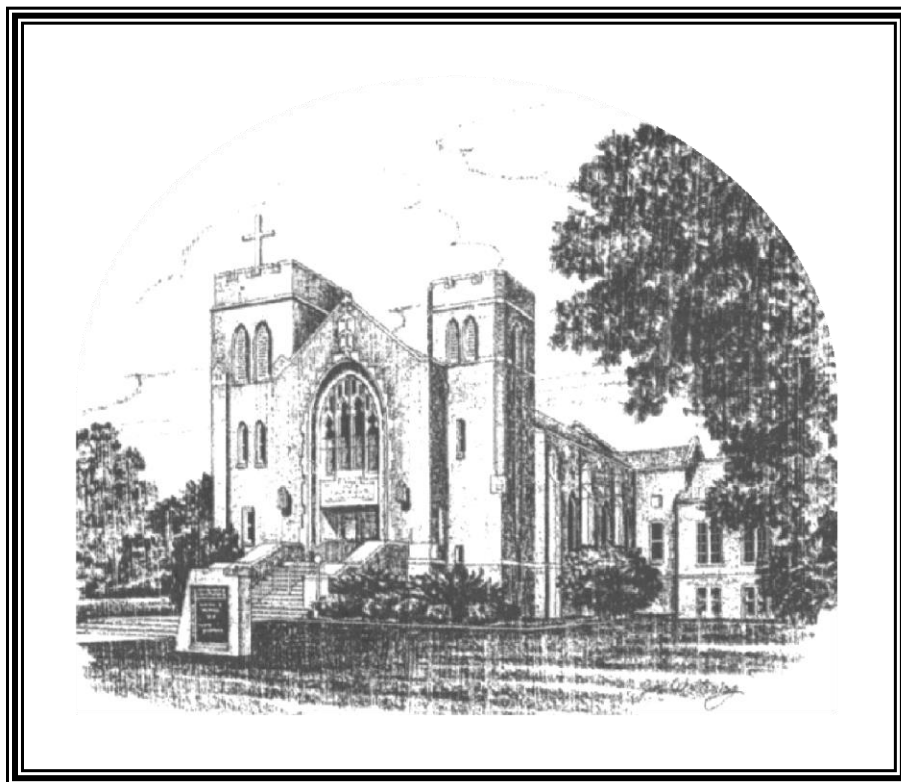


St. Paul Lutheran Church

Yorktown, TX



Saturday and Sunday
Holy Communion Services
4th Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

Silent Prayer

Holy God, make your presence known to us today. We come to you with our vision so often clouded by our sin. Clear away the mist, through Jesus, that we can catch a glimpse, now, of your presence here. Help us to behold you as you are, not as we would like you to be. In Him, through whom we become holy, on the wings of the Spirit, we pray to you, our Father. Amen.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle or drop them in the basket at the church entrance. (*) Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able. (+) Indicates when it may be appropriate to make the sign of the cross.*

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

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Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound To dis - tant
3 Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, Un - touched, un -
4 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, Where col - or,

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, He comes to claim the
moved by hu - man pains, But dai - ly, in the
scorn, or wealth di - vide, He suf - fers still, yet

prais - es ring. In death his love shall nev - er die.
here and now And con - quer ev - 'ry place and time.
midst of life, Our Sav - ior with the Fa - ther reigns.
loves the more, And lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.

5 Christ is alive! Ascended Lord—
He rules the world his Father made,
Till, in the end, his love adored
Shall be to all on earth displayed.

© Text: Brian A Wren, b. 1936, alt.
Tune: T. Williams, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

***GREETING and DIALOGUE**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: In the beginning was the Word,

C: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

L: In the Word was life,

C: And the life was the light of all people.

L: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

***CONFESSION**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

C: Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

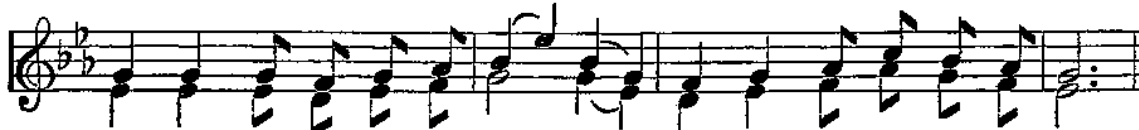
“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” **SBH #524**

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WILLIAM BACHELDER BRADBURY, 1816-68

Smoothly

1. Sav-iour, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need thy ten-der care;
 2. We are thine; do thou be-friend us, Be the guard-ian of our way;



In thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use thy folds pre-pare:
 Keep thy flock, from sin de-fend us, Seek us when we go a-stray:



Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us: thine we are.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed Je - sus, Hear us chil-dren when we pray.



Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us: thine we are.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray. A-men.

3 Thou hast promised to receive us,
 Poor and sinful though we be;
 Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
 Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 Blessed Jesus,
 Early let us turn to thee.

4 Early let us seek thy favor,
 Early let us do thy will;
 Blessèd Lord and only Saviour,
 With thy love our bosoms fill:
 Blessèd Jesus,
 Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Amen.

*Dorothy Ann Thrupp, 1779-1847***FIRST LESSON: Acts 4:5-12**

Lector: A reading from _____.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the

people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:16-24

Lector: A reading from _____.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his

commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL John 10:11-18**

P: The Holy Gospel according to _____, the _____ chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN of the DAY

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” **LBW #456**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if I am
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant pas - tures
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der gent - ly
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my com - fort



his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877
 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

***CONFESSON OF FAITH**

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
 Through Him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*PRAYERS

P: ... Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

L: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*** LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS

All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome at His table. Those who are unable to receive communion, for any reason, may come forward to receive a blessing, and may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. Parents, please indicate if children are to receive communion. If they are not yet receiving communion, children are encouraged to come to the table to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come to the altar and wish to receive communion, please inform the ushers so that the sacrament may be brought to you.

COMMUNION HYMN: “Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O God, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***BLESSING:**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and +give you peace.

C: Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” **LBW #315**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to
 3 Come, Al - mighty - y, to de - liv - er; let us
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; let us all in
 all thy life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re -
 spot - less let us be; let us see thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 thee in - her - it; let us find thy prom - ised rest.
 turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee!



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un -
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in



bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

***DISMISSAL**

P: As you go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. As you leave, you are invited to share the peace of the Lord with those around you. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN
4th Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 21, 2024

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

APRIL 21, 2024 – 9:00 AM SERVICE
4th Sunday of Easter

Presiding Minister: Tim W Muehlbrad **Reader:** Maddison Allman
Acolytes: Ellyn Warwas & Aileen Warwas **Children’s Sermon:** Terry Carmichael
Musician: Saturday – Beverly Bruns Sunday – Beverly Bruns
Saturday Altar Guild: Patsy Ibrom

APRIL 28, 2024 – 9:00 AM SERVICE
5th Sunday of Easter

Presiding Minister: Tim W Muehlbrad **Reader:** Ashleigh Peyton
Acolytes: Molly Gaus & Maesen Foerster **Children’s Sermon:** Boyd Weise
Musician: Saturday – PT & Friends Sunday – PT & Friends
Saturday Altar Guild: Chesney Kaiser

Helping with Worship during the month of April:

Head Usher: Allen Leist
Ushers: Clark Kerlick, Arlen Parma, Michael Ressman, & Don Wieland
Altar Guild: Misty Corpus & Peggy Oliver
Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:

Laurie Barfield & Bill Klaevemann

Thank you to all who have been helpful in keeping the Pastor informed of members who are hospitalized.

PRAYERS FOR GOD’S PEOPLE Below is a list of individuals Pastor has been asked to include in our prayers during worship. We list these people in our bulletin to encourage you, the members, to include them in your daily prayers. *Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the request is renewed.*

Aggie Arnold	Rosa Horton	Cathy Newbern
Joyce Baacke	Keith Ibrom	Mark Niemeier
Laurie Barfield	Joanna Ivy	David Norrell
Joe Barnes	Shirley Jendrzey	Christy Paulsgrove
Donna Baxter	Bonnie Kaiser	Pam Roth
Caroline Blain	Mary Kanuch	Luellen Smiley
Daisy Borgfeld	Bill Klaevemann	Joan Smith
Warner Borth	Joyce Lamprecht	Kennedy Smith
Katherine Brown	Ray Lange	Lori Nelson Stenger
David Brucker	Dorothy Mayfield	Mike & Deborah Stern
Virginia Buesing	Marie Metting	Pastor Craig Sturm
Bill Carriger	Lin Migura	Judy Taylor
Byron Cramer	Lanie Milliff	Levi Wilhelmsen
Verda Mae Foerster	Shirley Janssen Mueller	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen
Daniel Goehring		

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

- Sunday (21st)** 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 am Sunday School
11:30 am Confirmation Class
2:30 pm Nat'l Gathering Bible Study – Meeting Room
3:00 pm Holy Communion Service at Yorktown Manor
- Monday (22nd) Fellowship Hall Reserved – TLG**
- Tuesday (23rd) 6:00 pm Youth Committee Meeting**
- Wednesday (24th)** 9:00 am The Learning Garden Chapel
3-7 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved – Christa Leigh's School of Dance
6:00 pm FFF
- Saturday (27th) 5:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion - SANCTUARY**
- Sunday (28th)** 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 am Sunday School
Battle of the Ages Church Picnic -immediately after Sunday School

SYMPATHY - We keep in our prayers the family and friends of Elizabeth “Hope” Jendrzey. May the power of the resurrection give assurance to her family and friends as Hope joins the Church Triumphant.

RADIO BROADCAST - in Memory of Elizabeth “Hope” Jendrzey, given to the Glory of God by Dr. John & Kathy Frels.

SERVANT MINISTRY: With the influx of funerals lately, it is time to update our servant ministry list. As members of St. Paul, you are put on this list to help provide food for funeral receptions. If your phone number has changed, please call the church office at 361-564-2135 to get it updated. We are also in need of helpers to serve at funeral receptions. If you would like to help, please let the church office know or contact Pam Hoefling. Thank you for your participation in this ministry.

Child Outreach International - Wanda and Fred Garcia will be with us on the weekend of May 4th and 5th to give us a presentation during the Sunday School hour on the ministry that has been happening in Guatemala. Also, items and textiles made by the Mayan women will be on display and for sale in the Fellowship Hall.

SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: Beginning Saturday, April 20, 2024, our Saturday Worship services will be held in the Sanctuary.

NALC TEXAS-OKLAHOMA MISSION REGION invites you to a Regional Get-Together July 23-25, 2024 at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Temple, Texas. Guest speaker is Rev. David Keener, Director of Renewal and Discipleship for the NALC. Workshops include Disaster Response training with Michael Dittrich and Drawing Closer to God through prayer with Pastor Ralph Reitmeyer. If you have questions, please call Pastor Becky Thane at 201-572-8073 or email her at BeckyThane@aol.com. Enrollment forms are located on the table in front of the church office in the educational building and on our website. Space is limited! Register early to reserve your spot. If you are interested in going, St. Paul will reimburse you your stay.

SR. RECOGNITION SUNDAY, MAY 19TH - On Sunday, May 19, 2024, we will recognize our graduating seniors: Kaiden Hilbrich, Zoe Innocenti, and Chesney Kaiser. Join us as we proudly recognize their accomplishments and extend our best wishes for their future! Each of these seniors will be eligible for a scholarship from St. Paul Lutheran Church. If anyone would like to contribute, donations/memorials can be made to the Sr. Scholarship Fund at any time during the year. Your generosity has and will continue to make a difference in the future of our youth! Also graduating, but not living here anymore are: Carter Hoefling, Wesley Phillips, and Elijah Stern. These seniors were baptized in our church but have since moved elsewhere. **CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024!!!**

Upcoming Christian Life Events:

May 19, 2024 – 11:30 am Potluck Lunch

Upcoming Youth Events

April 28, 2024 – Church Picnic – Please make sure you sign up!

May 12, 2024 – Mother's Day Brunch, during Sunday School hour in the fellowship hall.

June 16, 2024 – Father's Day Taco Breakfast, during Sunday School in the fellowship hall.

Local Upcoming Events:

SAN LUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL JAMAICA will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2024. Carne Guisada Dinner, served with rice and beans, (\$15 a plate) will be served from 11 am until 2 pm, or until sold out. For more information, see the flyer posted on the Educational Building door.

REV UP YOUR FUTURE KIDS EXPO – Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 3-7pm at the Yorktown City Park. This family fun event offers hands-on opportunities to explore various vehicles and careers! From fire trucks to ambulances, construction vehicles to police cars, there's something for every aspiring professional. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to ignite your child's imagination and inspire their future! Admission and refreshments are free, so bring the whole family and join us for an evening of discovery and adventure! Free entry, hot dogs provided by Citizens Bank, snow cones, and of course, we (St. Paul) will be handing out popcorn!

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