

St. Paul Ashville Worship Plan as of 5.18.20

Our gospel mission never stopped throughout this spring full of cancellations and closings. Jesus Christ has led us in ministry in new and creative ways, both publicly and in our individual callings. Will we re-open? We never "closed" in response to COVID-19. We continued to live and share the gospel of Jesus Christ in love and service to all. Nurses and first responders headed to the front-lines, teachers innovated on behalf of their students, parents and guardians made time for deepened relationships with kids, home sewers (you know with thread and fabric - reread and realized I better clarify!) turned to making masks, those maintaining our infrastructure continued working on our behalf, farmers turned to the production of food, neighbors reached out to neighbors. Martin Luther reminds us that in our daily callings we serve with a Christian identity.

Of course, many are asking about a return to gatherings on-site. Here is an update from our council: St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ashville, OH will continue to offer online services via their stpaulashville Youtube channel, links to these videos will continue to be available on our Facebook site. On-site gatherings will not include Sunday worship, but needed meetings with face masks and appropriate social distancing are resuming outdoors as the weather permits. Meetings also continue on Zoom. This plan will be in place until council meets again on June 10, 2020. A working group addressing safety for future gatherings is organizing. Some members have already been approached about serving in this capacity. If you have a desire to serve in this way please contact Ray Noecker sometime this week.

Remember: Daily prayer continues "Live" on Facebook at 10 AM. New "Storytime" episodes, targeted for kids, are posted on the Youtube channel Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Pastor Laura continues catechism instruction with small student groups via Zoom and our youth meet as SPLAT! via Zoom. There are sessions scheduled for Sunday evening. Watch for meeting invites in your email.

Pastoral care continues to be available via phone conversations, Zoom, Skype and Google Meet. "Front porch" calling by appointment is now available, with appropriate distancing and use of face masks.

Funerals and weddings are being held at this time with arrangements varying according to family and current safety guidelines from the Ohio Department of Health.

Sunday worship resources for May 17 are arriving in a separate email 😊

Powerful peace is promised from the Risen Christ,
Pastor Laura