

The Epistle

Don't Hold Your Breath



Maggie could hold her breath for a full 90 seconds.

She held the record for her high school, and none of her friends or family ever had a chance against her at

“hold your breath” contests. The only place where she refused to enter a competition was at her summer Bible camp; it was against the beach rules to hold your breath underwater because it could cause a false alarm for the lifeguards. But any other time, Maggie was always up for a contest.

What was the secret? Why was she able to hold her breath almost three times longer than everyone else?

“It's simple,” she said. “Don't hold your breath. When you hold your breath, your muscles tense up and cause a restriction of the airflow; you run out of air sooner and your body panics, signaling that you are out of air even before you've run out. Instead, release your air bubble by bubble, slowly, and trust that there is more where that came from.”

Maggie's strategy for diving is applicable to the Christian life.

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EASTER JOY

If you're in the directory, you'll be receiving a card from fellow sisters and brothers in Christ with an Easter greeting. These Valentine's cards were donated to us and repurposed by those who attended one of our intergenerational Gathering Events last fall, and we saw Easter as the perfect opportunity to express our love and care for one another and joy at being gathered into this congregation by God. Happy Easter!

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When Jesus appeared to the disciples in a locked room, he breathed on them.

He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them. If you retain the sins of any they are retained" (John 20:23). Jesus did not hold his breath—the Holy Spirit; instead, he breathed upon his disciples, upon the believers at Pentecost, and upon us in our baptisms. Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit into you. The Holy Spirit—the breath of the living God—has been gifted to you.

Jesus didn't hold his breath; neither need you.

There are so many situations in life will we find ourselves pressured or desperate or stuck holding our breath. Perhaps this whole last year has been an endless exercise in holding your breath: waiting to see if you were going to get sick, waiting to see if those you love would get sick and how they will handle it, waiting for a vaccine, waiting for your turn for the vaccine, waiting to see if the vaccine is effective, waiting to come back to church, waiting to get back to your routine, waiting to see what happens next and what the world will be like. This virus in particular has been debilitating because of the very fear that if and when we get it, we won't be able to breathe.

This is an expression we use when we're doubtful that an end or change will come, as in, "Oh yes, sure. It will happen/they'll do it but *don't hold your breath*." Ultimately, as Christians, we are waiting for Christ to return (remember! Better understood as *appear* since he's already present with us) and to restore all of creation and to end suffering, pain, and death forever.

The cynics and non-believers in the world would say to us, "Don't hold your breath."

Perhaps you've wondered whether they're right. And/Or, perhaps in this political environment, you have felt pres-

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sured to hold our breath, to hold back the Word that is kindling in your heart. Sometimes we hold back so as not to offend or upset or let down. Sometimes we hold back for the sake of competition so that we can beat our opponents and have the satisfaction of outlasting them in a so-to-speak “hold your breath contest.”

But as Maggie found to be true, when we hold our breath, we tense up, and when we tense up, we panic, and when we panic, we give up before we've even run out.

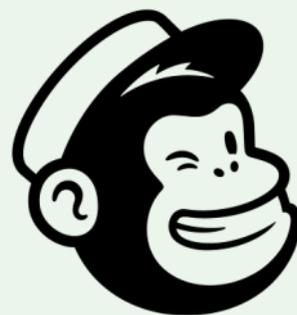
Even though they had already heard the news that Jesus had risen from the dead, the disciples panicked and went into hiding—they held their breath to learn their fate. Even though we know that Jesus lives, we still panic and hide. We shut down and withdraw. We shut others down.

When we are only in it to prove our worth or rightness over and against others, we allow fear and panic to take over—and like the reason for the rules at Maggie's Bible camp—holding our breath causes others fear, confusion, and panic, too. When we hold back, we restrict the breath of God within us that is the breath of the Holy Spirit who guides us to speak and to act that we might shine the light of Christ.

If instead, however, we like Maggie, trust that there will always be more air, namely that we will never run out of God's favor and provision, and we share what the Holy Spirit nudges us to say and do what the Holy Spirit leads us to do, then we will find ourselves catching our breath as we realize with joy that the breath is *plentiful and powerful* and—not just a future that we're holding our breath for, but a reality that is possible now because Christ is present—and there is more than enough for everyone.

So dear ones, all throughout this Season of Easter, don't hold your Breath.

In Christ,
Pastor Emily Beckering



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CHURCH EMAILS GET A NEW LOOK

Soon after Easter, Jane will be switching mailing list providers for the church email list. We are finding that emails sent by our current provider don't always reach everyone, because the Spectrum or Zoomtown email servers think they are “spam”, aka junk mail, and throw them out.

We are switching to Mailchimp, which has better technology for identifying our messages as real mail, not “spam”—and even better, it's free! So please don't be alarmed if emails from us start looking a little different.

From the Faulkners

Pastor Emily received this message from the Faulkner family and wished to share it with the congregation. Many thanks to all who have supported Freda, Marie, and family as they mourn their loss.

To the Congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church:

We, the family of David Faulkner, are very appreciative of the thoughts, words, and prayers you have given us in this very trying time in our lives. We never, ever, expected to face the trials and turmoil this has created in our lives. We appreciate the way the Church has stepped in to help us.

We thank Pastor Emily, along with Barry Prince, David Hill, and Chrissie Harris for their production of the Memorial Service. And we thank the people who provided the food and worked to make it a pleasant and caring atmosphere during the meal. There was so much food, and no one went home hungry. It all was very good.

We had relatives here from Alabama, Indiana, and Georgia, along with relatives and friends in this area. We had many compliments on our church and how welcoming everyone was. David grew up in Reading and had many friends still in this area.

We did try to be Covid-compliant, but I'm sure we failed in some areas, especially when we went downstairs. We hope no one was offended, and sincerely hope there are no bad effects.

We have included a small donation to the Church in David's memory, in appreciation of your concern and assistance in this time. We trust the council to find a use for it. We cannot begin to give enough thanks to all of you. We offer prayers for our Church and our Congregation.

Sincerely,
Freda Faulkner and family

Youth Group Update



At their March meeting, the youth group discussed how Jesus called the Pharisees and scribes hypocrites. How does Jesus' view of hypocrisy apply today?

Please mark your calendars for the youth group's next Zoom session, on April 24 from 7 to 9 pm.

Celebrations in April



3 Betty Kline,
Adam Pirrmann

9 Spencer Lohmeier

16 Janet & Dennis King

20 Joey Bronner,
Teagan Cathcart

21 Carroll Mayhugh

23 Nancy Erbeck,
Logan Pirrmann

27 Bridget Cathcart,
Connie Lohmeier

28 Ruth Beckering

29 Lee & Jane Erbeck

29 Jim & Linda Miller

30 Nick Pirrmann

Thrive! Campaign Resumes April 11



When we decided to close the church building at the start of the pandemic, we were in the final stages of the Thrive! Campaign. On April 11, 2021 we will finish the Thrive! Campaign. This will be an abbreviated process over 3 weeks. We are already benefiting from the Thrive Campaign; the Synod has been most helpful in our transitioning to both an in-

person and online church. We have received a grant to help with the cost of technology upgrades, and there have been many educational seminars we have attended.

We have a \$2000.00+ challenge gift, if 50 families from our congregation participate in giving a gift. We hope you will. This campaign is already having positive impacts on the church and, in light of the pandemic, we need the support our synod is organizing more than ever.

THRIVE! CAMPAIGN'S FIVE GOALS

1. Equipping Lay Leaders
2. Raising up Leaders for Smaller Congregations
3. Strengthening Rostered Ministers
4. Launching New Congregations and Reaching New People
5. Enhancing Worship Practices

Carroll Mayhugh

Notice of Quarterly Meeting: April 25 after Worship

Your participation is invited at the quarterly meeting on Sunday, April 25, 2021 following worship, at which we will review first quarter financials. This meeting gives us an opportunity to provide remote accessibility to the meeting for the first time. Since this is our first time offering an in-person and online congregational meeting, this notice includes detailed guidelines for how to conduct and attend the meeting.

You will see below that these guidelines refer to the Chair, who is our Council President, Nelson Langefeld. The Meeting Coordinator for the meeting will be Carroll Mayhugh; he will admit you to the

meeting and will monitor the Zoom chat room for your questions or if you want to have the floor.

If you would like the chance to practice attending online, Carroll is offering a practice session, starting about fifteen minutes after worship on April 18.

We do not anticipate that this meeting will require any votes by roll call or secret ballot, but should an issue be brought to the floor that requires such a motion, the guidelines for conducting such votes are included (see item 10 on p. 8).

If you desire to attend the meeting online/remotely via Zoom, then you may do so using the following information:

ZOOM MEETING DETAILS

Join by computer by clicking this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85244814227?pwd=NEpaVjh3cjZmeGhlNjI1OFpmQmtldz09>

Or enter this ID and password into Zoom:

Meeting ID: 852 4481 4227

Passcode: 2021Q1

Join by phone (call any number below and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode):

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

ATTENDING THE MEETING ONLINE

1. **Login time.** Login will be available starting at 11:30, Sunday, April 25.
2. **Signing in and out.** Members shall identify themselves as required to sign into the Internet meeting service and

shall maintain Internet and audio access throughout the meeting whenever present, but shall sign out in the chat room upon any departure before adjournment. After signing in the

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member shall mute the connection and only unmute when recognized. The Recording Secretary will log all connections and disconnections validating that the person(s) joining are voting members of the congregation. This log will become part of the official record of the meeting (minutes).

3. **Technical requirements and malfunctions.** Each member is responsible for his or her audio and Internet connections; no action shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of, a member's individual connection prevented participation in the meeting.
4. **Forced disconnections.** The Chair may cause or direct the disconnection or muting of a member's connection if it is causing undue interference with the meeting. The Chair's decision to do so, which is subject to an undebatable appeal that can be made by any member, shall be announced during the meeting and recorded in the minutes.
5. **Assignment of the floor.** To seek recognition by the Chair, a member shall request recognition via the chat room. The member shall include his or her name and the reason they request recognition. The Meeting Coordinator shall monitor the chat room and relay recognition requests to the Chair in the order received.
6. **Interrupting a member.** A member who intends to make a motion or request that under the rules may interrupt a speaker shall use the chat room for so indicating and shall thereafter wait a reasonable time for the Chair's instructions before attempting to interrupt the speaker by voice.
7. **Motions submitted in writing.** A member intending to make a motion, to offer an amendment shall, before or after being recognized, post the motion in writing to the email or address designated by the Recording Secretary for this purpose, the subject line shall include the member's name and subject of the motion or amendment. The Meeting Coordinator shall share the contents of the motion or amendment to the screen when requested by the Chair.
8. **Voting.** For votes not requiring a written ballot, members shall vote by voice (in-person only), using the chat room or the "raise hand" feature, at the discretion of the Chair. For a voice, chat room, or count of hands vote the Chair shall determine the outcome or the need for a roll call. The count shall be maintained by the Recording Secretary.
9. **Roll Call Votes.** For votes requiring a roll call the Recording Secretary shall call the roll of all the members present and tally the results.

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10. Written or secret ballot. For votes requiring a written or secret ballot, members may vote as follows:

- a) Members present in-person will be provided with a ballot and may fill it in and submit it immediately or return it as follows.
- b) Completed ballots may be returned to the church by U.S. Mail within the number of days after the meeting date specified by the council in the meeting notice. Ballots received after that date shall not be counted.
- c) Completed ballots may also be dropped in a locked drop box outside of the church office by the number of days after the meeting date specified by the council in the meeting notice. Ballots received after that date shall not be counted. If coming into the church, all COVID safety protocols must be followed.
- d) If provided by council, a fillable form electronic ballot may be completed within the number of days after the meeting date specified by the council in the meeting notice. Ballots received after that date shall not be counted.
- e) Completed ballots must include the printed and signed name of the voting member. Electronic ballots

must include member's name and a valid email address for confirmation, this will suffice as the confirming signature. Any ballots not properly signed will not be counted.

- f) Counting of completed ballots will be done by the Church Secretary and the totals will be forwarded to the Chair. Individual voter information will be used only to validate the ballot and will not be maintained by the secretary. The secretary shall not communicate individual voter information to anyone.
- g) Only ballots from members listed as present in-person or online for the meeting will be counted. Absentee ballots, i.e., ballots from members not present, are only allowed for election of Church Council and will only be counted for election of Church Council.
- h) Results of all ballots will be announced at worship the Sunday designated by the Council in the meeting notice.

11. Adjournment. The Chair shall entertain a motion to adjourn when requested. The motion must be seconded and voted on by the hand raise method in person or online, the Meeting Coordinator shall report to the Chair the count.

From the Presiding Bishop: God Will Transform This Church



This article was originally published in the March 2021 issue of Living Lutheran magazine.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. That's our name. At least two parts of our name, "Evangelical" and "Church," are either misunderstood or an outright stumbling block for a significant percentage of the American population. Pew Research reports that over one-fifth of the U.S. public—and a third under 30—are religiously unaffiliated. These are the "nones." The religiously unaffiliated, whether never churched or dechurched, don't have a favorable impression of

church. They see it as extremist, full of hypocrites, judgmental, anti-science, anti-intellectual, dogmatic, overly concerned about other people's morality, naïve and out of touch. Ouch.

In the eyes of the nones, the ELCA gets lumped in with everyone else. Though we aren't perfect, and some of the characteristics of church apply to us at various times, we have a theology based on a liberating gospel of Jesus Christ that is the *euangelion*—the good news. The "Evangelical" in our name points to the transforming love of Jesus, to reconciliation, to freedom, to grace. It's expansive, for everyone and all creation. It doesn't require our effort or our merit, only our trust in God's promise.

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Bridget's Eagle Project Adds Murals to Repainted Rooms



Take a peek on Sunday if you have not seen the Scouts' handiwork yet—our upstairs is much more bright and cheerful now! Thank you, Scouts and friends, for beautifying our Sunday school rooms!

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It's not naïve. Scripture, Martin Luther, Dietrich Bonhoeffer and others were clear-eyed about the reality of human sin and brokenness and the devastating consequences for individuals, groups of people and creation that result. There is judgment, but it is God's, not ours. Our evangelical understanding of God's word is that it is both law and gospel, judgment and promise. We aren't an everything goes, antinomian church.

I remember the light bulbs going off in my catechism students' heads when learning about grace. Does it give us license to do anything we want? Paul had to address the same line of thinking in the letter to the Romans. No. Grace makes it possible to be honest with ourselves and face our sin because the Spirit grants us the space, time and desire to turn from our sin to the source of life.

Our evangelical witness is full of paradox—we are simultaneously saint and sinner. Yes, there is hypocrisy in the church—welcome to humanity! But there is also beauty and love poured by the Spirit into sometimes stubborn and broken hearts. There is law and gospel. We are at once perfectly free and lord of all and bound and servant of all (Luther's *The Freedom of a Christian*).

Our evangelical witness is that God called the creation good; that we have been given the gift of curiosity that compels us to study the natural world, to engage in sci-

entific research. The more we know about creation, the closer we draw to the Creator. We aren't anti-intellectual—Luther was a college professor after all.

I happen to know some millennials who had conversations with their none neighbors. These conversations were open and engaged. The none neighbors carried the above-mentioned perceptions of church, but they also knew that their millennial friends served as Young Adults in Global Mission and were active in their congregation. The nones were trying to reconcile their perceptions of church with their experience of actual Lutherans—one of whom is a scientist. Without that relationship, the nones would never have known a true evangelical witness to the liberating good news of Jesus.

In this issue you have read about Future Church. God is calling us into this exciting mission, and the Spirit will activate each of us to invite people to know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love. The ELCA can hold up our evangelical witness, which is an alternative face of Christianity—not for institutional survival, but so that more people will experience the deep love of Jesus, be transformed and liberated by that love and “work for justice and peace” (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, Holy Baptism).

This mission will take all of us, and it means actual relationships with real people led by an incarnational God. I believe that God will transform this church.

8 Jesus continues to walk with us daily and to make his loving presence known when we gather with bread and wine, remembering the sacrifices he made for our sake and for the restoration of our relationships with God. Give thanks and praise to God for being in our lives!

9 Give thanks for the empathy and support expressed by the Rev. Martin Junge, general secretary of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), in his letter to Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton and our church in a time of political and social tension. "People need to talk and listen to each other again," he wrote. "Broken relationships need to be mended. People need to trust again so that they can live and work together. People need to heal from their pain and their wounds." Give thanks for the LWF, a global family who accompany one another in doing God's work in the world.

10 Pray for the humility to acknowledge and respect God's infinite power, presence and grace for the sake of all people.

11 Jesus is with us in times of fear and uncertainty, just as he was with his troubled disciples after the resurrection. Pray for the Spirit to encourage our faith, ground us in the good news of Christ and grant us peace, reassurance, hope and direction throughout our baptismal journey.

12 Give thanks for signs of spring! Some places still have snow on the ground, yet others show signs of nature blossoming and new life emerging. Give thanks for the good, life-giving work of our Creator, who urges patience and stirs new life and hope in every season.

13 Pray for Creation Justice Ministries, Lutherans Restoring Creation and other ministries, organizations and networks that deepen our awareness and knowledge of creation and the environment and equip us to care for creation and our communities.

14 "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!" Pray that God will help us better understand what living together in unity requires of us as siblings in Christ and as world citizens striving for peace, justice, reconciliation and mutual care.

15 Ask the Spirit to inspire wisdom, insight, compassion and boldness in the members of the ELCA Church Council as they gather online this week to guide and shape the work of our church in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ, serving our neighbors in need and supporting our congregations.

16 Pray that, as we share the gospel and serve our neighbor, we will recognize the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of our siblings in Christ who are also doing God's work in the world.

17 Pray for our ELCA missionaries serving alongside companion churches and organizations in Asia and the Pacific region, including the Rev. Phillip Baker (Cambodia), the Rev. Chandran Paul Martin and Timothy Melvyn (India), the Rev. Charles Peterson and the Rev. Jeffrey Truscott (Indonesia), Hailey Brenden (Nepal) and the Rev. Suk Yeon Lee (Jang) (South Korea).

18 Lift up prayers of gratitude to God for the presence of the Spirit in our lives, which deepens our faith and trust in Jesus as the promised Messiah, helps us understand Scripture and moves us to respond to God's call that we bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ.

19 Give thanks for volunteers of all ages and gifts who serve in congregations, including teachers, assisting ministers, child care providers, committee members, greeters, singers, musicians, people who fix things and those who visit the ill or homebound. Praise God for the rich diversity of gifts, skills and passions we share in the body of Christ.

20 The Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) is a pre-event to the ELCA Youth Gathering. Pray for the MYLE leadership team of youth, young adults and adults planning the summer 2021 event on the theme "Made Free." Ask God to bless their work of creating a community, inclusive and accountable to all, that is inspired and woven together by the Spirit.

21 What a joy it is to be called children of God because of God's great love for us! We may not know or understand everything about God or what lies in store for us, but we are still loved, forgiven and claimed without condition. Thank and praise God!

22 *Earth Day* Give thanks and glory to God for the blessings and mysteries of creation, entrusted to us to sustain and enrich all generations. Pray that God will make us wise, generous and responsible stewards of nature and Earth's resources for the glory of our Creator and the well-being of our neighbor.

23 Give thanks for our church's partnership with Lutheran World Relief to support pandemic emergency response projects in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

24 Remember in prayer people who are confined in our jails, prisons and correctional facilities. Pray that they will be treated humanely and justly, be renewed by the good news of Jesus Christ, and find hope and strength in God's love and mercy. Pray for the Spirit to help us – as individuals and as faith communities – empathize with prisoners returning home and boldly extend our hospitality, acceptance and support as they do the difficult work of building new lives in our communities.



PRAYER VENTURES

— APRIL 2021 —

25 Give thanks that Jesus is the good shepherd who knows us, loves us, unites us, leads us through life and is willing to sacrifice his life for our sake.

26 Give thanks to God for the generosity and commitment across our church as it supports and funds global mission programs and accompanies companions in 45 countries through missionaries, companion church grants, the International Leaders Program and other programs.

27 In this sometimes lonely world, praise God that we always have Jesus, a loving shepherd who knows us and provides us with care, guidance, renewal, comfort and courage as we face the challenges of daily life.

28 Pray for the needs of people in your neighborhood and community, give thanks for their joys and recognize how their lives intersect with yours.

29 Pray that the Spirit will make us courageous and articulate in sharing the good news even in the most intimidating of circumstances, just as John and Peter did while in prison.

30 Give thanks for national and local leaders, health care workers and volunteers who continue to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and help us recover physically, economically, spiritually and emotionally. Pray that God will help them persevere and that we will generously express our support and gratitude.

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

1 As Paul said, our faith in Christ may seem like foolishness to some people but we can always trust in God's love for us through Christ because it is real, trustworthy and life-giving. Pray that God will embolden us to share our faith without hesitation or embarrassment and to invite others to believe even when doing so seems foolish.

2 *Good Friday* Remember the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus, the Son of God, for our sake and salvation. Give thanks that God looks upon us with concern, gracious love and mercy.

3 Lift up prayers of humble gratitude that through baptism our lives are conjoined with the life, death and resurrection of Christ, which enable us to “walk in newness of life” and be “alive to God.”

4 *Easter Sunday* He is risen! Praise God! Give thanks that through Jesus' resurrection we are no longer constrained by sin and death but can celebrate salvation, new life and God's wonderful grace, which reclaims and changes us.

5 “This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Look around and give thanks for the people, community, world, wonders of creation and signs of God's presence and work that surround you.

6 *Arab American Heritage Month* Remember in prayer the diverse gifts, cultures, heritages and stories of our Arab and Middle Eastern siblings in Christ, who remind us of the rich history and tradition of Christ's church in the world. Ask God to bless and further the work, witness and advocacy of Arab and Middle Eastern Ministries in the ELCA and the Association of Lutherans of Arab and Middle Eastern Heritage of the ELCA.

7 Give thanks for the generosity shared from across our church, which helps us respond to the needs of the world, live out our faith in service to our neighbors and proclaim the gospel everywhere.

This resource may be copied and shared among members and friends of the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Contact info@elca.org for additional information. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631-4101. Telephone: 800-638-3522, ext. 2458.

Our Life Together

For emergency pastoral care, please call the after-hours line at 513-760-5884.

If you have requests for the Prayer Chain, call Penny Huber, 513-931-6420. To remove people from the list, contact the office.

We pray for **Mary and her granddaughter Kyra** (friend of Paul Pieper); **Berkeley** (Carol Curless's great-grandson); **Jeannie Allen** (Faith Pirrmann's friend); **Pr. Lisa Bernheisel; Louise Barry; Teresa Bell** (former member); **Beth** (Elinor Schieman's daughter); **Stephen Black** (Kim Coulehan's nephew); **Bobby** (Christian Lohmeier's friend); **Nancy Bose** (Kathy Hirt's friend); **Brett** (Kings' step-nephew); **Nicole Bucknam** (friend of Millers); **Jodie Calhoun; Ann Cathcart** (Laines' daughter-in-law); **Christian; Frances Clemons** (Portmanns' friend); **Colin** (Millers' grandson); **Sandy Cordes; Kathy Curless; Katie Demopoulos** (Diana Hawkins's niece); **Dick** (Linda Miller's brother); **Jeremy Doan** (Jean Winkle's grandson); **Jerry Doan** (Jean Winkle's son-in-law); **Lee and Jane Erbeck; Larry Faulkner** (Freda's son); **Justin Feldman** (Bess Sturgill's father); **Micki Ford** (Fords' niece); **Jeanne Fuller; Scarlett Gally** (Beth Wernery's great-niece); **Clara Garcia** (Cindy Mayhugh's sister); **George and Sherry** (Shirley Harbaugh's cousins); **Nathaniel Gibson** (Les Eckerle's step-nephew); **Steve Gollehon** (Elinor Schieman's cousin); **Hannah; Matthew Harrison** (Seals' neighbor); **Sandy Hatcher** (Linda Holt's sister); **Elain Heskamp; Richard Hoffman** (Cindy Mayhugh's brother); **Andrew Horton; Mary Ann Hudecki** (Linda Miller's sister); **Ellen Hunter** (Jeni Cathcart's grandmother); **Jo and her daughter** (Jeanne Fuller's friends); **Joan** (Penny Huber's friend); **Kate** (granddaughter of Dennis King's friend); **Dennis King; Jay King** (son of Jamie King); **Loretta Kombrink** (Marilyn Portmann's aunt); **Lewis Laine** (Chet Laine's brother); **Richard Lane** (Elinor Schieman's nephew); **Nelson Langefeld; Ruth Lohmeier; Yvonne Lowery** (St. Paul Players); **Revea and Jim Mayhew** (Millers' sister & brother-in-law); **Carroll Mayhugh Sr.** (Carroll Mayhugh's father); **Samantha Mersch** (Mayhughs' daughter, Sarah Papin's sister); **Ann Miller** (Millers' niece); **Mary Mills** (St. Paul Players); **Jessica Mink** (Donald Harris's cousin); **Doris Minton; Barbara Moorhouse; Jean Nolte; Ervin, Carol, Jim, and Jeannie**

Oerther (Portmanns' sister and family); **Ann Ohr** (Barbara Moorhouse's cousin); **Richard Osborn** (Betty Pack's brother); **Rosie Osborn** (Betty Pack's sister); **Tom Pack** (Betty Pack's son); **Eric Papin; Christian & Suzie Pereira** (Carolyn Koehl's granddaughter & grandson-in-law); **Richard Peterson** (Shirley Harbaugh's brothers); **Don Pflieger** (Kings' brother-in-law); **Ginny Pape; Linda Perin** (Moorhouses' cousin); **Paul Pieper; Faith Pirrmann; Pat Popplewell** (Dennis King's friend); **James Savoy** (Jean Winkle's great-grandson); **Shawn Schnetzer** (Sturgills' cousin); **Sheila Schultz** (Betty Pack's friend); **Shannon and Dane** (friends of Riddle family); **Shear family** (Kings' daughter & son-in-law); **Kate Sheridan** (Kings' family friend); **Keith Shupe** (father of Kelly Shupe); **Jason Simpson** (Freda Faulkner's grand-nephew); **Patricia Smith** (Teresa Bell's mother); **Scott Songer; Judy Songer** (friends of Jean Winkle); **Crosley Spelman** (Spelmans' grandson); **Frank Sturgill** (Jim's dad); **Britney Jean Teems** (Jean Winkle's granddaughter); **Teresa** (friend of Marty Lohmeier); **Randy Thaman** (friend of Marie Calhoun); **Geri Toland** (Carole Replogle's neighbor); **Treasure** (Les Eckerle's cousin); **Ralph Turner** (friend of Dennis King); **Tereasa Vogel** (Freda Faulkner's friend); **Jack Wagner; Jeanne Wagner; Daryl Wesselman** (Betty Pack's granddaughter); **Jean Winkle; Susan Winkle** (Jean Winkle's daughter-in-law).

We pray for those with ongoing health concerns who are unable to come to church every week: **Louise Barry, Barbara Moorhouse, Jean Nolte, Heather Segar.**

We pray for our armed forces members: **Graham Barton** (Fords' neighbor); **Paul Cordes** (Elinor Schieman's grandson); **Victoria Derry** (Elinor Schieman's great-granddaughter); **Jared Forst** (Jim and Loretta's grandson); **Beau Glenn** (Karen Koehl's son-in-law); **Kylie Hahn** (Gretta Hahn's granddaughter); **Donald Hosea** (Karen Koehl's son); **Samuel McLoughlin** (friend of Cindy Sieckman); **Scott Minton** (Doris Minton's son); **Jobeth Ramirez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Joshua Rodriguez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Trent Schwegman** (cousin to the Erbecks and Fords); **Dustin Silvey; Mack Thompson** (Freda Faulkner's grandson); **Alex Wisecup** (son of Nadine and Barry Wisecup).

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**QUARTERLY
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The next quarterly congregational meeting is after worship on April 25. See p. 6-9 inside to learn how members can participate remotely via Zoom—a first for St. Paul!

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