



**St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point
Lenten Service Wednesday, April 1, 2020**

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!

Prayer before the Service-Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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Psalm 130 (responsively whole verse by whole verse)**

**Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD;
Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive
 To the voice of my supplications.
If You, LORD, should mark iniquities,
 O Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.
I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
 And in His word I do hope.
My soul waits for the Lord
 More than those who watch for the morning—
 Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.
O Israel, hope in the LORD;
 For with the LORD there is mercy,
 And with Him is abundant redemption.
And He shall redeem Israel From all his iniquities.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen**

Epistle Lesson-Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the

Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Sermon

Text: Romans 8:1-11

Theme: The Lord sends His Spirit to the pilgrims on their way to the Cross

I. Paul makes it clear that there are two ways to make our way through this world

II. We walk daily in the Spirit, and NOTHING that condemns us!

Prayers

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Benediction

The following are the themes of the services that comprise Lenten Midweek and Holy Week Services, however, at the present time our ability to gather is on hold, given the pandemic and state mandates. **The elders met Sunday, and we are not having services this week, March 29-April 4th. Confirmation and examination, will be private. We will again reevaluate the schedule for Holy Week, next Sunday, but for right now, if the state limits on gatherings remain at 10, we will be offering Holy Communion to groups of 10 or less throughout the day on Maundy Thursday, April 9th and Good Friday, April 10th by appointment.** Please call the church office. Watch the facebook page, the bulletin and website www.stpaulbluepoint.org for further news. (Presently, the website host is down, so this information is being linked to facebook. We will also be putting up sermons and links to bulletins on Youtube, link coming). More information will be coming in a pastoral letter the week of March 29th. If you would like a physical copy of the bulletin, please call the pastor and he will put it in your mailbox. If you have prayer requests please call the pastor and he will put it in the bulletin for services. There will also be **daily sermons** posted with brief bulletins each day on the internet. So the Lenten series will be completed and preached, as will other sermons and lessons during this time.

Lenten Midweek Services —The theme will be **Walking with Paul to the Cross and Beyond**. The lessons will be the Epistle lessons

from the previous Sunday;

Lenten Midweek 5, April 1st-Roman 8:1-11, Theme-The Lord provides pilgrims on their way to the Cross with the Spirit

Palm Sunday, April 4th-Philippians 2:5-11, Theme-The mind of Christ enables us to follow Christ to the Cross humility and faith

Maundy Thursday-1 Corinthians 11:23ff, The Lord richly feeds His children, as they make their way to the Cross

Good Friday-Isaiah 53; John 19, Theme-We have arrived at the Cross and ponder what this means for us!

Easter Sunrise-1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Theme-The Lord is Risen!

ALIS Auction will has been postponed until May 8th.

Ladies Aid has placed **flower order** forms in your mailbox.

They have to be returned to the Ladies Aid mailbox, with a check made out to the Ladies Aid, by March 22.

Central Illinois District 75th Annual LWML Convention will be held on April 30th – May 2nd at Bethel Lutheran Church, 325 E. Queenwood Rd., Morton, IL 61550. **This event has been cancelled for now.** If there are any questions you can contact Annie Guerrettaz, Jo Ellyn Tappendorf or Elaine Stuckemeyer.

The Ladies of St. John's, Effingham Lydia Guild is hosting the Joint Spring JOY Shop for all ladies has been cancelled.

Arrangements for the funeral of Gene Moeller-The family of Gene Moeller will be having a funeral/memorial service sometime in the future, when conditions allow.

Prayers-For the family of Gene Moeller who died this past week; For the family of Donald Burks, the father of Charles Burks, who died; for the family of W. Wayne Arnold, the grandfather of Spencer Hammer; For Jim Huelskoetter, who had surgery yesterday; for those afflicted with the viruses this year, and those working in health care. For the school closings.

Those participating-

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