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*"Sharing the one thing
we all need."*

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Wait Three Days!

Can you imagine the despair on that first GOOD FRIDAY? As Jesus joined the disciples on the road to Emmaus, they expressed to Him that despair. Luke records what they said about Jesus: *"He was a Prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people... We had hoped that He was the One who was going to redeem Israel. But instead, the chief priests and our rulers handed Him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified Him."* (Lk.24:19-21) Things certainly looked dark and confusing.

As the saying goes: "Been there, done that."

Today things look rather dark and bleak: COVID 19 is ravaging not only our country but the world – with 100's of thousands being infected and 10' of thousands dying and the numbers are rising daily; with the stock market crashing – causing businesses to close, releasing employees due to the government's "order" to "shelter in place" resulting in no customers to spend money on their products; and the lack of social interaction is causing many to go "stir crazy!" Things certainly look dark and confusing!

Our Lord enters into that darkness and, in effect, says: "WAIT THREE DAYS!" Psalm 50:15 says: *"Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you will honor Me."* You see, our Lord has "Been there, done that." He entered into the darkness of our world for our sake. The darkness of the Garden of Gethsemane, His trial, and finally His execution are things that He went through for our sake. He even entered the essence of darkness, hell, to proclaim His victory over the devil and death.

Yes, WAIT THREE DAYS! As the children of Israel stood at the Red Sea they grumbled against Moses. *"Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? Moses answered the people: ... 'Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today.'"* (Ex. 14:11, 13) They didn't even have to wait three days. The Lord delivered them in a mighty way that same day.

"WAIT THREE DAYS" is good advice. What a difference that third day made for the disciples. Their darkness and despair was turned into joy and rejoicing. Their temporary problem was replaced with an eternal solution.

Waiting isn't always an easy thing to do. It's like the old joke that says: "Lord give me patience and give it to me NOW!" And yet waiting is so worthwhile. Not only do we need to wait for our Lord's will to be done in our lives, but we also wait for all the blessings of heaven that He has won for us. May we ever say with the Psalmist: *"I wait for the Lord, ...and in His Word I put my hope."*

Yours, having been brought from darkness into the *LIGHT* by Christ's resurrection,

Pastor Kloha

St. Paul's Card Shop

The Card Shop is located outside the adult classroom on the second floor of the education building. New cards sympathy baptism and wedding cards are available. Please support the Youth Group in our congregation by purchasing a 50 cent card.

Radio Ministry

"When You Need a Friend"

Every Sunday morning, Pastor Kloha shares God's Word with our Community. Tune in on WTCR 103.3 FM at 9:45 am.

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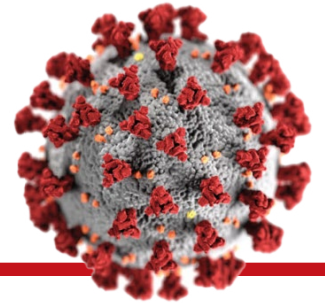
Please do not block or impede access to the garage or entrance to the apartment in the rear of the church out of courtesy to the tenant.

SPLC Online Services During COVID-19

In-church worship services are currently canceled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. However, we will be sharing videos of services on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsashland/>) and YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUK8JSVn5rdl-olQZ6Zi-Zw>). Additionally, Pastor Kloha shares God's Word "When You Need a Friend" with our Community every Sunday morning on WTCR 103.3 FM at 9:45 am. (Please note that some of our church members have heard this aired earlier at 9:30 am.)

Supplemental service materials to follow along can be found on our Facebook video postings and are emailed via the newsletter list.

Please watch our Facebook page for updates and keep an eye out for emails from us for more information.



COVID 19 – NOT the Victor!

As highlighted in April's newsletter, the activities of the congregation have been canceled! Although we are NOT gathering in God's house for public worship and fellowship, you are nonetheless encouraged to stay connected with each other through: phone calls, emails, texts, FaceTime, or writing letters, etc.

We have also made it possible for you to stay connected to worship as we have been video taping: Sunday, mid-week Lenten services, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Festival service. These videos can be watched on Youtube or Facebook at your leisure. Also, we have our radio broadcast every Sunday morning at 9:45 am on WTCR – 103.3 fm.

May our Savior guard and keep you safe and healthy in body and soul now and always.

Church Contributions

During this time when we are unable to gather and worship, the expenses of the congregation continue. Salaries still must be paid, benefits must continue, and utilities still continue.

Although we are no longer gathering together on Sunday mornings, please remember that your regular contributions are still very much appreciated.

**While we are absent from each other,
please send in your weekly contributions
in the mail to the address to the right:**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1320 Bath Ave.
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*Attn. Finance Committee***

If you chose not to send your contributions by mail, please write your check each week and set it aside to place in the offering plate when we do return together.


God will see us all through these difficult times, and in Him we place our trust.


David Hill – Treasurer



Please consider supporting Christ's Kids through these programs:

 **Kroger Community Rewards**
Enter GG605 for St. Paul's Lutheran Church under Community Rewards, and automatically get credited to our account when you use your Kroger card.

 **Shoparoo** Download the app and select "Christ's Kids Learning Center" as your school. "Roo" points are awarded for each receipt and will be accumulated for cash rewards for CKLC.

 **Amazon Smile** Start at smile.amazon.com and select St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ashland, KY as your charitable organization. Your selection will be kept and future purchases can result in a donation credited to us from Amazon.

St. Paul's LWML has established a food & personal items pantry to help our members with toiletries, personal care items, cleaning products, and food which is located in the storage closet in the basement.

We encourage everyone to participate and keep our shelves stocked! Non-perishable food, personal items, cleaning items, etc are all needed.

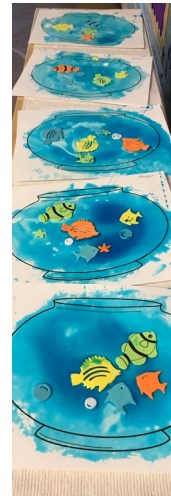
Anyone in need is encouraged to help themselves.

Last Month at Christ's Kids!

The biggest news for Christ's Kids is the effect of COVID-19 as we have closed effective March 18. We have no way of knowing when we will be able to reopen, but we hope to get more time together before the end of the school year. We pray everyone stays safe and unharmed.

March had been an exciting month as we began by observing Dr. Suess Week. We had dress up days for themes like blue, green, socks, hair, and hats. Each day had some Dr. Suess related activities such as stacking hats (red solo cups and index cards). The theme for the following week was music and dance. The children saw demonstrations from the ukulele, guitar, and dance. Kathy Chamis and one of her young students explained and played the violin.

It has been a wonderful time at Christ's Kids and we can't wait to see our friends again.



one message: **Christ!**
His love is here for you!



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If you would like to include information for upcoming calendars, please notify Megan Ramey-Keelin.

Sunday School 9:30 am
Adult Bible Study 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:45 am

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
				Preschool Board Meeting & Council Meeting <i>Cancelled due to COVID-19</i>		Ladies Bible Study "Women of the Bible" <i>Cancelled due to COVID-19</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Palm Sunday <i>In-person Worship services cancelled. Watch online on our Facebook page or YouTube!</i>	Christ's Kids Preschool CLOSED this week due to COVID-19 restrictions ↑			Maundy Thursday <i>In-person Worship services cancelled. Watch online on our Facebook page or YouTube!</i>	Good Friday <i>In-person Worship services cancelled. Watch online on our Facebook page or YouTube!</i>	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Easter Sunday He is Risen! <i>In-person Worship services cancelled. Watch online on our Facebook page or YouTube!</i>	Christ's Kids Preschool CLOSED this week due to COVID-19 restrictions ↑					LWML Meeting <i>Most likely cancelled due to COVID-19</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<i>In-person Worship services cancelled. Watch online on our Facebook page or YouTube!</i>	Christ's Kids Preschool CLOSED this week due to COVID-19 restrictions ↑					
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
<i>In-person Worship services cancelled. Watch online on our Facebook page or YouTube!</i>	Christ's Kids Preschool CLOSED this week due to COVID-19 restrictions ↑					LWML Spring Rally for the 18th has been re-scheduled to fall due to COVID-19 restrictions.