

# GOOD NEWS



## **St. Paul Lutheran Church**

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9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast 100.1 FM

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### **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT:**

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to make Christ known;  
As we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our Faith  
through studying God's Word and Worshiping God.*

Jesus Christ died on Friday, April 3, 33 AD.

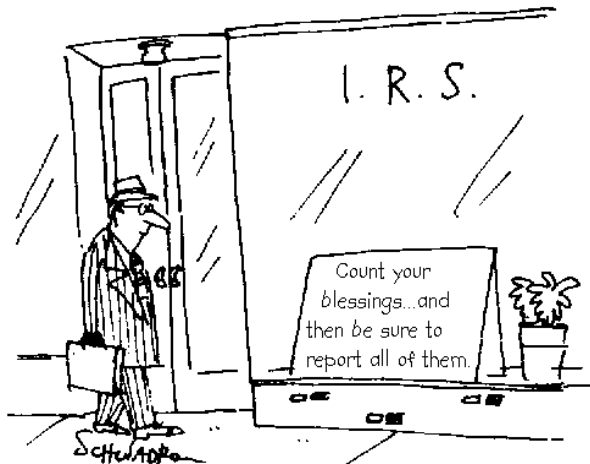
That is the conclusion of two Oxford University Scientists, Colin J. Humphreys and W.G. Waddington. Their finding was published in the “British Science” Magazine.

These men used the Bible, astronomy, and other historical sources to come to their decision on this date. Reconstructing the Jewish calendar, dating a lunar eclipse and through a series of complicated and closely reasoned calculations, and processes of elimination they came up with the year and date.

Whether these men are correct or not we do not know, and personally I don’t think that it makes any difference to my faith whether I know the exact date or not.

The importance of the events is not exactly when Christ died or exactly where he was buried. (There are at least two tomb sites which people argue over where he was buried.) What is important is that Jesus the Son of God and the Son of Man was crucified and died for your and my salvation; and that He arose to give you and me new life, now and in eternity. This cannot be proven in a scientific test tube, but in our faith and in our lives through the power of the Holy Spirit.

It is this power which has led God’s people, the Christian Church, through the centuries. And it is this power and love of God that

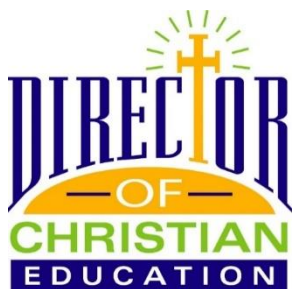


we commemorate again this Lenten Season, Holy Week and Easter.

(See the Lent and Easter Schedule on page 15 of this Newsletter for dates and times of Worship Services and events.)

Peace,  
Tim W Muehlbrad

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### An Interesting Month...

March finds us in the middle of Lent and the month ends with Easter. It illustrates the journey we make during this church season. The joy of Christmas, Epiphany, and Jesus' Baptism just passed. But now we shift to travelling the road with Jesus to the cross. It is a time for looking at ourselves and our life of faith.

The children will be burying the word "Alleluia" for Lent. Our hymns will take a more thoughtful and reflective tone. All this is as it should be. Lent is more than giving up things. It is about focusing on our faith and its meaning in our lives. It is about what Jesus and His life means to us!

And yet it is not a completely sad or depressing time. Martin Luther said that every Sunday is a little Easter. In the words of the Lenten hymns and texts there can be found joy!

Within this journey the story of Jesus contains Palm Sunday, the Passover (while solemn, it is a celebration and Jesus uses it as a backdrop for our Lord's Supper), and, on the way to Jerusalem, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. If you think about it, even this time of Lent is itself a time of celebration. It is celebrating our faith, the gift of Jesus to our lives, and the place he has in our lives!

Psalm 51:11 says...Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

That's why I say Lent is more about adding rather than subtracting. It is a time for us to be in worship and Sunday School to hear about His word and the power in it for us. It's, also, important to be in each other's company sharing that word and how it has meaning in our lives! There are some aspects of our faith you just can't get by yourself. They go beyond the worship and learning here. There is a distinct benefit for our faith in being in the community of faith!

So, we began this journey with celebration turned to examining our faith. But the story continues back to celebration! The Alleluia returns at the Easter Egg hunt and the celebration doesn't end at the cross!

The last few days an illustration of this Lenten journey to celebration could be seen here. It first seemed a frightening sight on top of our church spire. I walked out the door for two days and a buzzard was perched on top of the cross. That is an interesting sight. But then I realize that this symbol, that we identify with death, is defeated by the same symbol he sits on! The cross is empty! Death came but it had already been defeated because the cross and tomb are empty! He is not there!

Jesus turned what seemed an ugly sight into one that showed His power. Death and evil tried to turn the cross into a symbol to be feared. But, Jesus, by humbling himself, showed he has power over death and the cross!

Come be a part of this wonderful Lenten journey and then the celebration of Easter! May you find new meaning and strength in your life of faith!

Help Needed!

We need help in two areas.

1. We need an adult female sponsor for our Camp Chrysalis dates on July 21-26<sup>th</sup> this summer. Your main responsibilities will be to attend and assist with transportation. While there you may participate as much

or as little as you like. It is a fun week and beautiful setting. The church pays all costs for you!

2. We need a VBS Director! You will not be alone as you will have the help of Terry, Pastor, and the staff that is put together. There needs to be someone in charge and an organizer. Many of the center leaders are great at taking the lead in their areas. The dates of VBS are July 15-19. Please let us know if you have any questions or would consider filling this important role for our children!

Please contact Terry or the church office for information or to volunteer!



## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

### **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

February 20, 2024- 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** The meeting of the Church Council of St. Paul Lutheran Church was called to order by Boyd Weise, President. Council members present for the meeting were Boyd Weise, Calvin Bruns, Jill Turner, Laurey Garcia, Wayne Sparck, Pam Hoefling, Larry Gohmert, Ashleigh Peyton, and Pastor Tim Muehlbrad. Terry Carmichael and Kristin Schustereit were also in attendance.

2. **DEVOTION-** Pastor Tim Muehlbrad provided the devotion.
3. **MINUTES-** Pam Hoefling made a motion to accept the January 9, 2024, minutes as presented. Larry Gohmert seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. **REPORTS-**
  - a. **Treasurer/Stewardship-** Calvin Bruns provided a written report.
  - b. **Parish Education-** Jill Turner looks forward to her new position.
  - c. **Youth-** Laurey Garcia reported:
    1. The Father Daughter Dinner was a great success! We had a total of 31 fathers and daughters in attendance with 4 Youth Committee Members, 1 Congregational Member helping cook and serve, as well as 2 youth helping man the photo booth and to get candid photos of the dinner. Terry Carmicheal led the program.
    2. Faith Food and Fun will meet at St. Paul @ 5:45 pm and walk to each church in the Lenten rotation except for Holy Cross on 2/28. We will return to the St. Paul parking lot for the children to be picked up after services.
    3. March brings Palm Sunday with the Seder meal hosted by Lori Kneese with youth assisting.
    4. The annual Easter egg hunt and program is on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am with youth assisting as well as the Easter breakfast on Sunday 3/31 with the youth choosing the menu, preparing the meal, hosting, and helping clean up.
    5. Next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 6 PM.
  - d. **D.C.E.-** Terry Carmicheal reported:
    1. Assisted with the program for the Father Daughter Dinner Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.
    2. Planned and led Rally Day again Sunday for the Sunday School on 1/21
    3. Assisting with the Sunday School opening plans for the spring

4. Played guitar with PT and Friends on Saturday and Sunday 1/27-1/28.
5. Led the Children's Sermons on 1/24, 1/21, and 2/18
6. Continued leading the weekly Learning Garden Chapel worships on Wednesday mornings and distributing their chapel offerings to the church annex for the congregation to view.
7. Have been meeting with the Sr. High group during Sunday School
8. Continued meeting with the FFF group on Wednesday evenings.
9. Assisted Pastor with the Confirmation classes on 1/14, 1/21, and 2/11.
10. Have been looking at the Children's Worship bags for the church services and suggestions for how they may be improved for the children's experiences.
11. Assisting with the summer camp registration this year
12. Participated in a Zoom meeting about the NALC Continental Youth Gathering
13. Have been working on the Continental Youth Gathering Registration and plans.
14. Met with the Youth Building Task Force on 1/16 and 2/15
15. Have been meeting with the church choir.
16. Attended the following:
  - a. 3 girls basketball games
  - b. 1 boys basketball game
  - c. Nordheim Stock Show
  - d. Yorktown Stock Show
  - e. Heart Walk event at the school track on 2/1
- e. **Worship-** Pastor Tim noted that this week's Lenten rotation services will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church.
- f. **Evangelism/Outreach-** No report provided.
- g. **Social Concerns-** Wayne Spark reported 2 people called asking for assistance in January with their

electric bills. One person called in February for assistance with their electric bill. St. Paul contributed \$100.00 each to assist with the electric bills.

**h. Christian Life-** Pam Hoefling reported:

1. On January 28, 2024, a chili meal was prepared and served after the congregational meeting. Various foods were available to make with the chili. Approximately 40 people attended.
2. On February 18, 2024, the Christian Life Committee cooked pancakes and sausage for the Shrove Pancake Supper. Approximately 50 people attended.

**i. Property-** Larry Gohmert reported:

1. We are still waiting on parts for the church elevator. We are investigating changing companies that perform maintenance on the elevator, since Kirby Brandt is retiring.
2. Pastor pointed out to me a large hole in the ground on the front side of the Educational Building, in front of one of the Learning Garden classrooms. I need to see just how deep it goes, and how best to fill it.
3. Tree Werks has finished their trimming of the trees at the cemetery. I think they did an excellent job.
4. At the January Council meeting I offered to contact triple D Security to see about additional security for the front entrance to the Educational Building, and particularly Katie's office. Due to a combination of schedule conflicts and illnesses that meeting had to be postponed. I am hoping to hold that meeting in the next week or so.

**j. Cemetery-** Nothing to report.

**k. CEM-** Written report was provided.

**l. Pastor-**

1. Professional activities during **January 2024**
  - a. 8 Worship Services
  - b. 8 Hospital visits
  - c. 8 Home visits
  - d. 6 Educational Events



e. 9 Church Meetings and Events

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Security information- Item will rest until Bill Klaevemann is able to attend.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Elevator usage- Discussion was held pertaining to not being able to use the elevator. Issue will be investigated and further pursued.
- b. Election for Council Vice President- Pam Hoefling made a motion to elect and keep Hope Jendrzey as Vice President. Laurey Garcia seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- c. Council Member information packet was reviewed and updated.
- d. Review bank signers: Pam Hoefling made a motion to accept bank signers as listed: Calvin Bruns, Linda Hurta, Bill Klaevemann, Katie Serrano, Wayne Sparck, and Boyd Weise. Laurey Garcia seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- e. Future Council Meeting dates and times decided: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6 PM.

- 7. **CLOSING-** Pam Hoefling made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laurey Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

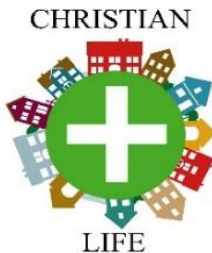
Ashleigh Peyton

## 2024 COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT – Boyd Weise  
 SECRETARY – Ashleigh Peyton  
 PARISH ED – Jill Turner  
 STEWARDSHIP – Calvin Bruns  
 WORSHIP – Jay Heil  
 CHRISTIAN LIFE – Pam Hoefling  
 PROPERTY – Larry Gohmert  
 SOCIAL CONCERNS – Wayne Sparck  
 YOUTH – Laurey Garcia  
 EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Hope Jendrzey

# Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2024	BUILDING FUND	YTD 2024
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$43,134.25</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$121,955.82</b>
Income	\$75,545.85	Income	\$13,089.05
Expenses	<b>(\$67,684.35)</b>	Expenses	<b>(\$61,985.91)</b>
Ending Balance	50,995.75	Ending Balance	73,058.96
Totals as of 2/19/2024			
<b>Investment w/ LPL Financial:</b>			
\$125,530.18			



### Upcoming Christian Life Events:

**February 25, 2024** – 11:30 am Potluck Lunch  
**March 17, 2024** – 11:30 am Potluck Lunch  
**April 14, 2024** – 11:30 am Potluck Lunch  
**May 5, 2024** – 11:30 am Cinco De Mayo Meal

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

TURN IN  
YOUR ARTICLES

**EARLY!**

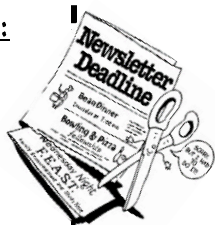
R E M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR THE**

**April**

**NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLE IS**

**Monday,  
March 18, 2024**



## Youth Chat

Lent is upon us! Come join Faith, Food & Fun as we walk on Wednesday evenings to the Lenten services! We have March 6th, March 13th & March 20th to go!

### **JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH HELP NEEDED**

We will be having the Seder meal again this year hosted by Lori Kneese. Palm Sunday 03/24.

Easter will be here before you know it which means, Easter egg hunt & program on 3/30 and Easter breakfast on 3/31!

Please contact Laurey Garcia



There will be a disaster preparedness training at St. John Lutheran Church of Westhoff at the parish hall on Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 9am – 4pm. Lunch will be provided by Lindenau WNALC.

**\*\*If you are interested in attending, please contact our church office at 361-564-2135 to RSVP. We will give them the total number of attendees from our congregation.**





Join us after church on Palm  
Sunday for...

### **A Taste of the Seder**

Everyone is invited to meet in  
the Fellowship Hall on March 24<sup>th</sup> immediately  
following the Palm Sunday Service. We will learn  
about the traditional Passover Seder Meal celebrated  
by the Jewish people and how it relates to our faith as  
Christians. Traditional Seder foods will be provided.

(There will be no regular Sunday School classes on  
March 24<sup>th</sup>.)

### **Help needed:**

High School and Junior High youth are needed to help  
serve as table leaders for the Seder Meal. They will  
assist with the foot washing and serve drinks/food at  
their table. Adult volunteers who can help with food  
preparation, kitchen help during the meal, or clean-up  
following the meal are also needed. If you are  
interested in helping, please contact Lori Kneese or call  
the church office.

Thank you!



On Sunday, February 11, 2024, we celebrated with 4 of our young people as they received their First Communion. These young people are:

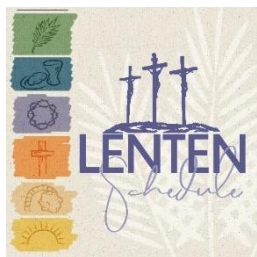
***McKinley Carriger, Tatum Cook,  
Annie Hahn, and Hannah Kneese***

May God bless them as they continue to share  
in this Holy Meal.

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Molly Styra and Reece Foerster represented Yorktown Elementary School at the DeWitt County Spelling Bee on February 1st. Congratulations to these two young ladies on this amazing accomplishment!





## **LENT and EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2024**

### **February 28 – LENT**

10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel  
6:00 pm Supper at Holy Cross Catholic Church  
7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at Holy Cross Catholic Church

### **March 6 – LENT**

10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel  
6:00 pm Supper at First Methodist Church  
7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at First Methodist Church

### **March 13 – LENT**

10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel  
6:00 pm Supper at San Luis Catholic Church  
7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at San Luis Catholic Church

### **March 20 – LENT**

10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel  
6:00 pm Supper at First Presbyterian Church  
7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at First Presbyterian Church

### **March 24 – PALM SUNDAY**

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion  
10:15 am Seder Meal in the Fellowship Hall

### **March 28 – MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

### **March 29 - GOOD FRIDAY**

10:00 am Good Friday Worship Service in the Chapel  
7:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service in the Sanctuary

### **March 30 – NO SATURDAY SERVICE**

10:00 am Easter Program and Egg Hunt

### **March 31 – EASTER**

7:00 am Early Service Worship with Holy Communion  
8:00 am Easter Breakfast  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

### **April 7 – DECORATION DAY**

10:30 am Cemetery Decoration Service at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery

**Children's Sunday School will be at the Cemetery during Decoration Day.**



We keep in our prayers the family and friends of:

**Harlen Merks, Sr.** - who passed away  
February 13, 2024. Services were held  
February 16, 2024.

**Warren Lemke** - who passed away February 21, 2024.  
Services were held February 25, 2024.

**Dolly Ruppert** - who passed away February 21, 2024.  
Services were held February 24, 2024.

**Carol Schroller** - who passed away February 21, 2024.

May the power of the resurrection continue to provide them  
assurance.

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**In memory of Harlan Bieger – Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

**In memory of Anna Borth – Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

**In memory of Lydia Carrera - Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

**In memory of Paul Hilbrich – Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

**In memory of Flo Jacob – Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

**In memory of Mary Ladner - Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

**In memory of Jim Lane – Building**

Mary Lou Gerhardt



**In memory of Jim Lane – Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

**In memory of Harlen Merks, Sr. – Radio**

Dr. & Mrs. John Frels

**In memory of Fabian Opiela – Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

**In memory of Elsa Rogge – Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

**In memory of Clarence Warzecha – Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

**In memory of Rosie Weise – Building**

Glen & Judy Henze

**In memory of Jimmy Wolf – Senior Scholarship**

Jerry & Debbie Yount and Family                      Helen Breed

**In memory of Judy Wolpman – Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

**In memory of The Korean War – Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

*~Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of February 19, 2024.*

Please remember to **write on your OFFERING ENVELOPE** a specific fund for your memorial offering to go to. It defaults to building fund unless it is noted.

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

## MARCH 2024

### **Sunday, March 3, 2024 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm: Psalm 19

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel: John 2:13-22



### **Sunday, March 10, 2024 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21



### **Sunday, March 17, 2024 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-13

Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10

Gospel: John 12:20-33



### **Sunday, March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday**



First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1 - 15:47

### **Sunday, March 31, 2024 – Easter Day**

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

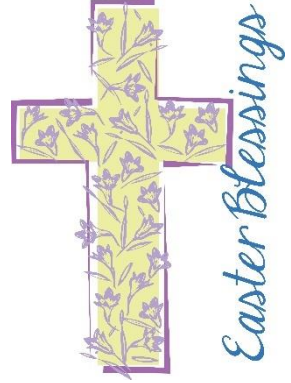
Gospel: John 20:1-18



**HONOR OR REMEMBER A SPECIAL PERSON IN YOUR LIFE**

by making a donation to the building fund.  
Please complete the form below, make a check out to St. Paul Lutheran Church, and place this form and your check in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.

If you would like to help offset costs on the purchase of Easter Lilies for the Church Altar, you may make a contribution.



**I WOULD LIKE:** (please check one)

☐ **DONATION TO OFFSET COSTS OF EASTER LILIES**

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**OR**

☐ **Make a Donation to the Building Fund**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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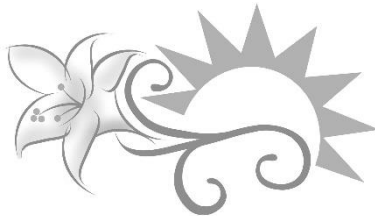
by: \_\_\_\_\_

➤ To the Glory of God, by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please PRINT clearly.

Additional forms are available in the Annex and Narthex.

*Deadline for memorials to be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin is  
**Sunday, March 24, 2024.***



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