

St. Paul Lutheran Church

April 2021 Newsletter





Greetings and His peace to you!

HE IS RISEN! Does that seem a bit premature? Maybe. But it's never inappropriate, and never out of place. How joyous are those words to say and even more joyous to know that WE ARE HIS!

We are in the Easter season throughout most of April and into May. It is right that we should celebrate this season for such a lengthy period of time as without it we wouldn't have forgiveness or salvation. We continue to have worship on the 1st day of the week to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior. Each Sunday is a 'mini' Easter celebration. And why shouldn't we celebrate our savior's victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil?!

As we move toward Holy Week we, as His children, must not only remember our Savior's passion and what He did on the cross for us, but also that He did it for the whole of creation. That means the whole earth and everyone on it. Jesus the Christ gave Himself for us and we are grafted into His family because of it. We enjoy all those benefits of being adopted sons and daughters of the Most High God, but it wasn't just for us. **John 3:16** tells us that.

Jesus, our Savior, calls us to share that Good News of salvation with everyone we encounter. He gave those instructions after He was resurrected and meant it not only for the 11 disciples, but us too. He is elevating His disciples and us to be more like Him and to go, and teach the Good News. As the 12 had become disciples, so do we. Now, it's our turn to teach and let God act through us to make disciples of all nations.

We share not only His passion and the penitential examination of ourselves and why we do it, but most importantly, that He did it because He loves us enough

to have given His life in exchange for ours. And He didn't so it because He had to, He did it because He loves us and wanted to, fully knowing how horrible it would be and that He would die.

We were born into sin and our fallen human nature prevents us from being in a 'right' relationship with God, but with the forgiveness that we have because of Jesus, we are seen as being 'right' with God and that comes with the certainty of forgiveness.

You and I were forgiven through Jesus and because of that God wants us to forgive others in the same way He has forgiven us. This is rightly so as Jesus died and was raised for all people. God wants the whole world to be in heaven on the last day. Scripture tells us that and He gave His Son as proof. Jesus instructed His disciples, and by adoption us too, to go and be like Him, loving and teaching. During this penitential season or better yet, every day, 'be Jesus' to anyone you see who needs care, encouragement, support, love, and grace. Proclaim to them the Good News of forgiveness and salvation Jesus earned for them. God wants them to be in His family, just like He did with you.

Have a Joyous and Blessed Easter! **He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!**
Alleluia!

in His name,

Pastor Mike Metzler



2021 LENT WORSHIP SERIES

As sinners, we have turned away from the Savior, who gives forgiveness and salvation. This promise of salvation is fulfilled through God's Son, Jesus Christ, and His death at Calvary. He paves a way for His people to turn away from sin and repent, coming back to the one who is "gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love" (Joel 2:13)

Holy Thursday: "Return to the Table" (Mark 14: 12-26)

Good Friday: "Return to Truth" (John 19: 28-37)

Easter Vigil: "Return to the Church" (John 19: 28-37)

Easter Sunday: "Return and See" (Matthew 28: 1-10)



EASTER SCHEDULE

April 1st: Maundy Thursday at 7pm

April 2nd: Good Friday at 7pm

Easter Day: 6:30am Sunrise Worship Service w/ Communion

9am Worship Service w/ Communion



EASTER LILY SPONSORS

Carol Robinson.....in loving memory of grandson, Jared Wiener

Wendy Kottke.....in loving memory of Scott Graber

Wendy Kottke.....in loving memory of Elizabeth Graber

Mary Ann Lyon.....in loving memory of John

Pastor Mike and Sherri.....To the Glory of God

Jim and Mary Jarvis.....in loving memory of family

Jeanette Schaefer.....in loving memory of Fred

Ryan and Leah Ausmus.....in loving memory of grandparents

Yvonne Cottrell.....in loving memory of Jack

Loren and Carolyn Vogler.....in loving memory of Jaran Wermerskirchen

Marv and Lynette Maser.....in loving memory of Levi

David and Florence Berquist....in loving memory of Jim

Rod and Star Lawin.....in loving memory of Larry Lawin, Fred Steuck, Walda Steuck

Gloria Maser Bjerke.....in loving memory of her mother, Irene Maser Schmit

Gloria Maser Bjerke.....in loving memory of her sister, Vernetta Maser Christensen

Gloria Maser Bjerke.....in honor of Margie Pike

Maryellen Bruns.....in loving memory of Harlow and family

Randy and Sue Hickle.....in loving memory of John and Esther Schrade

Randy and Sue Hickle.....in loving memory of Hank and Myrtle Hickle

Hopkins Family.....in loving memory of Dave

Matt and Jayne Maser.....in loving memory of Harry and Lena Maser

Marge Hawkinson.....in loving memory of Dick and Ken



Acolyte Schedule:

April 1st: Mckenna

April 2nd: Ethan

April 4th – 6:30am: Grady

April 4th – 9am: open

April 11th: Hannah

April 18th: Ethan

April 25th: Grace



Indoor/Outdoor Worship: We are still having Worship inside and outside at the same time. You can come inside to worship, or stay in the parking lot and tune in 88.1 FM.

If you are staying in your car, please park in the coned area.



This way the Usher's will know to bring out your bulletin and communion. Thank you!

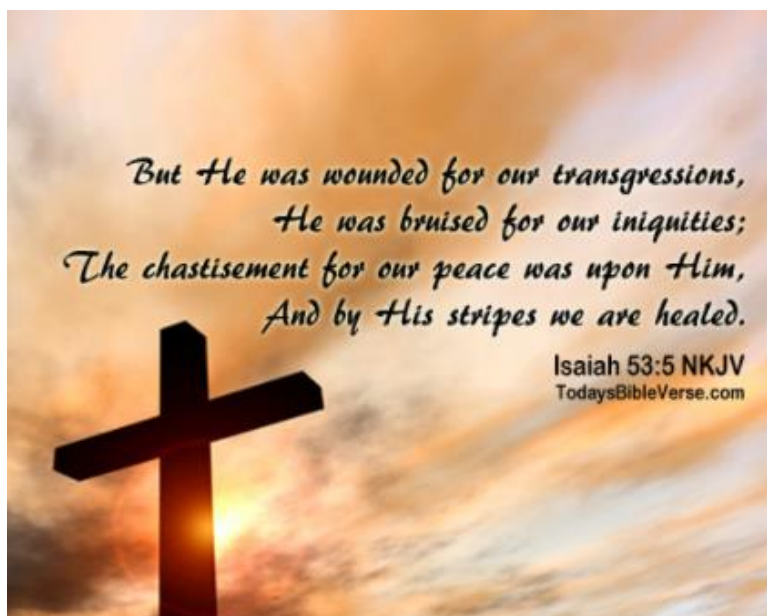
Communion:

Communion is offered at church or in your home by appointment. You may contact Pastor Mike via phone, email, or text. He will gladly commune you in the office taking the necessary safety precautions.

Quarterly Meeting:

Quarterly Voter's Meeting is Sunday April 18th. Please have reports to Jennifer by Thursday April 15th.

Security update: On Sunday's at 9:15am, the outside door will be locked. Will reopen after service.



*But He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed.*

Isaiah 53:5 NKJV
TodaysBibleVerse.com

Birthdays and Anniversaries

APRIL 2021

3rd: Greg and Judy Wickstrom
4th: Seth Davis
5th: Henry Ausmus
Bill and Barb Morgan
Star Lawin
8th: Bev Rabe
10th: Carlie Swanson
14th: Randy and Bev Rabe
15th: Katie Hagen
Cam Welch
16th: Lois Kruse
18th: Chuck Borchard
21st: Annika Maser
24th: Michelle Grewe
25th: Randy Hickle
26th: Tiffany Nelson
27th: Reagan Rungay
29th: Jessy and Cydelle Klande
30th: Mary Jarvis

*If we are missing anyone, please let
Jennifer or Cydelle know!*

Thank you.

Flower Chart:

April 4th: Easter

April 11th: Gloria Maser Bjerke.....in loving
memory of her mother, Irene Schmit

April 18th: Tony and Carol Nelson

April 25th: Cydelle & Jessy Klande.....in
honor of our wedding anniversary



Prayer List:

Prayers for *Kristi, Mary, Carolyn,
Jacob Roubinek, and Harvest
Christian School (staff and parents)*



YOUTH GROUP

Thank you to everyone for supporting the March Food Drive!

Youth group will start meeting on Wednesdays again after Easter. Please watch the bulletin and Remind for final dates and details.

Expected meeting dates are Wednesdays, April 7 and 28, and May 19, 6pm at church.



YOUTH CIRCUIT

Hello and blessings to you!

Our March event has not happened yet to make it into the church's newsletter. It will be in the April newsletter though. We do have an event on April 18th from 2:00-4:00 pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Mora. Please mark your calendars!

Thank you and stay healthy!

LeAnn Gregoire

Circuit Youth Worker/Deaconess Intern

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be Sunday School on Easter!!

We **will meet at 7:45am** between the services in the fellowship hall for some special activities to celebrate Jesus resurrection.

We hope to see you there.

The Sunday School teacher!



LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool Registration for 2021-2022 is open!

Please use this link to register:

<https://forms.gle/MY3473CzpnzS85ZY7>

For more information please call-

Staci Klein-Little Lambs

Director Littlelambsprek@gmail.com

320-384-6267 x3



CONFIRMATION CORNER

Hey y'all! Welcome back to the Confirmation Corner!

The 6^{1st} year students continue to work through a more in-depth look at the Articles of the Apostles' Creed. We continue to have very good questions and discussions on not only how the Articles be used to witness to others, but also what creation, redemption, and sanctification are and what those things look like and mean to us.

The 2nd year students have worked their way through Baptism and are now in Confession and Absolution (Office of the Keys/forgiveness of sins) and will be in the Sacrament of the Altar soon. There have been some struggles with Confession and Absolution, but God has helped us through so that we have come away with a better understanding of God's will for His children on earth.

May is fast approaching and that means so is Confirmation Sunday. **Confirmation Sunday is May 23rd at St. Paul.** Our 2 guest students have decided to be confirmed at their home church of St. John in Kroschel on May 30th.

Please keep these 9 students in your prayers.

Harvest Christian School News



March 2021

God's Blessings

We are excited to give an update about how good God has been to Harvest. Currently, our building fund is more than 50% funded. This means \$355,000 has been raised towards the goal of \$650,000. We are on track to close on the purchase of the Gateway in April, and contractors are lined up to immediately begin renovations. The Lord has been good and deserves all the glory for the progress made so far. Plans have been posted in our current building if you want to stop by to see them.

Harvest Christian School exists to complement home and church in nurturing, training, and equipping young people to grow up in the character of Christ to reach their full potential both spiritually and academically to impact the world for the glory of God.

Recent Events

- 3rd-6th Grade Swimming
- 7th-12th Grade Bowling
- 7th-12th Grade Skiing
- 3rd-6th Hiking



Please remember in prayer our Board of Directors, Building and Finance Committees, Staff, Students and Families

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Sandstone, MN



Fellowship, Food and Fishing!

Friday June 11th 8am to 11am

The charter is through Fisher's Resort in Isle (Malmo) and our own Captain Robbie Robinson will be your guide!

Equipment and Bait are supplied but you can bring your own fishing pole.

You do not even have to fish, come along for the ride and fellowship.

If you fish though, do not forget the fishing license!

There is a grill on board, and food and drinks are available.

If you bring your kiddos along, don't forget their life jackets!

The deadline to sign up is end of May, so we know how many are coming.

We have a 20 slot limit available for sign up. Hurry to get your spot!! 😊

Weather permitting, this may be rescheduled. We will let you know if this happens.

We will let everyone that is interested in fishing and fellowship, know what the price is at the end of May (after people sign up).

Any questions, call the office.

The sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the church mid- April or just let the office know.

Thank You!!



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Unapproved council minutes
3-8-2021

Present: Tonette Peterson, Randy Hickle, Robbie Robinson, Matt Maser, Jennifer Kubesh, Tracy Peterson, Toby Hickle, Rick Williams, Aaron Peterson, Carol Robinson, Pastor Mike

Meeting was **called to order** by Randy at 7:05pm. Pastor opened with a prayer.

Secretary's report was accepted as read.

Treasurer's report accepted as read. Motion Robbie second Rick

Income: \$31,988.66 *Checking* \$36,696.26 *Expense* \$25,746.77 *Savings* \$59,017.32
Net Income \$6,241.89 (noted that the Savings total includes the \$20,000 loan for Pastor as well as all memorial funds, and the checking acct includes the \$15,000 PPP loan and \$3660 CARES Act grant, and partial insurance payment of \$12,400.00)

Motion by Robbie and second by Toby to move \$2,000.00 of Vernetta Christensen's memorial fund to youth group, and the balance to the furnace fund

Pastor's report: home visits, office visits, LL lessons, confirmation classes, newspaper articles, weekly meditation posted online, Bible studies, 1 Baptism, Ash Wednesday and Lent worship, attended PALS event, circuit meeting, elder meeting

Thank you to everyone that has been doing extra and helping with various tasks.

Old Business

*CASE is on hold until next year

*The heat/ ventilation system in the office/education wing/fellowship hall will stay as is for now.

New Business

*The outside doors will be locked 15 minutes after the start of service. A security guard will let you in.

*Holy Communion will be held at both Easter services.

*Motion by Matt and second by Robbie & Randy, we will be having a free will door offering monthly throughout the summer for Harvest Christian School as they are expanding their ministry. Prayers are appreciated also.

*Motion by Carol and second by Aaron, there will be a fishing charter on June 11th beginning at 9AM. Watch for info in the newsletter and bulletin.

*Fellowship will begin in June upon motion by Tracy and second by Robbie.

We **adjourned** at 8:52pm closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, *Tonette Peterson, St. Paul Lutheran Church council secretary*

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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*Check **Facebook** or **church website** for any updates on schedules for Worship Service and other events.*

Pastor

Rev. Mike Metzler

Church Secretary

Jennifer Kubesh

Church Newsletter

Jennifer Kubesh

Cydelle Klände

Organists

Sue Hickle

Connie Odendahl

Church Council

Meets 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm

Randy Hickle, *Chairman*

Matt Maser, *Vice Chairman*

Tracy Peterson, *Treasurer*

Tonette Peterson, *Secretary*

Cydelle Klände, *Financial Secretary*

Elders

Robbie Robinson

Toby Hickle

Aaron Peterson

Isaac Maser

Trustees

Rick Williams

Carol Robinson

Tony Nelson

Newsletter Deadline:

Please email anything for the newsletter to the church email

by the

3rd Friday of the Month.

Thank you!!

Stewardship for 03/01/21 to 03/21/21

General Fund\$9,198.00

Altar Flowers\$276.00

Missions\$55.00

Sunday School\$8.00

Little Lambs\$20.00




Summer Gospel\$1,000.00

Youth Group\$65.00

TOTAL\$10,622.00



APRIL 2021

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 7pm Worship Service	2 7pm Worship Service	3
	HOLY WEEK			MAUNDY THURS	GOOD FRIDAY	
4 6:30am Sunrise Worship w/ Communion 7:45am Sunday School (fellowship hall) 9am EASTER Worship w/ Communion	5	6 3pm Msg & Meditation online	7 10am Bible Study 2:20pm Confirmation (2 nd Yr Students only)	8	9 3pm Msg & Meditation online	10
						
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COME JOIN OUR WORSHIPPING FAMILY

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For God so Loved the World



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