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*Come
Holy
Spirit*





*From the
Pastor...*

Mother's Day ~ a Holiday with the 4th Commandment in Mind

*God said, 'Honor your father and mother' ...
But you say that whoever tells a parent,
'Whatever support you might have had from me is given to God,' ...
then that person need not honor their parent.
You make void the word of God. Hypocrites!
Isaiah prophesied right when he said:
'in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines'
Matthew 15:4-9*

Mother's Day is both ancient and relatively new. Ancient pagan religions honored Rhea, the mother of the gods. Then, in the 1600's, Christians in England set aside a day to honor Mary, the mother of Christ, celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent. In time it expanded to include all mothers and was named "Mothering Sunday." However, over time, the holiday was no longer celebrated.

Later, in the United States, a day of celebration loosely inspired by the British *Mothering Sunday* was instituted by Julia Ward Howe, who wrote *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*. Howe worked to set aside a day to proclaim peace, known as *A Mother's Day for Peace*. Celebrated annually on June 2, the holiday was meant to honor peace, motherhood, and womanhood.

Toward the end of the 19th century, a woman by the name of Anna Jarvis came up with another idea for this day. Jarvis - a social activist and a woman of faith - said ... *I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will found a memorial mothers' day commemorating (mothers) for the matchless service she renders to humanity in every field of life. She is entitled to it.* As a result of her efforts, Mother's Day as we celebrate it today - was first celebrated on May 10, 1908, at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, at a church service honoring Jarvis' mother.

While this custom caught on throughout the U.S., it wasn't until May 7, 1914, that a formal resolution was passed by Congress, which set aside the second Sunday of May as a national holiday celebrating mothers.

In Matthew's Gospel, we hear Jesus quoting the 4th commandment to show people that it is actually a form of worship for us to honor our parents. But, as usual, Jesus turned things upside down and expanded the meaning to make a point for the religious leaders of his day.

Greedy religious leaders told the people that it was okay to give to the synagogue instead of taking care of their parents' needs. Jesus said that the prophet Isaiah called this "vain worship" because these leaders acted as if they had the authority to modify the word of God. He told them that they only worshipped God with their lips, not with their hearts.

The 4th commandment recognizes the importance of the parent-child relationship. And, just as good and loving parents take care of, guide, and love their children as they grow up, as parents get older and may become unable to care for themselves. If that happens, it is God's desire that we - their children - continue to love, care for, and *honor* our parents.

It's not always easy, of course. Parents can sometimes be a challenge for their children, just as children often are a challenge for their parents 😊. But despite the challenges, we do our best to lovingly care for the parents who once lovingly cared for us, being a faithful presence when they need us. In this way - through our love - we truly *honor* our parents, and we honor God.

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Continued, From the Pastor...

So this Mother's Day let us worship God with *our lips and our hearts* by honoring all who have been faithful and loving *mothers* - by birth, by adoption by fostering, by example or mentoring, in strength and in gentleness. Let's honor all the women who held us when we hurt, picked us up when we fell, supported us when we failed, celebrated our joys, and shared their love with us.

Here's a prayer for **all** the special "mothers" in our lives, as we thank God for each & every one!

Loving God, we pray:

for those coming to terms with new motherhood ;

for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;

for mothers who are tired, stressed or depressed;

for those struggling to balance work and family;

for those unable to feed their child due to poverty;

for those who raise children on their own;

for those whose children have special needs;

for those who have children they struggle to love;

for those who have lost a child;

for those whose children have left home;

for those whose hope to be a mother is not fulfilled

for those who teach, mentor, inspire, comfort, love, and care for the children of others.

*Bless all mothers and those that offer a mother's care,
that their love may be deep, tender, and true. Amen.*

God's peace! Pastor Maria



God's Radical Hospitality!

His name is Bill. He has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans, and no shoes. This was his basic wardrobe for all four years of college.

He is brilliant. Kind of profound and very, very bright. He became a Christian while attending college.

Across the street from the campus is a well-dressed, very conservative church. They want to develop a ministry to the students but are not sure how to go about it.

One day Bill decides to go there. He walks in with no shoes, jeans, T-shirt, and wild hair. The service has already started and so Bill starts down the aisle looking for a seat.

The church is packed and Bill can't find a seat. By now, people are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything.

Bill gets closer and closer to the pulpit, and when he realizes there are no seats, he just squats down right on the carpet.

By now the people are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick.

About this time, the minister realizes that from way at the back of the church, the head usher is slowly making his way toward Bill.

Now the head usher is in his eighties and walks with a cane. He has silver-gray hair, and always wears a suit and tie to church. A Godly man, he is very dignified.

As he starts walking toward the college student, the parishioners are thinking to themselves that you can't blame him for what he's going to do. How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid on the floor?

It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy. The church is completely silent except for the clicking of the man's cane. All eyes are focused on him. The pastor is even waiting to begin his sermon, unsure what the head usher is going to do.

As the parishioners watch, they see this dignified, elderly gentleman drop his cane on the floor. Then, with great difficulty, he lowers himself to the floor, and sits down next to Bill ... and he worships with him so he won't be alone.

Everyone is filled with emotion.

When the minister regains control of his own emotions, he says ... "What I'm about to preach, you may never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget."

Amen.

Remember...

Be aware of how you live. You may be the only "Jesus" some people will ever see!



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SUNDAY WORSHIP ON ZOOM

Our Sunday morning worship will continue live via Zoom at 9:30 every week, including the Sundays when there is outdoor worship. The Service via Zoom is also recorded and posted on our [YouTube channel](#) the next day (St. Paul's Lutheran Church Wethersfield). The Service can be accessed using the Zoom link below. The Sunday morning email also includes the link and the bulletin for the Worship Service.

Topic: St. Paul's Worship Service

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81792344024?pwd=RHQxQ0NEZ0NnWGVEbzhIV2dqQmY1QT09>

Meeting ID: 817 9234 4024

Passcode: 440898

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location 1 929 205 6099 US (New York)



After Sunday worship via Zoom

Join us for a Virtual Coffee Hour and fellowship on Zoom following our Sunday morning service. The link to the service can be used for the coffee hour too!

REOPENING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Committee continues to watch the latest data from the CT Department of Health. The team is meeting again on April 29th to review the latest information and make a recommendation to Council. As of now, we will hold outdoor worship on the first and third Sundays when Wethersfield is in the orange zone. As of April 22nd, we are in the red zone. We are prepared for outdoor worship as soon as it is deemed safe to gather. You can keep up-to-date using the link below:

The Connecticut COVID data tracker which identifies the different zones can be found at <https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-data-tracker>

Please watch the weekly emails for updates. If you have questions, please call Dick Agne, chairman of the reopening committee.

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MAY GOSPEL READINGS

May 2nd:

John 15: 1-8

May 9th:

John 15: 9-17

May 16th:

John 17: 6-19

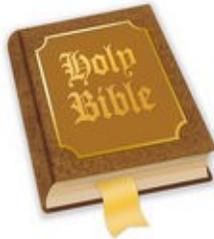
May 23rd: **PENTECOST**

John 15: 26-27

John 16: 4b-15

May 30th: **HOLY TRINITY**

John 3: 1-17



GOD'S PEOPLE IN SERVICE THIS MONTH

(Reader for Lesson and Prayers)

May 2nd: Irene Braren

May 9th: Carol Bruce

May 16th: Susan Agne

May 23rd: Mary Procyk

May 30th Joy Hansen

LEADING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES IN MAY

May 2nd: Pastor Maria

May 9th: Pastor David Grafton

May 16th: Pastor Maria

May 23rd: Pastor Maria

May 30th: TBA



A Note of Thanks to the St. Paul's Family

My family and I send our sincere thanks to the St. Paul's family for your prayers and well wishes during our recent encounter with COVID-19. Both Olivia and her father Jason ended up facing relatively mild respiratory symptoms after receiving their diagnoses, while Lindsey and I were able to avoid symptoms and, of course, a positive diagnosis.

Not only did your prayers catch the hearts and grace of Heaven, but they filled us with the comfort that this fellowship of believers so generously shares. Thank you to everyone who reached out to us with your support.

Sincerely,
Jerry Vaillancourt



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Sunday school continues with joint Church Virtual Sunday School and Pastor Maria's children's sermons - both can be found on St. Paul's YouTube channel so families can watch them at their convenience. St. Paul's is scheduled to lead one of the Virtual Sunday School lessons on May 23rd. The lesson's theme is Ice Cream. We will learn about the sweetness of the Bible using ice cream. Help is needed so we can put our video together. Please let Pastor Maria know if you can help.

Thank you
Kim Parsons, Julie Perry, Alice Ruppap



DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE **JUNE** EPISTLE

Articles are due by **MAY 23RD**.
Please send them to me at:

susanagne@yahoo.com

Thank you!



WE RECEIVED A MESSAGE ABOUT LOUISE

Middlewoods of Newington did a great job the past year in keeping residents, staff and family safe throughout all the ups and downs of the pandemic. The community adjusted to the new rules and restrictions that were necessary to keep everyone healthy and in continued good spirits.

My mom is doing well and is now enjoying visitors inside her apartment. She is happy that conversations behind a window are behind her, and is keeping busy with spring activities.

Our family is looking forward to celebrating her 96th birthday on May 7.

Lisa (Louise's daughter)

If you would like to send Louise a card for her birthday, here is her address:

MRS. LOUISE LOSTOCCO
MIDDLEWOODS
2125 MAIN STREET
NEWINGTON, CT 06111



TRANSITION TIMES

Dear Friends in Christ...

Following our Holy History events during February and March, the congregation reflected on the historical connections and trends as St. Paul's moved through the decades. As one person noted in respect to how clear these connections were, "as history goes, so does St. Paul's". We came up with key words and phrases that seem to characterize St. Paul's journey as a congregation over these decades. These reflections will be used as part of St. Paul's Ministry Site Profile used to call your new pastor.

[A Special Congregational Transition meeting was also held on Sunday, April 25th.](#)

Unfortunately, timing is everything and this newsletter article has to be submitted before the meeting so updates will be available in the next *Epistle*. At this meeting we will review the summary of the "hopes and concerns" conversations from the 11 small group meetings and earlier large group meeting which were included in the April *Epistle*. I'll be asking if there is anything that seemed surprising. This will lead into a conversation about the gift of healthy and faithful communications – how disagreements, even conflict – when done in a respectful way, can actually lead to growth in relationships and ministries. We will also kick off the CAT - the Congregational Assessment Tool - to see how your results have changed since you took it 18 months ago in the Fall of 2019 before Pastor Hugh retired and before the transition process started. This will be especially important when it comes to filling out the Ministry Site Profile. That said, **please watch for special emails regarding the CAT** that invite you to fill it out online (paper copies will be provided for those without access to technology). If you did not receive your CAT by the time you read this article, please contact the Church Office or Pastor Maria.

Things really start to pick up now as far as our transition work together! **We're going to have two Special Congregational Transition meetings in May and, again, in June. The May dates are Sunday, May 2nd and May 23rd** - both immediately following our 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Please mark your calendar!

At the May 2nd meeting we'll begin to talk about St. Paul's future, including what you have learned about yourselves as the people of St. Paul's during the pandemic. We'll reflect on what you were able to accomplish during this challenging time, some of which you did without a building. Are there things you learned that you don't want to lose; thing you tried that you don't want to let go of? How might this experience call you to be the Church in a new way? Are there opportunities to explore inviting more diversity, committing to radical hospitality? How do you want St. Paul's to be known in the community? What kind of gifts do you need most in your new pastor? What does your future look like?

At the May 23rd meeting, Associate to the Bishop Pastor Sara Anderson will be joining us to interpret and discuss the results from the CAT, to explain the call process in detail, and to answer any questions parishioners may have as we prepare to move into the call process!

It's an exciting time to be God's people at St. Paul's! Please save the dates and join us!

With prayers for the journey! Pastor Maria

A sign of God is that you will be led,
where you did not intend to go.

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Transition Process Timeline 2020-2021 St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wethersfield Connecticut

October 25	Congregational Town Meeting (following worship on zoom) 1. Detailed Explanation of Transition Process; Q&A 2. General Description of Call Process
November 22	Congregational Town Meeting 1. Beginning of Conversation - <i>Where is God Leading Us?</i> 2. Sharing our Hopes & Dreams ... Concerns & Fears
December	Merry Christmas! God bless us, everyone!
January 2021	Council meeting – approve Transition Team <i>Commission Transition Team at Worship on February 7th</i>
January 17	Congregational Town Meeting <i>Let's talk about the CAT ... What does it tell us? What do we need to do?</i>
January - March	Small Group meetings (over zoom)
February 28	Holy History Event Part 1
March 21	Holy History Event Part 2
April	Herding CATs ... Let's Check for Change
April 25	Conflict & Communications Conversation & The CAT Summary of Hopes-Dreams/Concerns-Fears CAT retake & explanation; Parishioners begin to fill out CAT - both online & paper, with assistance available, as needed (Transition Team will enter data from paper submissions) - about 100 questions, takes approximately 20 minutes; allow an hour
May 2	Special Congregation Meeting: What have we learned during the Pandemic?
May 9	Last day for CAT input; send to Holy Cow – results to Synod
May 18	Council meeting – approve Call Committee (Commission May 23rd)
May 23	Pastor Sara Anderson, Associate to the Bishop - CAT Interpretation - Detailed explanation of Call Process (Q&A) - Meeting with Call Committee & Council
June 6	Bishop Hazelwood Visit – Preacher and Q&A
June 13	Congregational Gathering – Pulling it all together—the MSP * Critical for <u>all</u> ; especially Council, Transition Team, Call Committee Ministry Site Profile (MSP) Workshop (if in person, lunch provided) - Transition Team begins writing MSP using group MSPs & CAT; draft to be completed & to Council in ~2 weeks
June xx	Special Council Meeting with Transition Team to discuss/approve MSP
June 27	Special Congregational Meeting (lunch provided; One Service Sunday) - Presentation of MSP to Congregation for Discussion/Vote - Financial Discussion regarding New Pastor Package
June 28	Ministry Site Profile sent to Synod to begin Call Process Candidate Search

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IT'S TIME FOR CAT 2.0!

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ ... Grace and peace to you!

As many of you heard about in detail at our **April 25th congregational transition meeting**, we are working with *HolyCow! Consulting* for the next step of our transition process - using the Congregation Assessment Tool (**CAT**, for short). The CAT provides important information about congregational health, challenges and potential growth. It will help us collect & understand the range of views that exist in St. Paul's congregation - the possibilities, willingness, capacity, and energy for moving into the future - which will help provide the information we need to obtain a clearer picture of who you are as a faith community and how that impacts where you are being led as we move into the call process.

Some of you will remember taking the CAT back in November 2019 and wonder why you are taking it again. The reason is because there have been many changes over the last year and a half – your pastor retired, your lay leadership stepped in, you went through a year of Forward Leadership, and now eight months of an intentional transition process - not to mention a pandemic. So the purpose of this new CAT is to see how things have changed as a result of these events and the work you've done together during the transition.

As a result, the CAT has only been sent to active parishioners (and active non-parishioners) who have been involved in the transition process over these last 9 months. Please understand that this is just to ensure that your results reflect the most recent changes, so it's those who have been present and participated whose input we need at this time - ***just for the purposes of this questionnaire***. This does not in any way mean to exclude those of you who did not participate, for whatever reason, from being a part of future transition meetings. Not only are you welcome and encouraged to participate, but we truly hope you will. Finally, if you have not yet received an online link and believe that you should have, please let me know.

Paper copies have also been mailed to those parishioners who receive the Epistle by mail. If others of you feel you need to use a paper copy for the CAT, let me know and we'll get one in the mail to you immediately.

Individual input is key to gaining insight into overall perceptions and experiences. As such, please refrain from discussing the survey questions before you take the CAT. Also, ***please have each person in your household (ages 16 and over), who is active in the life of St. Paul's to complete the CAT individually.***

When you receive the CAT, please set aside enough time to ***answer all the questions in one sitting (once you begin, you can't save it and access it later)***. The assessment should take you about 20-30 minutes to complete, but allow some extra time just in case.

Please rest assured that **all survey responses are strictly anonymous**. If you use a paper copy of the CAT, please do not put your name on it. Just return it as soon as possible to the **Church Office Attn: Pastor Hammons**, in the self-addressed, stamped envelope that will be included in the mailing with your CAT. The Transition Team will ensure your input is included along with the rest of the congregation's. All responses go directly to Holy Cow Consultants, and the results are sent directly to Associate to the Bishop Pastor Sara Anderson.

Survey responses are due no later than Sunday, May 9th.

**Pastor Sara will join us for Worship & our Transition meeting on Sunday, May 23rd.
She will share your CAT results and interpret them at that time.**

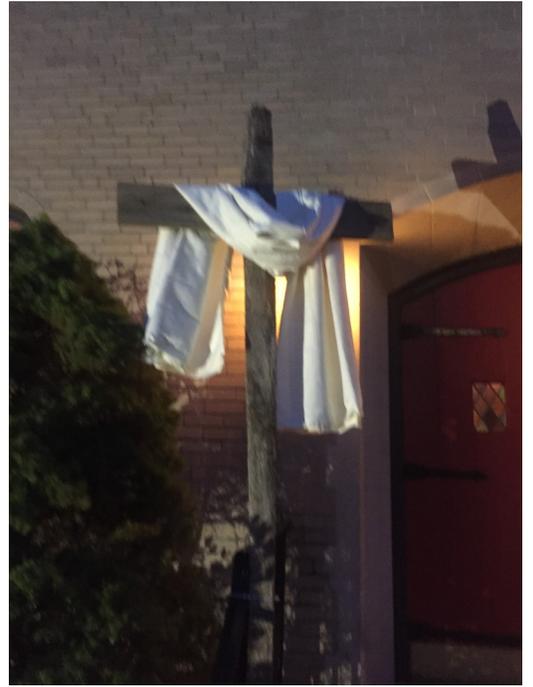
Thank you for your willingness to be a part of this congregational assessment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Hammons at pastormhammons@gmail.com, or through the Church Office.

May God bless you on this journey! *Pastor Maria*

I know not the way God leads me,
but well do I know my Guide.

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AS SEEN RECENTLY AROUND ST. PAUL'S





This month our St. Paul's food pantry could use donations of:

**COFFEE
CANNED VEGETABLES
SOUPS**

If you would prefer to make a cash donation, Jerry Hansen will do the shopping when the supply for needed items starts to run low.

Food Pantry News

St. Paul's Food Pantry, a ministry of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, along with its volunteers has had several heartwarming moments. One of these heartwarming moments was when Food Share awarded us a \$500 grant as a result of being open through the pandemic and continuing to serve our community. The grant was slated to be spent on equipment. The volunteers came together and created a wish list that included shelving, a cart, and a canopy. By the Grace of God all our wishes came true!! We invite all members of the Congregation to come by and visit our newly revamped Food Pantry!!

Another heartwarming moment was the donation of items received from two groups of teenagers from Long Island, New York. These enterprising teenagers decided to be productive during time off from school and provide donations to various food pantries. Our pantry was chosen and we couldn't be happier with the difference these teenagers made.

And last but definitely not least, our hearts were warmed, once again, by the generosity of our church members. When a plea was made in the March Epistle for donations, it was answered with an abundance of generosity. A heartfelt thanks to all of you.

It is our privilege and honor to serve the community and those in need. We look forward to being able to continue to do so. Where there is need, we are there to help.

May God's blessings be upon all of you.



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What is “Reconciling in Christ” and What Does It Mean for St. Paul’s?

During the time I have been your intentional interim pastor, one of the topics that has been raised several times – especially during our small group sessions – is how St. Paul’s can become more open and welcoming to God’s children on the margins, especially LGBTQ individuals and families.

This has become a major question – and calling – for our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), as well as for the New England Synod. And, *while you won’t begin this process formally while I am with you – we will have some preliminary conversations as part of our transition process.* Understanding that parishioners have different thoughts, concerns, and feelings across a broad spectrum – this is a process that happens over time with intentional leadership and conversation. Fortunately, we have partner organizations that help congregations with their journey.

First is the **Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program**. Since 1983, RIC has been a public way for faith communities to name, celebrate, and advocate for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions in the Lutheran church. RIC is made up of synods, congregations, colleges, seminaries, outdoor ministries, and other Lutheran organizations.

ReconcilingWorks (*a play on words, so there’s intentionally no space between the two words*) – part of the RIC program – advocates for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of LGBTQ Lutherans in all aspects of life in their Church, congregation & community. In relationships built through outreach and education, ReconcilingWorks shares Christ’s message, the Gospel, for everyone. They advocate for systemic change in policy and practice in church and society, to alleviate not only the painful symptoms of oppression but also to eliminate its root causes. We believe *reconciling works*, for the sake of the world.

The following are the vision, mission and values of the RIC Program.

OUR VISION

To keep expanding the welcome, liberating those who are forced to live in the margins.

To keep dismantling barriers and building bridges.

To keep working until all of God’s beloved have equity.

OUR MISSION

ReconcilingWorks advocates for the acceptance, full participation, and liberation of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions within the Lutheran Church.

OUR VALUES

We believe that God values and embraces each person as a beloved child, that the Spirit gives a diversity of gifts for the common good, and that Jesus Christ calls us to work for justice.

Every ministry setting begins this journey from their own unique context and ReconcilingWorks is here to help you create an authentic welcome journey that is customized to your community.

Our other faithful partner is **Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (ELM)**. Many of you have met the Executive Director of ELM, Pastor Amanda Gerken-Nelson, who has supplied for our Sunday Worship on zoom.

ELM affirms and supports LGBTQ Lutheran rostered leaders and those pursuing a call to rostered leadership, while engaging allied congregations and ministries to proclaim God’s love and seek justice for all.

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What is “Reconciling in Christ” and What Does It Mean for St. Paul’s?

When the ELCA voted in August of 2009 to open its ministry policies to partnered gay and lesbian pastors, some wondered if ELM would end its work. Far from feeling it was time to close their doors; ELM concluded that by creating a network for publicly-identified LGBTQ rostered leaders, they could participate in changing the church and transforming society. Furthermore, ELM is positioned to provide much needed support to LGBTQ people seeking to become rostered leaders in the Lutheran church. LGBTQ people know what it is like to be on the margins of the church. Through their ministry, LGBTQ rostered leaders are poised to offer an evangelical outreach to many and to work alongside others longing to be connected to a church that truly welcomes all. Lastly, ELM identified a need for a deeper engagement with congregations and ministries committed to the visible ministry of LGBTQ rostered leaders.

ELM’s Visions statement is:

Freed and compelled by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to proclaim God’s love and seek justice for all, ELM envisions a church where all can serve God according to their callings.

If you’d like to read more about RIC or ELM ministries – you can access their websites at:

RIC and ReconcilingWorks <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/>

ELM <https://www.elm.org/>

This could truly be a beautiful and faith-filled journey for St. Paul’s, as long as you take the time needed to work through it TOGETHER in a healthy and faithful way - listening to each other carefully and listening for God’s guidance, with open hearts and minds, and lots of prayer.

With prayers for the journey!
Pastor Maria

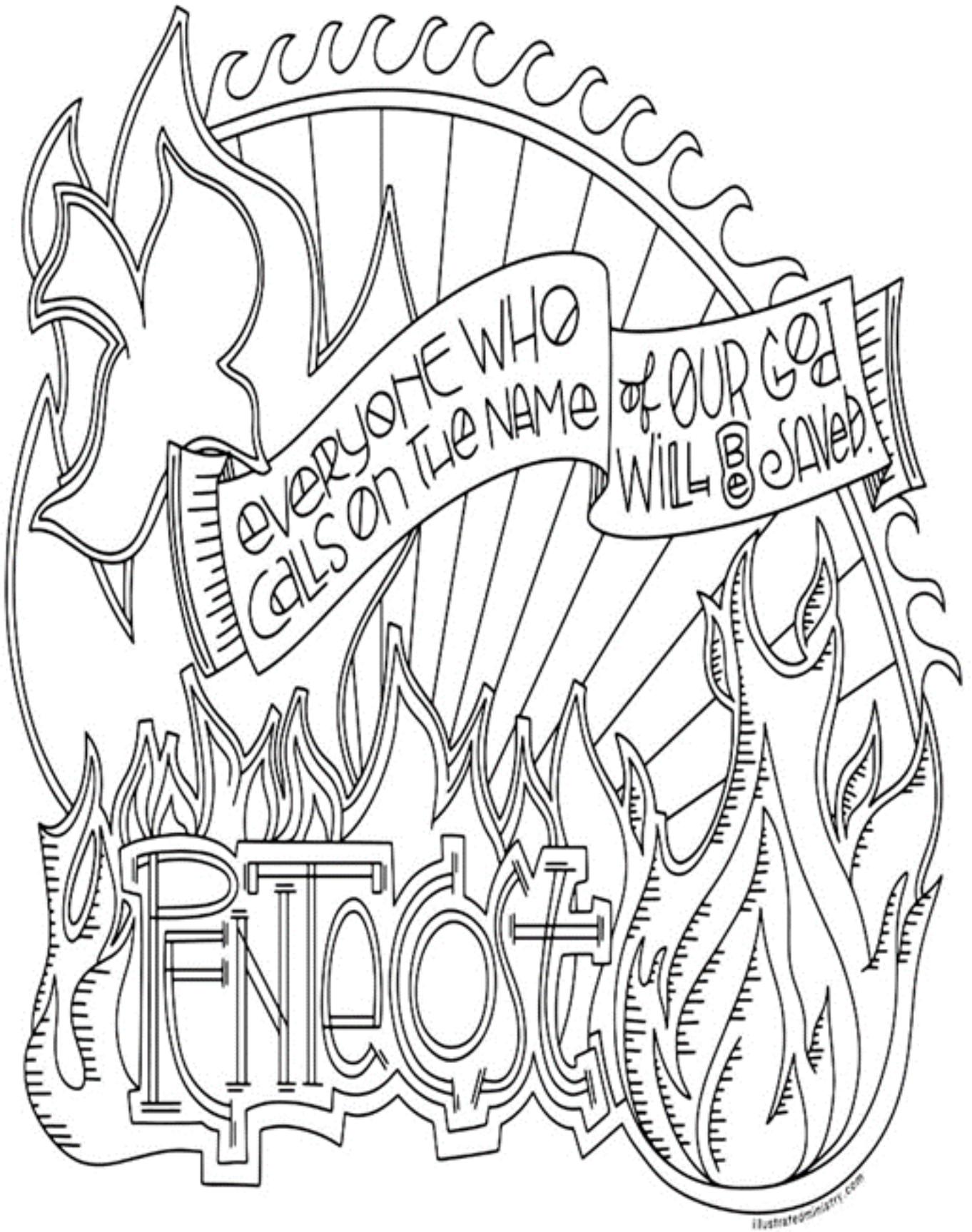


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BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

**And they were all filled
with the Holy Ghost, and
began to speak with other
tongues, as the Spirit gave
them utterance.**

—Acts 2:4



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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29:30 Zoom Worship Special Congregational Transition Meeting after Worship	3	4 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING 7:00PM	5	6 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	7	8
9 9:30 Zoom Worship & Coffee Fellowship Happy Mother's Day!	10 Last day to submit your CAT 	11 WORSHIP AND MUSIC 7:00 PM	12 CONFIRMATION 5:00 PM	13 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	14	15
16 9:30 Zoom Worship Followed by Special Congregation Meeting about Parking Lot	17	18 COUNCIL MEETING 7:00PM	19	20 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	21	22
23 Pentecost! 9:30 Zoom Worship with Assoc to Bishop Sara Anderson, and Special Congregation meeting	24	25	26 CONFIRMATION 5:00 PM	27 FOOD PANTRY 10:00-1:00	28	29
30 9:30 Zoom Worship & Coffee Fellowship	31 Prayers & Blessings on this Memorial Day!					

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

PRETZEL SALAD

Becky Quackenbush
Lesley Marcoux

2 cups crushed pretzels
4 T. sugar
1 3/4 cups melted butter
8 oz. cream cheese
1 cup sugar

16 oz. Cool Whip
6 oz. strawberry jello
1 3/4 cups boiling water
10 oz. frozen strawberries

Mix together first three ingredients and press into a 9x13 pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 8 minutes. Cool. Beat together cream cheese and sugar, then fold in Cool Whip. Spread on the crust when the crust has cooled. Combine jello and water. When cool, add strawberries. Allow it to congeal a little. Add to cream cheese layer.



A Correction to a Recipe in the March Epistle:

Annie French said that the flour used in the Sweet Rolls recipe does not need to be sifted. It is not necessary to sift flour when baking bread.

Thanks, Annie, for sharing this with us!

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