

The Messenger



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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From Pastor White, May 2021

According to the church's calendar, the month of May brings us to the Feast of the Ascension (Thursday, May 13), the last of the 7 Sundays of Easter (May 16), which we will probably mark as the Sunday of the Ascension (an option *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* permits, if The Ascension is not celebrated on the previous Thursday), The Day of Pentecost (Sunday, May 23), and Trinity Sunday (May 30) (which is also the Sunday of the Memorial Day weekend).

In some of the congregations I've served, on Pentecost Sunday we have processed out of the church building and into the world for prayers asking God to sustain us in our vocations in the world outside the church.

And then we essentially close down for summer – no more choir (in normal years), no more Sunday School (again in normal years), and the suspension of a lot of other regular activities.

As long as I have been in ordained ministry, it has struck me that as we move through these last days of Easter and into Pentecost, we hear stories that should stir up our spiritual energy and our desire to move out into the world with the life-giving message that “Christ is risen.”

So a first question – how can we hold onto the excitement and energy of Easter?

The second challenge facing us this year is that at the same time we seem to be moving out of our extremes of pandemic isolation and into “a new normal.”

I think it is important that we hold on to that little word “new.” We do not yet know what will be significantly changed as we continue to deal with a disease that continues to infect and lead to the deaths of people around the world.

And at the same time as all of this is going on around us, St. Paul's is preparing to begin a process of calling the next pastor.

I recently received in the mail (the regular kind) a book titled, *We Shall be Changed: Questions for the Post-Pandemic Church*. The epigraph at the beginning of the book quotes a U2 song: “We thought we had the answers/It was the questions we had wrong.”

For now, let me simply note the 5 areas of questions the editor of the book poses for the whole church for conversation, some are broad and global, some more directly affect us on the Eastern Shore, all of them things this congregation will need to think and talk about in the coming months:

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Distancing and Deepening: How might we turn this time of distancing into a time of deeper spirituality – and how might we keep that deeper conversation with God in the regathered church? How might the virtual inform – or be – the actual future of the church?

Liturgy and Longing: What have we learned from having to create new ways of worship about the worship we have been offering? Are there ideas or themes we should be careful not to lose?

Hard Choices and Helping Hands: What questions about financial structures and sustainability will emerge from this time of isolation to confront congregations and synods? Is self-help the only option?

Inequality, Marginalization – Renewal: How can we address constructively the inequality in access to resources within the church laid bare by the variety of responses to the Covid pandemic? What responsibility do well-resourced communities and institutions have in helping poor and marginalized churches keep their communities tended and gathered?

Challenge and Leadership: What has the Covid pandemic taught us about the leaders and structures we have – and the leaders and structures we need?

Remember Mother's Day on Sunday, May 9. Our Evangelism/Outreach Committee has a special treat for all of our mothers!



AUDIO-VISUAL
---team---

We are using new technology to improve the experience of our members watching our services virtually. We are currently live-streaming the church service every Sunday at 9 am on Facebook and working through the process of uploading the service to our YouTube channel. A big thank you goes out to Les Lentz (Les Lentz Audio/Video) for assisting us with the installation and use of our new equipment!

REGISTER FOR Vacation Bible School

Holly Sump has offered to coordinate and supervise this year's Vacation Bible School, "Jesus is my Superhero." St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be holding Vacation Bible School 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Monday, June 21st to Thursday June 24th with the possibility of including Friday. VBS is open to children ages 3-11 with a special youth group offered for ages 12-14. She has prepared a registration form for anyone interested in participating and/or volunteering. It can be found on St Paul's Facebook page, News @ St Paul's weekly newsletter, St Paul's website, and paper copies will be available on the bulletin board outside the offices at church. Please complete a registration form for each of your children. Any questions please contact Holly at hollylsump@gmail.com.



- 5/2 Rose Marie Fuchs
- 5/4 Lyn Hollingsworth
- 5/5 Gordon Behrens
- 5/7 Taylor Stevens
- 5/8 Maddy Sauca
- 5/10 Easton Brenner
- 5/10 Hayden Hollingsworth
- 5/14 Bennett Sump
- 5/20 Bruce Leaverton
- 5/26 Katelin Cep
- 5/28 Danielle Cannon
- 5/29 Donna Saathoff
- 5/29 Bennett Walls



Put these words of mine in
your heart and soul
Teach them to your children

Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NRSV



A lasting promise

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus speaks a final promise to the disciples.

Directions: Use the picture clues to find the letters. Then write that word below to complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

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Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

"But you will receive _____ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer: power



God has been generous to us in many ways. We believe that sharing these gifts in His name is a tangible way of expressing one's faith. As active Christians, we are called to give generously to assist our neighbors through our time, talents and treasures. During this time of pandemic, you may not feel comfortable attending services in-person but want to still send offerings to the church. This can be done by mailing offerings to the church or by using Tithe.ly.

The direct link to our Tithe.ly account is <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1747825>
If you are having trouble with setting up your account, please contact Debbie Dudrow.

If you have any questions about Tithe.ly, please contact Debbie Dudrow, Treasurer 410-924-8368 or rdudrow@verizon.net or Donna Stevens, Financial Secretary 410-820-7243 or dstevens62@icloud.com

??? **Bible Quiz** ???

Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads: "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach." What "former book" did the author write to Theophilus?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John



Answer: C (See Luke 1:1-4)



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Members of St. Paul's: Jane Asche, Gordon Behrens, Frances Blades, Lisa Fisher, Ursula Kadolph, Conroy Marth, Pastor Donald McClean, Barry Reusing, Edith Roe, Else Ross, Richard Sump, Delores Mullikin and Louise White.

Friends of St. Paul's: Erin Bartz, Lisa Callahan, Bonnie Chambers, Glynn Chambers, Hunter Clough, Michael Eaton (brother of Rosemary Spies), Lyn Fuller, Dorothy Hiner, Katelyn Howard, Darren Leonard, Jim and Diane Lewis, (mother and father of Jamie and Jeff Lewis and mother and father in-law of Michelle and Meredith Lewis), Michael Mumford (son of Dale & Betty Jean Mumford), John Rickwood, and Cade Wineke. We pray for those serving in the military: Tessa Heller, Hunter Priest and Victoria Spies Jacobs.



St. Paul's Prayer ministry . . . If you would like to add your name or a friends name to the email prayer list, to receive prayers from our prayer ministry group, please email Betty Jean Mumford at bettyjmumford@hotmail.com

Please make sure you have permission of the person you are adding, some people do not want to add their name to a public list.



Lectors



May 2 Robert Saathoff, Sr
May 9 Donna Stevens
May 16 Betty Jean Mumford
May 23 Bobbie Leaverton
May 30 Ellen Mulder



Marian Davis



Tellers

May 2 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth
May 9 Donna Stevens and Debbie Dudrow
May 16 Lee Heinsohn
May 23 Diana Hurd
May 30 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth

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May 9 Donald Davis and Keith Davis
May 16 Marian Davis and Lee Heinsohn
May 23 Diana Hurd and Ralph Smith
May 30 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth



Altar Flowers

May 2
May 9
May 16
May 23 Cep Family
May 30 Debbie Dudrow



We need ushers, lectors, and tellers for our worship services. If you would be willing to help with these jobs or would like more information, please contact Meredith Lewis, info@stpaulscordova.org.

Memorial Day-
May 31, 2021





The Rev. Alan Bernard Coates of Royal Oak, died on April 9, 2021 at Talbot Hospice House, Easton, Maryland. Born in Easton on February 17, 1933, he was the son of the late Alan and Frieda B. Coates. He was educated in Talbot County Schools. After graduating with the Easton High School class of 1951 he entered Gettysburg College and received a B. A. degree in philosophy in 1954. He received his theological degree from The Lutheran Theological Seminary also at Gettysburg in 1957.

Pastor Coates was ordained by the Maryland Synod, United Lutheran Church in America in 1957 and was called by the Board of American Missions and assigned to Silver Spring, Maryland. In 1958 he was called to be the Pastor of The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Glen Burnie, Md. where he served for 12 years. In 1971, he was called as Senior Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Hagerstown where he served for 25 years. During his ministry he served on many boards, commissions, and committees of the Church including the Executive Board of the Delaware-Maryland Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

After retiring to Talbot County, he served as interim pastor on two occasions. First during a pastoral vacancy for the Talbot Lutheran Parish consisting of Grace Church, Easton and St. Paul's Church, Cordova for 9 months and later for 14 months at Grace Church in Easton. During his retirement, he enjoyed boating, fishing, crabbing, and traveling.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy Ruth (Ginter) Coates whom he married on June 8, 1959; a daughter, Susan Anne Coates of Belcamp, MD; a son, Robert Alan Coates of Sykesville, MD, 5 grand children; a sister, Mrs. Evelyn Corbin of Easton, and a niece and nephew.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Grace Lutheran Church, Easton, or to the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, PA, would be appreciated.



It's that time of year again! The sign-up for grass cutting is on the bulletin board outside the office. Remember you can decide to cut it or sign-up to pay Chris Rice to do it for you.

“There is no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one.” —Jill Churchill

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Worship Service Begins at 9am

Please inform the church office of any changes in your personal information: Address, phone number, marriage or divorce, or new births so that we can keep our records up-to-date.

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