

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a time we are living in! Churches across the nation have changed how they are doing worship. We haven't met together in God's house for what feels like forever. I encourage you to remember though, these measures are temporary. We are staying at home, avoiding large public gatherings, and social distancing to try to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Staying at home has become for us a way to show love to our neighbor. Love that says, I don't want to risk anyone else getting sick, I don't want to risk spreading the virus without knowing it so I will stay at home because I care about my neighbor. But of course, this means that church has changed drastically. Paul states in Romans 12, "so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." We remain members of the one body of Christ, whether we are here in His house or there at home.

That said, we still desire to continue to meet together. We as God's children still desire to hear His Word and present to Him our prayers and praise. To that end, we have been doing our best here at St Paul's to present you with opportunities to hear the Word of the Lord. We have been offering a Live video of Scripture, sermon, and prayers Sundays at 10:00am and Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, we will be offering these Live videos as well at 7:00pm. In addition, we didn't want to leave out the children. Available Sundays at 9:00am is another Live video of "Sunday School at Home" There we welcome children to join in watching as we have Sunday school in our pajamas (yes, even pastor).

But not everyone finds these things easy to use. Hopefully these steps will make the process easier for you. On your computer,

open a web browser (Chrome, Edge, Safari, or Internet Explorer are the popular ones). In the address field type

www.facebook.com/stpaulsute/live This takes you directly to all the videos our church has made available so far. If you go here during a live stream, you will be able to join in and watch along.

Please note: You do not need to have a Facebook account to watch these videos.

I understand this isn't the same as being in God's House together. And as I mention in each video, I look forward to the day when we can all gather here together once again, but until that time, we can still gather around the Word through these videos. If for some reason you are not able to view the videos, please contact me at the church and we can find a way for you to stay connected during this difficult time.

I continue to pray for your health, both physical and spiritual. May God bless you as we are separated, and bring us together again as soon as safely possible.

In Christ,
Pastor Nathan Peitsch

MESSAGE FROM THE ELDERS,

Hoping this message finds everyone safe and healthy. As Pastor Peitsch spoke about in the letter sent out, we will review our church status in regards to Covid-19 outbreak on March 30. All of St Paul's activities will remain temporarily suspended until further notice. Your Elders at St Paul, along with Pastor are continuing to monitor the updates regarding the Pandemic. It is our wishes to not only comply with the State and National Governments guidelines but, the health and safety of our own congregation is of utmost importance. God tells us in Isaiah 41:10, Do not fear, for I am your God. I will strengthen and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

I remind everyone that during this time, services are available to view live on Facebook, Wednesday at 7:00pm, and Sunday at 10:00am. These services can be viewed afterwards as well on a link on our website. www.facebook.com/stpaulsute/live. Other resources available are KDSN Denison radio FM 104.9 and AM 1530 broadcast "Thy Strong Word" at 6:25am Sunday morning. You may also tune in to KCAU channel 9 to "Main Street Living" broadcasted at 10:00am. This is a two part show with the second part being an actual modified Lutheran service that features a different Pastor each week. We can make our Portals of Prayer available, just contact the church office. We also encourage you set aside time to read your bible. In closing, our hopes and prayers that our lives return to normal and we can resume to worship together in God's house at St Paul's.

Your Elders

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Photo Directory will be rescheduled for a later date.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

The newsletter this month is in memory of Herman Neddermeyer. Please contact the office if you'd like to sponsor the newsletter. The cost is \$37.

MAIN STREET LIVING

Main Street Living is a television ministry of the Lutheran churches of Missouri-Synod and of the Iowa West District. The worship service is on Sundays at 10 am on channel 9 KCAU, the ABC Network from Sioux City.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

We are listing Baptismal birthdays to remember and celebrate the day we were adopted into the family of God through the washing of the Holy Spirit.

Those having Baptismal birthdays in April are:

Kevin Hennings	1
Russell Rosburg, Jordan Thies	2
Creta Teut	3
Charlee Mohr	5
Mercedes Rose	8
Jami Henschen	9
Irvin Thies	11
Ava Wood	13
Keith Meadows	14
Beau Mohr, Norman Timm, Natasha Kelm	16
Rick Seieroe, Michael Greder,	18
Trevor Greder, Matthew Holbrook	
Kelton Mareau	19
Skylar Burroughs, Joan Trimpe	20
Samantha Sorensen	21
Caleb Creese, Brian Seieroe,	22
Andrew Kuhlmann, Marvin Gaines	
Vernon Thies	23
Tammy Bramley, Cameron Schofield,	24
Leah Schwery	
Isabelle Mohr, Gracelynn BeBout,	27
Porter BeBout	
Beth Ewoldt	28
Janelle Gray, Rodney Eneboe	30

"THY STRONG WORD"

Thy Strong Word is a 5 min. daily devotional message given by LC-MS pastors of the Denison area and sponsored by area congregations including St. Paul's. It is aired at 6:25 a.m., Mon.-Sat. on KDSN, FM107.1

Apr. 6-11	Rev. Merle Mahnken Immanuel, Schleswig
Apr. 13-18	Rev. Chad Trunkhill Bethlehem/Our Savior
Apr. 20-25	Rev. Richard Merill Multi-Point, Charter Oak
Apr. 27-May 2	Rev. Nathan Peitsch St. Paul's, Ute

GOOD SHEPHERD HOUR

This program is a ½ hour worship service heard on Sioux City, KSCJ, 1360 AM, at 8:00 am.