

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

2024 MARCH/APRIL

*The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.
Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.
Psalm 19: 1-4*

Family of believers at St. Paul Lutheran—

I recently heard a podcast talking about this Psalm. It shared how these words remind us that there is a whole realm of heavenly activity taking place all around us that we have no access to. Perhaps the closest example we can see is when a dog perks up his ears for a sound he hears far away, that we cannot hear at all.

This world was created by God, created good, and despite it falling into sin, still belongs under God's control and gives indicators as to whom it belongs. During Lent we acknowledge our sin most especially, and part of that includes recognizing how our human race is the reason the world is not the way it was meant to be. But our God has not given up on our world; far from it! He came into this world precisely to redeem it so that one day all that is invisible to us which is described in the Psalm would become visible for all to see plainly.

Here at our own congregation, we also teach and tell these truths about God week in and week out. Sometimes it can seem like what we do goes unnoticed by everyone in our community around us. It can seem like our voice is not heard. Yet the message from within our walls does indeed go out through all the earth, and to the end of the world. This is thanks largely to the broadcasting of our services each week as well as the offerings that are put to use within our district and synod.

At our voters meeting this past month, we received feedback on how we might utilize the resources we have been given to declare the message of God to our community more clearly and effectively. The results have been analyzed and we now look forward to the next steps as we determine what should be done to make those voting decisions a reality. Our prayer is that as a family of believers we can share the timeless truths about our God and His Son Jesus to a world and community that desperately needs to hear it.

I look forward to continuing the Lenten journey with you as we anticipate the arrival at the empty tomb on Easter morning.

Blessed to serve—



Pastor Kevin Peterson

LADIES' AID AND LWML

The Ladies Aid and LWML will meet together on Thursday, March 7 in the conference room at 1:30 pm. We invite you to join us for a time of trimming postage stamps for missions (bring a scissors) and joining in a Bible study. We hope you can come!

LWML

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the LWML door offering. We collected \$362 for the mission work of the LWML. Your dedication to serving others will help many people. THANK YOU AGAIN!

EASTER EGG HUNT

We will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday following the worship service. We are in need of donations of bags of candy to be brought to church by March 17. We request that any candy donated would NOT contain nuts due to many children having nut allergies.

ST. PAUL QUILTERS

The quilters will meet March 13, March 27, April 10, and April 24. We generally meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:15 a.m. in the quilting room (former church library). No experience is needed, but helping hands are! Please join us. We continue to make prayer quilts as requested. If you know of someone that needs spiritual support, these lap quilts are a tangible reminder that others are lifting him or her up in prayer. Please contact Diane Junokas if you have a request.

BIBLE STUDY

Wearing the Christian Hat. Join us Sunday mornings, after church for Bible Study and discussion about wearing our Christian hats along with all of the others we wear. Led by Pastor Balzer. Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon Bible Studies will resume after Easter.

CONGREGATION SECRETARY

The Church Council is seeking a person to fill the vacant position of Congregation Secretary for the current church year. The position requires attendance and taking notes at council meetings the second Monday of each month, and at the Voters' Meetings during the months of February, May and November. Anyone interested please contact Rick Federighi or the church office.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 6

Lenten Meal, 5:30 p.m.
LWML and Quilters: BBQ
Worship, 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 13

Lenten Meal, 5:30 p.m.
*Church Council: Chicken Casserole and
Cheesy Potatoes*
Worship, 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 20

Lenten Meal, 5:30 p.m.
Staff and Confirmands: Tacos
Worship, 7:00 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 24

Worship, 9:00 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY | MARCH 28

Worship with communion, 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 29

Worship, 7:00 p.m.

***There will be no worship on
Saturday, March 30***

EASTER SUNDAY | MARCH 31

Worship with communion, 9:00 a.m.

WE CARE ABOUT WHAT YOU THINK

The Board of Elders has received numerous suggestions on the back of attendance cards from congregation members. Keep them coming. All of them are reviewed by Pastor Kevin and church leadership. Members will start to see some of the changes in the coming weeks.

FLOWER SHOW

The Addison VFW Post 7446 Auxiliary is hosting a Flower Show on Friday, April 12, 2024. Beautiful floral arrangements will be presented by Addison Floral. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and flower show starts at 7:00 p.m. There is a \$6.00 donation at door and your entry ticket makes you eligible to possibly win a floral arrangement. We will also have our basket raffle. This Auxiliary fundraiser benefits our Veterans' programs.

THEOLOGY IN FILM

Our Theology in Film nights will continue, with the next dates being March 18 and April 29. Come join us as we continue to explore different stories and what they can teach us regarding our own beliefs. In March, we will see a title in the comic/action genre, which reinforces the need not to put human leaders on a pedestal, as well as, showing our superhero as a Christ figure. April will be viewers' choice between two titles that are more directly religious, and both from the same director, so be sure to come in March if you would like to have a say in what to watch for April! Pizza will be provided; invite your friends from other congregations and in the community!

COFFEE SERVICE

Please consider being a coffee server. Servers brew the coffee and bring in homemade or store-bought treats to be served following the Sunday morning worship service. There is a sign-up sheet in the breezeway. Please contact the church office if you have questions.

ALTAR GUILD

We are always looking for an extra set of hands. If you are able to help set-up and clean-up communion on a couple weekends a month, two or three times a year, please join us. We work in teams of two so you would have a partner to share the duties with. We can also use some members for cleaning, which involves dusting the pews and altar and filling up pew racks with cards and pencils. These teams also meet twice a month, a couple times a year. We would appreciate any and all help. Please join us at our meeting or contact the Church Office if you are interested in helping with this important ministry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We welcome children age three through 5th grade to join us for Sunday School! We meet during worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

ALTAR FLOWERS

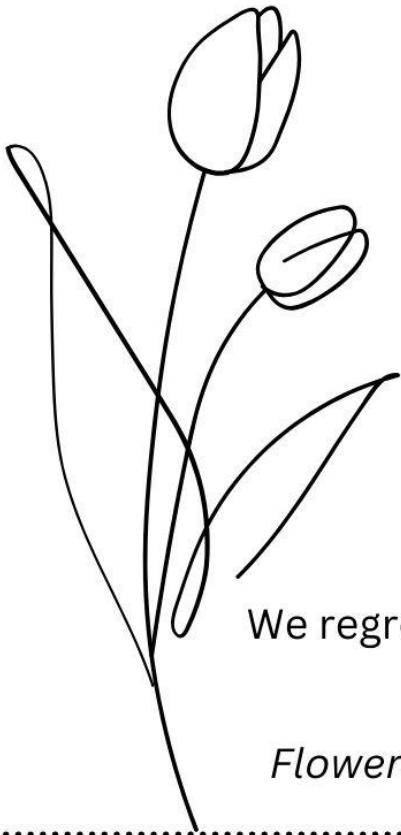
The altar flowers chart is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please sign up to present altar flowers for special occasions or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$15.00 per bouquet. We always have two bouquets, so if you are the only one signed up, we ask that you would be financially responsible for both. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church and put in an envelope marked "Altar Flowers."



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Easter Flower Order Form

As in years past, the St. Paul Altar Guild will be ordering flowers to beautify the sanctuary for Easter. If you would like to purchase a plant (or more), please fill out this order form and enclose cash or a check made payable to:

St. Paul Altar Guild.

All orders may be dropped off in the designated box in the narthex or in the church office.

We regret that we will not be able to accept orders after **March 15.**

The cost for each plant is \$18.00.

Flowers may be picked up following the Easter Worship Service.

Presented by _____

Phone number _____

____ Number of Easter Lilies

____ Number of Hyacinths

____ Number of Pink Tulips

____ Number of Yellow Tulips

Check Cash Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Please Check the appropriate box:

In memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving of many blessings received.

To the Glory of God

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 630-543-6909.

Flowers are purchased through Addison Floral.

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3 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion 10:45 a.m. Bible Study	4	5 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	6 5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper 7:00 p.m. Worship	7 1:30 p.m. LWML and Ladies' Aid	8	9 5:30 p.m. Worship
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