

# St. Paul's Epistle

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Monthly Newsletter

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April 2023

*Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her (John 20:18).*

Greetings to you, in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

April is the time that we look forward to Spring. The snow is melting and we are starting to make plans for our gardens. Questions arise: What kind of flowers and vegetables should we plant? Do we want to plant an Apple Tree this year? When can we start cutting the lawn? All of these questions are the result of Spring being in the air. We are anticipating new life. And as we do, we are reminded of Easter.

During February and March, we have been in the Penitential Season of Lent. This is a season where we focus on our Lord's Passion. During this time, in our sanctuary, the crown of thorns has been front and center with the nailed cross to the side. Our worship services have been reminding us what Jesus did for us through his suffering and death. And while we focus of Christ's Passion, we also remember that after that time in the tomb, there is Easter. Christ is Arisen!

When Mary Magdalene encountered the Resurrected Jesus, she couldn't keep it to herself. He told her to share that message with His disciples. She became the first witness to the Resurrection. She became the first Missionary telling others about the Resurrected Christ.

Mary is a great example for us today. I would like to encourage all of you to be like Mary and share the resurrected Jesus with others. Invite them to come to church. Invite them to come to Bible Study. Invite them to attend our Easter Service and Easter Breakfast.

Let's have the message that Mary shared be our message too. Let us declare to all: "I have seen the Lord."

As you prepare to celebrate Easter and look forward to Spring, with its many activities, remember to share Jesus. It's through Jesus that your sins are forgiven and that you receive the free gift of eternal life.

I look forward to seeing you, and your guests, not only on Easter, but at all of our services.

In Christ,

Pastor Burns

Romans 1:16

## **Remember in your prayers:**

### **Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort**

Irma Schmid, Clarice O'Gary, Bruce Hecksel, Chad Hanson, Dan Wolinski (friend of Jason Voss), Pauline Williamson (friend of Shirley Scheuble), Jim Feuerstein (brother of Judy Opsal), Ada Fields (sister-in-law of Shirley Scheuble), Lawrence & Joanne Mendez (parents of Sherry Glauvitz) and Melissa Lee. Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform Pastor Burns.

**Our Homebound Members** are Alice Leitzke, Gladys Goerke, Irma Schmid, Clarice O'Gary, Jean Henderson, Rose Ebert, Melissa Lee, and Bertha Hannu (mother of Barb Gamache).

**Our Troops** who are serving abroad and here in the United States. For their safety and for those they are fighting for and against.

For the families of those who have lost their lives or were injured in the fight for freedom.

**For persecuted Christians everywhere.**

**For those serving in the mission field**

Lutheran Bible Translators, Johanna Heidorn and Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram.

**For peace and reconciliation world wide.**

**For our nation,** President Biden and the leadership of the United States.

**For our state,** Governor Walz and the leadership of the state of Minnesota.

## **Those Serving April 2023**

### **Elders**

April	8:30a	Bill McKibbin
April 6	7:00p	Rick Scheevel
April 7	7:00p	Chris Higgins
April 9	6:30a	Jason Voss
	9:00a	Bill McKibbin

### **Ushers**

April 2	8:30a	Bob Schave & Lee Sunram
April 6	7:00p	Bob Schave & Tim Gamrath
April 7	7:00p	Lee Sunram & Tim Gamrath
April 9	6:30a	Gamrath Family
	9:00a	Bob Schave & Lee Sunram
April 16	8:30a	Lee Sunram & Brad Kitzman
April 23	8:30a	Lee Sunram & TBD
April 30	8:30a	Lee Sunram & Brad Kitzman

### **Acolytes**

April 2	8:30a	Gabby Hardy
April 6	7:00p	Hunter Zinter
April 7	7:00p	Clara Higgins
April 9	6:30a	TBD
	9:00a	Logan Jones
April 16	8:30a	Brenna Jones
April 23	8:30a	Clara Higgins
April 30	8:30a	Tyler Hanson

### **Media**

April	David Gamache
	David Glauvitz
	Jacob Andersen
	Sherry Glauvitz
	Ethan Burns

**Congregational Meeting** will be on April 23rd at 11:00a in the Auditorium.

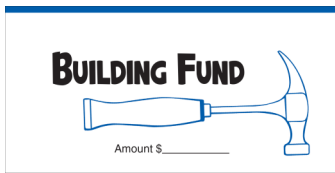
**Church Council and Congregational Meeting minutes** are available in print or digital copies can be sent. Just call the office for a copy.

**Newsletter Mailing Team** please come to help on Thur. April 27th at 9:15a. Anyone who can help fold, stick labels on and sort is welcome. Coffee and treats provided.

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Back in December we informed the congregation about some projects that depleted our congregation's Building Fund. Those projects cost around \$25,000. We are asking members to consider making a donation to the Building Fund, to help us recoup those losses, but also to help with projects in the future. Our building, which is older, does require updates and normal maintenance from time to time. Any donations should be above our normal weekly giving.

Please use the Building Fund Envelope in your box, or on the stand with the weekly bulletins, for this gift. Please make sure that your Offering Number is on the Envelope.



Located at:  
401 93rd Ave NW  
Coon Rapids MN  
55433

You are invited to a stewardship event in April at Feed My Starving Children at their Coon Rapids location. We have reserved **20** spots for Saturday April 22 at 9:00a.

This is a fun event that St Paul's has previously participated in. Adults and older children are welcome participants. We know in many places food is scarce and this is a chance to give back and help those who are hungry. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Join us for this fun event

The stewardship committee

## **2 and 1 Club**

We will be joining the Evangelism Committee on April 22 at Feed My Starving Children at their Coon Rapids location. We have 20 reserved spots at 9:00a.. Adults and older children are welcome.



4/01	Bill Gamache	4/11	Ishmail Ibraheem
4/02	Paul Clausen Jr.	4/13	Joel Pickett
4/02	Nicholas Pitts	4/14	Clarice O'Gary
4/04	David Glauvitz	4/14	Esther Burns
4/04	Amy Boettcher	4/22	Olivia Olson
4/05	Lauren McCullough	4/22	Maxwell Olson
		4/22	Elsie Higgins
4/06	Linda Hinz	4/23	Sharon Wilken
4/07	Ken Hardy	4/25	MacKenzie Rick-
4/07	Austin Kolden		Moores
4/09	Bob Schave	4/28	Chris Erickson
4/10	Kevin Thompson	4/30	Lorna Cook

**Let the office know if we have missed your birthday or Anniversary.**



Phil and Shirley Everson	4/3	25 years
Ken and Joyce Hardy	4/3	47 years
Don and Henrietta Walter	4/4	59 years
Troy and Kim Andersen	4/8	28 years
Terry and Joann Geissler	4/11	36 years
Glen and Elaine Dolieslager	4/12	65 years
John and Erika Saelee	4/14	5 years
Dave and Sherry Glauvitz	4/17	30 years
Kraig and Jolene Kruizenga	4/25	36 years
Jason and Melissa Voss	4/25	25 years
Jeffrey and Tracy Olson	4/28	22 years



**Mite Box Sunday: April 2, 2023**

**Mite donations can be mailed to Sandy Slack, 11430 98<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Maple Grove, MN 55369. Checks should be written out to “St. Paul’s LWML.”** Those attending church services in person may place their Mite Box Mission donations in the large Mite Box in the narthex.

**During March, the members of St. Paul’s donated \$145.00 for Mite Box Mission Grants! Many thanks!**

*Sharing Christ’s gifts with those in need*

**2021–2023 Mission Grant #15 "The Littlest and Least of These, Dallas, Texas — St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christian Academy" \$42,000**



As a recipient of a \$42,000 LWML Mission Grant, “The Littlest and Least of These” made renovations and updates along with needed repairs to their Fellowship Hall and kitchen. There is now space for the “littlest,” that is, the very young and the “least,” those from low-income families. Our childcare families, church, and community have been impacted by this building improvement tremendously! Thank You!

**LWML NW Suburban Zone Spring Rally** will be held Saturday, April 15, at Eternal Hope Lutheran Church in Brooklyn Park. Please join us for breakfast and an inspirational morning. Bring along a favorite Bible passage, either memorized or written and play “Stump the Pastor!” See the poster for more details.

**Save the Date: Fall Women’s Retreat** at the new Omega Lodge at **Camp Omega, September 15-16.** The Omega Lodge offers one-level, mobility-friendly access so all can enjoy the beauty of the great outdoors while studying some names and traits of God. Watch for more details this summer.

**LWML Convention, June 22 – 25, 2023 Milwaukee, WI**

**Theme: Celebrate the Lord of the Nations, Psalm 33:12-13**

As a delegate to this convention, Sandy Slack is constantly receiving information regarding the exciting events that will be going on at this convention. She’ll be able to vote for only 8 of the 45 proposed Mite Box Mission grants. This will be a prayerful challenge! There will be singing and worship and Bible study and hearing from recipients of previous Mite Box grants and how it has affected their ministry. We will meet Dr. Harrison, our LCMS President. And our Sisters to Sisters who have worked in the foreign mission field. And many others who will help us “Celebrate the Lord of the nations.”

**Please join us at our next Business Meeting on Wednesday, April 12, at 1:30p  
in the Party Room at Mary Patrice Apartments, 100 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NW, Osseo, MN**

# LWML NW Suburban Zone Spring Rally

## Saturday April 15, 2023

Eternal Hope Lutheran Church  
10508 Douglas Dr N, Brooklyn Park, MN

Registration 8:30 AM  
Breakfast and Program 9:00 AM  
\$10

### Memorization: Bind Yourself to Holy Scripture



**Pastor Wayne Bernau** from Immanuel Lutheran in Courtland, will guide us in the art of Bible memorization with the goal being bound to Holy Scripture; which will strengthen our faith, and give us the tools to defend it and to share the love of Jesus with others.

**Rally Verse** – Bind them on your heart always; tie them around your neck. When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you. Proverbs 6:21-22

A little business - Zone announcements and introductions

Two Collections –

- Mite contributions will be accepted
- Bring your Gifts from the Heart, which will be Gifts from the Heart for the National Convention in June. Gift Cards from Walmart, Target, or Kohl's with amount noted in permanent marker.
- And a little Fun: Bring a verse that is meaningful to you. We will play Stump the Pastor, as he gives the reference for the verse you recite (or read).

Tickets \$10 each are available through Tuesday April 11 from

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR APRIL 2023

### LESSONS

There is no Sunday School on Easter Sunday (April 9). On April 16, the lesson is about Jesus calling Matthew. We will learn that Jesus also calls us to be His friend and helper. On April 23, Jesus walks on water. This story teaches us that Jesus is with me when I'm afraid and helps me. On the last Sunday in April, Peter says to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." We know that God sent Jesus to be our Savior.

### Journey to the Cross

Journey to the Cross is on March 26 and April 2 during the education hour. Pick up your passport as we travel back in time and witness the events of Holy Week using ten different stations. This is an excellent opportunity to invite friends to come to this event.

### OFFERINGS

Our offerings will continue to go to CLEF Kids for Kindles.

### MUSIC

The older Sunday School kids will be singing with the Lenten choir in church on Palm Sunday in the 8:30 service. The West Wing kids will be singing "Sing Hosana." The kids should meet downstairs in the auditorium before the service.

### VBS

VBS is Monday through Thursday, August 7 through August 10, 9:30 to 11:30. Join us for an out-of-this-world Stellar VBS experience. We will be recruiting volunteers soon. Contact Jenny Hines or Joyce Hardy if you can help.

### CROSS

Now through April 9, MN FoodShare is partially matching every food and financial donation to CROSS. Any food placed in the CROSS cruiser in the narthex will be brought to CROSS before April 9.

In 2022, there has been a 23.45% increase in visits to CROSS compared to 2021. CROSS handed out 2 million pounds of food during 19,368 visits in 2022. More than 2000 children received holiday gifts. More than 60,000 pounds of low-cost clothing during 8,000 shopping visits were sold. Please consider increasing your support this year to meet the increasing needs of our growing community.

## S.P.Y. News

S.P.Y. will be hosting an Easter Breakfast on April 9 at 7:30a in the Fellowship room. We will be serving beignets to go along with the New Orleans location of the next National Youth Gathering in 2025. This will be a fundraiser for the Youth Gathering.

We will need **all Youth** helping to set up for the Easter Breakfast on Friday April 7, right after the Good Friday service (around 8:00p).

## A Better Way

The most common question about stewardship is not *whether* a Christian should give to their church. Of course Christians should give to their church. Everyone knows this. Rather, the question asked most is, “How much should I give?” But this question really means, “Should Christians give a tenth of their income to their local congregation?”

Here are some common reasons against tithing. Some say tithing isn’t necessary because it isn’t expressly commanded in the New Testament. There is no “Thus saith the Lord,” or “should” concerning tithing. Others say that Christians give to their congregation in ways much broader than money. They give of their time and their talents, and these together with treasures (money) add up to more than a tithe. Still others say that they give of their treasures to other things besides their congregation, and they want to support those things alongside their church. And then there are those who think Christians shouldn’t tithe because of some fear. They are afraid that if they tithe, their gift will be misused, or that after tithing, there won’t be enough left over to get the things that they use, want or need.

Here are some reasons why Christians *should* tithe. Even though the New Testament doesn’t specifically command Christians to tithe, the Old Testament people were commanded to. And on top of this, St. Paul often describes giving a regular and generous proportion of the first fruits of one’s income — terms similar to a tithe (2 Cor. 8:7–23; 2 Cor. 9:2–7).

But here’s another way to think about it. What was the point of the tithe in the Old Testament? Where did it go? This tithe was intended to support the ministry of the Levites. They were not given any land because they had no time to farm; their full-time job was the ministry. What does it say in the New Testament? “The Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14). This is the verse that Luther used in the Small Catechism’s Table of Duties to explain what Christians owe to the support of the ministry.

It seems clear from both the Old and the New Testaments that the tithe is the goal of Christians in their giving. But what if we’re not there yet? How should we handle this? What are we to do?

Let’s answer this by asking a different question. What would you say to your adult children who only attended church quarterly or once a month? After all, there is no passage in the New Testament that requires Christians to go to church weekly. Hebrews 10:25 is the closest verse we have, and it states simply that Christians should not neglect gathering together. And even though there is no passage that commands Christians to gather weekly, that is the implicit expectation throughout the Old and New Testaments.

So, what would you say to that son or daughter? The conversation might go something like this. I’m glad you’re still going to church. It is a wonderful blessing to hear God’s promises of forgiveness, life and salvation, and to receive His gifts in Word and Sacrament. But you can do better, and it will only be a blessing to you. There is a better way, and I’d really like you to try to attain it.

We should approach the topic of tithing with a similar conversation. The tithe is not specifically commanded in the New Testament, but it sure seems like the implicit expectation of both the Old and New Testaments. So, we’re ecstatic that you’re giving, and that you’re giving in all these various ways — time, talents and treasures. But there is a better way. And that will only be a blessing to you, just as the Word of God — Old and New Testament alike — promises. Can you try increasing your gifts over the coming weeks, months and years? Can you put your trust in the God who sent His Son to take away your sin and give you everlasting life? And if He did this for you, if He did not spare His only Son, how will He not give you all things? He will not disappoint.



**Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> is  
Administrative Professional's  
Day!**



I would like to encourage all of our members to give a huge *Thank You* to Sherry for all that she does in the Church Office (I mean, after all, she does put up with me).

Thank You Sherry for all that you do!

We will need volunteers to mow the lawn this spring and summer!

Our usual crew (who we appreciate so much!) is retiring. If you can help please let the office know.



## Save the Date

LWML Minnesota South District

### Fall Women's Retreat



With Special Guest,  
Author Michelle Diercks

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023 with  
opt. activities Friday evening

At Omega Lodge

Registration Details Coming This Summer  
[www.mnslwml.org](http://www.mnslwml.org)

Jim Kilmer is looking for old photo's that show Osseo in the early days. Such as old photo's of Osseo, buildings, people, etc.. He is on the Osseo Historic Committee and they are preparing for Osseo's 150th Anniversary celebration in 2025. The photo's will be scanned and returned to the owners.



Save the date August 15th for Lutheran night at Target Field to watch the Twins play. 25 seats available.



# April 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2 Palm Sunday</b> Communion Service 8:30a Coffee Fellowship 9:30a Education Hour 9:45a <b>Mite Box Sunday</b> <i>Centerstage 3:45p-8:00p</i>	<b>3</b> Staff Meeting 10:30a			<b>6 Maundy Thursday</b> Communion Service 7:00p	<b>7 Good Friday</b> <b>Office Closed</b> Worship 7:00p  <i>Centerstage 10:30a-2:30p</i>	<b>8</b>  <i>Centerstage 6:00p-8:00p</i>
<b>9 Easter</b> Worship Service 6:30a & 9:00a Easter Breakfast 7:30a	<b>10</b> Staff Meeting 10:30a	<b>11</b> Bible Study 9:15a Morning Prayer 10:30a Elder Meeting 6:30p All Other Boards 7:00p Council Meeting 7:30a <i>Just for Kix 4:15p-9:15p</i>	<b>12</b> LWML Business Meeting 1:30p Confirmation Essay & Cake Reception 6:00p	<b>13</b> Pastor at Circuit Meeting 9:30a (Grace)	<b>14</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  <i>Centerstage 10:30a-2:30p, 6:00p-8:00p</i>	<b>15</b> LWML Zone Spring Rally 8:30a <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
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