

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

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April 6, 2025

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH.** We wish you God's richest blessings during your time with us. **Green prayer cards are available on the Welcome Center or 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.*

“**THE WHOLE STORY**” reading the Bible in a year for 2025 – get your monthly calendar for daily readings, **April Reading Calendars available on the Welcome Center.**

**FLAT JESUS** We encourage everyone (all ages) who got a Flat Jesus to carry the Flat Jesus with you, keep him in your car, or at work, etc.. We also encourage you to share Flat Jesus with someone you know, grand kids, other adults. Send in your pictures we would love to post them or share them on the screens, with our announcement slides [stpaulidagrove@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulidagrove@gmail.com)

**If you post on your own Facebook page use #thewholestory25 and #stpaulidagrove**

**EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN UP** - if you plan to attend Easter Breakfast there is a sign up sheet on the table, so the youth can have an idea of how to plan for the preparation of food they will serve. You are still welcomed to come the day of the breakfast.

**EASTER BREAKFAST DONATION SHEETS** are on table in the Narthex and also a **VOLUNTEER SIGN UP** for Youth & Parents (6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades) your help is needed to set up and to help serve.

**EASTER LILIES**, if you are wanting to share an Easter Lily with the congregation, please contact the church office 364-2918, to adopt an Easter Lily (cost is \$18)

Also if you have ordered in the past and want to have a lily, please check with church office to make sure you are on the list.

**DAILY CHAPEL** There will be Daily Chapel Services, No Chapel on Tues. April 8 or on Fridays

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> @12:15-12:45pm

April 14<sup>th</sup>-April 17<sup>th</sup> @12:15-12:45pm

April 21<sup>st</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> @ 12:15-12:45pm

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP** w/Communion and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade First Communion, **APRIL 17** at 6:30PM, Good Friday Worship at 6:30PM, Saturday, Easter Vigil at 5:00PM, Easter Sunrise at 6:30AM, Easter Breakfast 7:30AM, Easter Service at 9:00AM, **NO Sunday, April 20 5:00PM Service**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**

**USHERS:**

**ACOLYTE: SUNDAY 9 AM:** Avery

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM**

**USHERS:**

**ACOLYTE:** Ushers

**CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

Sunday 4/6/2025	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> w/Communion– Live Streamed	<b>9:00AM</b>
	<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>10:15AM</b>
	<b>Sunday School &amp; High School</b>	<b>10:15-11:15AM</b>
	<b>Bible Class</b>	<b>10:30-11:15AM</b>
	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> w/Communion	<b>3:30PM</b>
	<b>Reading for today Deuteronomy 22-25and Psalm 96</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
Monday	<b>Reading for today: Deuteronomy 26-28 and Psalm 97</b>	
	<b>Bells</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
Tuesday	<b>Reading for today: Deut. 29:1 -31:29 and Psalm 98</b>	
Wednesday	<b>Reading for today: Deut. 31:30-34:12and Psalm 99</b>	
	<b>Bible Study at Jimmy’s</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
	<b>Bible Study in the Conference Room</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>
	<b>Cross Explorations – grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4:00-5:00PM</b>
	<b>Catechism (Confirmation) grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> will go to the</b>	<b>4:00-5:15PM</b>
	<b>Bowling Alley from school parents pick up between 3:45-4</b>	
	<b>LENTEN WORSHIP</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
Thursday	<b>Golden Horizons</b>	<b>2:00PM</b>
	<b>Reading for today: John 1-2 and Psalm 100</b>	
Friday	<b>Reading for today: John 3-4 and Psalm 101</b>	
Saturday	<b>Reading for today: John 5-6 and Psalm 102</b>	
Sunday 4/13/2025	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> – Live Streamed	<b>9:00AM</b>
	<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>10:15AM</b>
	<b>Sunday School, High School</b>	<b>10:15-11:15AM</b>
	<b>Bible Class</b>	<b>10:30-11:15AM</b>
	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>3:30PM</b>
Palm Sunday	<b>Reading for today: John 7-8 and Psalm 103</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>

Offering this week:\$      Attendance      Sunday Morning:      Sunday Evening: 21  
Lent: 58

Updated calendar (with change to chapel services, added the time for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Sharing)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** will sing at Golden Horizons Sunday, April 6, during Sunday School time

**CATECHISM GRADES 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>** will go to the Bowling Alley from school, parents pick up between 3:45 and 4:00PM at the Bowling Alley

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Deuteronomy 6:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>“Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the just decrees that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, <sup>2</sup>that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son’s son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. <sup>3</sup>Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>4</sup>“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

## EPISTLE

*Hebrews 9:11–15*

<sup>11</sup>When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. <sup>15</sup>Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 8:46–59*

<sup>46</sup>“Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? <sup>47</sup>Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.” <sup>48</sup>The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” <sup>52</sup>The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ <sup>55</sup>But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.



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## In Our Thoughts Prayers

Corry Gordon - ruptured appendix

Declan Conover, upcoming doctor visit

Dennis Clausen, upcoming knee surgery

Gregg Streck upcoming heart surgery

Larry Albrecht upcoming heart surgery (stents)

Family and friends of Lanny Hustedt, who passed away this past week

### *Please continue to pray for healing for those listed below:*

Erin Nielsen Lois Jensen Shirley Havener Jolene Ladwig  
Makayla Bell Stella Turnbull Austin Mollhoff Jeff Pierce  
Rose Schuldt Jim Wilcox Seth Hamann Mark Queen Dan Grell  
Kenton Petersen Erin DeBoer Diane Olsen Sue Bubb Mike Bubb  
Greg Lewiston Ashley Collins Trisha McCormick  
Tiffany Lindberg David Johnson Mary Riggs Jared Lund  
Bud Jepsen Deanna Roeder Elvin Flores

### **April Birthdays this week:**

April 6 Laurie Krayenhagen April Lichtenberg  
April 8 Kathy Edsen Valerie Krager  
April 9 Duane Ernst Jolene Jepsen Aidin Johnson Brandi Sharkey  
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

**COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS April: Breakfast items: pancake mix, syrup, cereal, cereal bars, peanut butter, jelly, etc.** Place your donation in the shopping cart in the Narthex or hallway. All items are appreciated as well, as they can always use donations. The Community Basket is open on Thursdays (except 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM. **\*\*They can always use toilet paper, laundry soap, shampoo & conditioner, canned vegetables, canned fruits & canned soups.**

## LWML UPCOMING DATES

As a reminder all women of the church are a part of LWML and you are welcome to any of these activities whether you are active or not currently with a circle. If you are wanting to start a Bible study group or an active circle that you don't currently belong to, let Shar Osborn, Nancy Schoen or Diane at the church office know and if you need anything let us know

**LWML ZONE SPRING RALLY will be here at St. Paul on Saturday, April 26, Pastor Keith Haney will be our speaker, his topic, John 4:7-31 the parable of the woman at the well will be his topic for Rally. Pastor Keith Haney is the Assistant to the District President for Missions, Human Care, and Stewardship Everyone is welcome!**

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **MIDWEEK/WEDNESDAY CLASSES April 9 EARLY OUT / LAST CLASS**

6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> will go from school to Bowling alley.

3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades will have a special treat here at church, some class time and games.

### Sunday School Schedule for April

April 6 – Sunday School & Sing at Golden Horizons

April 13 – Sunday School

April 20 – No Sunday School

Easter Sunday

April 27 – Last Sunday School

### **VBS will be June 16-19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 9:30AM-11:30AM**

For grades that were completed this past year:  
4 year old preschool -5<sup>th</sup> grade