

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. **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 4/7/24	Easter Sunrise 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
Monday	Bells	6:30PM
Wednesday	Bible Study at Jimmy’s Bible Study	7:00AM 9:30AM
Thursday	Golden Horizon More Than Bread Bible Study at Subway	2:00PM 6:00PM
Saturday	Worship Service	5:00PM
Sunday 4/14/24	Worship– Live Streamed Coffee & Fellowship Sunday School & Youth VOTERS’ MEETING	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:30AM

Offering this week:\$ Attendance Maundy Thursday: 164 Good Friday: 118
 Saturday Easter Vigil::56 Easter Sunrise:118 Easter 9:00AM: 194

CONGREGATION SURVEY is enclosed in bulletin regarding Worship – a drop box is on the Welcome Center or Offering plate or Church office. **This Survey will be an agenda item for our April 14, 2024 Voters’ Meeting. Items for the Agenda:**

- **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.)**

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.

HEAVENLY HOME It has pleased God Almighty to call to Himself in heaven, Colleen Knop, her funeral service was on Wednesday, April 3 We keep Gene and her family in our prayers.

MIGHTY FORTRESS SKATE PARTY for area Lutheran Youth (grades 6th – 12th) **FREE ADMISSION on Sunday, April 7th from 4:30-6:30PM.**

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN LOADING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - The Iowa West Branch of Orphan Grain Train will be loading a container destined for Latvia on **Tuesday morning, April 9th starting at 9 AM.** Volunteers are needed to help with this process.

FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT AT IDA BOWL on Friday, April 12 from 6:00-8:00PM – FREE BOWLING – ALL AGES WELCOME!! Please see sign up sheet on table in narthex to sign up and how many, so we know how many lanes to reserve.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.” ⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

EPISTLE

1 John 5:4–10

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19–31

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.” ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Lois Jensen - Horn
Sharon Bennigsdorf - Horn

Upcoming surgery for hip replacement for Anne Thornhill on
April 8

Victor Zobel
Angela Goodman - Recovery from surgery on March 22

Trisha McCormick - recovery & healing from surgery
Makayla Bell - recovery & healing from foot surgery on Feb.
27 (granddaughter of Peggy Fick)

Family and friends of Colleen Knop

Prayers for Maxine and Gary Thies, as Maxine has been
enrolled in hospice and both could use our prayers at this
time.

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 Bubb Kayla Baker Tiffany Lindberg Trisha McCormick
Ashley Collins

April Birthdays this week:

April 5 Melissa Lockwood Jayden Schiernbeck
April 6 Laurie Krayenhagen April Lichtenberg
April 8 Kathy Edsen Valerie Krager
April 9 Duane Ernst Jolene Jepsen Aidin Johnson Brandi Sharkey
April 10 Melissa Ausborn
April 11 Melonie Petersen
April 12 Lisa Christiansen Jennifer Conover Chase Devitt
April 13 Shirley Johnson

April Anniversaries this week:

April 4 Keith & Christine Krager
April 13 Todd & Jennifer Conover

Easter Lilies

In memory of Marvin & Betty Bubke from Linda Bubke
In memory of Leon Petersen from Joan & family
In memory of Dean Fick from Peggy
In memory of Darrel Wellendorf from Virginia & family
In memory of Kent Streck from Susan & family
In memory of Lynn Dittmer & Darrell Miller from Susan & family
In memory of Marlene Bennigsdorf from Darrell & family
In memory of Marvin Jensen and Bonita Jensen from Lois
Jensen
In memory of Vern Zobel from Marlene and family
In memory of Paul Bargar, Art & Helen Billings from Cecile
Bargar
In memory of our Grandparents from Ryan & Amy Godbersen
In memory of Van Corr from Jon & Robyn Devitt & family
In memory of our parents from Al & Sandy Schreiber
In memory of our parents from Greg & Lorna Steenbock
In memory of Roland & Virginia Jensen from Rod & Lin Jensen
In memory of Lyle & Roberta Clayton from Rod & Lin Jensen
In memory of Ed Skaren from Marilyn and family
In memory of Carolyn Hilker from Jim and family
In memory of Emil & Evelyn Iversen, Allen Iversen, Robert
Iversen, Susan Iversen & Chad Iversen from Emily Hoaglund
In memory of Richard Hoaglund, Evora Hoaglund, Dewit &
Norma Tuneburg & Edna Hoaglund from Emily Hoaglund
In memory of Kody Krager from Kevin & Valerie Krager

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.

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