



St. Paul Lutheran

Church & School

3rd Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2019

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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. - Matins
 10:30 a.m. - Matins with Communion

HYMNS 8:00 a.m. - 483, 485, 465
 10:30 a.m. - 483, 485, 411, 547, 525, 465

ALTAR FLOWERS In honor of Bill & Deloris Appold's 60th wedding anniversary

SIDE FLOWERS In memory of Lloyd Helmreich who passed away one year ago, given by his family

PRELUDE 8:00 a.m. - Bell Choir "Victory"

READERS 8:00 a.m. - Ben Helmreich 10:30 a.m. - Gene Behmlander

ACOLYTES 8:00 a.m. - Cadence Swartz 10:30 a.m. - Chessa Bourdow

GREETERS 8:00 a.m. - Jean & Mary Lou Appold, Anthony & Kathie Colone
 10:30 a.m. - Steve & Debra Neuman, Loraine Diment, Paul Begick

USHERS 8:00 a.m. - Group 2 – Randy Appold, Greg Behmlander, Weston Appold, Daryl Appold, Matt Appold, Rylan Appold
 10:30 a.m. - Group 5 – Bob Campbell, Terry Burkhard, Rich Doan, Wayne Stieve

RECORDS

James Allen Goss and Lisa Marie Goss will confirm their Lutheran faith during today's 10:30 a.m. service.

PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING

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

SPECIAL

Hezekiah Rowland Benkert (new baby of Vanessa and Zac)
Hedwig Gerold (cancer)
Tom Harmon (Howard's brother; cancer)
Mary Pfund (hospitalized)
Jeff Schlicker (Loretta's son; cancer)
Dodd (brother of Donna Smigiel)
Marie Thomas (Mary Schultz's grandmother, near death)
Betty Wieland (Amanda Wills' mother; cancer)

THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS

Jean Appold	Jan Kinney
Ruth Behmlander	June Mason
Dorothy David	Ann, Cody, Jordan, & Abigail Rajewski
Kyle Gillespie	David, Sheryl, Parker, & Heather Wood

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

<u>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
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>5/6</u>	6:30 p.m. Board of Business Management 7:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>5/7</u>	7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting 7:00 p.m. Church Choir
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>5/8</u>	Newsletter Articles Due

<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>5/9</u>	6:30 p.m. Church Council
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>5/10</u>	9:00 a.m. Rocket Day at school
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>	<u>5/12</u>	8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion - 5-8 th Grade Youth Choir Sings 9:15 a.m. Bible Classes & Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship

NOTES AND NEWS

ATTENDANCE Last Sunday – 340 (234, 106)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

May 5 – <i>Galatians 4</i>	May 6 – <i>Galatians 5</i>
May 7 – <i>Galatians 6</i>	May 8 – <i>Psalms 42-43</i>
May 9 – <i>1 Thess. 1</i>	May 10 – <i>1 Thess. 2</i>
May 11 – <i>1 Thess. 3</i>	

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES Due to band member travel plans, there will be no Celebration & Praise service today. 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.

WELLSPRING AUXILIARY MEETING Next meeting is Monday, May 20 at St. John, Amelith. Refreshments are at 7 p.m. with devotions and business meeting at 7:15 p.m. Mike Redford from Wellspring Lutheran Services will be our speaker. All ladies of the church are invited to attend the meeting and hear our speaker and learn more about Wellspring Lutheran Services.

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

ROCKET DAY 7 days until the launch! Parents, grandparents, church & school family are welcome to join us for Rocket Day on Friday, May 10. Weather permitting, our tentative schedule is 9:00 a.m. K-2 launch near the playground followed by grades 3-8 launch in the fields west of school. 11:30 a.m. lunch in the auditorium. If the weather is not favorable in the morning, the launch will begin after lunch.

EGG ROLLS ARE COMING! Pyong Foster will again be making her delicious HOMEMADE egg rolls to help support the Alaska Mission Trip. The egg rolls at \$10 for 6, and \$20 for 12. Watch for more information and order forms in the next week!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK - MAY 6-10 Let's give our teachers the "Star Treatment!" Bins will be placed in the hallway to gather expressions of gratitude. A note, treat, or gift of appreciation all help to honor our amazing teachers, aides, and Extended Care staff. Ideas are listed below. Consider getting SCRIP if you plan to buy gift cards. Thank you! - St. Paul Board of Ed

¡GRACIAS! The Mexican Takeout Fundraiser was a huge success! Our sincere appreciation goes out to the wonderful team of volunteers who helped us the weekend of the event. We are also grateful to those who purchased tickets, made fresh salsa, and donated delicious desserts. Through donations from Thrivent, the Recreation Committee, and special friends of St. Paul, 100% of all ticket sales has been given to the St. Paul Ministry Center, totaling \$2,700. We are so blessed to be a part of the St. Paul Frankelust family. Thank you for your kindness and support. - Ray & Debbie Garcia and Kristen Glasser

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNIZES PERFECT ATTENDANCE Congratulations to the following students who had perfect Sunday School attendance for the month of April: Charles Begick, Mason Daniel, Brooklynn Garrett, Rylie Garrett, Elise Helmreich, Noah Helmreich, Isaac Hendrick, Landon LaForest, Natalie List, Abigail Matyas, Ethan Matyas, Isaac Matyas, Olivia Matyas, Alex Schlicker, Espen Schlicker, Owen Wiess, Maura Zeilinger

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

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:

- Wednesday, May 15, 8:45 a.m. arrival time (4 more needed)
- Wednesday, August 21, 5:15 p.m. arrival time (15 needed)
- Thursday, August 22, 5:15 p.m. arrival time (15 more needed)

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 to all those who worked on May 2!

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. Deadline to get tickets is Monday, May 13.

- 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.

LADIES AID Monday, May 6 is our next meeting, Essential Oils 101.

Samantha Schneft 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. 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 This isn't just another building campaign. This is the opportunity to create space for our Sunday School and Adult bible class, for the youth, funeral luncheons, and enable us to fulfill the church vision of connecting people to Christ, His church, His word and His mission, for His glory! This isn't to our glory but God's glory, to house His people and carry on His works. All of us are called to use our God-given gifts and talents for the ministry and work of the Church. This calling is the very heart of stewardship. STEWARDSHIP - Is a way of life

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FIRST READING

Acts 9:1–22 (ESV)

¹ But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰ And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹ And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" ²² But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 5:1–14 (ESV)

¹ Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴ and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵ And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the

twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:1–19 (ESV)

¹ After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ² Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸ The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

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