

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we enter the Easter season this month we have the joy of remembering the Resurrection of Christ. St Paul emphasizes for us the importance of the resurrection in 1 Corinthians. There he writes,

“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.” - 1 Cor. 15:17

If it weren't for the resurrection of Christ, our faith in Him would be meaningless. After all our faith is founded on the one who innocently suffered and died for our sins. We celebrate this on Good Friday (not to be confused with Black Friday, although even I am guilty of mixing up these two). The sinless Son of God suffering for the sins of the whole world, that we might have peace with God.

His suffering and death was the sacrifice made once for all. The writer of Hebrews affirms this when he writes,

“But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.” - Heb 9:26b

Jesus put away all our sins when He gave Himself as the sacrifice for us. Later the writer of Hebrews connects Jesus to the ancient priesthood calling Jesus the High Priest who offered up the perfect sacrifice. This is why Good Friday is such an important holiday. It focuses our attention on the sacrifice made to make atonement, or pay for, our sins.

However, all Christ suffered on Good Friday would have meant nothing if not for Easter Sunday. Returning to St Paul's words from 1 Corinthians 15, Christ rose as the first fruits of those who are raised. But if even He was not raised then we are all lost. But Jesus tells us Himself that He came to give His life as a ransom for many in both Matthew 20 and Mark 10. And His resurrection serves as proof to all of us that that ransom was sufficient payment.

Easter Sunday gives us hope. It assures us of the hope of eternal life. The hope that those who die in the faith will rise again. Easter

gives us the comfort of knowing that though death may seem to have a temporary victory, Christ has the final victory as He emerges triumphant from the grave.

We celebrate Easter because His victory is our victory. By faith in Christ we have the hope of eternal life with Him. And together we look forward to the day when God raises us and all believers in Christ. St Paul states,

“For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.” - Rom. 6:5

In baptism we have been united with Him in His death. That we might also be united with Him in His resurrection. Our sins died with Christ as they were drowned in the baptismal waters that together we might look forward to being raised with Christ, just as He was.

Easter is a time for celebration because Christ who was slain for us is raised to life. Our faith is not in the dead, but in the living Christ. Lent and Easter offer such beautiful contrasts. Throughout the season of Lent we consider our sinfulness and just how unworthy we are to receive any of God's gifts. We set aside much of the praise and joy for penitence and reflection. Then on Easter, the joy breaks forth in shouts of “Alleluia!” and “Christ is risen!” And this is all because we know that His resurrection proves, as St Paul states, that our faith is not in vain.

The Early Church moved the day of worship to Sunday as a way to remember and celebrate the resurrection of Christ regularly because they knew the hope, comfort, and joy that Jesus resurrection brings to us all. May God fill us with this joy and comfort this joyful Eastertide and throughout our lives.

In Christ,  
Pastor Nathan Peitsch



### **SERVICE TIMES CHANGE**

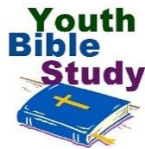
Starting April 7<sup>th</sup>, Sunday School and Bible class time will be moved to **9:30 am** and worship Service will be at **10:30 am**.



### **ANNUAL MEETINGS**

Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Voters Meeting after the service.



LYF Bible Study is Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00-8:30 pm in the LYF room. We'll be diving deep into God's Word, so make sure to bring a Bible if you have one. If you don't or forget, we have some on hand for you to use. Bring a snack to share! We'll also provide some if you forget or run out of time. Inviting friends is encouraged, even if they can only come once.



## **Orphan Grain Train**

We will be collecting clothing for Orphan Grain Train during the month of April. Clothing must be in good shape – no tears or holes, all buttons in place and workable zippers. No toys wanted. Please place in bags (plastic) not paper.

Items will be taken to Ida Grove Orphan Grain Train collection site. Thank you for your donation & serving the Lord in this way.

### **ACOLYTES SIGN-UP SHEET**

Catechism students the sign-up sheet for acolyting for May – August is in the back on church on the bulletin board.



**CATECHISM QUESTIONING** You are invited to hear our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmands publicly confess their faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 pm.

### **CONFIRMATION**

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, our eighth-grade members will make a public confession of the faith given in her baptism and nurtured through years of instruction in Sunday School and weekday classes. Confirmands in 2023 are Landen Meseck, Micah Peitsch & Grace Schaffer.



### **OLD TABLES**

St. Paul's has 8 old folding tables that we no longer use and would like to find a new home for them. They are all upside in the room across the secretaries office. Please call Deanna (712)208-0224.



## **BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL**

We are listing Baptismal birthdays to remember and celebrate the day we were adopted into the family of God through the washing of the Holy Spirit. Those having Baptismal birthdays in April are:

Kevin Hennings	1
Russell Rosburg, Jordan Thies	2
Charlee Mohr	5
Mercedes Rose	8
Jami Henschen,	9
Cassandra Chrisophersen	
Gary Pohlman	10
Irvin Thies	11
Ava Wood	13
Keith Meadows	14
Beau Mohr, Natasha Kelm	16
Rick Seieroe, Michael Greder,	18
Trevor Greder, Matthew Holbrook	
Kelton Mareau	19
Skylar Burroughs, Joan Trimpe	20
Samantha Sorensen	21
Caleb Creese, Brian Seieroe,	22
Andrew Kuhlmann, Marvin Gaines	
Tammy Bramley, Cameron Schofield,	24
Leah Schwery	
Isabelle Mohr, Gracelynn BeBout,	27
Porter BeBout	
Beth Ewoldt	28
KaeLynn Joseph, Selene Olson	29
Janelle Gray, Rodney Eneboe	30



## **SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS**

Apr. 7 – Carol Ullerich (90 yrs old)  
Apr. 28 – Gary McCall (81 yrs old)

## **SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES**

Apr. 20 – Kevin & Elaine Vogt (39 yrs)  
Apr. 22 – Kevin & Brenda Savery (35 yrs)

## **PLEASE GIVE US A CALL**

- before going to the hospital
- birth of your baby
- death in the family
- making wedding plans
- address and name changes
- private communion



## **NEWSLETTER SPONSORS**

The newsletter this month is sponsored in honor of cancer patients & their families.

Please contact the office if you'd like to sponsor the newsletter. The cost is \$40 to sponsor a newsletter.



## **SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING**

This year our special mission is Lutheran Braille Workers. Our goal is \$3,000.

## **Mission Central – Visiting Missionaries 2023**

LCMS World Mission 40718 Highway E16  
Mapleton, IA 51034 712-882-1029 Gary Thies  
(gary.thies@lcms.org) www.missioncentral.us

- April 16, 2024 -Rev. Paul Nelson – SE Asia – 1:00 pm
- April 27, 2024 – Rev. Jerry Lawson and family – Latvia – 1:00 pm



## **GOOD SHEPHERD HOUR**

This program is a ½ hour worship service heard on Sioux City, KSCJ, 1360 AM, at 8:00 am.

**“THY STRONG WORD”**

Thy Strong Word is a 5 min. daily devotional message given by LC-MS pastors. It is aired at 6:25 a.m., Mon.-Sat. on KDSN, FM107.1

**MAIN STREET LIVING**

Main Street Living is a television ministry of the Lutheran churches of Missouri-Synod and of the Iowa West District. The worship service is on Sundays at 10 am on channel 9 KCAU, the ABC Network from Sioux City.

**YOUTH CAMPS!**

Camp Okoboji is committed to providing youth an experience within a temporary community using the outdoor setting and trained leaders to meet spiritual objectives. From their experience at Camp Okoboji, youth will be enriched in the faith, established in Christian Community, and equipped & emboldened to live out their faith in their regular routines of life. The following are Camp Okoboji's Youth Camps & their primary purposes:

<https://www.campokoboji.org/>

**St Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church  
VOTERS MEETING AGENDA  
April 14, 2024**

- Opening Prayer
- Corrections/Additions/Acceptance of Agenda
- Call to Order
- Previous Minutes
- Reports**
  - (1) Treasurers Report
  - (2) Pastors Report/Announcements
    - Easter
    - Confirmation
  - (3) Board of Elders
    - Attendance-Worship/Communion
  - (4) Board of Trustees
    - Roof
  - (5) Board of Education/Youth
    - Sunday School
    - Vacation Bible School
  - (6) Stewardship

- Officers/Members
- Matt Leitz
- Audrey Gust
- Deanna Sorensen
- Bruce Mohr
- Jim Thies
- Tammy Bramley

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Closing Prayer**