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PASTOR'S PEACE

A new year begins, filled with both challenges and hopes. One of the biggest challenges remains in simply coping with the COVID pandemic. Among our hopes are the encouraging prospects for vaccine distribution which is already reaching Michigan's health care workers, as well as senior care and nursing care places.

A day before Christmas I was talking by phone with one of our church members who has recently moved to the Masonic Home in Alma. She reported that the residents were scheduled to receive the vaccine the Tuesday after Christmas. Everyone had signed up for it, which she was happy to see. With her usual wit, this 90 year-old-plus member described the opportunity to receive the vaccine as "a big shot in the arm!" I agree. It's a big morale booster. When the time comes, I'll be glad when the vaccine is available for folks like me and the rest of our congregation. It's a shot in the arm I'll be glad to take, even if it has to be taken twice over to be complete.

Of course, we still have a long winter ahead. Vaccine or not, all the precautions we have been taking are as important as ever. While we will be resuming on site worship services in the sanctuary this month, along with our usual livestreaming on Facebook, masking, social distancing, and coordinated ushering from the pews will remain as important as ever. As part of our moral and spiritual commitment to each other, we want to help ensure everyone stays as safe as possible. Without giving ourselves over to the sin of undue pride, our precautions have been rigorous and commendable. We even kept it up for the indoor and outdoor Christmas Eve services, which proceeded without a hitch. We will do the same for the annual congregational meeting which will be held after the 10 a.m. worship service on January 31.

I am personally looking forward to a return to on-site Confirmation classes for our 8th and 9th graders which we have been zooming for the past several weeks. As before, we'll be meeting in our upstairs Christian Education with masking and plenty of space between everyone maintained. Our Christian Education program on Sunday mornings is doing the same. Whenever possible, it's important to get

back to normal. Our kids certainly need the socialization, just as the rest of us do if it can be managed without harm.

In this midst of this prolonged pandemic, it's natural to wonder where God is in all this. However, the answer is not difficult to find. As we just celebrated at Christmas, God incarnated himself into our world through the birth of Jesus, who was and remains the spiritual embodiment of love. Wherever love is at work in this time of pandemic, God is present and working. It is found in the kindness of neighbors and even strangers, helping each other out. It is also expressed in the prayers for safety, well-being, and healing that we raise up for each other. Not to be forgotten or overlooked is the ingenuity of our medical researchers and physicians in developing the latest vaccines. All this is possible because of God-endowed gifts and talents that shouldn't be taken for granted. God is very much present in these good things that shine through even the stuff that is tough and sad.

I hope that you are each doing your best not only to stay healthy and well, but faithful, trusting that God will make a path for us to a better, safer, and healthier day.

~ *Shalom, Pastor Geoffrey Drutchas*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EDITORIAL

As we prepare to leave behind a rather challenging and storm filled year, let us set our sails to the promises of God as He leads us into "2021." As reminded by Max Lucado, "Before sending the Flood that would cover the earth, God promised safety for Noah and his family. All of humanity at the time was wicked, but Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord (Genesis 6:8). Grace comes when the Flood does.

Noah found a God who would stoop down and help him. Stoop is the Hebrew meaning of the word grace. God stooped and entered Noah's world. Grace is the God who stoops, who descends, who condescends and reaches.

The Noah story is our story. The world is full of corruption and chaos. The judgment is sure; but the salvation is certain. God has provided us a way of escape: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

God promised to stoop down to Noah's level by saving him from the Flood. God then stooped down to our level in the form of Jesus to save us from our sin. We were in trouble, but He came near.

We are saved, not by a boat, but by Jesus Christ. He is our Ark. We enter into Him. His gangplank is made of Calvary's cross. The skylight is formed from an empty tomb. He seals it shut from the outside. He, and He alone, keeps us safe from the evil that floods about us. When we trust the promises of God, we enjoy the unspeakable benefit of His Son."

Christ behind us, Christ before us, Christ in us. How could it be anything but a Happy New Year!

~ *In Christ, Pastor Cheryl Schalm, Minister of Christian Education*

Rock Hard in Faith Youth Fellowship

Worship Wednesday's Young Adult Bible Study & Fellowship

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. - John 6:35

All post-high school young adults are invited and encouraged to join the Young Adult Bible Study group. We will resume meeting at Pastor Schalm's on Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m. however, due to Covid all participants will be required to wear a face mask and to maintain a six foot distance. Throughout the month of January the group will be studying scripture as it relates to offense and its attack on the soul. Whether you have been a regular or are considering coming for the first time, we welcome and look forward to your company and participation.

Calling all College Students and Recent High School Graduates

Christian Education is in need of addresses of all St. Paul UCC college students and High School graduates enrolled in continuing education programs (trade school, skill programs, apprenticeships, etc.). Please forward addresses to Pastor Schalm or to the church office.

An Old-Fashioned Christmas, Candles of Promise Christmas Pageant ~

The Sunday School presented their first ever, outside Christmas Pageant. The live nativity pageant was held on the church's front porch and lawn at 7:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. While it was a cold night, all participants and attendees were wearing a mask and maintaining a 6 feet distance from others, shared in a very special retelling of the story of Christ's birth. Following the pageant, families had the opportunity to gather at the fire in front of the crèche for a family prayer. For those not wanting to weather the cold, they remained in their cars and listened to the pageant by tuning in to 103.5. A gigantic THANK YOU to all participants, their families and all those assisting with the worship service.

St. Paul's Ugly Mask Contest

Instead of the usual ugly sweater contest, Christian Education is challenging all church members to decorate the ugliest or most creative mask ever! Once done take a picture of yourself wearing it and send it to Paston Schalm by December 30th. All the pictures will be put into a video that will be posted to the Rock Hard in Faith Private Facebook Group for viewing and voting on New Year's Eve. The winner will receive a \$25.00 Applebee's gift card. Be creative; do it as a family or with your pet. Just have fun! Any questions contact Pastor Schalm.

Sunday School Resumes in Person

Sunday School will resume meeting in person on January 3rd in the Fellowship Hall. All children are required to wear a mask throughout the hour and to remain in their assigned seats. Each child will be provided their own supply kit. All snacks will be handed out prior to departure for enjoyment at home. All participating children must have a completed covenant form of understanding and agreement on file. This form can be found on the St. Paul UCC website.

Sunday School Winter Blast

In lieu of the Winter Family Fun Night, the Sunday School will be holding a Winter Blast party for all Sunday School children during the Sunday School hour on January 24th. During the hour, children, while remaining in their assigned, socially distanced seats, will decorate cookies, make a smore' and a winter craft to take home. Children are invited to wear their favorite winter attire for a winter picture next to the gigantic snowman. All children must wear a mask and will have their own personal supply of items needed for all activities.

Sunday School Children to Bring Valentine Day Cheer

During the Sunday School hour on February 7th and 14th, the children will be making and decorating Valentine Cards for the residence of Applewood Nursing Home. While children will be unable to hand deliver them due to Covid, the cards will be dropped off at Applewood for delivery by staff on Valentine's Day.

Super Bowl Soup and Bread Youth Fundraiser

In lieu of the Super Bowl Sub sales, Rock Hard in Faith Youth Fellowship will be holding a soup and bread sale. To order your pint of homemade chicken noodle or broccoli soup and a ½ dozen homemade rolls, contact Pastor Schalm by January 31st (734) 255-0935 or cschalm@stpauluctaylor.org. All orders will be available for pick-up or delivery on February 7th. Soup: \$5.00 Rolls: \$3.00

Rock Hard in Faith Youth Fellowship "Heart to Heart" ARC outreach

In lieu of the annual ARC Valentine Dinner Dance, the youth will be making valentine cards and decorating valentine cookies for drop-off to the ARC on February 13. Youth will be making cards from home and during the Sunday School hour on February 7th. Depending on where we are with the pandemic, the youth will either decorate cookies at home or socially distanced as a group from the church. More details to follow.

ALL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS WILL BE HELD ACCORDING TO CDC AND STATE OF MICHIGAN COVID RECOMMENDATIONS AND LAWS. EVENTS WILL BE MONITORED AND CANCELLED IF DEEMED NECESSARY BASED ON SUCH.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On Site Worship Services and Christian Education Programs Resume in January

Both on site worship services and Christian education programs will be resuming throughout the month of January. As precautions for everyone's benefit, masking, social distancing, and ushering to and from sanctuary pews will continue with those arriving together as family seated together. The sanctuary space remains attractively taped to designate safe seating. The ushers will maintain an attendance record for any necessary emergency contact. Worship services will be limited to 40 minutes without congregational singing to further minimize any hazard. Thanks to a dedicated tech team, worship services will continue to be Facebook livestreamed.

Our Christian education instruction on Sunday mornings will take place in Fellowship Hall where there is plenty of space to spread out Sunday School activities. No refreshments will be served so that children can remain masked. On Wednesday nights, our confirmation class for 8th and 9th graders will be meeting in the spacious upstairs West Room with each student having their own station at either their own table or at opposite ends of long tables.

Our congregation's elected and staff leadership have been both vigilant and conscientious in instituting and maintaining appropriate precautions in the face of the COVID pandemic. Please keep our leadership and congregation in your prayers as we continue to safely navigate this very difficult situation for all churches, synagogues, and temples across America.

Epiphany Communion Service Ahead

The new season of Epiphany, which extends for six weeks following the Twelve Days of Christmas, will be celebrated with the communion sacrament on Sunday, January 10. Those worshipping in the St. Paul sanctuary that morning will receive individualized, sealed communion wafers and juice cup when they first arrive to be opened at the time of the sacrament. Those joining worship at home via Facebook livestreaming are encouraged to make use of bread or a cracker with grape juice from their own kitchen supplies. All communion elements, whether in church or home, will be consecrated by Pastors Geoff Drutchas and Schalm as part of communion prayers.

At St. Paul Church we observe an open communion which means that participants do not need to be formal members of the congregation to share in the sacred meal. Instead, what is simply asked is that we be baptized Christians of adult age who seek to walk more closely with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. All participants, whether at home or church, are called to share in this time with a spirit of profound reverence.

Special Fish Dinner Meeting - January 11

A special Fish Dinner Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be done via a Conference Call due to COVID-19 restrictions still being in place as ordered by the MDHHS. We all know that with the COVID-19 pandemic we will have to alter our normal processes for the Fish Dinners. The meeting is to discuss possible alternative solutions to allow us to host successful Fish Dinners in 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Poet or Dan Case. The call-in number is (617) 829-6174 if you are interested in participating.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation Re-Set for Last January Sunday

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, January 31, immediately following the 10 a.m. service. The 2021 annual meeting has been scheduled a few weeks later than usual as another precaution against any post-Christmas and New Year's COVID spike.

End-of-year reports from Church Council members (elders, deacons, and trustees) and various committees and organizations of our congregation will be shared. A presentation of the financial report for 2020 will be followed by a proposal for a 2021 unified budget. Also, a full slate of candidates for the Church Council will be presented by the trustees for a vote of the congregation.

Those nominated for Church Council positions include Dave Lange (second vice president), Beverley Gunther (secretary), Barbara Schultz (elder), Jennifer Ruffner (deacon), and Fred Miller (trustee). The nominees are all well-experienced with Council leadership, which will be particularly helpful at a time of national and local crisis impacting our own church. Barbara Schultz is returning for a full three year term as elder. Both Dave Lange and Fred Miller are past presidents of the congregation. Beverley Gunther has past experience as Council secretary and is enthusiastically returning to make sure that a comprehensive record is maintained of all Council and congregational proceedings. This will be the first term of office for Jennifer Ruffner as a deacon. As a mother of two young children enrolled in our Christian education program, she brings, along with husband Tim Ruffner, a fresh perspective to the Council's leadership and work.

Immediately following election by the congregation at large, new council members will be installed with prayers by Pastor Geoff Drutchas as part of the January 31 meeting. As part of the installation service, Tim Ruffner and Jim Poet, until now serving as first and second vice presidents respectively, will be installed as president and first vice president.

Thanks are due to outgoing Council members Michele McNeely, who as president guided us through a challenging time of crisis; Jane Dykowski, who served as a very dedicated secretary; Dee Salsbury, who very capably presided as senior deacon, and Dave Badarak, trustee. They will be acknowledged at the close of the installation ceremony.

While the worship service that morning will be livestreamed, the annual meeting that follows will not, due to our time limits on Facebook, as well as the difficulty of capturing the activities of our annual meeting. A quorum is needed to conduct the meeting. We encourage church members to make that Sunday one for their on-site attendance. In conducting the meeting outcoming president Michele McNeely, incoming president Tim Ruffner, treasurer Dan Case, and Pastor Geoff Drutchas will remain time conscious, doing everything to move the meeting ahead expeditiously without compromising our full attention to the important business at hand.

The proposed 2021 budget was already mailed to all St. Paul Church members in December. Copies of the annual report will be available to those reporting for the meeting prior to the start of the worship service that morning. The cooperation of church organizations and committees in preparing the annual reports, providing an overview of our ministry together, is appreciated.

Cancelled Events for 2021

Just a quick reminder that the following events have been cancelled for 2021: Coffee Hour for January, Winter Family Fun Day, Souper Bowl VIII, Super Bowl Subs, Scrapbook Crop, Wild Game Dinner and the ARC Valentine Dance. Please call the Church office if you have questions regarding other events and activities.

HEALTH MINISTRIES

We are all hopeful that 2021 will be a year of healing and improved health. We will continue to need social distance with masks/face shields until a time that the Covid-19 vaccination is given to most of the population. I pray that you stay as healthy as you can. I look forward to a time in the future when I can once again make hospital, nursing home and in-house home visits to members. In the meantime, feel free to call my cell phone so that we can speak to each other.

Blood Drive in February

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 from 11-5:45 PM is our blood drive at St Paul. Enter the west door with a mask on. There is a critical need. You can sign up for a time now by going to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>. Once signed up, you can get a rapid pass on the same day by answering the questionnaire on-line. Print the pass or download it to your cell phone. This will shorten your waiting period at the drive. Contact Kathy if you want her to set up a time for you. There needs to be 56 days between donations.

Exercise Class still on Hold

National Kidney foundation of Michigan is working on providing an exercise program on Zoom until we can again meet in-person at church. In the meantime, a listing of distant learning programs is available at <https://www.nkfm.org/communities-families/distance-learning>

Faith and FITness Fun to 2021

Getting and Keeping FIT through Covid-19 started October 1 and goes through Three Kings Day, January 6. The results will be announced during the service on January 10. Thanks to those who participated.

TOPS, - (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meets on Hold

TOPS is a nonprofit and noncommercial weight loss support group St Paul is hosting the TOPS Chapter 9744, Taylor. When we can resume meetings, they will be held on Monday nights with weigh in starting at 6:00 p.m. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. and end at approximately 7:15 p.m., in the West Room. There is no cost for the first meeting attended. Contact Kathy Williams for more information.

Health/Medical Supplies Available

If you have or need medical supplies, such as walkers, wheelchairs, please contact our parish nurse or the office.

Our Daily Bread Devotional Availability

If you are interested in reading, Our Daily Bread, please contact the office. The editions are available in large print and regular print. Please specify the print type that you want. They come every three months. Kathy Williams can send a copy to you via mail until Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve Services Held

Christmas Eve services were held as scheduled on December 24th. In lieu of our usual 7 and 11 p.m. services, worship was offered at 4 p.m. indoors and 7 p.m. outdoors. The 4 p.m. service was livestreamed on Facebook and thus available for viewing throughout that evening and Christmas Day.

A little over 40 congregants attended the 4 p.m. sanctuary service, which offered a series of beautifully rendered Christmas carol solos and duets sung from the chancel, plus a Christmas sermon and the sacrament of communion. The 7 p.m. outdoor service, held on St. Paul's front steps adjoining the creche scene, was organized as a children's pageant. As the Christmas story was shared by Pastors Cheryl Schalm and Geoff Drutchas, costumed church youth brought forth the four Advent candles, as well as the Christ candle, while escorting live barnyard animals along the ramp, porch, and steps. Two of the ponies gave those worshipers seated in folding chairs up front a start when they half-jumped down the church steps to the sidewalk. Although wind chill made the 45 minute service a little frigid, the more than fifty worshippers gathered for the service were all well-bundled, making the cold manageable.

The COVID pandemic has certainly stretched our congregation to look at new ways to worship—learning that can also carry over to better, post-pandemic times ahead.

Know "What's Happening"

Have you ever found out about an event at the Church after the event was over and it was something you really wanted to participate in? Our email service is designed to keep members and friends informed about all activities at the Church. Notices for Funeral/Memorial Services for members, Major Events (Fish Dinners, Spaghetti Dinners, Rummage Sales, etc.), Monthly Tidings, Cancellation of Events, and much more is shared regularly with members on our email list. It is a simple process to sign-up for our emails just go to the Home Page of our Website "stpaulucctaylor.org" and click on the blue link entitled "Join Our Email List", you will be asked to input some information and click on the "Sign Up" button once you click on the button you will be added to our email list. Currently over 275 members and friends are on our email list and receive regular updates. If you have questions or issues signing up, please contact Gary Peters or Dan Case.

2020 Budget

2020 has definitely been a difficult year for us all with the COVID-19 pandemic. I am happy to announce that we exceeded our income budget and our expenses were well below for the year. This was only made possible by the generosity of our members and friends, your help in keeping the church solvent is truly appreciated. Let us all hope and pray that 2021 allows for in-person services and an opportunity to get back to our regular activities and services. Dan Case - St. Paul Treasurer

2020 Donation Statements

The 2020 donation statements will be mailed out to each household on Friday, January 8, 2021. If you have any questions regarding your 2020 statement please contact Annette Thie, Financial Secretary or Dan Case, Treasurer.

2021 Envelopes

The 2021 offering envelopes have been ordered and received. With the elimination of in-person services during half of November and all of December we were not able to distribute them as we normally do. Current plans are to host two special pick-up times each week where you will be able to drive to the Church and we will bring your envelopes to your vehicle. Pickup times will be Tuesday and Thursday each week between the hours of 11:00 am and 1:00 pm beginning January 5th and ending Thursday, January 28th. Another option is for you to call the Church office at (313) 291-1221 and we will make arrangements for you to receive your envelopes. We are also investigating the cost associated with mailing some of the smaller packets. We will keep you posted as to the status of envelope distribution.

Are you thinking about moving to Electronic Giving in 2021

As St. Paul prepares for a new fiscal year, it is important to know what support we can depend on from our members and friends. By knowing what you are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future. Please consider setting up a recurring giving plan or even a one-time donation as many of our members have already done. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis. To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at www.stpaulucctaylor.org/giving, locate the Online Giving button and set up your recurring giving schedule. For additional assistance or if you have questions, please contact Dan Case or Gary Peters.

2021 Membership Directory

Our 2021 Membership Directory is scheduled for publication in late January. The office has been hard at work updating the information that will be included in the directory. The directory includes information on how to contact the church, a list of our Council and Staff members, Organizational and Ministry information and of course a list of all members including their address and phone number. If you have any questions about the directory please contact Dan Case.

Red Hot Purple Angels

All meetings and outings have been cancelled until Covid-19 is under better control.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

IT Ministry – Looking at Major Expansions in 2021

As the church looks to expand its Information Technology (IT) needs in 2021, we are looking for volunteers who have an interest in the implementation of new technologies. As many of you know; due to COVID, we were challenged with developing a platform that allowed live streaming from our Sunday Worship Services. We decided to utilize Facebook Live and that has worked out very well, however it has shown us that we need more than four people to successfully run our Church IT needs. As we expand our live streaming capabilities in 2021, we need additional help to be successful. Experience or knowledge is not a requirement, as we will provide the appropriate training. Communication to our members and friends is one of the most important goals that we are striving for in 2021.

We are looking for people who would like to learn or assist in the following areas: Wordpress Websites, Audio/Video Technologies (Streaming, Sound boards, etc), Social Media (Facebook Page Accounts, Twitter, etc.) and Data Infrastructure (Computers, Software, Networks, etc). If you are interested, please contact any member of the IT Ministry. Michael Isaacs, Gary Peters, or Dan Case

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMORIALS

Memorial Fund:

In Memory of: *Irene Church* From: Elizabeth Dawe

In Memory of: *Velma McGee* From: Richard & Beverly Parks, Harold
& Joan Foley

In Memory of: *Dr. Norman Gall* From: Gary & Pat Staffeld

Endowment Repayment Fund:

In Memory of: *Velma McGee* From: Jane Dykowski

Christian Education Fund:

In Memory of: *Velma McGee* From: Gary & Pat Staffeld

Facility Improvement Fund:

In Memory of: *Bonnie Isaacs* From: Dan & Deb Case

In Memory of: *Irene Church* From: Dan & Deb Case

In Memory of: *Doris Hilliker* From: Thelma Poet

In Memory of: *Velma McGee* From: Thelma Poet

Organ Fund:

In Memory of: *Irene Church* From: Doug & Janet Staffeld

Condolences to family & friends on the loss of Darlene Wangbickler (sister Grace & niece Wanda Wangbickler), Velma McGee, Doris Hilliker, Shirley Rohr, Alvin Dunning (brother, Lorelee Wilson), and Frank Woody (father, Donald Mack).

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR

Church Members and Friends: Darlene Babin, Bob Barley, Kim Beyar, Liz Bechtol, Kirk Blanchard, Marion Bolen, Kristi Caruso, Debbie Case, Margo Charette, Mary Fairemouth, Oren Forsyth, Dan & Kathy Galeski, Maggie Hall, Kyle Hard, Carrie Hill, Ollie Hilliker, Lyn Hogan, Wayne Jones, Gerri Lynn King, George Koster, Arnold Knofske, Dave Kulhanek, Larry Kurtzel, Loretta Kurtzel, Ciera Mack, Neil MacEachern, Jeffrey & Maria MacZink, Jim Nault, Judy Nieman, Shirlen Powell, Lil Roscoe, Jennifer Ruffner, Morgan Schalm, Sheryl Schwab, John Smith, Sue Spears, Dianne Sturgeon, Helen St. Louis, and Bert Thompson.

Extended Family: Dawn Sturgeon Anderson, Paul Bachran (son, Sharon Leonard), Marcie Bolen (daughter, Ron & Marion Bolen), Talama Braba (Judy Albright's daughter), Cassidey Wangbickler-Congelierre, Mary Jane Fliss (sister-in-law, Arlene Wolfram), Gabriella Gomez (niece, Darlene Babin), Richard Janztsen (son, Ann Anderson), Kevin & Steven Johnson (grandsons, Patricia Olson) Richard Jones, Joanne LeFleur (daughter, Helene & Neil McEachern), Jennifer & Tammy Lee (granddaughter & daughter, Barb Siemers), Courtney McEachern Matthews, Kim McEachern (daughters-in-law, Helene & Neil McEachern), Toni Oliver, Judy Robin (aunt, Lucinda Chavez), Trudy Clark-Schiller (daughter, April & Steve Clark), Joseph Smith (husband, Cheryl Smith), Nicholas Surre (great-grandson, Helene McEachern), Rick Thie, Bruce Vernor (father, Eileen Vernor Drutchas), Bob Wright (father-in-law, Charmaine Wright) and Victoria Whitcher (daughter, Cheryl Stewart).

Congregations' Parents: Robert & Diane Brainard (parents, Ed Brainard), Jan Filpus (mother, Julia-Joy Miller), and Carol Hoffman (mother, Tracy Hoffman).

Church Members & Friends in Nursing or Rehab Care:

Donald Babin - Carolyn's Corner, 17890 Parkridge Dr., Riverview, 48193; Mary Dubke - hospice - Amy's Place, 41346 Llorac Lane, Northville 48167; Terry Dyer - Heartland Healthcare Center, 9150 Allen Rd., Allen Park, 48101; Lindley Hogan - Applewood Nursing Center, 18500 Van Horn Road, Woodhaven, 48183; Esther Perry - Bellbrook Assisted Living, 873 West Avon Rd., Unit 209 H, Rochester Hills, 48307; Eleanor Rossi - Maple Heights, 4600 Allen Rd, Room 415, Allen Park, 48101; Melissa Rossi -17652 Colgate, Dearborn Heights, 48125.

LET US ALSO KEEP IN PRAYER THOSE PROVIDING EMERGENCY

'FRONTLINE' SERVICES as police officers, nurses, and EMS workers during the ongoing pandemic. We want to especially remember church members and friends Tricia Nault, Kim Arndt, Wendi Wioncek Ashby, Rick Barnosky, Jennifer Babin, Rhonda Wioncek Berndt, Dana Wioncek Barlage, Chelsey Eisenga, Joshua Eisenga, James Hubert, Debbie Lyles, Amy McGahey, Jarod MacZink, Ciera Mack, Marci Magnuson, Sam Martin, Lexi Mellin, Michelle Mellin, Brenda Murphy, Inez Kurtzel Ogonowski, Amber Ostrowski, Rebecca Ostrowski, Samantha Pedersen, Eric Poet, Trudy Clark Schiller, Rachel Tank, Emily Wangbickler Baggett, Jillian Wangbickler, and Sarah Wangbickler.