



The Dual-Parish Review

Message from Pastor

Ransomed with the Precious Blood of Christ

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." And if you call on Him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. (1 Peter 1:14-19)

He is Risen!

What a month. First of all, let me say that if I have failed to return a phone call, an e-mail or text message, it was not intended as a slight. Some days have been more chaotic than others and if I read it in the midst of other things, I may have forgotten it. Secondly, if I have offended any of you by my actions or inaction, I ask for your forgiveness. There were many situations over the past month in which I had to make a decision quickly and was not able to consult with every elder, council member or board member that I perhaps should have. If you feel that I have slighted you, please come to me personally. As our Lord taught in Matthew 18,

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses." (Matthew 18:15-16)

This may seem like a strange thing to focus on in the midst of this COVID-19 lockdown, but it is precisely because of the lockdown that I mention it. We have been cut off from our normal interactions, our face-to-face meetings, when we might ordinarily work out these difficulties. Services have been postponed. Board meetings have been cancelled or delayed, Council and Elders meetings are conducted by phone or Zoom, and so it is hard to meet one-on-one. But that in no way relieves us of our obligation to do so

Instead of reconciling with our brothers and sisters, we complain about them to whoever is nearby, in person, on Facebook or various other means available to us. But we are not doing the one thing Jesus commanded us to do: Go to that person, one-on-one, and be reconciled. The goal is not to win an argument, not to prove that you were right and the other person was wrong. The goal is always to gain your brother back. That person that you have a disagreement with is a person for whom Christ died. If they are worth the blood of Jesus, then who are you to speak ill of them? Who are you to refuse to forgive them, when God has forgiven them by the blood of His Son?

There have been issues in both congregations that have sprung up over the past month or so that have festered like an untreated wound. Some of these I am aware of, most of them I surely am not aware of. Some of them have sprung up between family members

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Bethlehem

Lutheran Church

233500 County Road E
Milan, Wisconsin 54411

Sunday Worship at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Chad Schopp

Pastors Office Hours @ BETH.

Tues. 9am-5pm

Pastors Cell: 715-680-8117

Pastors Email:

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St. John "High Steeple"

Lutheran Church

119415 Huckleberry Road
Edgar, Wisconsin 54426

Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Bible Study at 11:45am

Pastor: Rev. Chad Schopp

Pastors Office Hours: M, W, T, F:

9am to 5pm

Pastors Cell: 715-680-8117

Pastors Email:

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because of cabin fever. They always exist because we are still sinners. Our fallen human nature still pops up, like those weeds in your lawn every spring, and it takes work on our part to resist. As St. Peter wrote, “do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct” (1 Peter 1:14-15). To be holy in our conduct is to recognize in ourselves where we have failed and to repent of our sins. It is to strive toward the love that God commands, not love in word only, but in deed. It is to follow our Lord Jesus Christ, knowing that because our sins are forgiven, we too forgive others.

During this time of isolation, do not succumb to the ways of the world, to your former ignorance, which revealed in slander and rumors. In James 3:6 we are warned, “the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.” This is why, in the Explanation of the Eighth Commandment, Luther wrote so eloquently “We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.”

We must not let our isolation bring out the worst in us. If you have a complaint against your brother, take it to him yourself, do not slander him to others. If you hear of something that you are not involved in, do not gossip about it, but encourage those involved to reconcile. Gossip is sinful and many a congregation has suffered greatly because of it. “Explain everything in the kindest way” means to give the other person the benefit of the doubt, to assume the best and not the worst. God requires this. Love requires this

Now for the nut-and-bolts discussion. As you know, many things happened quickly in early April, some of which you may not know the reasons for. Both councils met over the past 48 hours, so I will give you a rundown of what has happened and what we have planned for the future:

1. As we approached Holy Week, I heard from several people who felt they were obligated to come to church, even though they had health problems which put them in the high risk category for the coronavirus. People who had not been in church for months were planning to attend on Easter day. While the desire to worship our risen Lord is good, doing it out of a sense of obligation or tradition is not. So I talked to the Elders and Presidents of both congregations and we quickly suspended live services out of concern for the vulnerable.

2. As a result of this, I quickly created a new website with the goal of posting recorded services on it. Why recorded and not livestreamed? Logistics. Out here in the country, we do not have the best internet service. Even watching the recorded services can be spotty. Can you imagine if they were live and we lost the feed? Cathy Schneider of St. John has graciously volunteered her time to be the “producer” of these video services. She does the editing and posts the videos to Vimeo, which is linked to our new website. Why a new website? Simply because it is “dummy proof” (obviously... I was able to make it). Why the new website address (stjbeth.org)? Because the domain transfer process takes up to 10 days and we needed a new website in 48 hours. As I said, these were logistical issues that had to be dealt with in quick order.

3. So now we have recorded services each Sunday. It is not our intent to do this indefinitely. We will continue for the next few months, but this is not the new normal. We are called to come together to receive the Means of Grace (Word and Sacraments) and to love and serve one another. Video services, parking lot services, whatever else you have seen or heard of, are not a replacement for gathering as the body of Christ, the Church.

4. We have progressed far enough into this pandemic that there is discussion at the state level about lifting restrictions. That will come, but not quickly and not all at once. Because of the hysteria and misinformation floating around, I need to make the following abundantly clear: Just because the lockdown is lifted, it does NOT mean the virus has disappeared. The virus will continue to circulate among the population for the next year at a minimum. A vaccine is at least 12 months away, perhaps longer. People will continue to get sick. “Flattening the curve” was never about stopping the virus, only stretching out the infections over a longer period of time. There have been politicians who have stated we are going to “beat the virus”; this is not true and never has been. So each person must take precautions appropriate to his or her own situation.

5. Now that we have the video recordings on the website, we are going to resume live services starting May 2. However, these are going to be “mini-services”, 30 minutes long. There will be three services at each congregation, with a maximum attendance of 8 (see the enclosed schedule). This is to stay within the “less than 10 people”

guidelines issued by the governor (pastor makes 9). In order to prevent crowding at any one service, we ask that you sign up for the service by calling Sharon at the Dual Parish office during her office hours (Mon-Wed, 1-4pm, Fri 1-4pm). Do not just leave a message or send an e-mail. A given service may already be full and it is not her job to track you down. When you call she will be able to tell you which services have open slots and get you into the next one available. The office number is 715-352-2888.

6. As the state eases the restrictions, we will make appropriate changes in these “mini-services” as well. As things improve, we will increase the number of people at each service and gradually reduce the number of them, until – sometime this summer – we will be back to “normal”. The video services would then cease some time after this.

7. The Sunday School materials were distributed to the parents of those children. If you didn’t get it, it is likely in your box at church. There will be a page on the website for more Sunday School materials soon.

8. Bible Study may continue by means of teleconference software (Zoom or something similar). This will likely not be operational until the first or second week of May. There will be information about it on the website.

Lastly, let’s address some housekeeping issues. There has been, and will be, an increased need for cleaning and sanitizing at the church, but there haven’t been many volunteers. Please contact the President or Elders about signing up for this. The younger and healthier folks should take this duty upon themselves as a way to serve their more vulnerable brothers and sisters in Christ. The spring clean-up tasks still need to be done, same as any year. Contact the trustees of your congregation to see what they need help with and when they want it.

As for the summer activities – like the Brewer’s game, VBS, etc. – it is too early to say for most of them. The various board members are working each issue with imperfect information. We will try to reflect the cancellations in the monthly calendar.

I know I talked your eyes off but I wanted to keep you informed about what has happened and what will happen. This, too, will pass. We will come out of it more appreciative of all that we have, especially of our Church family, who keeps lovin’ on us no matter what.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Schopp

From the President of St. John Ev. Lutheran Church (High Steeple)

Hello everyone, lots of news and events to report -

1. Our church services are now on the internet and can be found at stjbeth.org. Pastor Schopp will be having six services each Sunday starting in May with eight people able to attend each service. Call the office and talk to Sharon to reserve a spot. There will be three services at Bethlehem and three at St. John's. Times are listed on pastor’s “Mini Service Schedule”.
2. Everyone can bring their offerings to the church office during the week or mail them to the church. Also E-Giving is now available. Just get the GivePlus app. It is free with easy to follow instructions. St. John's congregation is in fair shape financially speaking. We still have some repairs that need to be taken care of and of course wages and other expenses. Reverend Schopp has volunteered to take a temporary reduction in pay to help our congregation meet its obligations. Hopefully this is a very temporary situation. Pray for a speedy recovery for our state and county.
3. VBS will take place, but whether its live at St. Johns or online is yet to be determined, Some fun and exciting things are being planned.
4. Paul Heise has resigned from the Board of Elders at St. John’s to pursue a Masters of Divinity degree leading to ordination in the LCMS. He will be attending Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, with his first classes starting in June. We at St. John’s will be helping him out financially and the Council has set the goal of assisting with \$4500 each year. Good luck Paul & Holly and God bless you both.
5. Lawn mowing and yard clean-up is starting. Volunteers are needed. Please call Mike Thompson (715-650-0240) to sign up for either.

My regular job as a medical equipment delivery tech takes me to many nursing homes in Wisconsin and upper Michigan and all of them have told me that no flu or coronavirus activity is going on in their facilities. As of April 17th, the official Corona - 19 website said Marathon county only had 120 cases and 1 death reported.

Now maybe we're just lucky or because of the weather everyone spent more time inside, but we live in a pretty healthy area. Stay strong, wear a mask, wash your hands, and get plenty of vitamins C&D.

God bless you all, see you soon.

Douglas Brown.

Dear members of Bethlehem:

The past weeks have been a stressful time for many of us, because of concerns and restrictions that have come about due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Those restrictions are also causing potential problems for Bethlehem. Because of the restrictions that have been put on church attendance, Bethlehem has seen a decrease in giving. Although, at this time, Sunday services are not being held we still have expenses that need to be paid every month. Pastor Schopp has volunteered to take a temporary 50% reduction in pay to help reduce some of our expenses, however, there are still bills that come in regularly. If you give your donations in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, please continue your giving by sending donations to the church address: Bethlehem Lutheran Church 233500 County Road E Milan, WI 54411. Another way to give is through E-GIVING. To learn more about E-GIVING please go to the church web site at: STJBETH.org.

Also, as summer draws near, we are getting closer to the time of year when donations are at their lowest as people go on vacation. There might be fewer people taking vacations this year because of Covid-19 but we still must plan according to what has taken place in past years.

Hopefully, this will all be over soon, and we can continue worshipping together as a congregation. In the meantime, please remember Bethlehem. God has blessed us in the past and He will continue to bless us through His Word and Sacraments.

Yours in Christ,
Del Schwarting
Board of Elders



A Message from the Elders of St. John

In this time of uncertainty and staying home, we would like to remind you of the different opportunities available for worship. For those of you that have access to the internet, we are posting video versions of worship each Sunday. For those of you that do not have access to the internet, you will be receiving copies of the bulletin and sermon weekly. We are planning to return to modified worship in May through a sign-up process. See other articles for details.

Other opportunities to nurture your faith include listening to the Lutheran Hour and other worship services on the radio on Sunday mornings, listening to Lutheran Public Radio on the internet, and using your Bible, catechism, and hymnal to have home worship. We will also have resources posted on our website soon.

One other note is to continue to support the church financially. Donations have gone down due to having no in-person services. We encourage you to send in or drop off your donations at the church office.

You can always call your elder, if you need help with anything.

Your brother in Christ,

Stephan Schneider

Mini Service Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Festival</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Sunday	5/3/2020	8:00-8:30	Bethlehem	Fourth Sun. of Easter	8
		9:00-9:30	Bethlehem		8
		10:00-10:30	St. John		8
		11:00-11:30	St. John		8
		1:00-1:30	St. John		8
		3:00-3:30	Bethlehem		8
Sunday	5/10/2020	8:00-8:30	Bethlehem	Fifth Sun. of Easter	8
		9:00-9:30	Bethlehem		8
		10:00-10:30	St. John		8
		11:00-11:30	St. John		8
		1:00-1:30	St. John		8
		3:00-3:30	Bethlehem		8
Sunday	5/17/2020	8:00-8:30	Bethlehem	Sixth Sun. of Easter	8
		9:00-9:30	Bethlehem		8
		10:00-10:30	St. John		8
		11:00-11:30	St. John		8
		1:00-1:30	St. John		8
		3:00-3:30	Bethlehem		8
Thursday	5/21/2020	8:00-8:30	Bethlehem	Ascension of Our Lord	8
		9:00-9:30	Bethlehem		8
		10:00-10:30	St. John		8
		11:00-11:30	St. John		8
		1:00-1:30	St. John		8
		3:00-3:30	Bethlehem		8
Sunday	5/24/2020	8:00-8:30	Bethlehem	Seventh Sun. of Easter	8
		9:00-9:30	Bethlehem		8
		10:00-10:30	St. John		8
		11:00-11:30	St. John		8
		1:00-1:30	St. John		8
		3:00-3:30	Bethlehem		8
Sunday	5/31/2020	8:00-8:30	Bethlehem	Day of Pentecost	8
		9:00-9:30	Bethlehem		8
		10:00-10:30	St. John		8
		11:00-11:30	St. John		8
		1:00-1:30	St. John		8
		3:00-3:30	Bethlehem		8

Call Sharon in the Dual Parish Office at **715-352-2888** to sign up for a particular service.
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Serving the Lord in the Czech Republic

News from Missionary Cindy Zirbel Wrucke

Thankful for God's Provisions

Daily life changed dramatically for me this past month in Prague. The first positive COVID-19 case was announced on March 1 and within two weeks the borders closed, and most normal activities ceased. All shops except grocery stores and pharmacies closed, church services were cancelled, and we were ordered to stay in our homes except for medical appointments and getting critical supplies. But I am thankful for so much!

Face masks

I was quite surprised when I woke up on Wednesday, March 18 to the news that everyone in the Czech Republic was mandated to wear a mask covering their nose and mouth whenever leaving the confines of their home, effective at noon that day. Who keeps an extra facemask at home for these occasions? Certainly, not me. We could wear a bandana or scarf as a substitute, but it had to provide complete coverage, or you faced a fine equivalent to \$1000 USD.

Thankfully, our deacon from church, Martin, knew a woman who lived in his apartment building who was rapidly sewing masks for anyone who needed one, at no cost to the recipients. So, within two days, I left my flat for the first time with a long, wool scarf wrapped around my face to retrieve the cotton face mask delivered to my front gate. I am so thankful for this gift! Martin later sent a photo of Ludmila at work on the masks, which now has been published in some American newspapers.

Technology

Perhaps the biggest change that affected me was the reliance on technology to continue mission work here. It's not perfect, but it does allow us to stay safe in our homes. This past month, I have learned to use Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Skype and Facebook livestreaming for everything that I normally did in person.

I still teach English classes every Monday to Czech church leaders and one of our alliance missionary pastors. We now use Zoom for this, which allows me to see each student and share handouts on the screen. It does take extra time for meeting preparation, but that is offset by the commuting time to travel to our church meeting room. The students

are very pleased that we can continue weekly classes.

I planned to use Zoom for our ladies' group also, however, several of the women have young children at home that would not allow for a distraction-free meeting time. I look forward to being able to meet again in person, when these young mothers can take time away from home for Christian fellowship with other women.

My Czech lessons with my tutor are now done via Skype, while my group class uses Microsoft Teams. Perhaps the hardest part of such quick closures was the lack of church services in Prague for two weeks. Thankfully, I was able to join several Wisconsin congregations who used Facebook to livestream or record and post mid-week and Sunday services. Many thanks to those congregations who invited me and got this up and running so quickly. We now have our English service in Prague on Facebook livestreaming, as well.

Virtual visits with friends

I am overjoyed by the emails, messages and phone calls from family and friends who check in to see how I'm doing, send encouraging messages and videos, as well as prayers. I greatly appreciate WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, Facetime and Marco Polo, for the communication and love that is shared through them with people on two different continents.

Safety

Last, but not least, I am thankful for God's provision of safety. I remain in good health here, have groceries delivered and I can still take walks in the forest a block from my home. God is so good, all the time!

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- ◆ God's provisions during this time of quarantine.
- ◆ Your support, prayers and encouragement.
- ◆ Medical and government workers that help protect us and keep us safe.

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- ◆ His daily presence in our lives through His Word, and the provision of His angels to guard and protect us from physical harm

At-Home Worship Resources for You and Your Family

Internet Resources:

Lutheran Hour Ministries - God has called all laypeople to be powerful witnesses for Christ to their families and communities. At LHM, we strive to create convenient ways for you to connect with Jesus and share your faith with others. Our products are free, easy, and digital so that you can use them in your home, on-the-go, or wherever you may be.

In this time of uncertainty, don't find yourself feeling isolated. HE is always with you! Discover **FREE** resources for your entire household and continue enriching your faith even when we can't gather together. Visit lhm.org/covid-19 and explore all of the ways you can hear God's Word, equip yourself in outreach, and provide Gospel-centered activities for the kids!

Worship Anew is an online ministry put out by Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne available to view on the Internet. The current week's program can be found on their homepage at Worshipanew.org/program.

Moments of Comfort is an online video ministry of Worship Anew which speaks to the sufferings we face in this life with the comforting message of God's Word.

They have a list of archived programs listed on the site.



Lutheran Hour Sermon Schedule

May 3

"Rescue, Test, Rest"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God doesn't have to figure out something about you that He doesn't already know. He doesn't have to figure out if He loves you or if He's committed to you or if you're worth it. God's not testing you to figure something out about you He didn't already know.

He's testing you so that you can figure out something about Him that you didn't know, so that you can figure out that you can trust Him."

(Exodus 16)

May 10

"Stand a Little Taller"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Exodus 18)

May 17

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

May 24

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

May 31

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Lutheran Hour Radio Broadcasts

Station	City, State	Freq.	Day	Time
WDLB	Marshfield, WI	1450 AM	Sun	8:00am
WRVM	Marshfield, WI	91.3 FM	Sun	10:00am
WRVM	Medford, WI	98.7 FM	Sun	10:00am
WRVM	Wausau, WI	101.3 FM	Sun	10:00am
WSAU	Wausau, WI	550 AM	Sun	8:30am
WSAU	Wausau, WI	99.9 FM	Sun	8:30am
WAXX	Altoona, WI	104.5 FM	Sun	6:30am

You can also go on line at www...lhm.org or download the free App @ LHM.ORG/APPS



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The program features expert expansive topics, while extolling Christ. The program is hosted by Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Pastor [Todd Wilken](#) and produced by [Jeff Schwarz](#).

May Birthdays

Bethlehem

Weiler, Austin	5/2
Hammel, Shane	5/3
Bernt, Croix Martin	5/4
Johnson, Wendy	5/5
Ortman, Barbara	5/6
Graun, Matthew	5/7
Luther, Joanne	5/7
Schopp, Brayden	5/7
Neumann, Michael	5/10
Schreiber, Bart	5/10
Empey, Judy	5/12
Reynolds, Sandra	5/12
Viegut, Taygen	5/12
Hammel, Ashton	5/17
Schwarting, Michelle	5/17
Thomas, Matthew	5/18
Weiler, Bruce	5/18
Dassow, Vicki	5/20
Johnson, Braiden	5/21
Bender, Brenten	5/22
Bernt, Erin	5/23
Woodward, Natasha	5/25
Kilty, Leighton	5/28
Broeske, Amy	5/31

St. John

Wolff, Jordan	5/1
Durkee Sr., James	5/2
Littleton, Cade	5/2
Marshall, David	5/2
Durkee, Ethel	5/3
Schopp, Brayden	5/7
Telschow, Delores	5/8
VanDerLeest, Eleanor	5/10
Spindler, Phyllis	5/13
Noller, Emma	5/16
Mielke Jr., Edward	5/17
VanDerLeest, Les	5/17
Hamann, Edwin	5/18
Telschow, Ethan	5/18
Syring, Darla	5/22
Schara, Kara	5/26
Mortvedt, Dawn	5/27
Reinhart, Paul	5/28

St. John

"That's My Pan Fundrasier": We are continuing with "That's My Pan" fundraiser for the new chimes. The people who are selling these products should get round # 1 of their orders into Sharon Niemann's mail box here at church or mail them to her at 123970 Wuertzburg Rd., Edgar, WI. 54426. No shipping charges and no sales taxes are added to your orders. Just include your payment and the orders will go in on the 21'st and we hope to have them at church May 1st.

Another order date will be May 20'th should you need more time with your order. All support is greatly appreciated. The Praise Ringers, Carolyn, Rhonda, Kay, Trish, Sam, Anna, Neal, Mel, Joan, and Sharon. More people are welcome to join us at any time.

Thank You from the Troops: "Dear Friends at St. John Lutheran: Thank you for your generous care packages and all the yummys! They are being enjoyed by Airmen, Marines, Sailors and Soldiers. God Bless you and Happy Easter He is Risen! Chaplain Mark Seamen."

Lawn Mowing Schedule: The sign up sheet is available. Please contact Mike Thompson to reserve your dates at (715-650-0240).

May Anniversaries

Bethlehem

Philip & Robin Carlson	5/3
Matt & Mindy Graun	5/8
Russ & Shirley Buss	5/29
Richard & Lois Niemi	5/29

St. John

Bruce & Doris Wussow	5/3
Jayne & Victoria Myszka	5/11
Larry & Jennifer Noller	5/28

Bethlehem

Thank You: We would like thank Pastor Schopp and everyone for their kind words, calls, cards and condolences. We are planning a Memorial Celebration for Danny on September 22. There will be more information as we get closer to September.

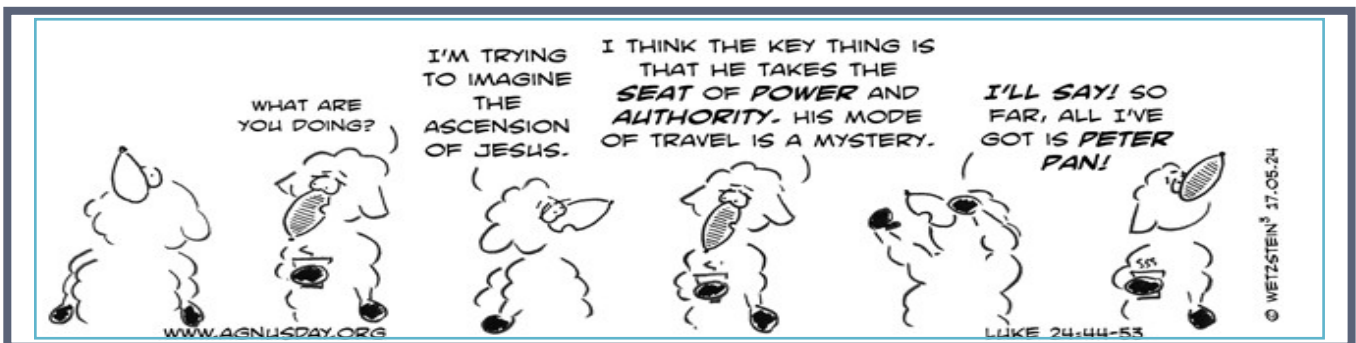
Dorean Freimund and Family

Thank You A huge thank you to all who helped make face masks. From Trinity—Will, Darlene, Jan, Jerry, Barb, Cindy, Sally, Sarah & Kaye. From Bethlehem-Shirley, Dorothy, Clarence, & Beth. Ladies Aid. From neighborhood—Allona, Carol, Peggy & Alivia. We sewed 692 masks, approx. 230 volunteer hours. They will go to the Marshfield Hospital, as we know, all the hospitals are in great need. Thank you so much, stay healthy and God Bless. Arlette

Brewers Game Canceled - Everyone who signed up and paid will be getting a letter and a refund soon.

Bethlehem Block Party is also canceled .

Agnus Day by James Wetzstein



BIBLE PASSAGE — Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. — *Ascension of The Lord*

E-GIVING THROUGH GIVE+ ONLINE

Smart PHONE Instructions to give via GivePlus

1. Find Play Store App
2. Search for GivePlus - it will come up as GivePlus Vanco Payment Solutions
3. Install the App
4. Search for Zip Code 54426 for St. John and 54411 for Bethlehem
5. Choose the respective church

For a one time gift

1. Choose Give Now
2. Click on the Plus sign in the yellow circle in the lower right hand corner
3. Fund = General Operating (this is already filled in)
4. Frequency = One Time (this is already filled in)
5. Enter the amount you want to give
6. In upper right hand corner, click on arrow pointing to the right'
7. Follow the prompts on how you want to pay

For a recurring gift

1. Choose Create Account (or sign in if you already have an account)
2. Follow the prompts
3. Sign In
4. Click on the Plus sign in the yellow circle in the lower right hand corner
5. Fund = General Operating (this is already filled in)
6. Follow the prompts

Home Computer Instructions to give via GivePlus

Go to the church website at **stjbeth.org**

Go to the church you want to give to

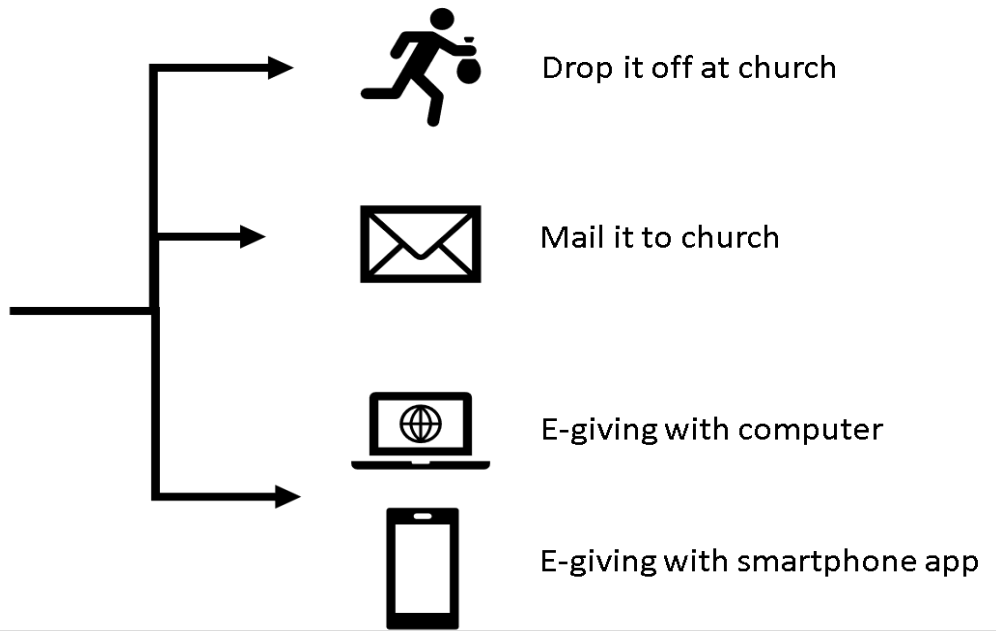
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How to I continue to tithe during this time



Bethlehem 1st Quarter 2020

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	
Total Income / Quarter	\$ 25,961.25	\$ 27,836.15	\$1,874.90 Collected Over
January	\$ 8,653.75	\$ 7,381.20	
February	\$ 8,653.75	\$ 12,197.88	
March	\$ 8,653.73	\$ 8,257.07	
Total Expenses / Quarter	\$ 25,961.25	\$ 25,031.71	\$ 929.54 Expenses Under
January	\$ 8,653.75	\$ 3,305.59	
February	\$ 8,653.75	\$ 11,378.27	
March	\$ 8,653.75	\$ 10,347.85	

St. John 1st Quarter 2020

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Income/Quarter	\$37,284.12	\$38,026.49	\$742.37 over
Income/January	\$12,428.09	\$8,859.64	
Income/February	\$12,428.09	\$17,760.06	
Income/March	\$12,428.09	\$11,406.79	
Expenses/Quarter	\$37,284.12	\$40,737.07	\$3,452.95 over
Expenses/January	\$12,428.09	\$14,454.81	
Expenses/February	\$12,428.09	\$11,021.12	
Expenses/March	\$12,428.09	\$15,261.14	

Includes Bethlehem Expenses and Reimbursements