



St. Paul's Easter Party & Egg Hunt!

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

There will be multiple hunts about every 20-25 minutes, and 1 special hunt for those with special needs @ 11:15am. Come and join us for a basketful of fun!

There will be a children's Easter message, egg hunts, crafts, cookie decorating, balloons, and of course, the Easter bunny! Grab all your friends and come have a great time!

Church members: A lot of hands will help make this run smoothly and easily. We will need candy donations and eggs filled. We will need prizes for the special eggs and prizes for the guessing jar.

Areas for helping:

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| Running the Eggs Hunts | Setting up Friday Night |
| Running the Crafts | Taking Down Saturday Afterwards |
| Cookie Baking | Cookie Decorating |
| Handing Out Prizes | Registration |
| Greeters | Running Games |
| Coffee Makers | Dressing like a Bunny |

**LAST DAY
to Sign Up!**

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

In-Person or Live Stream @ www.stpaulamherst.com

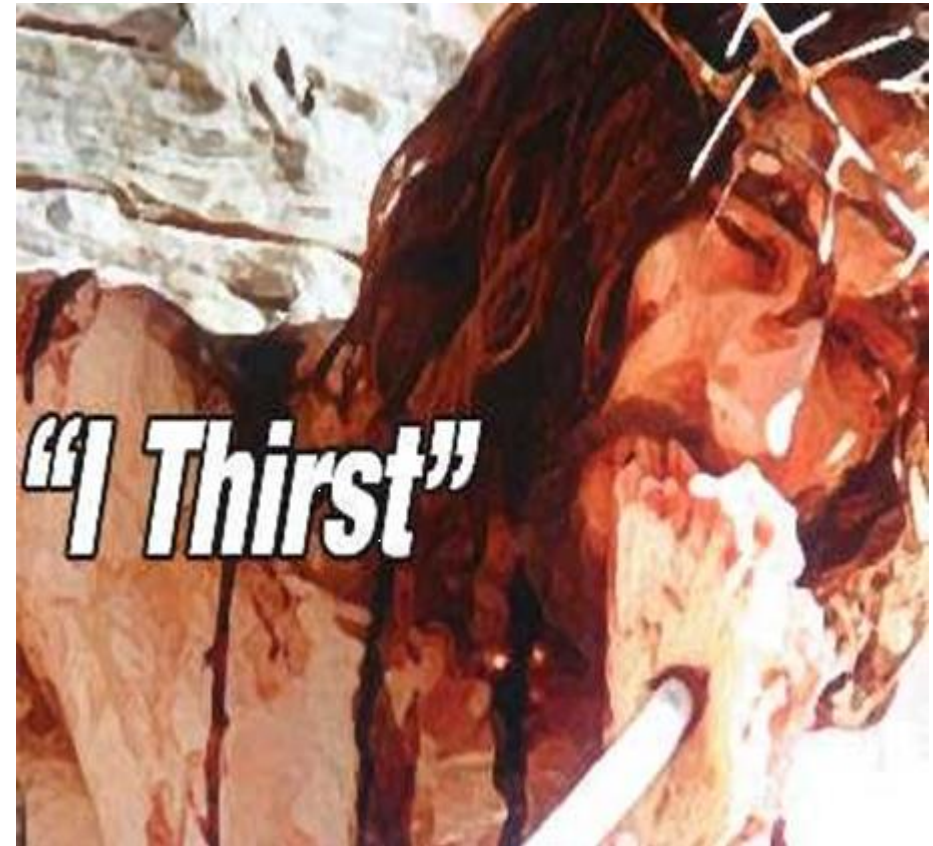
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7 GREATEST WORDS OF LOVE



St. Paul

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Sunday, March 26, 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.

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP The 7 Greatest Words of Love. The weeks leading up to Easter we are listening to Jesus' final words that He spoke while giving His life for us on the cross. Today we hear His fifth statement. Just before He died, near 3 pm in the afternoon, Jesus said, "I Thirst." Of all His words from the cross, this is the most human, and the simplest. The thirst of a person crucified was agonizing. The physical pain Jesus endured in His body was awful. In a lesser way, we suffer pain and sickness in our bodies. Jesus understands what we face, and this invites us to trust Him!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Through this season of Lent, O Lord, remind us often when we are feeling proud, arrogant, beyond reproach, pleased with ourselves, self-sufficient in our ways, that for such as us and better and worse You walked a road that took You to a cruel cross, and rose again to show us where we might look for rescue. Amen.

Ushers are standing by to assist you in locating a seat, directing you to restrooms, coat racks, and any other help you might need.

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.

Portals of Prayer daily devotions are free booklets available in the lobby area at St. Paul. Issues for the months of April - June are available now. Pick one up today.

Altar Guild will again be decorating the church with beautiful flowers for Easter. Please help defray the cost of the flowers by purchasing hyacinths, lilies, and mums for \$10 each. You are welcome to take your flowers home after the late service on Easter Sunday. Order form can be found in this bulletin. Thank you very much for your support!

Happy Times is a simple, easy-to-use resource to help families with preschool school-aged children share faith in Christ at home. Happy Times is full of age-appropriate stories, games, puzzles, and activities. Booklets are free, and April - May editions are available today on the resource wall in the lower narthex/lobby.

Christians in a Woke World Bible Study wraps up this week Tuesday, March 28th at 10 AM. How do we respond in love? Come and discover.

The Week That Changed The World - Bible study Tuesday, April 4th at 10 AM. You'll be fascinated by the real history of what happened Jesus' final week before His death on the cross. Pastor Werner is the leader. Please join us!

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
3/26 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM	4/2 Food Collection Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM
3/28 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM Women's Ministry 7 PM	4/4 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM
3/29 Supper 5:45 PM Lenten Service 7 PM	4/6 Maundy Thursday 7 PM
3/30 "The Chosen" 7 PM	4/7 Good Friday 7 PM
4/1 Easter Party 10 AM	

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Elders	Jeff Krupp (E) Bruce McGlothlin, Bob Steindl (L)
Kids Church	Sue Werner
Readers	Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Bryan Draga (L)
Acolyte	Steve Warnock (E)
Greeters	Nancy Beran, Ruth Williams (E)
Altar Guild	Fran Draga, Debbie Smith
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Dan Streza (E) Brad Draga (L)

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

- Pray for Shirley Brumfield who is home recovering.
- Pray for Bob Wiersum who is in the hospital in Florida with pulmonary embolism and circulation problems.
- Please pray for Wade Hubbard who is at Amherst Manor for rehabilitation therapy.
- Pray for Kuno Josupeit who is recovering after a mild heart attack and a blood infection, and recovering from COVID. He is at Amherst Manor for rehab therapy.
- Pray for Betty Heck who fell and broke bones. She is Mill Manor.
- 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 at home.
- Pray for Braylon, a child with a brain infection. Praise God he is out of ICU, and pray for continued recovery.
- Pray for Isaac, the great-grandson of Ed & Gerri Deidrick, who broke his leg, is back at school on crutches.
- Pray for Ron Fisher’s mother, Ruby, who is in a rehab facility after a fall in which she broke both arms.
- Pray for Eddie Daniels (friend of Ron & Tina Muska) who suffered serious back injuries in a collision with a deer. Praise God surgery was successful surgery and pray for a positive recovery.
- Praise God that a child, Riley, found out he doesn’t have cancer.
- 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; Heather, a young mother of 3, who has cancer; 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: Cheryl Kirschner, Josh Gallo, Geneva Buchanan, Pat Hyde, Jill Jiovanazzo, Judy Starbuck, Andrew Krause, Lori Kulp, Margaret Thomas, Evelyn Koch, Jeffrey Krupp, Matthew Rainey.

New Tables in Narthex - We are developing a new look in St. Paul’s lobby (narthex). We are creating an atmosphere for you to stop for a few minutes, linger, and engage in caring conversations with new guests and old friends. There will be more changes and re-arranges to take place in the coming months to build a welcoming atmosphere. One of our church’s Ministry Pillar’s is **LOVE**. The **Target** the congregation has adopted to continually strive for is:

“All St. Paul members will feel known, loved, and celebrated in Christ-centered relationships in the Body of Christ, and our love for one another will draw unbelieving people to the Church and to Christ.”

We thank our Guest Hospitality Team for the work they have been doing to foster these seeds of loving relationships!

Wednesday Evening Lent Service this week March 29th @ 7 PM



Join us this Wednesday as we continue our series on the 7 Deadly Sins. This week we consider the impact the sin of **Anger** has on our lives and in our hearts.

A supper for everyone is served from 5:45 - 6:45 pm, for a free-will offering in the Fellowship Hall. This Wednesday our Trustees are preparing a spaghetti dinner. Come for good food, good friendship, and for worship.

H O L Y W E E K S C H E D U L E

PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2023, 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023, 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023, 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023
CELEBRATION SERVICES, 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM**

INVITE FAMILY, FRIENDS, CO-WORKERS, OR NEIGHBORS to join you

at St. Paul to celebrate Easter with you!