St. Paul's Epistle

NEWS &

April/May | 2024

Pastor's Note:

"But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15b). Greetings to you, in the name of our Crucified and Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

April showers bring April flowers. That saying is one of hope and beauty. In the month of April, we start to see the earth spring back to life. And we know what that means. Soon, we will be getting the lawn mower ready; making arrangements for the garden; looking at Spring Cleaning projects; and numerous other activities as we see the world waking up around us.

It's in this season, that the Church also is focusing on new life. Most years, Easter is in April. But this year it was March 31st. And what a joy we had in celebrating Easter. But we need to remember that Easter isn't just celebrated on that day, but that every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection, as we gather together and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Near the end of Joshua's life, he gave a great speech to the children of Israel. They had just conquered the Land of Canaan. God was on their side every step of the way. Now it was time to settle down and just live the life that the LORD had given them. But would they remain faithful? Joshua gives that resounding statement: "But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15b). No worshiping of the Canaanite gods, the Baals, or any other false idol, but only the true God.

As we take time this April and May there will be many things coming to a close. Confirmation finishes in April and Sunday School will end in May. Soon children will be out of school for their Summer Break. Vacations will be taken and there will be many wonderful opportunities to get rest and relaxation. But whom will you serve? Will it be the many idols that our society and culture has erected, or will you and your house serve the LORD?

As we continue to be "Stepping Out in Faith," I would like to be encouraging all of you to be making worship attendance to be a priority for you and your house (family). Don't let the cares of the world keep you from in person worship. And if you haven't been able to attend and have been watching our services online, I would like to encourage you to contact me about bringing the Lord's Supper to you and your house (family).

Things will be getting real busy real soon. But even in the chaos, we need to make sure that we take a break and recharge our batteries, by being in the Word of God and receiving His gifts to us.

I look forward to taking a break with you and seeing you in worship, as we join Joshua in declaring: "But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15b).

In Christ,

Pastor Burns Romans 1:16

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Church Events:

Confirmation Sunday 4.7 10:30a

LWML Spring Rally 4.13 @Grace Lutheran, Brooklyn Park 9:00a

Congregational Meeting 4.14

In Auditorium 11:30a Lunch provided by Board of Evangelism.

Feed My Starving Children 4.20

9:15a-11:15a @ Coon Rapids location

Spring Clean Up 5.5 9:15a-10:15a

Pastor at State Pastor's Conference 5.13--5.15

Remember in your prayers:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort Mindy Jones, Leah Pitts, Jered Glauvitz (Nephew of Dave & Erik Glauvitz), Derrick Doyle (son of Shirley Scheuble), Nancy Kitzman, Clarice O'Gary, Bruce Hecksel, Chad Hanson, Dan Wolinski (friend of Jason Voss), Pauline Williamson & Toni Susiy (friends 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.

<u>Our Homebound Members</u> are Irma Schmid, Alice Leitzke, Clarice O'Gary, Jean Henderson and Melissa Lee.

<u>Our Troops</u> 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 and Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram.

For peace and reconciliation world wide.

<u>For our nation</u>, President Biden and the leadership of the United States.

<u>For our state</u>, Governor Walz and the leadership of the state of Minnesota.

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Those Serving April/May 2024

Elders		
April	8:00a	Jason Voss
-	10:30a	Steve Gamache
<u>Ushers</u>		
April 7	8:00a	Tim & Jean Jones
	10:30a	Arnie & Lynette Jensen
April 14	8:00a	Tim & Jean Jones
	10:30a	Arnie & Lynette Jensen
April 21	8:00a	Erik Glauvitz
	10:30a	Arnie & Lynette Jensen
April 28	8:00a	TBD
	10:30a	Cindy Scheevel
May 5	8:00a	Brian & Jane Hines
	10:30a	Cindy Scheevel
May 12	8:00a	Brian & Jane Hines
	10:30a	Arnie & Lynette Jensen
May 19	8:00a	TBD
	10:30a	Arnie & Lynette Jensen
May 26	8:00a	TBD
	10:30a	Cindy Scheevel

<u>Media</u>

April/May

David Gamache
David Glauvitz
Jacob Andersen
Sherry Glauvitz
Emma Burns



Congregational Meeting will be April 14,2024 at 11:30a. A light lunch will be provided by the Board of Stewardship and Evangelism.



Saturday April 20th, 2024, 9:15a-11:15a. We will be going to Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids. It's a fun event open to adults and older children. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. This is a stewardship event and also the 2&1 Club event for April.





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	4/22	Maxwell Olson
McCullough		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

Phil and Shirley Everson	4/3	26 years
Ken and Joyce Hardy	4/3	48 years
Don and Henrietta Walter	4/4	60 years
Troy and Kim Andersen	4/8	9 years
Terry and Joann Geissler	4/11	37 years
Glen and Elaine Dolieslager	4/12	66 years
John and Erika Saelee	4/14	6 years
Dave and Sherry Glauvitz	4/17	31 years
Jason and Melissa Voss	4/25	26 years
Jeffrey and Tracy Olson	4/28	23 years
Tim and Randi Zinter	4/28	17 years

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

Brandon and Lisa Long	May 17	16 years
Jared and Gretchen Johnston	May 20	7 years



Newsletter Mailing Team please come to help on Wed. May 29 at 9:15a. Anyone who can help fold, stick labels on and sort is welcome. Coffee and treats provided.



Mite Box Sundays: April 7 and May 5, 2024

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 March, the members of St. Paul's donated \$165.00 for Mite Box Mission Grants! Many thanks!

Sharing Christ's gifts with those in need

Forged by Fire

2023-2025 LWML Mission Grant #6 Mobile Kitchen, Forged by Fire Services,





Forged by Fire is an active Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT), an auxiliary of the LCMS. Volunteers assist after a disaster strikes, whether by hurricane, tornado, or flooding. In smaller communities they prepare home-cooked meals in mobile units. Meals are made with love and served free of charge. Since its beginning, Forged by Fire has prepared and served food for over 150,000 people. Those receiving the meals often ask, "Why?" and "How are you able to do this?" This is the opportunity to share Christ while being the hands and feet of our Savior Jesus! Many of the Forged by Fire volunteers have lived through natural disasters and know the confusion and the struggle to find food for their families.

To learn more about their work, please visit <u>forgedbyfireservices.com</u>.

To learn about opportunities to volunteer with the LCMS after a disaster strikes, visit lems.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response

WALK in Him is the theme of the LWML NW Suburban Zone being held on Saturday morning, April 13, at Grace Lutheran Church in Brooklyn Park. Please see the attached poster for details. We will carpool to the rally.

The upcoming Convention of the LWML Minnesota South District will be June 20-22, 2024. The theme is "Walk in Love." "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us..." Ephesians 5:1-2.

St. Paul's LWML will be meeting Wednesday, April 10 and May 8, at 1:30p in the Party Room at Mary Patrice Apartments, 100 3rd St NW, Osseo, MN

Orphan Grain Train 🕇

Orphan Grain Train shares resources and brings Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near. Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical and other needed items to people in 71 different countries including the USA.

Orphan Grain Train will be the recipient of Gifts from the Heart at both the LWML Spring Rally in April and the LWML MN South District Convention in June. Orphan Grain Train will forward the items to those in most need. We need your help to collect these items! Please place new or gently used items in the marked container in the narthex.

New or gently used shoes in all sizes, children to adults

New or gently used socks in all sizes, children to adults

Quilts, blankets (baby to adult), and comforters in all sizes

These items will be dedicated on Sunday, June 2, 2024 and then transported to the Orphan Grain Train warehouse in Mayer, MN. To learn more about Orphan Grain Train check out their online site at www.ogt.org. A Thrivent Team Action Grant has been applied for this ingathering.



LWML NW Suburban Zone

Spring Rally

Saturday morning, April 13, 2024

Grace Lutheran Church 6810 Winnetka Ave N Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

Speaker: Katy Gifford editor of Bible Studies for Lutheran Woman's Quarterly speaking on walking in Christ through Bible journaling

Registration: 8:30-9:00 am Rally: 9:00 am followed by lunch

Tickets: \$10 Ticket deadline: April 7

GIFTS FROM THE HEART for Orphan Grain Train

- shoes new or gently used all sizes (children to adults)
- socks all sizes (children to adults)
- Cash donations

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR APRIL/May 2024

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Children are special to Jesus and they are special to us here at St. Paul's, too. March attendance in Sunday School has been dwindling, culminating in one Sunday where only two children out of a possible 14 were present in grades preK through 5th. Please know that we miss your kids when they are not here on Sunday.

LESSONS

After taking a little break from our usual lessons and focusing on the Easter story and activities, we are back to normal in April. Our first story in April is Jesus feeds the 5000. He cares for us, so we can trust that he will provide for us, too. Then the next week we will learn about the lost son and the everlasting love a father has for his son and compare that to the everlasting love God has for us. The third week, we will talk about how rules are a good thing unless they become about looking good and earning God's love instead of reflecting God's gracious one-of-a kind love. The last week, we will discuss how we should put Jesus first and enjoy the surprises He will bring as you follow Him.

OFFERINGS

Our offerings will continue to go to CROSS.

VBS

Save the date. Scuba VBS will be August 5 through 8 from 9:30 to 11:30. We hope you can join us for this fun-filled week!

CROSS NEWS

Thank you for all the breakfast food items that were donated to CROSS. A large trunkful of food was brought to CROSS and they were very appreciative. The boundary rules have changed and now anybody in Minnesota can go to CROSS, not just families in our immediate area. This means that CROSS has been getting many more new clients, so the need is even greater than before. In April, the Sunday School kids will be collecting baking items such as cake mixes, flour, sugar, etc. We would love the congregation's help.

In closing, let us pray for better attendance in Sunday School for the rest of the year and for teachers that do not get discouraged when so few children show up to hear God's word. Amen

2&1 Club

Our 2&1 Club activity for April is Feed My Starving Children on April 20 9:15a-11:15a. Be sure to sign up. There are 25 openings.



In May we will gather around the firepit at church after services on May 19th for a hotdog roast and smores. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the auditorium.

Hotdogs, buns and smores makings will be provided- bring a salad to share and something to drink.

Offerings and Contributions received through Feb 29, 2024:

General Fund:	2023	2024	
	Through February	Through February	Change
Contributions	\$44,893	\$49,785	\$4,892
Rental Income	0.00	\$9,491	\$9,491
Subtotal General Fund	\$44,893	\$59,276	\$14,383
Savings Account:			
Building Fund	\$1,090	\$2,798	\$1,708
Memorials	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	\$1,276	\$207	(\$1,069)
Subtotal Savings	\$2,366	\$3,005	\$639
Designated Funds*	\$2,560	\$3,959	\$1,399
Subtotal	\$49,819	\$66,239	\$16,421
Columbarium Contributions	\$850.00	\$500	(\$350)
Total Contributions	\$50,669	\$66,739	\$16,071

^{*}Designated funds are contributions to CROSS, LWML, CityCenter, and Youth.



COLUMBARIUM PATIO BRICK ORDER FORM

Purchase your Brick in Honor or Memory of your Loved one. Now Available!



Bricks for the patio of the Columbarium are now for sale for \$100.

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Please complete the text you would like engraved below:

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BRICK INSCRIPTION GUIDELINES

- Each 4" x 8" brick may contain up to 3 lines of copy.
- Up to 17 characters/spaces per line. You do not have to use all the lines or spaces shown.
- · Each box represents a letter, number, punctuation or space.
- Each message will be inscribed in the center of the paver in upper and lower case.
- If you would like two bricks placed next to one another, please submit them together.
- Engraved bricks are \$100 each. Please fill out a separate application for each brick purchased.
 Write checks to St. Paul's Lutheran Church with "Brick Patio" in the memo line.

A BIG Thanks to all members that made and brought soups, pasta dishes and desserts, worked in the kitchen and helped with cleanup which made another Lenten Supper Successful! Each week there were between 25-30 people in attendance, but hope to see more in attendance next year.

















I want to extend a huge thank you to Pastor Burns and my St. Paul's family for all the prayers, grateful best wishes, positive attitude, encouragement, sincere kindness and concern shown me during the days of my hip pain and surgery.



Hymn Studies with Esther- April/May

*All information taken from Lutheran Service Book- Companion to the Hymns, published by Concordia Publishing House

The Hymn: LSB #740 I am Jesus' Little Lamb

The Author: Henrietta Luise von Hayn

Henrietta Luise von Hayne (1724-1782) knew about straying from the Good Shepherd and putting herself in danger away from His protection. Her reflection that he "loves me every day the same" may recall earlier days when, after her confirmation, she descended into a worldly life. Yet the Good Shepherd worked through Count Nicolaus von Zinzendorf and the United Brethren to restore her to her Shepherd's fold. She lived her professional life teaching schoolgirls and caring for invalid sisters in the community, recognizing them as Jesus' precious lambs.

Hymn Background:

Hayn celebrates our relationship with Jesus Christ as that of a very good Shepherd tending much-beloved lambs. The text pictures us not as gown sheep but as vulnerable lambs much in need of a shepherd's care. Although we live in an increasingly industrialized society in which there are few shepherds, one can still picture David as a child fighting off lion and bear to save little lambs. His twenty-third psalm continues to provide comfort to many whose lives seem to be anything but green pastures, some walking through valleys of deep distress, even death.

Verse one starts with a lamb happy to be in its shepherd's presence. Jesus is our shepherd- He calls each of His lambs by name.

Verse two talks about food and drink- and can be considered both the spiritual and physical food. The shepherd rescues and leads His sheep into pleasant pastures, as Jesus calls all who are weary and burdened to come to rest their soul in Him.

In verse three, the shortness of life does not bother the lamb. The Good Shepherd refuses to let even death separate lambs from Him. When the lamb's short life ends, the Good Shepherd sends angels to carry each lamb to Himself.

When are we singing this hymn?

#740 will be sung on April 21st, otherwise known as Good Shepherd Sunday. I am Jesus' Little Lamb was the first hymn I learned to play on the organ.

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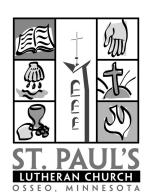
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