



Our current recording equipment consists of a personal cellphone, laptop and light. The grant will allow us to update our hardware and software.

## GRANT FOR IMPROVED LIVE STREAMING RECEIVED

Considering that Mt. Carmel has never livestreamed our worship services before, it's impressive that we were able to stream via Facebook Live one week after the stay-at-home order was issued. But I'll admit that it isn't optimal.

The current setup uses my personal cell phone and a photo light box. It gets the job done, but we can do better, and the church needs its own equipment if we are going to continue streaming.

We've applied for and received a \$2,000 grant from the Minneapolis Synod to purchase equipment to improve our livestreams. While some of this hardware has been frequently out of stock since the pandemic started, once we receive it and have it configured and tested, we will be able to deliver improved sound quality, and more flexible video options including the ability to include our normal Sunday slide deck in the stream, both as an inset video box, and on its own. If things go well, we should be able to begin streaming with the new equipment sometime in June.

Owning this equipment will allow us to continue to livestream worship even when we can return to in-person gatherings, enabling those members who cannot make it to church for any reason to still participate in the service. Once we're more experienced with this equipment, we can start to expand on its capabilities as needed.

*Paul Lathrop*

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### THOUGHTS ON FAITH AND LIFE

with Pastor John  
Join Pastor John on the  
Mt. Carmel Facebook page  
every Wednesday for a time  
of spiritual reflection and  
devotion. Join him at live at  
Noon on Facebook (you don't  
need a Facebook account to  
watch) or watch the video at  
any time.

Are there topics you would  
like Pastor John to focus  
on or dig deeper into? Drop  
him an email at [pastorjohn@  
mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:pastorjohn@mountcarmelmpls.org) to  
share your thoughts.



## MT. CARMEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are a faith community participating in the life of God, both as sheer gift to us and as a calling to the neighborhoods of Northeast Minneapolis. We are a multigenerational community that proudly celebrates our history while joining together with younger generations to follow where God is leading. We build our community through faith practices like prayer, dwelling in the Word and hospitality.

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**The mission of Mt. Carmel  
Lutheran Church and its members  
is to learn, live and share God's  
Word.**

Ministry Affiliates: Minneapolis Area  
Synod/ELCA; Northeast Senior Services,  
Inc.; Little Kitchen Food Shelf; The  
Sheridan Story; Eastside Meals on  
Wheels; Plymouth Christian Youth Center;  
Mission Northeast and Casa de Oracion a  
las Naciones.

The Mt. Carmel facility is shared with  
the following community groups: Scout  
Troop 132, Venture Crew, Cub Scouts, Girl  
Scouts and Alcoholics Anonymous.

We are an ELCA congregation. All are  
welcome. Learn more about the ELCA at  
[www.elca.org/About](http://www.elca.org/About).



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## PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings, Mt. Carmelites!

OK, let's name the elephant in the room: *when will we be able to gather again within the walls of our beloved church building?* We've just heard that our brothers and sisters in the Catholic and Missouri Synod churches are defying Gov. Walz and inviting people for in-person worship beginning May 26. However, our ELCA bishops—locally and nationally—are strongly urging churches to not gather in-person yet, and probably not for a while. This position is taken out of our collective calling to protect life! Therefore, we can say with certainty that **for June, we will not be meeting in-person for worship and the building will continue to be closed for any events** (the exception being the Child Care Center).

The good news is that church is not closed because “church” is people—you! The church is present wherever you are. We do in fact gather each week by means of our livestream worship. We will continue to worship this way into the foreseeable future, and probably even after we get the green light to gather in person.

The truth is, we can fully anticipate church rhythms being quite different for many months to come. Therefore, the church council has approved the formation of a COVID-19 task force that will be address Mt. Carmel's immediate future. The intent is to address what Mt Carmel's congregational life and mission will look like in the next 18 months in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are taking up questions like:

- How can we bring people back together again safely?
- How can we be fiscally agile and responsible in the next 18 months?
- What is the best staffing plan for a time such as this and beyond?
- What will our technological needs be in a time when we must depend more on technology?
- How can we communicate most effectively to each other and the people we're trying to reach?
- And the big question, of course, is: What direction is Mt. Carmel headed? How are we going to grow deeper as a faith community and reach wider into the community?

In many ways, all the other questions must serve how we answer the last one. As you read this, you are aware of the **Insight Listening Campaign** that the church council has instituted for the first part of June. Some of you have signed up for an interview or already had the interview. It is our hope that by listening deeply to the stirrings, the hopes, dreams and concerns of our members, that we will have a better sense of where God is leading us in the immediate future and beyond.

Also, in June, I will be offering online the course I wrote, “**GPS: Finding Direction for Faith and Life's Journey.**” This course is designed to help people get in touch with their own giftedness and particular callings from God. I hope you will join us for this twelve-week course, which will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 p.m. (8-8:30 p.m. will be an optional discussion time), beginning June 17 and going through Sept. 3. Watch for sign up opportunities in the Candle and on our website.

This is a great time to sharpen our identity and grow deeper as faith community. Just as God led the Israelites out of the wilderness to the promised land, so, too, will God lead us through the wilderness of the pandemic induced, 21st century.

God's peace to you all,  
Pastor John

# INSIGHT: A TIME TO LISTEN AND LOOK AHEAD

We are beginning a congregation-wide listening campaign this month called Insight. We seek to gain insight into what is stirring in the hearts and minds of our members and better see what's in sight ahead of us and where God is leading us as a congregation.

To do this, we're asking 50 members to participate in a 15-20-minute phone interview with one of two outside consultants we are working with on this project. Find more information about this project on our website. (<https://mountcarmelimpls.org/insight/>)

If you are interested in being interviewed, visit <https://bit.ly/mtcinsight> to select a time. If you do not have access to a computer, call Karen Matthes, council secretary, at 612-716-7395 to sign up.

Your answers will be confidential and will be a part of a group profile that will help our leadership chart our course over the next few years. The report from our interviewers will be made available to members.

## MT. CARMEL RECEIVES PPP LOAN

Mt. Carmel has received a loan from the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), part of the CARES Act passed by Congress at the end of March. The loan is for \$78,000 through Northeast Bank, with much of the loan proceeds potentially forgivable. This loan adds financial stability for our church and the Mt. Carmel Child Care Center as we weather the unprecedented economic crisis caused by COVID-19. Funds will be used for meeting payroll, pension and medical benefits, lease payments and utilities over an eight-week period extending from late April to early June for the church and childcare. The financial cushion it provides will give the Council, Child Care Board and church staff the space to make longer-term financial plans as the extent and longevity of the economic crisis becomes clearer.

This PPP loan does not replace the importance of your support during these times. We are so grateful for—and inspired by—the ways each of you have responded to this crisis and the creative ways you've found to connect and support one another. As we continue to learn about the new social and economic reality we're now living in, the support of our church membership—social, spiritual and financial—will be more crucial than ever. This loan simply means we have a little more breathing room to imagine what it means to be the church in the age of COVID-19.

If you have any questions about the PPP loan we have received, please contact Church Administrator Steve Robertson. A special thank you to Child Care Treasurer Lynette Dubbles who helped Steve prepare and submit the PPP application.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Mt. Carmel's 2020 National Night Out event scheduled for Aug. 4 is postponed until Aug. 3, 2021!

## DEATHS

Dale Thorsen—April 11

## WITH SYMPATHY

Dick Anderson on the death of his brother Bill Anderson

Maryjo Wigger on the death of her cousin Raoul

## STAYING UP-TO-DATE

In this time of physical distancing, stay up to date with Mt. Carmel and our community through our website. Visit [www.mountcarmelimpls.org/](http://www.mountcarmelimpls.org/) news to download weekly announcements, view past worship services and find information on special events and learning opportunities. Make sure to subscribe to The Candle email list as well.

If you find it difficult to access our information online, contact the office to be added to our weekly postal mailing list. Each week you will receive the weekly announcements and the text of the previous Sunday's sermon.

To subscribe to The Candle or have your name added to our postal mailing list, please contact Steve Robertson at 612-655-7594 or [office@mountcarmelimpls.org](mailto:office@mountcarmelimpls.org).

## MEETING ONLINE

These groups are  
meeting online:

**Virtual Fellowship**—Sundays  
at 10:45 a.m. (Contact  
Pastor John at [pastorjohn@mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:pastorjohn@mountcarmelmpls.org))

**Reflect Group**—Sundays  
at 11 a.m. (Contact Nick  
Ralston at [faithformation@mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:faithformation@mountcarmelmpls.org))

**Good Fruits Bible Study**—  
Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m.  
(Contact Leona Olson at  
[onondave@yahoo.com](mailto:onondave@yahoo.com))

**Men's Bible Study**—  
Wednesdays at 6:45 a.m.  
(Contact Ralph Matthes at  
[marinosdelimpls@gmail.com](mailto:marinosdelimpls@gmail.com))

## PRAYER CHAIN

To to lift up a prayer concern  
for the prayer chain, please  
contact Leona Olson at  
612-859-7075.

## FOOD BOX DELIVERY

During these difficult times Mt. Carmel is doing what we can to help those in our community who are experiencing food shortages.

We have partnered with Second Harvest to distribute boxes of food every Friday, 10 a.m. Noon. We started in May and will continue until at least the end of June.

Team members are: Matti and Tessa Gurney, Adam and Kristina Burrack, Martha Hoppe, Doug Jacobsen and Wendy Literski, Lynette Dubbels, Barb Hollister and Pastor John.

The food boxes include two can of vegetables, two cans of fruit, spaghetti sauce and pasta, spaghetti O's, canned chicken and rice.

We have been reaching out to people through other churches in our community and through social media. The number of boxes distributed each week ranges from 4 to 31. To date we have distributed over 100 boxes of food.

Please remember the people who are experiencing food challenges in your prayers. If you have any questions or want additional information, please contact any of the team members.

## \$500 OF MATCHING GIFTS GIVEN

Last year, the Congregational Council set aside \$500 of the Carl Johnson estate gifts to match dollar-for-dollar donations given by Mt. Carmel members to 503(c)(3) non-profit organizations. The last of these gifts have been sent out. Here is a list of the organizations that benefited from matching gifts:

- Animal Humane Society
- Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance
- Twins Community Fund
- St. Baldrick's Foundation (children's cancer)
- Eastside Meals on Wheels
- Union Gospel Mission—Twin Cities
- Feed My Starving Children
- Southern Poverty Law Center
- Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago
- Lutheran World Relief
- ELCA World Hunger
- Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services

Thank you for your generosity and honoring Carl Johnson's estate gift.

# FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Mt. Carmel Foundation is pleased to announce that scholarships have been awarded to the following Mt. Carmel members for the 2020-2021 school year.

- Dylan Evans
- Zoe Lathrop
- Pastor John Strommen
- Liam Davis Temple

We sincerely congratulate these scholarship recipients and wish them well in their studies in the upcoming school year.

## EASTER FOOD BASKET OUTREACH

The COVID-19 pandemic brought us a challenge for this program in April. How could we honor our commitment to help provide a meal to those in need while respecting social distancing to keep our recipients and volunteers safe? The answer was a \$40 Cub gift card. We mailed it in a lovely card in time for people to shop at their convenience. While it worked well, we are hoping that by Thanksgiving we will be able to resume our traditional food baskets. Many thanks to our Mt. Carmel family for the continuous support of this outreach program.

*Kathy Halverson and Barb Hollister*

## BEFRIENDER MINISTRY OFFERS CARE TO MEMBERS

BeFrienders is a team of lay ministers at Mt. Carmel who have received specialized training in active listening to provide a caring, non-judgmental presence for people in the time of crisis.

Mt. Carmel's BeFriender team members have continued their ministry during this quarantine. In addition to connecting with current contacts via phone calls, the team has expanded their ministry to calling older members of the congregation for check in calls for the duration of the shelter at home order in Minnesota.

During this uncertain time, please reach out to our BeFriender team if you find yourself in need of someone to listen compassionately without giving advice, please contact Dave Olson at 651-528-7459 or leave a message at the church office. Currently all contact will be via phone call until it's safe to meet in person again.

## GIFTS RECEIVED

### UNDESIGNATED MEMORIALS

**In memory of Joyce**

**Perfetti:** Richard and Margot Jacobson

### ALTAR FLOWERS

**In memory of Joyce Perfetti:**

LuAnn Swanson, Sandra Scherer

### EASTER FOOD BASKETS

**In memory of Joyce Perfetti:**

Lynette Dubbles and Lory Dubbles

**In memory of Bethel Flikke:**

Lynette Dubbles and Lory Dubbles

**In memory of Marianne:** from

Lynette Dubbles and Lory Dubbles

### FACILITIES FUND

**In memory of Dale Thorsen:**

Carol Panning

### THE MT. CARMEL FOUNDATION (For Feb.-June)

**In memory of Ron Shirk:**

JoAlice Boatright & Steve Ristuben

**In memory of her mother,**

**Marian Hegstrom:** Happy Mother's Day from Marlys Hegstrom

**In memory of Joyce Perfetti:**

Margot & Dick Jacobson, Myrna Flatland

**In memory of Dale Thorsen:**

Jo Alice Boatright & Steve Ristuben, Marlene Black, Marlys Hegstrom, Myrna Flatland

**In memory of her father,**

**Werner Hegstrom:** Happy Father's Day from Marlys Hegstrom



## KEEP US INFORMED

Did you know that because of privacy laws, hospitals and nursing homes do not call us to report if a parishioner has been admitted, or if a person's condition has worsened?

That means we rely on family members and friends to keep us informed. Please call the church office, 612-781-2796, if you or someone you know of is hospitalized.

## DAILY DEVOTIONS

During June, members of Mt. Carmel will share daily devotions on Facebook. Each post features a Bible verse, thought and prayer. Find the daily devotions on our Facebook page every day after 8 a.m. You don't have to have a Facebook account to view the daily devotions at [www.facebook.com/MountCarmelMpls](http://www.facebook.com/MountCarmelMpls).

## TREASURER UPDATE

(April 30, 2020)

Positive news! Mt Carmel giving has been making up a bit of our deficit during this time of shelter in place with our expenses coming in below projected and giving increasing some. However, we are still in a deficit situation. Though not worshipping in person, we must still meet these expenses. Please continue to keep your pledges up to date by mailing in your donation or using Simply Giving (an online payment portal), if not already doing so. Please prayerfully consider an extra gift to continue to erase our deficit. We pray the Mt. Carmel giving will come back to a positive trend.

### Our actual income minus expense YTD:

April 30, 2020 was (10,446.40)

Last year at this time we were (10,240.72)

### Income minus expenses

April Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
\$5,316.77	(\$10,446.40)	(\$2,217.96)

*Diane Davis Langer*  
Mt. Carmel Church Treasurer

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Please continue to support our congregation with your faithful financial contributions to Mt. Carmel as you are able. There are several ways to give:

- Online by credit card or bank account. Visit [mountcarmelmpls.org/give](http://mountcarmelmpls.org/give) for online giving opportunities.
- By phone using your credit card or bank account (call 1-800-675-7430, ext 0).
- Mail your check to the church office.

Your generous support for Mt. Carmel and our ministry is truly appreciated.

## WHAT ARE YOU CALLED TO DO IN THIS WORLD?

### GPS Online, Wednesdays this summer

Do you wonder sometimes whether life is meaningful or whether your daily activities make any difference? God invites us into a partnership to make our world a more trustworthy and hopeful place. God's work with us and through us becomes clearer as we pay attention to our individual gifts.

Join us for GPS online, a special course where we explore who God is, how God is at work in the world and identify the many ways you are gifted for the sake of your neighbor and world while equipping you for God's callings.

Plan to learn online with this twelve-week course, Wednesday evenings June 24-July 29, from 7-8 p.m. (8-8:30 p.m. will be an optional discussion time). Please register online in advance to receive the GPS workbook and Zoom log in information. Register at <https://bit.ly/GPSOnline>.

# FAITH FORMATION AT A GLANCE

Hello Mt. Carmel family. There have been a number of logistical changes to many of our church activities and yearly traditions and faith formation has had to adjust as well. We are not able to gather for Sunday school, Reflect has moved online, Pastor John is meeting with people through a computer screen, etc. Truly wild times—but I would like to highlight just a few developments.

Confirmation has been no exception in its now-altered trajectory for the future. We have moved to mediated communication over the internet, but most notably our plans for Confirmation Sunday have had to be moved. I had planned for Confirmation Sunday to be on May 17 and we had begun to make arrangements to celebrate our four second year confirmands. Alas, we have had to postpone and rather than have a ceremony over the internet. Pastor John and I have decided to wait until we are able to gather at the church again so that our youth and all of us have the full experience of confirmation Sunday. Never fear, we are meeting, and we WILL have that ceremony when we return to church.

I thought that it would be helpful for me to list the ways in which you can engage some of the Faith Formation practices the church is trying to facilitate and encourage among our community. Here is what we have going on, join us!

- **Reflect.** Reflect is on! To participate, please email me if you would like to join us for Reflect. We continue to gather each week, after worship, via Zoom in the same time slot (11-11:45 a.m.) to retain the greatest sense of normalcy as possible. I invite you to join our conversation and fellowship and directly engage that faith formation opportunity.
- **Videos.** Recently you may have seen my face on video giving the children's message. I encourage everyone to watch those videos and ponder for yourself or talk with your family asking some probing questions based on the content. Adults know that often messages meant for children have something to say to us directly as well. Those children's messages are meant to be a catalyst for your own discussion! On May 31 Stephenie Labandz will be making a video. Email me about opportunity to make your own video/message of encouragement. Making a short video for the purpose of uplifting the rest of

our congregation goes a long way these days and can be a great way to directly engage faith formation in a creative way.

- **Camp.** As you may have heard, COVID-19 has cancelled many summer camps throughout the country and their physical summer programs. Our camp Wapo is not exception. However, as part of our faith formation for our Mt. Carmel youth, I will be distributing a "Wapo At Home Series" from the year-round staff at Camp Wapo so that our youth can still do some of the faith practices that they would have experienced at camp at home.
- **Devotionals.** As you may have noticed several Mt. Carmelites have been doing weekly devotionals on the Mt. Carmel Facebook. I encourage you to engage these daily and also consider what God has been revealing in your life. Perhaps it's a scripture passage that is speaking to you, or an experience that gave you hope? I then encourage you, if you are open to it, to write a brief devotional yourself and send it to me and we can make it available to encourage the rest of this church family.
- **My newsletter article.** A few weeks back I wrote a newsletter playing on Pastor John's "Pastor's Pen" column and broke down one of Luther's most famous works "Freedom of a Christian" for something interesting to read while we are all stuck inside. I encourage you to engage that material that was posted on church website if you have not yet done so. I find Luther's work very interesting and it had me thinking about my own faith and the Lutheran tradition. If you want to talk about, email me and we can chat on the phone or even via Zoom.
- **Lastly, what are your ideas?** If you have an idea that is not listed above for something positive and in the realm of faith formation or fellowship for our community, email me. My virtual door is always open. I think all of the staff would echo that in this time of virtual community. You can email me at [faithformation@mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:faithformation@mountcarmelmpls.org)

I look forward to gathering with you all again when it is safe.

*Nick Ralston*  
*Faith Formation Director*

## WHERE CAN I FIND...?

During this unusual time, our communications team is working hard to keep you updated and connected.

### Website

One of the best ways to find information is on the church website at [www.mtcarmel.net](http://www.mtcarmel.net).

We have recently made simple changes to the site including links directly on the home page to upcoming worship documents. And we have added a **NEWS** page (under "About us" in the menu) where you can find worship videos and documents, congregational mailings and other information. Visit the news page directly at [mountcarmelmpls.org/news](http://mountcarmelmpls.org/news).

### Facebook

Currently, worship is live on Sunday mornings through Facebook live. Also find our daily devotions, videos with Pastor John and event information. **You do not need to have a Facebook account to view our videos and posts, simply visit [www.facebook.com/MountCarmelMpls/](http://www.facebook.com/MountCarmelMpls/) on any computer or mobile device.**

## MT. CARMEL COUNCIL MINUTES

Council members present: Tim Quinlan (president), Barb Hollister (vice president), Karen Matthes (secretary), Melissa Kohler, Patrick Lathrop, Allison Gurney and Dave Larson. Also present was Steve Robertson (office manager), Pastor John Strommen and Diane Langer (treasurer)

- The treasurer's report indicates our income totals are under budget and without the payroll protection loan, we would be significantly under budget. We had an unexpected boiler expense of \$6,000 with an additional \$5,000 estimated expenses.
- As recommended by the Minneapolis Area Synod, the council has decided to conduct an Insight listening campaign to interview 50 people in the congregation. The questions will focus on individual perceptions of what is strong at Mt. Carmel, where we struggle, and where people believe God might be leading us as a community. A letter and email will be sent with information and a link to sign-up online or via telephone. The purpose of this campaign is to get a better sense of how the Holy Spirit is stirring within our members so that we can make plans for the future that reflects our members' hopes, dreams and concerns.
- The pastor reported that Nick has been regularly connecting with young families and also hosting the Reflect group each week. He is also maintaining work with his confirmation students.
- The personnel committee has recommended putting the search for a new music director on hold. The main reason for this is the delay in creating a staffing plan for 2021. Until we can see what the whole staffing plan will be, we will be unable to determine a precise job description for the music director position. This summer, the personnel committee will be pursuing a comprehensive staffing plan so it can be implemented in the fall. Meanwhile, Ruth is the interim music director and is providing us with good stability on that front.
- COVID-19 task force: The executive committee and Pastor John want to form a task force to create a plan as we move forward during the pandemic. We would like the task force to anticipate what lies ahead and help make plans that allow us to adapt and carry out our mission. Members on the task force will include the following perspectives (medical, tech, communications, financial, strategic, and theological). The council is on board with developing this task force.
- Communication: Barb mentioned the importance of communicating activities happening at church, now more than ever.
- A number of design team projects are being done including painting the kitchen. Next up is updating the phone system and painting the fellowship hall.
- Steve R, Carol Panning and others have finished updating the Mt. Carmel membership rolls. We have 226 members including children. Steve will do additional analysis of the data.
- Steve would like to encourage people to use the church office online program. They can contact him for access.
- Barb mentioned the need to do outdoor cleanup while keeping people distanced. A few people are working on a plan to make this happen safely during the week.

Next meeting: June 9 at 6:30 p.m. (via Zoom)





Fellowship Hall is one area of Mt. Carmel that has recently received a refresh with a new coat of paint.

## FACILITIES WORK AT MT. CARMEL

While members have been sheltering in place at home, work has continued on updates and enhancements around the Mt. Carmel church building. Professional building contractor and Council President Tim Quinlan has been busy repairing walls and painting in the church kitchens and Fellowship Hall. Both the kitchenette by the Fireside Room and the main church kitchen have received a fresh look with the removal of old wallpaper and a full coat of new paint. Fellowship Hall has also been repainted. That work will be followed up soon with a fresh coat of wax on the Fellowship Hall floor by Building Engineer Steve Panning. The colors for both the kitchen and Fellowship Hall were chosen by Design Team members, working with a professional color designer from Abbot Paints. We look forward to church members being able to see these fresh spaces when they are able to return to activities in the church building.

Other building enhancement work has included finishing the installation of new energy efficient LED light fixtures and emergency EXIT signs. And now that the boiler is turned off for the summer, Steve will continue wrapping the boiler pipes for energy efficiency. Other planned work includes additional much-needed boiler repairs (partially funded by the Mt. Carmel Foundation) and a replacement of the church phone system and upgrade of other related technology.

As the season warms up, we will also turn our focus back to the landscaping and outdoor spaces around the building. A group of volunteers did a lot of sprucing up of our church landscaping last summer. If you would be interested in doing some work this year at a time of your choosing (thus being physically distant in the garden!) please contact Barb Hollister who will be coordinating tasks to be done.

## FORGET-ME-NOT

Birthday greetings to each of the members listed below who will reach or surpass the 80th milestone in this month. We pray that God bless you on your special day and in the year to come.

June 14—Marion Harris

June 22—Russ Ingebretson

July 9—Marlene Brown,  
Jane Hagstrom

July 16—Barb Thorsen

July 21—Tom Belawski

July 27—Jennie Porter

It is the policy of Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church to not publish the phone numbers and addresses of members. If you wish to call or send a card to these individuals, please refer to your church directory or call the office.

## 2020 MT. CARMEL COUNCIL

Tim Quinlan, President

Barb Hollister, Vice President

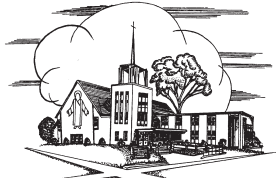
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### Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

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#### Pastor

John Strommen

#### Office hours

M 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
T-F 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

#### Sunday worship

10 a.m.—Facebook Live at  
[facebook.com/MountCarmelMpls/](https://facebook.com/MountCarmelMpls/)

#### Mt. Carmel Child Care

Brenda Wetzel, Director  
612-781-2798



## WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE

### Join with Pastor John and the Mt. Carmel faith community for worship on Facebook Live Sunday mornings, 10 a.m.

To access the worship online, go to the Mt. Carmel Facebook video page at [facebook.com/pg/MountCarmelMpls/videos](https://facebook.com/pg/MountCarmelMpls/videos) anytime after worship is scheduled to begin. Select the video with the red “LIVE” tag to start watching. *You do not have to have a Facebook account to watch the worship service.* Videos are available to watch at any time after the live event.

For more on worshipping with us using Facebook Live, visit [mountcarmelmpls.org/watching-worship-on-sunday-mornings](https://mountcarmelmpls.org/watching-worship-on-sunday-mornings).



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