



"Today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:43

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

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Sunday, March 5, 2023

WELCOME! We're glad you're here!

Whether this is your first time at St. Paul, or you're a "regular," we hope you see that our welcome mat is out for you. If you're a guest with us for the first time, we hope you'll find today's experience helpful to you, and you are invited back any Sunday at 8:30 AM or 11:00 AM.

Ushers are standing by to assist you in locating a seat, directing you to restrooms, coat racks, and to our nursery.

Nursery is available for children ages 3 and under. An usher will be happy to direct you to our Nursery where parents may care for infants, and rambunctious toddlers will find a place to be ... themselves.

Kids' Activity Bags are filled with crayons and coloring booklets, and other quiet things to keep kids' attention. They are in the back of the worship center, or see an usher for these.

Worshippers who wish to receive Holy Communion are encouraged to thoroughly read the announcement on the following page regarding Communion reception.

SUNDAYS IN LENT



More Loving Words were Never Spoken! The Sundays leading up to Easter, we are listening again to Jesus' final words spoken while giving His life for us on the cross.

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP The 7 Greatest Words of Love. The weeks leading up to Easter we are listening again to Jesus' final words that He spoke while giving His life for us on the cross. Today we focus on His words, "Today you will be with Me in paradise." Jesus spoke these words to a criminal hanging next to Him on a cross. How could he have enough time to do good things to pay off his wrongs? That moves us to ask today, "How does a person get to heaven?"

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Heavenly Father, as I worship You today, lift up my eyes to You. Strengthen my faith in You, because my help comes from You alone. Reassure me that I am never alone, for You know me inside and out, you even know every word I speak before they are on my tongue. Your love for me is so great! Amen.

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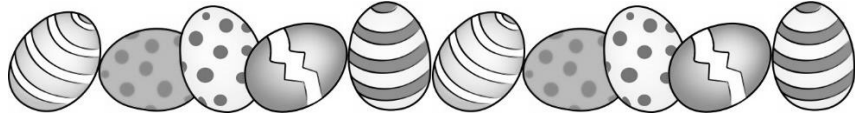
New Neighbors are looking for where they will go Easter morning. You can easily invite your new neighbor to St. Paul with a beautiful Easter-themed gift basket that says "welcome to the neighborhood." It's full of seasonal decorations, snack foods, community information, and an invitation to join us at St. Paul. New neighbors love these gifts! All you have to do to give a basket to your new neighbor is fill out the form by the gift basket in the narthex and stuff it in the box.

Greeting Card Making! Tap into your artistic skills you didn't know you had in you. Learn to stamp, cut, and paste to make beautiful greeting cards **on Saturday, March 11th @ 1pm at St. Paul.** We always make some for the shut-ins of the congregation. Please join us. We have a lot of fun! No experience necessary. Just a heart for serving.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
3/5 Food Collection Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM 3/6 Elders 6:30 PM 3/7 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM 3/8 Supper 5:45 PM Lenten Service 7 PM 3/9 "The Chosen" 7 PM 3/11 Card Making 1 PM	3/12 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM 3/14 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM 3/15 Supper 5:45 PM Lenten Service 7 PM 3/16 "The Chosen" 7 PM

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Organist	Oziah Wales
Elders	Jeff Krupp (E) Bruce McGlothlin, Bob Steindl (L)
Kids Church	Karen Vilagi
Readers	Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Bob Steindl (L)
Greeters	Judy Starbuck (E)
Altar Guild	Ann Conley, Linda Hargreaves
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Dan Streza, Chuck Draga, Danny Kemery, Bob Kemmerle (E)



St. Paul's Easter Party & Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 1, 2022 10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

A lot of hands will be needed to make this year's Easter Party run smoothly and easily. We will be inviting kids and families from our local community, and all the fun shares the *REAL* reason for joy – Jesus! **Plan now to help?** We will need candy donations and eggs filled. We will need prizes for the special eggs and prizes for the guessing jar. To volunteer talk to Sue Werner or email her at wernersuz@sbcglobal.net

Prayer Requests this Week: “The Lord is Near to all who Call on HIM.” *Psalm 148:18*

- Please pray for Wade & Marilyn Hubbard. Wade is back in the hospital due to weakness and both of them have covid19.
- Pray for Therese Strader who is going through a series of heart and lung procedures to help her breathe and have her normal energy.
- Pray for Ron Klein to get stronger as he is on oxygen at home.
- Pray for Isaac, the great-grandson of Ed & Gerri Deidrick, who broke his leg.
- Pray for Ron Fisher's mother, Ruby, who is in the hospital after a fall in which she broke both arms.
- Pray for Wyatt who was born premature, is still in the hospital, and is recovering from a surgery.
- Pray for Heather, a young mother of 3, who is in hospice care.
- Please pray for Patti Long (cousin of Carole Naro) who is in hospice care.
- Please pray for Pam Hundal who is now in hospice care.
- Please pray for Steven, (Geri Deidrick's son) whose cancer has returned after 4 years in remission. Pray for Laura Stanley, (Ron Muska's sister) who was just diagnosed with lung cancer; Nelson Paquette (cousin of Laurie Beran) who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; Sarah Perkins who has lung cancer; Brian Holmes who is in a trial treatment for his leukemia – pray that it works and he goes into remission, and pray that he can go back to work; Summer (Katie Steindl's godmother) in her long battle with cancer; Sherry (Kevin Starbuck's mother-in-law); Chris (sister-in-law of Virginia Warnock); and pray for Pat Kidder.
- Pray for those who have on-going chronic illnesses or shut-in: Charles Waryu, Don Lamoreaux and Don Gramer, Ruth Murdy, Wade Hubbard, Jack & Marilyn Green, Dorothy Barckert, Phyllis Darakis, Will & Lydia Rice, John Harden, Andy Lasko.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Sandy Binggeli, (continued)

Birthdays - Tabitha Krupp, Karen Lence, Gisela Bachman, Lauren Bender, Tyler Hopkins, Tyler Ody, Anita LaBella, Jenna Tatum

Wednesday Evening Lent Services at St. Paul



On Wednesday nights in the season of Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, we will open our lives up for some intense examination ... and for lots of healing with God's forgiveness and power to change. **Join us for “Seven Deadly Sins”! Invite a Friend!**

Wednesday Evening Lent Services

Wednesday March 8th @ 7 PM

Wednesday March 15th @ 7 PM

Wednesday March 22nd @ 7 PM

Wednesday March 29th @ 7 PM



Each Wednesday night Lent service begins at 7pm, and a supper for everyone is served from 5:45 - 6:45 pm. Suppers are simple and easy and for a free-will offering. Join us each Wednesday evening in Lent for good food, great friendship, and moving worship experiences!



Lenten Daily Devotions

Pick up your *Man of Sorrows, People of Joy* devotion booklet for Lent in the narthex (lobby) at St. Paul. They are free. You can have these devotions emailed to you every day if you wish. Sign up at www.lhm.org/devotions