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The Vineyard

Paul's Epistle

With all of the extra Worship info for this month, I just wanted to say that we are planning some in-home, video led Christian Education sessions for our Children. If you have ideas or would like to share in planning or presentation, please be in touch with me. We will likely be dropping off supplies to children's homes, so I will be contacting families to schedule a good drop off time.

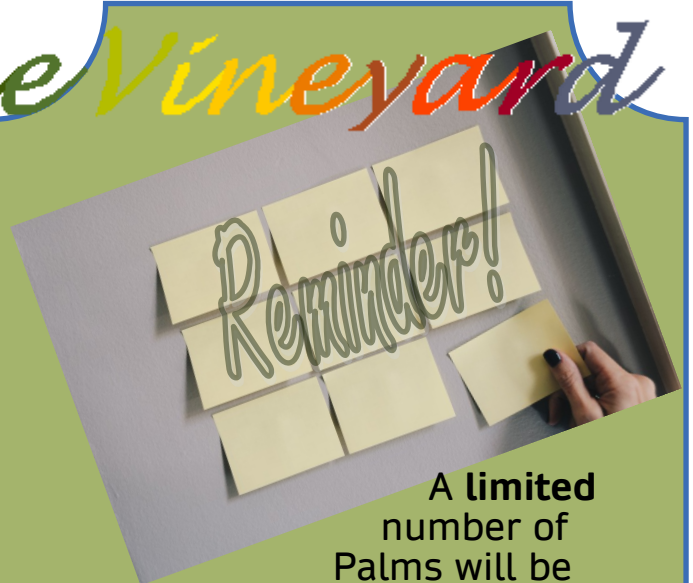
As much as all of us are looking forward, with bated breath, to the time when we can drop all Covid restrictions, we still need to maintain safety for all of our members and friends. Patience is a virtue, and we have all been learning more patience than we ever thought possible. We will return to community, and God will be present!

In Service to the King,

Pastor Paul

Pastoral Emergencies

In the event of an **emergency requiring pastoral support**, please contact Pastor Paul directly by phone [610.217.9717] or email [muccpastor@comcast.net].



A limited number of Palms will be available in the vestibule of the Church Office on Thursday **afternoon** & Friday, March 25th & 26th. They will also be distributed during the worship service on Sunday. Remaining palms will be available again in the vestibule of the Church Office. **First-come / first served.**



As part of an effort to review and adapt to how the recent pandemic has impacted our worship and our staff, Church Council approved the following personnel changes at its March meeting.

The New position of Worship Technology & Media Manager has been created. Emily Frantz will be holding this position. She has been performing this role for most of the last year. We are very thankful to have Emily in this position. She has worked very hard to make our online footprint the best it can be during this time.

In order to make room for this new position in our budget and Emily's schedule there had to be a few changes.

Staff Updates

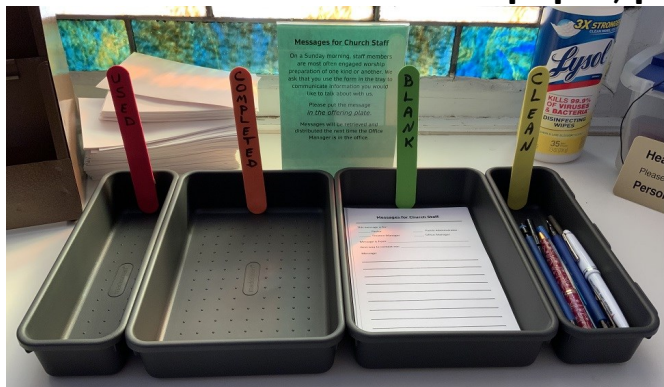
First, the Choir Director position Emily Frantz holds has been eliminated since we no longer have a choir or see one forming in the near future. Second, the Parish Administrator position Emily also holds will still exist but will have reduced responsibilities and hours. The last change is to the Organist Position currently held by Mark Herr.

Sunday Morning Messages

Although it seems to be convenient, Sunday before worship is not a good time to try to engage church staff in conversation. Preparation of different kinds is happening. The possibility of remembering details of a conversation is reduced. It would be helpful for the staff to receive written messages. On the window sill where the devotional booklets are kept, there are containers with note paper, pens, and pencils.

Leave staff a message; it will read the next

It will no longer be a salaried position but instead has been changed to a contractor position. We give great thanks to Mark for his willingness to work with us during these ever-changing times. Mark will still be using his wonderful gifts and playing for us on Sundays. This change however will give both Mark and our Church more flexibility with our worship services. If you have any questions please contact Jeremy Zimmerman. He is the current VP on Council and is charge of the personnel roles and responsibilities.



Holy Week Happenings

April 1: Maundy Thursday
In Person Worship & Live stream 7:30 pm
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sermon: By This They Will Know
Scripture: John 13:1-17, 31b-35
At this Remembrance of our Lord's last night with his disciples, we hear of the Servanthood of Jesus and learn how we can be servants to one another and so fulfill God's call in our lives.

April 2: Good Friday
Live stream only 11:00 am
Our Good Friday Service of Worship will be live streamed only. It will be a recording of members of the Congregation sharing the last 7 Words of Jesus, a brief meditation, and Order for Tenebrae. If you would enjoy in-person worship, we have been invited to join Friedens Lutheran at 7:00pm for their Good Friday Service.

April 4—Easter Sunday
In Person Worship & Live stream 9:00 am
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sermon: What Came First?
Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34
John 20:1-18
The celebration of Easter . . . the Joy, the exuberance, the promise, and the hope! We are the children of God who have experienced and continue to experience this blessing. But who is left out? Who is on the margins of life and have not been touched by the power of resurrection? And how can we include them?



April 11: Second Sunday of Easter
In Person Worship & Live stream 9:00 am
Sermon: All Together Now
Scripture: Acts 4:32-35
1 John 1:1-2:2

Acts paints a portrait of a community transformed by the power of God's sacrificial love. Empowered and emboldened to share the gifts of God in transforming ways. What can we learn about living in loving community from this early group of believers?

April 18: Third Sunday of Easter
In Person Worship & Live stream 9:00 am
Sermon: Transformation Healing
Scripture: Acts 3:1-19

The power of resurrection goes beyond the promise of eternal life. It speaks to our and now and transforming the barriers that keep us from the abundant life Jesus promised us, and the Spirit fulfills!

April 25: Fourth Sunday of Easter
In Person Worship & Live stream 9:00 am
Sermon: One Flock -- One Shepherd
Scripture: John 10:11-18

We have a Shepherd, who loves and knows us, who protects us and provides for us. We are a flock, united all around the globe as the flock of the One and True Shepherd. When we look to that Shepherd, follow the guidance provided, listen to the instructions and the love behind them, we will be blessed.

"Easter World" background
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April Worship



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Dear Prayer Partners,

Greetings in Jesus name. I trust this e-mail finds you being sheltered by God's amazing Grace. Agnes and I are as always thankful to God for his grace, faithfulness and goodness. We are also grateful to God for your faithfulness in advancing his global kingdom, both near and far. We thank God for the privilege of serving him here in Kenya, encouraged by your partnership with

us in the ministry of training leaders of integrity.

Thank you so much for allowing God to use you to minister to us in many ways. For the past five years, we and our community have enjoyed the blessing of clean drinking water through the well (borehole) which God provided for us in 2016. For your information, we have had problems with the meter at the well. For instance we have not been able to pump water for the last four weeks! We have followed the matter with Kenya Power until ten days ago when they told us that such meters are not available. According to them, we should not expect to get our meter replaced in the foreseeable future! In fact, this issue has been recurring for several years, affecting so many people. We have consulted the company with whom we have a contract for maintenance of the well. Their advice is that our only hope is to have solar power installed in order to solve the problem. We thought of sharing this problem with you because we know that God used some of you to provide the well for us and our people in the village. For your information, the cost of a solar power project is estimated at \$ 6,400-6,500. So far, God has provided approximately \$ 4,000 for which we are grateful. Thus, we still need the rest of the amount urgently. Please pray that God will intervene in this need because it seems like the electricity meter phenomenon is out of the picture, meaning that we and our people in the village will be unable to use the much needed commodity! If God leads you to donate some funds for this project, please do so through Grace Community Church, Herndon, PA. We sent you details in Summer of 2020. May God continue to bless and uphold you all with his righteous right hand.

Your friends in Christ,
Julius and Agnes



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THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

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1	Matthew 25:31-46	Numbers 32-34	Job 2
2	Matthew 26:1-25	Numbers 35-36	Job 3
3	Matthew 26:26-46	Deuteronomy 1-2	Job 4
4	Matthew 26:47-75	Deuteronomy 3-4	Job 5
5	Matthew 27:1-31	Deuteronomy 5-6	Job 6
6	Matthew 27:32-66	Deuteronomy 7-8	Job 7
7	Matthew 28	Deuteronomy 9-10	Job 8
8	Acts 1	Deuteronomy 11-12	Job 9
9	Acts 2:1-13	Deuteronomy 13-14	Job 10
10	Acts 2:14-47	Deuteronomy 15-16	Job 11
11	Acts 3	Deuteronomy 17-18	Job 12
12	Acts 4:1-22	Deuteronomy 19-20	Job 13
13	Acts 4:23-37	Deuteronomy 21-22	Job 14
14	Acts 5:1-16	Deuteronomy 23-24	Job 15
15	Acts 5:17-42	Deuteronomy 25-27	Job 16
16	Acts 6	Deuteronomy 28	Job 17
17	Acts 7:1-22	Deuteronomy 29-30	Job 18
18	Acts 7:23-8:1a	Deuteronomy 31-32	Job 19
19	Acts 8:1b-25	Deuteronomy 33-34	Job 20
20	Acts 8:26-40	Joshua 1-2	Job 21
21	Acts 9:1-25	Joshua 3:1-5:1	Job 22
22	Acts 9:26-43	Joshua 5:2-6:27	Job 23
23	Acts 10:1-33	Joshua 7-8	Job 24
24	Acts 10:34-48	Joshua 9-10	Job 25
25	Acts 11:1-18	Joshua 11-12	Job 26
26	Acts 11:19-30	Joshua 13-14	Job 27
27	Acts 12	Joshua 15-17	Job 28
28	Acts 13:1-25	Joshua 18-19	Job 29
29	Acts 13:26-52	Joshua 20-21	Job 30
30	Acts 14	Joshua 22	Job 31



- 6 Helen Lausch
- Arlene Linn
- 7 Marie Hibshman
- 9 William Arnold
- David Winters
- 10 Eleanor Schnoke
- 11 Dustin Noll
- 12 Donald Uhrich
- 15 Annamarie Behm
- 16 Erin Harris
- 17 Michael Ebersole
- 19 Angela Bicher
- David Rittle
- Leah Rosen

- 25 Susan Herr
- Glen 'Bud' Mitstifer
- 27 Elwood Schnoke
- 28 Ellen Goodyear

NOTE: If your name is missing, please contact the church office and provide the month, day and year.



Shhh! We won't tell anyone the year.
Honest!



Being able to hear everything during a worship services has been a desire for many folks. Did you ever want to know more about the church sound system? Sometimes you push a button while at others you move a slider. We are offering a **free** opportunity to learn how it works. All we ask in return is for some time on a Sunday morning—not every week—just here and there. Interested? Contact the church office.