

St. Paul Epistle




St. Paul Lutheran Church Our Vision:

We are broken and blessed followers of Christ,
providing a home for all who wander the weary road.

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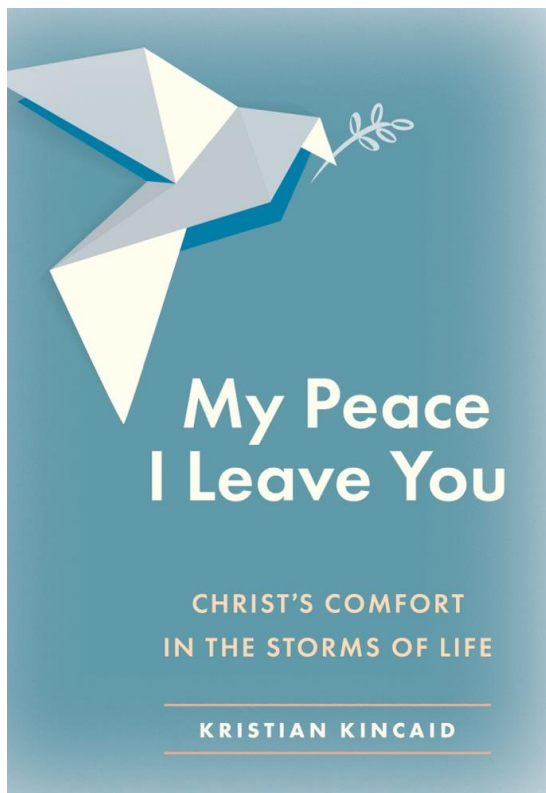
Weekly Services:
Saturday Worship: 5:30pm - Sunday Worship: 9:00am
Sunday School 10:30am - Bible Class 10:30am

DATES TO REMEMBER IN APRIL 2025

Apr 1	Cover Girls 9:00am - 11:00am
Apr 1	Board of Elders Meeting 6:30pm
Apr 2	Lent Soup Supper 5:30pm - 6:00pm
Apr 2	Midweek Service 6:30pm
Apr 3	Ruth Circle 10:00am
Apr 8	Board of Education Meeting 7:00pm
Apr 9	Midweek Service at the University of Dubuque 6:30pm
Apr 10	Brown Bag Bible Study 12:00pm - 1:30pm
Apr 12 & 13	Palm Sunday
Apr 17	Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm
Apr 18	Good Friday Service 7:00pm
Apr 19	Easter Vigil Service 8:00pm
Apr 20	Sunrise Service at Arboretum 6:30am
Apr 20	Easter Festival Service 10:00am
Apr 24	Brown Bag Bible Study 12pm - 1:30pm
Apr 28	Golden Age Euchre Club w/chicken 12:30pm

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Happy Easter! I pray that you and yours have a wonderful Easter day *and* a bright and festive Easter season to follow. After 40 days of Lent we have 50 glorious days of Easter triumph, Easter joy!



Perhaps like me, limiting screen time during Lent has given you more time for reading. One of the books I've picked up recently is a new one by Pastor Kincaid (retired senior pastor from Our Redeemer here in Dubuque). In [My Peace I Leave You](#), Pastor Kincaid applies the comfort of the Gospel to 20 different life situations.

In his chapter on Resurrection, he calls us to take heart in "The Obituary of Death." Here's a snippet:

"Jesus lives. How does this historical truth assuage our grief? He lives. Therefore, we are never alone. *You* are never alone. Jesus lives, and He dresses your deepest wounds with the precious salve of His Word and Holy Sacraments. Jesus lives, and He hears your every sigh and

groan. He knows your sorrows, for He wept as He stood before the tomb of Lazarus. He loves *you*." (p.140).

You can pick up a copy of "My Peace I Leave You: Christ's Comfort in the Storms of Life" on Amazon.com or CPH.org.

What have you been reading lately?

I'm always especially looking for good fiction books to help me broaden my horizons beyond J.R.R. Tolkien.

See you in church,



Pastor Joe



WITNESS

WOMEN OF ST. PAUL

Our next Mission Circle meeting will be on Monday, April 14th at 6pm. We would love to see some new faces--all are welcome. *President Nancy Henry*



MERCY



The Salvation Army Food Pantry - For the month of **April** we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:

<i>Rice</i>	<i>Ketchup</i>	<i>Brownie Mix</i>	<i>Dish Soap</i>
<i>Sugar</i>	<i>Bath Gel</i>	<i>Pancake Mix</i>	<i>Ramen Noodles</i>
<i>Lotion</i>	<i>Syrup</i>	<i>Garden Produce</i>	<i>Liquid Hand Sap</i>



LIFE TOGETHER

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

- **Lutheranism 101** - Mondays 9am - 10am. This is open to everyone. A great way to get a refresher on the core teachings of the faith.
- **Sunday Adult Class:** Book Study: Emotions and the Gospel by Heidi Goehmann
- **Brown Bag Bible Study** - Brown Bag Bible Study will be April 10th & 24th at 12:00pm bring a lunch. Coffee and dessert provided.

PRAYER CHAIN: Need "Links" for prayer chain - simple as phoning a friend to continue prayers. Please call 563-588-1076 ASAP! God Bless!
Karen Paar

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Days off - Apr 4th, 11th, 25th

OFFICIAL ACTS – MARCH 2024

Baptisms: *Leon Clauer & Nyx Litka*

Junior Confirmation: None

Adult Confirmation: None

Weddings: None

Transfer In: None

Transferred Out: None

New Members: *Diana Hattula & Heidi Pickering (by reinstatement)*

Funeral/Memorial: None



ALTAR FLOWERS UPDATE: The new flower chart is now in the fellowship hall. Cost remains at \$30 with payment made to St Paul and ear-marked "flowers" at the time of sign up. Put the payment in envelopes provided with necessary information filled in, and place in the offering plate. Please check if you will take after Sunday service or leave for shut ins. We continue to ask you to return the glass bowls for reuse. Questions-Charlotte Tigges 563 599 2745



ALTAR GUILD! There is currently a great need for altar guild helpers. If you are willing to help clean the communion vessels after services or polish metalware twice a year, please call the church office or send an email to the church secretary.

MAY NEWSLETTER info is due by **FRIDAY APRIL 18TH**

RUTH CIRCLE: We want to remind all our church members of the greeting cards we have for sale. The proceeds from the card sales go to cleaning the Pastor's vestments and purchasing the altar linen. We have the following boxes of cards available: Graduation, Confirmation, Birthday, Anniversary, Thinking of You, Get Well, Sympathy, Wedding, and Christmas. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 3rd at 10:00am.

BOARD OF MISSION & MINISTRY

GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND: Please feel free to designate an offering to the Good Neighbor Fund to help meet the needs of our church family and neighbors in their time of challenge.

GREIFSHARE

No matter what the circumstances, grief is a painful process. The GriefShare grief support group for people dealing with the death of a family member or friend. GriefShare is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Over 13 weeks, you'll find relief and comfort as you learn what to expect in the days ahead and how to navigate your personal grief process. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

Topics include how to manage grief-related emotions such as loneliness, anxiety, sadness, anger, and regret; how to cope with the changes in your life and relationships; how to recognize what's normal in grief; and what to do if you feel stuck or hopeless.

At a weekly GriefShare meeting, you will view a video featuring respected counselors, teachers, and healthcare professionals on grief-related topics. After that is a small-group discussion for sharing, support, and personal application of what you learned on the video. You will receive a book to take home filled with valuable exercises for navigating your personal grieving process.

Please join us: Tuesday evenings, April 1- June 3, 2025 from 6-8 PM at St. Paul Lutheran, 2025 Jackson St.

ORGAN FUND

Our organ renovation project began! Console layouts were approved and Dobson was here to get a wood sample for matching stain color on the new components. We are still on track for Dobson to remove the console from church mid-June and complete work at the end of August. The organ will be out of commission during that time.

Our congregation has raised \$115,000 so far for this project. The total project cost will be \$161,500. The payment on June 1st of \$32,300 (the fourth of six payments) will deplete the organ renovation fund as it currently stands. This will require us to raise \$32,300 by July 1st (the fifth of six payments) and an additional \$16,150 by project completion.

Thank you for your past and continued support of this important project to bring it across the finish line this year! *Board of Church Properties*

Notes + News from the **Board of Christian Education**



Vacation Bible School

June 8-12, 2025 | 6-8pm (supper at 5:30)

Age 3 (potty trained) - completed 5th grade

Plan a trip to Egypt, where God's Word comes alive as participants enjoy traditional Bible-times customs, occupations, food, and even games, while hearing about God's faithfulness and provision from Joseph!

To register, visit tinyurl.com/stpvbs2025



Opportunities to serve + be involved

Week of VBS:

- **Tribe (group) leader** - low/no prep, a friend + helper who guides participants through VBS
- **Marketplace shopkeeper** - some prep, leads small groups of students through a specific project (flexible if not available the whole week)

Behind-the-scenes prep:

- **Work day - May 3, 9-11 am** - Gather supplies, build set pieces, general preparation
- **Set-up day - June 7, 9-11 am** - Clean out key spaces, decorate, set up marketplace tents
- **Supply donations** - look for tags with needed items in the fellowship hall throughout April + May

VBS Team Meeting | Wed., May 28 at 6:30 pm

NEXT MEETING: April 22, 2025 | 7 pm at the Crawford home

Questions? Connect with Katy Crawford (katy.munson@gmail.com, 815.876.6426) or Kendra Lafrenz (kendrag897@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to be involved!

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN APRIL

Lynn Wehrspann Harlan Knuth Mary Wernke
Ron Hiris Kellie Howes Connie Baker
Jim Tegeler

PRAYER LIST FOR APRIL 2025

Mindful of the Father's great mercy shown to us in Jesus, we pray on behalf of those who are in need.

For those undergoing cancer treatment:

Roger Riechmann (father of Teri Riechmann & Sheila Zasada)
Jayme Niemeier (nephew of Dave & Sue Krause)
Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)
Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)
Mark Geothschius (brother of A.J. Osterkamp)
Toni Jo Stelpflug (niece of Doris Pergande)
Brittni Strege (niece to Richard & Kim Weed)
Rhonda Kittle (sister-in-law to Greg Kittle)
Matthew Kittle (brother of Greg Kittle)
Jerry (family friend of Richard & Kim Weed)
Rocco DiMaggio (relative of Pastor Crawford)
Kenny Stelpflug (brother of Doris Pergande)
Heidi Zimmer & Pat Zimmer her caregiver (friends of Misty Lutz)
Dan Pergande, Debra Spear, Richard Weed, Jill Adams

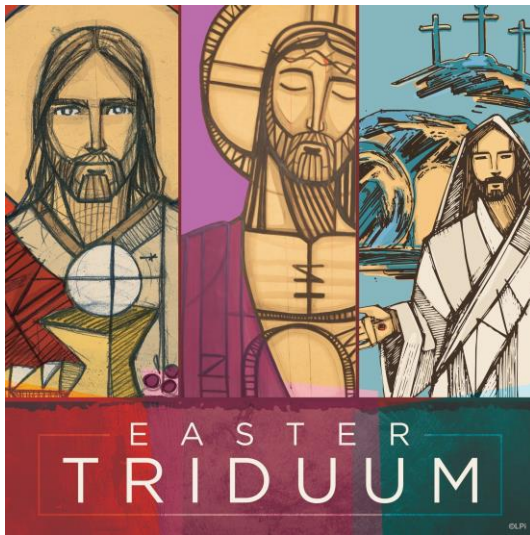
For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Nancy Clark, Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Doris Pergande, Anne Prisk (Care Initiatives), Dusty Colby, Judy Pergande, Jayson Eichman (Harmony), Jan Anderson

Additional Prayer Requests

- Lori Ollendick (daughter of Charlotte Tigges)
- The Walker family
- Donetta Spohr
- Diane Schultz
- Marlene Weber
- Abigail Mehner (great great niece of Mary Ann McGeough)

**Note: The "additional" section of the prayer list will be cleared at the beginning of each month. If you would like a name to remain on the list into the next month, please contact the church office and we would be happy to continue praying for your intention.*



Palm Sunday

April 12, 5:30pm

April 13, 9:00am

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 7:00pm

Good Friday

April 18, 7:00pm

The Vigil of Easter

April 19, 8:00pm

Easter Sunrise

(at the Dubuque Arboretum pavilion)

April 20, 6:30am

Easter Festival Divine Service

April 20, 10:00am

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Why do we celebrate Lent for 40 days?

Don't forget what Lent is all about! It is a time when we are reminded of what Jesus gave up for us, and a time when we look forward to and prepare for His death and resurrection!



We celebrate Lent for six weeks, or 40 days, as we remember Christ's temptation in the wilderness in the Gospel of Matthew. There **Jesus was without food** for 40 days.



We remember the temptation of **the Israelites in the desert** after the Lord had delivered them from Egypt. This lasted 40 years.



Finally, we can remember the story of **Noah and his family**. After 40 days and 40 nights of rain, the Lord delivered them as He promised.

During these 40 days of Lent, we remember God's faithfulness to His people and how His faithfulness is complete in Jesus, our Savior. Jesus remains faithful to us, always being where He promises to be: in His Word and Sacraments. Wow! What a Savior!



Parents: Continue to encourage your children in their Lenten preparation. During worship, point out the places where our Lord comes to us (i.e. God's Word, Holy Communion, Holy Baptism, Absolution). Remember, being their example and companion on this Lenten journey makes a difference!



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APRIL anniversaries

2-Ron & Vicky Schap
24-Joseph & Misty Stangl

12-Dave & Sue Krause
27-Jeff & Sheila Zasada



2-Bob Kalvelage
9-Katy Crawford
14-Elleanna Clark-Adams
16-Ruth Barz
18-Sue Grutz
21-Michelle Fanter
27-Dr. Heyo Tjarks

2-Doris Remington
12-Shirley Calonder
14-Marlene Weber
16-Sue Hass
20-Dennis House
22-Brandon Zasada

5-Tamra Weland
13-Mark Litka
16-Linda Ayers
16-Bryn Kelly
20-Angela Osterkamp
25-Sandy Hiris



APRIL birthdays

2-Sue Grutz
12-Allison Calonder
16-Wendy Schickel
21-Eric Schultz
29-Tom Unsen

8-Pastor Jon
13-Dan Pergande
17-Jaxson Taylor
24-Jacob Hiris
30-Annika Crawford

8-Debra Spear
15-Lisa Miller
19-Martha Driscoll
26-Alan Calonder

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2025

	Wed, Apr 2, 6:30pm	
Head Usher:	Dave Kelley	
Organist:	David Pitt	
	Sat, Apr 5, 5:30pm	Sun, Apr 6, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Mark Litka
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt
	Sat, Apr 12, 5:30pm	Sun, Apr 13 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dave Kelley	Adam Hill
Altar Guild:	N/A	N/A
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt
	Thurs, Apr 17, 7:00pm	
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	
Altar Guild:	N/A	
Organist:	David Pitt	
	Fri, Apr 18, 7:00pm	
Head Usher:	Mark Litka	
Organist:	David Pitt	
	Sat, Apr 19, 7:45pm	
Head Usher:	Dave Kelley	
Altar Guild:		
Organist:	David Pitt	
	Sun, Apr 20, 6:30am	Sun Apr 20, 10:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Jon Barz
Altar Guild:	N/A	A.J. & Angela Osterkamp
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt
	Sat, Apr 26, 5:30pm	Sun Apr 27, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Jon Lutz
Altar Guild:	N/A	N/A
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt