



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Easter is upon us! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! We will celebrate Easter for the next seven weeks. The story never gets old, does it? Mary, the other Mary, and Salome stealthily travel to the tomb under the cover of darkness. Yet instead of finding Jesus' lifeless body, they found a living body...one they didn't recognize. Caught off guard, they were alarmed and astonished at the sight of the young man in the tomb. The life of their Lord had been stolen away and they feared his body had also been stolen.

The young man dressed in white says to them, "Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here! Look, there is the place they laid him." The empty tomb bears witness to the resurrection! Truly this is the Good News! Death has been swallowed up forever!

Jesus Christ did not come for his own sake to earth, but rather he carried our sin to the cross. And by his death devoured and swallowed up your death and mine, as promised in Isaiah 25: "He will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us." Here God speaks of our death and of hell, which held us captive, stating that he will exterminate the sin that accuses us, and he will consume death and hell, which seeks to devour and swallow us up. In Christ, our sin is forgiven and the jaws of death have been crushed!

Since we have been baptized in Christ and believe in him, it follows that even if you and I had one hundred thousand sins, deaths, and hells, it still would be nothing, because Christ's resurrection, victory, and triumph, which become ours through faith and baptism, are far greater. If that is true, which it certainly is, who or what can harm us – sin, death, the devil, hell, the world, ISIS, or any other foe? No, but "Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" (1 Cor. 15:57) Christ is risen! And just so you too shall be raised on the last day, for death has been swallowed up forever!

Speaking of swallowing things up, we have had another successful German Supper! A huge thanks to all the folks who worked so hard, donating time, talent, and treasures to make this delicious event possible!

Please join us in the weeks to come as again we hear the joyful stories of the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ! On Sunday, May 5, our five eighth graders will be confirmed in the faith. Then on Sunday, May 12, we will have our bacculaureate service and mark the end of another year of Sunday school. See you in church!

With love from your sister in Christ,

Pr. Tricia

St Paul Lutheran Church - Church Council Meeting, April 14, 2019 at 10:20am

Present: Ed Meidl, Jill Vogel, Dan Longsdorf, David Bittler, Bill Vogel, Pastor Tricia, Paul Muske,

Also Present: Katie Mueller, Church Coordinator

Absent: Craig Valentin, Matt Sargent, Anita Jensen, Financial Secretary

Call to order, Ed Meidl at 10:20am

Devotion – Pastor Tricia-prayer

M/S/P-Secretary’s Report

M/S/P-Financial Report – Anita

 Tabled-cash of the Endowment fund

Building and Grounds – Ed

 Tunnel Water Issues- no current water in the tunnel. The city is trying to clean out and came up against blockage. Progress interrupted by weather.

 Parsonage Window Leaks-needs to be looked at this summer.

 Tile in Fellowship Hall-has been fixed/replaced

Parish Education Report –Matt & Bill

 Still working on fundraising. Lost opportunity due to canceled Wednesday service.

Pastor’s Report

 Nothing to add at this time

OLD BUSINESS

Committee appointments

Council Vacancy-still looking

German Supper- April 24, 4:30-6:30, ticket sales are a bit slow-a couple of local events happening that day.

Augustana District Annual Convention, Saturday, May 11 @ 9 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in Alexandria. Pastor attending.

Holy Week Post Cards-Thank you to Katie for addressing and mailing.

Easter Decorating-help is appreciated. Thank you for donation from Dave Bittler from Thrivent.

NEW BUSINESS

Opportunity: Conflict Resolution Workshop on Friday, May 10 from 2pm -6pm at Living Word Lutheran Church in Alexandria, MN. LCMC work shop thru the Augustana District.

Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp Annual Meeting, April 13, no one was available to attend.

Cemetery Board meeting-

 General maintenance needs to be done on lawn mower and the door frame on the garage.

 M/S/P- the hiring of Mike Marz at salary of \$3750 for the April 15 thru October 15, 2019 season as cemetery caretaker. All working hours must to be tracked for payroll and insurance documentation.

Blood Drive-had approximately 14 donors, which is down from last year, but there had been recent drives locally

M/S/P to adjourn 10:43 with the Lord’s Prayer

Shawna Jacobs

Church Council Secretary

2019 Church Council

Ed Meidl - Chair

Paul Muske - Vice Chair

Dave Bittler

Shawna Jacobs - Secretary

Dan Longsdorf

Jill Vogel

Craig Valentin - Treasurer

Matt Sargent

Bill Vogel

Deadlines: Sunday Bulletin: Wednesday by 10 am. **Epistle:** 20th of each month.

Please call or email Katie at the church office with additions or changes for the bulletins or Epistle.

Memorials Given From 3/24/19 to 4/23/19

In Memory:	Given by:	Designated for:
Shirley Bloemke	Ed & Carol Meidl	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
Bernice Balbach	Audrey Rositzke	Bible Camp Scholarship Fund
	Gary & Nancy Renner	Bible Camp Scholarship Fund
	Friends of the Family	St. Paul General Fund
	Joseph & Tamara Bockhold	St. Paul General Fund
	Larry & Ruthie Potter	St. Paul General Fund
	Robert & Marilyn Kratz	St. Paul General Fund
	Steve Krueger	St. Paul General Fund
	Arland Kettner	St. Paul General Fund
	Daniel Kettner	St. Paul General Fund
	Joann Larson	St. Paul General Fund
	James Pohl	St. Paul General Fund
	Kurt & Janice Kratz	St. Paul General Fund
	Rita Tollefsrud	St. Paul General Fund
	Del & Beverly Beussman	St. Paul General Fund
	Dalores Stern	St. Paul General Fund
	Thomas & Brenda Reiner	St. Paul General Fund
	Richard & Lois Zihlke	St. Paul General Fund
	Tim & Jill Vogel & Family	St. Paul General Fund
	Roy & Norma Neufeldt	St. Paul General Fund
	Charles & Marlys Ludewig	St. Paul General Fund
	Frank & Cindy Schnobrich	St. Paul General Fund
	Elanor & Jeffrey Diercks	St. Paul General Fund
	Dale Mehrkens	St. Paul General Fund
	Ben & Karen Stephani	St. Paul General Fund
	Alice & Richard Sturm	St. Paul General Fund
	Doug & Luann Gatzlaff	St. Paul General Fund
	Jeff Krueger	St. Paul General Fund
	Dave Gatzlaff	St. Paul General Fund
	Steve & Sue Krueger	St. Paul General Fund
	Tom & Jill Cashan	St. Paul General Fund
Mike Pieschel	Larry & Ruthie Potter	St. Paul General Fund
Ken Richert	Larry & Ruthie Potter	St. Paul General Fund
Diane Moeller	Ken & Sharon Renner	St. Paul General Fund

Budget Recap & Attendance Year-To-Date (01/01/19 to 4/23/19)

Total Funds for Budget	\$48,083.11	Operating Funds	\$60,083.11	Budget	\$54,570.34
Loan From Memorial	<u>\$12,000.00</u>	Operating Exp.	<u>\$54,558.71</u>	Difference	\$5,512.77
Total Operating Funds	\$60,083.11	Difference	\$5,524.40		

*The Church Council wanted to make the congregation aware that at the February & March 2019 meetings the current financial situation we are in was discussed and the council made the decision to borrow \$12,000 from the Memorial Fund.

Attendance Worship Services

Sunday, March 31	9am - 76	11am - 11	Wednesday, April 3	6:30 p.m. - 62
Sunday, April 7	9am - 84	11am - 12	Wednesday, April 10	Service Cancelled
Sunday, April 14	9am - 157	11am - 0	Thursday, April 18	7:00 pm - 154
Friday, April 19	1pm - 52	7pm - 5	Sunday, April 21	6:30 am - 121 9am - 127

Direct Giving: Church Giving Made Easier

As electronic payment and mobile banking have grown in popularity, St. Paul's has received more inquiries about the ability for members to give through automatic donations / direct giving. The way commerce operates today many people no longer carry cash, preferring to have everything processed electronically or by debit/credit card.

Automatic donations can be beneficial for both the member and the congregation. Members receive the benefit of convenience, easier monthly budgeting, and uninterrupted gifts. For the congregation, automatic donations can provide a steadier stream of income and even result in higher annual gifts, especially during the summer months when members are often traveling out of town. If you are interested in automatic donations / direct giving, a form is available in the church office or in the back of church.

Thrivent Financial—As always, St. Paul Lutheran Church is grateful for your consideration when you make charitable giving plans. If you are a Thrivent Financial member eligible to direct Choice DollarsSM, we ask you to consider St. Paul Lutheran as you help direct Thrivent Financials charitable funds.

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: Notice: Please update your phone numbers and/or email address with the church office!
: Several of the numbers we have are disconnected and we need to know how to get a hold
: of you! You can leave a note in the box outside of Katie's office, use one of the yellow
: information cards in the church pews, call or email the church office at 507-723-5880 or
: stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com. We appreciate you keeping us updated!
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Please pray for... Tanya Hovland, Lydia Jeske, Chuck Churchill, Carol Meidl, Jo Muske, Mary Holles Sternberg, Alice Trebesch; Amanda Havemeier, Tabor Gluth and all those serving in the military, at home and abroad.

Prayer Chain – If you have a prayer concern you would like passed along to the Prayer Chain, please call Jan Severson (723-6358) or the church office (723-5880). Please specify if you want the concern on (1) the Prayer Chain and/or (2) included in Sunday morning prayers which will be included for **two** Sundays unless otherwise specified or request is renewed.

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 Luther League 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	2	3 Office Closed	4
5 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Confirmation Service	6 3:16 Bible Study @ The Maples	7 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast 7:15 Parish Ed Meeting	8 7:30 Council Meeting	9	10 Office Closed	11
12 Happy Mother's Day! 9:00 Baccalaureate 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Talk 11:00 Worship	13 No Bible Study	14 No Bible Study 7:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast	15	16	17 Office Closed	18
19 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Talk 11:00 Worship	20 No Bible Study	21 10:00 SJLH Service HC 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast 3:30 The Maples HC	22	23	24 Office Closed	25
26 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Talk	27 Office Closed No Bible Study	28 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast	29 7:00 pm Worship on Wednesday	30	31 Office Closed	

9:00 am Worship Service

Date	Sound & Video	Reader	Acolyte	Greeters	Usher
5/5	Bob Kratz	Russell Rogotzke	Abigail Jensen Zach Timm	Gary & Nancy Renner	Team 1
5/12	Shane Clemon	Jeanette Pidde	Kyler Zihlke Nickolas Rogotzke	Janice Kettner Gertie Rosenau	Team 2
5/19	Tim Vogel	Kurt Glaeseman	Daniel Groebner Keagan Streich	Del & Bev Beussman	Team 3
5/26	Bob Kratz	Paul Muske	Dalton Langseth Jace Rosenau	Jim & Elsie Groebner	Team 4

Sharon Rogotzke has been asked to call Greeters, Readers and Acolytes reminding them of their Sunday. **In order to avoid confusion, please call Sharon at 723-5117 if you will be gone and have found a substitute.**

May Anniversaries!

May Birthdays!

1 – Angie Krebs
 1 – Melanie Vogel
 1 – Marie Weinberger
 2 – Dan Longsdorf
 2 – Marcia Schiller
 4 – Megan Hillesheim
 4 – Katie DeBower
 6 – Darla Knutson
 6 – Carla Moret
 9 – Alexis Clemon
 9 – Ellen Kral
 12 – Carter Asmus
 13 – LaCole Weisensel
 14 – Jerrine Kettner
 16 – Kelsey Moret
 17 – Tyler Larson
 20 – Nickolas Kratz
 21 – Arthur Kettner
 26 – Jeremy Brown
 26 – Bryan Buerkle
 29 – Olivia Fenger
 29 – Mae Meyer
 29 – Daniel Veenstra
 30 – Ed Meidl
 31 – Amanda Thompson

11 – Rick & Angie Meine
 15 – Roger & Kelly Sargent
 17 – Dan & Laurie Longsdorf
 19 – Brad & Kari Haugo
 23 – Steve & Susan Hendrickson
 24 – Cody & Lacey Groebner
 31 – Jordan & Jeanette Pidde



Delivering bulletins in May

2 - Carol Carlson
 9 - Pastor Tricia
 16 - Jill Vogel
 23 - Leona Schottle
 30 - Ruthie Potter

May Altar Guild

Jo Schwartz & Megan Groebner
 If you are unable to help, please find a substitute or switch months with someone.

Notice:

We are no longer able to broadcast the Sunday morning worship service on channel 8 on Sunday's.

At this time we have not determined an alternate time in which the service will be played in addition to the Tuesday evening time. We apologize for the inconvenience.



Worship On Wednesday
 (W.O.W)
 Every Wednesday
 Beginning May 29
 thru August 28th
 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Luther League meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall.
All members grades 7-12 are invited to attend!

Parish Education is in need of donations towards the Bible Camp Scholarship Fund! This year we have 11 children attending Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp! We would like to continue offering financial assistance to our youth through this fund. We missed one of our fundraisers when the last Lenten dinner was canceled due to the snowstorm, so your support is much appreciated! Please stop by the bulletin board outside of the fellowship hall and pick an envelope from our money board! Thank you!

Baccalaureate Sunday will be Sunday, May 12th. St. Paul Lutheran's graduating senior, Noah Solmonson, will be joining us for a special worship service and Coffee Talk in his honor.

Graduating Seniors and College Students, don't forget to apply for the Good Shepherd Scholarship. **Applications must be received by July 15th.** For a copy of the Eligibility Rules and Application go to www.splcspringfield.org/Scholarships Or email Katie in the office at stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com

Our Summer Worship Services will be on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. starting on Wednesday, May 29th. That service will be every Wednesday thru August 28th.

LCMC Conflict Resolution Workshop, Friday, May 10, 2-6pm at Living Word Lutheran Church in Alexandria, MN. The LCMC Conflict Resolution Seminar is designed to help you learn about yourself in conflict as well as steps to forgiveness and reconciliation from a Biblical perspective. For more information or to register email office@augustanadistrict.org or call 320-587-2093. The registration fee is \$15.

The 2019 Augustana District Annual Convention is Saturday, May 11th in Alexandria, MN. We are allowed 2 delegates to attend the meeting. For more information, or if you would like to attend, talk with Pastor Tricia or Katie in the office. Deadline to register in April 29th.

Camp Discovery Day at Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp, Sunday, May 19 from 2-5 pm
Discover what summer camp is like with activities, skits, games, and more! Designed for kids from **K-6th grade**, this fun, **FREE** event is held at [Ingham Lake Bible Camp](#). Parents are welcome to stay for the fun!
Please RSVP with the number of kids joining us by calling 1-800-OKOBOJI or e-mailing registrar@okoboji.org.

Fundraiser for Pastor Mike Franklin of the Assembly of God Church in Springfield, on Thursday, May 16th from 11-6 at the Springfield Market Parking Lot. Serving grilled burgers & hotdogs with fresh bakery buns, cole slaw, chips, pop, water. There will also be silent auction gift baskets to bid on; bounce house, mini golf, and Sno Cones for the kids! All proceeds will go to Mike & Kay for on-going medical expenses. See the flyers posted at the entrances to the sanctuary. ***If you would like to donate a gift basket for the silent auction or if you are available to volunteer for the event, please contact Pam at Springfield Market.**

United Methodist Church in Springfield on Monday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m. will host Russian vocal ensemble LYRA. LYRA is a group of professional singers from St. Petersburg which has won several international choral competitions and regularly tours European countries. They have toured in the US since 2001. Their concert presents a wonderful opportunity of hearing the music of Russian culture. Throughout the program, the audience will learn about the Russian Orthodox church tradition and Russian folk music. Every piece performed is explained in English. A cash free-will offering will be received and refreshments will be served following the concert.

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Calendar Highlights - May 2019

5 - Confirmation Service 10am
12 - Baccalaureate Sunday & last
day of Sunday School
29 - W.O.W. Service @ 7pm

We are on the Web!
www.splcspringfield.org

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Office Hours

Pastor: Tricia Mattson

Monday & Thursday 9-noon

Wednesday 1-4

Or by appointment

pastortriciamattson@gmail.com

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Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-noon

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Housekeeper: Lisa Prechel

Maintenance: Ed Meidl

Financial Secretary: Anita Jensen

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Articles may be submitted for publication subject to content.

Worship:

SUNDAY

Worship at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Talk at 10:00 a.m.

Springfield Area Food Shelf hours
Tuesday 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday 9:30am – 11:30am
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