



SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PARISH MESSENGER

April 2021

In the name of Jesus Christ,
Saint Paul Lutheran Church
is committed to praising,
praying, and proclaiming the Word of God.



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Pastors' Letter for the April 2021 Newsletter

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Psalm 150:6

It strikes me that one could not ask for a better concluding verse to the Psalms, often referred to as the prayer book of the Bible, than the one just read. After all, in Easter we draw particular attention to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's victory over sin and death, that he is now the risen Lord who rules in majesty and who has defeated the devil and all of his empty promises.

Throughout the month we will hear proclaimed to us through God's Holy Word, the implications of that victory and how we have been so blessed with the privilege of taking that life changing Good News of Resurrection joy with us into the world.

Certainly, in this last year we have been challenged to share the Gospel under what seemed less than perfect conditions, with both lockdowns and cancellations. Yet in the face of these challenges, we have welcomed visitors from churches which have been far more restrictive than we in terms of in person worship and found that we could reach out with the Gospel anew through streaming services that have touched the lives of members and non-members alike worshipping with us in any number of locals.

As part of this ongoing effort to reach out to the community, we are once again offering our Outdoor Worship Service, remembering the popularity of that last year and how it allowed us to also use our beautiful grounds at Saint Paul more thoroughly. When combined with our Saturday Quiet Communion Service and our indoor Sunday service and streaming ones we hope to continue the very positive attendance figures that have marked so much of this otherwise challenging year.

As you can see, we are optimists here at Saint Paul, we know that with God all things are possible. So, join us in the celebration of the Resurrection, after all he rose again for you and I also, promising us eternal new life with Him and with His people! Thank you for your heartening support of this congregation and its mission and continue to ask yourself what you can do as a part of His body the Church! Pastor Paul

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR APRIL:

Lutheran Disaster Assistance

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.



OUR DAILY BREAD

Our dessert for April is **rice krispie squares, 12/pan** – we need 30 pans by 9:00am on Friday, April 16th. **We are asking that you please individually wrap all Our Daily Bread snacks please.** If you can contribute some, please contact the church office. Thank you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 70 +



If your birthday is coming up and you do not want it recognized, please call the church office before the 15th of the month before your birthday.

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| April | 3 | Geraldine Bahn
PO Box 217 York New Salem, PA 17371 |
| April | 10 | Marguerite Rupp
2843 Tonys Drive York, PA 17408 |
| April | 10 | Leonard Lubinsky
35 Independence Dr., New Freedom, PA
17349 |
| April | 13 | Gerald Brown
3945 Sharoden Drive, York, PA 17408 |
| April | 13 | Charles Riley
907 Hanover Rd. York, PA 17408 |
| April | 20 | Bertha Spahr
1385 Grandview Rd. Spring Grove, PA
17362 |
| April | 30 | Pat Maul
4190 Wolf's Church Rd. York, PA 17408 |
| April | 30 | Frank Minnich
1985 Trolley Rd. York, PA 17408 |

If you are not receiving a copy of the Sunday bulletin by regular mail and would like to receive one please call the church office.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Recap of Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2021

2021 YTD	Current	Bene.	Bldg. Maint.	Total	Capital Fund
Receipts	\$66,707	\$5,776	\$ 7,374	\$79,857	\$ 55,237
Disbursements	\$55,144	6,800	\$19,150	\$81,094	-
2021 Change					
In Fund Bal.	\$11,563	\$(1,024)	\$(11,776)	\$(1,237)	\$ 55,237
Prior Year's Bal	\$27,022	\$3,188	\$ 902	\$31,112	\$421,875
Accum. Fund Balance	\$38,585	\$2,164	\$(10,874)	\$29,875	\$477,112
<u>Current Month's change</u>					
Fund Bal. last Month	\$40,761	\$6,966	\$ 3,426	\$51,153	\$ 471,039
This Month's change	\$(2,176)	\$(4,802)	\$(14,300)	\$(21,278)	\$6,073



Hooray!

Sunday School is starting again!

The youth are having a combined class in Fellowship Hall with good music, crafts and maybe even some games.

Join us on Sundays at 9:30.

Adults will meet socially distanced as well.

SPONSORSHIPS

ALTAR FLOWERS (\$40/wk)

April 4	Gary & Dot Mann/Pat Eisenhart
April 11	Fred & Monica Hostetler/Carl Smyser/Will & Alyssa Gausmann
April 18	Duane & Libby Hax/ Naylor Family
April 25	Marty & Sandy Albright

BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)

April 4	Carl Smyser
April 11	Robin Bergey & Family
April 18	Ira & Gloria Keech
April 25	Keith & Robin Bergey

BREAD & WINE (\$10/wk.)

April 4	Dave & Peg Shaffer
April 11	John & Esther Jacobs
April 18	Mary & Richard Keller
April 25	John & Esther Jacobs

MAILING MINISTRY (\$10/wk.)

April 4	Treva Albright
April 11	Charles Smyser
April 18	Charlotte Hoffman & Family
April 25	Richard & Mary Keller

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Marty & Sandy Albright & Family

SANCTUARY LAMP

Richard & Mary Keller

OPEN 2021 SPONSORSHIPS

- **Please note that if you are sponsoring the 5th 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)

Women of the Word

Women of the Word is planning to start meeting again on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

We will continue our Bible study "*Living for Jesus*". Deb Abrecht will lead our study "*Refreshed in Him*". We invite all ladies to join us. We will use the same protocols that are in place at that time for meeting (masks, social distancing). Hope to see you there!



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

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

Please note that we have resumed our Saturday morning worship service in the Narthex, Library area.

This half hour service includes lessons, a sermon and Holy Communion. Face masks are required and no singing. This will take place April 10 and 17.



Book Club

We will meet on April 15 at 1:00 pm and we will discuss:

The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel.

There is a display of Book Club books in the library that may be signed out for your enjoyment.

Bible Study for April

One of the enriching features of church life is our common desire to delve further into the Holy Scriptures.

In April we will start a study on Ephesians that will go through April and May. Ephesians is a letter that encourages us to be united, despite our difference, because of our oneness in Christ. St. Paul guides us away from false teachings and toward Jesus our one true guide for life.

Join us in person or by Zoom on Thursdays, the morning session is held here at the church in the Parlor at 10AM, the evening Zoom session is held at 7PM, the invitation to which will be included in the Wednesday and Thursday daily prayer e-mail for that week. The Bible Sessions will be held on April 15, 22, and 29.

Third Thursday – Now we have 4 B's – Bible Study, Bingo, Bag lunch and Book Club! Friends in Christ (our group for widows, widowers and friends) has a substitute activity until we can hit the road again. On April 15. we will meet at 11:15 (right after Bible study). We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall and have plenty of room for social distancing. We will use paper bingo papers and stamps. Small prizes will be given out. We will have a socially distanced lunch as well. Hopefully, Covid will end soon and we can go back to some of our fun outings, but in the meantime, we can have fun together in our nice big building! Pass the word around.

Church Council Minutes – The church council meeting was held in Fellowship Hall on February 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Pastor Paul, Pastor Sally and all council members present with the exception of Jessica Markle. **OPENING DEVOTIONS:** Daily prayer led by Pastor Paul; *By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.* 2 Timothy 1:14

ORIENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS: Council Member contact information and list of Committee Members distributed. Tentative plans for Church Council retreat in September.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Motion to adopt agenda by Joe Jones and 2nd by Marty Strine. Special appeal made to Church Council by Al Dickensheets, on behalf of the crew who volunteer to mow the church grounds. Request made to purchase a new diesel mower with 60 inch mower deck. After comparison shopping between Kubota and John Deer, the crew is requesting the purchase of the Kubota for \$12700.00 utilizing money in the Building fund. Motion to accept recommendation from Marty Strine and 2nd by Mike Barndt. Purchase approved by council with unanimous vote.

MINUTES OF LAST COUNCIL MEETING: Correction of January 2021 Church Council Meeting Minutes – Church Council approved the Stewardship Committee’s recommendation to evenly distribute the extra Benevolence money between the eight funds: LCMC, Servants, Harvest of Hope, World Mission Prayer League, Andy Stump, Our Daily Bread, and Lifepath Christian Ministry. Motion to accept the January Church Council Meeting Minutes with the above correction was made by Sue Dickensheets and 2nd by Dave Grube. Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve made by Donna Huckenberry. and 2nd by Marty Strine.

PASTORS’ REPORT: Presented by Pastor Sally, see Pastor’s Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **MINISTRY OF RESOURCES** – Prayer offered by Sue Dickensheets. **FINANCE** –Presented by Rodney Smyser, see Monthly Income and Expense Report. Motion to accept Treasury Report made by Joe Jones and 2nd by Rodney Smyser. Next meeting April 12th. **MUTUAL MINISTRY** – Presented by Pastor Sally. Committee is working on job descriptions for the CYC. **PROPERTY** – No meeting since last council. Church bell is being rang on Sunday mornings. Plans to clean out church basement on Saturday, April 10th. The original church Cross is now hanging outside of Fellowship Hall.

MINISTRY OF GROWTH – Prayer offered by Dave Grube
FELLOWSHIP – No meetings. Next meeting March 8th.
YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE – Presented by Monica, Zoom
Game day was successful. Plans for another Zoom Game day
in March. Easter egg hunt planned for Easter Sunday at
9:30am. Next meeting March 8th. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION –
Presented by Pastor Sally, see Feb 8th meeting minutes. CYC
will keep its name when the school reopens. An outdoor, drive
through Stations of the Cross is planned for the Saturday
before Palm Sunday. Sunday school plans to kick back off with
an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday; and resume with
regular classes the Sunday following Easter. Next meeting
March 8th. MINISTRY OF SERVICE – Prayer offered by Pastor
Sally. STEWARDSHIP – No meeting, Next meeting March 15th.
OUTREACH – No meeting. Pastor Paul shared that the
committee will be working on plans for distribution of the new
church logo, Next meeting planned for February 11th with 3 new
members joining the committee. SOCIAL MINISTRY – Donna
shared that there were day cards for the Shut-ins. Next meeting
February 16th. MINISTRY OF PRAISE – Prayer offered by
Donna Rinehart. WORSHIP & PRAISE - See minutes from
January 13th meeting. Next meeting February 10th

OLD BUSINESS: 1. God stories: Pastor Sally's brother-in-law
with COVID is doing better. Sue Dickensheets shared God
story of a Gideon member. 2. Daily Prayers, e-mailed bulletins
and mailed bulletins. Efforts continue to improve sight and
sound of Sunday service on FaceBook. 3. Budget
meeting/Annual meeting date and Zoom option.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Philadelphia Church – Saint James Lutheran
Church a member of LCMC requesting support to rebuild/start
their collapsed church but not specific about their need at this
time. Pastor Paul willing to visit to assess their need. 2.
Protocol Review – Number of COVID cases improving at York
Hospital, but case number still higher than it was in September,
plan to continue existing protocols at this time. 3. Lenten
Worship to be held Wednesday evenings during Lent. 4.
Outdoor Worship beginning on Easter Sunday. 5. Technology
Task Force – Plans to form committee to improve streaming. 6.
Push Pay to be discussed at the next Finance Committee.
Church needs an easier way for giving online. **REQUESTS
FOR USE OF FACILITIES:**

Request for use of Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 6th for an Open House Baby Shower – Approved by Council.

Girl Scouts request use of outdoor field, kitchen and restrooms for day camp 6/21-25. Submitted by Lorna Myers, Scout Leader. – Council approves use of facilities. Request form to be completed and deposit made. Council plans to return deposit pending condition of facility at end of use.

AA continues to utilize Fellowship Hall Tuesday and Friday evenings.

CALENDAR UPDATES: Next meeting: Tuesday March 9, 2021 at 7:00pm. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Joe Jones and 2nd by Mike Barndt. Closed with Lord's Prayer.

THANK YOU

Thank you very much for thinking of me and for the Sheetz gift card. It will come in handy to fill both tanks (mine and my car's). I am so excited to be in my last semester at PSU York and look forward to graduating May 7! Thank you again, Evan Huber

Dear Saint Paul Family - Thank you for thinking of me while away at college. The gift card was very much appreciated and will be put to good use. Love, Wyatt Hax

Dear Pastor Sally – Thank you very much for your time and efforts for Lisa's funeral and burial services. Your many thoughts and prayers have been greatly appreciated by both Danny and I during this difficult time. Daniel & Danny Myers

Please accept this gift in memory of Elsie L. Wire. The Saint Paul Church family meant so much to her. Curt and I appreciate the way you cared for her with physical help to mow her yard and provide meals; and emotional and spiritual support through visits, sharing scripture, giving communion and prayers. You truly followed the scriptures command to care for widows - James 1:27. Bonnie and Curt Matthews

**CYC is coming back this fall.
Please spread the word.**

CYC is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 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 saintpaultrinity.org, the CYC webpage, cycpreschool.com or by calling the church office and requesting a registration form.

The 3-year old's meet 3 days a week from 9:00-12:00 and the 4-year old's meet 5 days a week from 9:00-2:00. Tuition for the 3's is \$135/ month and for the 4's it is \$270/month - both with a nonrefundable registration fee of \$20.00.



HARVEST OF HOPE NEEDS

The food pantry is unable to accept any food donations at this time until further notice.

Monetary donations may be made to the church and marked "pantry"



Easter Egg Hunt

Kids will love our 2021 Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 AM on Easter Day. Due to the virus, we are just asking the congregation to provide bagged candy only by the Wednesday March 24, 7 PM Lenten Service, Youth and Family will place them in plastic eggs.

Worship in April

- April 1** **Maundy Thursday**
First Lesson: Exodus 24 3-11
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17
Gospel: Mark 14: 12-26
- April 2** **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 3** **Holy Saturday**
First Lesson: Daniel 6:1-24
Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 27:57-66
- April 4** **Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Sunrise**
First Lesson: Exodus 15 :1-11
Second Lesson : 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Gospel: John 20:1-18
- April 4** **Resurrection of Our Lord**
First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel: Mark 16:1-8
- April 11** **Second Sunday of Easter**
First Lesson: Acts 4:32-35
Second Lesson: 1 John 1:1-2:2
Gospel: John 20:19-31
- April 18** **Third Sunday of Easter**
First Lesson: Acts 3:11-21
Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7
Gospel: Luke 24:36-49
- April 25** **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
First Lesson: Acts 4:1-12
Second Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24
Gospel: John 10:11-18

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

**Maundy Thursday
April 1**

**7 pm Holy Communion
and stripping of the Altar**

**Good Friday
April 2**

**Noon and 7 pm
Dramatic Reading of the
Passion
1 pm – 6pm pray at home
prayer vigil***

**Holy Saturday
April 3**

**7 pm Easter Vigil with
Holy Communion*
*(This replaces the 9 am
quiet communion for this
week only)**

**Easter Sunday April 4
6:30 am Outdoor Sunrise
Worship with Communion**



**7:30 am Modified Easter
Breakfast**

8:30 am Festive Service with Holy Communion

**9:30 am Egg Hunt On the lawn, weather
providing**

**10:30 am Celebration worship with Holy
Communion**

**We are looking for 6 families that would help with
the reading of the Passion on Good Friday. (3 for
noon service and 3 for the evening.) Please see
Pastor Sally for more details.**

**Please also sign up for the Good Friday Prayer
Vigil**

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