

In the current issue of the Echo:

**Thank You:**

The people of St. Paul's have a history of faithfulness in many ways, and for that we give thanks. Thank you especially for your faithfulness through the different ups and downs of the last nine months. Please know that your offerings are needed, and that your congregational leadership has a history of handling your offerings faithfully as well. Your offerings help us to do the work of this congregation well and in the name of Jesus. Thank you.

**Facebook engagement.** On St. Pauls' Facebook page you will find prayers every morning at about 8:30am, and Service of the Word (with a sermon based on the gospel) posted every Sunday morning. Our Facebook address is <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsuniontown>

**If you are going into the hospital** we do ask that you let us know so that we may pray for and with you, and also that Pr. Anderson might visit more effectively. Upon your admission, please specify that you are a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Uniontown. Even better, please call the church office and let us know. If you prefer or need your concerns to be confidential, rest assured that Pr. Anderson runs a tight ship where confidentiality is concerned. But we do covet the opportunity to stand with you in prayer. Thank you.

The Pastors Discretionary fund exists for the purpose of making money available for the Pastor to use in helping people in need. Thank you to those who have supported this fund in the past. Your present and future offerings are appreciated. Thank you!!!!

We are in need of containers to take the flowers home in. Please no plastic milk cartons only paper such as orange juice, apple juice or almond milk those types of containers. Thank you.

**Prayer has not been canceled.** If you know of someone in need of prayer (public or confidential), please let us know. That too is a way of keeping community.

**Memorializing and Honoring Loved Ones** To sponsor worship publications, we ask for a small contribution to help with the cost of publishing them. The following dates are available:

For the Bulletin \$21.00: April 11 & 25 May 2, 16 & 30 June 6

For the Celebrate \$12.00: April 1 June 6

. . . To schedule, please call the Church office 724-437-9000.

Our Faithfulness for February 2021 - We resumed in-person worship on 2/7

February 6: 4:00 pm. Cancelled (In-person services still suspended).

February 7: 9:00 am. 35 10:30 am. 25 Total: 60

February 14: 9:00 am. 21 10:30 am. 43 64

February 17: 12:00 pm. 30 4:00 pm. 28 6:30 pm 30 88

February 21: 9:00 am. 28 10:30 am. 26 54

February 28: 9:00 am. 34 10:30 am. 30 64

Our in-person services were suspended from 12/6 through 2/6 because of our local Covid numbers. When we resumed in-person services on 2/7 and since then we have found that our attendance is not quite as strong as last fall. I believe that there are two reasons for this: 1) Covid fatigue; and 2) I have discerned in my phone call ministry that more of our members are

intentionally "hunkering down" and staying at home more than before. Even so, our offerings in January/February were stronger than any comparable two-month period in the last six years. I would like to thank the members of our congregation for your faithfulness in the face of this extended adversity. It reflects our conviction that God is faithful and good, and Jesus is Lord.

Pr. Anderson

Pastor's Report for February, 2021:

8 in-person services (these were suspended on 12/8/2020 and resumed 2/7/2021).  
4 regular Sunday prayer services (posted on the [Facebook page](#) and the [web page of St. Paul's](#) in time for each Sunday morning).  
2 drive through Ash Wednesday Holy Communion sessions.  
1 in-person Ash Wednesday Holy Communion.  
1 in-person meeting (Church Council on 2/9/21).  
Daily prayers from the early church. These appear at about 8:30am on St. Paul's FB page.  
84 phone calls. 21 text contacts.  
3 counselling sessions.  
7 pastor's discretionary fund contacts.  
24 prayer cards sent; I continue praying through the directory and sending cards to those for whom I have prayed.  
21 home communions delivered.  
0 hospital visits.  
0 funerals.  
8 synodical on-line meetings.

For any online ministry go to <https://stpaulslutheranuniontown.com/> and click on the video links (YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT TO ACCESS THESE VIDEOS).  
or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsuniontown>.

In this season of Lent we have been holding mid-week services on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. We have been using a setting of Compline (Prayer at Close of Day) from the Anglican tradition. Pr. Anderson has been preaching at these services on the Psalm from the previous Sunday. The service is about thirty minutes long and is a fine way to keep a holy Lent.

As we approach Holy Week we will of course do what we can to worship faithfully and safely.  
Palm Sunday (3/28) in-person Holy Communion 9:00am and 10:30am  
(Palms will be distributed all through Holy Week for all who desire them).  
Wednesday of Holy Week (3/31) 6:30pm  
Maundy Thursday (4/1) drive-through Holy Communion 12:00-1:00pm and 4:00-5:00pm  
Maundy Thursday (4/1) in-person Holy Communion 6:30pm  
Good Friday (4/2) in-person Holy Communion 6:30pm  
Easter Sunday (4/4) in-person Holy Communion 9:00am and 10:30am

The usual Facebook/Web page services will be posted for the Sundays as usual. Plans are still in the works for posting something for the extra services in Holy Week.

We also will, of course, continue to use the sanitizing protocols that we have used all along for in-person worship: alternate pews roped off, three people per pew, masks required, social distancing, hand sanitizer readily available, and sanitizing between services. Pr. Anderson administers the Communion with mask and gloves and gold tongs so that the host (bread) is untouched until the communicant receives it. We do not currently offer the wine for Communion.

If you have any questions at all regarding worship or our safety protocols you are most welcome to call the church office (724-437-9000) or Pr. Anderson (724-994-7548).

At its most recent meeting the Church Council received reports/acted on the following issues:

- 1). Repairs to the roof are scheduled to begin in early April.
- 2). The bell tower of the mountain chapel needs to be inspected to see if repairs are called for.
- 3). Council approved building use by an additional NA group and an AA group. There are weekly NA meetings now at St. Paul's on Saturdays and Sundays 6:00-8:00pm, and an AA meeting on Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm.
- 4). The worship schedule for Holy Week and Easter.
- 5). The desirability of having a scaled-back financial audit later this year.
- 6). We will look further into music resources for enriching worship as we pray for the healing of our organist and as we wait for the day when we might again be able to praise God with full-throated singing.

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