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Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA

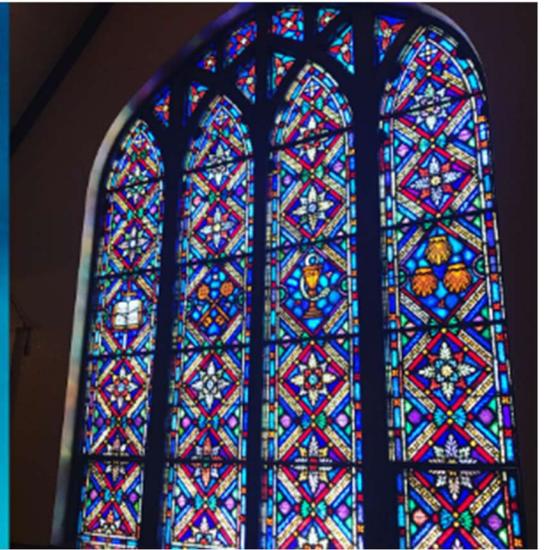
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WORSHIP AT HOME
SUNDAY MAY 31 AT 10AM ON ZOOM
All are welcome!

In an effort to care for the health and wellbeing of all persons involved in the life of our congregation:

Worship and in-person activities at St. Paul's suspended until further notice



Every day since March 15, my husband and I have gone for a walk. We meander through our neighborhood, often walking the same streets and sidewalks, perhaps in different sequences, or directions. There is something interesting about walking our neighborhood in this time of isolation and pandemic, something fascinating about noticing things we never saw before. Matt and I have walked at all different times of day, in sun, rain, snow, and wind. We have seen so

Pastor's Pen



many people we never noticed before, when we were all busily working and shopping and doing 1,000 different “busy” things.

On these walks, Matt and I have had the opportunity to notice the changing seasons, day by day. We have watched the daffodils open, trees get their buds, crocuses popping up, and the leaves of hostas unfurling. As we walk, I have often remarked to Matt about how strange it is to me that the natural world seems unbothered by the situation the rest of us are facing. It goes on, growing, changing, just like it always does. Year after year. Season after season.

I do not think it is helpful to tell ourselves “don’t worry” in a way that sounds like shame. Anxiety and sadness, aimlessness or fear are all very understandable emotions in this season of life. But through our walking and noticing, I think I have come to understand what Jesus meant when he said, “Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you” (Matthew 6:28-30)

In this time of upheaval, I hope you might find ways to notice God’s faithfulness, to recognize signs of God’s constancy you may not have seen before, and to tend to the small and great lessons afforded by this time of pause in our world. May God be with you, my friends. You are of great value to your creator.

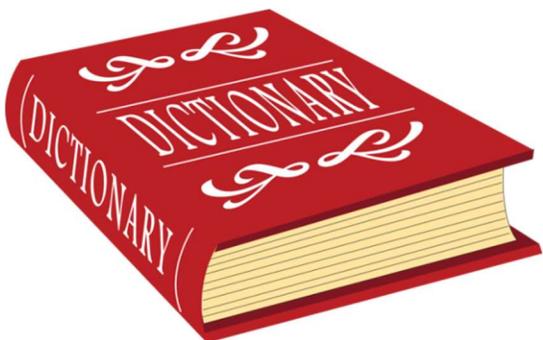
-Pastor Delaney

What has Pastor Delaney been up to?



In April, Pastor Delaney went into full distance-pastor mode. She continued to have virtual staff meetings each week with Dianne, worked together with Nick Scaffidi and Jeri to plan worship, and did a LOT of online content creation. Pastor Delaney worked on a twice-weekly email newsletter, including devotions, worship links, information, and an awesome at-home worship resource created by Dianne Polinske. Pastor Delaney checked in with friends and members of St. Paul's, worked to keep our YouTube channel and social media platforms current, and worked together with the council and Faithful Innovation Guiding Team through virtual meetings on Zoom. April also brought with it Holy Week and Easter, during which we worshipped via Zoom and YouTube, and shared in daily video devotions. It was a very busy month, filled with new learning opportunities for all of us!

Word of the Month



Heartfelt, *adjective*

1. (of a feeling or its expression) sincere; deeply and strongly felt



RIC Corner

Did you know that in 2016 our ELCA adopted two memorials (like a resolution for our denomination), that give practical ways to create

hospitable spaces within the church for people of all gender identities? If you would like to learn more about our church's efforts to extend hospitality, check out this link: <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Extending-Hospitality.pdf>

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

- 4 Jane Prahlow
- 9 Dick Klug
- 13 Dave Pearson
- 20 Nancy Anderson
- 21 Joyce Nordbeck



Our heartfelt sympathy to Steve, Nancy, and the entire Day family. Steve's mother, Barbara, passed away on Monday, March 30, 2020.

St. Paul's Church Council met on Tuesday, April 14th over Zoom to discuss ongoing church business, the continuing Covid-19 related shutdown, and the impact of the pandemic on St. Paul's and our community. Council thanked Pastor Delaney for all her work creating online content, devotions, and services for the congregation, especially during Holy Week and Easter. While many of St. Paul's ministries have been placed on hold due to the Coronavirus, we look forward to reopening our doors when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, our building remains in good condition and our financial situation is strong.



-Elaine Disbro

Congratulations to Wayne Ringwolski on the birth of his nineth great-grandchild, Madeline Mae Ringwolski. Madeline was born on Tuesday, March 31 at 5:38pm weighing in at 7 pounds, 9oz, and 19 inches long.

Madeline is the first baby of Samantha and Brandon Ringwolski, son of Darrin and Michelle Ringwolski and nephew to Dianne Polinske.





I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who have participated in online worship, through viewing, music, prayers, special readings, and sharing with others. This has been an unprecedented time, and the Holy Spirit has been very active. Thanks so much for your support and engagement over the past several weeks!

-Pastor Delaney

Our heartfelt thanks to the wonderful people of St. Paul's for all their prayers, cards, concern and well wishes to us during Dick's illness. Thank you!

-Dick and Mary Klug



Synod Assembly Date Change

This year, the Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly will be held on August 14th and 15th 2020 at the Italian Community Center.

Save the dates of April 30 to May 1, 2021 for the GMS Assembly also at the Italian Community Center.



NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION

Bring your loose change for special offering collection at the Worship Service every first Sunday of the month.

Hunger Task Force – Milwaukee

Operational Response to Coronavirus
Hunger Task Force is Milwaukee's Free & Local food bank and Wisconsin's anti-hunger leader. In the wake of the recently declared State of Emergency, Hunger Task Force will remain open in service to seniors, low-income households and children throughout Milwaukee County.

Our primary focus will be to deliver targeted emergency food supplies within the community to well-equipped nonprofit organizations, schools and government institutions.

Due to the "Safer at Home" order by Gov. Evers, please consider a donation to *Hunger Task Force* via their website at

<https://www.hungertaskforce.org/donate/donate-now/>



Look Who's ~~Got Free Time~~ Retired!



Bob Bromberek is officially retired!

His new cell phone number is 414-552-4663 and his new email address is

robertbrombereksr@gmail.com

Congratulations!!



The work of St. Paul's continues in these times of Covid-19 and social distancing. While I continue to work from home and have set aside the hours of

9am – noon on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays

as office hours to take calls, read and respond to emails, as well as stay current on the latest information involving St. Paul's, the Synod and the ELCA as a whole. Feel free to email me using the church email address or call me during those hours using my cell phone. While I will be longing in additional hours during the week, please use these times to conduct St. Paul's business and ministry.

Pastor Delaney continues to work from home as well. We continue to meet each week via Zoom for our weekly staff meeting. Just a reminder that Pastor Delaney's day off is Friday.

Take a moment to visit our website & Facebook page (like us!) to get the most current information regarding St. Paul's. See the return address block on this Messenger for website information.

-Dianne Polinske



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SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK GOSPEL READINGS May 3 - 31

<p><u>May 3</u></p> <p>Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10</p>	<p><u>May 10</u></p> <p>Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14</p>
<p><u>May 17</u></p> <p>Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21</p>	<p><u>May 24</u></p> <p>Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 17:1-11</p>
<p><u>May 31</u></p> <p>Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31</p>	



May Anniversaries

1st Howard and Mary Ellen Voelz
5th Steve and Nancy Day
21st Rich and Rita Monstroianni



Worship at Home

Have you been tuning in to our St. Paul's YouTube channel, receiving our email newsletter, and participating in Sunday morning Bible class via Zoom? If you have not been receiving these at home worship resources but would like to, please email either Pastor Delaney (dschlakekruse@gmail) or the church office (StpaulsMKE@yahoo.com) to get connected!

Quote

"Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less." - Marie Curie

Read more at <https://www.brainyquote.com/topics/may-quotes>

Crayons, markers, colored pencils, whatever! Because this edition of The Messenger is online and doesn't require a stamp, here are coloring pages. Feel free to post your completed art work on our Facebook page. Enjoy!





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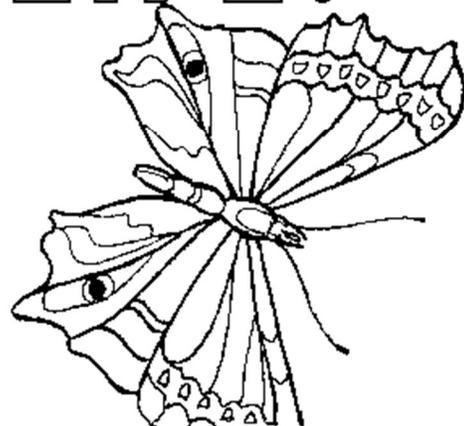
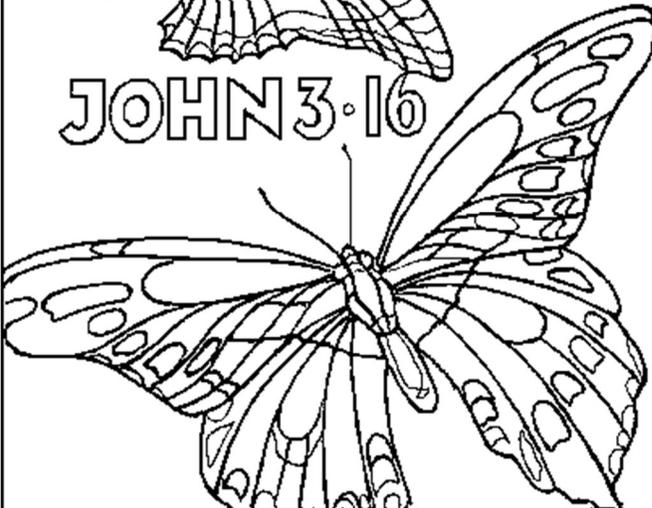
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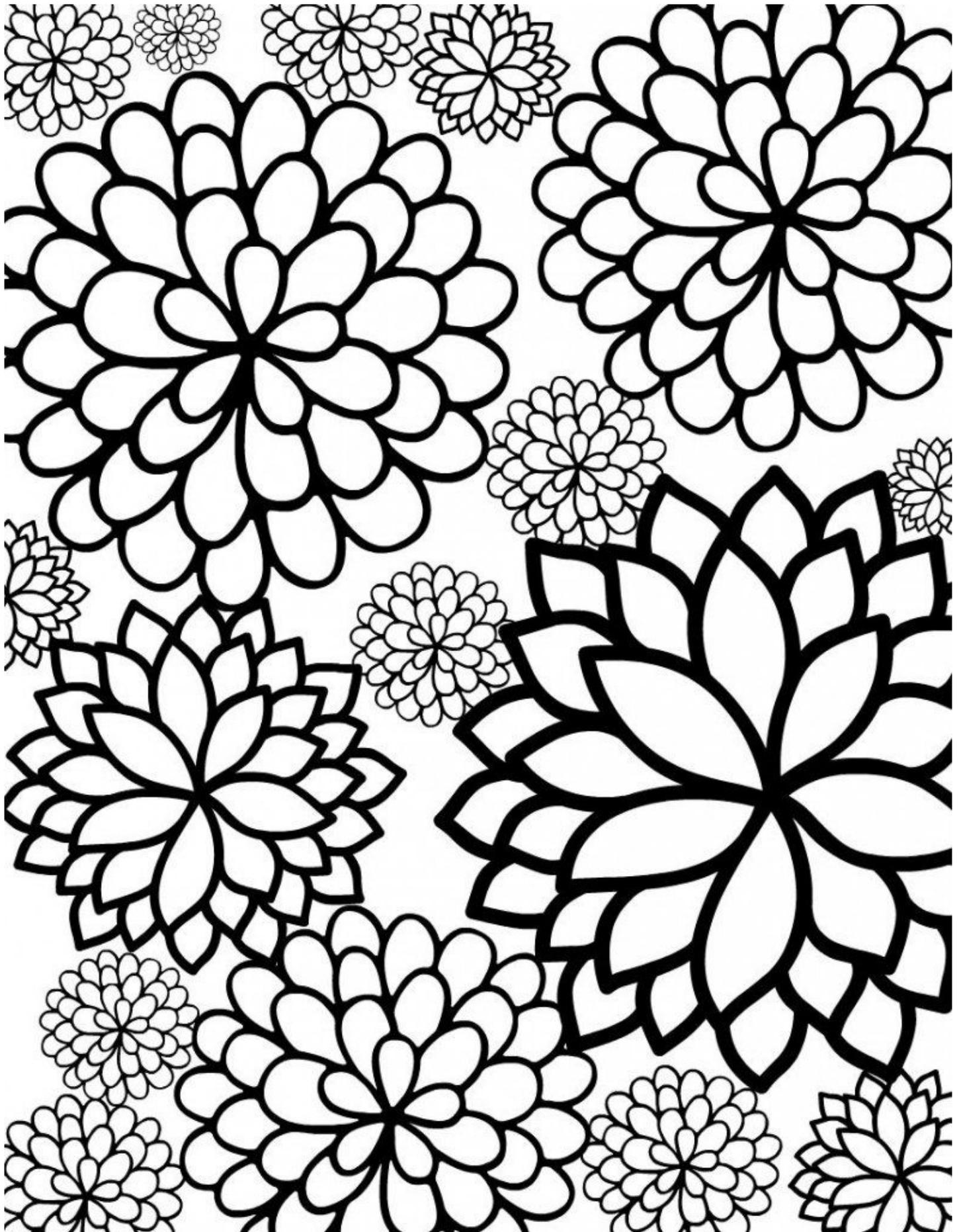
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JOHN 3:16





May

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 
3 4th Sunday of Easter	4 6pm Evening Worship	5 	6 7:30pm 20/30/40 Group	7	8	9 Faithful Innovations
10 5th Sunday of Easter	11	12 7pm Council Meeting	13	14	15 	16
17 Pulpit Exch. *Shepherd of the Bay – Pr. John Honig Guest Preacher	18	19	20	21	22	23 
24 7th Sunday of Easter	25	26	27 	28	29	30
31 Pentecost	1	2	3	4	5	6

WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY TEAM: May 2020

	May 3 Easter 4	May 10 Easter 5	May 17 Easter 6	May 24 Easter 7	May 31 Pentecost
Assisting Minister	Amie Ayers	Jeri Jende	Nancy Day	Bob Bromberek	Amie Ayers
Usher Team	1	2	3	4	1
Altar Guild	Jane Prahlow Marilyn Zirbel	Ron Karbel	Nancy Day Mark Van Engen	Ethel Walter Judy Ruehrmund	Judy Gilbertson Marcia Mikich
Greeter(s)	~~	~~	~~	~~	~~
Communion Assistant	Mary Klug Mark Van Engen	Mary Ellen Voelz	Bob Bromberek	Kurt Ruehrmund	Judy Gilbertson
Communion Type	Traditional	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous
Open	Ron Karbel	Mark Van Engen	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel	Mark Van Engen
Close	Mark Voelz	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel	Mark Voelz	Bob Bromberek
Counting Team	2	3	4	1	2
Fellowship	~~	~~	~~	~~	~~