

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH. We wish you God's richest blessings during your time with us. **Green prayer cards in the pews if you have prayer requests. Please give to an usher to give to pastor.**

OUR VISION STATEMENT *Our vision is to be a people transformed by the Gospel to live out and pass on the legacy of faith in Jesus Christ in our homes, community and world. We will empower and equip people to mentor following generations so that the legacy of faith continues.*

OUR MISSION STATEMENT *Our mission is to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ in order to share that faith with others.*

COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS for April are Breakfast items: pancake mix, syrup, cereal, cereal bars, peanut butter, jelly, etc., place your donation in the shopping cart in the Narthex. *All items are appreciated as well, as they can always use donations.* The Community Basket is open on Thursdays (except 3rd Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM. **The mobile food pantry will be on April 18 from 4:30-5:30PM, at the Shed, 14 N. Grove in Kiron.**

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 4/14/24	Easter Sunrise Worship w/Communion – Live Streamed Coffee & Fellowship Sunday School & Youth VOTERS’ MEETING	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:30AM
Monday	Bells	6:30PM
Tuesday	LWML Bible Study Leaders meeting	1:00PM
Wednesday	Bible Study at Jimmy’s Bible Study CIA – Catechism Instruction Academy 6th & 8th grades The Highway (grades 9th -12th)	7:00AM 9:30AM 5:00-6:00PM 7:00PM
Thursday	Golden Horizons More Than Bread Bible Study at Subway	2:00PM 6:00PM
Saturday	Worship Service w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 4/20/24	Worship w/Communion– Live Streamed Coffee & Fellowship Sunday School & Youth Adult Bible Class (in the fellowship hall) Revelation	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:30-11:15AM

Offering this week:\$

Attendance Sat. Eve:

Sunday Morning:

VOTERS’ MEETING, SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024 at 10:30AM in the fellowship hall. 2 main agenda items are:

- **Consideration of the 2024/2025 Council and Board representatives. (Election)**
- **Consideration of changes to the day and time for the evening service – currently Saturday night. (President will review the survey results with the voters.)**
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Please remember the survey’s are not a “vote” – we appreciated your input for this consideration but if you would like to be a part of the discussion or offer your input please attend the meeting.

VISION PLANNING here at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30PM with Pastor B. Keith Haney. All members invited – bring your ideas and lets talk about it.

PLASTIC EASTER EGGS – if you supported the LYF Easter Egg fundraiser and would like to return them to the church

LWML SPRING RALLY is Saturday, April 20 9:00AM (rolls and coffee) at St. Paul Hanover (south east of Ricketts) Speaker: Pastor Tim Frank, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Council Bluffs. All are welcome to come and enjoy the brunch plus hear an inspirational message about music being a gift from God. **The In Gathering** will be for the 500th Anniversary of the first Lutheran hymnal. David's Harp, which Pastor Frank's church does in Council Bluffs, is doing a production of the "DAVID'S HARP HYMNS of the REFORMATION VOLUME" - to be used in churches, schools and mission sites in the US and beyond. On the Welcome Center is a container for you to donate, if you would like to and are not going to the Rally. See flyers on Welcome Center for more information on David’s Harp.

ARTHUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS ANNUAL OMLET BRUNCH on Sunday, April 21, serving omlets from 9:00AM-1:00PM, at the Arthur Community Center, serving Omelets made to order, including a cinnamon roll or carmel roll & drinks, see poster for more information. Proceeds go for building, equipment & training.

YOU’RE INVITED TO OUR SALAD LUNCHEON on Wednesday, May 1 at 5:00PM, we will have a lot of delicious salads provided and Nancy Schoen will be a speaker to tell us about her trip to Alaska & helping with VBS there. **Bring a friend !!** (please note misprinted date in the April Ladies section newsletter)

MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK! CHRIST & CINEMA starting May 1 at 6:30PM. Watch for the title of the movie to be shown and if you’re here for the salad luncheon please stay and enjoy the movie!

READING

Ezekiel 34:11–16

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

READING

1 Peter 2:21–25

²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

READING

John 10:11–16

¹¹[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”



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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Lois Jensen - Willowdale

Recovery & healing for Anne Thornhill with her hip replacement

Victor Zobel

Family and friends of Sharon Bennigsdorf, funeral service Monday, April 15 at the Christiansen Van Housten Funeral Home at 11:00AM, with visitation 1 hr prior

Family of Maxine Thies, Gary's wife, Maxine, was called to be with Jesus in our real home in Heaven. Funeral services will be held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Mapleton, Iowa on Tuesday, April 16, at 11:00am. Visitation will precede the service from 9:00-11:00am.

Family of Brian Spooner, brother of Kenny & Rachel (Schoen) Hoffard,

Continued prayers and/or healing for:

Shirley Havener Jo Palmer Gene Knop Corlys Boysen
Jolene Ladwig Makayla Bell Stella Turnbull Austin Mollhoff
Ron Kraphl Jeff Pierce Rose Schuldt Jim Wilcox Seth Hamann
Mark Queen Dan Grell Kenton Petersen Lody Smith Erin DeBoer
Diane Olsen Sue Bubba Kayla Baker Tiffany Lindberg Trisha McCormick
Ashley Collins

April Birthdays this week:

April 12 Lisa Christiansen Jennifer Conover Chase Devitt
April 13 Shirley Johnson
April 15 Leon Edsen Kristi German Jamie Miller-West Janet Rehse
April 16 Roger Walter
April 17 Halle Behrendsen Tom Senhen
April 18 Verdean Kruse
April 19 Lennox Schable
April 20 Kyla Arbegast Carson Sharkey Hayden Zimmerman

April Anniversaries this week:

April 13 Todd & Jennifer Conover
April 16 Chance & Heather Sweeden
April 17 Todd & Jolene Jepsen
April 20 Marc & Ann Knudsen

90th Birthday Celebration for Betty Jensen, formerly of Battle Creek, mother of Monte Jensen. A 90th Birthday Open House with cake & refreshments will be served from 1-4pm at 2343 27th St., Spirit Lake, IA 51360 - if you would like to just send a card please send a card at the address listed.

MISSION CENTRAL UPCOMING DATES

Apr. 16 (Tues.)-Pastor Paul & Gena Nelson will present on their work in Indonesia. Their presentation will be at 1 PM.

Apr. 20 (Sat.)- Pastor Herb and Markie Burch, our missionaries to Belize will present on their work at 1 PM

Apr. 27 (Sat.)-Pastor Jerry Lawson and family will report on their work in Riga, Latvia at 1 PM.

FORMER LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE COUNSELOR

Lynette Aschinger is a part of Counseling Service LLC, 322 South 13th St. Sac City, with satellite offices in Carroll and Manning, phone 712-662-3222. Business Cards available on the narrow table by the church office

FAITH SHARING FOR 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS will be on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:00PM

SENIOR RECOGNITION will be Sunday, May 5 during the Worship Service with reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.