

ST. PAUL VISITOR MARCH 2025

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And Proclaim To All The
Saving Grace Of Jesus
Christ In Word And
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HERE ♥

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday, April 13

10:00am Worship with Holy Communion



Maundy Thursday, April 17

12:00pm Worship with Holy communion in the Chapel

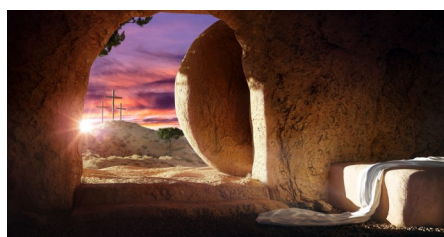
7:00pm Worship with Holy Communion and Stripping
of the Altar in the Sanctuary



Good Friday, April 18

12:00pm Worship in the Chapel

7:00pm Worship in the Sanctuary



Easter Sunday, April 20

7:00pm Sunrise Service

8:00am Breakfast in undercroft

9:15am Resurrection Easter Egg Hunt

10:00am Worship with Holy Communion

Pastor's Reflections

One of the first things I do after the celebration of Christmas Eve here at St Paul is I look ahead to see when Easter is scheduled. I have to admit that I do this because I primarily wonder about my downtime before Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Advent and Lent are two very important seasons in the church year. Both seasons have more services which means more hymn choosing by Henning. More liturgies and themes to decide upon. More bulletins for Kathy to print and plans for the Children's Christmas program that Jill has to arrange. Suffice it to say the staff gets busy during these two seasons.

Easter this year is late compared to being early. Every year I hear this phrase about Easter. It is either late or early. Interesting how we are so focused on time in our culture. That, of course, is not a bad thing. I pride myself on being early for my appointments and I can only count on one finger the number of appointments for which I have been late. Not bragging or anything.

We will be in the middle of another "time" on Easter Day on April 20. That season or "time" is Spring. Have you noticed any flowers peeking up from the ground yet? What about pollen? Doing more sneezing these days? I have noticed that some of the trees are beginning to bud. Been able to get outside and go for a walk?

For all of us time is a valuable commodity. I am reminded of Ecclesiastes chapter three – a time for every season under heaven. It seems like the times we are in these days are filled with change and difficulty. What do you do when change and difficulty happens? Do you try to avoid it, believing, hoping that difficulty will go away? It seems to me that can only work for a brief time. Maybe you make a plan with a list. Maybe you just wait and see.

As we celebrate Easter on Sunday April 20, we are reminded how God showed the world God's power over death. The difficulty Jesus endured was part of being incarnate. The difficulty we endure from time to time is about being human. I saw a saying that went something like this: When the seed of difficulty shows itself – plant it in the ground and see what it becomes. I like that. It gives a different perspective, does it not?

So, as we end the Lenten time may God give you strength and hope and courage through all times of your life.

Your partner in the journey,
Pastor KLM <><



CAMP LUTHER

June 15-21

Registration will be available soon. Please check with the church office.

For more information visit www.camlutherwv.com or speak to Pastor Mackey.

Dear St. Paul Congregation:

Yesterday, I returned from a 5-Day conference of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) in Minneapolis. Thank you, Keith Wellman, for playing for me again! With more than 1,100 attendees this conference is the largest annual gathering of music teachers (both, independent and college-level) with a focus on piano in the United States, maybe the world. Naturally, meeting up with old friends who now have jobs across the U.S. is part of the experience, and also making new connections. The conversations we had this year over coffee or dinner were stimulating and thought-provoking, and they seem relevant to all of my musical activities, including at St. Paul.

Many presentations and lectures at the MTNA conference this year were related to the topic of diversifying the repertoire, and I even attended one on “activism”, i.e. how to use music to affect social change. The presenter, a friend of mine, had commissioned different living composers to write music with the theme of climate change. Others talked about programming or introduced composers from historically underrepresented groups.

Travelling back to Huntington yesterday, I thought about how the impulses I received at the conference might apply to my role as music director at St. Paul. I think, the first to acknowledge when making music as part of Worship is that it has a supportive role. It is not a concert performance. For us, music is a means to participate (hymns), reflect (prelude/postlude), and perhaps also to simply enjoy (choral anthem) – joy is important in Worship as everywhere else, I believe.

This means, that all other considerations are secondary and have to support the Word. They should not become self-sufficient. With that in mind, there are things we can (and I want to) do. I am not as opposed to so-called “blended” services as perhaps some other music directors (the term designates a service format that blends different musical styles). Jill May and I are currently working with the kids on a Christian pop song that you will hear in a couple of months.

I also think it is legitimate to include music that stands for causes in accordance with the life of Jesus – supporting the poor and less privileged, working against discrimination, advocating for peace in the world, to name just a few. A couple of examples: In February, I usually include “Lift Every Voice and Sing” (the Black Anthem) in one of our services, either as a postlude or as a hymn (it is in our Red Hymnal). This coming Sunday (Lent 3), I will play a contemplative jazzy arrangement of Mozart’s *Dona nobis pacem* (Grant Us Peace) by a contemporary female composer as prelude and a beautiful piece called *Melodie* by Ukrainian composer Myroslav Skoryk as postlude. If you listen very carefully to the Lamb of God in our current liturgy setting (right before taking Communion), you will hear the *Dona nobis pacem* melody appear in the accompaniment, as well.

Henning

Dear St. Paul Congregation,

We started the month off with a wonderfully festive Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner in the Undercroft. We had a great crowd of members and new families attend. The pancakes were prepared by Ron Pease & Kenny Kirby and the youth helped to serve the meal. Barbara Garnett served as our emcee for the evening. Daniel Kist shared history about Shrove Tuesday and preparing for lent by eating pancakes the night before Ash Wednesday. Barb also enticed us to learn a few French greetings and shared about where Fat Tuesday began and some New Orleans history. Our King Cakes were a true treat and came from New Orleans and were delivered by Shannon Simpkins. Congratulations to Daniel and Kennady Kist who were crowned King and Queen this year! Henning Vauth played "Oh When the Saints Go Marching In" on piano as the King & Queen led the children in parade! The youth led a series of festive line dances and many members enjoyed watching the dancing but also joining in the dancing as well. It was a delightful night of sweet & savory foods, song and dance, fun and fellowship. Thank you to all who helped cook, serve, prepare, and clean! You are APPRECIATED!

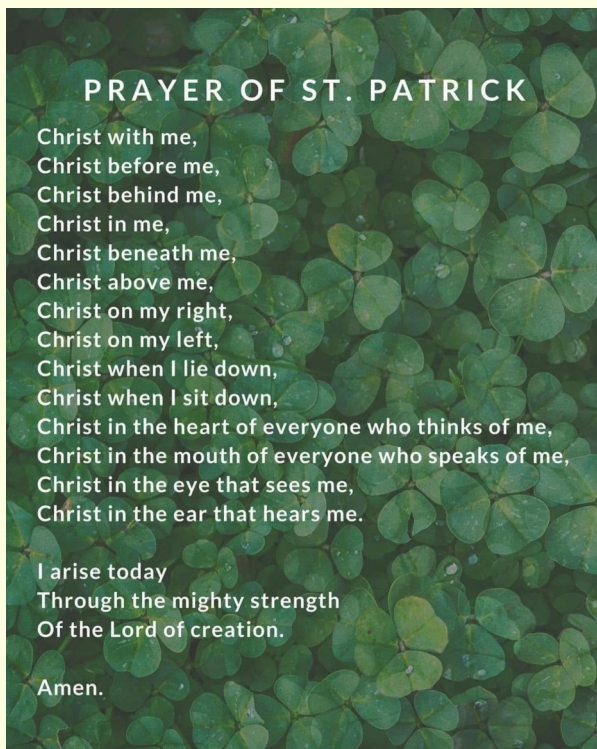
The older youth and some of our young adults (all girls) enjoyed attending the Winterjam concert in Charleston, WV. There were 8 performing artists- Anne Wilson, KB, Colton Dixon, Newsong, Micah Tyler, SEU Worship, The Band Table and Skillet. There were many different genres of Christian music. It was a full house! The arena was filled with the Holy Spirit as so many Christians lifted their hearts to sing and praise the Lord. 🙏 We were all thankful for a fun and safe evening out and for being uplifted mentally and spiritually.

The CCC youth have been doing scavenger hunts during Sunday School this month. Our first scavenger hunt was just a search and find. The older youth paired with a younger youth to complete the hunt. The youth learned about new objects in our church and their significance. We discussed our stained glass and the stations of the cross. Our second scavenger hunt was a photo hunt. It was boys vs girls. Youth had to take a picture of a bulletin, stained glass, the pulpit, a cross, a bible, and a picture with Pastor to name a few. The kids had a blast. They really enjoyed learning new things about their church. The 3rd scavenger hunt will be a bible scavenger hunt, so youth will have a chance to look up different scriptures in the bible and see who can find them first. We are sharing the stories of Jesus in these 40 days and 40 nights. We are praying for our brothers and sisters in need. We are also practicing Psalm 23 - Still Waters with Henning every Wednesday night before Lenten Dinner. We will be performing this song on Mother's Day in May. We will be having a Resurrection Egg Hunt following Easter breakfast. We will be collecting Easter candy and treats to fill up the Easter Eggs. There will be a green tub in the Narthex to place candy and treats. Thank you in advance for all that you do to help our youth!

I leave you with St. Patrick's Breastplate prayer.

Your Loving Sister in Christ,

Jill



EASTER CANDY

If you can donate a bag or two of candy for the Easter Egg hunt please place them in the tub in the narthex before April 20.

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		9:30am Quilting	6:00pm Meal 7:00pm Mid-Week Worship	Noon Bible Study		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10:00am Worship 11:15am Adult Forum/Sunday School	6:00pm Men's Bible Study	9:30am Quilting	10:00am Book Club 6:00pm Meal 7:00pm Mid-Week Worship	No Noon Bible Study-Pastor at Conference meeting 6:00pm Scouts		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30			
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3 Nola Scott
 7 Gary Rea
 8 Jackson McComas; Analee Maeland
 9 Ingrid Sturgill
 12 Steve Murray
 13 Doug Korstanje; Judi Korstanje
 14 Judith 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

15 Larry and Jo Kendall

Noisy Offering

Fill the bucket...feed a child

First Sunday of each month



Keep collecting your change!

Money will help fund our Backpack program.



If you would like an end of year Giving Statement please contact Linda Schneider, Annette DuVall or the church office.



ORDER FORM FOR EASTER FLOWERS TO DECORATE OUR CHANCEL

_____ White Lilies @ \$16.00 each

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

By _____

Please make checks out to St. Paul and write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line.

Deadline for ordering is April 6



The Book Club will meet on April 9 at 10:00am in the parlor.

We will be discussing "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce.



We pray for:

LaDonna, Helen, Cindy, Judi, Judy, Nancy, Opal, Creigh, 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 APRIL

April 6

Reader: Mary Lou Pratt

Assisting Minister:

Communion Deacon: Cheryl Conzett

Acolyte: Jaylyn Garnett

Crucifer: Daniel Kist

Ushers:

Bread Provider:

Children's Sermon: Annette DuVall

April 13 Palm Sunday

Reader: Linda Schneider

Assisting Minister: Bernadette Wellman

Communion Deacon:

Acolyte: Willow May

Crucifer: Daniel Kist

Ushers:

Bread Provider:

Children's Sermon: Jill May

April 17 Maundy Thursday

Reader: Barbara Garnett

Assisting Minister: Keith Wellman

Communion Deacon: Creigh Pemberton

Acolyte: Willow May

Crucifer: Daniel Kist

Ushers:

Bread Provider:

April 18 Good Friday

Reader: David Stuart

April 20 Easter Sunrise Service

Reader:

Assisting Minister: Bernadette Wellman

Communion Deacon: Jenny Murray

Ushers:

Bread Provider: Debbie Perkins

April 20 Easter 10:00am

Reader: Annette DuVall

Assisting Minister: Keith Wellman

Communion Deacon: Cheryl Conzett

Acolyte: Jackson Wellman

Crucifer: Daniel Kist

Ushers:

Bread Provider:

Children's Sermon: Pastor Mackey

April 27

Reader: Mary Lou Fricke

Assisting Minister: Ruthann Arneson

Communion Deacon: Linda Schneider

Acolyte: Kennady Kist

Crucifer: Daniel Kist

Ushers:

Bread Provider:

Children's Sermon: Emma Kist

Altar Guild

Linda Schneider and Anne Graybeal

Sanctuary Lamp: KV and Leng Chin

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.



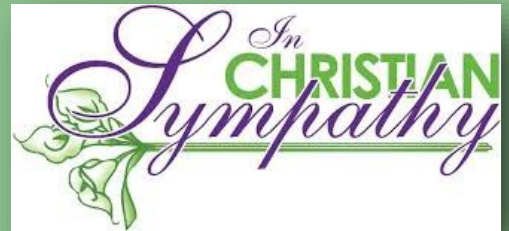
Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry

We have not received the "item of the month" from Cridlin yet. Please watch the bulletins for more information.



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 Pastor Mackey and family. Pastor's father, Thomas Mackey, passed away March 11.



We are always in need of supplies for our Backpack Program. If you donate any of the following items it would be very helpful:

pop tarts
single serving ravioli
ramen noodles
single serving soup
single serving mac and cheese

fruit cups
individually wrapped beef sticks
single serving applesauce
single serving beef-a-roni
individual shelf stable milk
drink boxes

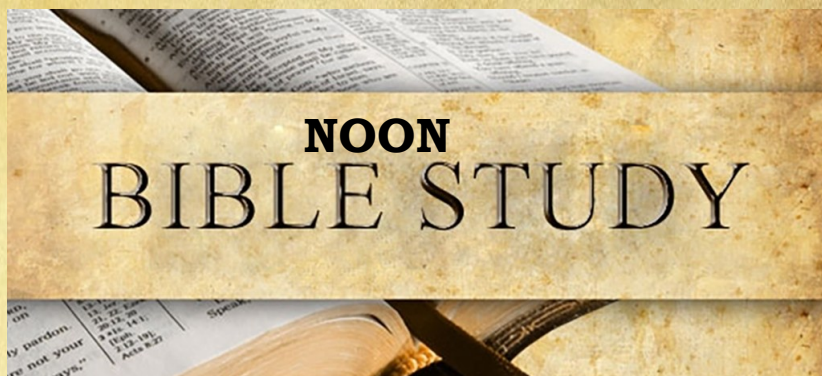


We cannot use items that contain peanuts or items that are expired. Please check ingredients and expiration dates before donating items.

Adult Forum

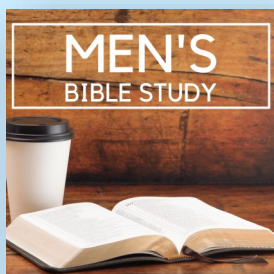
Sunday mornings at 11:15am.

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

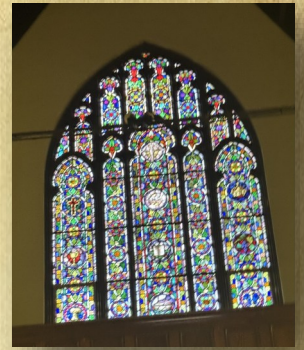
Please fill out a communion card each time you take communion. Cards are in the pews in the same section as the offering envelopes. Cards can be placed in the offering plate. If you are in the choir, cards are available in the choir room to be placed in the basket along with your offering.

March 31-April 4: Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

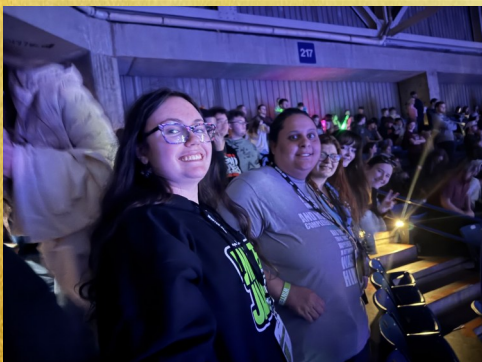
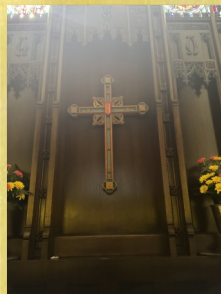
April 7-11: Luke 19-28-40, Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:14--23:56

April 14-18: Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, I Corinthians 15:19-26, Luke 24:1-12

April 21-25: Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 118:14-29, Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31



Scavenger Hunt



Winter Jam





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ST. PAUL MINISTRIES



Quilting



School Backpack Program



Christmas Baskets



Cool to be a Christian Club



Camp Luther



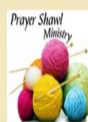
Lutheran Youth Organization



Worship in the Park



Trunk or Treat



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Blessing of the Animals



Christmas in August



Vacation Bible School

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