



APRIL + MAY 2025
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.
1 Corinthians 15: 55-58*

Family of believers at St. Paul Lutheran—

We are towards the end of our Lenten journey, with the victory celebration of Easter just beyond the horizon. These verses from Paul remind us why we take the journey, and in fact, why we gather together as a church in the first place. Death has been defeated! Death, both physically by separating our souls from our bodies, as well as spiritually by separating us from God forever, was our default setting. But we have also talked about how God's default setting is to forgive, and now we can be filled with thanks that He has done just that, in order to remove the victory and the sting of death from us.

Some of you may have undertaken Lenten disciplines during these 40 days—giving up this or that, etc. Perhaps you didn't succeed the way you wanted to. You weren't able to fulfill the law, a self-imposed law in this case, as you indicated you would. But Paul tells us how even if this is so, victory is still ours through Jesus Christ. And with that in mind, we can continue going about serving our neighbor and doing the work of the Lord from now until the time He calls us to Himself, giving us the total victory we have already been promised.

Blessed to serve—

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Voters' Meeting

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service.



ALTAR GUILD

Please consider being part of the Altar Guild. The commitment is minimal, set-up and clean-up communion a couple weekends a month, two or three times a year. 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 the Church Office if you are interested in helping with this important ministry.

LWML AND LADIES' AID

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League and Ladies' Aid meet Thursday, May 1 at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room. We would love to have you join us for a Bible study and fellowship.

CONGREGATION SECRETARY

The Church Council is seeking a person to fill the vacant position of Congregation Secretary. The position requires attendance and taking notes at council meetings once a month (10 meetings per year), and Voter's Meetings during the months of February, May and November. Anyone interested, please contact the Church Office.

ST. PAUL QUILTERS

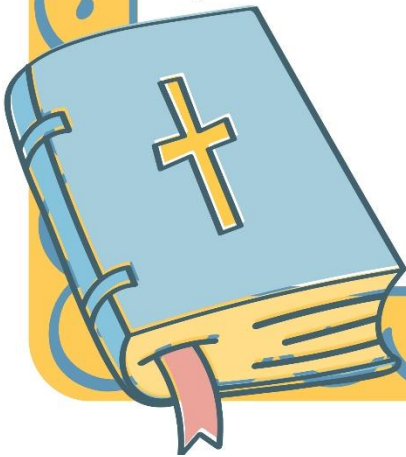
The Quilters are always happy to have an extra set of hands. Meetings are generally on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:15 a.m. in the quilting room (former church library). Our next meetings will be April 9 and 23, and May 14 and 28.



May 11

BIBLE SUNDAY

We will celebrate Bible Sunday on May 11. Those children baptized at St. Paul or those who are members after their baptism who are 8 years old between September 2024 and September 1, 2025 and those who are 4 years old between September 2024 and September 1, 2025 are invited to attend worship and will receive a Bible. Letters will be mailed to the eligible children. We look forward to celebrating this special day for our children.



THEOLOGY IN FILM

Our Theology in Film nights will continue; the first date will be April 28. Due to Memorial Day weekend, we will not have a screening in May, but will instead have one on June 2 as well as at the end of June. Come join us as we continue to explore different stories and what they can teach us regarding our own beliefs. Our title in April is an animated film based directly on a story in the Bible, with some of the most spectacular visuals and highest caliber voice acting talent I have ever seen. Our early June title will feature an Oscar winning performance, based on a true story dealing with the heavy subject of capital punishment. Pizza will be provided; invite your friends from other congregations and in the community.



LWML

Lutheran Women in Mission will hold its Spring Rally for zones 5, 6, and 15 on Saturday, April 26 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St, Downers Grove. The day begins with coffee at 8:30 am and will conclude at 11:30 am. The guest speaker is Deaconess Katherine Rittner from Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne. There will be collection of food and toiletries for the coop at the seminary. If you are interested in carpooling to this event, please contact the Church Office.

FREE FURNITURE

The classrooms in the “old building” are in the process of being cleared out, they mainly contain desks and some storage cabinets. The Board of Properties would like to invite members to come “shopping.” Free will donations accepted. You are welcome to shop during the week or for questions, or to make special arrangements, contact the Church Office.

Lenten Schedule

WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP | APRIL 2

Lenten Meal, 5:30 p.m. | Sloppy Joes
Worship, 7:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY | APRIL 17

Worship with communion, 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP | APRIL 9

Lenten Meal, 5:30 p.m. | Tacos
Worship, 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 18

Worship, 7:00 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 13

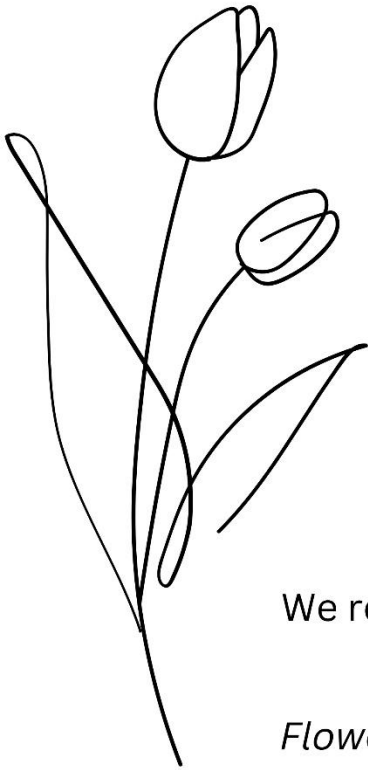
Worship, 9:00 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 20

Worship with communion, 9:00 a.m.



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 **April 6.**

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.