



St. Paul News

The Newsletter of
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IS IT REALLY TRUE?

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (Col. 3:1 ESV)

The resurrection of Jesus Christ – is it really true?



“No, it cannot be,” say some people, “it simply does not fit my idea of God and the world. I didn’t see any resurrection. I can’t feel it. It doesn’t do anything for me. I can’t see anything of a living Christ in this distorted, violent, hate ridden world of today.”

Perhaps most of us have, at one time or another, been under the dark cloud of unbelief in respect to the resurrection of our Lord. Equally serious is the possibility that we, in our lives and attitudes, have contributed to the unbelief of our brothers and sisters in our human family – even when while sincerely confessing and joyously celebrating the resurrection event. The unbelieving masses around us are not likely to much stock in some historical event when the followers of the living Christ continue to live primarily for the things of this world or have little concern for the people around them.

When we speak to others about Christ being alive and for real, many will believe this only if it shown plainly here and now in the lives of His followers. It is through us that He is able to communicate His love and healing power in this very hour.

We will continue to celebrate Christ’s resurrection. It is even more important that we “set [our] minds on things that are above, not on the things that are on earth.” Only then will we be lovingly compelled and enable to concentrate and act upon our responsibilities as Christ’s followers within our world.

This is all the more reason we need to be regular in worship, frequent at the Lord’s Table, fervent in prayer, and alert to opportunities to be Christ to the people around us.

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Feed and equip me with your Word and Sacraments. Then use me to touch others through me with your resurrection power, O Christ, that they also might be raised from the dead to live and serve and praise you forever. Amen.

Your Pastor, Rev. Richard Salcido

Pastor Salcido has announced his retirement, his last Sunday will be July 30th
Keep him, Sue, and our congregation in your prayers during this time of transition

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



MaundyThursday - Thursday, April 6th 7:00PM -Water and Blood
Good Friday – Friday, April 7th 7:00PM - The Old, Rugged, Wooden Cross
Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 8th 5:00PM The Oil of Joy and Gladness
Easter – Sunday, April 9th 6:30AM and 9:00AM –
Welcome to the Promised Land of Milk and Honey
Easter Breakfast 7:30AM – fundraiser for Jr & Sr High Youth

COME AND JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK DAILY CHAPEL SERVICES

Monday, April 3rd - Friday, April 7th from 12:15-12:35PM

in the Chapel at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ida Grove

EASTER BREAKFAST If you would sign up or let the church office know if you are planning to attend so we know how much food to plan for, and we look forward to seeing you there!

CHURCH NEWS

OFFICIAL ACTS

Baptism: Rylie Kearns

In by Profession of Faith: Retha Harrington

Adult Confirmation: Richy, Kourtnee, Dalton, Levi, Luke & Wesley Swanger

UPDATING RECORDS we are in the process of updating our records again with current mailing address, a current email and phone numbers. We are also updating our system and have the ability to have a photo associated with your membership record. You can send us a digital copy or bring us a photo that we can scan into our records. Photos of your family or individual pictures are also welcome. stpaulidagrove@gmail.com
To either update your records or submit photos (if you don't drop off to scan)

VOTERS MEETING will be on Sunday, April 23 at 10:10AM, this is an election of Church Council.

SENIOR RECOGNITION will be on Sunday, April 30th during the Worship Service with a reception to follow the Worship Service.

REMINDER OF SATURDAY WORSHIP Saturday Worship time is 5:00 PM

FROM THE ELDERS *Jeff Rasmussen, Jeff Gilbert, Brent Harm, Aaron Hoffman, Terry Lovett, Keith Krager*
St. Paul Lutheran Church Elders are here for you and interested in your input or concerns.

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USHERS NEEDED for our worship services. There are various ways of helping as an usher. We have started using the plates again during our worship services. For that and helping direct people to the communion table especially are needed. If you are interested, please contact Elders Jeff Rasmussen or Brent Harm. Let them know which service, Saturday or Sunday, you would be willing to help with or you can sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

FROM THE BOARD OF HUMAN CARE *David Petersen*

PARISH NURSE The following information is from the website:

www.cdc.gov/transportationsafety/older_adult_drivers

In 2020, there were almost 48 million licensed drivers ages 65 and older in the United States. This is a 68% increase since 2000. Driving helps older adults stay mobile and independent. But the risk of being injured or killed in a traffic crash increases as people age. Thankfully, older adults can take steps to stay safer on the roads.

Drivers aged 70+ have higher crash death rates per 1,000 crashes than middle-aged drivers (aged 35-54). Higher crash death rates among this age group are primarily due to increased vulnerability to injury in a crash.

Across all age groups, males have substantially higher crash death rates than females.

Age-related changes in vision, physical functioning, and the ability to reason and remember, as well as some diseases and medications, might affect some older adults' driving abilities.

The good news is that older adults are more likely to have safer driving behaviors than other age groups.

Taking these key steps can help adults of all ages, including older adults, stay safe on the road:

- Always wear a seat belt as a driver or passenger
- Seat belt use is one of the most effective ways to save lives and reduce injuries in crashes.6
- Drive when conditions are safest, Drive during daylight and in good weather. Conditions such as poor weather and driving at night increase the likelihood of crash injuries and deaths.
- Don't drink and drive. Drinking and driving increases the risk of being in a crash because alcohol reduces coordination and impairs judgment. Sue Salcido RN FCN

COMMUNITY BASKET Donations for April: 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 at Holstein at the United Methodist Church on April 20th from 4:30-5:30PM.**

FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP & MISSIONS Brad Zobel & Deb Clausen
THE BOARD is looking at potential Stewardship programs for beginning this fall.



A STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave us a very important principle for the handling of our material possessions which include any kind of financial assets and income. He taught the “God first” principle. *“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well”* (Matthew 6:33). When we give first priority to God with our time and treasures, He is honored, and He will provide us with what we need. Are you using your time in reading God’s Word and serving others? Is God receiving the firstfruits of your income? God wants us to seek Him first, and He promises that He will be found (Jeremiah 29:13).

STEWARDSHIP CORNER In 1 Corinthians 15, the Resurrection Chapter, the Apostle Paul writes, *“What I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins . . . that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures . . .”* (1 Corinthians 15:3). Through Christ’s Resurrection, God assures us that we are forgiven and that we, too, will rise again. Surely this is the message of first importance that we as stewards of our Risen Lord and Savior will desire to pass on. Christ is risen!



We stewards witness of our risen, victorious Lord!

“The angel said, ‘He is not here; He has risen . . . go quickly and tell’ ” (Matthew 28:5-7).



MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS Mission Central – LCMS World Mission

40718 Highway E 16, Mapleton, Iowa 51034 PH: 712-882-1029 Gary.Thies@lcms.org Be sure to check the bulletin board in the hallway by upstairs Conference Room for information about Missionaries visiting Mission Central this month.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES Clint Wellendorf, John Brinkman, Dennis Clausen, Dale Edsen

Project Updates: We hope the new system will be complete and up and running by the end of April. New water fountains have been ordered and should be here soon. They all will have chilled and filtered water. The one in the fellowship hall will have a bottle filler. New motion sensing light switches are being installed in all of the bathrooms. When you walk in, the lights will automatically come on. If no motion is detected, the lights will automatically turn off after 10 minutes. We raised \$2917.00 at the soup supper on March 8th

FROM THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM / ASSIMILATION Kathy Edsen & Kristy Gilbert

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP ON SUNDAY MORNING Coffee & Fellowship on Sunday mornings at 10:15AM is in the Fellowship Hall. Come and join us! If you would like to help or provide, please let us know, or there is a sign up sheet in the narthex.

MAIN STREET LIVING IS A LUTHERAN TELEVISION PROGRAM that is endorsed by the Iowa West District



of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The program receives no funding from the District, but is totally funded by viewers and congregations of the KCAU Viewing area. The program is broadcast on **KCAU, the ABC network affiliate in Sioux City on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00 AM.** The first 30 minutes are remastered episodes of the popular “This is the Life” series that was very popular in the 70’s and 80’s. The second half of the program is a modified Lutheran worship service that features a different Pastor each week, from the station’s broadcast area.

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FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Tracy Johnson & Robyn Devitt

WEDNESDAY EARLY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets at 7:00AM at Jimmy’s



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets from 9:30-10:30AM on Wed mornings in the Conference Room in the lower level. We are studying Luther’s Small Catechism.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS join us in the lower-level Conference Room 10:30-11:15AM. Matthew – His Kingdom Forever The apostle Matthew writes his gospel to proclaim to the world that its promised Savior has come. Pointing to Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies, Matthew proclaims the universality of Jesus’ love. **Begins April 16th.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Our last Sunday for Sunday School is April 23rd.



***Engaging Film & Television with a Christian worldview.
Open to everyone, High School and Older***

Sundays at 6pm

Sunday, April 2nd @6:30pm

The Passion of the Christ

Sunday, April 16th @6-8pm

Field of Dreams

Sunday, April 23rd @6-7pm

Field of Dreams Discussion

Sunday, April 30th @6-8pm

Guardians of the Galaxy: Volume 1

Sunday, May 7th @6-7pm

Guardians of the Galaxy Discussion

Contact Pastor Neil with any questions. Schedule is subject to change.