

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Ponderings

September, 2020



My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's pretty amazing to see how much things have changed in our land over the last few months, on many fronts. It is a time for concern, yet it is also a time for confidence because Jesus Christ is on His throne, and reigns forever and ever. He is our King and He loves us. That is our comfort and source of strength. Sometimes it is hard to see when evil seems to have its way and we don't see the immediate results of His kingship and rule. For instance, we may question God's rule when we see violence occurring in many major cities and hatred being spewed out, from one human being to another.

In the midst of such things, the Bible tells us to *"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act"* (Psalm 37:5). Know that in His timing God will act and set all things right; and in the process, He will take care of His people and His world as He sees fit.

Recently, I've had no less than three different people from three different households tell me about strange phenomenon occurring in their homes. Upon further inquiry, I've found that in each case they have, knowingly or unknowingly, tapped into the dark spiritual dimension by their interest in the paranormal - mainly through occult games or immersing themselves in television programs that deal with the subject. I've told them all this is Satan's territory (read Deuteronomy 18:9-14), and they need to ask Jesus to help them lest they suffer a slow destruction of their life; that's always the devil's intent. Yes, he truly does *"prowl about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour"* (1 Peter 5:8-9). Only through the name of Jesus is there victory over the forces of wickedness.

I had a discussion with an individual from our town who some would say falls under the category of "conspiracy theorist." He has firm convictions that many of the things happening within our government have to do with a series of deliberate plots to either destroy or restore our nation's foundation, depending on which side you're on. Believe me, he's not the first. You may be very familiar with what I'm saying, and have your own convictions.

What I'll say is this: there are elements of truth in many of the assertions presented. There are also many far-fetched ideas that I have trouble believing. To embark on a search to differentiate between the true and the false, fact and fantasy, is exhausting to the brain.

I believe it better for the children of God to take a simplistic approach. Again, it has to do with the sovereignty of God and the rule of Christ over all the nations, and in this case, our country.

The Lord Almighty, our heavenly Father, is well aware of everything that is going on - in every back room, in every council chamber, the good and the bad, the players, the instigators, those clamoring for power, those people of God who are in the midst of all this to do good and to break and hinder Satan's plans through prayer and godliness. It is not our main concern to worry about these things. Our concern is to keep our eyes on Jesus. It is God's world and He will have His way. He wants us to trust in Him implicitly and know His rule is good and right and perfect with regard to His people and their well-being.

Whatever happens, God is for us; so who can be against us? In the near and far future you'll hear me say it again and again in one way or another: keep your eyes on Jesus! And come into His presence with His people every Sunday!

See You in Church!

Pastor Duffy

Workers for the Lord in September

Acolytes: Shelbi Goldenstein
Caden Jameson
Avery Kelley
Austin Mack

Ushers: Curt Mack
Allen Jacobitz
Zach Adams

Elder: Marlin Kimle

Money Counters: Al & Bev Nixon
Chad & Shandra Uden

Altar Guild: Bev Nixon
Sharon Duffy

September Birthdays 2020

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| 1 Cortlen Klusman | 19 Payton Chandler |
| Savannah Williams | Frieda Iden |
| 2 Matt Duffy | Kerri Jameson |
| Keaton Harpham | 20 Betty Jacobitz |
| 3 Alan Nixon | 22 Lamoine Beal |
| 4 Rodger Harms | Isabelle Kroos |
| Jack Powell | 24 Jeff Binfield |
| 5 Casey Olson | Diane Campbell |
| 6 Jake Brunk | Adam Denkert |
| Karen Greigo | Dale Finnigsmier |
| 7 Michael Duffy | Shane Powell |
| LaDonna Kimle | 25 Drake Olson |
| 9 Jennifer Kurpgeweit | Michael Wiese |
| 10 Ryder Ferguson | 26 Layla Ehly |
| Eva Wiese | Jenna Jaeschke |
| 13 Becky Ehly | Chase Uden |
| 15 Samantha Schirmer | 27 Theresa Powell |
| 17 Ken Marble | Nathan Hanson |
| 18 Tyson Denkert | 28 Malena Goldenstein |
| Douglas Raymond | 29 Debra Adams |

We continue to lift up in prayer...

Joe and Charlene Heckenlively in the loss of their son, Michael, age 51, passed away unexpectedly on Thurs., July 30th at Memorial Hospital in Aurora, Nebraska.

The family of Orville Wiese, age 70, who passed away Tues., August 25th at his home in Kenesaw.

The Mike Quackenbush family in the loss of his brother, Shawn Quackenbush, 54, passed away June 28, 2020 in Topeka, Kansas.

Church Voter's Meeting

A special voter's meeting was held July 26, 2020 to discuss if the voters are open to having an opportunity to support our community and also use it as a mission project. Proposals to allow St. Paul's education wing and/or fellowship hall to be used as a daycare center and/or after school program were presented. It would be listed as a Christian based center. It is also known that flexibility is a must as church activities, events or funerals would be a priority.

In order to keep our school and community strong, a group of concerned local citizens (consisting of several St. Paul's members), business members and local organizations are trying to solve the child care needs of our community – Kenesaw Public Schools, Christ Lutheran, Kenesaw Village, Kenesaw Community Development and Wee Sprouts LLC – Megan Krous.

Project 1: Allowing the educational wing and fellowship hall to be rented to Wee Sprouts, LLC organization to be used as a children's daycare center: Monday – Friday 7 AM to 6 PM. Possible age is newborn to Kindergarten and then an afterschool program for school aged children. (Lunch would be catered in, but ovens may need to be used for warming – no cooking in the kitchen). Limited number of 20 total.

Project 2: Educational wing and fellowship hall to be used for an after-school care or before school care if there is a late start. This could be a start time of 12:00 for pre-school, but would be open to after school aged K-6 and again as a Christian based program Mon.- Fri., no lunches served, but may need kitchen for lite snack.

No decision was made on the proposals, the vote was to hear more information about both detailed proposals in the future and to prayerfully consider them.



September Coming Events

Sept 2 Teachers Meeting 7:00 PM
(Wed.) Sunday School and Midweek School teachers will meet to make plans for the upcoming year. Thanks! The Board of Ed – Michelle Hagemeister, Sarah Kroos or Chelsey Jacobitz

Sept. 3 Ladies Aid 2:00 PM
(Thurs.) Fellowship Hall

All female communicant members are welcome to join the Ladies Aid. Meetings consist of a study topic led by Pastor Duffy followed by discussion/ planning of group activities. Please consider joining as a guest or a member.

Sept 8 Church Council Meeting
(Tues.) 7:00 PM

Council members please try to attend and have a representative from your board present.

Sept 9 OGT Pack and Sort Day
(Wed.) 10 AM - 2 PM

St. Paul's monthly sort and pack day at the Grand Island warehouse. Pool rides at the church at 9 AM. Questions? Contact Bev Nixon.

Sept. 9 Fellowship League
(Wed.) 8:00 PM - Fellowship Hall

Couples and individuals are welcome to join St. Paul's Fellowship League the 2nd Wednesdays at 8 p.m. A Bible Study, movie or a topic of special interest is led by Pastor Duffy. Free-will offerings support sponsored missionary, Johanna Heidorn. This mission focused group is waiting for YOU to discover and join!

Sept. 14 October Newsletter Deadline
(Mon.) Items for the October newsletter are due. Please place any lists, events, etc. on the desk in the workroom or my mailbox. Newsletters placed in mailboxes Sunday, Sept 27th. Thanks for your help to keep the congregation informed.

Sept. 13 Fall Schedule Begins

Christian Education Sunday
(installation of teachers)

9:00 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM "Jesus Code" Discussion
10:00 AM ✠ Worship Service ✠
Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday



Join us as we begin a new year of instruction and the study of God's Word in Bible stories and in-depth study of the scriptures. The Adult Bible class will continue with "The Jesus Code" # 42 – "Do you believe this?" John 11:26 Copies are available of "The Jesus Code, 52 Scripture Questions Every Believer Should Answer" by O.S. Hawkins for purchase - \$5, contact Debbie Rasberry.

Sept 16 Midweek Begins
(Wed.) 2:40 PM (Grade 1 - Grade 6)

Midweek Bible School meets Wednesdays after school during the school year for snacks, singing, and Bible stories.

Sept 16 Confirmation Classes
(Wed.) Begins 7:00 PM

Pastor meets with 7th & 8th graders Wednesday evenings for Catechism instruction and history of the Lutheran Church.

Sept. 16 Choir Practice Begins
(Wed.) 7:00 PM Sanctuary



Do you like to sing, how about lending your voice to the choir? Practice begins this month. Contact Betty Bittfield, Music Director if questions.

Sept. 20 LYF (Lutheran Youth Fellowship)
(Sun.) 7:00 PM

LYF is open to any confirmed member of St. Paul's who will be in Grade 9 - Grade 12. LYF meets 1st and 3rd Sundays. Meet for Bible Study, social events and planning for fund raisers. Check them out!

Sept. 21 Monday Morning
(Mon.) Bible Study 9:00 AM



Join us for coffee (occasional goodies) and fellowship as we begin a new study entitled, **"Death, Heaven, Resurrection, and the New Creation."** Humanity was not created to die. We were meant to live with God in the Garden and in our fallen world death is an unfortunate part of life. But Jesus conquered death. This Bible study will work through what the physical body has to do with life and death, but also how we are newly created through the resurrection after death. Pastor will need to know the number. If you are interested, please use the sign-up sheet in the church entryway. Hope to see you on Sept. 21st!

Sept. 22 (Tues.) LWML Meeting 7:30 PM

Our monthly meetings will begin again in September, always the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. We invite all ladies of the congregation to join us for Bible study, speakers, and service projects throughout the year. We want to see you there! Election of officers will be also held for 2020-2021. Prayerfully consider being open to the possibility of using your God given gifts and talents in service to Him.

Ingathering: School Supplies for Orphan Grain Train;
Mites

Sept 23 LLL (Lutheran Layman's
(Wed.) League Meeting 8:00 PM

All are welcome to belong to the LLL. No dues. LLL meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 8:00 P.M. Brief business meeting followed by a Pastor led topic. Major fund raisers are a Pancake Supper and Ice Cream social. Proceeds support LLL District and Zone projects, The Lutheran Hour and LLL Scholarship fund.

Other Area Events

LWML September to Remember – Sept. 15th

Giving Tuesday, a day of giving, usually celebrated on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. This year the LWML is celebrating it on Sept. 15th. Share your blessing in support of the LWML Mission Goal. Donations can be made by using LWML Facebook, www.lwml.org/givingtuesday. Donations made on Sept. 15th will be doubled, thanks to the commitment of a generous donor. Contributions can be mailed to LWML, 801 Seminary Place Suite L101, St. Louis, MO 63105.

ACLEA 12th Annual Golf Tournament
Sunday, September 13, 2020

*Please come and support Christ Lutheran
and Zion Lutheran Schools!*

Hastings Elks Golf Course 4-Man Scramble
\$220 per team/\$15 per person cart rental

Due to Covid-19, this year's tournament will NOT be a shotgun start. **Preregistration is required by Sept. 1st.** Contact Day Rayburn at 402-984-5974 or dan.rayburn1960@gmail.com to schedule a tee time.

LWML NE South
District Convention
September 19, 2020

"2020 Vision for All"



Be a part of history - our first ever virtual convention! On Saturday, Sept. 19th watch at home in small groups or alone. Opening worship service and ceremony at 9 a.m. Download prerecorded videos of the Bible Study and speakers. Results of the election of officers and mission grants at 11:30 a.m. More information is available on the website www.lwmlnesouth.org and the fall edition of the Quarterly Echo.

Sept. 27 LWML Hastings Zone
(Sun.) Fall Rally - St. Paul's Kenesaw

"Believing is Seeing"

Luke 2:29-32

Social Time: 1:30 PM Meeting: 2:00 PM
Registration Fee: \$5:00

Recorded sessions from the district convention will be watched including LCMS President Richard Snow's Bible Study and the Keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Robert and Kristy Roegner from Apple of His Eye Mission Society. District election results and reports will be shared. Zone elections will be held.

Ingathering: New socks and underwear in any size for male or female for Orphan Grain Train; Used eye glasses for the Lion's Club.

CRY OUT AMERICA

A NATIONWIDE CALL FOR PRAYER and REPENTANCE

On Sept. 11, 2020, we will observe Patriot Day by calling thousands of people across the nation to pray for America and to cry out to God for repentance in the spirit of Acts 3:19. "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."

www.CryOutAmerica.us

8th Annual NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN Sat., September 12, 2020

*Calling on pro-life Americans to honor the
gravesites of our aborted brothers and sisters.*

Solemn prayer vigils will be conducted at these gravesites, of which there are 53 across the U.S. as well as at dozens of sites dedicated in memory of the aborted children. There are no known burial places of aborted children in Nebraska. However, there are eight memorial sites that have been erected in their honor, Lincoln, North Platte, Shelby, McCook and three in the Omaha area. The closest Memorial for the Unborn is in Kearney at St. James Catholic Church, 3801 Avenue A.

The first National day of Remembrance for Aborted Children was held in Sept. 2013 on the 25th anniversary of the solemn burial of the earthly remains of some 1,500 abortion victims in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Over 100 memorial services were held across the U.S., and it was clear this should become an annual event



South Central Nebraska Right to Life Calendar of Events

Aug. 28-Sept. 7 Nebraska State Fair Booth,
Grand Island

Sept. 19 (Sat.) Shoot4Life Sporting Clay
Tournament, Grand Island

Sept. 14 (Mon.) Monthly Meeting 7 PM
Peace Lutheran Church 906 N California, Hastings
Everyone is invited to attend! Bring a friend!

Oct. 4 (Sun.) Life Chain along Burlington Ave.,
Hastings 2-3 PM

Prayer for Those who Have Lost A Child to Abortion by Fr. Frank Pavone

Lord of all Life,
You have entrusted us to the care of one
another, and called us to be one Body in
Christ.

You call us to rejoice with those who rejoice,
and to weep with those who weep.

Hear our prayer today for our brothers and
sisters who have lost children to abortion.

**Help us to understand the pain that is in
their hearts, and to be a living sign to them
of your welcome, your mercy, and your
healing.**

Help them to undergo with courage the
process of grief and the journey of healing.

Never allow them to feel alone; always refresh
them with the presence of Your Spirit and of
their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Console them with the sure hope that you love
and care for their children.

Give them new strength, that even while they
grieve what they have lost, they may look
forward to all the good that you still have in
store for them.

Lord of healing and hope, give us all the
forgiveness of our sins, and the joy of your
salvation.

**We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen**

St. Paul's News...

Welcome Little One

Pam and Jeff Binfield are happy to welcome a new granddaughter to the family, Marlys Ranae born August 5th to Lana and Lloyd McIntyre. She is joining four siblings.

*Thanks be to God for his
incredible gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15*

Holy Baptisms

God graciously expanded His kingdom of grace, July 26th with the Baptism of **Clinton Oliver Brauner**. Clinton is the son of David and Danielle (Burr) Bauner. His sponsors are Nick and Chelsea Burr. May the grace and favor of our Lord Jesus Christ rest upon them all this special day. Clinton was born June 26th in Murphysboro, Illinois. Grandparents are Clint and Lillian Burr.

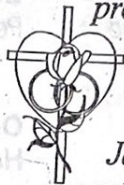
We rejoice with the family of God in the baptism of **Logan Merle Bolton**, son of Chris and Beth Bolton, and little brother to Paige. He was received into the Kingdom of Christ in a private ceremony, August 8, at St. Paul's. Logan's sponsors are Amberina Uhlich and Brandon White. May God's blessings rest upon them all. Logan was born March 25th in Hastings.

LWML Scholarship Recipient 2020-2021

Congratulations to Daniel Duffy, recipient of a LWML Nebraska South District Scholarship for Church Workers. Daniel is studying to be a teacher at Concordia – Seward. *Lord, may you bless him as he prepares to be useful in service to you.*

The Celebration of Holy Matrimony

Congratulations and God's blessings to Riley Beal and Andie Chapman who were joined in Holy Matrimony Saturday afternoon, August 15th in Hastings. May God grant them a long and prosperous marital union, filled with His love and presence!



Hoban 50th

Jack and Gloria Hoban celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 28th. The family hosted a card shower in their honor. Cards can be mailed to Jack and Gloria Hoban, 7730 N. Winchester, Kenesaw, NE 68956. May God continue to bless this marriage with many more years!

Thank YOU

Members of the Congregation, I would like to thank you, whether it was cards, visits, calls or gifts during my recovery and retirement, and a special thank you to Pastor for his calls and visit. All of this has been greatly appreciated and has meant a lot to me. I will never forget your thoughtfulness.

Thanks again, Marilyn Fischer

Church Record-Keeper Needed

Ellen Nabower, who has faithfully kept church records at St. Paul's over the last few years, is relocating to Hastings. We are hoping for a volunteer to fill her position as a service to God's church. If interested, please contact Pastor. It is greatly appreciated! And *thank you* Ellen for your faithful service to our lord!

Mission News



Dear Friends in Christ,

**"He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their maker,
But whoever is kind to the needy honors God." Proverbs 14:31 (NIV)**

Thank you very much for your generous contribution of \$248.00 to Orphan Grain Train for Orphanage Priozersk #2 83333 Kenesaw received July 15, 2020. Also, thank you for your \$280.00 to Orphan Grain Train for Women's Hope Center, Lielstraupe, Latvia 8186 received August 20, 2020. Orphaned children in many countries lack basic necessities, such as a warm coat, a toothbrush, or shoes that fit. Your donation helps provide these and other items such as food, medicine, vitamins, school needs, hygiene supplies and other necessary items. Because of generous donors like you, poor children in 63 orphanages are now being shown God's mercy through the work of Orphan Grain Train.

Thank you for helping to improve the lives of these precious little ones.

Sincerely in the Lord,
Rev. Ray S. Wilke, President

Dear Friends, Members of St. Paul's Lutheran:

July 8, 2020

For the very first time in the history of Adopt an Orphanage Mission, we will not be able to travel to Russia & the Baltics to visit the children and tell them about our Savior's love for them this year! However, what we all can do, is pray for them! We can all pray that they are safely taken care of by the workers in the Orphanages. We can pray that they are happy in the Orphanages and not lonely.

We can pray for our coworkers also! Pray that they are able to travel safely to the markets and are able to purchase exactly what they need to deliver to the children. Our coworkers are needing to take extra steps to purchase the products that they deliver. It is much more laborious for them. I have enclosed photos for most of you that reveal that we are not the only ones that are wearing masks during this pandemic.

Until recently, our coworkers in Russia were not able to leave the city. They were meeting the Directors with the items that the children needed at the city borders. They are now able to deliver to the Orphanages again, thankfully!

Please pray with me to our Heavenly Father to take the grip that this virus has on our world and free us from the sin it has brought to our countries.

Your humble servant and friend,

Karen

Karen Reehl Tiedeman

P.S. We are planning a trip to Russia & the Baltics in 2021 – God willing! Let me know when I can come your way – soon!!

Our dear Co-workers for Christ:

(excerpt) July 17, 2020

What a blessing to receive your kind gift of love for the work of our dear Lord Jesus, so that more and more people will be with us in our real home in heaven. This old world is NOT OUR HOME. What A JOY of having the privilege of working with people like YOU! Especially, at a time like we are living right now in the USA. It is amazing what is happening! So, so, many people are afraid and actually filled with TERROR! Wouldn't be a blessing if all our people in this country, that God gave us, would turn back to HIM? There has never, never been a time like this. . . and the answer is really quite simple and found recorded in 2nd Chronicles 7:14: "IF MY PEOPLE, WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME, WILL HUMBLE THEMSELVES AND PRAY AND SEEK MY FACE AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS, THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND!" There certainly needs to be a true "revival" in this land, and people need to remember the words printed on our currency and coin. . . IN GOD WE TRUST! I have not stopped having groups here at Mission Central and I have been at a different congregation since March 8th, 2020. Many families are now coming for tours with their children and grandchildren. What a blessing to visit face to face and not be afraid! God bless you and keep you safe each day. The Lord says, "I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS". Wow, what a comfort. Your gift is such a blessing for the mission work, and all of us here.

What a joy to receive your wonderful gift of love of \$100.00. You have been supporting the Gauthier family down in Panama, however, Pastor Gauthier has taken a call to teach at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska, and is no longer in need of funding. We hope that you might consider our newest missionaries, Justin and Jordan Logston, as they are going to Belize, which is a country just north of Panama. They are needed desperately there and we just received word that they have been called and they have absolutely very little support. Your gift will help to encourage them on their journey. I hope this meets with your approval. We will advise them of your gift of love. (See their information on the next page.)

May the Lord bless and keep you each day, and remember Jesus' words: "I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS. . ." Matthew 28:20. Please know how much you are loved and appreciated by all of us!

Your Co-worker for Christ,

Old Missionary Gary

Justin & Jordan Logston

Our Missionaries to Belize, Central America

(see Official Adoption Agreement on table by Pastor's office)



Justin and Jordan Logston serve the Lord in Belize, Central America. As a communications specialist, Justin's primary responsibilities include covering events in the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region, shooting video and taking photographs, and writing, editing and publishing articles and mission news.

Jordan's primary responsibilities include growing the English-as-a-Second-Language program in Belize, working with short-term mission teams, providing consistent communication updates regarding the mission work being done, and building leadership and seminar training in Belize.

Pray for Justin and Jordan as they serve in Belize. They ask individuals to pray for strength and courage for both of them so they can serve the people of Belize with a focus on how God is transforming their hearts to do His work and fulfill the Great Commission. Let us give thanks that Justin and Jordan are serving in this part of the world.

September 2020

2019-2021 LWML MISSION GRANT #14

Hope and Healing Through the Word

PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

Prayers for God's love and Word, proclaimed at the University Lutheran Chapel in Lincoln, Nebraska, to bring hope and healing.

PRAYER #1

Dear Lord, we thank You for Your mercy and Your healing. We also thank You for the Christian counseling services through Grace Point Institute for Relational Health. We pray that these services at the University Lutheran Chapel Hub may bring hope for many students through Your healing! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #2

Heavenly Father, Your Word promises peace and healing within the soul. Proverbs 16:24 states, *Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.* We praise and thank You for Your Word and thank You for the hope that is received through the body and blood of our Savior. We pray that Your love and Your Word are proclaimed daily at the University Lutheran Chapel. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER #3

Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I trust. *Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul* (Psalm 143:8). Lord, You know the struggles faced by college students that cause them to contemplate suicide. We pray that this mission grant will bear fruit and that the students at the University of Nebraska campus hear Your Word and trust that hope and healing are found in You. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #4

Precious heavenly Father, we pray that our mission goal offerings for Mission Grant #14, Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln, will be blessed by You. In thanksgiving and praise, we give You these offerings so they will provide hope and healing to the University of Nebraska students and young people in the surrounding area. We pray that they may hear Your Holy Word and receive Jesus' life-sustaining body and blood. In His holy name we pray. Amen.



www.lwml.org/missions-grants

CUT OR FOLD THIS LWML PRAYER GUIDE ON THE WHITE DOTTED LINE AND KEEP IN YOUR BIBLES FOR DAILY MISSION SUPPORT REMINDERS.

HOPE AND HEALING HUB OF DOWNTOWN LINCOLN

LCMS Nebraska District — \$50,000

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light"

(Matthew 11:28-30).

The University Lutheran Chapel is advantageously located at the very edge of the University of Nebraska campus in the heart of downtown Lincoln, Nebraska. More than 26,000 students live and study there, with 2,700 of those young adults being international students from around the world. Additionally, the surrounding neighborhood is home to thousands of recently-graduated millennials. The students currently involved in worship, Bible study, and discipleship at the chapel are a great connecting point for others to enter the chapel community, and are also a link for the international students to acquire assistance with English language skills and American culture. This Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln mission grant will help with needed renovations of the University Lutheran Chapel, making it a more accessible place for counseling and other student services.

The ministry of this chapel addresses the very real problem of young adults being especially susceptible to depression leading to suicide. Suicide is the second most common cause of death among college students. The renovated space has been designed to include a dedicated space for Christian counseling services through Grace Point Institute for Relational Health. In addition, it provides a larger student union space for students to gather and build relationships. It will encourage fellowship and foster new relationships to form and grow, while offering Christian counseling services to those who need to hear of God's love for them. The Hope and Healing Hub will be a place where anyone can come to be loved, to be healed with the help of Christian counselors, and to receive hope through Word and Sacrament. This center is designed to be open and welcoming to all in the community, both students on campus as well as to the public in the surrounding neighborhood.

www.lwml.org/mission-grants



St. Paul's Lutheran Church Income/Expense Report July 2020

INCOME

Contributions	\$ 7,725.00	
Commodities Income	\$ 550.00	
Other Misc Income	\$ -	St. Paul's Lutheran Lowell - pension-health reimbursement & supplies
Preschool	\$ -	
Maintenance & Repair Fund	\$ -	
Misc Income	\$ -	
Education Fund (Concordia)	\$ -	
Scholarship Fund	\$ -	
VBS Contributions	\$ -	
VBS Offering	\$ -	

\$ 8,275.00

EXPENSES

Payroll	\$ 5,792.43	
Pension & Health	\$ 2,903.17	
Insurance	\$ -	
Discretionary Fund	\$ -	
Furnishings	\$ -	
Pastor's Expenses	\$ 27.75	cell phone, mileage, etc.
Board of Education	\$ -	
Preschool Expenses	\$ -	
Printed Materials	\$ 485.17	Baptism supplies, 4th Qtr Bulletins, Lutheran Witness, Happy Times, Child Lectionary
Custodial Supplies	\$ -	
Office Supplies	\$ -	
Equipment	\$ -	
Telephone	\$ 194.16	
Utilities	\$ 878.33	\$128.76 Black Hills Energy, \$552.00 Southern Power, \$197.57 City Utils
Labor & Repairs	\$ -	
Maintenance	\$ 629.99	Annual Termite Inspection \$580.00, \$50 misc
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	Organist
Music	\$ -	
Missions	\$ 440.00	
Non-Budget Missions	\$ 348.00	\$248 Russian Orphanage, \$100 Gauthier Family
Vacation Bible School	\$ -	
Education Fund (Concordia)		
Scholarships	\$ -	
NACC Membership Dues	\$ -	
	\$ 11,899.00	
Monthly Total	\$ (3,624.00)	

	Amount Proposed For the Year 2020	Amount Received as of 07/31/2020	Percent of Budget Met To Date	Amount Needed To Meet Budget
Missions	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,236.00	47%	\$ 4,764.00
Current	\$ 157,716.00	\$ 85,840.72	54%	\$ 71,875.28
<i>(including Commodities/Assets)</i>				
Commodities and Assets		\$ 9,841.52		

2020 Budget Analysis