



APRIL 2018

## From Pastor's Pen ...



***"This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." - Luke 24:44***

### ***Easter Blessings That Never Change!***

The Bible is still the number one best-seller, but it is still a book that rarely gets opened by many, many Christians. Why is that? It's not unusual to hear the remark, "I've tried to read the Bible, but every time I do, it's so confusing. I can't say the names and places, let alone figure out how they all fit together."

It's easy to see why people quit in frustration. People read without seeing the central message in Scripture which is Jesus Christ. The Bible is all about a promise given, a promise kept alive and a promise fulfilled. Because people don't take the time—or they are conditioned to read the Bible according to their own thoughts and feeling or what they have seen or read from media; no wonder the Bible becomes a self-help book, a blue print for social justice, or just one of many good religious books in the world's pantheon of religions. People never see or experience that Jesus Christ is the heart and core of the Bible and their lives as well.

What's the solution? First of all, realize that the Bible is not an evolving document. By that, we need to understand that the Bible does not change to suit the circumstances or the temperaments of the moment. In other words, the words mean what they say and say what they mean. Black is black and white is white. The Scriptures will ruffle feathers if it is to do its job. That's its purpose, along with pointing to Christ, because God wants His inspired Word to preach the Law. The purpose of the Law is to *Show Our Sin (SOS)*. This preaching of the Law afflicts our consciences. It happened to Adam and Eve. It happened to David. It happened for the Apostle Paul. It happens for all people if they don't shut their minds and hearts to

God's Word. Once we become conscious of what sin is and what it really does...then we see why Jesus is so important.

Secondly, the Bible is the record of God's promises in Christ. The promises given, the promises kept alive and the promise fulfilled have to do with Christ our Lord. God gave the promise to Adam and Eve that a Savior would come to save them from their sin. Throughout the ages no matter the trouble, the sin or wickedness, God kept that promise alive until He was ready to fulfill it when Christ was born in Bethlehem. Throughout the Old Testament, God outlined what the Savior would do. In Isaiah 53, God said His Son would be a *Suffering Servant*. In Psalm 16, God said His Holy One (Jesus) would not see decay but would rise from the dead. The Gospels show us how Jesus of Nazareth is the long-awaited fulfillment of God's promise of the Savior. Jesus did everything that was necessary for our salvation. By ascending into heaven, Jesus is received as the *Glorious King*. He is ruling over all things. He is preparing a home for all His people. Jesus did all this work because God understands that because of our sins we cannot do it for ourselves. God loves us and makes us His own in spite of our sins. And Christ promises that as a result of His physical resurrection, He will come again to raise us from the dead as we go with Him to inherit the Kingdom of Eternal Life that He is preparing for us! A Promise Made, A Promise Kept and A Promise Fulfilled! That is what the second purpose of the Scriptures is all about to *Show Our Savior (SOS)*. We have joy and hope our whole life long in Christ!

So what about not understanding? Not getting the big picture? You're in good company! The Lord's disciples did not know that Jesus as the Messiah had to suffer, die and rise on the third day (Easter Day). In almost every one of Jesus post-resurrection appearances to His disciples, Jesus had to repeat the words at the beginning of this devotion: ***"This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." –Luke 24:44***

So the point is, don't stop reading the Scriptures. Don't say, "that makes me feel angry and uncomfortable" because that is the Holy Spirit's way of showing you how the Savior is needed. Don't say, "it's too confusing or complicated," because as you read more the Holy Spirit will continue to guide you into the way of all truth, your whole life long. Some of the truths of God's Word will be hard to understand because we receive them by faith. But when it comes to the message and the gift of salvation; God tells us that everyone can hear and believe this truth: Jesus Christ, suffered, died and rose again so that everyone can be forgiven through faith in Him.

Above all as you read, read with the understanding that Christ is with you. As we read with the understanding that Christ is present in His Word, the Holy Spirit strengthens us so that the words of the Apostle Paul become a glorious reality: **"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporal but what is unseen is eternal."** (II Corinthians 4:18) Christ and His Word of Salvation will never change. That is great news! That is glorious news for you and me and our world.



## Announcements and Upcoming Events

### Easter Breakfast

Following Sunrise Easter Service you are invited to Easter Breakfast in the basement fellowship hall; the parents and student of St. Paul's Catechism Class are hosting this annual event. Please come and enjoy! This breakfast begins immediately following the 6:30AM Easter Sunrise Service and lasts until 9:15AM. Just a reminder that late service on Easter begins at 9:30AM.



### Confirmation & Examination Sundays

On Sunday, April 22, 2018 (Examination Sunday) at the 10:30AM Service, this year's 2018 confirmands will confess their faith by means of examination. This year's class is Ellie Pomrening, Emma Looker and Blake Bartel. Please note the change of date for Examination & Confirmation Sunday. This is because of a family schedule conflict with two family members being confirmed on the same day. Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, April 29, 2018 (Confirmation Sunday) at the 10:30AM Service. This schedule change is for this year only



### Spring Clean-Up

We need a group of willing hands to help with Spring Clean-Up here at St. Paul! The date is Saturday, April 7, 2018 beginning at 8AM. There are a variety of projects inside and out that the St. Paul Board of Trustees would like to accomplish. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated!



## Automatic Contributions

Did you know that each year our congregation spends about \$500 for offering envelopes plus \$75 for shipping of the offering envelopes? Production, printing and shipping seem to be rising each year! There is a way that we can keep that cost in check and that is through the automatic contribution program. While this may sound like something “set in stone”; it doesn’t have to be! It can be as flexible as you want it. If you are interested in signing up for automatic contributions or would like to know more about how this program works, take a moment to call the church office (446-3251).



## Easter Sunday Blooming Plant Display

Our thanks to all who contributed to our visual display of Easter joy! If you purchased a plant for the Easter Sunday Blooming Plant display, please be sure to pick up a plant of your choice from the display after services. Extra funds collected from this plant display will help support the St. Paul Lutheran Flower Fund that provides fresh flowers on the altar through-out the year.



## Spring Quarterly Voter's Meeting

The St. Paul Quarterly Meeting of the Voters will be held on Sunday, April 22, 2018 in between services at 9:15AM. Please come and hear the reports and information about work that is currently happening here at St. Paul.

## St. Paul Garage Exterior Refurbishment

The St. Paul Garage has undergone an exterior refurbishment of gently used siding, garage doors and opener. Our thanks to Phil and Bonnie Lewin for the garage doors/opener. Thank-you to Scott Krause for heading up this project and thanks to the crew who gathered on March 24th for the installation: Scott Krause, Jerry Harris, Bill Mitchell, Terry Block, Bob Wendt, Paul Krause, Logan Krause and Adam Krause. It looks great guys! Thanks for all the hard work!



## Lenten Supper/Uncle Mike's Kringle Sale Thank-You's

A great big thank you goes out to the various boards, committees, individuals and families who stepped up this past Lenten season for the great Lenten Suppers we enjoyed in February and March. Your support of the Lenten Suppers and the freewill offerings supports various programs and funds here at St. Paul. Also our thanks to the Looker and Arrowood families for the Uncle Mike's Kringle Sale to benefit the St. Paul Youth Group program. Unbelievably, we as a congregation purchased 77 Kringles! Thanks to one and all for your participation.

## Strategic Planning Survey

The St Paul's Strategic Planning Committee would appreciate your input on some very important topics! Please take time to fill out our second survey either by paper copy which can be picked up at church or by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SLKM3BB> Password: INPUT.

Surveys will be accepted through next Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.



## Ushers & Greeters at St. Paul

We are in need of ushers and greeters here at St. Paul especially for the 10:30AM service. We still have a need for members, especially new members and younger families to sign up for this program Why? This is an important function in our congregation each and every Sunday morning! This program helps our congregation in three very important ways!

**First:** *Everyone likes to be welcomed!* A smile and a handshake goes a long way every Sunday morning!

**Secondly:** *It helps you as an individual member to get to know fellow church members.* Members often say: “I don’t know who that is...well, here is your chance! It gives you the opportunity to connect a face with a name.

**Thirdly:** *You can welcome visitors who may join our congregation.* Your welcoming smile and conversation with visitors who come to worship shows guests visitors that we as a congregation are interested in people. God blesses us each and every Sunday with His Love and forgiveness. These are treasures we want others to have and we can do so with our welcoming words to one another.



## Book Festival “Thank, Praise, Serve & Obey” Closes

Sunday, April 8, 2018 will be the final Sunday for the St. Paul Book Festival “*Thank, Praise, Serve and Obey*” by William Weedon. We will be looking at the final chapter: “The 8th Godly Habit: Remembering Death and the Final Judgment”. All are welcome to attend. As usual a Power Point Presentation will be given. If you would like to purchase a copy or extra copies, go to [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org) and type in the title of this book.

## St. Paul Operational Budget

Earlier this year council adopted an operational budget for the church. By doing this we were able to identify the amount we need each month to keep our church running. While these numbers aren’t an exact science, the goal is to better understand how we are spending our money so that we can make smarter more informed decisions. At the February council meeting the operational budget was approved. We have determined that the church needs \$13,815.00 per month. Below is a financial snapshot by month of how we are doing meeting this goal. More information about these budgetary numbers will be presented at the April quarterly meeting on Sunday April 22nd at 9:15AM. Please plan on attending to learn how you can help us reach our goals.

	January	February	March
Operational Income	\$10,822.00	\$13,635.00	\$11,961.00
Operational Expenses	\$12,478.00	\$14,088.00	\$15,328.00
Excess Income/Expenses	(\$1,656.00)	(\$453.00)	(\$3,367.00)

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council  
February 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Doug Ehrenberg at 6:30 pm.

Doug opened with a devotion.

**Roll:** Matthew Voigt, Bobbi Marks, Mark Peters, Mike Beilfuss, Bob Wendt, Bill Mitchell, Doug Ehrenberg, Sandy Smith, Paul Krause.

**Absent:** Stewardship/Evangelism, Pastor.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Bobbi Marks, seconded by Mike Beilfuss to approve. Motion carried.

**Treasurer:** The January treasurer report was reviewed. A motion was made by Mark Peters, seconded by Mike Beilfuss to approve. Motion carried.

**Pastor:** No Report.

**Elders:** Date for confirmation has been moved to April 29<sup>th</sup>. Shut in list was reviewed. The trustees were in attendance at the last elders meeting.

**Trustees:** Weatherguard will be coming this week to fix the gutters on the north side of the building that wasn't secured properly. A list of projects has been prepared and they are looking for guidance on where to start. April 7<sup>th</sup> will be church clean up.

**Board of Education:** Reviewing the 2018 budget. Looked at replacing the ceiling tile in Nancy's room. Looking at options for next years winter chili luncheon.

**Stewardship/Evangelism:** No Report.

**Old Business:**

**Master Plan:** Went over the results of the first survey. The next survey will come out in March. There will be an online version and a paper copy.

**Budget:** A full church budget as well as an operational budget were reviewed. It was agreed that the operational budget should be published to show how much we need each month to operate.

**Investment Strategy:** An investment strategy was passed out. Question were asked why we selected Premier Bank as our brokerage firm. It is because they currently handle our other banking needs. A motion was made by Mike Beilfuss, seconded by Bobbi Marks to approve the strategy. Motion carried. A copy will be attached to filed minutes.

**New Business:**

**Website:** It was discussed that we need a way to get more pictures of events on to the website. The proposal was that Matt and Kim will upload pictures but are not responsible for taking pictures at each event. The person that photographs an event will be responsible for getting the photos to them. Look an outline in the a future newsletter on the process of getting pictures to them.

**Lenten Meal:** Council host the Lenten meal on March 14<sup>th</sup>. A meal of pulled pork is planned. A motion was made by Mike Beilfuss, seconded by Bobbi Marks to adjourn. We adjourned at 7:43 pm.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted – Matthew Voigt – Secretary

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Supplemental Meeting  
February 27, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Doug Ehrenberg at 5:55 pm.

**Roll:** Matthew Voigt, Phil Lewin, Doug Ehrenberg

**Proxy:** Bobbi Marks, Mark Peters, Paul Krause, Scott Krause, Michelle Berndt.

**New Business:**

**Investment Signers:** It was agreed that the signers for the new investments would be Bobbi Marks, Kim Delwiche, and Matthew Voigt. A motion was made by Phil Lewin, seconded by Matthew Voigt to approve. Motion carried with two members present and five proxy voting.

A motion was made by Matthew Voigt, seconded by Phil Lewin to adjourn. We adjourned at 6:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted – Matthew Voigt – Secretary



# April

## Serving the Lord ...

- April 1 – Lynn Zeinert
- April 2 – Todd Arrowood, Dolores Dikkers
- April 3 – Aaron Kloehn
- April 4 – Butch Owen
- April 6 – Cindy Gitter, Katelyn Gitter,  
Joyce Lankford,  
Kimberly Vanevenhoven
- April 7 – Holly Brogaard, Sarah Hartrick
- April 8 – Victoria Emond
- April 9 – Jack Wohlt, Tabby Bucholtz
- April 11 – Dan Kohl
- April 12 – Ellie Pomrening
- April 16 – Betsy Oehlke
- April 17 – Oliver Haase
- April 18 – Irvin Kloehn, Rob Buss
- April 19 – Blake Bartel, Julie Hansen
- April 21 – Debora Kloehn
- April 24– Quentin Borremans, Michelle Ferg  
Liv Ziemba
- April 25 – Tyler Buchholz
- April 26 – Mona Tews
- April 27 – Peyton Oehlke
- April 30 – Max Meyerhofer



- April 4 – Bob & Faith Stevens
- April 8 – Willard & Natalie Rieckmann
- April 22 – Bob & Karen Wendt
- April 23 – Steve & Mary Oehlke
- April 27 – Michael & Valorie Liebl
- April 29 – Jacob & Christi Gabriliska
- April 30 – Tim & Mona Tews  
Corey & Norene Meidl

### April 1 - Easter Sunday

- Greeters 6:30AM – Eric & Michelle Berndt**
- 9:30AM – Kevin & Barb Miller Family**
- Ushers 6:30AM – Kirk Delwiche, Bryce Akey,  
Eric & Michelle Berndt**
- 9:30AM – Doug Ehrenberg, Peter Kohl,  
Seth & Kevin Miller**

### April 8 & 15

- Greeters 1<sup>st</sup> – Mike & Patti Beilfuss**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Scott Krause Family**
- Ushers 1<sup>st</sup> – Steve Oehlke, Darnell Burow  
Jerry & Dawn Harris**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Scott & Kathy Krause  
Ron Kester, Harley Bartel**

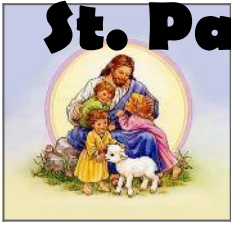
### April 22 & 29

- Greeters 1<sup>st</sup> – Roger & Holly Schreiber**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Paul & Karen Hartrick**
- Ushers 1<sup>st</sup> – Roger & Holly Schreiber  
Jim & Lauri Struck**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Paul & Karen Hartrick  
Greg Oehlke, Tabby Bucholtz**

## ACOLYTES

- April 1 1<sup>st</sup> – Emma Looker**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mackenzie Hansen**
- April 8 1<sup>st</sup> – Grace Ebert**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ian Liebel**
- April 15 1<sup>st</sup> – Kahli Weisshahn**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Landen Berrens**
- April 22 1<sup>st</sup> – Cooper Kester**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Carson Arrowood**
- April 29 1<sup>st</sup> – Colton Connor**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Luke Ehrenberg**

# St. Paul Child Care-Preschool Newsletter



**April 2018**

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Preschool Program Teacher: Nancy Bleck School Age Teacher: Tammy Yonke Little Learners Teacher: Nan Young

Child Care Teachers: Shelly Kohl, Susan McGlin, Cindy Billington, Jane Freer, Tammy Ebert, Lori Gabrielson,  
Dawn Kauper

Assistant Teachers: Karen Hartrick, Jordan Krause

## CALENDAR

**Wednesday, April 11 ~~Family Night~~ Cancelled**

**Wednesday, April 18 & Thursday, April 19 Noon-6PM St. Paul Conferences**

**Wednesday, May 2 Field Trip for Preschool & Little Learners**

**Wednesday, May 9 FAMILY PIZZA NIGHT/REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER**

**Wednesday, May 23 6:30 Preschool/Little Learner Program**

## ST. PAUL'S SUMMER PROGRAM

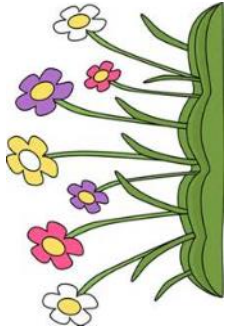


**We are busy planning our summer program. If you have suggestions for field trips, speakers, music groups, or activities please stop in and see Sandy or call her at 920-407-1191.**

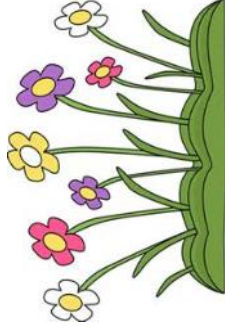



**Substitute assistant teachers and teachers needed especially for afternoon (2:30-6). Must be 18 and have a high school diploma.**

**Call Sandy at 920-407-1191 or stop in and see her.**



# April 2018



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Worship w/HC 7:30 AM Easter Breakfast 9:30 AM Easter Worship w/HC			<b>4</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Spring Clean-Up 8:00AM 
<b>8</b>	7:45 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship		<b>10</b> 5:30 PM Board of Ed 6:30 PM Elders Mtg 6:30 PM Book Group	<b>11</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	7:45 AM Worship w/HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship w/HC		<b>17</b> 5:30 PM Trustees Mtg 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	<b>18</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	7:45 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School <b>**9:15AM Qtrly. Voters Meeting**</b> 10:30 AM Worship <b>Confirmation Examination Sunday</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	7:45 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study <b>10:30 AM Confirmation Worship</b>						