

March-April 2021



Darkness in the World

This past year has been one of exceptional darkness in our world.
The Covid-19 Pandemic 115 million cases worldwide

516,000 deaths in US 2.55 million deaths in World

- Large scale Protests in US and World for Justice
- Bitter Election in the US
- Insurrection in takeover of the US Capital on Jan 6
- Political Unrest & Wars
- Masks & Social Distancing not being with families
- Job loss
- Financial Struggles
- Distance Learning for students
- Extreme Loneliness, Isolation & Depression
- Living in a constant state of uncertainty and fear

The Darkness is overwhelming. And yet there is light in the darkness. Jesus is the light of the World. When we come into the presence of Jesus, we too are the light of the World.

Nothing can undo the devastation of the Pandemic. However, the light of Christ can bring us comfort. He lived in the darkness of this world. He suffered and died unjustly.

He died to overcome the separation between God and humankind. He rose again to bring us new life and light in a dark world.

Throughout the darkness of this past year, flickers of light have pierced the darkness.

People caring for one another. Generous giving through Food Distributions, Dedicated commitment and sacrifice of our doctors, nurses, teachers, meat packers, grocery store clerks, scientists, manufacturers of the vaccines, etc.

I have seen people who are receiving food from the food distributions give back by helping to distribute it to others. In essence, People who receive the light then become the light to others.

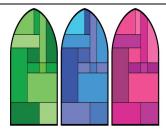
We just need to look around and see the light of Christ at work in our world. We also need to come into the light of Christ. When everything feels overwhelming, just bask in the love and light of Christ. Then become the light to others.



In Christ's name,
Pastor Deb

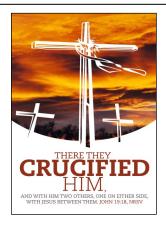


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We are so excited to be back worshipping in person. At St. Paul's, we will continue follow CDC Guidelines for in-person worship. Masks are required and are available if you need one. Please make sure your mask covers both your nose and mouth. We will practice social distancing. If you are feeling ill, please stay home.

If you are not yet comfortable with joining us for in-person worship, Zion UCC Welcome to Worship continues to broadcast their Sunday morning worship service on www.kchkradio.net, 95.5 FM or 1350 AM) on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. continues to broadcast their Sunday morning worship service on KCHK radio



LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES Scriptural Way of the Cross Services beginning at 7:00 p.m.

March 10: Jesus is helped by Simon of Cyrene to carry his cross. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

March 17: Jesus is crucified. Jesus promises his kingdom to the repentant thief. Jesus entrusts Mary and John to each other

March 24: Jesus dies on the cross. Jesus is laid in the tomb

April 1: Maundy Thursday – Worship With communion, Reflection on The Last Seven Words of the Cross

EASTER FLOWER Orders

If you would like to order an Easter Flower call the office at 248-3594 or drop off your order form with your payment by March 14. You may take your plant home after service on Easter Sunday April 4, 7:30 am Worship.

This is a great opportunity to honor and celebrate loved ones that have passed away and others that you want to pay special tribute to.

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NAME:
PHONE:
Lillies (\$9) Tulip: (\$9) Mums (\$10) Hyacinth (\$9) Daffodils (\$9)
Total due:
My flower is In Memory of
My flower is in Honor of

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Scrambled Eggs, Egg Bake, Sausage, Hash Browns, Cinnamon Roll, Applesauce

Freewill Offering

Church will be held at 9:00 a.m.

Meals will be distributed in front of the steps entering the church.

Cash donations supporting the brunch can be sent to St.Paul's and designated for the brunch. Please have food donations at church by March 25th.This is a major fund raiser for the church each year. We look forward to seeing you!

HENDERSON AREA FOOD SHARE Drive-by FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Sponsored by community members and churches

NEED HELP MAKING ENDS MEET?

MINNESOTA NEW COUNTRY SCHOOL 210 Main Street, Henderson

Thursday, March 18—St.Paul's Thursday, April 15—Redemmer 4:00 pm—till food lasts

Watch for signs.

March 1—April 11th is the Minnesosta FoodShare Food Drive.

Every contribution of food or money during this period is matched by a percentage of the total amount donated. The Sibley County FoodsShare website is sibleycountyfoodshare.org, donations can now be done online.

Special offering will be held through March for the food drive, envelopes available for your donation.

Women's Guild...The next meeting of the St. Paul's Women's Guild will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Hostess will be Mary Ann Tesch, Program Linda Duzan

All women are invited and encouraged to attend. Please join us.

Those who Serve:

Flower Committee:

March

Irene Doerr Lorraine Just

<u>April</u>

MaryAnn Tesch Pastor Deb Meyer Sympathy Committee: March, April, May

Glenna Fries Lois Dvorak RuthAnn Buck Margaret Ceminsky



LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

The last day of Sunday School is Sunday, May 9. During the worship, we will present Mother's Day Gifts to the women of the congregation.



Dan Haefs	03/03
Lane Maus	03/03
Michael Meierbachtol	03/04
Mori Oestreich	03/04
Rev Debra Meyer	03/06
Paula Dhaene	03/12
Sabrina Winter	03/12
Cheryl Petzel	03/14
Sharon Anderson	03/18
Earl Schultz	03/21
Kathryn Petzel	03/23
Crystal Creighten	03/24
Cody Haefs	03/24
Denice Maus	03/25
Mya Maus	03/27
Irene Doerr	03/28
Mark Stueber	03/28
Jessica Schultz	03/29
Claira Schultz	03/30
Rosealynn Tesch	03/31

Prayer Corner Hospitalized:

Home from the hospital:

In Our Prayers: Karla Maurer, Mary Martens, Lucy

Reiman, Terri Kroehler, JoAnne Martens, Audrey Glamm, Mark Meyer, Larry

McConnell

Homebound: Gaylord

Pauline Woehler - Oak Terrace Nursing

Home Le Sueur

Ed Nye - Ridgeview Le Sueur Nursing

Home

Carmen Wigand—Oak Terrace Doris Wigand—Oak Terrace Arline Karels—Oak Terrace At Home Anita Tiegs

Military Service: Marcus Speight, active duty (Air

Force)

Son of Jeff & Lisa Steinborn -



David Buck	04/02
Wendy Lehnertz	04/04
Glenna Fries	04/05
Glen Tesch	04/05
Tiffany Meyer	04/08
Megan Nytes	04/08
David Kroehler	04/12
Bryan Petzel	04/12
Mila Creighton	04/15
Adelie McCormick	04/15
Linda Duzan	04/19
LaDonna Bender	04/23
Hailey McConnell	04/28
Arlene Busse	04/29
Jeff Christ	04/29

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:15 Confirmation Class 7:00 Worship	4 2:00 Women's Guild	5	6
9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/ Communion	8	9	6:15 Confirmation Class 7:00 Worship	11	12	13
9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Worship Service	15	16 6:30 Church Council	17 6:15 Confirmation Class 7:00 Worship	18 Food Distribution at MNCS 4:00—until gone Manned by St.Paul's	19	20
9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Worship Service	22	23	25 6:15 Confirmation Class 7:00 Worship	25	26	27
9:00 Worship 10:00—12:00 Drive Thru Brunch No Sunday School	29	30	31			

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship	2	3
7:30 Easter Sunrise Service Special music by Jared Graff and Jeff Christ	5 Pastor Deb	6 Vacation	7 April 5—12	8 2:00 Women's Guild	9	10
9:30 Worship Service Pastor Diane Goulson Guest Pastor	12	13	14 6:00Confirmation Class	15 4:00—until gone Food Distribution at MNCS	16	17
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2021 Church Council

President:	Eleanor Hanna-Dyb
	Larry Wigand
Secretary:	Open Position
	Marvin Petzel, Daniel Dyb, Jeff Steinborn, Jake Creighton
Worship	Cheri Mattson, Ruth Ann Buck, JoAnne Martens
Membership	Carol Reiter, Tammy Meyer, Sharon Bar
Christian Education	Lynnsay McCormick, Sydnie Graff, Crystal Creighton
Witness & Mission	Glenna Fries, Brianna Petzel, Mary Ann Tesch
Budget & Finance	Irene Doerr, John Meierbachtol, Larry Wigand, Deb Boettcher
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