

## *The Weekly Epistle*

### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES, APRIL 7:

FINANCE COMMITTEE AT **9:00 A.M.** IN THE COUNTING ROOM

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 A.M. ~ WORSHIP AT 10:30 A.M.

REV. KEN FINK, GUEST PASTOR AT 10:30 A.M. ~ *Thank you to Rev. Ken Fink for sharing the Word with us today!*

**70+ BANQUET** FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

YOUTH SUNDAY REHEARSAL FROM 4:00 P.M.-5:30 P.M.

**Kathy Ketchie Circle** will meet at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room with Cindy Alligood, Hostess/Leader.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S QUARTERLY MEETING AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL

*Deadline for Lilies and Sun Impatiens and sign up for Women of Faith April meeting is today.*

*The CHANCEL GREENERY is given to the Glory of God in loving memory of St. Paul's members who have gone on to the Church Triumphant that I have loved and cherished since my childhood by Barbara Upright.*

### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

**Staff Meeting** (Counting Room).....Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

**Executive Committee** (Counting Room).....Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Melissa Lura Circle** will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with Genevieve Baker, Hostess/Leader.

**Girl Scouts Troop 743**.....Tuesday at 6:45 p.m.

**Bonnie Bost Circle** will meet Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room with Karen Deal, Hostess/Leader.

*Bulletin announcement deadline* Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

**Lenten Supper** (Fellowship Hall).....Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

(Please sign up on the friendship pads if you will be attending. This will assist those preparing the food.

Menu this week by the Lutheran Men is Baked Potato and Salad Bar.)

**Lenten Wednesday Evening Service** (Sanctuary).....Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Adult Choir** (Music Room).....Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.

**Women of Faith** will meet Thursday at **10:00 a.m.** in the Conference Room. Following their Bible Study the group will eat out at a local restaurant. Please sign up on the Friendship Pad if you will be attending.

The **Lutheran Men** will meet at **6:30 p.m.** on **Thursday** for supper and an interesting program. All men are invited!

**High School Youth** will participate in a Rock-A-Thon Fundraiser from 5:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m. on Friday in the Fellowship Hall. There are two ways that you can help with this fundraiser: 1) seek one of the ten youth and receive information to sponsor them or 2) give to the Mission Trip Fund through the church offering. For a list of the participants or for more information please see the orange insert.

In addition to the Girl Scouts Tuesday meetings the Girl Scouts Community Service Day will be held at First Reformed Church in Landis from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Also, the Cadettes, Juniors, and Ambassadors will be at the Happy Valley Airfield in Mocksville on Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**First Communion Instruction** (Conference Room - see page 2).....Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-12 noon

**NEXT SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES (PALM SUNDAY), APRIL 14:**

**CHURCH COUNCIL AT 8:00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM**

The Christian Education Committee and the Sunday School Department are sponsoring a Breakfast Before Sunday School from 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship before attending Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 A.M. ~ WORSHIP AT 10:30 A.M.**

**REV. EDDIE PLESS, GUEST PASTOR AT 10:30 A.M.**

**VBS VOLUNTEER BRIEF MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTING ROOM**

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM**

**YOUTH SUNDAY REHEARSAL FROM 4:00 P.M.-5:30 P.M.**

From **5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.** the **High School Seniors** will meet to discuss and prepare scriptures and sermons for **Youth Sunday**.

**OUR LOVE and SYMPATHY** is extended to the Family of Betty Lou Shue Carver on her death, April 3.

***70+ Banquet***

*Today in the Fellowship Hall following Worship*

*Following the worship service today we will be honoring our members who are 70 years old and older for their commitment and love to St. Paul's over the years. We will be honoring them with a meal and fellowship.*

*There will be a basket on the table at the banquet in which to place your money. We hope those who are able will give additional money to help defray the cost of the meal honoring those 70+.*

**St. Paul's Lutheran Women** will have their next **QUARTERLY MEETING** today at **5:00 p.m.** in the **Chapel**. The Hama Lingle Circle will share devotions. At the meeting the women will discuss the upcoming Cruise 'n Barbecue, Mother's Day Banquet, and other activities and events coming up.

During the meeting the Lutheran Women will vote on whether the organization will pay for the Mother's Day Banquet meal in whole, part of, or none. Also, the Lutheran Women will be voting on changing the Women's Constitution on page 46, Article VI Section 2 Item 4e to read, " **Each quarterly business meeting \$200 will be disbursed as voted on by the majority present.**"

All women are invited to attend!

**INSTRUCTION** for "**FIRST COMMUNION**" will be held in the **Conference Room** on **Saturday, April 13, from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon**. The class is for all youth in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade or higher who are not presently receiving communion. One parent is requested to attend with their child. Please contact the church office if you are able to attend or need to schedule a different day for your child. This will assist us in preparations. Thank you!

## What's Happening During Holy Week at St. Paul's!

*Holy Week begins as we celebrate **Palm Sunday on Sunday, April 14, at 10:30 a.m.** We will remember Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, as he was heralded Lord of Lords and King of Kings. This service will prepare us for Holy Week as we walk with Christ to the Cross of Calvary and realize His dying in our place.*

DUE TO HOLY WEEK, ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21, WILL NEED TO BE TURNED INTO THE CHURCH OFFICE ON **MONDAY, APRIL 15, BY 10:00 A.M.**

*Lutheran Men will provide **Bingo** at the **NC Veteran's Retirement Home** on **Tuesday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m.***

**There will be no Wednesday Service on April 17 during Holy Week.**

*St. Paul's Friendship Club will meet on **Maundy Thursday, April 18, at 10:30 am** with Dr. Paul Baker as guest speaker. He will be sharing about Resurrection Teaching Ministries mission to the children, youth, and adults of Cambodia. After the program the group will enjoy a covered dish luncheon. Join us for an informative presentation, plus fellowship and food.*

On **Maundy Thursday, April 18**, we will be having a special service at **6:30 p.m.** This service reminds us of the example that Jesus gave his disciples – to serve and love each other as he served them. Most of all, we celebrate Maundy Thursday by remembering and sharing the liturgy of the upper room with Holy Communion. As the service is concluded with the chancel being stripped, reminding us of the New Covenant that God made with his people in the bloody sacrifice and death of his Son our Lord, Jesus Christ, at Calvary.

On **GOOD FRIDAY, April 19**, we will be having a special service at 6:30 p.m. This service reminds us of the passion of Holy Week, as we walk with Christ to His sacrificial death on the cross. Through Christ's death, our sins are forgiven and Jesus conquered death.

*Help is needed to setup the tables for the Easter Breakfast following the evening Good Friday service; those that can help are asked to meet in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.*

The Sunday School Department is sponsoring our annual **EASTER EGG HUNT** for Nursery – 5th grade. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Saturday, April 20, from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.** All Nursery - 5th graders are asked to please bring a basket for the Easter Egg Hunt. Plastic eggs and prizes will be provided for the hunt.

Your friends and family are invited to participate in this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Refreshments will be provided.

*The **Grade, Middle, and High School Youth** are to please bring **1 pack of 12 eggs** per family by 1:30 p.m. on **Saturday, April 20, to the Kitchen.***

### **EASTER SERVICES ON APRIL 21**

Please remember to bring flowers from your yard for the ivy-covered cross on Easter Sunday.

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** at 6:30 a.m. with special music and Holy Communion.

**EASTER BREAKFAST** at 7:30 a.m. served by our Youth program. The menu consists of: country ham, eggs, sausage, grits, and biscuits.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** at 9:30 a.m.

**EASTER SERVICE** at 10:30 a.m. again celebrating the resurrection message with special music and Holy Communion.

**Members of St. Paul's to remember in Prayer:**

**Josh Canup** - upcoming Thursday back surgery  
**Wilbur Canup** - recovering from surgery  
**Terry Eller** - upcoming April surgery  
**John Girdler** - health concerns  
**Myralyn Goodman** - health concerns  
**Peyton Holland** - blood disorder  
**Emerson Holder** - heart related issues  
**Richard Hughes** - health concerns  
**Don Lentz** - health concerns  
**Genine Miller** - health concerns  
**Mike Morris** - recovering from surgery  
**Haynes and Linda Shirley** - upcoming and recovering from surgery  
**Joyce Wilhelm** - health concerns

**Friends of St. Paul's to remember in Prayer:**

**Annabelle Barger** - 8 year old Classical Conversations student, at home recovering from pneumonia  
**Dustin Chapman** - Catawba Student/Adult Choir member, health concerns  
**Delinda Chilson** - daughter-in-law of David and Carole Chilson, recovering from a stroke  
**Catie Critchfield** - great granddaughter of Ed and Betty Niedens, recovering from heart surgery  
**Jill Hamilton** - friend of Mary Lee Earnhardt, diagnosed with MS  
**Gary Hinson** - son of Wayne and Bonnie Hinson, recovering from heart related surgery  
**Garrison Jones** - cousin of Jill Earnhardt, RN, Parish Nurse, heart related issues  
**Johnny Moore** - friend of Katie Funderburk, cancer  
**Merritt Plummer** - friend of Alan and Donna Lyerly, almost two years old with cancer  
**Linda Smith** - friend of Brenda Julian, health concerns  
**Elizabeth Tancordo** - niece of Bill and Linda Behrendt, health concerns

*Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. If a correction is needed or you would like a name removed or added please contact the church office. In an effort to keep the list current, we will update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis.*

**Homebound and Long-Term Care:**

**Autumn Care:** Bonnie Casper  
**Genesis:** Mary Sherrill  
**Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:** Catherine Allison, Kathleen Brown, Riley Burton, Betty Monday, and Barbara Whisnant

**Other Nursing Home Facilities:** Betty Carver (Ivy Hall in Georgia), Dot Goodman (Stanback), Martha Hopkins (Brookdale Assisted Living), Zelia Padgett (The Laurels) and Dico Wilhelm (Five Oaks)

**Home:** Lloyd Casper, Edna Chapman, John and Louise Cornelison, Barbara Deese, Sonya Eller, Phillip Harkey, Ruby Heilig, Jack Hendren, Chuck and Linda Hess, Shirley Hoosier, Doug and Susan Lyerly, James Monday, Mike and Joyce Morris, Carrie Reavis, Bill Reissner, Carolyn Rufty, Oleba Sebastian, Willie Shaver, Dorothy Sherrill, Delcie Smith, Walter Smith, Dottie Stancil (Longs, SC), Henrietta Tallardy, Jane Troutman, Barbara Upright, Helen Wagoner, Arline Weaver, Polly Webb, and Kathy Yost

**Ministry Partners to remember in Prayer:**

Binns-Counts Community Center  
Food for Thought  
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ  
Lutheran Services Carolinas  
Meals on Wheels  
Rowan Helping Ministries  
Rowan One Church One Child  
Samaritan's Purse

*The following is a suggested list, although all items are greatly appreciated. **RHM foods for April** are: Instant Rice, Ramen Noodles, Vienna Sausages, Spam, Oatmeal, Grits, Cake mixes, Mac and Cheese, Soups, and Feminine products.*