



# St. Paul Lutheran

Church & School

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**April 28, 2019**

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6100 Westside Saginaw Road  
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Sunday Worship: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Bible Classes & Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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## **WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US HERE AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN THIS MORNING!**

Visitors and guests, please sign the friendship pad (which is at the end of the row), and include your address and phone number.

Please take note of the communion information and guidelines on the inside upper panel of the friendship pad. If you are unable to come to the front for communion and desire to be communed, please sit on the end of the pew and notify the elder. Those receiving the individual cups are asked to please hold onto their cup until the elder passes by with the common cup so none will be missed.

Care cards, located in the pew rack ahead of you, can be used for prayer requests. Please hand the card to an usher or place it into the basket when the offering is received.

**LITURGY**      8:00 a.m. - Divine Service 3 with Communion  
10:30 a.m. - Divine Service 3

**HYMNS**      8:00 a.m. - 465, 952, 472, 955, 477 (st. 3), 470, 490, 457, 466  
10:30 a.m. - 465, 952, 472, 955, 466

**ANTHEM**      8:00 a.m. - 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> gr. Cherub Choir "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

**PRELUDE**      10:30 a.m. - Bell Choir "Victory"

**READERS**      8:00 a.m. - John Schlicker                      10:30 a.m. - Roy Schmidt

**ACOLYTES**      8:00 a.m. - Lillian Garcia                      10:30 a.m. - Riley Jimenez

**GREETERS**      8:00 a.m. - Angie Buda, David & Stacey Hildebrant  
10:30 a.m. - Vaughn & Margie Begick, Janet & Paulette Beckers

**USHERS**      8:00 a.m. - Group 1 – Cary Behmlander, Dale Jezowski, Mike Mossner, Adam Jezowski, Rollan Berger  
10:30 a.m. - Group 4 – Bob Eastman, Cindy Eastman, Tim Begick

## PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING

### HOMEBOUND

Dorine Auernhammer	Rick & Bonnie Emeott	Margaret Meyer
Dolores Appold	Erv Hoerauf	Julie Roark
Gwen Bakus	Jon Ittner	Rose Anne Schmidt
Ruth Behmlander	Lorna Ittner	Al Vogtmann
Armond Beiser	Mike & Karen Kusch	Tim Wegener
Dorothy David	Irma McKenzie	Ferdinand Zeilinger

### SPECIAL

Hedwig Gerold (cancer)  
Tom Harmon (Howard's brother; cancer)  
Jeff Schlicker (Loretta's son; cancer)  
Dodd (brother of Donna Smigiel)  
Betty Wieland (Amanda Wills' mother; cancer)

### THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS

Heidi Appold & Caroline Douponce	Jason, Brandi, Riley, Eston Jimenez
Herbert Appold	George, Courtney, Mason, & Cotie Daniel & Landon LaForest
Lyle, Barbara, & Kimberlyn Behmlander	Adam Mason
Patricia Behmlander	Robert & Carolyn Putt
Thomas, Debra, Kristy, & Joshua Curpenski	James & Diane Rachwitz
John & Sandra Gillespie	Rodger, Donna, & Spencer Smigiel
Thomas & Carol Kernstock	Larry Winter

### THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>4/28</u>	8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion - 1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Cherub Choir Sings
		9:15 a.m. Bible Classes & Sunday School
		10:30 a.m. Worship
		11:30-1 p.m. Mexican Takeout Dinner
		12:00 p.m. Voters Meeting
		5:30 p.m. Visual Faith Workshop
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>4/30</u>	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m. Church Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>5/2</u>	8:45 a.m. Loons Volunteer Day (see bulletin note)
		6:00 p.m. Board of Education
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>	<u>5/5</u>	8:00 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. Bible Classes & Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion  
12:00 p.m. Potluck

### **NOTES AND NEWS**

**ATTENDANCE** Maundy Thursday 260 – (112, 148), Good Friday – 120, Last Sunday – 655 (290, 268, 97)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS** Apr. 28 – 2 Peter 3                      Apr. 29 – Psalms 39-40  
Apr. 30 – Proverbs 10      May 1 – Psalm 41                      May 2 – Galatians 1  
May 3 – Galatians 2      May 4 – Galatians 3

**VOTERS ASSEMBLY TODAY** Please join us in the sanctuary today at 12 p.m. for the Voters Meeting.

**FIRST SUNDAY IN MAY ACTIVITIES** Due to band member travel plans, there will be no Celebration & Praise service on Sunday, May 5. There will still be a potluck at noon in the gym. Please plan to join your St. Paul family and bring a dish to pass.

**PTO MEETING** Come One, Come All - Preschool through 8th Grade Parents -- We Need YOU!!

**PTO MEETING - Wednesday, May 8, 2019**

- 5:30 - 6:00 - Join us for pizza, breadsticks, salad and dessert
- 5:45 - Childcare provided
- 6:00 - 7:00 - PTO Meeting

\*\*Please sign up in the office so we can be sure to plan accordingly both for food and supervision for childcare

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** Woo Hoo!! Mark your calendars for VBS 2019! We are running 2 sessions again to allow families to choose which fits best into their busy lives. The evening session runs Sunday, July 21 - Thursday, July 25, 5:30-8:15 p.m. The morning session runs Monday, July 22 - Friday, July 26, 9:15 a.m.-Noon. There will be a light meal served prior to both sessions. Mark your calendars and get ready for an awesome time!

**ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS** We are looking for a couple Thrivent Action Team Grants that congregation members may be willing to donate to VBS to help offset costs. Please contact Tiffany List at 255-8516 or Tammy Eickmeyer at 714-8611 if you would be willing to help us out! Thank you!!

**THANKS** Thank you for all the generous gifts and words of appreciation during Administrative Professionals Week. It's a joy to serve at St. Paul! - Ruth Schian and Megan Lowe

**MEXICAN TAKEOUT DINNER** Pickup for those who have purchased tickets for the Mexican Dinner will be today from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the school auditorium.

**VLHS BASEBALL GAME AT DOW DIAMOND** Friday, May 10, JV play at 5:30 p.m., Varsity game to follow. The YBC are planning to go as a group to support their members who play baseball at Valley. We think you should go too! Tickets are general admission, available at VLHS or Dow Diamond. Contact Howard Harmon (989-225-5770) if you have any questions.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** St. Paul has been invited to volunteer again this year at the Great Lakes Loons games:

- Thursday, May 2, 8:45 a.m. arrival time (need 1 more worker)
- Wednesday, May 15, 8:45 a.m. arrival time (3 more needed)
- Wednesday, August 21, 5:15 p.m. arrival time
- Thursday, August 22, 5:15 p.m. arrival time

Dress code: We can wear St. Paul shirts or white shirts in good condition (no holes or stains). Black/khaki pants or long shorts and socks with closed-toe shoes (no jeans and no sandals). Everyone will need to wear a hat with the Loons' new logo (available when you volunteer). Please call or text Lisa Stanley (989-751-5209) with any questions or to reserve your volunteer spot. Thank you for your time!

**SPRING TEA** The women of St. Paul are warmly invited to a Spring Tea on Sunday, May 19, from 2-3 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets are \$5 with proceeds to benefit the Ministry Center.

- To purchase tickets, please contact Valerie Matyas (valmatyas@gmail.com; 248-227-3491).
- To volunteer to hostess a table, please contact Judy Spielhaupter (gjspiel@gmail.com; 989-860-0865).
- To donate a dessert, please contact Rosalinn Hardy (swim88@sbcglobal.net; 989-450-2377).

Volunteers who hostess or bring a dessert will receive a complimentary ticket.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE EASTER EGG HUNT** St. Paul hosted 170 children and their families during the annual Easter Egg Hunt and School Open House on April 13. Great fellowship was enjoyed by all, and children enjoyed the egg hunt, as well as games, coloring, a photo booth, prizes, and snacks. Thank you to everyone who donated or helped with the event. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for your support!

**LADIES AID** Monday, May 6 is our next meeting, Essential Oils 101. Samantha Schnett will be presenting common uses of essential oils. For those that would like to make a spring cleaning product, there will be a \$2 fee. No need to participate; just come listen. Please text or call Cathi Reymore at (989) 225-1204 by April 29 if you would like to participate in making cleaner. You may pay that night. All ladies are welcome!

**LADIES AID BUS TRIP** St. Paul Ladies Aid is sponsoring a bus trip to Traverse City on June 8, 2019. We are going to make stops at the Iris Farm, Traverse City for lunch and shopping on your own, and the GT Butterfly and Bug Zoo. Bus leaves at 7 a.m. from the St Paul Church parking lot and will return around 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$60 per person and will include bus fare, tip, and admission fees. Money needs to be in by May 6th. To make your reservations please call Dorothy Martin at 989-894-4108.

**STEWARDSHIP** Since the beginning of time, God has been laying out the guidelines of good stewardship, when He gave man dominion over the whole earth. All that was created was for man to use as resources to create, build, and invest in all for the glory and praise of our Creator. Are we ready to invest and build the "Ministry Center" to the glory and praise of our Creator? STEWARDSHIP - A way of life

**SUMMER CAMPS AT VALLEY LUTHERAN** Registration is currently underway for Valley Lutheran's middle school summer camps! Head to [www.vlhs.com/camps](http://www.vlhs.com/camps) to see this year's offerings, schedule, and to register! Art, drama, French, band, soccer, liturgical dance, and basketball are all on the docket for this year's programs! Please contact Amy Cooper at [acooper@vlhs.com](mailto:acooper@vlhs.com) with any questions. We look forward to being a part of your summer.

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN - REGULAR OPERATIONAL HOURS BEGIN** Easter joy to everyone from Orphan Grain Train – Michigan. The Michigan branch of Orphan Grain Train is delighted to announce the first regular service hours established for the OGT Center located in Sebewaing. The Center is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-noon for volunteers interested in helping process humanitarian goods for relief of human need around the world. Volunteers may come for a short time or remain all three hours with no obligation. Come any future Tuesday or Thursday. No prior preparation or contact is needed. The OGT Center is located at 126 E. Main St., Sebewaing. Volunteers do not need to commit themselves to anything beyond their own desire to participate. In loving response to Christ, Orphan Grain Train enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to people in need or facing crisis. For any questions, feel free to contact Branch Manager, Pastor Dave Reed by phone at 989-600-2264. Christ is Risen!

**CAMP CONCORDIA** Where can children experience Christian growth while swimming, canoeing, shooting archery, riding horses, and zip-lining? At Camp Concordia! Don't let your children miss the adventure, joy and wonder that a week at a Christian camp can bring. Camp nurtures faith inside of kids! The week of June 16-21 has a special rate of \$300 for Grades 3-6! To read what parents have to say, please visit the camp's website at [www.campconcordia.org](http://www.campconcordia.org) or call the camp office for more information at 616-754-3785.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **FIRST READING**

Acts 5:12–32 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup> None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup> And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup> so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup> The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

<sup>17</sup> But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup> they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup> "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." <sup>21</sup> And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. <sup>22</sup> But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, <sup>23</sup> "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." <sup>24</sup> Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. <sup>25</sup> And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." <sup>26</sup> Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

<sup>27</sup> And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

### **EPISTLE READING**

Revelation 1:4–18 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup> saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

<sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 20:19–31 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**April 28, 2019**