

St. Paul's Epistle

Monthly Newsletter

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May 2023

[Jesus said,] "Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance" (Luke 15:7).

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

On Easter Sunday, and the following Sundays, I have been sharing with the congregation about a lime green sheet that we have had in the bulletin and on a table in the Narthex. It is titled: *Church Record Update*. I'm going to be very blunt: Our records are a mess. We have missing emails; wrong emails; missing cell phone numbers; wrong cell phone numbers; wrong addresses; people who moved out of the area years ago, but still show up in our records as living in a house that was sold and now contains the second family to live there since it was sold and our members moved out; and the list goes on and on. "How did this happen?" To be blunt: The Church Office was never told.

Just think back to when cell phones became very popular. The phone number for that device was for only that device. If you got a new phone, then you received a new phone number. Many people would find out, because they tried to call Ken only to be talking to Darla. I guess Ken didn't send out a memo about the number change.

Our church records are only as good as the information that we have. In many cases: land lines have been dropped; or an email address is no longer used and a new one is being used; and we never know, because we haven't been told. That is the purpose for that lime green sheet: *Church Record Update*.

Even if you believe that nothing has changed with your personal information over the past 10 years; please note, that our records are over 150 years old. We may be operating off of information that you provided us with 25 years ago and that information has never been updated. Now is the time to rectify that.

Many of our members, in April, have done just that. I thank you all of helping us to have better records. I even thank you for allowing me to have a little fun in using the Parable of the Lost Sheep with this endeavor. If you were in church: I joked there our church records that are like that lost sheep that has wandered away and are lost. That when the lime green sheet is turned in, even if all of the information completely matches our records, that there is more rejoicing in the Church Office over 1 lime green sheet turned in and matches our records.

"But Pastor, why are you making a big deal about this? What is the Goal? How will this benefit us, and or, the congregation?"

Saint Paul's membership software now allows us to send out group emails and text messages (AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE CONGREGATION). Not only do we want to have records that are correct, but we also want to be able to be in communication with our members about happenings within our congregation. As I write this, I'm looking out my window, it's middle April, and we just received about 2 inches of snow. In the past, we have utilized Member Caller to send out phone messages about things happening:

Funerals, Special Worship Services, Funeral Announcements, Cancellations due to Weather, and so forth. Even then, many of the messages never were received, because of our bad records.

Now we can utilize email and text messages to get information out quickly to our members. Our membership software just received an update that allows for voice messages as well, but those voice messages will be an additional cost to us. So, we would like to utilize email and text messages first, then send a voice message. This would allow us to better serve you and inform you of upcoming happenings at Saint Paul's and allow us to be better stewards of our finances.

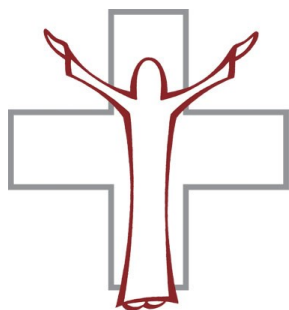
So, if you haven't done it yet, please fill out the *Church Record Update* form. Fill it out for each member of your family. There is a copy of it in this Newsletter (not lime green though). If you have email, please email the information to Sherry (office@stpaulsosseo.org) ASAP. This will cause great rejoicing in the Church Office.

May God pour out His Blessings upon you and your family, upon our community and our congregation. I look forward to seeing all of you in worship. And remember that just as we are working on having up-to-date records, we are also striving to having 2 services again in the Fall. You can help with that as well. Make sure that you and your family is in worship and be inviting others to come to worship (family we haven't seen in a while, friends and everyone else). For truly I say to you, I am looking forward to much rejoicing this Fall.

In Christ,

Pastor Burns

Romans 1:16



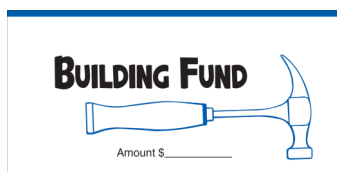
Join us for a special service on Thursday, May 18th at 7:00p as we observe The Ascension of Our Lord.

Ascension is observed 40 days after Easter.

The Ascension of Our Lord

Holy Communion Service

Thursday, May 18th at 7:00p



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.

Remember in your prayers:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort

Barb Gamache, 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.

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

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Those Serving May 2023

Elders

May 7,14	8:30a	Rick Scheevel
May 18	7:00p	Adam Schmidt
May 21,22	8:30a	Adam Schmidt

Ushers

May	8:30a	Tim & Jean Jones
May 18	7:00p	Earl & Elijah Slack

Acolytes

May 7	8:30a	Gabby Hardy
May 14	8:30a	Brenna Jones
May 21	8:30a	Clara Higgins
May 28	8:30a	Tyler Hanson

Media

April	David Gamache
	David Glauvitz
	Jacob Andersen
	Sherry Glauvitz
	Ethan Burns



Summer services will be at 9:00a beginning

Memorial weekend May 28th .



We will need **volunteers** for mowing the church lawn this spring and summer. Let the office know if you can help.

Newsletter Mailing Team please come to help on Thur. May 25th at 9:15a. Anyone who can help fold, stick labels on and sort is welcome. Coffee and treats provided.

2 and 1 Club

The weather is FINALLY nice- let's enjoy it and have our next 2 and 1 club activity OUTSIDE! We'll meet by the firepit at St. Paul's after Bible Study on Sunday, May 21st and have a hot dog roast and enjoy some s'mores. Please bring your own chairs to sit in and drinks, and a side to share. Hot dogs, buns and s'mores makings will be provided. (If it rains, we will send out messaging for rescheduling.) We're looking forward to a fun time.

Spring Clean Up Day will be May 7 at 9:45a

We will be cleaning up the church grounds from this long winter!

We have some plants to plant along the Youth room side of the church.

We need to burn some brush and move a little more dirt from the side of the garage.

This will be during the Education Hour so Sunday school kids and parents can join us.

Thank you to Bonnie Faue and Jon Tuttle for setting up the tomb. Bonnie Faue for making the sanctuary come alive with the variety of beautiful flowers for the Easter season!



Thank you for your cards and prayers and good wishes. Healing continues with the help of family and friends and God's love and care.

Barb Gamache & Family

Thank you Esther Burns, Lenten Choir and Sunday School kids for the wonderful Easter music!



5/02	Bruce Thompson	5/19	Rick Scheevel
5/04	Connor Pitts	5/19	Jamie Schmid
5/05	Jolene Kruizenga	5/21	Kim Andersen
5/07	Erin Hardy	5/21	Beckett Schmid-
5/07	Weston Sunram		Peterson
5/07	Bev Trafton	5/22	David Gamache
5/08	James Killmer	5/22	Matthew Deardoff
5/09	Dorothy Andersen	5/23	David Klinger
5/09	Matt Clausen	5/23	David Iten
5/09	Julie Higbee	5/23	Ava Peterson
5/11	Kaden Haslach	5/23	Melissa Voss
5/11	Danny Lundquist	5/24	Cade Gamrath
5/13	Victoria Kitzman	5/24	Tim Jones
5/15	Treavor Braiedy	5/24	Za'Riyah Nelson
5/18	Lynette Jensen	5/24	Tracy Olson
5/19	Kelsey Gearhart	5/25	Virginia Hoppenrath
5/19	Allison Haslach-	5/29	Gabby Garcia Hardy
	Burns	5/30	Jane Hines
5/19	Aysia Hovde	5/31	Lisa Long
5/19	Sally Roberts	5/31	Braxton Pickett

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



Brandon and Lisa Long	May 17	15 years
Jared and Gretchen Johnston	May 20	6 years

Mite Box Sunday: May 7, 2023

Mite donations can be mailed to Sandy Slack, 11430 98th 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 April, the members of St. Paul’s donated \$130.00 for Mite Box Mission Grants! Many thanks!

Sharing Christ’s gifts with those in need

“Spiritual and Physical Food for Children of Peru — La Mision Luterana del Peru” \$56,750



In Lima, Peru, the faithful missionaries of the LCMS continue to labor, motivated by God’s grace and sharing the love and mercy of our Lord with others. They care for children and families on the streets of the city and faithfully provide them physical food for the body and spiritual food for the soul. The physical food prepares them to receive the more important spiritual food – the food which brings eternal life.

Thank you to all who contributed diapers for the **Diaper Drive for CROSS!**

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

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

Sandy Slack, as zone delegate to this convention, will be the voting representative for the NW Suburban Zone. One of the most important responsibilities is voting for the new Mite Box Mission Grants, as well as the Mite Box goal. This will be a prayerful challenge!

Save the Date: Fall Women’s Retreat will be 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. You will find peace in God’s presence!

**Please join us at our next Business Meeting on Wednesday, May 17, at 1:30p
in the Party Room at Mary Patrice Apartments, 100 3rd St. NW, Osseo, MN**

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR MAY 2023

The last day of Sunday School is on May 21. It was decided at the fall clean up event that we should have a rock garden by the door in the West Wing. After a quick opening, we will be painting rocks for the new garden on this day. Parents are welcome to stay and help paint, too.

Journey to the Cross

Journey to the Cross was so much fun. Thanks to all the actors and tour guides who participated in this event.

OFFERINGS

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

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. There will be a volunteer meeting in May. Date and time to be announced later. If you are interested in volunteering at VBS, contact Jenny Hines or Joyce Hardy.

CROSS

We collected 34 pounds of groceries for CROSS in April. CROSS is in need of diapers especially larger sizes. Anything you put in the CROSS cruiser in the narthex will be brought to CROSS. Thanks for your generous support.



Church Record Update

Name:

Address:

Cell Phone:

Landline:

Please check if Landline dropped ☐

Email:

Please list any Adult Children no longer in your Household:

Follow Him in Generosity

Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you” (John 13:15). We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God, that job’s already done! But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow His example of generous giving. And Jesus’ generosity is not merely an example. Our Lord also commands us to act according to our gifts: “The one who contributes, [let him give] in generosity” (Rom. 12:8).

So, when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. We should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought — He gave according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world. So, when it comes to our own offerings, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3), we should honor the Lord by giving a generous portion of the income that God provides us.

We should also give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. We do not give grudgingly, but willingly and cheerfully, each has decided in his heart, as the Lord says (2 Cor. 9:7). There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us!

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of our love for Him and for our neighbor. Jesus shows us that genuine love is always love “in deed” (1 John 3:18). It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we support His Gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle, for that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly, so abundantly they had to be told to stop giving! (Ex. 36:5–6). In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord’s work. We support our congregations in the preaching of His Word, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, which bestow His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, and we take care of those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

S.P.Y. News

S.P.Y. is so grateful for the support we receive from all of you! Thank you to everyone who donated fruit and juice for our Easter Breakfast. A heartfelt thank you to those that attended and donated at our Easter Breakfast. We hope you enjoyed the beignets. S.P.Y. received \$331.00 above our expenses this year. That money will go to attending the National Youth Gathering in 2025.



St. Paul's 2023 Graduates



Zach Burns attends Anoka High School. Commencement ceremonies will be held June 7 at Goodrich field. He is an artist and works at Target in Coon Rapids, Mn. He has been at Target for a year and a half. Zach will be attending college at UW Stout for video game design.

Kyle Glauvitz attends Coon Rapids High School. Commencement ceremonies will be June 4 at Maturi Pavilion on the U of M campus. Kyle has enjoyed being in the choir and went to state for choir his junior year. He will not be going to college (for the time being), plans on traveling and saving money. Potentially starting a business with a friend.

Austin Kolden attends Osseo Senior High. Commencement ceremonies are June 11th at Maturi Pavilion on the U of M campus. He has received National Honors society honors. Austin will be attending University of Minnesota twin cities, Carlson School of Management for Business finance.

Grace Voss attends Osseo Senior High. Commencement ceremonies are June 11th at Maturi Pavilion on the U of M campus. Grace lettered in academics last year and has maintained a 3.6 GPA while doing sports, music and work. Works at Target in Maple Grove, Mn. She has been at Target for a year and a half. Grace will be attending the University of South Dakota for Secondary English Education.

We have two other graduates **Max Olson** and **Jack Schue** but did not receive their information for this article.

Our prayer is that God will keep these young people in the palm of His hand as they go out into the world.

“Go My Children, with My blessing, Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my Own.

In My love's baptismal river,

I have made you Mine forever.



Go My Children, with My blessing—

You are My own.” LSB 922:1

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Staff Meeting 10:30a	2 Bible Study 9:15a Morning Prayer Service 10:30a <i>Just for Kix 4:15p-9:15p</i>	3	4	5 Office Closed <i>Centerstage 10:30a-2:30p 6:00p-8:00p</i>	6
7 5th Sunday of Easter Communion Service 8:30a Coffee Fellowship 9:30a Spring Clean Up 9:45a <i>Centerstage 3:45p-8:00p</i>	8 Pastor at State Pastoral Conference	9 Office Closed Pastor at State Pastoral Conference	10 Pastor at State Pastoral Conference	11	12 Office Closed	13
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21 7th Sunday of Easter Communion Service 8:30a Coffee Fellowship 9:30a Education Hour 9:45a 2&1 Club @ firepit 11:00a	22 Staff Meeting 10:30a	23 Bible Study 9:15a Morning Prayer Service 10:30a	24	25	26 Office Closed	27
28 The Day of Pentecost Worship Service 9:00a	29 Office Closed 	30	31			



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