



### **Purpose Statement**

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

## **News for Sunday May 2**

### **Join us For Worship**

#### **Sunday, May 2**

We come to worship in the sanctuary to worship and praise God.  
You are also invited to stay in your vehicle to listen to the service of 98.7 FM.  
Communion and the bulletin will be brought to you.

Click [HERE](#) for the bulletin

### **Tri-Church Online Worship Services**

Worship will be available at 9am on Sunday and any time after that:

<http://stpaulsterling.com/> & <https://stpaulsterling.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f94d986cbc4c67a176723cace&id=eff197e4e9&e=2acc769427>

You can call the toll-free number 1-888-975-5536 and listen anytime.

To Watch Worship Click [HERE](#)

Bulletin Click [HERE](#)

**We Remember in Prayer;** those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Lester Kroeger, Michael Harting, Joe Machan, Karen Ferch, Melinda Jones, Harold Julifs, Marcia Fields, Lucille Beyer, Cliff Miller, Viola Koster, Ruben Garcia, Pam Sorrenson, Bill Duncan, Ethel Warner, and Lori Dewey.

### **Good Shepherd/LSSI Sunday May 2**

St. Paul and our Tri-Church partners will celebrate Good Shepherd/LSSI Sunday on May 2. This worship is our opportunity to recognize all the people served by the ELCA through our partnership with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI). Our preacher will be Mark Sturud, President & CEO of LSSI via video. This year each of the three ELCA synods have a matching grant of \$5,000, so your donation to LSSI will be doubled when giving in honor of Good Shepherd Sunday. You can donate to LSSI through their website <https://www.lssi.org/donate.php> or by giving a designated offering with the envelopes provided at worship May 2.

**MOTHER'S DAY VIDEO GREETINGS WANTED:** We are sharing Mother's Day greetings and blessings with all the amazing ladies in our lives for Tri Church online worship on Mother's Day, May 9. If you'd like to send a 5 second video greeting for your mom or woman of great importance, please record (horizontally), and email your video to [geradvonholten@gmail.com](mailto:geradvonholten@gmail.com) or text to 815-590-0006 no later than Sunday, May 2 **DUE TODAY**. Video greetings will be compiled and shared during the worship service online on Mother's Day. Thanks for helping us celebrate moms and all women!

### **Picture Taking Event May 9**

Join us for another opportunity for family/personal portraits after 10am worship May 9. In the spirit of Mother's Day and honoring all who have supported and loved us, we are offering an opportunity for you to have your picture taken with anyone you like with our new spring outdoor backdrop. All are welcome whether you want to include multiple generations or just yourself. Pictures will be printed and offered in digital format.

**Coffee Fellowship returns!** It will look a bit different: snacks will be individually wrapped, coffee cups will be single serve, there will be a "barista" there to hand you the cup. We have a large tent outside with tables and chairs to meet up with new and old friends alike. See the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the fellowship hall to volunteer to donate.

**Geraniums will be purchased** again this year to decorate the altar on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. They will then be planted outside to help beautify the church. If you would like to donate toward this purchase, please indicate that to Sue and you can either drop off your donation or mail to the church.

**PEO Chapter JL** will be having a **rummage sale** in the parking lot on Friday, May 7th. Any St. Paul members that have any items to donate can bring them to the sale on Friday morning at 8am. This group does great things in our community and will gladly sell your items to benefit local causes. Contact Chrissy Zollinger if you have any questions.

**Tri Church Confirmation** classes are challenging young people to explore their faith! Young people are encountering God in fresh ways! May 5 we will gather for our final Zoom class from 7 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. On **May 12 we have a special Tri Church in person event, outside at St. Paul Lutheran (1701 16th Ave., Sterling) from 7-8 p.m.** Please wear a mask and bring your own camp chair (if you do not have one, we will find one for your use). Water and a frozen treat will be provided. Parents/guardians are welcome.

## **Let's Feed Our Children**

United Way is looking for help with their summer lunch program. This year they are asking Whiteside County churches to collect individual cups of fruit or applesauce. The most popular choices are applesauce, pineapple, peaches and pears. They are expecting they will need 15,000+ fruit cups this summer. In addition to the fruit cups, lunches will be full of kid-friendly food such as PB&J sandwiches, crackers, granola bars & fruit snacks. There will be a collection box for the packages of individual fruit cups and applesauce in the entryway until Mother's Day, May 9. Please give as you are able.

**This year**, all lunches for "**Feed the Children**" will be packed at Harvest Time Bible Church on Dixon Avenue. This starts Tuesday, June 1 and goes through Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. At least 10 volunteers are needed each Tuesday from 8 to 11 for assembly line packing of lunches that will provide food for 3 days. Lunches will be picked up by each site on Wednesdays following the packing for distribution. St Paul will only be picking up lunches that will be handed out at the church. If you would like to volunteer to help with packing on Tuesdays, please call Marty at United Way @ 815-625-7973. If you have questions or can possibly help on a Wednesday if needed, call Carolyn Duncan @ 815-625-7878.

**CLEO (Church Ladies Eating Out)** will start up again on Tuesday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. We will gather at Badazz Pizza in Dixon. They are next to the Walmart area. There will be a sign up for those that want to attend outside the church kitchen. You order what you want, the wait staff will give us individual checks. Bring a friend if you like. On the sign up– let us know if you want to drive and if you are willing to take others with you. Beginning in June CLEO will meet the last Monday of the month. We are really looking forward to seeing you!

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### **THIS WEEK**

#### **Tuesday – May 4**

Good Neighbor Emergency Center – 9:00-11:30 a.m.

#### **Wednesday – May 5**

##### **Confirmation**

7:00-8:15 p.m. on Zoom

#### **Thursday – May 6**

Good Neighbor Emergency Center – 9:00-11:30 a.m.

#### **Friday – May 7**

PEO Chapter JL Parking Lot Rummage Sale – 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

#### **Next Sunday – May 9**

##### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Tri-Church online Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Outdoor Family Photo Opportunity

Coffee Fellowship time following worship under the tent

**COFFEE CAKE PICK-UP**