

St. Paul Lutheran Church

April 2023 Newsletter



Greetings and His peace to you!

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED! Does that seem a bit premature? Maybe. But it's never inappropriate, and never out of place. How joyous those words are to say and even more joyous to have as our own, not only proclaim, but to know that **WE ARE HIS!**

As we continue through this Lenten season, 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 (often called 'the Great Commission') 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.

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 any time, 'be Jesus' to anyone you see who needs care, encouragement, support, love, and grace. 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



Did you know?

Have you ever heard the word *adiaphora*? It's kind of a fancy word that we don't use often, but is important in our lives as Christians.

Adiaphora is a word we use to describe when something is neither commanded nor forbidden in Scriptures. In other words, there is no absolute right or wrong in the Holy Bible as far as doing something. An example of this are the paraments on the altar, lectern, and pulpit in the church building.

The paraments are the colored linens on the altar, lectern, and pulpit. You may have noticed that those colors change for each different church year season. Right now they are purple for Lent. These colorful linens are something that is considered *adiaphora* because the God does not have any certain direction of having or not having these linens in the altar area (chancel) of the church.

CHURCH NEWS

April Acolyte Schedule:

Sunday April 2nd: Piper

Good Friday April 7th:

Sunday April 9th: 6:30am:

9am: Noah

Sunday April 16th: Corbin

Sunday April 23rd:

Sunday April 30: Hunter

April Ushers:

Sunday Ushers: Troy and Tonette Peterson and family

Holy Week: Thursday: Everett and Grady Ausmus

Friday: Yonna and boys.

CHURCH GARAGE SALE: May 4th thru May 6th

Drop off Days will be on Sunday April 23rd and Sunday April 30th before and after church services. Please bring donations to the office.

If anyone would like to help clean out the shed, join us on Monday May 1st at 1pm.

Please **NO LARGE ITEMS**. We are looking for gently used clothes (kids & adults), household goods, children's toys, books, dvd's, kitchen items and etc.

Thank you for cleaning out your closets, and for your donation!!

We are also having a bake sale, so if anyone would like to bake cookies, bars, brownies, bring them in on Wednesday May 3rd in the morning.

The sale is Thursday May 4th & Friday May 5th from 9am to 4pm, and on Saturday, May 6th from 8am to noon. If you would like to help set up or help during the sale, talk to Tonette or Jennifer.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Plans are underway for **Vacation Bible School**, the week of *July 10th thru July 14th*. The adventure begins at *9am to noon*. Bring a friend or two. All children ages three to completed sixth grade are welcome. The theme this year is *God's Living Water*. If you would like to help in anyway, talk to Jayne or let her know if your child(ren) are planning on coming.

Quarterly Voter's Meeting is on April 16th after worship service.

CASE: Change of Schedule, we wrapped up CASE for this school year on March 22nd.

Confirmation will resume on Wednesday April 19th after school till middle of May.

NO BIBLE STUDY on Wednesday April 5th and Wednesday April 12th. Bible Study will resume on April 19th.

Youth Group Meeting is Wednesday April 19th at 6pm.



April 2023

- 3rd: Greg and Judy Wickstrom
- 4th: Seth Davis
- 5th: Henry Ausmus
Star Lawin
Bill and Barb Morgan
- 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
- 23rd: Marianna Somnuk
- 24th: Michelle Grewe
- 25th: Randy Hickle
- 26th: Tiffany Nelson
- 27th: Reagan Rungay
- 29th: Jessy and Cydelle Klande
- 30th: Mary Jarvis

If we missed anyone, please let Jennifer know!

Flower Chart:

- April 2nd Bill and Barb Morgan
.....in honor of their wedding anniversary
- April 9th Easter Sunday
- April 16th Lois Kruse
.....in honor of her birthday
- April 23rd Jeanette Schaefer...
- April 30th Jennifer Kubesh
.....in honor of her mom's birthday.



Holy Week Services

Maundy Thurs – April 6th Worship at 7pm

Good Friday – April 7th Worship at 7pm

Easter Sunday – April 9th Sunrise Service 6:30am
Pancake breakfast 7:30am
Morning Service at 9am



SUPPLICATIONS

We always have many things to pray about, some of which are supplications. Supplications are requests on behalf of others. Supplications may be things such as healing to things like a better job or the like. Here are some supplications:

For the **leaders of warring countries**, that they would look to God, follow His guidance, do what is upright in God's sight in serving their fellow human creatures in their God-given vocations and having the courage to stand for peace.

For **all those struggling with alcohol addiction**, that God help them to look to Him for courage and strength to keep trying and not give up.

For **Arden Gruett, Diana Norton, Lois Kruse** and those we name in our hearts, for God's continued healing and comfort for them and their families.

For those in the **U.S. Navy, especially our own, Eddie Welch, who is one of our Navy's newest members**, as he and all he serves with, serve in their vocations that keep us safe and secure. God grant them courage and honor to meet the daily challenges, both in their training and when they are called upon to do their duty.

For the **Pine County snow plow crews** that they remember that God is also protecting them as they continue to do their best to serve us in keeping our roads clear of snow.

FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT MARIA BERNHARDT AT 320-384-9989



Something will shape us and form us into who we become, it can either be the truth of God's word and love OR our own feelings.



You are invited to a Women's Spring Brunch to explore
"Leaning on God's love and truth for direction and hope in life."

- When: April 29, 2023; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Where: Knife River Place - 2448 Jade Street; Mora, MN
Speakers: Keynote: Aminta Geisler / Testimonial: Jean Entner
Music: Willow Nelson
Food: Home Town Catering
Cost: \$15.00/person - purchase tickets from Maria Bernhardt and **must be obtained by April 15.**

Event sponsored by Hillman Baptist Church Women's Ministry

About Aminta Geisler -

"I'm known as the crazy Jesus lady. That's what they call me and I love it. I also love my family, coffee and the Bible. God's Word has radically changed my life and I am passionate about sharing the Good News with others."

Aminta is the founder of Reckless Abandon Ministries (R.A.M). The mission of R.A.M. is to equip you to run the race of faith well. That means R.A.M. is here to do the faith journey with you! They offer blog posts, podcast, free resources, bible studies, breakfast clubs, and merchandise...all crafted to help you walk forward in faith.



Learn more about Aminta, Reckless Abandon Ministries and the Mint. podcast at amintageisler.com



LITTLE LAMBS



Greeting Parishioners from Little Lamb's Pre-school

I hope you are looking forward to spring and the Easter season. During this season of Lent, we have discussed Jesus' miracles, such as healing the lame man by the pool, the man who was born blind, and feeding thousands with five loaves and two fish. We have also talked about health and safety, such as proper tooth brushing techniques, and memorizing names, phone numbers, and addresses in case students are lost or need help contacting their parents. We also celebrated St. Patrick's Day by making a craft and having cupcakes. Moving forward into Holy Week, we will be discussing Palm Sunday and the meaning of the Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Have a Happy Easter!

Jason Boldt



Confirmation Corner

Welcome to the Confirmation Corner!

After having another productive make-up day that included pizza, we are continuing our study of the 2nd and 3rd Articles of the Apostles' Creed, and how they are not only what we confess, but also how it help us witness to others.

Please keep **Noah**, **Piper**, and **Makenna** in your prayers.

If you know someone who would benefit from adult confirmation instruction, or just have a question or 2, please contact the pastor by office phone voicemail 320-384-6267 (ext 2), cell (or text) 763-286-4803, or email at revmentzler18@gmail.com

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Unapproved Council Minutes
3-6-2023

Present: Tonette Peterson, Randy Hickle, Pastor Mike, Wendy Kottke, Doug Kottke, John Frank, David Berquist, Robbie Robinson, Matt Maser

Meeting was called to order by Randy at 7:13pm. Pastor opened with prayer.

Secretary's report was accepted as presented upon motion by David and second by Matt

Treasurer's report accepted upon motion by John second by David

Income: \$19,505.34 Checking \$15,865.50

Expense: \$24,093.13 Savings \$33,683.14

Net Income: -\$4,587.79

(Savings includes Pastor's \$20,000 loan and memorial funds)

Pastor's report: Home visits, office visits, Bible Study, Confirmation, LL, CASE, LL, Winkel, Youth meeting, winter picnic, newspaper article, vacation, Ash Wednesday & Lenten worship, March gospel concert

Old Business

*A letter was received from Cincinnati Insurance Company (Miller's Insurance) stating they're still investigating the liability. Randy contacted our worker, Teresa, at Pine City Insurance to see what they recommend, which is to contact an attorney or BBB, or both.

*The interior sanctuary repairs have been completed by Ken & Matt Dittberner.

*The nominating committee is working on filling up the ballot.

*The fellowship committee meets the third Thursday of the month at 1:00pm. A survey will be mailed out soon.

New Business

*If you would like to help with the pancake breakfast, please see David or John.

*John will call the sound system guy to trouble shoot. The speakers are only working in the sanctuary.

We adjourned at 7:58pm, upon motion by David and second by John, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Tonette Peterson, St. Paul Lutheran Church council secretary

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Pastor
Rev. Mike Metzler

Church Secretary
Jennifer Kubesh

Church Newsletter
Jennifer Kubesh
Cydelle Klande

Organists
Sue Hickle
Connie Odendahl

Church Council

*Meets 1st Monday each month at
7pm*

Chairman: Randy Hickle
Vice Chair: Toby Hickle
Elders: Robbie Robinson,
John Frank
Matt Maser
Greg Kroschel
Trustees: Rick Williams,
David Berquist
Doug Kottke
Secretary: Tonette Peterson
Fin. Sec.: Cydelle Klande
Treasurer: Wendy Kottke

Stewardship 3/1/23 to 3/26/23

General Fund..... \$10,652.00
Fellowship Rental \$50.00
Altar Flowers..... \$204.00
Little Lambs \$10.00
Fellowship \$10.00
Missions \$20.00

TOTAL..... \$10,946.00



CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

The Amazing Woodpecker

And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. (Deuteronomy 4:28)



The woodpecker's tongue can stretch from three to five times its normal length in order to fish bugs out of trees. You would think that his tongue would have to be rooted in his tail to do that neat trick! This beautiful creation in which we live is not only filled with testimonies to the wisdom of God. It is also filled with special designs that deny the possibility that life in all its complexity developed entirely by chance.

Consider the woodpecker. Incredibly, the woodpecker's tongue is rooted in his right nostril. Exiting the back of the nostril, his tongue splits into two parts, wrapping around his head between his skull and the skin, passing on either side of the neck bones, and then coming up through his lower jaw or beak. This gives the woodpecker a long enough tongue to stretch it out far enough to do an effective job of pest control on bug infested trees!

Now how could this happen by blind evolutionary chance? Even evolutionists admit that it's silly to suggest that the woodpecker's tongue gradually got longer over thousands of year and began to grow under his skin. As one evolutionary scientist said about the woodpecker's tongue, "There are certain anatomical features which just cannot be explained by gradual mutations over millions of years. Just between you and me, I have to get God into the act too sometimes."

Ref: Sunderland, Luther D. 1975. "Miraculous design features in woodpeckers." Bible Science Newsletter, v. 13, n. 10, Oct. p. 4. Photo: Green woodpecker. Courtesy of British Wildlife and Environment Forums.

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April 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School Palm Sunday 	3 7pm Council Mtg	4 	5 NO Confirmation No CASE	6 7pm Worship Service  Maundy Thurs 13	7 7pm Worship Service  Good Friday 14	8
9 6:30am Sunrise Service w/ Communion 7:30am Pancake Brkfst 9am Worship w/ Communion 	10 	11 	12 No CASE No Confirmation	13 	14 	15
EASTER SUNDAY 16 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Qtrly Meeting	17 	18 	19 10am Bible Study 3pm Confirmation No CASE 6pm Youth Grp Mtg	20 	21 Newsletter Due! 	22
23 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	24 	25 	26 10am Bible Study 3pm Confirmation No CASE	27 	28 	29
30 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School						

Office Closed

Pastor's days off

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COME JOIN OUR WORSHIPPING FAMILY

APRIL 2023

For God so Loved the World



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