

# SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

**April 2019**

In the name of Jesus Christ,  
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is committed to praising,  
praying, and sharing the Word of God.



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## **Pastors' Letter for the April Newsletter**

But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint. - Isaiah 40:31

April is often a transition month in the life of the church as Lent draws to a dramatic close and as we welcome Easter. Isaiah tells us to wait and elsewhere we learn to watch also. I would urge all of you, brothers and sisters, to fully participate in both the Lenten and Easter cycles as we worship God and give thanks for his sacrifice for us all and as we celebrate the new and eternal life granted to us in the risen Savior. Many today, have been brought low by circumstances beyond their control or in other cases by making wrong decisions, all of us need a Savior and this month we see how completely we have one in Christ our Lord.

Speaking of new life, our church is preparing for a major face lift and expansion, by late May evidence of that will be all around us. Prices have come back from contractors and are in keeping with our pledges which is good news indeed. About what this will all look like, more detailed drawings are at the church and we are excited about all the ministry possibilities this presents our congregation with. With the upgrading of the heating and air systems the yearly cost of maintaining the new space should be about where we are now and with the pledges coming in at a good pace already our loan should be covered by the pledges themselves, so the project is not only an expansion but also sustainable.

Finally, thanks to all who help with special music, worship, and other responsibilities during these busy liturgical seasons, we are truly a church family, whose branches go out in Christian love in so many great ways!

**SPECIAL APPEAL FOR April -Lutheran Disaster Relief**  
**Lutheran World Relief was founded in 1945** to respond to the needs of communities devastated by World War II. Since then, it has evolved from a relief agency shipping material resources to war-torn Europe to an agency that works with partners worldwide to respond to emergencies, seek lasting solutions to rural poverty, and work for peace and justice for all. Lutheran World Relief is currently working in 35 countries around the world distributing quilts, layettes, school kits and health kits to people in need. Lutheran World Relief works to help people affected by disasters like the earthquake in Haiti and stays on the ground long after other relief agencies are gone. They also work on special projects like malaria prevention. Our offerings will help people with their most basic needs: food, water and shelter. Please give generously and LWR will use your offering where it is needed the most. Your checks should be made payable to Saint Paul Lutheran Church and placed in a green envelope or designated LWR in the memo. Thank you for being messengers of God's love in Christ.



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Articles for the May newsletter need to be in the church office by **April 15th.**



**A trip is being planned for June 15<sup>th</sup> to the Museum of the Bible.** We need 55 people to fill the bus. Sign up in the narthex and invite a friend for this awesome event!

**BLANKET WORKSHOP:** The quilters will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.**



Please join us! New friends are always welcome!



**Friends in Christ is a group for widows, widowers and anyone who wants to join us for a time of fellowship.**

April 25 – Hampton Historic Site -meet at the church at 8:45. We will be touring the mansion at 10 am and then going for lunch afterwards. Please sign up in the narthex at church.

May 29 – Chanticleer Gardens

### **Book Club**

Please join us on April 10<sup>th</sup> at Noon, we will be discussing our reading of A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman. Bring a lunch and join our conversation.



**OUR DAILY BREAD:** Our dessert for April is Rice Krispie squares – we need 30 pans (12 per pan) by 9 am Friday, April 19th. If you can make some, please sign the sheet in the narthex. Thank you!!



Please call the church office if you or a loved one is in the hospital, we do not usually get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name, and we want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

**Join us in making scarves** for children & youth served by Harvest of Hope. Scarves may be knitted, crocheted or cut from fleece. You may also donate yarn for the November 2019 scarf project. The scarf storage bins will be moved to Pre-K and K room in the Sunday School wing (green door). Thank you for your loving generous hearts and hands!

### **LCMC**

Come to our Mid-Atlantic District Gathering on Saturday March 30 from 9 AM-2 PM, when LCMC service coordinator Rev. Mark Vander Tuig will be leading a workshop on "Leaders Who Follow Jesus," in our Fellowship Hall. Mark will also be preaching here on Sunday, March 31. Sign-up papers are in the Narthex.

## WORSHIP IN April

**April 7**

### **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

Second Lesson: Philippians 3: (4b-7) 8-14

Gospel: Luke 20:9-20

**April 17**

### **Palm Sunday**

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 32:36-39

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Luke 22:1-23:56

**April 18**

### **Maundy Thursday**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:15-25

Gospel: Luke 22:7-20

**April 19**

### **Good Friday**

First Lesson: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Gospel: John 18:1-19:42

**April 20**

Holy Saturday Worship

Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:2, Exodus 14:10-31

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Gospel: Matthew 27:57-66

**April 21**

### **Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Sunrise**

First Lesson: Job 19:23-27

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Gospel: John 20:1-18

**April 21**

### **Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Day**

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12



**Thursday Bible Study will miss the month of April and will resume in May. Mark your calendars for May 9, 16 and 23.** Come share in this encouraging study of the Word of God. No previous attendance is required, each lesson is self-contained. The study is offered at 9:00am and 6:00pm.

**Women of the Word will be meeting on Wednesday, April 17 at 1 pm**  
All are welcome to join us.

**Moving day is fast approaching** and we will need help packing up the office and moving things to either the Sunday School wing or the dumpster. If you can help on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup> (if needed) from 1:00 pm to ?? Please let the office know. And don't forget to bring your handcart if you have one! Thank you!!



**EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST**  
**Please join the Fellowship Committee**  
**On SUNDAY, April 21, 2019**  
**Serving times between 8:30 and 10:15 am**

Menu will include:  
Egg Casserole, Baked Oatmeal,  
Fruit, breakfast pastries  
Cereal, Coffee, Juice & Tea

Please let us know if your family is planning to attend. Please **RSVP by April 7.**

This will help the committee with its planning.  
**EASTER BREAKFAST RSVP – April 7**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSORSHIPS**  
**ALTAR FLOWERS (\$40/wk)**

**April 7** Gary & Dot Mann / Pat Eisenhart  
**April 14** Fred & Monica Hostetler / Gausmann  
**April 21** Duane & Libby Hax / Gausmann  
**April 28** Sandy Albright

**BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)**

**April 7** Open  
**April 14** Keith & Robin Bergey  
**April 21** Ira & Gloria Keech & Family  
**April 28** Keith & Robin Bergey

**BREAD & WINE (\$10/wk.)**

**April 7** Dave & Peg Shaffer  
**April 14** John & Esther Jacobs  
**April 21** Richard & Mary Keller  
**April 28** John & Esther Jacobs

**DVD MINISTRY (\$10/wk.)**

**April 7** Treva Albright  
**April 14** Charles Smyser  
**April 21** Charlotte Hoffman & Family  
**April 28** Richard & Mary Keller

**PARISH MESSENGER**

Marty & Sandy Albright

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

Richard & Mary Keller

**OPEN 2019 SPONSORSHIPS**

- **Please note that if you are sponsoring the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, it may not be available next year.** If you wish to sponsor an opening, please call the church office (792-1650 between 8 am and 2 pm)

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*"If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given to you."*

*James 1:5*

### **Sunday School for all ages! (Faith Learning 9:45am on Sunday Morning)**

#### **For Adults:**

**Parents of Faith** – prayer and Bible study of relevant topics for parents as they raise their children in the faith – this class meets on the stage

**Lutheran Theology class** – meeting temporarily in conference room. Studying Luther's Large Catechism.

**Concordia study works through various books of the Bible-** this class meets in the parlor.



#### **Faith building for youth and children:**

**Senior High** (grades 10-12 in the youth room) They are combining with young adults for a class called: Money, Money, Money. Come learn about earning, saving and giving to the glory of God!

**Crib Nursery – Toddler** in the nursery room.

**Pre-K through 5th grade** - Children are studying a new unit on The Holy Spirit Guides the Apostles.

Confirmation classes for **grades 6 and 7 is in the room next to the youth room.** Grades 8 and 9 is in room one.

All of our Christian Education classes deal with exciting materials about the word of God! Learn and grow with us

## THANK YOU

Dear Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Thank you for your generous donation to Servants! Because of your amazing support, compassionate families and individuals can continue connecting with people in crisis! Because of YOU, more than 1,000 lives have been touched in 2018. The work would not be possible without your help and for that, we are sincerely grateful. Sincerely, Chris Gohn

Thank you to everyone involved in putting together my awesome care package. Even though I am attending college locally and living at home, the snacks and school supplies come in quite handy before classes or before work. Thank you again for thinking of me! Evan Huber

To my Saint Paul family, Thank you so much for all the prayers, love, concern, calls, and cards that I received during and after my recent hospital stay! I especially want to thank Pastor Sally for rushing to my side and comforting my family while I was in the emergency room. I am so thankful for all the prayers pulling me through this very scary ordeal! Thank you as well to Joyce Hall for stepping in and keeping the office running smoothly! I am beyond blessed to have such a wonderful church family! Blessings, Kate Frye

Dear Church Family, Thank you for the care package and everything that was in it. My friends and I are still enjoying the contents. Sincerely, Nathan Hoke



**CYC is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year** for both the 3 and 4-year-old classes. Children need to be either 3 or 4 by the 1st of September. Registration can be done through St. Paul's webpage [www.saintpaul-trinity.org](http://www.saintpaul-trinity.org) or by calling the church office and requesting a registration form. The 3-year old's meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:30 and the 4-year old's meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00-11:30. Tuition for the 3's is \$90/ month and for the 4's it is \$115/month - both with a nonrefundable registration fee of \$20.00.



### **HARVEST OF HOPE NEEDS**

Canned pasta, Beef stew, Pork and beans, Canned soups, Canned fruit, Vegetarian beans, Canned vegetables, canned chicken breast, boxed mac & cheese, elbow macaroni, boxed rice, hamburger helper, chicken helper, boxed potatoes, canned tuna, canned diced tomatoes, canned corn.



#### **For Easter:**

Frozen ham 3 to 6 pounds, boxed potatoes various flavors, canned sweet potatoes, boxed mac and cheese, cake mix, brownie mix, frosting, gelatin, bread stuffing.

*Monetary donations are always gratefully appreciated.*

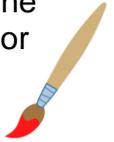
Know a family in need? A college student? A young person moving out on their own? We will be replacing our **Parlor furniture** for the renovation. If you know someone or you yourself could use any of it, (free will offering) please let Kate or one of the Pastors know. Thank you!

### **Men of Faith**

The Men of Faith group will be meeting on Saturday April 13 at 8 AM in Fellowship Hall, please join us. After a good and hearty breakfast and time for Fellowship we will be continuing our study on the Kings of Israel. At this meeting we will also get an update on the Member to Member group and explore the possibilities of an upcoming day trip. We are also considering changing our meeting time in the fall. Our group is very informal and welcomes new participants.

**Upcoming activities for EVERYONE!**  
**Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:**

Join the Fellowship Committee on **Sunday May 5, 2019** from 2 to 5 pm for a **Paint Away paint party** lead by instructor Janeen Hershey. The cost is \$25 per person the last day to sign up and pay in full is Sunday April 28, 2019. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex and you can give your payment to Kelly Reed or place it in the Fellowship mailbox. We will be painting a beach scene that can be personalized with your foot prints, sea animals or sayings of your choice. Refreshments will be served. Any questions contact Kelly Reed at 717-900-1811 or [kelly@troneoutdoor.com](mailto:kelly@troneoutdoor.com).



~**The annual Easter egg hunt** is quickly hopping its way here! Saturday, April 20 at 10 a.m. children ages 10 and under can join us for the fun. Plastic eggs and candy are kindly requested to be donated in a marked box in the nave beginning March 31. Hard-boiled eggs can be placed in the church refrigerator Friday, April 19. Thank you for any contributions to make this a great event! ~



The youth will be helping with the Egg Hunt on **April 20th** and the balloons on **Easter Day, April 21st**.

**Have you heard about Kingsfest?** It's a great event where you get to go to an amusement park (Kings Dominion in Virginia) and hear Christian musicians (like those who play at CREATION) all for one price! We are organizing a group to go from our church. We will leave on **June 20** and participate in the event on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, returning home either late on June 22<sup>nd</sup> or the morning of June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Youth age 12 and up can go with or without parents, under 12 must bring a parent. The total cost will be \$78 per person with a \$20 deposit due on April 15. Participants will be responsible for their meals; the youth and family committee will cover the cost of the rooms. For more information see Will or Alyssa Gausmann or Pastor Sally.

## Wednesdays in Lent:

Once again, we are having a spiritually enriching time on Wednesdays in Lent. Join us for worship and great fellowship.

**Wednesdays: The evening Lenten Worship is in our Fellowship Hall each week.** The meal is served from **6PM-6:45PM** and the service is at 7PM. This year you are invited to journey into the City of Jerusalem around the time of the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry seeing its significance through the eyes of a skeptical oil merchant Jacob and his more believing wife Abigail. It is an original, lively and inspiring series, invite a friend!

**The Meal Schedule:** Each week a great salad will be provided along with Peanut butter and Jelly and fruit cocktail for dessert. On four out of five of the weeks we are asking you bring along a potluck or bought dish, no other desserts please.

**April 3** Potluck

**April 10** Potluck

Thank you to all who help provide food for the meals. There are sign up lists in the Narthex if you wish to provide food on the days when we have pot-luck and don't forget to **BRING A FRIEND**. Monica Hostetler will be doing a **children's activity** during the service. Thanks Monica for offering this fun time for kids!



# Holy Week Schedule

**April 16** – Spring Communion Worship  
70+ & Luncheon 11:00am

**April 18** – Maundy Thursday 7:00pm

**April 19** – Good Friday  
(All here at Saint Paul)

12:00pm Noon Worship

1:00pm – 6:00pm Prayer Vigil (Parlor)

7:00pm Worship

**April 20** – Holy Saturday Worship

7:00pm in the parlor



**April 21** – Easter Sunday

Divine Service with  
Holy Communion -7:30am

Breakfast -8:30am

Sunday School -9:30am

Divine Service with  
Holy Communion -10:30am

## **Intern's Message:**

### **Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Letters and Papers from Prison:**

*"We must learn to regard people less in the light of what they do or omit to do, and more in the light of what they suffer."*

*"The Church is the Church only when it exists for others...not dominating but helping and serving. It must tell men of every calling what it means to live for Christ, to exist for others."*

The above quotes are both from the collection of Bonhoeffer's writings known as "Letters and Papers from Prison." Here we are able to see into the mind of how Bonhoeffer saw people and the Church. Even before the war and his imprisonment, the Sermon on the Mount, particularly "The Beatitudes" that are recorded in the Gospel of Matthew were a very important in his understanding and theology. His focus is that Christians must see the suffering of their fellow man and not determine or judge someone's value by what they do or not do.

The Church then is to be focused on others and not just ourselves. In this light Bonhoeffer's focus is on those who are suffering, and it is the Church that is called upon to help and serve them. This then is no longer determined by standards of the world, by different classes of people. We are all, no matter who we are and what we do are called to, to live our lives focused on Christ and for others.

In this tumultuous time in Germany, Dietrich Bonhoeffer dared to be a faithful Christian. At a time when many chose to conform to the Nazi rule inside and out of the church, he was one who did not.

Many prayers and blessings to you!  
Intern Chuck

**Phase II Sharing the Light of Christ** Progress continues to be made with getting permits and final quotes from the various parties necessary to bring the whole project together. Giving to the program is at \$446,000 at the end of February with many members continuing to give weekly. This positive response is allowing us to move forward with less borrowing up front. Thanks so much for all of your support. Please remember that ongoing cleanup is happening so if you are part of a committee that has items to organize or dispose of this is a good time to fill the dumpster out back. There are also will be some work dates when we will need help moving things out of the office wing \*\* See elsewhere in the newsletter for details!

**Servants Work Camp** in York is July 7-12. We will be sending volunteers all or part of the week (definitely 7 & 8<sup>th</sup>) Applications to help are on the youth board and are due June 17<sup>th</sup>.



**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

**Women - Join us for fun at Nawakwa as we join in fellowship and study on April 5-6. The cost will be \$25.**

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\_\_\_\_\_ sign me up for the Women's retreat  
(name)

The best way to contact me is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Phone or e-mail

\*We will be asking for food contributions this year.

I will meet you there or carpool. (circle one.)

## THANK YOU, Cont.,

Dear Friends at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Thank you for your generous gift of quilts and kits for LWR's distribution overseas. These gifts of your hearts and hands are beautiful expressions of God's grace and love to people all around the world. Your quilts and kits provide important necessities to our neighbors around the world and serve as reminders that they are not alone or forgotten. On behalf of our neighbors in villages, schools, hospitals and refugee camps around the world, I extend deepest thanks for your contribution, and pray God's richest blessings on your life and work! In Christ, Melanie W. Gibbons, quilts and kits manager

Dear Friends, I am writing to express our gratitude for the generous gift you sent to Samaritan's Purse. We deeply appreciate your support as we work around the world in the Name of Jesus Christ. Thank you again for your partnership, and may God bless you. Sincerely, Franklin Graham

Dear Pastors Paul & Sally, Servants is grateful for your generosity. Your donation allows Servants to continue its mission of connecting compassionate people in crisis. Servants does not exist without strong partners like you. Thank you! Grace and peace! Bobby Gohn, Board member



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