. Regretfully there are **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

Ushers will have a master reservation list and will check attendees at the door to ensure there is a valid reservation. They will also guide you where to sit once you are in the building.

After each Sunday service, a new service date will be created to allow you to make a reservation for the following week as reservations will only be taken on a week-to-week basis.

We look forward to actually seeing you soon!

Note: If you have questions regarding registering for our reservation system, you can direct them to Laurie Revak at 815-245-6899

Summary Guidelines for in Person Worship

Church Reopening Guidelines During Phase 4

On May 2nd we will be reopening our Church for in-person worship on Sunday mornings at a limited capacity to allow for social distancing and to meet current regulations. We thought it would be helpful for you to review and familiarize yourselves with the Guidelines for in-person worship. Below is a brief summary. We realize these Guidelines change our normal way of worshipping, but for the safety and health of all we believe they are necessary for now. Please keep in mind that they are temporary until the health environment improves. *To read the complete Guidelines, please see pages 19-21.*

Summary of In-Person Worship Guidelines at St. Paul's Church:

- ◆ In-person Sunday worship services will initially resume with only one Sunday service at 10:30 am.
- ◆ You will need to sign up ahead of time for worship using St. Paul's Reservation system. A maximum of 50 people are allowed to attend in accordance with state and local regulations.
- ◆ Face coverings must be worn at all times in the building, except when participating in communion.
- ◆ You may enter at either the upper or lower level doors, however the elevator will not be available.
- ◆ You will be greeted at the entrance by an Usher or Greeter and asked to proceed directly to the Sanctuary. Please sanitize your hands at the available sanitation stations.
- ◆ Worship bulletins (and on Communion Sundays, prepackaged communion cups) will be available upon entering the Sanctuary.
- ◆ Seating in the Sanctuary will be in accordance with social distancing guidelines. Alternate pews will be roped off to allow for social distancing.
- ◆ For the time being, all singing will be done by Kristin Lundine, our Musical Director.
- ◆ Please refrain from handshakes, hugs and other close personal contact and instead substitute them with greetings that minimize person-to-person contact.
- ◆ Live streaming of our Sunday worship service will continue to be available through YouTube (accessed from St. Paul's website) or St. Paul's Facebook page. Sunday School classes will also continue to be offered online.
- ◆ We regret that nursery care will not be available during the service at the present time.
- ◆ Prayer books, hymnals, bibles, pens, information cards, etc. will be temporarily removed from pews during services, so please bring your own if you want them.
- ◆ After worship, people are kindly asked not to remain in the Narthex and to instead save their socially distanced greetings for outside the Church.
- ◆ For the safety and health of everyone, please stay home if you are sick or experiencing Covid-19 symptoms or have been exposed to anyone who has symptoms of or has tested positive for COVID-19.

Easter Lily Participants

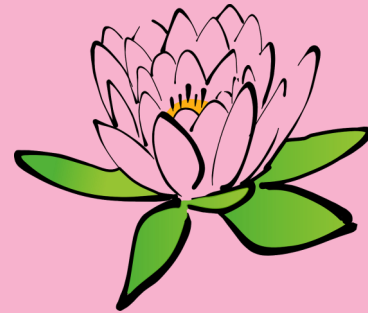
Thank you to all participants in the purchase of our Easter Lily's

NAME

Nancy Bellis
Nancy Kramer
Joyce & Greg Lucas
Bob & Donna Reber
Jillian Rodriguez
Don & JoEllen Roxworthy
Pete Singer
Barb & Ken Thrun
Cheryll & Gordie Triefenbach
Marianne & Warren Spencer

IN HONOR OF:

Loving gratitude for Doris Bellis
My family
St. Paul's Family
St. Paul's Family
Our growing family
St. Paul's family
My family
Our church family
Our family
Our church family



NAME

Nancy Bellis
Bill & Shirley Berghorn
Janice Bordignon
Michael & Janice Czosnyka
Jill Gapp
Bonnie Goldman
John & Jane Gulino
Karen & Ken Hansen
Jean Hautzinger
Nancy Kramer
Joyce & Greg Lucas
Janet (Yerkey) Martin
JoAnn Sunderlage
Roseanne & Brian Zickus

IN MEMORY OF:

In loving memory of Susie Graham Jacobson
Our parents
My parents, Anna & Richard Hayes
Our parents, John & Adele and Bernie & Sam
Joyce Toerpe & John West
My husband, Ray
Valentina & Anna and Lester & Peggy Greenwald
Larry Eslick
My sister, Helen who died last year
Loving memory of my husband, George
Joyce's mom, Evelyn
My parents, Glen & Evelyn Yerkey
My parents, Orlo & Marge Sunderlage & my brother Gerry Sunderlage
Our parents

Let's Celebrate Birthdays



Isaiah Elizarraraz	4/3	Robin Mullard	4/16
Nolan Lotesto	4/3	Pete Singer	4/17
Harper Lang	4/4	Edward Bourdage	4/18
Nancy Kramer	4/8	Janet Henneman	4/19
Charlie Lang	4/8	Nick Lingner	4/19
Terri Deuerling	4/8	Rob Breeden	4/20
Pastor Greg Lucas	4/10	Emily Benz	4/21
Adam Reckamp	4/10	Brian Butler	4/22
Evelyn Winter	4/11	Bob Reber	4/23
Jane Dawson	4/12	Emilee Campisi	4/30
Gary Woodrum	4/15	Ursula Kriegel	4/30



Hannah Rogers	5/1	Aaron Hughes	5/21
Alex Lucas	5/7	Molly Schneeweiss	5/21
Laurie Revak	5/7	Kurt Albertson	5/21
Kamila Kay	5/8	John Vogt	5/23
Cheryl Dawson	5/9	Gary Gee	5/24
Jessica Pieper	5/10	Keith Chappell	5/25
Sheryl Gee	5/11	Jason Reckamp	5/26
Steven Ticknor	5/11	Martha Hughes	5/28
Kailee Kruse	5/14	Arlene Jezierski	5/29
Jack Glauner	5/14	Doug MacKenzie	5/29
Sue Phillips	5/14	Sandy MacMillan	5/30
Alise Middaugh	5/15	Dmitri Lucas	5/30
Lauran Middaugh	5/17	Alyssa Gilleland	5/30
Julia Zickus	5/17		

Church News



Calling All Techs!

We are looking for Church volunteers to assist our present Sunday live streaming team with our online Sunday services. We will be continuing live streaming of our Sunday services even after we are all back at Church attending in-person services, so this will remain a very important ministry to contribute to our Church's growth and outreach. Interested volunteers ideally would possess familiarity with the basics of using online live streaming platforms (Facebook, YouTube) and broadcast software, such as OBS or Vmix, as well as video production basics, using multiple cameras and other image and audio sources. Knowledge of video and photo editing software, as well as audio mixing techniques and experience in digital photography and the basics of composition is also helpful. Some training will be available.

Volunteers would serve as members of a team of Technicians, with a rotating service schedule. Responsibilities would include reviewing and editing as necessary congregant video content prior to the Sunday service, coordinating with the Pastor and Musical Director on aspects of the streaming production prior to "go live," managing live audio levels of separate in-house and streaming mixes, and working through any "in-flight" technical difficulties.

A typical Sunday commitment would include arriving 60-90 minutes prior to the service for set up and preparation, and recording the streaming content and Pastor's Sermon Message.

After the service, an upload of the recorded content to YouTube (typically 30 minutes) would be necessary.

This is a vital service for our Church and we hope that experienced and dedicated volunteers will prayerfully consider contributing their time and talents to this important ministry. If interested, please contact Brian Click at brian.click@att.net.



Church News - TPIRC Update



Come on...we need YOU!

St. Paul's TPIRC team (Thriving Pastors in Revitalizing Congregations) has been busy over the past 18 months working for you!

We conducted a zoom congregation offering on **sui-cide awareness and prevention** to members last year. We totally **redesigned the St. Paul's website** to be more informative, up-to-date and eye-catching. TPIRC also moved ahead and worked with Pastor Greg to provide a **new Wednesday evening Bible study** for all adults.

More recently, TPIRC **created the Christ Centered Connections** program with many people taking advantage of this bi-weekly zoom communication. Lastly, as a way to better connect with each other by email, **God's Pods** was also developed, with members taking part to get to better know one another.

Now we can use you and your ideas to help continue move St. Paul's forward. Joining our team is a great way to share your ideas and help improve and continue our journey to "revitalize" our church!

Simply contact us at: TPIRC485@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to join this "happening" group!

Rob Revak

Lead, St. Paul's TPIRC Team

Church News - St. Paul's Crafters

The St. Paul's crafters have taken a lot of their crafts downtown to Kismet, which is a craft shop next door to Kaleidoscope ice cream parlor on Williams. St. in Crystal Lake.

The owner takes things from crafters and sells them at the store. She does mark them up some to take a little profit, which we would expect. It is a very nice craft shop and the owner has 140 vendors so it is worth your time to stop in to see what they sell. She is leaving our St. Paul's tags on our crafts so people know who made the items.

Geri Whetham and I thought this was better than leaving our lovely things sitting at SPACE not being seen by anyone. She probably won't put all our items out at once but will add them as space becomes available. We did not take any fall or winter crafts and want to see how our things sell before we take more. If you have any questions, call Cheryll @815-382-9367

Cheryll Triefenbach



Unique Opportunity

The family of a long-ago member of St. Paul's (Mathilda Wiston) inherited some cemetery plots at McHenry County Memorial Park in Woodstock. Their family doesn't need these plots and would like to donate them to St. Paul's to be gifted to any Church members who might be interested. Other than a \$99 transfer fee per plot, the plots are free of charge. There are currently **6 plots** being offered. If there are more interested Church members than there are plots available, the plots will be gifted on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you are interested, please call **Lena, our Church Office Manager**, to let her know. A member of the Church Council will follow up with you for additional details.

Church News - Christ-Centered Connections

Dear Friends,

One of the great needs in our community and world today is the need for transparent, relevant connections with people who will listen and support you. There are so many activities geared toward keeping us busy, worried, and disconnected and yet many of us are looking for deeper relationships and communal support, and an opportunity to help our community by being involved with each other's joys, sadness, and by just being each other's support group. St. Paul's is addressing this need through the formation of Christ-Centered Connection groups. These groups meet regularly in small (6 – 8 people) on-line groups and offer the opportunity to share, confidentially, their "highs and lows" in a safe place, as well as share scripture and prayer. These groups are "wholly" in the sense that they address simple, spiritual, emotional, and social needs that we all have. We currently have 30 people participating and have the capacity for more. Won't you give it a try?

Additionally, we have had some interest from our 25 to 38-year-old millennials in starting a group focused on the issues and opportunities unique to them. We would love to help facilitate the opening of this group and are looking for some feedback as to who would be interested in participating.

Will you please let Lena know if you are interested by either calling the church at 815-459-5096 and leaving a message or by emailing her at info@stpaulsucccl.org.

Jim Henneman

Church News—The Memorial Committee

The Memorial Committee has been a permanent committee of St. Paul's since around 1969. Several years ago Harmon Peaco gave me a copy of an old brochure which was published when the Committee was established and explains its purpose.

Quoting from the brochure:

"This brochure is presented by the Committee on Memorials and Gifts of St. Paul's Church. It is intended for those who wish to make a special gift, as a memorial or to honor a living friend or relative, or to provide for an existing or future need of the church. The purpose of the Committee is to give guidance to those who wish to participate in this program."

Then it goes on to add a list of gift ideas:

"If you would like to reserve any item described here, you are cordially invited to contact the Pastor or any member of the Committee on Memorials and Gifts."

1. SANCTUARY FURNISHINGS

Church hymnals
Altar hangings
Cushions for pews
New cabinet for usher materials
Carpeting
Ear phones
Candle holders
Collection plates

2. NARTHEX

Literature rack
Planters

3. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Library Books
Piano (s)
Bibles for third graders
Movie projector (16mm)
Cassette tape recorder
Drapes (office and rooms)

4. OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Copy equipment
Electronic adding machine

5. KITCHEN

Insulated coffee servers
Water heater

6. FELLOWSHIP HALL

Drapes
Long linen or lace tablecloths
Chairs

7. OUTDOOR

Electric bell ringer
Benches

8. MUSIC

Carpet choir loft
Gifts for organ fund and care
Music for choirs
Director's chair (high, swivel seat)
(2) File cabinets

Church News - Memorial Committee

Looking over the old list, you see that most of the items have been taken care of. Through the years since the Memorial Committee was established, so many more gifts have been given to St. Paul's by Memorial giving. In the Narthex, we have a beautiful "Memorial Gift" plaque display hanging on the wall over the coffee hour station. When things get back to "normal" at St. Paul's, please take time to look at this display. It's very interesting to see all the wonderful gifts that have been given to our church through the Memorial Gift program.

The church is indeed grateful for all these gifts. What a blessing this ministry has been for St. Paul's.

Blessings,
Nancy Kramer

Current Memorial Committee Members:

Nancy Kramer
Donna Reber
Jane Dawson (Council Liaison)

Original Memorial Committee Members:

Glen Stinek
Walter Wegner
Robert Reber



MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

L. to R.: Lyle Udall, Reginald MacLaughlin,
Elma Wegner, Holger Hakannson

Church News - Memorial Committee



Food Pantry Volunteers Needed



We are again making a plea for assistance on St. Paul's service day at the food pantry. There are still so many of our seniors who aren't quite ready to resume volunteering. With summer approaching and many of our current helpers not available due to vacations and times at their summer cottages, there will be a need for more volunteers. We are hoping that you might have high schoolers or college children who might be available to assist on our service day, which is about every 5 weeks. Perhaps your high schooler may need service hours for honor society or scouts or your college son or daughter hasn't been able to find a summer job. The pantry would be a great place to assist to give them the credits they need or just to keep them from becoming bored. There is still no client contact, since they aren't allowed in the building and we don't know when that will change. There is also a need for people to help in the back room assisting when trucks come in with food donations. Boxes need to be broken down and sometimes help in restocking shelves.

Please give prayerful thought to assisting this wonderful service to the community. Without the pantry, many people would go hungry.

Contact Cheryll Triefenbach or Laurie Revak if you have questions or concerns, either by phone or emails, which are in the church directory.

Cheryll and Laurie



Bob Reber a long time Food Pantry volunteer, made a surprise visit to the pantry on our March service day.

St. Paul's Prayer List

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

St. Paul's Members

Pastor Greg, Jim Butler, Shirley Huddle

St. Paul's Homebound Friends

Martha Hughes, Arlene Kopsell, Barb Biscomb

Deceased Members and Friends

Edward Mullard, Sid Martin, Virginia (Ginny) Katenhusen, Helen Sroka, Mary Ann Benz (Paul Benz's Mother), Harold Wittig, Ron Ebel, Charles Grumprecht

Friends

Jann Almquist, Helen Winter, Carl Kazimier, Bill Jelinek, Seeger Family, Jan DeJulius,

Military - Stateside

Beth Roxworthy & Todd Whetham

Sponsored Children

Alberly (Dominican Republic), Andrian (Indonesia), Daniel W. (Indonesia), Nicole V. (Bolivia), Nicole S. (USA), Tran Thi Chin (Vietnam), Breny (Columbia), Alfred (Tanzania), Dereje (Ethiopia), Isack S. (Tanzania), Maria, Jobenta M. (Haiti), Emyli (Guatemala)



St. Paul's Vision

Call to serve
Our
Neighbors' and Members'
Needs by
Engaging as
Christ's people
Through service and Love

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Keep up with St. Paul's latest news, information, and connection. LIKE our pages and share our posts on social media.



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NEXT BEACON

May, 7th, 2021

All articles are due in the church
office by Monday, April 26th.



Give the Gift of SCRIP

IN STOCK SCRIP CARDS as of March 24, 2021

Amazon	3 @ \$25
BP	3 @ \$50
Buffalo Wild Wings	3 @ \$25
Buona Beef	8 @ \$10
Chili's	2 @ \$25
Chipotle	3 @ \$10
Darden	2 @ \$25
IHOP	2 @ \$25
Jewel	5 @ \$25/ 5 @ \$100
Kohl's	8 @ \$25
LL Bean	2 @ \$100
Mariano's	3 @ \$50
Meijer	2 @ \$50
Menards	1 @ \$100
PF Chang	2 @ \$25
Panera	10 @ \$10/ 2 @ \$25
Red Lobster	2 @ \$25
Shell	4 @ \$25 / 2 @ \$50
Speedway	4 @ \$25/ 1 @ \$100
Stein Mart	1 @ \$25
Starbucks	9 @ \$10/ 2 @ \$25
Subway	4 @ \$10
Target	5 @ \$25
Walgreens	5 @ \$25
Walmart	5 @ \$100/ 1 @ \$250

With so many cards still in stock, I am currently only replenishing those purchased on a regular basis. If you need any of the above cards, they can be dropped off at church for pick up. If you want to order any particular cards, please let me know. As always, checks are made payable to St. Paul's. *Karen Radovich* (nuknees@mc.net)

EASY AND CONVENIENT

These products make it easy to earn on the go.

PrestoPay™

The secure online payment system for families that lets them pay for orders and receive e-gift cards and reload their cards immediately.

MyScripWallet™

Our mobile website where families can buy physical gift cards, reloads, and eGift cards. Directly onto their phones great for when you are in line at a store. you can reload or buy cards to go straight to your phone!

Guidelines for In-Person Church

Guidelines for In-Person Gatherings at St. Paul's Church Crystal Lake (including In-Person Sunday Services) During Restore Illinois Phase 4

These guidelines were developed by the Church Council and the Emergency Management Committee in accordance with CDC and Illinois Conference UCC recommendations. They are designed with the overarching goal of promoting safety and health-conscious practices among our Church members, staff, and visitors during Phase 4 of this Covid-19 pandemic. We will be closely monitoring Illinois state and local requirements and metrics relating to Covid-19 on an ongoing basis and may find it necessary to modify these guidelines accordingly. It is our top priority to keep our Church members, staff, and visitors safe and healthy and we can all play a role in that by following these guidelines. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

General Guidelines:

1. **Permitted Gatherings.** In-person Sunday worship services will initially resume with only one Sunday service at 10:30 am. No other group meetings will be permitted at the Church at this time until further notice. This includes Church Committee meetings, Bible Study, Youth Group gatherings, children's Sunday School, Preschool, or any other group gatherings, including meetings held by non-members who request to use our Church facilities. Baptisms, memorial services and weddings will be permitted if held in accordance with these guidelines after consultation with Pastor Greg.
2. **Accessible Areas.** Only the Narthex, Sanctuary, and bathrooms on the main floor will be open to the public during in-person services. Entry will be from the upper and lower level doors. The elevator will not be accessible nor will any of the rooms on the lower level, including Fellowship Hall and the downstairs bathrooms.
3. **Online Services.** In consideration of our more vulnerable members, those who may choose not to participate yet in Sunday worship in-person, and visitors whose first exposure to St. Paul's might be our online services, we will continue to offer our live online Sunday worship service at 10:30 am through YouTube (accessed from St. Paul's website) or St. Paul's Facebook page. Online Sunday School classes will also continue to be offered online as they are presently being conducted.
4. **Mandatory Requirements.** Face coverings will be required to be worn at all times while on the Church property, along with social distancing of at least 6 feet apart among non-family members. Anyone not abiding by these rules will be respectfully required to leave the premises.
5. **Non-Contact Greetings.** Participants are requested to refrain from handshakes, hugs and other close personal contact and to instead substitute them with greetings that minimize person-to-person contact, such as hands clasped together in prayer or crossed over one's heart, bowing, or waving.

Guidelines for In-Person Church

6. **Maximum Attendance.** A maximum of 50 people will be permitted to attend any Sunday worship service. Priority to attend will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis to those who have registered in advance using St. Paul's Reservation System. Specific instructions about how to use the System will be described on the Church's website, in the weekly Church Chatter, and in the monthly Beacon. People arriving after the maximum number of attendees has been reached will be unable to participate in the in-person service, so **advance registration is required.**

7. **Cleaning and Hygiene.** Prior to reopening for in-person services, the Church will undergo a thorough deep cleaning. Regular cleaning will continue on an ongoing basis at least weekly to promote a safe, hygienic environment. Congregants and visitors are reminded to maintain good personal hygiene, including hand washing, sanitizing and not touching one's face. Hand sanitizers will be placed at several locations in the Narthex for general use.

During the Sunday In-Person Worship Service:

1. **General.** All applicable general guidelines listed above will apply.
2. **Entrance and Seating.** Upon arriving at the Church, people will be greeted by an Usher at the entrance to the Church and asked to proceed directly to the Sanctuary where they will be seated in an unoccupied pew by another Usher. People in the same household or family will be seated together in the same pew. Non-family individuals may be seated with other non-family members in the same pew, provided they maintain a distance of 6 feet apart from one another. Every other pew will be roped off and remain unoccupied in order to observe social distancing requirements.
3. **Worship Materials.** Prayer books, hymnals, bibles, pens, information cards, etc. will be temporarily removed from pews during services. Congregants are encouraged to bring their own worship materials or follow along on the overhead screens. Hard copies of the worship bulletin will be available.
4. **Offerings/Donations.** Members wishing to drop off donations will be requested to do so in a designated plate located outside the Sanctuary as it will not be passed around during the service. Online giving is encouraged as a substitute for those who wish to make a donation.
5. **No Congregant Singing.** Given the heightened risk of infection caused by singing, for the health and safety of all members inside the Sanctuary there will be no singing by the Congregation, with the exception of our Musical Director, Kristin Lundine, who will be positioned facing away from any congregants.
6. **Ushers and Greeters.** To the extent available, there will be Ushers and a Greeter at every service. All Ushers and Greeters will be socially distanced and wear face coverings at all times before, during, and after the service.

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7. **Communion**. Communion will be served on Communion Sunday to all those wishing to participate by means of prepackaged servings of wine/juice and wafers which may be picked up by participants upon their entry to the Sanctuary.

8. **Children and Nursery Care**. Children present at services should remain with their parents and guardians and avoid congregating or interacting with children of other families, including during the Children's Message. We regret that nursery care will not be available during the service at the present time.

9. **Dismissal**. After the Benediction, people will be dismissed by the Ushers pew by pew. There will be no receiving line, but the Pastor may choose to greet congregates from a socially safe distance in the Narthex. Congregates are kindly asked not to remain in the Narthex and to instead save their socially distanced greetings for outside the Church.

10. **Sickness or Exposure to Virus**. Any staff or congregant feeling sick or displaying symptoms of COVID-19, as well as people who have had close contact with a person who has symptoms of or has tested positive for COVID-19, should refrain from participating in any aspect of in-person services. Any person who attends an in-person service and subsequently tests positive or experiences Covid-19 symptoms within a week thereafter should notify the Church office immediately (or have someone notify the office on their behalf) so that appropriate action can be taken. The identity of the person who is sick will be kept confidential unless otherwise permitted by that person.

