

ST. PAUL VISITOR MAY 2025

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Saving Grace Of Jesus
Christ In Word And
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HERE 

MAY THE
FAITH
BE WITH
YOU

“The Pastor Jeff Wick Camp Luther Fundraiser”

“MAY THE FAITH BE WITH YOU”

Sunday May 4th after worship

sponsored by the St. Paul youth

This event is to raise scholarship funds for youth attending Camp Luther. All are welcome for food, fun and fellowship! Please make a donation to help sponsor a youth to Camp and enjoy our Taco Bar with all the sides and desserts.

Pastor's Reflections

One of the things I like to do when I am planning to preach is look ahead to see what the lessons are for the season that we are currently in. We are currently in the season of Easter. For the next seven Sundays all the first lessons (you may remember that we usually have four lessons each Sunday) are from the book of Acts.

This is interesting because usually, not always, the first lessons are from the Old Testament. You may ask the question why? I am unsure of the reason, but I suspect it relates to the early days of the church, as recorded in Acts. Acts describes the dissemination of early Christian teachings throughout the Roman Empire.

That is exciting news! Jesus is going into the world! I just wonder then how has this been going? Are we still conveying the message as those first disciples did? Do we tell others about Jesus? Those first disciples – followers of Jesus – shared how Jesus had changed their lives. Are we inviting others?

Many of you know that when Alex is in the car with me our radio is always tuned to KLove.

In fact she will not let me change it. KLove is the choice. KLove plays Christian music. It also has many stories from witnesses on how Jesus touched their lives. Is KLove a way for the church to reach the world? Have they become such a powerful force for the Christian gospel that local churches have been marginalized.

I would say no. No because the local church is where relationships are formed. The local church is a place where we pray for one another. The local church is where we do ministry for those who are marginalized in our community. The local church is where the expressions of love for neighbor and one another are shown in tangible ways. Ways like the backpack ministry. Gathering for worship. In the ways we are seeking to build community by involving all in the parish in ministry activities.

But maybe we can use the music of KLove to highlight and accentuate the ministry we do. I am not sure what this will look like. Any ideas? Please share any thoughts with me and our leadership team.

The work of ministry is “casting the net” and trusting God will do the work of showing people the Gospel and gifting them with the Holy Spirit. Seems to me that this is what the first church, the church in its beginnings in Acts, did and the church grew.

May God bless us in all our endeavors.

Your Pastor
Pastor KLM <><



Mother's Day

May 11

Please join us for worship on May 11 as we celebrate the women in our lives. A special gift will be given to all the women.

Dear St. Paul Congregation:

Happy Easter!

I hope you had a good Easter Sunday. I'd like to commend our choir specifically on their musical contribution in Lent, Holy Week, and on Easter. Normally, we have a 90-minute rehearsal on Wednesdays and prepare about three weeks in advance, which means during any given rehearsal, we work on three anthems. Because of the Lenten midweek services and because of Holy Week, we have less time every rehearsal and more anthems to practice. Despite this, I think the choir has done a stellar job. And no matter how stressful the times, we never lose the jovial and edifying atmosphere during rehearsals!

I'd like to repeat a call to the congregation: If you are playing an instrument and are interested in contributing musically, please don't be shy to let me know. There are many ways to accomplish this, background music during communion, prelude, postlude, hymns, and we also have a good number of anthems with instrumental parts in the choir library. If the music includes piano or organ, I will of course play with you, and we will find a time rehearse beforehand until you feel comfortable. In this context, thank you to Dan Beals for playing a beautiful horn solo and accompanying the hymns with us on the fourth Sunday in Lent!

Jill May and the children have been practicing diligently for a special treat for you on Mothers Day, which also happens to be Shepherd Sunday: They will sing the praise song "Still Waters (Psalm 23)" during Worship.

A little interesting tidbit about last Sunday's Sending Hymn "Thine Is the Glory": The tune is from Georg Friedrich Händel's oratorio Judas Maccabaeus. In English and French speaking countries, it is sung for Easter, with lyrics by Edmond Louis Budry. In Germany, it is more commonly known with a different text as the Advent hymn "Tochter Zion, freue dich" (Tochter Zion, Rejoice").

As you may have noticed in our own hymnals, it is not uncommon to use the same, often popular melody for different hymns, and many times the source of the original melody had nothing to do with the text of the hymn. This was simply a matter of practicability. Hymns (especially in our Lutheran tradition!) are meant to be participatory, IE the intention is for the congregation to sing. One way to encourage people to sing was to set the words to popular melodies that people already knew and were comfortable singing, even if they only heard them in completely unrelated environments. Another example for this is the anthem the choir sang last Sunday, "O Morn of Beauty", set to the tune of Jean Sibelius' orchestral tone poem "Finlandia". You will find the same melody with yet a different text in our Red Hymnal under number 887: "This Is My Song".

Henning

Dear St. Paul Congregation,

He is Risen. He is Risen, Indeed. Alleluia!

Christ has risen! It is time for us to tell everyone what HE has done! Evangelism is a large part of our Faith journey. The youth of St. Paul love to invite and welcome others to church or fellowship events. Upcoming, is our Pastor Wick Camp Luther Fund-raiser-“May the FAITH be with you” on Sunday, May 4th., following Worship. There will be a Taco Bar with a wide spread of toppings, desserts, and beverages. The youth decorate, set up, prepare foods and desserts for the event, serve, and clean up. The youth of St. Paul love Camp Luther. It is a week to make friends, share the love of God and feel the Holy Spirit as it moves through camp. This donation event will help fund our youth scholarships for Camp Luther. This is a perfect way to honor and remember Pastor Jeff Wick. He loved Camp Luther. I hope the Hillside of Camp Luther always echo with the spirited youth from St. Paul. All are welcome to celebrate with great food, fun, and fellowship. Please join us. May the fourth, force, and faith be with you!

The youth were busy in April. We have continued Scavenger hunts within the bible to help learn details about the bible and the old and new testaments. We will engage in a scripture verses hymn scavenger hunt in the upcoming weeks. The youth had a little project from Wednesday Lenten Dinner to Palm Sunday. The Easter bunny brought them a peep to watch over and Jesus. Both were in eggs and had to hatch. The kids opened their eggs and had a Peep to take care of and Jesus. The kids had to pay a babysitter in candy to watch their peeps and Jesus. They were not allowed to be left alone. The moral was to learn responsibility but also that, “Peeps need Jesus and Jesus needs his peeps”! This was a fun learning activity. Our youth choir practiced every Wednesday during Lent. They will perform Psalm 23- “Still Waters” by Leanna Crawford on Mother’s Day. As you listen to their angelic voices, they will lift your spirit and remind you about our Father and our Friend. A few of our youth went to see “The King of Kings” movie during Holy week. This movie told the story of Jesus through a child’s eyes. All of our youth enjoyed witnessing the miracles and the teachings of Jesus. They really loved watching the stories come to life. I loved listening to their discussions and opinions during the movie. It is simply amazing to watch their minds, hearts and spirits grow. The youth thoroughly enjoyed the Resurrection Egg Hunt. It was such a beautiful Easter morning with a warm breeze and the sun shining on our faces. We began with a devotion and prayer and then the kids collected and collected and collected some more. Every child exclaimed that it was the most eggs they have ever received at an Easter Egg hunt. All the youth received a Jesus figurine in an egg during the Children’s sermon. The kids also received some in their eggs during the Easter Egg hunt. I love when the Holy Spirit flows through us. Pastor and I did not plan but followed HIS plan to exclaim to go share the Good News with all we meet. Those kids went to school and shared their Jesus with a friend or gave them to a neighbor or someone at the grocery store. Look at us- Telling everyone what HE has done! I love watching the Holy Spirit flow through our congregation. We will also be recognizing and celebrating our College Graduates at the end of this month- Alex Lindberg, Katie Bell, Jackson McComas and Piper May. Best wishes to our graduates and their new journeys ahead. May the Lord always bless you and keep you! May his face shine upon you and be Gracious and give you Peace!

Your Loving Sister in Christ,
Jill



GRADUATION RECOGNITION

June 1, 2025

We will be recognizing the following graduates during worship:

Katie Bell, Alex Lindberg, Piper May, and Jackson McComas

There will be a reception after worship.

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				Noon Bible Study		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:00am Worship 11:15am Camp Fundraiser Taco Bar	1:00pm Woman's Club 6:00pm Men's Bible Study	9:00am Quilters	10:00am Book Club 6:00pm CCC 7:00pm Choir	Noon Bible Study 6:00pm Scouts		9:00am Staff Meeting
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mother's Day 10:00am Worship 11:15am Sunday School/Adult Forum	6:00pm Men's Bible Study Pastor at QRT	9:00am Quilters	7:00pm Choir	No Noon Bible Study 10:30am Pastor Conference here	Conner/Gue Wedding Rehearsal	Conne/Gue Wedding
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:00am Worship 11:15am Sunday School Ryan Ebner from ELCA Foundation here	6:00pm Men's Bible Study	9:00am Quilters	6:00pm CCC 7:00pm Choir	Noon Bible Study 6:00pm Scouts		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
10:00am Worship 11:15am Sunday School/Adult Forum	Memorial Day Office closed	9:00am Quilters	7:00pm Choir	Noon Bible Study		Synod Assembly Morgantown



- 1 Amy Dowis; Starla Kising
- 2 Tom Kist
- 4 Keely Tucker
- 8 Joel Jones; Jared Tucker
- 9 Brynlee Andrus
- 10 Creigh Pemberton
- 12 Dan Beals; James Wagner
- 13 Tim Conzett
- 20 Jaylyn Garnett
- 24 Madelyn Fizer
- 25 Joseph Williams
- 26 Addison Handley
- 31 Mary Lou Pratt



- 12 Tim and Cheryl Conzett
- 14 John and Nola Scott
- 15 Jared and Keely Tucker
- 17 Dennis and Brandy Andrus
- 22 James and Susie Wagner



Noisy Offering

Fill the bucket...feed a child
First Sunday of each month

Keep collecting your change!
Money will help fund our Backpack program.

Please be aware that there will be a wedding at St. Paul on May 17 (rehearsal on the 16). Please do not plan on any unnecessary activities at the church on those two days.



The St. Paul Quilters took a trip to see "Noah" at Sights and Sounds Theater in April. And there may have been a little fabric shopping.

Also in April the quilters donated 10 quilts and the rest of our Blessing Buckets to help victims of flooding.



Carolyn Becker has exciting news to share! Great-grandson Noah Wilder Mansouri, first born son of David and Sarah Mansouri of Nashville, was born on Easter Sunday, April 20th at 6:10 p.m. weighing 5 lbs. 8 oz. at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. This is Carolyn's 6th great-grandchild.



The Book Club will meet on May 7 at 10:00am in the parlor. We will be discussing "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge. Please join us!



We pray for:

LaDonna, Helen, Cindy, Judi, Judy, Nancy, Opal, Francesca, Stephen, Dale and Andy.

Can't remember what date you're helping with worship? All worship helpers for the month are listed on our website stpaulhuntington.org. Click on "Worship Helpers" in the menu.

WORSHIP HELPERS FOR MAY

May 4

Reader: Barbara Garnett
Assisting Minister: Linda Schneider
Communion Deacon: Steve Golder
Acolyte: Jaylyn Garnett
Crucifer: Daniel Kist
Ushers: Mary Lou Pratt
Bread Provider: Ruthann Arneson
Children's Sermon: Annette DuVall

May 11

Reader: Steve Golder
Assisting Minister: David Stuart
Communion Deacon: Creigh Pemberton
Acolyte: Willow May
Crucifer: Daniel Kist
Ushers:
Bread Provider: Ruthann Arneson
Children's Sermon: Jill May

May 18

Reader: Jenny Murray
Assisting Minister: Steve Golder
Communion Deacon: Bernadette Wellman
Acolyte: Jackson Wellman
Crucifer: Daniel Kist
Ushers:
Bread Provider: Ruthann Arneson
Children's Sermon: Pastor Mackey

May 25

Reader: Norma Gensler
Assisting Minister: Norma Gensler
Communion Deacon: Jenny Murray
Acolyte: Kennady Kist
Crucifer: Daniel Kist
Ushers:
Bread Provider: Ruthann Arneson
Children's Sermon: Emma Kist

Altar Guild

Annette DuVall and Judy Wade
Sanctuary Lamp: KV and Leng Chin
Chapel Lamp: Betty Church
Greeter: Ethan Arneson





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.



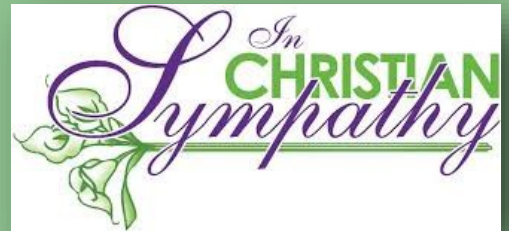
Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry

For the month of May we will be collecting boxes of Tuna Helper. There are collection containers in the narthex and in the downstairs hallway.



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.

Our condolences to the family of Clarice Kumlien who passed away on April 21. A Celebration of Life will be held on July 27 at 12:00pm in the Rose Garden.



TIME TO REGISTER FOR CAMP!

All registrations will be done online this year. Please scan the QR code below to go directly to the registration form or go to

<https://camp Lutherwv.campbrainregistration.com/>

After registering you will receive an invoice from the camp. You will use this invoice to pay either online or by sending a check directly to Camp Luther. We cannot accept payment in the church office, but you do need to let us know that your child is attending camp so we can send in the scholarship money. St. Paul, as always, will pay half of the tuition. Scholarships are also offered by the camp. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.



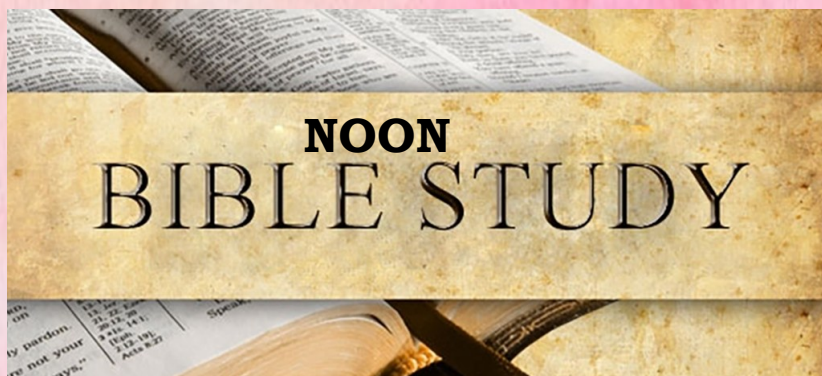
June 15-21



Adult Forum

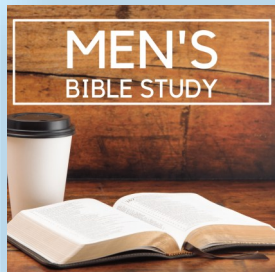
Sunday mornings at 11:15am.

In the parlor. All are Welcome to join us.



Join us for Bible study on Thursdays at noon. Feel free to bring your lunch!

Please check the calendar for schedule.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday evenings at 6:00pm

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.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL IN YOUR INBOX



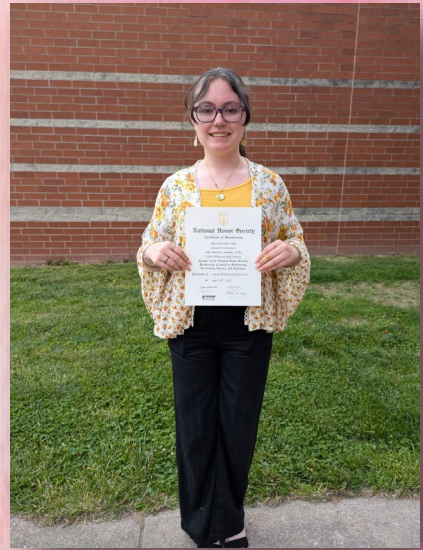
COMMUNION RECORD

Please fill out a communion card each time you take communion. Cards are in the pews in the same section as the offering envelopes. Cards can be placed in the offering plate. If you are in the choir, cards are available in the choir room to be placed in the basket along with your offering.

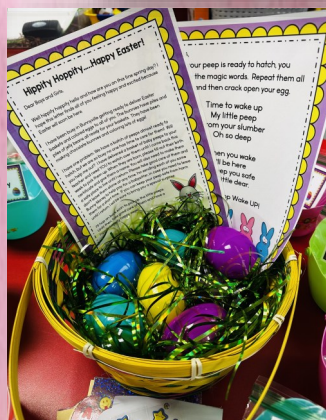
April 28--May 2: Acts 9:1-20, Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19
May 5-9: Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30
May 12-16: Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35
May 19-23: Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10:22--22:5, John 14:23-29



Katie Dowis (second from right) was part of Trivia team of Spanish students at Spring Valley High School that won first place at the First Annual WV World Language Showcase.



Alexandria Mackey was inducted into the National Honor Society on April 29.





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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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