



# The Epistle April 2022

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord"  
- Psalm 122:1

## Friends and Members of St. Paul's,

In the months of April and May we hope that more and more people, in and outside of the congregation, will take the opportunity to regularly attend weekly worship services. Why? We find in God's Word that He wants us to continually gather (Hebrews 10:25), receive fuel for our faith in Christ (Romans 10:17), and spur one another on to good works (Hebrews 10:24).

It may seem awkward and even feel inauthentic to attend if you have been away for a while. That is understandable, but be assured that no matter how you feel, people are happier to see you than not see you. That may seem a bit naive, but I say that after seeing congregational members interact with one another for 26 plus years. In addition, attending weekly worship exposes you to a good deal of truth. God's truth uncovers our ultimate needs and deficiencies, but more importantly it brings us Christ, and with him comes forgiveness, assurance of salvation, and empowerment to serve in our varied callings.

The pandemic, the war in Ukraine, along with our daily challenges make living difficult these days. God knows your situation, which is why he has blessing after blessing to send your way in weekly worship.

In His Service,  
Pastor

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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mission Statement:**

***Our mission is to Proclaim Christ, teach Christ's Word and reflect Christ's love to all!***





## NEW MEMBERS HIGHLIGHT ...

**Welcome... Steve and Mitzi Ottwell**

Tell us where you are from and what brings you to Columbia?

**We moved from Waterloo to be close to our children and grandchildren.**

What led you to become members at St. Paul's?

**Our granddaughter said**

**" Grandma, I think you need to come to Church with me."**

**Out of the mouth of babes.**

What is your favorite Bible verse or story about Jesus?

**Psalm 23 because it has given us comfort in past times of grief.**

What do you like to do as a family when you are not at church?

**We like to do short road trips to take pictures of Eagles during winter and explore Southern Illinois when we have the time.**

Steve & Mitzi

## Preschool News (618-281-4190 Shelly)

Spring is in the air! Our class has been celebrating spring all month by learning about insects, flowers, gardens, birds, and experimented with colors.



The children made kites, painted rainbows, made bird feeders, created beautiful butterflies and so much more. We will wrap up our spring unit planting seeds in which to observe & will be monitoring our baby

caterpillars as they make their magnificent transformation into butterflies!

For our Easter celebration, we will tell the story of Jesus by preparing Resurrection Rolls, color eggs for our egg hunt, and release our butterflies as we rejoice in the good news of Easter!



Remember  
- Flowers  
for the  
altar are a  
special way!



# Flower Calendar



## Easter Lilies

**Don't forget to take your Easter Lily Home after the Easter Service of your choice!**



# YBS



## June 13-17





## LWML/LADIES LEAGUE APRIL



At our March meeting, Pastor Krenz led the topic "Lessons from the Book of Jonah" which reminded us about God's gifts of grace and redemption. Wanda G. and Marilyn S. were our hostesses at the meeting. We welcomed our visitor, Alice Jestus to our meeting and hope she will join us again. For the "What's Your 80?" in honor of the LWML's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will be sending cards to congregation members who are over 80. In addition to the cards, we plan to do a service project or give a donation.

We discussed goals for our group to present to the Revitality group. Our members are still welcome to add to these goals. We continue to pray for Confirmation Prayer Friends, as well as our Ladies League friends. Our April meeting will take place on April 7<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall beginning with lunch at 11:30 a.m. Marilyn S. and Wanda G. are planning an Easter craft for our meeting. Doris M. and Barb R. will be the hostesses this month. You are welcome to visit, join, or serve with us anytime. I'm sure you will find that many of our topics and service activities will help equip you in your faith life. If you need more information, call Wanda at 618-281-4691.



### LWML News

This year, in Thanksgiving for 80 years (1942-2022) of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, each member, group, zone or district is encouraged to reflect God's love by blessing others with 80 of something. Dates to note:

- 1) Date for SID Spring retreat at Good Shepherd, Collinsville on 3/26/22.
- 2) LWML SID 41<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention at Christ our Savior Lutheran High School, Evansville on 9/16/17;
- 3) LWML CID/SID Joint Retreat at Camp CILICA in Central Illinois on 10/7-8.



**Women's Bible Study** will continue with the latter part of Genesis at 10 am in the fellowship hall on Wednesdays. Nancy anticipates the study being completed by the end of April.

The **WOMEN's Ministry** generally meets on the third Monday of each month.

Please join us at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall \*\*\* where we are meeting so that we can socially distance.

\*\*\*April's meeting will be at Columbia Thai House at 6 pm.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY





**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES - WITNESSES TO CHRIST: PEOPLE FROM HIS PASSION**

This Lent, our life in Christ has been strengthened as we have heard about the witness of those in John's Gospel who journeyed to the cross. Please join us for worship as we hear the final witness in John's Gospel: **Wednesday, April 6th at 6:30pm:** *Mary, the Sister of Lazarus and Martha, John 12:1–11* Pastor Krenz

**Worship/Sermon Themes -April 2022**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** "Pressing On" Philippians 3:8-14

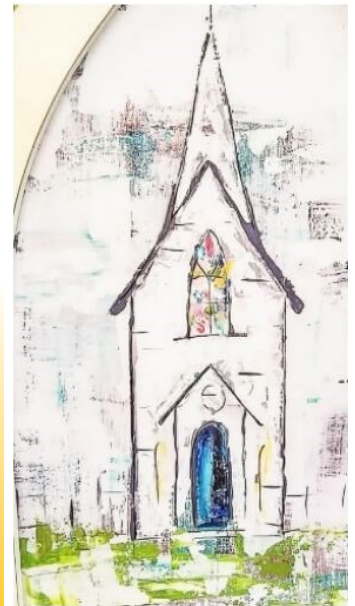
**April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> (Passion Sunday)** "A King without the Extra's" John 12:12-19.

**April 17<sup>th</sup>: Easter** "All things new" Isaiah 65:17

**April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>** (To be determined)



**Holy Week Worship Schedule:**  
 4/14 **Maundy Thursday** 6:30 pm.  
 4/15 **Good Friday Tenabrac** 12 pm & 6:30 pm.  
 4/17 **Easter Sunday**  
 6 am **Sunrise Service** at the cemetery  
 8 am & 10:30 at the Church.  
*There will be no service on Monday, April 18th.*

**Easter Hope  
- Back to Church  
in April and May**

It has been two years since the pandemic began, and every aspect of life has been impacted including lower weekly worship attendance. Through the months of April and May (The end of Lent and start of Easter) we are encouraging members and friends of the congregation to return to weekly church and Sunday School/Adult Bible Class. While this is always the Lord's desire for his people (3<sup>rd</sup> commandment and Hebrews 11:25) we hope this special emphasis might be the nudge God uses to make this happen. If you haven't been to church in a while, now is the time to return. If your worship participation has been sporadic, now is the time to make it more regular. If you would like a fresh start at life, coming back to church is a great way to make that happen.

**We are providing "Easter Hope- Back to Church" postcards to congregational members that they can distribute to fellow members, friends, and neighbors.**

The Lord has graciously brought us through these last few years and coming back to church is a great way to receive the Savior's blessings and to thank him for his continuous care.

**Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**



**Easter Egg Hunt**

Our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** for the community and our congregation is scheduled for **Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 2 pm**

All kids from 2 to 11 years of age are welcome!

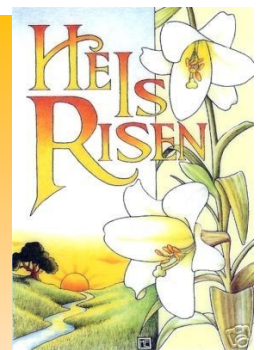
It will be held on the lower level church grounds by the playground.

**Easter Sunrise Service:**

This year we are planning a **6 am Easter service (non-communion)**

at the congregational **cemetery (South Riebeling Street)**. We hope the setting and the transition from dark to light during the service help worshipers rejoice in the Savior who has conquered death.

This will be the first of **3 Easter morning services** at St. Paul's. While we can provide chairs, we encourage people to bring their own lawn chairs. If it is wet in the cemetery or if rain is predicted we will be moving the service inside, and we will let members of the congregation know the **Thursday before Easter**. If you are interested in attending the outdoor service, please write your name down on the sign-up sheet in the church entryway.

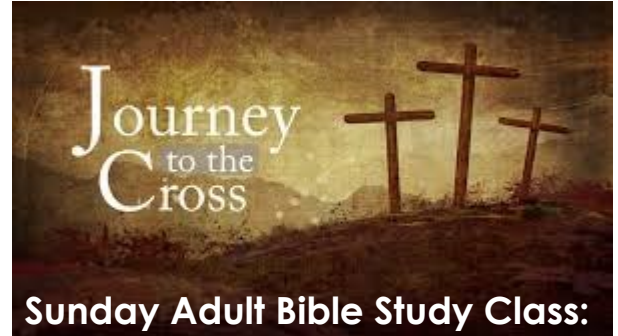




## The Sunday School Corner:

It's hard to believe; we're almost at that time when we can greet each other, happily saying, "Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed!" Before we arrive at that glorious celebration we must walk, suffer, and die with Jesus before we can rise with Him (as one of our hymns beautifully states). And that is exactly what our Sunday School will be emphasizing in the month of April! Children of all ages are invited to learn more about the great story of our Salvation and enjoy community as the Body of Christ together.

- April 3: The King Arrives**  
(Matthew 21:1-11)
- April 10: The Living Wonder**  
(Mark 15:16-16:8)
- April 17: No Sunday School**
- April 24: The Proof Room**  
(John 20:19-31)



## Sunday Adult Bible Study Class: Journey to the Cross

In our 9:15 am Sunday Morning Bible class, on April 3rd will be having the second class of 3 classes, looking at the week leading up to Jesus death. Do join us!

## Welcome! New Arrivals....

**Sylvie Dawn Mastrantuono**  
to Andrea & Mark, on March 9th  
Little Sister to Liam

**Dashiell Ryan Schickedanz**  
to Heather & Dane, on March 14th  
Grandson to Cindy & Dale Schickendanz  
Great Grandson to Marvin Luedeman



## Youth Ministry Update

### Youth Group Rummage Sale

Flyers are available in the Narthex to help spread the word! Please save your items to benefit the youth of our congregation to attend the National Youth Gathering this July in Houston TX. If congregation members need help getting their items to church, we can possibly arrange for a pickup. Contact Lillian Koenigstein at 618.541.4657 for more Information.

## Rummage Sale

St. Paul's Lutheran, Columbia IL

227 Goodhaven Rt 3 & Bottom Ave  
across from Walgreens

**Sat April 2, 8am-noon**

Proceeds benefit St. Paul's Youth Group

**Bag-a-Bargain all day!**

**Half price 11:30-noon** (not furniture)



Gratefully accepting any & all donations

**No computers, TVs or clothing**

Drop-off at lower parking lot

**Thur Mar 31, 4-8pm Fri Apr 1, 10-7pm**

Questions - 618.541.4657 Sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans



## Friday Night Adult Bible Study No fooling. It's Official.

Let's move up our next Bible Class to Friday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. We will have to meet upstairs since the basement will be set up for the rummage sale. We'll study Lesson 3 in Daniel. See you then and hopefully before in worship. -Pastor Sievers





### Summer Worship Change:

Starting June 5th (Pentecost Sunday) through the month of August we will have one Sunday morning worship service along with the 6:30 pm Monday night service. The specific time for the service and education hour are still being decided.

### Grizzlies Fellowship Event:

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, June 1st at 6:45 pm** for a night at the ballpark. This ticket includes an all you can eat buffet. Due to a generous donation, each of the 30 tickets ordered are free of charge. However, we are asking that each person attending bring at least \$10 that will go toward the LCMS Mission to **Support Displaced Ukranians**. Signup Sheets are in the narthex.  
-The Board of Stewardship



## OOPS for April 2022 — Outreach Opportunity Praying Suggestion

### An Easter OOPS – Send a Card

Today, we often employ texts and emails with cute emogies and amazing graphics to communicate our sentiments to our family and friends at both happy and sad times in their lives. Almost gone are the days when a friend or loved one will take out a piece of stationary and write a kind note or make a special trip to the store to buy a greeting card to let us know we are on their mind and in their heart. In fact, so rarely are personal notes and greeting cards sent today, that when one does arrive in our mailboxes, it really tickles us.

Keeping that in mind, this month's Outreach Opportunity Suggestion from your Board of Christian Outreach is:

*Go to the nearest card store and buy a box or maybe a half dozen Easter cards and send one to a friend, a neighbor, or a family member who has suffered the loss of a loved one since last Easter.*

If you know the deceased was a Christian, you might even pen a few personal words (for example "Thinking of you this Easter and rejoicing with you in the knowledge that your loved one is now in Heaven with Jesus.") And then, consider doing likewise next Easter.

What a perfect time Easter always is to let our Easter Hope and Joy shine into the

*Just another OOPS from your Board of Christian Outreach.*





## HOW YOU CAN HELP UKRAINE

### War in Ukraine - The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod (lcms.org)

How to Support Displaced Ukrainians  
Gifts to the LCMS, including Mission Central, are restricted to providing aid and assistance to persons displaced by the war in Ukraine. The LCMS will issue grants to/through our Lutheran partners in the region best positioned to provide compassionate care in Christ's name to those fleeing the conflict. The situation is developing, and we pledge to use every gift wisely to accomplish the greatest good possible in ways that deliver the Gospel as human needs are met.

**LCMS DONOR CARE: 888-930-4438**  
**OR MISSION CENTRAL: 712-882-1029**  
**TEXT**

Send the message: **LCMSUKRAINE**  
To: **41-444**

from your mobile phone to give through  
LCMS Mission Advancement.

#### MAIL

**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**  
**P.O. Box 66861**  
**St. Louis, MO 63166-6861**

Or

**Mission Central**  
**40718 Highway E 16**  
**Mapleton, IA 51034**

Please write  
"Help for Displaced Ukrainians"  
in memo line.

## 23 Christ, the Lord, Is Risen To-day.

Anglia. With Hallelujah.

Charles Wesley

Henry Carey.

**Our Food Pantry**  
**is open on the**  
**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Wednesday**  
**of every month**  
**from 1:30-3:00pm.**  
**Call 281-4600**



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or call the church office  
@ 618.281.4600.



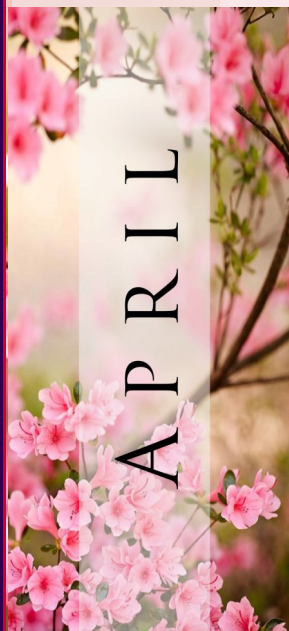
**Comforts of Love Quilters**  
**Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall at 9 am**  
**-All are welcome! Join us!**  
**We have SEW much fun!**

The ladies are in need of sheets, tablecloths,  
and light weight blankets for completing the  
quilts. Thank you for your support.





# Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



♥ Anniversary

3	Jean Kirk Remington Schmitt	4	Katie Stahr Brianna Kirkiewicz Holly Hanewinkel	5	Scott Gross	6	Raina Roessler	7	Tricia Voelkel Erin Schmoll	8	Mona Newton Gary Maske Jacob Grueninger	9	Jan Starek Ryan Lammert
10	Mark Bierman Nicolas Monte Wes & Debbie Mahnken ♥	11	Carleigh Ottwell Matthew Foster Don & Patricia Gruber ♥	12	Shari Hofstetter Paul Theiss Ethen Schwartz Grace Nowak	13	Rockdale Dinkelman	14	Susan Nolte	15	Breanne Boland Kenly Essert	16	Alexander Magnuson Mike & Debbie Roediger ♥
17	Barb Ries Michael Hofstetter Katie Hirsch Katelyn Williams Chad Phelps John & Debbie Caldwell ♥	18	Virginia Jeffrey Andrew Nowak Reagan Schmoll	19	David Newton Kaytlin Schmidt	20	Kaitlyn Grohman Jeffrey & Ginger Crank ♥	21	Terry Riebeling Camille Frazer Hannah Holman	22	Julie Russell Ezra Douglas Bob & Marilee Schueler ♥	23	
24	Walter Byerley Mark Heise Lily Dinkelmann	25	Michelle Weller Breanna Chandler	26	Anna Krenz Doug & Julie Stinemetz ♥	27	Rebecca Bradley Justin Andracsek	28	Bethany Grandt Jake Starek	29	Julie Greeting	30	Tom Dillard, Sr Lillian Koenigstein Trevor Search





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>*** Dates, times, &amp; locations subject to change. Additional activities may be added at a later date. For the most up-to-date calendar listing, go to: stpauls-lcms.org then click on the "calendar" tab. ***</p>	<p><b>April</b></p>	<p><b>April</b></p>	<p><b>April</b></p>			
<p>3 Divine Service 8 &amp; 10:30am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15am Fellowship Hall Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Rm/S S Wing) 2 pm Community Easter Egg Hunt Confirmation 4:00 pm</p>	<p>4 Financial Count (Team 3) Divine Service 6:30 pm</p>	<p>5 Men's Bible Study 7:15am (Narthex) Quilters 9 am Confirmation 3:30pm (Sanctuary) 5:30 pm Youth Committee Meeting</p>	<p>6 Ladies Bible Study Genesis 10 am w/N. Radentz Food Pantry 1:30 pm (Lower Level) 6:30 pm Lenten Service</p>	<p>7 Ladies League 11:30 am 6:30 pm Board of Education Daisy Scouts 6:15 pm</p>	<p>8 2 pm Bible Study @ Integrity Health Care Friday Night Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>9 8 am—12 Noon Youth Group Rummage Sale</p>
<p>10 <b>Palm Sunday</b> Divine Service 8 &amp; 10:30am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15am Fellowship Hall Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Rm/S S Wing) 4 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>11 Financial Count (Team 1) Divine Service 6:30 pm</p>	<p>12 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am (Narthex) Quilters 9 am Confirmation 3:30pm (Fellowship Hall) 5 pm Board of Trustees 6:30 pm Elders Meeting</p>	<p>13 Ladies Bible Study: Genesis 10 am w/N. Radentz</p>	<p>14 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm Board of Communication</p>	<p>15 Good Friday Tenabrae Service Noon &amp; 6:30 2 pm Worship @ Integrity</p>	<p>16</p>
<b>Holy Week: Sunday, April 10th thru April 17th</b>						
<p>17 <b>Easter Sunday</b> Sunrise Service at Congregational Cemetery 6 am Divine Service 8 &amp; 10:30am (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>18 Financial Count (Team 2) 6 pm Women's Ministry Thai House</p>	<p>19 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am (Narthex) Quilters 9 am 3:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Church Council</p>	<p>20 Ladies Bible Study: Genesis 10 am w/N. Radentz Food Pantry 1:30 pm (Lower Level)</p>	<p>21 9 am Newsletter Folders Daisy Scouts 6:15 pm</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 Divine Service 8 &amp; 10:30am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15am Fellowship Hall Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Rm/S S Wing) Elder Visits 2:00 pm 4:00 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>25 Financial Count (Team 3) Divine Service 6:30 pm (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>26 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am (Narthex) Quilters 9 am 3:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Voter's Meeting</p>	<p>27 Ladies Bible Study: Genesis 10 am w/N. Radentz 6:30 pm Confirmation Questioning in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>28 12 pm Chapel at Christ Our Savior</p>	<p>29 2 pm Worship Service at The Sheridan in St. Louis</p>	<p>30</p>





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