



# ST. PAUL VISITOR APRIL 2023

*The mission of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is to CELEBRATE and PROCLAIM to all the saving grace of JESUS CHRIST in word and deed.*

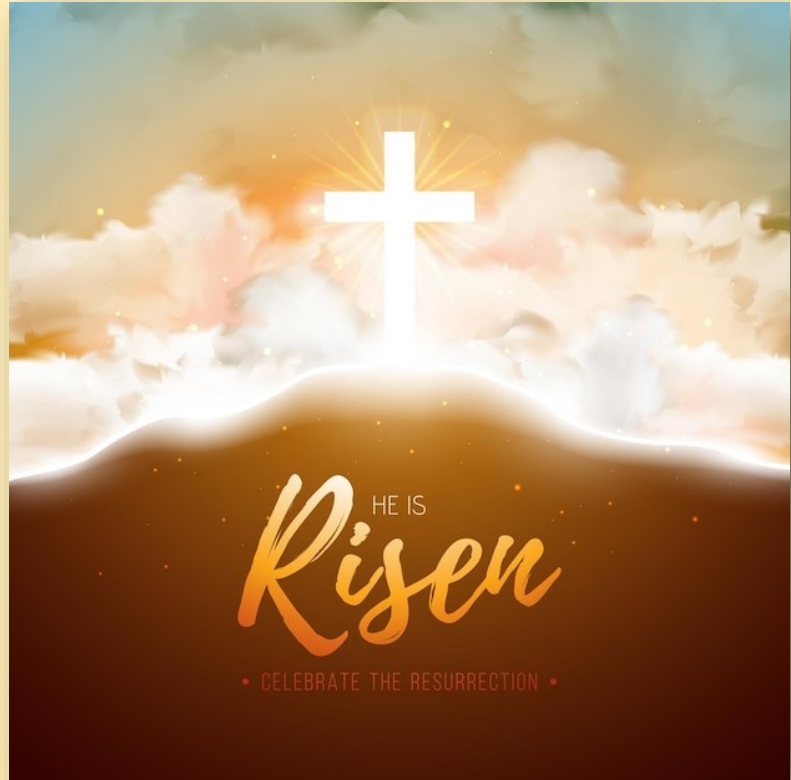


We pray for...

LaDonna, Al, Helen, Ernie, Myles, John, Jackie, Charles, Stephen, Bonnie, Steve and Jill

Shepherding God, you are the source of life and health. Surround those who struggle with illness or other difficulties of life and bring them to wholeness and healing. Amen.

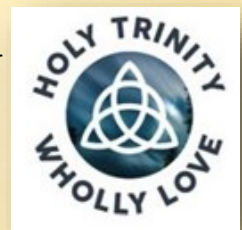
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or have a "prayer email" sent out please call Kathy at 304-525-9630.



June 18-24

It's time to register for Camp!

All students who have completed grade 3 and above are eligible to attend Camp Luther this summer. Please pick up a form in the church office. The tuition fee is \$295. St. Paul will pay \$148 of the fee. Please make checks payable to St. Paul for \$147. **Applications, with tuition, must be turned into the church office by April 23.**



## Pastor KLM Blog

Pastor Mackey has started a Blog on our website. He will be posting a new entry each week. You can view the blog by going to our church website: [www.stpaulhuntington.org](http://www.stpaulhuntington.org). It will be posted on the home page. Check it out!



## Pastor's Reflections

For some reason or another I have been more aware of my surroundings lately. Not sure what it is. Maybe it is the fact that I generally have been turning off the radio in my car. Maybe it is the fact that all the distractions that seem to go around in my head are quitter these days. Maybe it's because I have a new insurance company and I currently have an app on my phone that tracks how well, or not so well, I am driving. At the renewal time I can get a discount on my car insurance.

A couple examples of this noticing. 1. Walking into Walmart on Route 60 and I noticed the Entrance and the Exit signs above the doors. I saw them after I was technically walking in the exit door. How about car bumper stickers? Have you noticed interesting car bumper stickers? Maybe you have noticed the creation colors or the speed of people driving who seem to be in some kind of hurry for some reason.

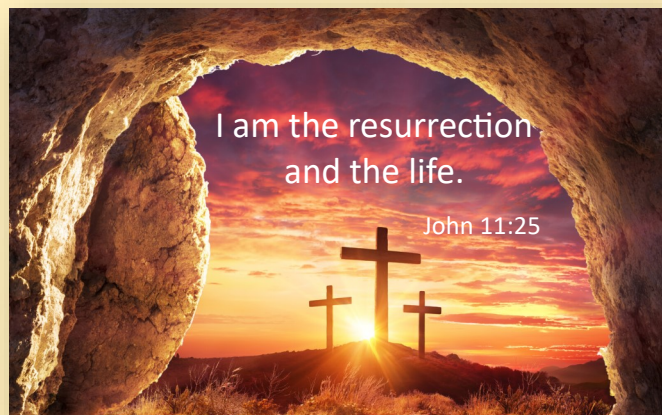
So here is the question I keep asking myself. Why now? When you receive this newsletter, we will be in the beginnings of Holy Week. The drama of Holy Week always draws me in. It makes me notice things I might not have noticed before. It also reminds me that God, in Jesus Christ, God's Son, is going to do something. You and I know the something and will celebrate it with the return to the Alleluia in worship. We will remember this something Sunday after Sunday as we celebrate this gift of God to the world.

It seems to me because of this gift – RESURRECTION nothing is the same. When we despair about not having enough time to do the things we want to do we step back and remember RESURRECTION. When we wonder about wars and hunger and the injustice of the system that seems to continue to want to put us all into categories or camps we remember RESURRECTION. When we seem to be having the worst day possible and nothing seems to be going right we remember RESURRECTION.

Maybe all the noticing I have been seeing is God's way of saying: Wake up and see RESURRECTION! God saying to me see hope. God saying to me death and despair and grief does not have the final say. Maybe also the noticing of the stuff of life is a reminder that God is active and involved and showing me RESURRECTION every day.

There is a phrase I have been using from scripture lately that helps me to move forward as God would have me move. The phrase is: With the eyes of your heart enlightened. My prayer for us all this Easter season is that the "eyes of your hearts would be enlightened" with the hope of RESURRECTION and new life.

Blessings and Peace on this Easter season,  
Pastor Kevin L Mackey <><





Dear St. Paul Congregation,

I just wanted to send out a big “Thank you” to everybody who was able to support the concert with the Chorus of the Huntington Symphony Orchestra at St. Paul on March 19—be it by cleaning the balcony/tidying up afterwards, attending the concert, bringing friends, by supporting the decision to host this event, or by singing in the choir (Carolyn Becker).

Things went smooth (to a big part due to your support), and the HSO folks were very happy with the size of the crowd. I’ve only heard positive comments from the audience. “Lovely setting” was one of them. Eric Brown (the bass-baritone) said he’d love to sing a concert at St. Paul at some point in the future.

Looking ahead, Holy Week is coming up. The choir is preparing a series of anthems taken from Lloyd Larson’s cantata Calvary’s Love for Palm Sunday (Hosanna to the King!), Good Friday (Dark Gethsemane), and Easter Sunday (Risen Today!).

Maundy Thursday Worship takes place at Christ The King Lutheran Church on Route 60 this year. The choir and I would like to sing an anthem as guests, as we have done last year on Good Friday. The anthem will be Remember Me by Aaron Adams. It features a flute solo that will be performed by Dylan Morgan.

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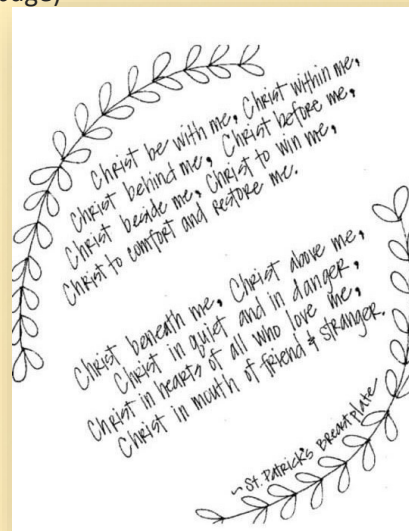
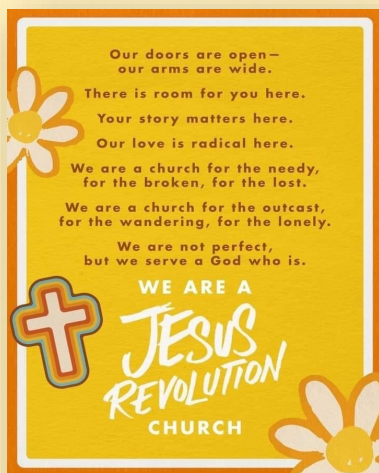
Dear Members of St. Paul Congregation,

For the first time ever, I missed the Ash Wednesday service and the imposition of Ashes. In less than 48 hours, I had fallen ill with Flu B, strept pneumonia, pleurisy and sepsis and was hospitalized. I have never been so sick. Through this sickness, I prayed and prayed and talked to God and asked for full healing. I held my Faith close at heart as I know God is our one true healer. As I faced my fear of illness with God by my side, I prayed the St. Patrick's breastplate prayer. I used meditation as well and imagined Christ on all sides of me and in my heart. I remembered, I am a child of God and I am so blessed and I want to continually share the word, love and light of Christ daily. It has been 5 weeks and I am still fighting pneumonia and a broken rib. During this time, I have been still and listened. I have learned to slow down a bit, to express my love for family and friends daily, to share God's love, to pray, praise and be thankful for all my blessings, to remind others they are a child of God, to not sweat the small things or the insignificant things and to rejoice and be glad that I am made in God's image. I am thankful for all of your prayers as well. It is so easy for us to get caught up in this fast paced world around us and to allow things to get between our time with God. We need to make the time. We need to take the time.

As Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten Journey, we reflect on our past, our present and look to our future for our spiritual growth. We may fast, give, give up, or implement changes in our spiritual journey. We desire to be Christlike and to be a loving Child of God and to walk by Faith. Let us renew our faith and honor the truth and grace of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. We are so blessed with the gift of eternal life through the greatest sacrifice of all- God's only son. I watched a documentary on the Jesus Revolution while in the hospital and was moved to know how God can and has moved through others. I have started reading the book and have learned some history as well. "More people were baptized during the Jesus Revolution than in any time since people started keeping records"( Laurie & Vaughn, p.14) I would love to see another Jesus Revolution take place in America now. We have seen revivals in our neighboring state of Kentucky. We have seen growth in our church with new members from our community. Let us continue to share the word, love and light of Christ with all we meet. Let us welcome others like an open and innocent child. Have you ever been to a playground? Children make new friends in a matter of minutes. There is no disgression but only the willingness and openness to be welcoming and play and join in the fun. If we let go of the unimportant small things and remember we are children of God, made in his image, and we are called to love one another and allow God to use our hands to do His work, then we are honoring God. and our call. We are "the change" we want to see in the world! We can make the world a better place daily!

Since I have come back to church, I have been so humbled with the love, compassion and prayers of others. The hugs from children that missed me as well as the hugs and kind sentiments from my brothers and sisters in Christ have lifted me up as I recognize the true blessing of being a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. The children will perform "This Little Light of Mine" on Palm Sunday. I hope that it reminds us all to share the love and lights in our hearts with the world! This Easter may you remember that you are blessed with the BEST, we are so blessed to have our Lord by our side. I leave you with the lyrics to "I'm so Blessed" by Cain. (on the next page)

May God Bless You and Keep You





"I'm So Blessed" by Cain (submitted by Jill May)

I'm so blessed (I'm so blessed)  
Hallelujah, I'm blessed  
I'm so blessed (I'm so blessed)  
Hallelujah, I'm blessed

Trouble knocking at my door today  
I ain't gonna let it in  
Worry wanna steal my joy away  
But I ain't gonna let it win  
Cause on my best day, I'm a child of God  
On my worst day, I'm a child of God  
Oh, everyday is a good day  
And You're the reason why

I'm so blessed, I'm so blessed  
Got this heartbeat in my chest  
No, it doesn't matter about the rest  
If I got You Lord, I'm so blessed  
I'm so blessed (I'm so blessed)  
Hallelujah, I'm blessed  
I'm so blessed (I'm so blessed) (Okay)  
Hallelujah, I'm blessed

And when I count the problems that I see  
Hope looks all but gone  
But when I count the ways  
You're good to me  
You got me counting all day long  
Oh, yeah!

I'm so blessed , I'm so blessed  
Got this heartbeat in my chest  
No, it doesn't matter about the rest  
If I got You Lord, I'm so blessed

Hey I'm so blessed, I'm so blessed  
Got this heartbeat in my chest  
No, it doesn't matter about the rest  
If I got You Lord, I'm so blessed

Cause on my best day, I'm a child of God  
On my worst day, I'm a child of God  
Oh, everyday is a good day  
And You're the reason why  
Cause on my best day, I'm a child of God  
On my worst day, I'm a child of God  
Oh, everyday is a good day (Everyday is a good day)

And You're the reason why  
I'm so blessed , I'm so blessed  
Got this heartbeat in my chest  
No, it doesn't matter about the rest  
If I got You Lord, I'm so blessed (Sing it again)  
I'm so blessed , I'm so blessed  
Got this heartbeat in my chest  
No, it doesn't matter about the rest  
If I got You Lord, I'm so blessed (Hey, yeah)

Cause on my best day, I'm a child of God  
On my worst day, I'm a child of God (Oh)  
Oh, everyday is a good day  
And You're the reason why  
Cause on my best day, I'm a child of God  
On my worst day, I'm a child of God  
Oh, everyday is a good day  
And You're the reason why

I'm so blessed (I'm so blessed)  
(I'm so blessed)  
Hallelujah, I'm blessed I'm so blessed (I'm so blessed)  
Hallelujah, I'm blessed I'm so blessed (I'm so blessed)  
(No, it doesn't matter about the rest)  
Hallelujah, I'm blessed  
I'm so blessed (I'm so blessed) (If I got You Lord) Hallelujah, I'm so blessed

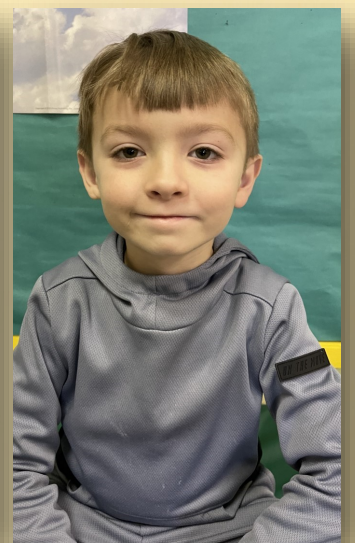
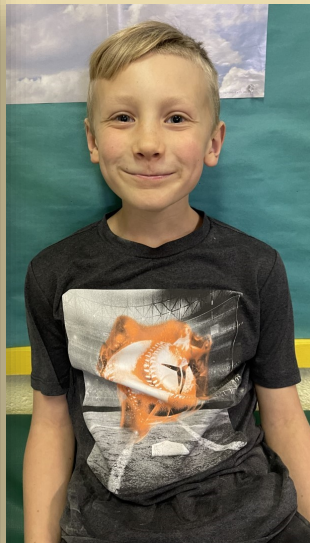
## ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE

Thanks to the help of Dr. Paul Lutz (pictured at right), who brought the building to Marshall's Huntington campus, the One-Room Schoolhouse will be open again from March 27 until the end of the spring semester and from Monday, May 1 to Thursday, May 4. The hours will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

Dr. Neil Arneson, retired faculty from the College of Education and Professional Development, will be offering tours and sharing information about the educational, sociological, economic and historical importance of all one-room schools and especially those in West Virginia. On Thursdays, Arneson will be doing a living history presentation of one of the last schoolmasters in West Virginia in 1873. Appointments can also be made for any group, university class or school for a field trip, or for Arneson to visit your location. Contact him by e-mail at [arneson@marshall.edu](mailto:arneson@marshall.edu) or by calling 304-633-3935.



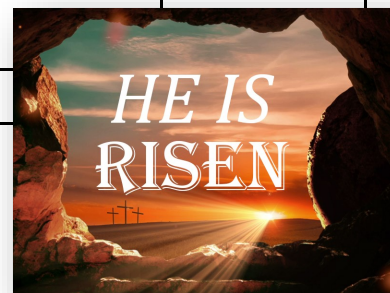


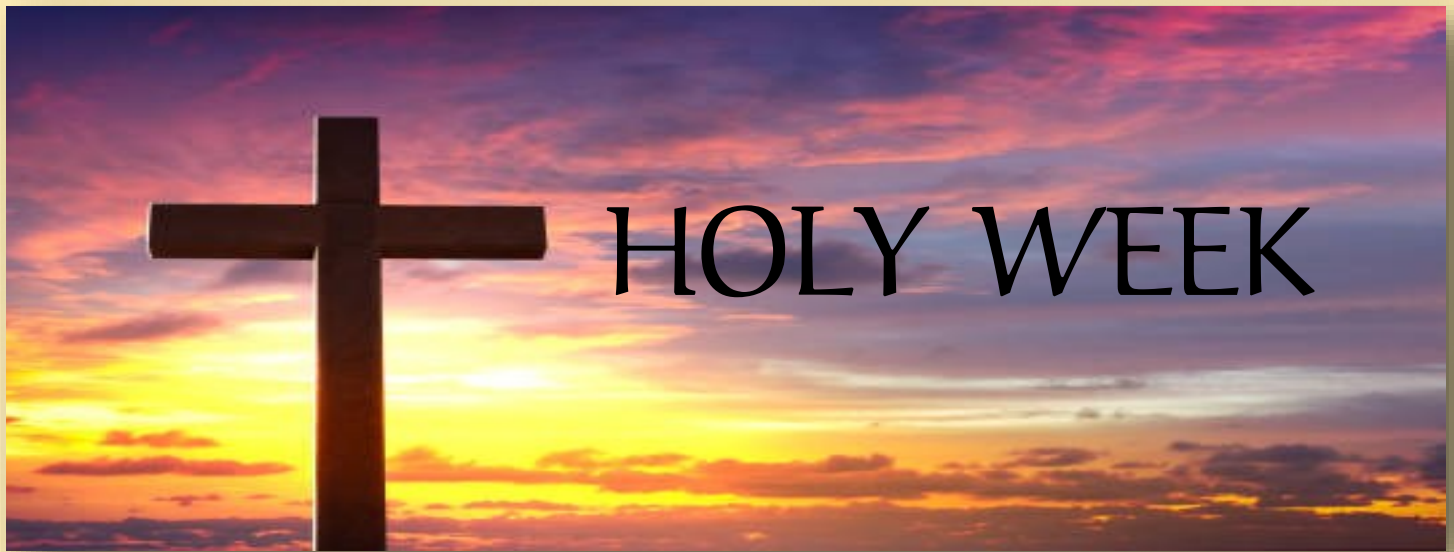




# April 2023

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<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 10:00am Worship 11:15am Sunday School 11:15am Adult Forum	12:00pm Staff meeting  1:00pm Woman's Club	9:30am Quilting	7:00pm Choir	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 7:00pm Worship at Christ the King Lutheran Church  	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 7:00pm Worship  	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>EASTER</b> 7:00am Sunrise Service 8:00am Breakfast/Egg Hunt 10:00am Worship	Office Closed  7:00pm Writer's Group	9:30am Quilting	7:00pm Choir			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10:00am Worship 11:15am Sunday School 11:15am Adult Forum 1:30pm Pastor at Woodlands	12:00pm Pastor at QRT	9:30am Quilting	7:00pm Choir			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10:00am Worship 11:15am Sunday School 11:15am Adult Forum <b>Camp Registrations Due Today</b>		9:30am Quilting	7:00pm Choir			
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10:00am Worship 11:15am Sunday School 11:15am Adult Forum 12:15pm Council						





### **Palm Sunday**

April 2

10:00am Worship with palms

Children singing

### **Good Friday**

April 7

7:00pm Worship

### **Maundy Thursday**

April 6

7:00pm Worship at Christ the King  
with St. Paul Choir singing

### **Easter Sunday**

April 9

7:00am Sunrise Service in Parking Lot  
(weather permitting)  
8:00am Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt  
10:00am Worship

From David Porterfield's daughter:

Dear Friends at St. Paul,

Hope you are well! Dad is good. Over the summer he moved from assisted living to independent living. This is a less intensive level of care which allows him to do more fun activities like going to stores and restaurants. We were able to sell his house in Huntington, which was a big stressor that is now removed.

Dad enjoys receiving cards and the monthly newsletter. He still gets all his mail via my address:

Debra Grant

1554 Saxman Avenue

Morgantown, WV 26505

Take good care of yourselves and each other.

Sincerely,

Debra Grant

for David Porterfield (my Dad)






Thank you to James May for hanging up our Easter banner outside.  
 Thank you to David Stuart for picking up all of the sticks and branches on the front lawn.

**CRIDLIN FOOD PANTRY**

For the Month of April we will be collecting cans of fruit cocktail for Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry. Please place your items in the bin in the narthex.



If you are interested in packing and/or delivering backpacks to Southside Elementary, please see David Stuart, Creigh Pemberton, or Bernadette Wellman.

**YOU CAN HELP**  Do you wish you could help with the School Backpacks but can't do the shopping yourself? We have members who are willing to do the shopping, but we need funds. You can help by making a monetary donation. Please make checks out to St. Paul and write "Backpacks" on the memo line. Cash can be put in an envelope with "Backpacks" written on the outside.

**School Backpack Program**

**We are running low on items for our backpacks. If you can help purchase any of the items below it would be appreciated.**

The following items are needed:

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|----------------|-------------------|
| fruit cups     | applesauce        |
| Mac and Cheese | Beef-a-Roni       |
| Beef sticks    | Cereal            |
| Pop Tarts      | Fruit snacks      |
| Drink boxes    | Shelf stable milk |



*All items need to be individual sizes and not contain peanuts.*

*Please leave your items in the container in the narthex or bring to the church office.*



## WORSHIP HELPERS

### April 2

Assisting Minister: David Stuart  
Reader: Keith Wellman  
Communion Deacon: Creigh Pemberton  
Bread: Ruthann Arneson  
Crucifer: Cameron May  
Acolyte: Daniel Kist  
Ushers: Steve Golder, Andrew Wellman  
Flowers:

### April 7 Good Friday

Assisting Minister: Bernadette Wellman  
Reader: Ruthann Arneson  
Acolyte: DeLaney Utley  
Ushers: Kenny Kirby

### April 9 Easter Sunrise Service

Assisting Minister: Keith Wellman  
Reader: Annette DuVall  
Communion Deacon: David Stuart  
Bread: Barbara Garnett  
Ushers: Kenny Kirby

### April 9 Easter Worship 10:00am

Assisting Minister: Ruthann Arneson  
Reader: Mary Lou Fricke  
Communion Deacon: B. Wellman  
Bread: Barb Garnett  
Crucifer: Jacob Hale  
Acolyte: DeLaney Utley  
Ushers: Steve Golder, Andrew Wellman  
Flowers:

### April 16

Assisting Minister: Norma Gensler  
Reader: Norma Gensler  
Communion Deacon: Keith Wellman  
Bread:  
Crucifer: Alex Mackey  
Acolyte: Daniel Kist  
Ushers: Steve Golder, Andrew Wellman  
Flowers:

### April 23

Assisting Minister: Linda Schneider  
Reader: Steve Golder  
Communion Deacon: Cheryl Conzett  
Bread: Cheryl Conzett  
Crucifer: Katie Dowis  
Acolyte: DeLaney Utley  
Ushers: Steve Golder, Andrew Wellman  
Flowers:

### April 30

Assisting Minister: Steve Golder  
Reader: Owen Murray  
Communion Deacon: Norma Gensler  
Bread:  
Crucifer: Ethan Arneson  
Acolyte: Daniel Kist  
Usher: Andrew Wellman  
Flowers:

**ALTAR GUILD:** Linda Schneider

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:**

**CHAPEL CANDLE:**

## BOOK CLUB

May 17 at 10:00am in the parlor

We will be discussing "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles.

Please join us!



The readings listed below are sent to the congregation each day (Monday-Friday) by email. If you are not currently receiving the Daily Devotional and would like to please contact the church at [secretary@stpaulhuntington.org](mailto:secretary@stpaulhuntington.org) with your email address.

April 3-7: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

April 10-14: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; I Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

April 17-21: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; I Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

April 24-28: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; I Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10





- 3 Nola Scott
- 7 Gary Rea
- 8 Jackson McComas; Analee Maeland
- 9 Ingrid Sturgill
- 11 Hunter Eid
- 12 Steve Murray
- 13 Doug Korstanje; Judi Korstanje
- 14 Judy Dumke; Tom Kisling; Bob Tucker
- 15 Kelly Cunningham
- 17 Shannon Simpkins
- 21 Beth Brown
- 23 Kenny Kirby; David Stuart
- 24 Edie Beals
- 29 Jacob Hale
- 30 Brock Tucker



- 4 Stephen and Mikah Utley
- 25 Larry and Jo Kendall

### Worship Attendance for March

Date	in person	Facebook(closed)	Facebook (open)	YouTube
3/5	69	Not posted	29	not posted
3/12	48	Not posted	not posted	not posted
3/19	66	51	82	not posted
3/26	69	52	75	not posted



We are in need of volunteers for various tasks that make our worship more meaningful. Please check out the sign up sheets in the narthex. We currently need people to sponsor flowers and candles and provide communion bread each week.

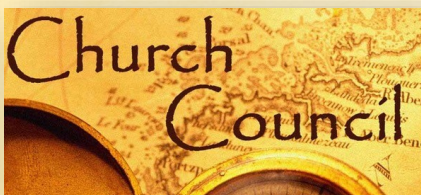


### A Guided Lenten Labyrinth Journey and Individual Meditative Prayer Service GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Stop in for the Meditative Prayer Service from 3:00—7:00pm

Guided Labyrinth Journey at 4:00pm or 6:00pm

Enslow Park Presbyterian Church  
1338 Enslow Blvd.  
Huntington, WV 25701



The 2023 Church Council members and their respective committees are:

- Property—Ron Pease
- Stewardship and Finance—Julie Huron
- Social Ministry—Bernadette Wellman and Creigh Pemberton
- Christian Education—Kevin Knowles and Emma Kist
- Worship and Music—Barbara Garnett
- Fellowship—Debbie Perkins and Jenny Murray
- Evangelism—Julie Huron and Everyone

The next council meeting will be on April 30 at 12:15pm





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