



The Epistle April

2023

"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." Colossians 3:1-4



Christ is risen!

LLELUIA

Friends and Members of St. Paul's,

Celebrating the resurrection of our Lord is more than a one-day Easter event. Historically the church has continued its celebration of Easter another six weeks (The Sundays of Easter), and every Sunday that followed the resurrection became another Easter celebration.

From the get-go, the Easter event made such a profound impact that the primary day of worship for believers moved from Saturday to Sunday. Easter's impact can also be seen in that each believer has already been raised with Christ (Colossians 3:1), and from that grand vantage point we have access to the "above things".

What are those above things we are to seek? They include things the believer already has received such as forgiveness of sins, identity insurance/assurance in Christ (baptism), the blessings of receiving his body and blood, and the promises of a life with Christ after this life.

Enjoy Easter day, but also rejoice in the ongoing celebration of Easter.

In His Service, Pastor Krenz

2023 Holy Week Services & April Sermon Themes

- April 2nd and 3rd** **Palm Sunday** Services: 8 am and 10:30 am
"Your Humble/Exalted King" Philippians 2:5-11
- April 6th** **Maundy Thursday** Service: 6:30pm
"The Practice and Blessing of the Lord's Supper"
1 Corinthians 11:17-32
- April 7th** **Good Friday** Services: 12pm & 6:30pm
- April 9th** **Easter Sunday** Services:
"The Power of the Easter Promise" Matthew 28:1-10
6am Sunrise Service at the St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery
(Centerville Road & S. Riebling Street)
8am & 10:30am at the Church
- April 10th** **No Monday Service**
- April 16th and 17th** "The Look of Peace" John 20:19-31
- April 23rd and 24th** "The look of Unity" Psalm 133:1
- April 30th and May 1st** "The look of Worship" Acts 2:42-47

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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!

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Member Spotlight

Bill & Robin Lacefield

Tell us about your family?

We have 3 children. Drew and his wife Carly have given us our granddaughter, Harper. Our daughter, Audrey, lives and works in STL. Pastor Krenz will be marrying our youngest daughter, Kate and her fiancé Gabe, this New Year's Eve.

How long have you been members?

We were members at Concordia Lutheran Church in Kirkwood and transferred our membership to St. Paul's when we moved to Columbia in 2006.

What changes in the church/congregation have been most significant to you over the years?

What we like about St. Paul's is that it doesn't change, it stays traditional and consistent with their message.

What committees and groups have you been involved in over the years?

Bill served on the finance committee and was a church elder for several years before taking a job transfer to Indiana in 2016. Robin has helped with bookkeeping, food pantry, and currently serves on the Board of Communications.

What Bible verses or hymns have influenced your faith life?

Robin thinks the Book of Ecclesiastes is powerful and likes verse 7:8 *"The end of a matter is better than the beginning, and a patient spirit is better than a proud one."* The hymn How Great Thou Art is special to Bill, as it was his grandmother's favorite. She was the church pianist and it reminds him of attending church with her as a child.



Something from Sam

"April showers bring May flowers" or so the saying goes! This simple rhyme reminds us that while things may be rainy and gloomy for a time, better things are coming. It reminds us to hold on just a bit longer because spring is coming soon.

As we wrap up the season of Lent, time in the church feels a bit like this too. As Psalm 30:5 reminds us, *"Weeping may tarry with the night, but joy comes with the morning."* Throughout this time of Lent, we've been reminded of our sin and frailty. We've thought about our own brokenness and the brokenness of the world around us.

Ultimately, our sin leads to only one place: the cross. On Good Friday, Jesus took upon himself the full burden of our sins and carried out the punishment that should have been ours. What a night of weeping that must have been!

But, joy came with the morning as Jesus stepped out of the grave that first Easter morning. In his resurrection, Jesus swallowed up death and trampled the devil. Our sins have been taken away from us forever. The life he won is given freely to us as God's children. We are set free by our victorious King!

So we hold on just a bit longer through these last days of Lent because we know how the story ends: Easter is coming soon!



Thank You: A special thank you to Catherine Matthews who has been in charge of the congregations Cradle Role. She is the one that sends families with newborn children church resources to assist them in their Christian upbringings!

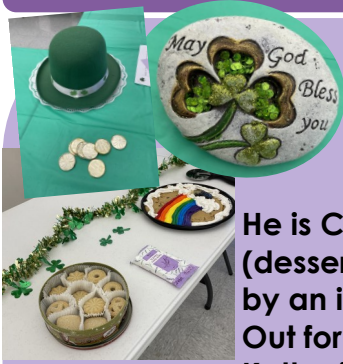
April 17th Newsletter Deadline is the third Monday of most months.

Please send articles, photos, etc. to secretary@stpauls-lcms.org Thank you for your help! Thank you to our Newsletter Folding Volunteers that help each month!





LWML/LADIES LEAGUE



Our March meeting began in the Fellowship Hall with decorations of green, gold, and clovers. Nancy Radentz led with a devotion entitled "Begin with God: He is Creator" followed by the common table prayer. Lunch (desserts by our hostesses, Rose Anne and Nancy) was followed by an interesting topic given by Sam Wegner titled "Speaking Out for the Gospel: Women's Voices in the Reformation."

Katharina Schutz Sell and Argula von Grumbach were friends of Martin Luther and the Reformation and they spoke out in government and religious discussions in a time where women were often not heard. A business meeting followed.

On February 23rd we had a get-together with our Mailbox Members. We enjoyed a devotion, delicious meal of soups, salads, and desserts, "get to know you" game, prayer, and a servant event to color bookmarks and include them with a card to our shut-in/homebound members (22 cards in all). It was a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship. We are so thankful for our Mailbox Members!

April 6th will be the date of our next meeting at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Our featured speaker will be Helen Nowak with the theme of "Why I Became a Teacher." Jean K. and Stefanie N. will be our hostesses.

LWML News (For our members and Mailbox Members)

Metro South Spring Rally will be held at Our Savior, Freeburg on April 15th featuring Linda Wittbracht from Orphan Grain Train. We will, also, assemble school kits for them. More information will be posted on our LWML bulletin board or the bulletin as it becomes available.

LWML Convention

"Celebrate the Lord of the Nations" will be held at Milwaukee, WI from 6/22 to 6/25/2023. Registration has begun.

You are always welcome to join us at meetings, events, service projects, or just to visit. For more information, contact Wanda at 618-281-4691.

LWML Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.





Time Again to 'FLIER' on May 5th

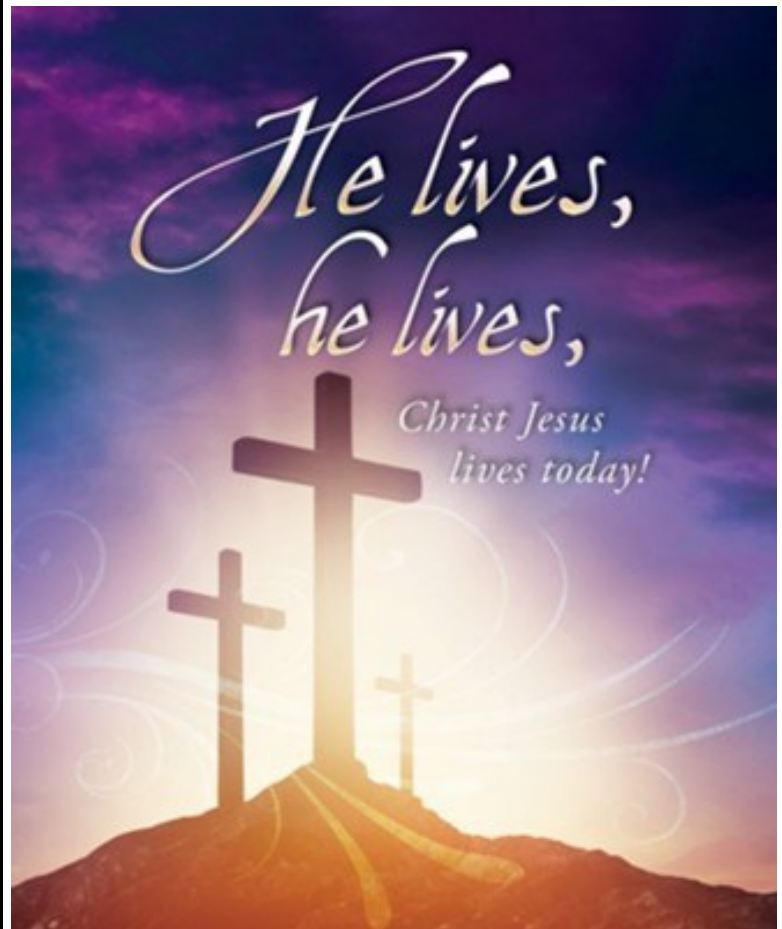
We call it **presence outreach** - Because we want every soul in Columbia to know that St. Paul's Lutheran Church is "there" for them in the Name of Jesus, we continue to hang fliers on the doors of apartments and homes around town.

This month's OOPS is for you to Flier-with-us on Sunday, May 5, from 2-3 p.m. Just hit-and-run. Meet at church, team up, and hang some fliers in your assigned neighborhood. Good exercise for both your legs and faith. This time, we'll highlight our Food Pantry and June VBS.

If we once again reach our goal of 10 flier teams, we will be able to touch more than 300 doors. Get a teammate or come as a family, sign up at church or call Pastor Sievers (314-882-2097 or just come when the Spirit moves you!!

That's our April
Outreach OPportunity Suggestion.

Just another "ah-ha" OOPS
(Outreach Opportunity Praying Suggestion)
from your Board of Christian Outreach.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOMEN's Ministry Sunday Potluck

On the **fourth Sunday of each month**, we will gather after the 10:30 service for a fellowship meal.

The Women's Ministry generally meets on the **third Monday of each month.** (4/17)

Please join us at **6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.**

April 23rd

Church-Wide Fellowship Potluck



Comforts of Love Quilters—Tuesdays

Quilters meet Tuesdays
from 9 am to 10:30 am.

Please join us!

We have "sew" much fun!

Remember us w/ **Extra fabric, Queen Sized sheets, Large table clothes and embroidery thread!** Thank you for all your support!



FOOD
pantry

News... The word is getting out about our Food Pantry! We are seeing new families and serving more people each month. *Thank you for your help!*

Current Pantry Needs:

Shampoo,
Dish Soap,
Shaving Cream,
Toilet Paper,
Cereal,

Evaporated Milk,
Pudding,
Flour and Sugar,
Cake Mix,
Frosting,

Hamburger Helper,
Tuna Helper,
Beef Broth,
Salad Dressing,
Pasta Sauce

April Dates:

4/5 4/12 4/19

Food Pantry Hours:

1st & 3rd Wednesdays
1:30-3pm

2nd Wednesdays
4-6 pm

Call 281-4600
for assistance on
all other days.



Youth Ministry Update

The Board of Outreach will be having our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 1st at 2:00.

It will be held on the grounds by the downstairs parking lot past the play area. All kids are welcome from ages 2 to 11. Hope to see you there! We will have around 1,000 eggs.

-Thank You, Dianne Bierman

If you have questions please call or email 618-604-4575.



On Palm Sunday, April 2,

all children are invited to participate in a palm processional at the beginning of both the 8 & 10:30 am services.

They can gather in the narthex and the processional will begin after the announcements.

They will be able to join their parents in the pews after they are finished. We hope your children will be able to participate!

Please join us...



Youth Sponsored Continental Breakfast on Easter Sunday from 9:15 to 10:15 am.

Upcoming Youth Nights:

Middle & High School students are welcome to join us at church for time to hang out, play games, and spend time in God's Word.

Sunday, April 16th at 6:00 - 7:30pm

Sunday, April 30th at 6:00 - 7:30pm

High Ropes at Camp Wartburg

On **Saturday, May 13th**, we will be taking 6th-12th grade students to tackle the high ropes course at Camp Wartburg! It should be quite the adventure! We will meet at church at 12:30pm and be back about 4:30pm. If your student or their friends would like to attend, please let Sam Wegner know **by May 3rd** at crf_wegnersm@cuchicago.edu or (920) 530-8636.



Adult Education

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study We are starting up our John Bible Study on Sunday, April 16th and will continue that study through the month of May. Please join us as we continue our Journey with the Savior in the book of John.

Tuesday Men's Bible Study

Meet with us at 7:15 am in the Narthex. All men welcome.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will be on Hiatus until this fall.

Fridays, Once a Month - It's Some of the PSALMS in 2023

We're going to be studying some of the Psalms in our first Friday of the month **Not Just for Couples Bible Study Group. We will next meet April 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.** Before class preparation is strongly encouraged. Adults of any age are welcome. Please contact **Pastor Sievers (314-882-2097 or pastorsievers@yahoo.com)**

Membership Classes:

If you are someone you know is interested in learning more about what Lutherans believe and teach, please contact Pastor Krenz. Typically these classes go 10 weeks, and he can accommodate various schedules. A hybrid confirmation class can also be given for high schoolers or college students, who for a variety of reasons were not able to participate in the middle school confirmation program.

Vacation Bible School

We will once again be hosting our VBS this year, **June 12th - 16th, 9 am to 12 pm** each day. We are in need of several volunteers who would be willing to be site leaders and group leaders for the week. This year's theme is **God's Living Water.**

If you are interested in helping out, please **contact Carleigh Ottwell** carleigh.ottwell@gmail.com or 618-719-9307.



Frequently asked

Questions

(The answer to the below question was taken from the LCMS Web site)

Ask the Pastor

"How can I help those who are grieving the death of a loved one"

- Allow yourself and allow others time to grieve- Don't try to "be brave" or stoic. Grieving can last a long time, and even intense grief can manifest itself for months or longer. Experts claim that the most difficult period is seven to nine months after the death of a loved one.

- Go ahead and use the name of the deceased both in letters and in conversation. Sometimes we are afraid that bringing up the name it will cause deeper grief, however the person grieving certainly has not forgotten their loved one. In acknowledging the loved one who has died, we are serving the one who is grieving.

- Acknowledge the loss by making with a call, or sending a card or letter (letters can be read or reread).

- Offer specific help. Often we say "if you need anything give me a call". While that may be helpful, even better is to offer specific help. Some examples..."I would like to take you to lunch, how does Tuesday at noon sound". It is the fall, and if you would like I would be happy to rake your leaves next Thursday. Delores Kuenning in her book "Helping people through grief writes "Lending a hand with a casserole, fixing a sink, offering a ride, going with her to get the groceries, can be an added boost for the grieving person who barely has enough energy to get through the day."

- Remember to extend condolences "I'm so sorry for your loss", "Words fail me", "I'll be praying for you" or "I share a bit of your grief" to forgotten mourners; grandparents, siblings, step children, aunts, uncles, cousins, coworkers, friends, and anyone else who is especially close. There are usually a multiple of grieverers who treasured the one who has died.

- Error on the side of doing too much, rather than to little when it comes to caring for the grieving. When we don't know what to do or say we can acknowledge that very thing. "I'm not sure what to say or even what to do, but I just want you to know that I/we care for you, and miss _____ very much. My/Our heart goes out to you.

Jesus said "Blessed are those who grieve, for they shall be comforted" Matthew 5:4. In this promise God assures us that comfort comes to the believer who grieves. Who knows, He might just be using you as the vehicle through whom He brings that comfort.

If you have a question that you would like addressed by Pastor Krenz in future newsletter articles, please send it to Pastork@splcolumbia.com.



April 2023 Preschool News

While it may not feel quite like spring outside, it is certainly looking like spring in the preschool classroom.



We've been busy learning all about spring and what it brings - birds, flowers, insects, rainbows, kites and having fun experimenting with colors in a variety of ways. Our room looks so beautiful with all of their wonderful

creations. We will share the story of Jesus with the children through various activities leading up to Easter and conclude with making delicious Resurrection rolls

-a meaningful way to rejoice in the good news of Easter!

The preschoolers will have their annual egg hunt & butterfly release on April 4 and then enjoy a few days off to celebrate Easter with their families.

Wishing you Easter Blessings!

Shelly Augustin, Director



We believe that Jesus died and rose.

-1 Thessalonians 4:14

He is not here; He has risen!

-Luke 24:6

Registration is ongoing for the 23-24 school year.

If you know someone who is looking for a loving, quality, Christ-centered Preschool, please have them call us for more information.

618-281-4190



Our Jesus Lessons for April:
The Emmaus Disciples
The Great Commission
Jesus' Ascension
Peter and the Crippled Man





Home Bound & Care Home Members... In our thoughts and prayers

Tom	McLaughlin	Sheridan A.L. Memory Care Laumier Park 12470 Rott Road	St. Louis	MO	63127	83	May 20, 1939
Jean	McLaughlin	Sheridan A.L. Memory Care Laumier Park 12470 Rott Road	St. Louis	MO	63127	81	Jun 24, 1941
JoAnn	Byerley	Cedarhurst 518 Legacy Drive	Waterloo	IL	62298	89	Jun 16, 1933
Juanita	Ritter	20 Ritter Road	Columbia	IL	62236	96	May 18, 1926
Melvin	Becherer	1626 Ghent Road	Columbia	IL	62236	99	Jun 10, 1923
Wanda	Portell	Twin Oaks Estate 707 Emye Road	O'Fallon	MO	63366	94	May 5, 1928
Mark	Vierегge	6 Eaglecrest Ct.	Columbia	IL	62236	63	Sep 2, 1959
Ellavee	Pulcher	Integrity Healthcare 253 Bradington	Columbia	IL	62236	87	Mar 2, 1935
Patsy	Powell	449 Burroughs Court	Columbia	IL	62236	89	May 1, 1933
Trudy	Penno	979 Oakmoor	Fenton	MO	63026-7011	77	Jan 20, 1946
Rick	Meyer	Eaton Manor 1609 Mascoutah Ave.	Belleville	IL	62220	67	Jun 15, 1955
Carl	Maschmeyer	832 Bohleysville Road	Waterloo	IL	62298	86	Aug 3, 1936
Larry	Kremmel	PO Box 213	Dupo	IL	62239-0213	74	Feb 17, 1948
Shirley	Kramer	7 Pinehurst	Columbia	IL	62236	91	Sep 30, 1931
Judith	Kellenberger	505 West Park Drive	Columbia	IL	62236	82	Oct 15, 1940
Virginia	Jeffery	Cedar Hurst 518 Legacy Drive	Waterloo	IL	62298	92	Apr 18, 1930
John	Hertz	4246 Hanover Road	Columbia	IL	62236	32	Jan 23, 1991
Marge	Drexler	30 Fieldcrest	Columbia	IL	62236	86	Jul 2, 1936
Willa	Bates	802 S. Rapp	Columbia	IL	62236	78	Dec 1, 1944
Julie	Arbeiter	228 N. Market Apartment 4	Waterloo	IL	62298	61	May 1, 1961



JOURNEY TO ISRAEL
WALK WHERE JESUS WALKED
January 22-February 1 of 2024,
"A Miraculous Journey" to Israel,
led by Rev. Dr. Kirk Clayton,
the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah, IL.

We will visit sites in Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and the Dead Sea region, and will also feature an optional extension to Egypt from Feb. 1-4, 2024.

For all those interested contact Rev. Dr. Kirk Clayton at kmcljcuac@yahoo.com.

Member Visits

In March and April, Dianne and I (Pastor Krenz) will continue contacting members for visits. The purpose of these visits is to better understand and meet the needs of St. Paul's members. My hope is to visit 2-4 homes per month. If members are uncomfortable meeting in their homes, we can meet at church.




APRIL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES				1 Connie Broadhust
2 Cindy Schickedanz	3 Jean Kirk	4 Holly Hanewinkel Brianna Kirkewicz Katie Stahr	5 Scott Gross	6 Raina Roessler	7 Erin Schmoll Tricia Voelkel	8 Jacob Grueninger Gary Maske Mona Newton
9 Ryan Lammert Jan Starek	10 Mark Bierman Nicolas Monte	11 Matthew Foster Carleigh Ottwell Donald & Patricia Gruber ♡	12 Shari Hofstetter Grace Nowak Ethen Schwartz Paul Theiss Matt Wittman	13 Rockdale Dinkelman	14 Susan Nolte	15 Breanne Boland Kenly Ackermann
16 Alexander Magnuson Mike & Deb Roediger ♡	17 Katie Hirsch Michael Hofstetter Chad Phelps Barbara Ries Katelyn Williams John & Debbie Caldwell ♡	18 Virginia Jeffery Andrew Nowak Reagan Schmoll	19 David Newton Kaylin Schmidt	20 Kaitlyn Grohman Jeffrey & Ginger Crank ♡	21 Camille Frazer Hannah Holman Terry Riebeling	22 Ezra Douglas Julie Russell Robert & Marilee Schuefer ♡
23	24 Lily Dinkelman Mark Heise	25 Breanna Chandler Michelle Weller	26 Anna Krenz Doug & Julie Stinemetz ♡	27 Justin Andracsek Rebecca Bradley	28 Bethany Grandt Jake Starek	29 Julie Greeting
30 Tom Dillard SR Lillian Koenigstein Trevor Search						



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