



### Mission of the Month

## Saint Paul Area Synod "Planting Hope"

The Saint Paul Area Synod has begun a financial campaign to build on the call of the 110 Lutheran congregations of the Twin Cities. This continuing campaign offers an opportunity to contribute to the collective involvement of 120,000 Lutherans of this synod in four areas.

They include:

- Invite** neighbors into life in Christ,
- Renew** the congregations of the synod;
- Raise Up** the next generations of leaders;
- Invest** in a transformation project on the East Side of St. Paul



### Art of the Saint John's Bible Art Installation

Check out our new exhibit in the Fellowship Space that lifts up modern depictions of the Gospels and Acts.

The Saint John's Bible is a project that was commissioned by the Abbey of Saint John's in Collegeville, and a trip to see the actual bible will be planned for May.

These prints are just a taste of an amazing work of art created in our own community.



We are proud to announce a new partnership with "Foster Together". Foster Together is a non-profit that exists to walk alongside foster, kinship, and adoptive families with the mission to reduce stress and prevent burnout by providing **relational and tangible support**.

They partner with the community to create **opportunities to come along-side** parents to reduce stress and prevent burnout, so that foster families can focus on providing the best care for all the children in their home.

There will be many opportunities for us to partner with Foster Together in the next few months.

Join us on **May 28th** as we celebrate the birthday of the church and the remembrance that God continues to move in and through us as a community through the Holy Spirit. We invite you to **wear Red**.

**CORRECTION:** this is **NOT** an **Outdoor worship service**



The Saint Paul Area Synod invites all people from its 107 congregations to join them at a special worship service on **Friday, May 12**, at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi on the eve of its synod assembly. Bishop Patricia Lull will preach at this service of Holy Communion.

### Ways to Give, Connect and Serve

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Please check the boxes you are interested in and someone will contact you with more information.  
**PLEASE remember to fill out your contact information on the other side.**

#### WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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| <b>May 14</b>                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Service  | <b>May 21</b>                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Service   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communion Server | <input type="checkbox"/> Communion Setup | <b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b>                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Service   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reader           | <input type="checkbox"/> Reader          |                                           |                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers           |                                          | <b>May 28 Pentecost</b>                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Service   |
|                                           |                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Communion Prep   | <input type="checkbox"/> Communion Server |
|                                           |                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Communion Server | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter          |
|                                           |                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter          | <input type="checkbox"/> Reader           |
|                                           |                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Reader           | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher            |
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#### NEW MEMBER CLASS

- May 15th 6:30—8:00pm

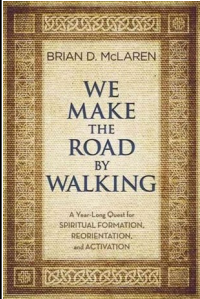


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## “We Make the Road by Walking“ Weekly Reading

“...take everything that Jesus has taught us—all we have considered as we have listened to him here on this hillside—and translate it into our way of living, our way of being alive.” (Brian McLaren, p.145)

As we continue our worship series guided by the book We Make the Road by Walking, consider all the ways Jesus invites us to live fully alive as salt and light in the world. We are called to practice love and grace in every aspect of life, seeing this as an adventure full of energy and hope. While we think about the many things in Jesus’ teachings that challenge us, provoke us, or encourage us, we know this is not a road we walk alone. We are so excited that many people are participating in Learning Circles offered throughout the week. If you’d still like to participate, group times are listed below. We are also offering a zoom link to join the Sunday morning learning circle at 10:45am. Consider this opportunity to engage in conversation around the readings for the week as we learn from one another and grow in faith.



Join us for small group discussions  
Sundays at 8:15am and 10:45am  
Tuesdays at 6:45am and Wednesdays at 6:30pm

May 7: Chapter 37  
The Uprising of Partnership  
May 14: Chapter 38  
The Uprising of Stewardship

May 21: Chapter 39  
Keep Rising Up!  
May 28: Chapter 40  
The Spirit is Moving!



### Intern Pastor Amy Blessing

Our intern Pastor Amy is finishing her internship time with us and will be heading towards her first call as a pastor.

Join us during and after worship on May 14th as we say a special blessing and celebrate our journey together.

We will also have a reception after worship along with a card box for you to leave Pastor Amy with words of thanks and encouragement.



### COFFEETALK



#### WITH PASTOR BRENT

Join Pastor Brent every Thursday between 12:00-1:30 for conversation at Caribou across from the church. Stop by for a moment or stay for some deep conversation.

This is a chance to discuss profound theological conversations or to talk about the weather. Bring your questions, concerns, or just come to hang out.



### Interested in Membership at Family of Christ?

Family of Christ is a very active church with lots of opportunities for all age groups, ranging from toddlers to seniors. Membership is not a requirement for involvement, but it will enhance your experience here. Join us for an informational meeting on **Monday, May 15th** from 6:30-8:00pm. Contact Pastor Brent or fill out the bulletin insert if you are interested.

### Worship Record

Please fill this out and place in the offering plate.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  Home  Cell

- I am a member
- I am a regular visitor
- I am a first time visitor
- I give permission to use my email for Family of Christ related communications
- I am interested in membership

### Prayer Request(s)

Include the first and last name of each person being prayed for and your relationship to that person.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

- Please do not mention publicly.  Please have Pastor Contact me.
- Please add to prayer chain.

### Other Comments

Let us know what you think about your worship experience this morning.