

MESSENGER

MARCH 2021

Welcome back to in-person worship

We are excited to announce the return to in-person Sunday worship!

Beginning Sunday, March 7th we will be back in the building for Sunday morning worship at 9:00. Covid-19 is still a very real threat but infection rates in Livingston and the surrounding counties has returned to a level where we are able to gather in our church building.

Please remember to follow all the Covid-19 protocols, including wearing a mask whenever you are in the building, proper hand hygiene, and most importantly; staying home if you feel even the slightest bit unwell. It will take



Easter Lily Order Form 2021

Please complete this form and return it to the office by March 25th. Price per lily is \$10.

Your name _____

Number of Lilies _____

Please print your dedications below. Please use the back of this form if you need more space.

- In memory of _____
- In honor of _____
- To the Glory of God.

Pastor's Pen

A very cold February is departing and March arrives with the hope of Spring. Not coincidentally, "Lent" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon words *lencten* and *lenctentid*, meaning "Spring" and "Springtide" respectively. This also gives a sense of what Lent is intended to be about: preparation for new life in Jesus Christ our Lord by confronting our sin, deepening our devotion, and ordering our lives to best follow Him.

With this in mind, I am happy to announce a few things. First, as long as the county COVID-19 positivity rate remains below 5%, we will resume socially distanced, masked worship on March 7th. Wear your mask (consider doubling up), sanitize your hands, and gather for 9AM worship. We will continue with online worship, and I am pleased to say we have added this feature to our website, stpaulsdansville.org, meaning those without Facebook accounts can engage our service.

Second, beginning Wednesday, March 10, we will have an Adult Forum in a hybrid setting: a handful (preferably 10) will gather in person at St. Peter's fellowship hall for a class that will be streamed via the Zoom app to those who wish to connect from elsewhere. This 15-session course will meet every other week for 15 sessions. The topic is "Simply Jesus," and we will take an in-depth look at the life and context of Jesus Christ, aided by the scholar bishop N. T. Wright. All you need is a Bible, and we

will announce the assigned reading one week in advance to give you plenty of time to prepare.

Third, we have planned worship opportunities for Holy Week provided the county positivity rate remains below 5%. The Palm Sunday procession is back this year on March 28, as is the Good Friday Cross Walk at noon on April 2. That will be followed by a Good Friday service at 7PM. We anticipate having at least one in-person Easter service. Details on that service will be released once approved by Council.

Speaking of Council, with their approval the Youth Group will resume safe gatherings in March. Stay tuned for additional announcements once the volunteers have completed their planning for this.

We are a year into the pandemic, and while we absolutely are not out of the woods yet, I have cautiously moved my attitude from "holy optimism" to "informed excitement." Yes, positivity rates could rise again and derail our most optimistic planning. Yes, new strains of the virus could set us back a bit. Therefore, please continue to wear your mask, practice safe physical distancing procedures, and schedule your vaccination as soon as you are able. That will help set us up for success for the remainder of the year, as Winter yields to Springtime, and Lent prepares us for resurrection and revival.

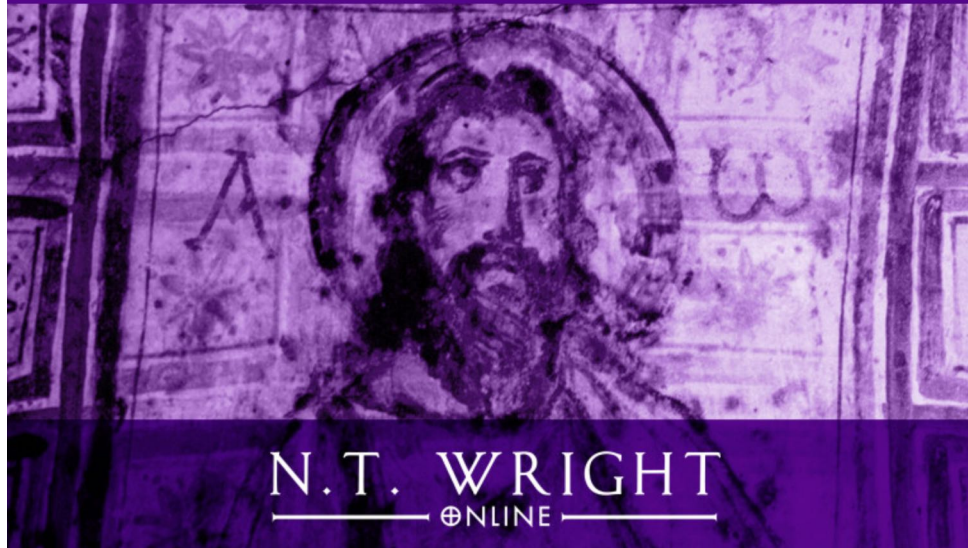


SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEW: ADULT FORUM

SIMPLY + JESUS

Prepare to be immersed in the 1st Century A.D. context of the life, work, teachings, and actions of Jesus of Nazareth.



*Every other Wednesday starting March 10, at 7PM.
at St. Peter's Fellowship Hall AND Online via Zoom.*



MARCH DATES

@ FAMILY LAUNDROMAT 20 FRANKLIN ST

3/6/21 8:30 TO 11:30

3/8/21 4:00 TO 7:00

3/20/21 8:30 TO 11:30

3/22/21 4:00 TO 7:00

***DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS!
MARCH 14TH DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS.***

Maundy Thursday

A service will be live-streamed at 7pm on April 1st.

Cross Walk

The Annual DAMA Cross Walk will be held in Church Park at 12pm on April 2nd.

Good Friday

A service will be held at St Paul's and live-streamed at 7pm on April 2nd.

MARCH CALENDAR

Standing Schedule

Sunday 9AM	Worship
March 10 & 24	Adult Forum
Tuesday-Thursday, 8AM-11AM	Office Hours

Dates to Remember

Sun., March 14	Daylight Savings Ends
Sun., March 28	Palm Sunday
Mon. March 22	Newsletter Deadline

2020 POINSETTIA DONATIONS



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