

St. Paul Lutheran

April 2023 NEWSLETTER



From the Pastor:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! It's with great joy that we come together again and hear of our Lord's victory. For we've spent the last six weeks in quiet contemplation over our sin, learning what it means to be the church on Earth. Our Lenten series has shown us the uniqueness of the Church among the world and hopefully challenged many of our false ideas about the Church. But no study of the church is ever complete without Easter!

In jubilant song, we join together again celebrating our Lord's victory over sin, death, and the devil. For as we've learned, through baptism, you have been so joined and united with Christ that his victory becomes your victory. His triumph over the grave has made certain yours. For consider this in light of the Church. The church is defined by nothing else than Jesus. This is why the Church shall never fail. Christ has defeated the last enemy, namely death.

To be the Church is to be partakers of Christ's resurrection, not just at the end of time, but in time. We celebrate that Christ has won the victory. He's opened the way to eternity for us through his body and blood sacrificed on the cross and raised on the third day. But to think so narrowly of the resurrection blinds us to the full victory Christ has given us.


Christ has been raised from the dead so that we may be too. This is certain. As Paul writes, **"For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive," 1 Corinthians 15:22.** Christ has made us alive, has raised us to new life already in faith. Easter isn't just about having eternal life at the end of time, but about living that eternal life now! For how can the church not be changed or live differently knowing Christ's victory for us? Christ is in us, reviving us to the eternal and full life God always intended to be ours.

This Easter, we will still look to the cross. We will look towards Christ's death on our behalf and for our benefit. For we will remember that Christ truly died to redeem us, to conquer our last foes. The price he paid was great, but it just makes his victory all the greater! Indeed, see now the empty tomb and know that it was for you! Christ died, was buried, and was raised so that you may have eternal life... even now as his redeemed child by faith. Alleluia!

Pastor Sorenson

 **Happy Birthday!** 

Eldor Bethke- 4/5
Cliff Johnson- 4/5
Doris Liberty 4/9
Patricia Bronson- 4/21
Randall Buss- 4/29
Betty Johnson- 4/30

Altar Flowers 

April 2- (None)
April 9- Easter Flowers
April 16- Luanne Rommel for father's birthday.
April 23- (None)
April 30- (None)

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Serving in April

Altar Guild

Linda Williamson & Berta Nelson

Tellers

John and Linda Williamson

Ushers

April 2-

Jerry Meise, Jamie Meise, Dan Dierks

April 9-

Richard Beal, Randy Buss, Tom Niemczyk

April 16-

Rick Van Dusen, Ray Hellmer, Leo Lakpa

April 23-

Jerry Meise, Jamie Meise, Dan Dierks

April 30-

Richard Beal, Randy Buss, Tom Niemczyk

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 16– Leadership Meeting

April 25– Vets Connect

May 21– Voter’s Meeting

Holy Week

Join us as we celebrate again the passion of our Lord.

April 6– Maundy Thursday @ 6:00pm

April 7– Good Friday @ 2:00pm

April 9– Easter @ 9:30am

A special coffee hour will be held on Easter Morning from 8:30-9:30am, so come early to celebrate and enjoy some treats and fellowship!

Matching Funds Offering: Update

Our Matching Funds offering is running from now until May 28, 2023. We are looking to raise \$5,000 which will be MATCHED by a generous member of our congregation. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this challenge. Offerings must be indicated by marking “Matching Funds” on your offering envelope. You may also make a donation online at www.stpaulmadison.org/give.

\$1000

\$1000

\$930

\$1000

\$1000

As of March 27, we have raised **\$2,930 out of our goal of \$5000**. Thank you to all who have contributed!

WHY ARE FROGS SO HAPPY?



THEY EAT WHATEVER BUGS THEM

Serve on Leadership

The Leadership Board will have some openings for Officers, on the Board of Deacons and on the Board of Christian Women. **We will be electing members of the Leadership Board at the May 21st Voters Meeting.** The term for people elected will run from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025. To serve on the Leadership Board you need to be a regularly attending, communicant member of St. Paul Lutheran Church for at least the last 2 years. **If you are interested or have questions, please talk to Mary Butler, Bonnie Kaschinske or Linda Williamson by April 23rd.**

St Paul Financial Update

GENERAL FUND INCOME AND EXPENSES

February 2023 Actual Income	\$11,801.98
February 2023 Actual Expenses	\$18,495.73
February 2023 Net	-\$6,693.75

DEBT

Unpaid Balance on Mortgage Loan (2/28/2023)	\$176,465.68
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Thank you for your help!