

# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

2023 MAY/JUNE

*For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last He will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then from my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.*

*Job 19: 25-27*

Family of believers at St. Paul Lutheran—

Christ has risen! He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

This verse from Job has the same sentiment and understanding behind it as the familiar Easter greeting above. Job is expressing the same confidence, despite his situation in life and despite living in the Old Testament, as we do who now live in the New Testament era. Job understood that his redeemer lives! We do not worship a dead god or a god *of* the dead but a God of the living!

That in itself is good news, but it might only take us so far. Because what good is it to believe in a living God if we ourselves are going to perish one day? Job, however, expresses knowledge and confidence that *because* He lives, we shall live also. Here Job is echoing the words from John 14: 19 where Jesus tells us that because He lives, we too shall live.

The book of Job is often portrayed as a pondering on what kind of God would allow one of His followers to suffer greatly. A better way to think of it is how this is an explanation of what kind of person would react the way Job does in the midst of such suffering. Only someone who understands the depth and love of God would be able and willing to rejoice with such hope and confidence despite losing everything—possessions, family, health and wealth. On Wednesdays we have been going through a bible study seeing Jesus in each book of the Old Testament. Here, Job knew that he would need a mediator who can intercede to God and to whom God will listen, due to having no sin. Job himself couldn't do it, but he trusted in the one who would do exactly that, the God-man Jesus Christ.

Now we as Easter people can also go about our lives and face whatever obstacles come our way precisely because we know our Lord has triumphed over everything, especially death itself. He lives, and rules from God's right hand to orchestrate life on this earth in preparation for the last day. One day in the new creation we will be able to look back on all the span of human history, including all the suffering and strife we personally and collectively have experienced, and we will be able to say 'God has done all things well.' May we carry that confidence of Job during our daily routines that still have suffering and sorrow, despite the peace that ultimately is ours in Jesus Christ.

Blessed to serve—



Pastor Kevin Peterson

## **VOTERS' MEETING**

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Our next regularly scheduled Voters' Meeting is on Monday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in Parish Hall.

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

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We are hosting the Addison Community Blood Program blood drive on Sunday, May 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in Parish Hall. If you would like more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Judy Socha at 630-628-1959. Walk-ins are welcome.

## **LWML AND LADIES' AID**

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Ladies' Aid and LWML will meet on Thursday, May 4 at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room. We will have a short meeting, a Bible Study, and will trim stamps for missions. Please join us for an afternoon of learning, service, and fellowship with other women.

## **BIBLE SUNDAY**

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On Sunday, May 14, 2023, we will not only be celebrating Mother's Day, but also Bible Sunday. Children of our congregation who will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2023, or 8 years old on or before September 1 will receive a Bible. We did not have a Bible Sunday in 2022 so if your child turned 4 or 8 last year and did not receive a Bible, please let us know so we can include you and them in this year's celebration day.

The Bible says, "Bring up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6. We offer our children love, food, and shelter to help them grow, but in this busy world we sometimes forget to help our children grow in faith. As parents we have a responsibility to help our children grow in their relationship with Jesus. It's never "too soon" to share your faith. Even a newborn can sense God's love in a parents' touch. When your child was baptized, he/she became a member of God's family, and we here at St. Paul also have a responsibility to aid you in your child's spiritual journey. To help your child grow in faith, we will give each child an age-appropriate Bible during the church service. You may read it to them, or when old enough they can read it themselves. Sharing your faith is the greatest gift you can give your child.

Please call the church office: (630) 543-6909 or email: [stpauladdison@gmail.com](mailto:stpauladdison@gmail.com) by May 1 to let us know the ages of your child/children that will be attending with you to receive a Bible.

A light reception will be held in the breezeway following the service. We look forward to seeing you on May 14 at 9:00 a.m.

## **LADIES' NIGHT OUT**

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Our next Ladies' Night Out is Monday, May 15 at Pyramid Club at 5:30 pm. You will order off the menu and pay your own bill. Please let the church office or Judy Hausermann know if you will be attending just so we can give the restaurant an approximate count for the reservation. We would love to have you join us for this event!

## **STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND**

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A special guest speaker, Reverend Kris Whitby from the Northern Illinois District, will be leading our worship the weekend of May 20-21. The service will focus on stewardship, approaching it from the perspective of how we, as new creatures in Christ, bear His image in every aspect of our lives.

Pastor Kris will also be assisting the congregation in our upcoming strategic and financial planning sessions. Look for more special events planned for the summer, leading up to a Stewardship Commitment Sunday in the fall.

## **THEOLOGY IN FILM**

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Our Theology in Film nights will continue, with the next dates being May 22 and June 26. Come join us as we continue to explore different stories and what they can teach us regarding our own beliefs. In May we will watch a passion project for the man who wrote, directed and takes the lead role in a story of charismatic Christianity. In June we will watch a science fiction movie that shows the importance of communication, how men and women solve problems differently and why God would choose to send Jesus despite knowing how hard and difficult that choice would be. Pizza or other food items will be provided; invite your friends from other congregations and in the community!

## **BIBLE STUDY**

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- Join the Tuesday evening class at 7:00 p.m. where we will focus on Joseph, Jesus' earthly father.
- Wednesday afternoon Bible study has resumed and is examining how to find Jesus in the Old Testament. We will glance through each of its 39 books and see what Jesus meant when He told His listeners 'you search the Scriptures and they testify to Me.'
- Our Sunday morning Bible study/catechism review on conflict reconciliation has resumed after worship. We are on step 3, which ties in with Confession.

## **ST. PAUL QUILTERS**

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The quilters meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 10:15 a.m. in the church library. We will not meet over the summer months, but will resume in September. New quilters are always welcome. No experience is necessary. To request a prayer quilt, please contact Diane Junokas or the church office.

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

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- We are looking to resume having a team of Greeters. These people would welcome people in before service along with handing out bulletins or just giving friendly smiles, handshakes or hugs. This would be a group of people that would rotate duties every so often. Feel free to let Pastor know if you are interested in this type of service.
- Please consider becoming an usher. Anyone over the age of 13, male or female, are eligible to sign up. Usher duties include handing out bulletins, greeting worshipers, bell ringing, offering collection, and assistance with releasing rows for communion. Please contact the church office or Rick Federighi if interested.
- 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 consider joining the Altar Guild. 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 really would appreciate any and all help. Please contact Janice Fuglsang, Diane Junokas, or Diane Nicewarner if you are interested in helping with this important ministry.

## **BUCKING BRONCO 5K RUN/WALK**

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Walther Christian Academy is hosting the Bucking Bronco 5K Run/Walk (a certified USATF Course) on Saturday, June 3. Registration is 7:30-8:45 a.m. Race starts at 9:00 a.m. Fees are \$42 for Adults 19 and over. \$35 for Students and Children 18 and under. Be sure to register early, fees increase to \$50/runner for day-of-registration. All entrance fees go directly to support the school and the students. Participants receive a Bucking Bronco t-shirt and a “goody” bag.” Student musicians will provide non-stop music. Food is available right after the event. Learn more at [walther.com](http://walther.com) or call 708-344-0404.

## **MEMORIAL DAY**

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Please join us at the St. Paul Cemetery on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29 at 9:45 a.m. as we honor our veterans.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

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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."

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

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The Church Office is typically open Tuesday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. If you like to stop it, you are welcome, but it is always best to call ahead to be certain that some one is in the office.



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# MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Board of Elders <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Regular Voters' Meeting	2 <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Bible Study	3 <b>1:00 p.m.</b> Bible Study	4 <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Hand Bells <b>7:30 p.m.</b> Kantorei	5	6 <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Worship with Communion
7 <b>MUSIC SUNDAY</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship with Communion	8 <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Church Council	9 <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Bible Study	10 <b>10:15 a.m.</b> Quilters <b>1:00 p.m.</b> Bible Study	11 <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Hand Bells <b>7:30 p.m.</b> Kantorei	12	13 <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Worship
14 <b>MOTHER'S DAY &amp; BIBLE SUNDAY</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship Sunday School	15	16 <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Bible Study	17 <b>1:00 p.m.</b> Bible Study	18 <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Hand Bells <b>7:30 p.m.</b> Kantorei	19	20 <b>STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Worship with Communion
21 <b>STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship with Communion	22 <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Movie Night	23 <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Bible Study	24 <b>10:15 a.m.</b> Quilters <b>1:00 p.m.</b> Bible Study	25 <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Hand Bells <b>7:30 p.m.</b> Kantorei	26	27 <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Worship
28 <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship Sunday School	29 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> <b>9:15 a.m.</b> VfV Memorial Day Service at St. Paul Cemetery	30	31 <b>1:00 p.m.</b> Bible Study	1	2	3



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# JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Worship with Communion
4 <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship with Communion	5	6	7	8	9	10 <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Worship
11 <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship	12	13	14	15	16	17 <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Worship with Communion
18 <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship with Communion	19	20	21	22	23	24 <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Worship
25 <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship	26 <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Movie Night	27	28	29	30	1