



"Lazarus, come out!"

We are familiar with the Gospel account of how Jesus called Lazarus, his good friend and brother of Mary and Martha, from the grave. Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days. However, that didn't stop Jesus. The raising of Lazarus was a most indisputable proof of the power Jesus had over death.

This miracle was performed by our Lord just about one month before his miraculous rising from the grave, and so it might be said that he was previewing his own resurrection. The resurrection of Lazarus also gives certainty to all who trust in Jesus that this is a preview of our own glorious rising.

Someone once said, "If Jesus had not called Lazarus by name, the whole graveyard at Bethany would have emptied its tombs." Such is the power of a word of Jesus. He speaks and the grip of death is broken. At the Last Day, the Scripture says, "all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out."

Think of the scene at Bethany when at the command of the Lord Jesus, Lazarus came walking out of the tomb that had held his dead, decaying body for four days. It's an astounding picture, especially as we visualize him with the graveclothes still bound about him.

Now, transfer the picture to the Day of Judgment and imagine, if you can, the millions of graves in the world opening at the same time and all the bodies coming out alive. From the smallest, oldest cemetery to the battle field to the depths of the ocean, the dead will rise and will come before Jesus for Judgment, summoned by his voice.

There is at least one important difference between our rising on the Last Day and the rising of Lazarus. Lazarus was raised from the dead to continue this life until the natural processes of death took over again. We shall be raised in a glorified body that cannot die again.

We see something of that difference indicated by the graveclothes in the resurrect of Lazarus and of Jesus. Lazarus, still in his earthly body, came out of the tomb struggling with the clothes still binding him. Jesus, in his glorified body, rose free from the graveclothes which remained in their place where he had laid. The glorified body will not be hindered by earthly things as our earthly bodies would be. We shall have glorified bodies eternally free of decay and disease.

Easter guarantees us that we shall be like the Lord who will call us from the grave. We shall "see him as he is." We shall be caught up to meet him in the clouds of heaven and we shall live with him forever. Death and grave will no longer threaten our well-being. Joy and thanksgiving will fill our lives. It will be a wonderful day for us when the Lord will shout for all the dead to come out.

The beautiful account of the raising of Lazarus is recorded in John 11. Read this comfort-filled preview of our own resurrection from the dead.

Pastor Kenneth Frey
(adapted from an article by Rev. Dennis Himm)

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Worship Schedule

Sunday services: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Monday evenings: 6:00 p.m.

***Note on 5/29 our Summer Schedule begins, with services at 8am & 9:30 am on Sundays. Mondays at 6pm. Our 8am Sunday services are on facebook live and can also be heard on WNAM 1280 AM.**

Series Theme: VICTORIOUS - To the world he seemed like a defeated man: opposed and killed by his enemies, his followers scattered in fear. Yet three days after Jesus' death he rose victorious from the dead. Nothing would ever be the same. The rest of eternity is now a victory march for the risen Christ. During Easter, we should not think of ourselves as passive observers in Christ's victory. We are more than fans cheering for our favorite athlete! Rather, we are active participants in Christ's triumph. Just as his death was our death, so also his life is our life. Buried with Christ in baptism, our life is now hidden with him on high. The victory is ours, now and forever. Easter is more than a day. It is an entire joyful season. The six solemn weeks of Lent are eclipsed by seven weeks of unbridled joy. These seven weeks correspond to the period of fifty days on the Jewish calendar between Passover and Pentecost. The Church reserves its highest praise for the Easter season. We do not merely watch from the sidelines as Christ marches in victory over sin, death, Satan, and hell. We join in the festal procession!

5/1, 5/2	Easter 3 – Sight Marches Victorious Over Blindness
5/8, 5/9	Easter 4 – Fulfilled Works March Victorious Over Empty Words
5/15, 5/16	Easter 5 – Selfless Love Marches Victorious Over Self-Glorification
5/22, 5/23	Easter 6 – Joy Marches Victorious Over Circumstance

5/26	Ascension / Graduation – Power from Heaven Marches Victorious to the Ends of the Earth
5/29	Easter 7 – Unity Marches Victorious in Diversity (No Mon. service – Memorial Day)

Official Acts

Forever with the Lord:

Beverly Zamzow departed this life on April 10th, 2022 at the age of 94 years, 2 months, and 13 days.

Ila Abitz departed this life on April 14th, 2022 at the age of 94 years, 7 months, and 13 days.

Donna Fazel departed this life on April 18th, 2022 at the age of 73 years, 4 months, and 24 days.

Transfer In:

Nancy Albright

Andrew & Lindsey Chesbro and child

Jake & Angela Carrel and children

Transfer Out:

Keith & Tracy Woods

Released:

Teri Bagley

Baptized:

Bennett Parker Uecker, son of Brian & Karen Uecker

Financials through March 31st

	Mar.	July – Mar.
Income	\$ 187,224	\$ 1,790,162
Expense	\$ 217,267	\$ 1,784,759
Behind / Ahead	\$ -30,043	\$ 5,403

All bills are paid; all obligations are met.

School News

Mission Statement:

Using God's Word as our guide, St. Paul Lutheran School will raise up future generations of Christians in our community by assisting parents in the Christian teaching of their children and by striving for excellence in all areas of instruction.

Call News: The voters of St. Paul Lutheran Ministries have issued a divine call to Mr. Guy Gast to serve as 6th grade homeroom teacher, departmentalized science in the upper grades, and school technology coordinator. Guy Gast currently serves at Immanuel Lutheran School in Manitowoc, WI. Please keep him and his wife Katherine in your prayers as he deliberates the two calls he is now holding- to St. Paul and Immanuel. Please reach out to him via email (ggast@ilutheran.org) or phone (920-684-0876) to offer your support and words of encouragement.

Confirmation: The first Sunday in May is always set aside as our student confirmation (10:30 service). We

congratulate the following young people from St. Paul on their confirmation: Haidyn Berger, Lucas Hansen, Kody Holtz, Caleb Huth, Brynnlee Jeffries, Lillian Kraus, Joseph McGinley, Wyatt Schlueter, Julia Toppe, Ella Uhlenbrauck, Alyssa Wachtendonk, and Steele Wilson. May you live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life! Congratulations!

Graduation: The St. Paul closing Graduation/Ascension Service will be held on Thursday, May 26th at 6pm. Congratulations and God's blessings to our 2022 8th Grade Graduates: Anna Dvorak, Brooklyn Frye, Ian Holmes, Eliot Kelley, Lilly Kelly, Leland Morey, Hunter Neider, Gwen Pfefferle, Tabitha Potter, Jacob Ramirez, Jack Schlueter, Isaac Schultz, Laura Selig, Ragen Volhard, Reese Volhard, Rowen Volhard, and Will Volkman. *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jer. 29:11*

LWMS

LWMS Meeting: All women of St. Paul are invited! Thursday, May 19th at 6:30 pm St. Paul LWMS will meet in the church basement. Come and learn how our congregation is supporting missionaries and their families. We will be voting on LWMS Board of Directors and mission projects of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society.

LWMS meets 4 times throughout the year. After a break during the summer months, we will meet again on Thursday, September 15th.

"I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith."
Romans 1:11-12

A message from Deborah Witte, Zambia, Africa:

My husband Dan and I, along with our youngest son, Drew, moved to Lusaka, Zambia, in December 2019, to teach and learn from our Christian brothers and sisters in ministry in Lutheran churches across Africa. Dan directs degree programs for national pastors who are seeking formal continuing education. We both interact with the Lutheran Church of Central Africa seminary students and their wives to exchange language and cultural training. As Paul says in Romans 1, we are 'mutually encouraged by each other's faith.' It is a blessing to serve alongside these faithful servants of the gospel.

We are proud of the 2020 Lutheran Church of Central Africa (LCCA) vicar graduates and their wives. These eight men have completed three years of study at the LCCA Lutheran Bible Institute in Lilongwe, Malawi, followed by three years of seminary at the LCCA Seminary in Lusaka, Zambia. Graduation Day is not only the day they finish their formal seminary training, but it is also the day they receive their vicar assignments. After one year of

vicaring, these men will receive their full-time call into pastoral ministry within the Lutheran Church of Central Africa. Their assignments are made within their home countries.

My husband and I have six children. Five live in the US, and Drew (age 13) lives here in Zambia. Our high-school aged son Donovan (age 16) remained in the US due to health conditions that require medications not available here. Our oldest daughter, Deanna, graduated in 2019 from the University of South Florida, where she earned her master's degree in medical studies. Our other children are Danae, married in July 2020 in Chicago (due to Covid-19 and international travel restrictions we were not able to attend her wedding), David, who works in Melbourne, FL, and Daria, who is a sophomore at Wheaton College in the western suburbs of Chicago. We miss them all terribly, and we thank God for how well He cares for them.

Deborah Witte, Zambia, Africa

Easter 4 Kids Thank You

Thanks to the 31 volunteers who helped share God's word through our Easter 4 Kids event on April 9. We had a wonderful volunteer team! With your help, the Easter message was shared with 57 children ranging in age from 4 – 12. Thanks, too, to those students who invited friends who do not have a church home, and to those parents who invited friends to bring their children. All attendees seemed to have fun, and much more importantly, learned (or had the Easter message reinforced) that Jesus died for our sins, and then rose victoriously from the grave on that first Easter Sunday as proof of his power and victory over sin, Satan and death.



Mother/Daughter Banquet - May 10

Women's Ministry would like to invite all Moms and Daughters to come to our potluck dinner on Tuesday, May 10. Make your favorite dish or dessert and join us for fun and fellowship. It will be held in the church basement – reception begins at 5:30pm, dinner at 6pm. The handicap entrance will be available.

St. Paul Brat Fry, Rummage & Outreach Event

We're excited to share that we're once again going to host a Rummage & Outreach event, complete with a Brat fry. The change? This year we're going to extend the sale TWO days! **Dates:** Friday & Saturday, June 3 & 4



How can you help?

Donations: You can begin bringing your donations to the back of the stage in the gym starting Friday, May 6. Please, no large appliances or tube TV's. **Please sort your donations by category, meaning kids' clothes in one bag/box, men's in another, etc. This will help for easier set up.

Volunteers: We will need volunteers to help sort, price and set up the rummage sale, as well as volunteers to work the brat fry. Please contact Ann Pfefferle at 920-450-5530 or ABPfefferle@gmail.com to volunteer or for any questions.

ECC Update

The 4k class has been learning our letters and letter sounds along with counting. We have been learning to rhyme, putting words together and pulling words apart. We also have been learning about secret letters and their sounds along with the Secret Stories 'Better Alphabet' song. We have learned about where we live, different kinds of animals, different birds and our five senses. We are continuing to learn about our Savior and the marvelous things that he has done for us. We are going to be learning about measurements by length, weight, more or fewer. We are going to finish up the school year learning about sports, pond life, gardening, bugs/insects, and camping.

Michele Jeske, 4k Lead Teacher

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church and School Project Wish List

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| 1. Small Playground Improvements | ? |
| 2. Refinish Pews | \$40,000 |
| 3. Classroom doors | \$29,000 |
| 4. Loan payoff | \$253,616 |
| 5. School Bathroom Remodel | ? |

Any donations (large or small) given toward these items is greatly appreciated. Some of these items/projects have been purchased/completed and we are looking for members to help in covering any part of the costs involved. For a closer look at these items as well as giving options, including 'Easy Tithe', please follow this link: [Wish List Giving](#).

FVL News

Future Freshman Night is Mon., April 25. Parents and 8th graders are invited to attend this special evening designed just for them! Whether you have enrolled or are investigating your options, please join us for information and fun. Go to fvls.org/future for info and registration.

Special Hours - The School and SCRIP Offices will close at 3 PM on Wednesday, April 27.

FVL's Mission Advancement Office is hosting a free

informational seminar as a service to Federation members. Join us at FVL on Wed., April 27 to hear from a financial planner and an attorney regarding Long Term Care. Event begins at 6 PM. Go to fvls.org/seminar to register and get information.

FVL's Annual Electronics Recycling Drive is coming April 29 & 30. Check fvls.org/recycle for a list of recyclable items and potential fees.

24 International Students need host families to be able to attend FVL in 2022-23. Our waiting students are from China, S. Korea, Italy, France, Germany, Spain and Thailand. Students stay for 9 months and pay their own expenses. Families receive a stipend to offset costs. Contact Monica Uhlenbrauck (muhlenbrauck@fvls.org). This is a wonderful ministry opportunity for your family!

Registration for FVL Youth Sports & Summer Camps remains open. Find out more at fvls.org/youth-sports