

ST. PAUL VISITOR APRIL 2024

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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.

ALL ARE
WELCOME
HERE 

You may have noticed that we are filming our worship service a little differently now. Thanks to Dan Beals we can now live stream directly to Facebook and YouTube at the same time. This new method uses an iPad instead of a phone and allows for more options in streaming. According to Dan the streaming process is simple and can be done by anyone from anywhere in the sanctuary.



We are now in need of volunteers to work the iPad on Sunday mornings and for other services. If you are interested in helping please sign up in the narthex. You can sign up for an entire month or just one service. Please see Dan Beals for training.

A big thank you to Jill May for filming our worship services for the past several years.

CAMP LUTHER 2024

June 16-22

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 \$330. St. Paul will pay \$165 of the fee. Please make checks payable to St. Paul for \$165. **Completed Registration forms with payment must be in the church office by April 25.**



Pastor's Reflections

Happy Easter. By the time you receive this newsletter we will be in Holy Week. Some of you will receive this after Easter. Let us not forget that our liturgical calendar celebrates 50 days of Easter. That means over the next seven Sundays we will be celebrating Easter. Of course, in our tradition we celebrate Easter (resurrection) every Sunday.

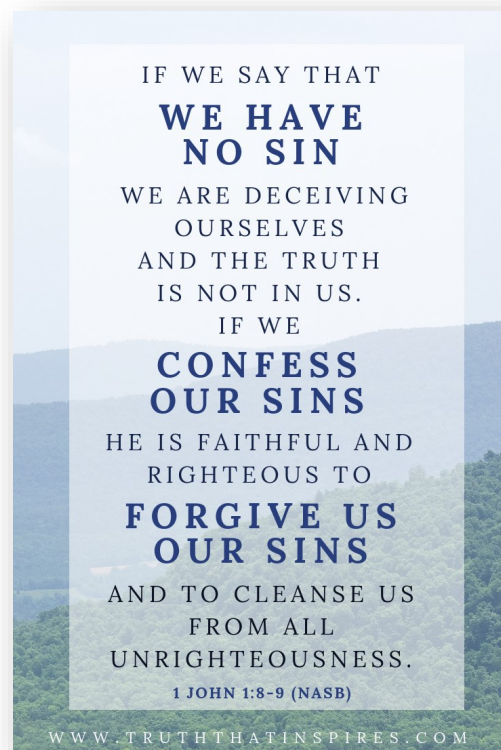
As I look forward to the Easter texts in Series B the first and second lessons are from two books in the Bible we do not have much interaction with: Acts and I John. Each of these texts are important in our Easter life. Acts is the narrative of the disciples, and the first church begins with the choosing of a disciple to replace Judas. Acts are the difficulties and ins and outs – good, bad, and ugly of the beginnings of the church. We see how the church is growing with numbers of people being added to the faith.

First John sounds a lot like the gospel of John. One of the three words in Greek used to describe love is used frequently in the book - agape. Our Lutheran Study Bible writes these words about First John: First John is a like a testimony explaining and arguing for the truth of what the writer believes. Scholars disagree over who was the actual writer of I John. Some of our liturgy is taken from the book of First John. First John 1:8-9 might be familiar: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Sometimes I have disagreements with the people who put together the lectionary we use. The first and second lessons for Easter are not one of those places. Easter is a time to be empowered to remember our witnessing. These texts are reminders of what our faith looks like and how we sometimes struggle with that faith yet through it all God is faithful.

May your 50 days of Easter be filled with new life daily.

Pastor KLM <><



Dear St. Paul Congregation,
Easter is upon us! Time to heal.

I am writing this in the midst of Holy Week. A busy time for the choir. We have prepared three anthems for the services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday 10 am. On the Easter 10 am service, you will also hear Dr. Dan Beals, horn and Dylan Morgan, flute in a trio for flute, horn, and piano as prelude, and throughout the service. As you have gathered from previous newsletters, our choir is growing. We have gained a new member this month, Dr. Richard Probst in the tenor section. This means we have three tenors and three basses – many church choir directors would be jealous!

I'd be amiss without saying thank you, this time specifically to Kamini Haghghi contributing to two of our services in March with her beautiful mezzo-soprano voice. Thank you also to Katherine Becker Mansouri for taking pictures. They are showing Kamine Haghghi, Carolyn Becker and David Stuart, and the Korstanje family, with Susan, Doug, Judy, and Bill Korstanje our honorary and very much missed choir member (tenor)!

Another big thank you to: Keith Wellman and Tim Conzett. As you know, there are several times during the year when I am taking a Sunday off for professional development activities related to my job at Marshall (concerts, conferences, festivals etc.). To a big part, this is only possible because Keith has the generosity (and musical skillset!) to fill in whenever possible. I am more grateful for that than he knows. Tim Conzett sang a moving solo with Keith at the piano on the last Sunday in Lent, while I was traveling. I have said this before: The music ministry is much more than just the director. Thank you to all those involved!

Happy Easter!
Henning



Kamine Becker Haghghi and Henning



David Stuart and Carolyn Becker



The Korstanje Family—Bill, Judi,
Doug and Susan

The Spring air smells and feels so good. It is always nice to have a change in your step, to watch the beauty in the growth of new flowers and the budding of the trees and to feel the sunshine on your face or to just breathe in the warm fresh air. There is such renewal after Lent and the celebration of Easter. He is Risen, Indeed, Alleluia!

The youth continue to study scripture together. During Sunday School, we have been taking turns reading the story in our bibles. We have also shared in different kinesthetic activities. We have crafted and made lanterns to share, "Jesus is the light!" The youth were to share their lantern with someone and to also remind them of God's love. We have played bible bingo and reviewed many stories and their significance. The youth have shared their favorite bible stories as well. It is enlightening to listen to their discussions while competing. They have such determination! We recited St. Patrick's Breastplate prayer and then prayed it together. We made 4 leaf clovers and rainbows that showed the things we are thankful for. On Palm Sunday, we made Peeps playdoh. The youth love to try experiments and make new things in the kitchen. The playdoh was fun and also edible! The surprise of making peeps into playdoh was a reminder of the surprise when Mary sees Jesus after He has risen from the tomb. We spoke about Holy week and the Passion and the Easter celebration!

The youth continue to learn together through scripture and prayer. We pray with our minds, our hearts, and our bodies. Every youth lifts prayers aloud. We pray together and for one another and for those we lift up. We remember to share God's love with who we meet and wherever we go. As Spring continues to bloom, we remember the growth within ourselves. Let us be the seed that grows and blooms and roots in one another. Help us to share the love of God always. Let us Rejoice in the Lord Always! Again, I say Rejoice! He is Risen. He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Happy Easter!

Your Loving Sister in Christ,

Jill

Sent from my iPhone



We have several new acolytes this year: Jaylyn Garnett (pictured), Willow May, Kennady Kist and Jackson Wellman.



CCC Kids



A reminder to everyone: there are various illnesses going around (COVID, Flu, etc). If you are not feeling well please refrain from coming to worship or other events at the church. If there is anything you need please call Pastor Mackey or the church office. We are happy to help out!

Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry

For the month of April we will be collecting cans of tuna for Cridlin. Please leave your donations in containers in the narthex.



BOOK CLUB

April 10 at 10:00am in the parlor

We will be discussing "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus



Please join us!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls are available in the narthex if you would like to give one to someone in need of comfort and prayer. Cards are also available to give with the shawls. These shawls are made by members of St. Paul and are offered free of charge.



What is the Backpack Food Program?

Each week during the school year we put together bags of food for children at Southside Elementary who may not have enough food for the weekend.

How can I help?

You can purchase items for the backpacks! See the list of suggested items below. Please bring your items to the church and leave them in the container in the narthex.

How many children do we help?

Each week we provide food for 25 children.

What can I donate?

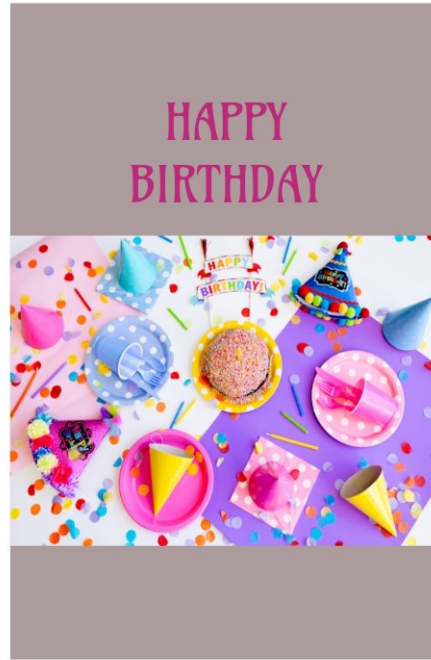
- Pop Tarts
- single serving ravioli
- ramen noodles
- single serving soup
- single serving mac and cheese
- tuna and cracker packs
- fruit cups
- individually packaged beef sticks
- single serving applesauce
- single serving beef-a-roni
- individual shelf stable milk drink boxes

Dear St. Paul Family,

Thank you all for the cards, prayers, gift cards and food for me and my family following my recent accident. We are so grateful to all of you for your thoughtfulness in our time of need. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring congregation! You all are true examples of Christ-like love.

Sincerely, your sister in Christ,

Barb Garnett



- 3 Nola Scott
- 7 Gary Rea
- 8 Jackson McComas; Analee Maeland
- 9 Ingrid Sturgill
- 12 Steve Murray
- 13 Doug Korstanje; Judi Korstanje
- 14 Judy Dumke; Tom Kisting; 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

WE PRAY FOR:



- *LaDonna, Helen, Clarice*
- *We are cleaning off the prayer list. If you would like someone added back onto the list please call the church office.*
- *If you would like to add someone new to the prayer list please call the church office.*



April Anniversaries

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



DAILY DEVOTIONAL IN YOUR INBOX

The readings listed below are emailed to the congregation Monday-Friday along with a suggestion for contemplating the scripture. If you are not currently receiving the daily devotional and would like to please contact the church office.

- April 1-5: Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, I John 1:1--2:2, John 20:19-31
- April 8-12: Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4, I John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48
- April 15-19: Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, I John 3:16-24, JOhn 10:11-18
- April 22-25: Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, I John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Church Office Closed	9:30am Quilting	6:00pm CCC 7:00pm Choir	Noon Bible Study		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:00am Worship 11:15am Sunday School/Adult Forum 1:30pm Pastor at Woodlands		9:30am Quilting Pastor at QRT	10:00am Book Club 7:00pm Choir	NO Noon Bible Study—Pastor at Conference 6:00pm Girl Scouts		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:00am Worship 11:15am Sunday School No Adult Forum Pastor on vacation	Pastor at QRT	9:30am Quilting	6:00pm CCC 7:00pm Choir	Noon Bible Study	Empty Bowls at Pullman 10:00-3:00pm	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30				
10:00am Worship 11:15am Sunday School/Adult Forum	1:00pm Woman's Club	9:30am Quilting				

EMPTY BOWLS



The School of Art & Design presents Empty Bowls 2024, its 21st annual pottery sale fundraiser for the Facing Hunger Food Bank.

The event will be from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday, April 19, 2024, in the Pullman Square Gazebo in downtown Huntington.

The price is \$20 per bowl, each of which is created by a Marshall University art student or a volunteer community member. With the purchasing power of the food bank, each bowl sold provides 180 meals for the hungry in the Tri-State region.

All are welcome.

Sponsored by the School of Art & Design, the Facing Hunger Food Bank and The Pottery Place.

Large Print bulletins are now available on Sunday mornings
You can find them in the narthex and next to the elevator.



Thank you to everyone who helped "Fill the Cart" for the Backpack ministry. The cart was filled to overflowing with your generous donations!



A very special thank you to Daniel Kist for being our only acolyte for the past couple of years. He has done a wonderful job and is always ready to step in when needed.
Thanks Daniel!



Please continue to bring in your used ink cartridges. We receive \$2.00 for each cartridge at Office Depot. You can leave them in the church office or give to Kathy.

WORSHIP HELPERS FOR APRIL

April 7

Reader: Mary Lou Pratt
Assisting Minister: Steve Golder
Communion Deacon: Norma Gensler
Acolyte: Jackson Wellman
Children's Time: Annette DuVall
Flowers:
Bread: Linda Schneider
Ushers: Steve Golder
Live Streaming: Kenny Kirby

April 14

Reader: Linda Schneider
Assisting Minister: Bernadette Wellman
Communion Deacon: Steve Golder
Acolyte: Willow May
Children's Time: Jill May
Flowers:
Bread: Linda Schneider
Ushers: Steve Golder
Live Streaming: Jan Kirby

April 21

Reader: David Stuart
Assisting Minister: Keith Wellman
Communion Deacon: Creigh Pemberton
Acolyte: Kennady Kist
Children's Time: Emma Kist
Flowers:
Bread: Linda Schneider
Ushers: Steve Golder
Live Streaming: Tom Kist

April 28

Reader: Barbara Garnett
Assisting Minister: Linda Schneider
Communion Deacon: David Stuart
Acolyte: Jaylyn Garnett
Children's Time: Pastor Mackey
Flowers:
Bread: Linda Schneider
Ushers: Steve Golder
Live Streaming: Tom Kist



Sanctuary Lamp

Chapel Lamp

ALTAR GUILD

Linda Schneider and
Anne Graybeal



Adult Forum

Sundays at 11:15am in the parlor.

Join us for great discussions led by
Pastor Mackey.

For the next few months we will be
discussing the weekly scripture readings.

Join Our Bible Study Group

We will be looking
at the
Weekly lessons

THURSDAYS AT NOON
BRING YOUR LUNCH
ALL ARE WELCOME







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ST. PAUL MINISTRIES



Quilting



School Backpack Program



Christmas Baskets



Cool to be a Christian Club



Camp Luther



Lutheran Youth Organization



Worship in the Park



Trunk or Treat



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Blessing of the Animals



Christmas in August



Vacation Bible School

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