



# The Epistle

## The Four L's of Stewardship

Perhaps some of you have read the book *The Invisible Thread* by Laura Schroff. It is the story of a quite successful businesswoman who befriends a young man whose family is involved in the perpetual cycle of drug abuse. Today that young man is a successful salesman & is married with several children. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all of us could share an experience of love and friendship like that with someone or something?

Let's consider the four L's of Stewardship:

- Love of the Earth
- Love of Our Bodies
- Love of Our Time and Talents
- Love of Our Church and the Community

### What are some ways we can "Love the Earth"?

- 1) Plant a tree
- 2) Recycle plastics, glass, cardboard, paper products instead of putting these items in the trash
- 3) Plant flowers that will attract butterflies: phlox, asters, ageratum, salvia, sunflowers, lavender
- 4) Plant flowers that will attract birds: sunflowers, daisies, asters, marigolds
- 5) Walk or ride a bicycle instead of using a car

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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLEC- TION BEGINS

Shoebox time for Operation Christmas Child! If you are interested in packing a shoebox, they will be ready October 3rd. Inside will be a pamphlet telling you what can be packed and what you cannot pack. Also the label is on the pamphlet to use to indicate boy or girl and what age. The boxes will be in the lobby at church. I need them back no later than Nov. 22.

Just an update:  
Since 1993, over 178 million boxes have been shipped to over 160 countries. Please pray for this project.

Kathy Hirt

## The Four L's of Stewardship

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### **What are some ways we can “Love Our Bodies”?**

- 1) Get 6-8 hours of sleep each night
- 2) Drink plenty of fluids
- 3) Provide better nutrition for your body
- 4) Plan an exercise routine that you can follow
- 5) Walk up and down stairs instead of taking the elevator

### **What are some ways we can “Love Our Time and Talents”?**

- 1) Build a friendship with someone who is having a difficult time
- 2) Join a school club, community activity, church activity
- 3) Perform one random act of kindness
- 4) Provide a meal for a hungry person
- 5) Take time to write a journal about everything you are thankful for

### **What are some ways we can “Love Our Church”?**

- 1) Talk about what St. Paul Lutheran Church has provided for you
- 2) Provide challenges for giving, i.e. men vs. women, children vs. adults
- 3) Provide funds for the many ministries at St. Paul
- 4) Provide funds, food for people in need at St. Paul
- 5) Realize the world-wide church is fighting against political and cultural bias against religion

In one paragraph of the book the young boy asks the woman to fix him a brown paper bag lunch. She asks him why – his response: because a brown paper bag lunch means that someone cares about you. So even the smallest gesture can influence the love we share with the earth, our bodies, our time and talents, and our church.

Carole Repogle  
Stewardship Committee Chair

# Eyes on the Prize

## ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE MONTH



Coaches often guide their players with these words to help them let go of the superfluous and focus on what truly matters.

In yoga while doing a balance pose, the prac-

titioner is encouraged to find a stationary focal point. The stationary focal point improves balance and prevents practitioners from falling when they see others fall around them.

This month, we would be wise to follow the advice of coaches and yogis.

The events of the last six months and the upcoming election have left us all feeling anxious about the future and disconnected from our church family—perhaps even those living in the same home.

In the midst of chaos when all the world feels like it is falling down around us under COVID-19 and political elections, hurricanes and tropical storms, police and civilian deaths, riots and protests—we need a stationary focal point on which to fix our gaze so we don't fall over. We need to let go of the superfluous and focus our hearts and minds on what truly matters.

Paul writes in Philippians “<sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

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## COUNCIL ELECTIONS & QUARTERLY MEETING

### ***October 11 after worship***

Now that we are providing in-person worship again, we have an opportunity to hold a Quarterly Congregation Meeting to discuss our current ministry and financial status. To make the most of our time together, we will also hold the formal Council Election during this meeting. Two positions are available on Council for the 2020-2022 term and the two candidates remain Carroll Mayhugh and Tom Pyle. We will livestream the meeting so that even if you cannot be at church in person, you can still watch and be informed.

thank  
you!

## THANK YOU FROM PASTOR

Dear all, thank you for your affirmation and surprise gifts at the anniversary of five years together in ministry with you. We very much enjoyed the lovely and heartfelt presents. Our family is so grateful to be part of your church family. It is an honor, a privilege, and a great joy to be your pastor and to work for God's Word and will in the world together. Thank you!

*At right: Pastor and family model their gift t-shirts!*

*Pastor: "Caution: anything you say or do could be used in a sermon"*

*Taylor: "Dibs on the Pastor"*

*Henry: "PK #1"*

*Ruth: "PK #2"*

## Eyes on the Prize

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This church family—St. Paul's—is made up of a diverse group of people with different backgrounds, divergent political ideals, a range of professional and personal experiences, and a variety of passions and talents.

Yet, there is One whom we all share. One whom we all love. One who unites us all. One whom we all agree is the Way the Truth and the Life. The Triune God.

If you have been feeling disconnected from your brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Paul, like you don't belong, or like you are the only one with convictions, then you are not alone.

You are not alone in your feelings. You are not alone in

your love for the Lord. You are not alone in your desire to serve and honor God. You are not alone in your aching for Christ to heal the world and restore creation. We are one body in Christ Jesus our Lord.

As we approach November, enter into October with Philippians 4:6-8. Do not worry about anything. Pray about everything. Spend your energy on that which is true, honorable, and pure. Keep your heart, your mind, your eyes—your focus—on Christ Jesus and you will find the peace of God which surpasses all understanding.

In Christ,  
Pastor Emily





## From the Presiding Bishop: “Uncertain Times”



*This article was originally published in the Sept. 2020 issue of Living Lutheran magazine.*

Between 1527 and 1529, Martin Luther wrote and composed his famous hymn “A

Mighty Fortress Is Our God.” He based the text of this hymn on Psalm 46: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (verse 1).

Luther knew about trouble. He had been excommunicated by the church and declared an outlaw by the emperor. The bubonic plague had returned to Wittenberg, Germany. His 7-month-old daughter, Elisabeth, had died. Western Europe was under attack by the Ottoman Empire. Civil unrest resulted in the Peasants War, which was brutally crushed by the nobility.

Luther lived in uncertain times.

It’s unlikely that Luther could see with certainty in 1527 how his work would turn out. The Reformation wasn’t a glorious march of unbroken progress. It was messy. The “Reformers” argued with each other. It was violent. It had its share of hateful and divisive rhetoric. Anathemas were levied by all sides against each other. Even at the end of his life, Luther wondered if he had been right, if he had been faithful to the word.

If it wasn’t apparent to Luther and others what was happening, it was clear that

something was happening. The world was changing. Political and religious turmoil wasn’t going on in a vacuum. This was a time of new technology—the printing press—and scientific discovery—Copernicus kicking Earth out of the center of the solar system (Luther wasn’t impressed). What new world was emerging? What new thing was God calling into being? How was the Spirit calling and shaping the church to be a clear witness?

Five hundred years later we find ourselves in uncertain times. We are in the middle of a pandemic. We have been sheltering in place for months. Thousands have been newly awakened to racial inequity in our society and are marching for change. Education has been disrupted. Worship has taken on new forms. Our homes have become our offices and classrooms. The world is changing and the rate of change in the past five months is unprecedented.

Ours is also a time of new technology and scientific discovery. We are wired and plugged in. Communication is instantaneous. Our cellphones can be used to keep us connected and informed. They can also be used to divide and deceive.

Something new is emerging. The world is changing. We will not be able to return to the world of the pre-COVID days. Change brings loss. Loss brings grief. Yes, we believe in the Resurrection, that God brings life out of death, something new out of the old. But it can be painful, especially when we’re in the middle of it and can’t see clearly how it will all turn out.

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## INQUIRERS' CLASS BEGINS OCT. 1

Interested in learning more of the Lutheran perspective on Scripture and the Christian life? Looking for a church home and family? Participate in New Members/Inquirers' class on Thursday evenings at 7 pm in October (1, 8, 15) on Zoom. It is so named because you don't have to be certain that you will join as a member to participate; those inquiring about their faith, Lutheranism, and Christianity are welcome to participate. The classes will take place on Zoom. Please contact Pastor Emily (821-0987 or [stpaulpastor@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulpastor@gmail.com)) if you're interested.

## Celebrations in October



- 2 Jennifer Pence
- 9 Leandra Hawkins
- 11 Brianna Pirmann,  
Marilyn Portmann

- 12 Dennis Niefeld
- 13 Parker Bronner,  
Amanda Peery
- 19 Ron Harbaugh
- 20 Bob & Marilyn Portmann**
- 22 Terry McDowell
- 24 Mary Wagner
- 26 Ken Buhr,  
Abby Harbaugh

## Uncertain Times

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Psalm 46 captures the turmoil of Luther's day and of ours: "The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter" (6). It describes a changing earth, shaking mountains and roaring waters.

But Psalm 46 is also a song of faith—God's and ours. God is faithful to God's promises and to God's people. God is a mighty fortress who fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Luther ends the hymn by declaring: "Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot

win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!" (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, 504).

I believe we are on the brink of this new thing that God is bringing about. We don't need to see how it will all unfold. We just need to be ready and willing to answer God's call and be shaped by the Spirit. Secure in God who is our refuge and strength, we can be bold in our witness. God is activating each of us to invite more people into the way of Jesus—the way of grace and mercy, the way of justice and peace, the way of life.

The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton  
Presiding Bishop, ELCA

## Updates from our College Students

*As we are thinking of and praying for the members of our St. Paul Church family who are in college during this pandemic, we are featuring updates from them this month.*

### **Olivia Hedges**

This semester is surprisingly normal for me. Summer semester was online, but because of my program, 2020 only had summer classes. For spring and fall, I am on/was on co op. I am working at Fischer Homes in their land operations department. They are being very careful to keep us all safe, and I am doing well overall.

I miss serving through the church, but much prefer everyone staying healthy.

### **Annie Lohmeier**

Hi everyone, as you all can probably picture, school is looking a lot different this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I am currently studying at the University of Cincinnati; however, all of our classes are online this semester. We are doing virtual meetings for each of our classes, which is really different than how normal school would be. You can imagine it as Facetimeing with a bunch of other people at one time. It has been a different adjustment with all of the different requirements from the CDC, the University and as well as individual professors. After all, everyone is doing the best that they can to make it work given the circumstances.

### **Olivia Lohmeier**

Although this fall looks a little different in terms of volleyball and classes, it's still been a great semester this far. There has been plenty of time to develop new friendships and learn even more about friends who have been in my life for a while. With things occasionally up in the air, leading my team Bible study has been helpful in knowing that I have a place to open up to people and relate to them on a spiritual level. I am eager to see where this semester goes and to

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**VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ON ZOOM: OCT. 4 AND 18 AT 3 PM**

To nurture our young people in faith while still using best practices for health, we are experimenting with two Sunday School sessions online this month. We will begin all together for a lesson from Pastor and then break into separate groups for age-appropriate learning activities. Families are invited to participate with their children/young adults. To participate, join Zoom using the link that is emailed on October 4 and 18.



## The Gathering Meets Oct. 10

The Gathering was great joy in September (see pictures!)—it truly helps to beat the “quarantine blues!” You may be getting a card in the mail from the group. We will repeat the event in October. Plan to come to the Gathering on Saturday, October 10 from 2-5 pm on the East lawn. Being outside allows us to socially distance. Bring your own snack and beverage and a blanket/lawn chair on which to sit so that we can eat together without risking any cross-contamination. We will also do a service project for the community and an interactive Bible study for all ages. Come for fellowship, fun, and growing in faith!





## Updates from our College Students

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watch what God does not only in my life but also in my teammates' lives.

### **Spencer Lohmeier**

Just an update on me, I am currently in my final semester here at The Ohio State University. This December I will be graduating with a B. S. in Industrial & Systems Engineering with a Business Minor and plan to enter the workforce at the beginning of 2021. Outside of my school work, I am heavily involved in the OSU chapter of the Institute of Industrial & Systems Engineers. This organization has played a

large role in my life over the past 4 years and as I finish up my time here at Ohio State, I have the privilege of serving as its President.

Professionally, this summer I interned with PepsiCo Beverages North America in their Supply Chain Planning department and although I was not able to be in New York, as originally planned, I was able to complete the internship entirely virtually and had many great experiences.

Currently, I am in the midst of my job search and hope to have a job lined up by the end of the year!

## Plastic Mats Comfort the Homeless

Many of you know that Jane Erbeck crochets plastic sleeping mats out of plastic grocery bags. This serves two purposes: keeping plastic waste out of the landfill, and helping our homeless neighbors stay warm and dry by putting an extra water-resistant layer between them and the ground.



These photos are from pre-COVID times when Anne Rolfes' class learned how to make the mats. They cut and rolled plastic bags and then got to see the mat that Jane Erbeck made with their bags.

# WANTED



**The Reading Historical Society  
needs your help to tell the story  
of pioneer Reading.**

**We would love to have family stories,  
information about early businesses-  
blacksmiths, tailors, grocers, butcher,  
saloon keepers, etc.**

**We would greatly appreciate  
photographs of all kinds.**

**Please send your information and  
items to [rhspioneers@gmail.com](mailto:rhspioneers@gmail.com)**



- 7** Ask forgiveness for our involvement – consciously or unconsciously – in perpetuating the racism, laws and structures that benefit the majority through inequality and oppression. Pray for the Spirit to stir our humility, wisdom and persistence as we reflect on our lives and society and strive for racial justice, reform, reconciliation and unity as children of God.
- 8** Ask God to strengthen our faith and deepen our roots in the good news of Jesus Christ. Pray that we will draw on God's strength through our faith, especially when we grow weary or doubtful in the face of the world's challenges, criticism and ridicule.
- 9** Pray that we will actively engage with our communities and neighbors, developing the resilience and hope needed to absorb, endure and recover from the spiritual, medical, social and economic impacts of natural and human-caused disasters.
- 10** Remember in prayer those who have lost jobs or are furloughed from work, that they will have the resources and support to meet their daily needs as they seek employment. Pray that our congregations will be welcoming, supportive and ready to help, concerned for their dignity and their spiritual, physical and emotional needs.
- 11** Give thanks and praise to God for welcoming us into the kingdom of God, an undeserved gift to be shared with the world. Pray that we will never take the joy and blessings of this gift for granted or hide it from our neighbor.
- 12** The Lutheran Office for World Community (LOWC), a joint ministry of the ELCA and the Lutheran World Federation, represents Lutherans at the United Nations. Give thanks for the LOWC's work in monitoring issues of concern to the church, sharing our perspectives and speaking for peace, justice, human rights, respect for international law, and better standards of living for all people.
- 13** Pray that we, too, will hear Paul's assurance to the Philippians in difficult times, that "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Ask that the Spirit fill our lives with peace, love and mercy that will shine brightly in the world.
- 14** Pray for our companion-synod relationships throughout the world, especially during this time of physical separation, that we will continue to nurture and strengthen one another for life and ministry through prayer, study, communication, and sharing resources for doing God's work in the world together.
- 15** Throughout our baptismal journey, Psalm 23 encourages, calms and nourishes us with the reassurance that we are never without God's love, attention and guidance. Give thanks to God and pray that we will reflect God's loving presence and care in all that we do and say.
- 16** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathered, in person and online, for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.
- 17** Pray for active-duty military and their families, especially in times of deployment, transition and separation, that their faith will comfort and strengthen them and that they will have confidence knowing they are always connected with the love, support and concern of their home community of faith.
- 18** Remember in prayer newly elected synod bishops. Ask the Spirit to give them the wisdom, vision and faith to meet the challenges of their ministries, helping congregations and special ministries spread the gospel, serve our neighbors in need and grow the church.
- 19** Ask God to help us provide comfort, support and hope to our neighbors who feel helpless and overwhelmed amid the pandemic, natural disasters, economic struggles and social unrest.
- 20** Pray that we will experience God's love, encouragement and unity in the body of Christ through worship and the sacraments – in person, online or however we gather.
- 21** Give thanks to God for one another and pray for our siblings in Christ, that we will be steadfast in our faith, proclaim the gospel in our daily lives and serve as examples of God's mercy and love in the world.
- 22** Thank God for our special relationship with the United Methodist Church, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 2009. Pray for the church, its diverse ministries and its members and leaders, that together we will find mutual support, new partnerships and new resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.
- 23** "Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it," for God is great, powerful and wondrous. Sing praise to God!
- 24** Pray for students, teachers, school staff and parents as they continue to adapt to the uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on school environments and distanced learning.
- 25** *Reformation Sunday* Praise God for the gift of grace that sets us free to change and be changed, to form and reform as the body of Christ for the sake of humanity, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in the world.



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## PRAYER VENTURES

### OCTOBER 2020

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*These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.*

**1** Give thanks for the gifts, witness, leadership and faith of our LGBTQIA+ siblings in Christ. Pray that we will continue to grow as a church centered in the gospel and committed to the inclusion of all people. Pray that we will recognize and challenge the dynamics of bias, fear, power and privilege that discourage participation and equity in this church and in society.

**2** Ezekiel confronted the Israelites for their resistance to change and to God's ways of fairness. He rejected their arguments that change was too difficult, that they were acting only as they were raised and that he needed to live in the real world. Pray that we will repent, embrace God's peace and justice, and heed God's command, through Ezekiel, to "get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!"

**3** *Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church (1181-1226)* Pray that we will greet each day with a sense of awe, gratitude and respect for creation, for the organisms and creatures that inhabit the earth and for humanity in all its diversity and complexity — the handiwork of God.

**4** The Lutheran World Federation's Season of Creation 2020 invites us, through prayer and activism, to give thanks for creation and renew our human vocation for its care. Join Lutherans around the world in the online meeting and closing prayer today.

**5** Persist in praying for all affected by Hurricane Laura, by wildfires in the western United States and by flooding and severe weather. Pray that we will generously assist relief and reconstruction efforts and support the work of Lutheran Disaster Response.

**6** Give thanks and praise to God that our righteousness and salvation come not through our own efforts but through faith in Jesus Christ.

**26** Pray for the Spirit to deepen our understanding of what being a Lutheran Christian means, through prayer. Scripture, reflecting on our creeds and teachings, being renewed and united through the sacraments, and opening ourselves to God's voice and guidance in an ever-changing society and world.

**27** Give thanks that, though we have sinned and fallen short of God's expectations, God has set things right with us and restored our relationship through the gift of grace we have in Jesus Christ. Pray that throughout our baptismal journeys we will spread the hope and good news of God's merciful love for humankind.

**28** The ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarship program supports students of promise attending ELCA seminaries. Pray that we will generously support this program to make seminary more affordable, to enable more future ministers to study and to help them graduate with less debt as they respond to God's call to serve as the church needs and the Spirit leads.

**29** "God is our refuge and strength." Give thanks and praise to God and reflect on how God sustains you, gives you courage, influences your decisions and actions, and equips you for living as a follower of Christ in the world.

**30** Pray for the Spirit to guide and inspire our discernment and decisions in the upcoming presidential election, and to help us prioritize the needs of our neighbors, the well-being of communities in turmoil and the task of healing the deep divisions in our society.

**31** *Reformation Day* Give thanks and praise to God for the ministry, teachings and impact of Martin Luther and other church reformers, who took great risks to refocus our faith, institutions and practices on the word of God and the good news of Jesus Christ. Pray that we will continue to be a reforming church, mindful of the Spirit's guidance as we discern how to follow Christ — now and in the future.

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*This resource may be copied and shared among members and friends of the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

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## Our Life Together

**For emergency pastoral care**, please call the after-hours line at 513-760-5884.

**If you have requests for the Prayer Chain**, call Penny Huber, 513-931-6420. To remove people from the list, contact the office.

We pray for **Mary and her granddaughter Kyra** (friend of Paul Pieper); **Berkeley** (Carol Curless's great-grandson); **Pr. Lisa Bernheisel; Louise Barry; Teresa Bell** (former member); **Stephen Black** (Kim Coulehan's nephew); **Bobby** (Christian Lohmeier's friend); **Nancy Bose** (Kathy Hirt's friend); **Brett** (Kings' step-nephew); **Jodie Calhoun; Christian; Kathy Curless; Katie Demopoulos** (Diana Hawkins's niece); **Dick** (Linda Miller's brother); **Jeremy Doan** (Jean Winkle's grandson); **Jerry Doan** (Jean Winkle's son-in-law); **Norb Eble** (Portmanns' friend); **Eckerle and Wuestefeld families; Lee Erbeck; Larry Faulkner** (Freda's son); **Justin Feldman** (Bess Sturgill's father); **Ben Ferguson** (Les Eckerle's cousin); **Micki Ford** (Fords' niece); **Jeanne Fuller; Scarlett Gally** (Beth Wernery's great-niece); **Clara Garcia** (Cindy Mayhugh's sister); **Nathaniel Gibson** (Les Eckerle's step-nephew); **Hannah; Matthew Harrison** (Seals' neighbor); **Sandy Hatcher** (Linda Holt's sister); **Elain Heskamp; Richard Hoffman** (Cindy Mayhugh's brother); **Andrew Horton; The Hunt Family** (at the death of Sharon Hunt, a Reading School Teacher); **Ellen Hunter** (Jeni Cathcart's grandmother); **Jo and her daughter** (Jeanne Fuller's friends); **Joan** (Penny Huber's friend); **Kate** (granddaughter of Dennis King's friend); **Dennis King; Jay King** (son of Jamie King); **Loretta Kombrink** (Marilyn Portmann's aunt); **Lewis Laine** (Chet Laine's brother); **Richard Lane** (Elinor Schieman's nephew); **Nelson Langefeld; Regina Laursen** (Portmanns' friend); **Yvonne Lowery** (St. Paul Players); **Carroll Mayhugh; Carroll Mayhugh Sr.** (Carroll Mayhugh's father); **Samantha Mersch** (Mayhughs' daughter, Sarah Papin's sister); **Jessica Mink** (Donald Harris's cousin); **Doris Minton; Barbara and Jack Moorhouse; Jean Nolte; Ervin Oerther** (Portmanns' brother-in-law); **Ann Ohr** (Barbara Moorhouse's cousin); **Richard Osborn** (Betty Pack's brother); **Rosie Osborn**

(Betty Pack's sister); **Eric Papin; Christian & Suzie Pereira** (Carolyn Koehl's granddaughter & grandson-in-law); **Richard Peterson** (Shirley Harbaugh's brother); **Don Pflieger** (Kings' brother-in-law); **Ginny Pape; Linda Perin** (Moorhouses' cousin); **Paul Pieper; Faith Pirrmann; Pat Popplewell** (Dennis King's friend); **James Savoy** (Jean Winkle's great-grandson); **Shawn Schnetzer** (Sturgills' cousin); **Sheila Schultz** (Betty Pack's friend); **Brenda Schumacher** (Marilyn Portmann's friend); **Shannon and Dane** (friends of Riddle family); **Keith Shupe** (father of Kelly Shupe); **Jason Simpson** (Freda Faulkner's grand-nephew); **Patricia Smith** (Teresa Bell's mother); **Scott Songer; Judy Songer** (friends of Jean Winkle); **Crosley Spelman** (Spelmans' grandson); **Jack Spelman; Frank Sturgill** (Jim's dad); **Britney Jean Teems** (Jean Winkle's granddaughter); **Teresa** (friend of Marty Lohmeier); **Randy Thaman** (friend of Marie Calhoun); **Geri Toland** (Carole Replogle's neighbor); **Treasure** (Les Eckerle's cousin); **Ralph Turner** (friend of Dennis King); **Tereasa Vogel** (Freda Faulkner's friend); **Jack Wagner; Jeanne Wagner; Daryl Wesselman** (Betty Pack's granddaughter); **Jean Winkle; Susan Winkle** (Jean Winkle's daughter-in-law).

We pray for those with ongoing health concerns who are unable to come to church every week: **Louise Barry, Jack and Barbara Moorhouse, Jean Nolte, Heather Segar.**

We pray for our armed forces members: **Graham Barton** (Fords' neighbor); **Paul Cordes** (Elinor Schieman's grandson); **Victoria Derry** (Elinor Schieman's great-granddaughter); **Jared Forst** (Jim and Loretta's grandson); **Beau Glenn** (Karen Koehl's son-in-law); **Kylie Hahn** (Gretta Hahn's granddaughter); **Donald Hosea** (Karen Koehl's son); **Samuel McLoughlin** (friend of Cindy Sieckman); **Scott Minton** (Doris Minton's son); **Jobeth Ramirez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Joshua Rodriguez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Trent Schwegman** (cousin to the Erbecks and Fords); **Dustin Silvey; Mack Thompson** (Freda Faulkner's grandson); **Alex Wisecup** (son of Nadine and Barry Wisecup).

St. Paul  
Lutheran Church

As a community of Christian believers, we are called by God to use the many gifts He has given us, within the church and the community, so others may come to know Him.

## Thanks to Pr. Emily and Family for 5 Years

Many thanks to our dear Pastor Emily and the Beckering family for all they do for St. Paul and the entire Reading Community. The end of August marked their being at St. Paul for five years. At our return to in-person service in September, a few gifts of appreciation were given to the family in recognition of that milestone.

Thank you, Beckerings, for your loving ways, hearts of service, taking the call five years ago and selflessly sharing your many talents, gifts and creativity with us.

Praise God for stirring within you His spirit to answer that call! We are so truly blessed and grateful and look forward to your continued leadership with us!

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