

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

HEAVENLY HOME It has pleased God Almighty to call to Himself in heaven, Sharon Bennigsdorf, her funeral service was on Monday, April 15. We keep her family in our prayers.

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 4/21/24	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
Monday	Bells	6:30PM
Wednesday	Bible Study at Jimmy’s Bible Study Faith Sharing for 8th Grade Confirmands	7:00AM 9:30AM 6:00PM
Saturday	Worship Service	5:00PM
Sunday 4/28/24	Worship – Live Streamed Coffee & Fellowship (last Coffee & fellowship til Sept.) Sunday School & Youth (last class til fall) 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: 33 Sunday Morning:100

RESULTS FROM THE VOTERS’ MEETING, this past Sunday, in regards to the Worship Service Survey of changing our evening service.

It was voted to move to Sunday evening at 5:00PM. Our last Saturday evening Service will be May 25 and we will start the Sunday Evening Worship at 5:00PM schedule on June 1st.

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

FAITH SHARING FOR 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS will be on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:00PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

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

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!

SENIOR RECOGNITION will be Sunday, May 5 during the Worship Service with reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall, with cinnamon rolls and fruit served by the Jr Class.

90th Birthday Celebration for Betty Jensen, formerly of Battle Creek, mother of Monte Jensen. A 90th Birthday Open House on Saturday, May 4 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.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:25–31

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:11–20

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. ¹³Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. ¹⁸Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:16–22

¹⁶[Jesus said:] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”



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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Lois Jensen - Willowdale for rehab

62nd Anniversary wishes to Bernie & Betty Krager on April 22

Family and friends of Sharon Bennigsdorf, funeral service was this past week please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

Family of Maxine Thies, Gary's wife, funeral services were this past week, please keep Gary and family and friends in your prayers

Family and friends of Steve Iversen, celebration of life will be Friday, April 26 at 11:00AM with visitation 1 hour prior. Celebration of life will be at the Conservation Center at Moorehead Park.

Continued prayers and/or healing for:

Victor Zobel 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 18 Verdean Kruse
April 19 Lennox Schable
April 20 Kyla Arbegast Carson Sharkey Hayden Zimmerman
April 21 Nathan Ehrig David Petersen
April 22 Marc Kjar Patty Renfro
April 23 Zanet Thies
April 25 RJ Bumann Danny Knop Jaxton Sweeden
April 26 Orion Schable
April 27 Janice Grap

April Anniversaries this week:

April 17 Todd & Jolene Jepsen
April 20 Marc & Ann Knudsen
April 22 Bernie & Betty Krager celebrating 62 years
April 25 Curtis & Erin Marth

Worship Service for Sun., April 21, 2024

Invocation

Easter Acclamation

Confession and Absolution

Song

Grace Like Rain

Salutation

Prayer

Handbell Choir

Reading

Isaiah 40:25-31

Verse

Reading

1 Peter 2:11-20

Song

You Never Let Go

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayer of the Church

Offering (During song)

Song

Everlasting God

Service of the Sacrament

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Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Distribution

Song

Mighty to Save

Song

How Great Is Our God

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Benediction

Easter Acclamation

Announcements

Song

Forever