

4-16-20

Dear beloved members and guests of St. Paul,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

As we celebrate Christ's bodily resurrection, may it sustain us in this next month of whatever you might be going through in your life. He is still in control. He still loves you. He will use this short period in our history to equip us with more perseverance, Christian character, and hope ([Romans 5:1-11](#))!

Here are our newest updates in light of Wisconsin's newest mandates:

### **Worship**

Please go online to [splgrafton.org](http://splgrafton.org) or check out our [St. Paul Lutheran Church, Grafton, WI Facebook Page](#) or [Vimeo Page](#) for virtual services. For those who are unable to access us online, please inform St. Paul if you or someone you know needs a DVD of our service(s) sent to them. Please call us at 262-377-4659.

We understand that this is difficult and terribly frustrating for all of us. Pray. Pray. Pray. We promise that when we are able to reassemble together in worship that we will enjoy a celebratory worship service with Holy Communion.

### **Communion**

Based on a document from our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and in consultation with our South WI District ([swd.lcms.org](http://swd.lcms.org)) we will need to wait until we can gather together again publicly to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Until this is possible, please enjoy God's Word as a Means of Grace and your baptismal identity as another. Pray this pandemic ends so that we can worship publicly together as soon as possible and commune together.

Note: If there is an exception (extreme spiritual need) to this Lord's Supper guideline prior to our corporate worship together, please contact [Pastor Kruse](#) or [Pastor Anderson](#).

### **Prayers**

If you have a prayer request or need please send it to [prayers@splgrafton.org](mailto:prayers@splgrafton.org).

We love praying for you, your loved ones, or those on your heart/mind!

### **Offerings**

For members/guests so moved by the Lord to give an offering, here are the same-old timeless words of Biblical encouragement. First, trust the Lord and thank Him for your daily bread. Second, if you are making less than you were, give in response to the blessings God gives to you. If you are making more, give in response to the blessings God gives to you. Prayerfully consider how to joyfully give firstfruit offerings with a thankful heart in proportion to how God provides for you.

You may give via electronic giving or through mailing in your offering or dropping it off in a designated, secure slot inside the front entrance to our church. **Thank you for your Christian love, words of encouragement and also financial support for the ministry and mission of St. Paul.**

### **#LIVES4JESUS**

As we worship online with one another and deepen our faith in Jesus, it is equally important to respond in our faith by continually putting our faith into practice by loving one another. Let's be a beacon of light and share the love of Christ with those God places in our lives. Sometimes that is in the little things we do for those in our household, for elderly parents, or friends, or for those in our respective communities. Other times we can partner together to help, like the request below.

We have been in contact with the Grafton, Saukville, and Port Washington Food Pantries and they have specific food needs. We will have drop-off containers inside St. Paul's carport entrance between 8am-3pm Monday through Friday if you want to drop-off food items at St. Paul (which we will then deliver).

We will collect from Friday, April 17 through Monday, April 27. If you feel more comfortable donating food directly to the pantries, the addresses and needs are included below:

**Family Sharing**

1002 Overland Court  
Grafton, WI 53024

Needs:

Spaghetti Sauce  
Pasta Noodles  
Instant Potatoes  
Canned Soup (tomato, chicken noodle, vegetable based)

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**Food Pantry, Inc.**

166 W. Dekora St.  
Saukville, WI 53080  
Located in the lower level of Parkside Community United Church of Christ

Needs:

Toilet Paper  
Spam  
Canned Chicken  
Corn Beef Hash  
Chunky Style Soups  
Canned Fruit  
Pasta Sauce  
Brownie or Cake Mixes  
Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, etc.)

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**The Food Pantry of Port Washington**

1800 N. Wisconsin St  
Port Washington, WI 53074

Needs:

Canned Fruit or Fruit Cups  
Rice-a-Roni  
Pancake Mix  
Syrup  
Jam/Jelly  
Snack Pudding Cups  
Graham Crackers  
Goldfish