

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The Good News!

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May 2020

SERVICES ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.

The calendars are set and hopefully we will be able to resume normal worship soon!

Calendars

May

24th **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

31st **Day of Pentecost**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

June

7th **The Holy Trinity**
Worship and Communion
Healing Rite
10:00 am

14th **Pentecost 2**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

21st **Pentecost 3**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

28th **Pentecost 4**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

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- Holy Communion at most services
- Bible Study Mondays at 10:30 am and Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
- Council Meetings the second Monday of each month.
- Soup Kitchen Volunteers report the second Sunday of each month to Trinity Episcopal Church, rain or shine!

A complete calendar of events can be found on our website. Click on the "Our Calendar" tab!





A Word from Pastor Cady



Dear Friends and Members of St. Paul's,

As most of you know, I usually use this page to reflect on some aspect of faith, the Church Year or Season, or some Biblical theme. This month is different.

What I am most aware of at this odd time is simply my deep and profound appreciation of you. Some of you are leaders and laborers in the life of the congregation. Some are regular worshipers. Some are regular donors. Some are unable to be with us often when we gather, but continue to hold St. Paul's in prayer and affection. Some of you are connected loosely on the margins of our ministry, while others are invested in many committees, events, and projects. You cook, clean, repair, garden, sing, teach, study, and do all the quiet but needed chores that make our congregation tick. Some drop in from time to time out of need or curiosity.

Some of you are also heavily involved in our wider community. You are offering your skills and gifts in many ways: education, medicine, industry, business, skilled and unskilled trades, finance, law, military service, police duties, firefighters, daycare workers, therapists, and much more. You are parents, neighbors, friends, and volunteers. Some are at the point in your lives where you require care from others, carrying physical or emotional burdens for which you need support. Some have racked up many years of good and faithful service, while others are just beginning to express their youthful energy. Some of you are at the height of worldly success, while others struggle to get by each day. Yet you all continue to pray for each other, offer to help one another, and many of you have reached out to make sure my family and I are safe and well.

To me, you are all "essential workers" in the Body of Christ. Amy and I miss all of you, and long for our time together again. Your lives are a testimony to the presence and ministry of the Holy Spirit within our hurting and broken world. God has blessed us all with countless gifts. Surely we can sense how deeply we need the blessing of our own bonds of affection and mutual concern during this time. May we never forget it, nor take it for granted ever again.

None of us can predict exactly when and how all this turmoil will unfold. We don't know precisely what our future has in store. What we do know is that the life we share has been shaped by all of us together in a network of faith and compassion that cannot be shattered or diminished by this present trouble. Our communities, both faith-based and secular, will emerge from these times with both more humility and some caution. But I believe we shall also be heartened and emboldened to restore that which fostered human thriving, and to reform those aspects of our common life which did not celebrate or empower each of us as God's children and as people deserving dignity and respect.

Paul wrote: "Let love be genuine." We have tasted genuine love. It tastes like the very sweetness of God. May we express it in every way we can imagine, and may love, both divine and human, create a better future as each day dawns.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Scott Cady

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FOOD DRIVE
to benefit
FRIENDLY HANDS FOOD BANK**



**SAT. MAY 9th 10 am – 12 pm
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
837 Charles St. Torrington**

**FRESH/FROZEN MEAT, DAIRY,
FRUITS & VEGGIES welcome!**

Non-perishables too!



THANK YOU PAGE



Dear St. Paul's Family,

Brian and I would like to extend our greatest appreciation for continued financial and emotional support.

Your positive words as you reach out brighten our day, and power of prayer from our church family is very comforting. To know you are thinking of us at this challenging time in our lives gives us reassurance.



With heartfelt Thanks!
Brian and Lisa Bodnar

*Dear St. Paul's Family,
Thank you for all your
kind cards to our residents
at Litchfield Woods.
It spread joy and
happiness to all who received
them. Sincerely,
Recreation Dept. ☺*

*Dear Friends
at St. Paul's,*

My prayers are with you all.

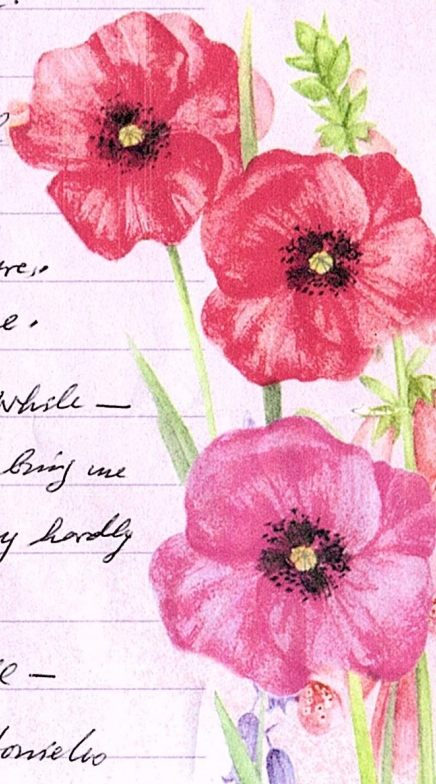
*Thank you for the lovely
"Easter Egg" and the beautiful*

*"Hope" Coloring. I have
them both on my cabinet here,
so I can see them all the time.*

*Bonnie is not coming for a while -
my decision. My daughters bring me
much food - I have to buy hardly
anything.*






May God bless you all -

Ruth Tomiello





Let's be the church together... online.

-  Look up members in our church directory
-  Update your personal information
-  Give online - one time & recurring gifts
-  View giving history & print giving statements
-  Make & keep track of pledges



Sign up or sign in at onrealm.org



We are looking to roll out an electronic directory for our members. Our church software, Realm Online, allows members to join and gives you access to other people's pages. Don't panic though, you can control how much information is shared with others! Soon you will receive an e-mail inviting you to join Realm. Click the link to set up your account. It is very user friendly, but here is a link to help you along!

<https://onrealm.org/StPaulsTorr/Help/LMS>



EVANGELISM



Meet Me In The Garden

Your Appointment With God

By: Betty Hilton

“Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.” NLT James 4:8

During this period of isolation and social distancing I have to think that perhaps this is a season where we are being called to be still and to grow in our relationship with God. Perhaps the business of our world has been stopped for a season so we might do as James 4:8 in the New Living Translation says. *“Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.”* (I laughed at the ‘wash your hands’)

I have to ask myself could it be that instead of trying to fill my day with games, my phone, and other things, God is calling me to use some of this time to look deeper into my own relationship with Him and to grow closer to Him. A season for self-examination and a time for getting into the Word and meditating on it.

As Christians we are taught to take care of our neighbor, give to the poor, visit the sick, feed the hungry—and these are all good things we should be doing. But according to the Bible God wants us to come closer to Him so that He can come closer to us. Come to think of it, Jesus did say “I am the vine and you are the branches... without me you can do nothing.”

All through the Bible, God tells us He wants us to know Him and He wants to be a part of our lives. He told us in the story of Adam and Eve when He visited with them in the garden; He told us in the desert when He told them to build a tabernacle; He told us when He sent Jesus to save us; He told us when he sent the Holy Spirit to live in us.

I surely don't believe God sent this virus, but I do believe He can make something good out of what was meant to be evil. Joseph (who was sold to the Egyptians as a slave by his brothers) believed it and so do I. God gave us choice. What we choose to do with our time in this season of isolation is up to us.

Peace to all

AROUND THE CHURCH

So this is not your normal newsletter. We are not announcing upcoming events as we do not know when we will get back to business as usual, however we wanted to keep in touch. We also want to let you know about events that have been cancelled or postponed. We are hoping everyone is staying safe and well.

Here are a couple of announcements:

Vacation Bible School

It is with a heavy heart that we have decided to cancel VBS this summer. Due to the uncertain times, we are erring on the side of caution. We will have Sidney the Sloth join us in the summer of 2021!



ANNUAL MEETING PART II

We will be doing the Annual Meeting Part II on May 17th via Zoom. Look for an e-mail contain in the details and codes etc. to participate. You can either participate via video conference or phone in. We will also send out the committee reports to review at that time.

Our email function is back up and running on the website, if you would like to subscribe, please visit www.stpaulstorrington.com and scroll to the bottom of the home page. You will see a place to fill out to join the mailing list. This new system allows you to subscribe or unsubscribe with out contacting the office.

We will no longer be mailing out the newsletter except for those who cannot make it into the church. This is in effort to save money where we can. You can find the newsletter on our website or if you prefer a hard copy, the newsletter is available in the Narthex. If you are away from the church (vacation or what have you) when the newsletter goes out, the office will gladly print you a copy for pick up when you return. Thank you for your understanding!

The Tag Sale we were planning for June has been postponed. A new date to be announced when things get back to "normal". **We are not accepting donations at this time.** We will let you know when you can start bringing in items again.

The Servers Table is not in the newsletter, if services resume in June a schedule will be e-mailed to all of the servers for the month.

Pastor Cady is posting daily spiritual wellbeing posts on our Facebook page. If you prefer to see it live, you can go to his Facebook page and follow him. If you do not have Facebook, you can see them on our website as well. He is also doing a live Bible Study via Zoom on Tuesday evenings. Please email the office if you would like the code to join in on that group!

If you are able to keep your offerings coming in, they can be mailed to the church, or there is a lockbox outside to the right of the office entrance where they can be deposited. Another choice is signing up for online giving. See the following page for instructions on how to sign up online.

GIVE+ Mobile



If it seems like there's a smartphone app for everything these days — paying for coffee, checking in for a flight, arranging for a ride — it's because apps make life easier. Church members are looking for the same ease and convenience when it comes to giving.

With the award-winning giving app from Vanco Payment Solutions, your church can put the power of smartphone giving directly into your members' hands.

Our Give+ Mobile app is included with ACH or debit/credit card processing, and there are no additional fees or software for church staff to learn or integrate. Even better, Give+ Mobile is FREE for members to download and use.

Benefits for your church

- Boost overall giving by letting members and guests give anytime, anywhere from their smartphone
- Start using the app today with no additional set-up, monthly or service fees
- Simplify forecasting/reconciliation with consistent transaction costs on all Vanco products
- Donors can choose to increase gifts to help offset processing fees
- Integrate seamlessly with ChMS and Vanco reporting

Benefits for your members

- Quickly and easily donate using a debit/credit card or checking/savings account
- Make one-time donations or set up recurring giving to multiple funds
- Choose to create an account or donate as a guest
- Securely and conveniently manage donations using Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password

Contact Vanco to learn more about how Give+ Mobile can increase financial stewardship at your church.



Search for "GivePlus Church" to quickly find and download the app today!

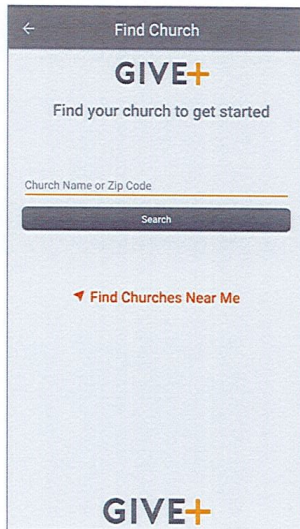


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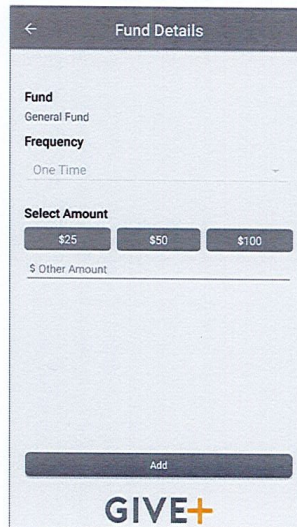
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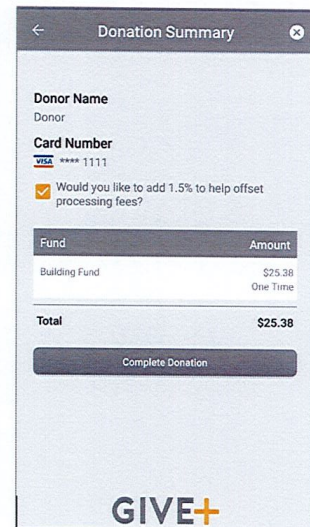
- Enter church name or tap *Find Churches Near Me* to start your search
- Select your church
- Your selected church will be displayed as your default church
- Tap *Give Now*

2) Select



- Choose a fund and a preset amount or enter another amount
- Select *Add* to add another fund or move forward to the payment information
- Scan or enter your card or bank account information

3) Submit



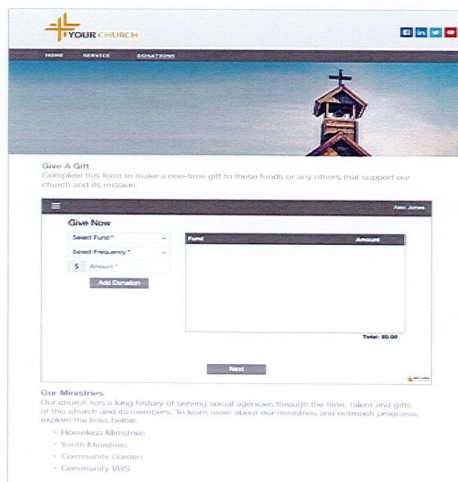
- Review your donation summary then select *Complete Donation*

Tip! Create an account to manage your giving: Set up recurring gifts, update payment methods, view giving history and more.

GIVE+ Online

How it works

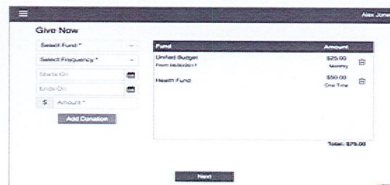
Easy online giving for members or guests without leaving your church website.



1. Select fund(s) and amount

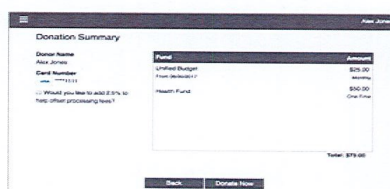
Donors select a fund, enter the amount and choose a frequency if they have created a Give+ account.

Note: All donors can give to multiple funds in one transaction. Account holders can choose start dates for gifts and payments.



3. Complete donation

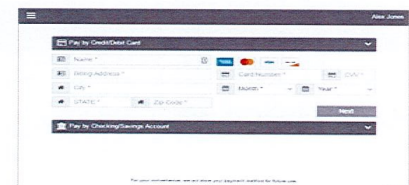
Donors review their summary and then select *Donate Now* to complete their donation(s).



2. Enter payment method

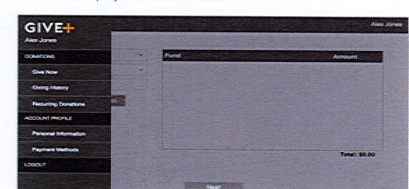
Donors enter their debit/credit card information or choose to pay with their checking or savings account.

Note: Give+ account holders can store this information for future use.



4. Give+ account features

When logged into their Give+ account, donors can review giving history, manage recurring donations or edit stored payment methods.



WHILE AT HOME

Here are some ideas of things that you can do while you Stay Home, Stay Safe to benefit others.

PRAYER SHAWLS



Prayer
Shawl
Ministry

Our supply of prayer shawls has seen some growth over the last couple of months but the need continues! Each year WorkCampers gift their "neighbor" with a prayer shawls when they leave. Congregation members request a shawl for someone who is sick or for someone who would benefit from such a gift of love. We have a few members who knit regularly for this ministry but we also invite others to participate as well. Many thanks to Sherryl Stewart, Harriet Vergaro, Pat Switzer, and Denise Nalette. Please check out this website for ideas and patterns. <https://www.shawlministry.com/>

Make Chemo Hats for Cancer Patients: For some ideas, visit this website <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/chemo-hat-and-turban-sewing-patterns-2977862>

or for the knitters:

Materials: one skein cotton fleece yarn by Brown Sheep co. or any Double Knitting weight- DK. Worsted is heavier so you should be sure to get the DK weight.

In Sheep's Clothing Yarn Store in Torrington has appropriate yarn as I'm sure JoAnn's too.

Be sure it's soft but has a little body to it too. You also need a size 6 circular needle 16" length and a set of size 6 double pointed needles.

Directions:

Cast on 96 stitches and knit in the round being careful not to twist the first row.

Knit every round for about 4 ¾" above the natural curl of the bottom of the hat.

DECREASE as follows:

Round 1 k6, k2 together, repeat to end of round

Round 2 and all even rows, knit all sets.

Round 3 K5, k2 together, repeat to end of round

Round 5 K4, k2 together, repeat to end of round

Round 7 K3, k2 together, repeat to end of round

Round 9 K2, k2 together, repeat to end of round

Round 11 K1, k2 together repeat to end of round

Round 13 k2 together all around

New Born Hats for CHH: Directions:

--- CH 2 always counts as 1 DC. (or CH 3, which ever you usually like to use)

CH 4 or 5 (which ever you usually like to use to make a ring). SL ST in first ST to form a ring.

Round 1 - CH 2, 11 DC in ring. SL ST in top of CH 2. (12 DC)

Round 2 - CH 2, DC in the same ST. 2 DC in each ST around. SL ST in top of CH 2. (24 DC)

Round 3 - CH 2, *2 DC in next ST, DC in next ST*; Repeat around. SL ST in top of CH 2. (36 DC)

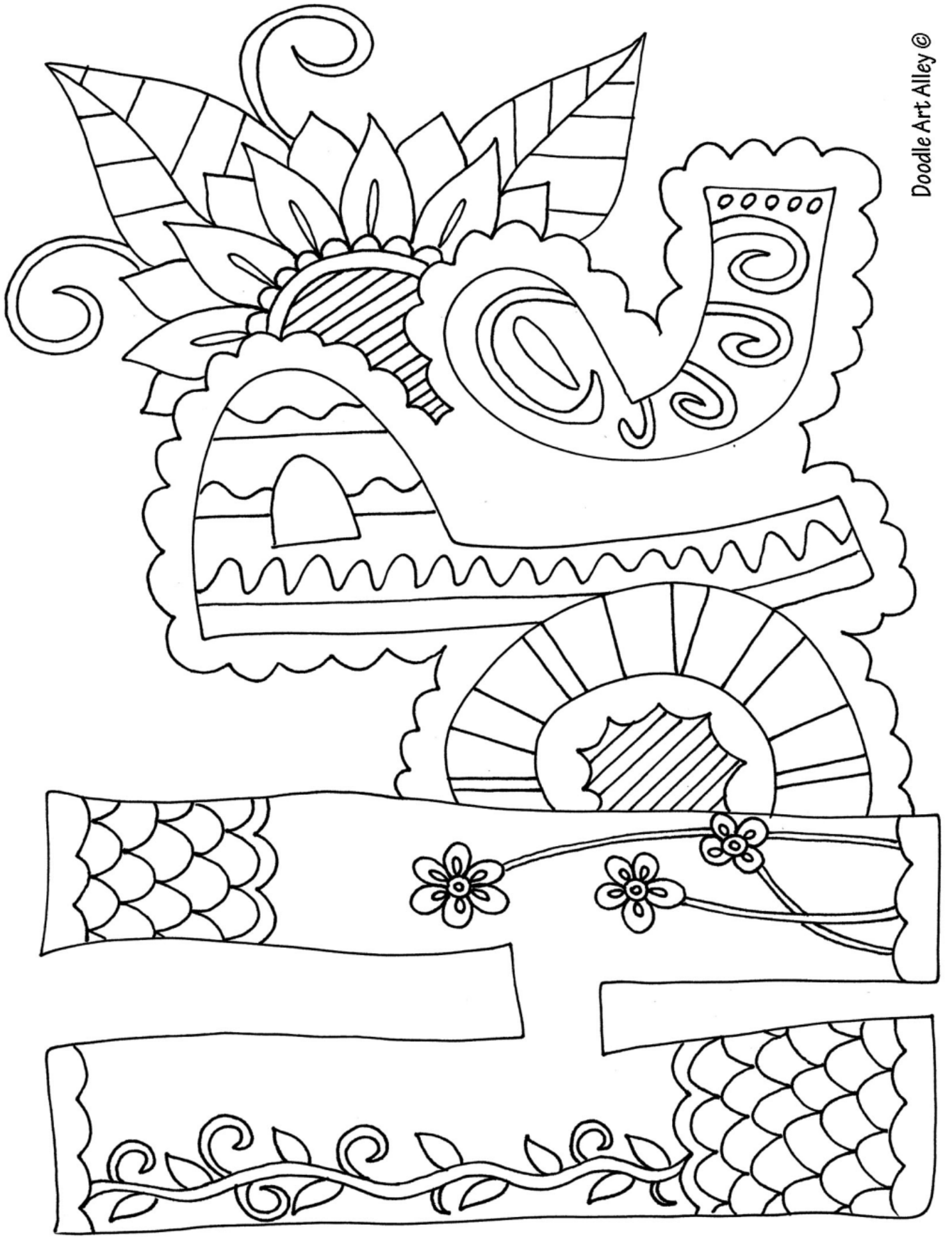
Round 4 - CH 2, DC in next ST. *2 DC in next ST, DC in next 2 ST*; Repeat around. SL ST in top of CH 2. (48 DC)

Round 5 - CH 2, DC in next 2 ST. *2 DC in next ST, DC in next 3 ST*; Repeat around. SL ST in top of CH 2. (60 DC)

- If making child sized cap use fewer "2 DC in next ST" in this round or skip this round.

Repeat rounds 7 & 8 until cap is the length that you want, ending with either round. Finish off.

Alternate ending round - CH 1 & either SC OR HDC around. SL ST in top of CH 1. Finish off.





May 1st

Camden Ferrucci

May 2nd

Brooklynn Rose Dickinson

May 3rd

Ainslee Campbell

May 5th

Mary Swienckowski

May 6th

Ashley Ross
Angela DiStefano

May 8th

Gregory Weingart
Kendhyall Abeling

May 10th

Ernest Marquard
Debra Weber

May 11th

Adam Seleman

May 12th

Daniel Roberts
Ethan Schaller
Brayden Frye

May 13th

Anna Woike

May 15th

Renate Riese
Karen Ness
Noah Shapiro

May 16th

Barbara Kreidwise
Jessica Nardine

May 17th

Jacob Friday
Susan Caulfield

May 18th

Casaundra Abeling
Coni-Jo Aparo

May 19th

Noah Braatz

May 21st

John Krochalis
Jacob Ludwig

May 22nd

Wendy Iannelli
Doug Harrel
Ignacio Vega

May 24th

David Foth

May 25th

Kevin Ross

May 26th

Frances Seitz
Freyja Harrel

May 27th

Donny Crossman
Eli Boda

May 30th

Mason Ferrucci

James and Joan Wolfinger	1, 1964
James and Margaret Clavette, Jr.	2, 1992
Richard and Cheryl Corey	10, 1980
Patrick and Christina Schulze	10, 2003
Wil and Joe Wesley	10, 2004
John and Wendy Iannelli	12, 1984
Gary and Nancy Begey	20, 1983
H. Curtis and Margita Stone	20, 1989
Roman & Leisa Radzins	22, 1982
Robert and June DeMichiel	23, 1964
Jon and Deb Sterling	31, 2004



Richard Friday

Patty Chalker

Sue Benedetto

Kris Gomez

Greta Goodman





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