

MISSION & OUTREACH

Will meet on Wednesday, **May 8 at 9:00 a.m.** Little Dresses. (Potluck Lunch)

DO-DAY

Will **NOT** meet during the summer months of **May, June, and July.**

BIBLE STUDY

Sack Lunch Bible Study will meet on Tuesdays, **May 7, 14, 21 & 28** at 12:30 p.m. in the church lounge.

Men's Early Risers will meet at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesdays, **May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29** at Cook's Café.

ST. PAUL YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Jr. High Youth: May 1, 8 & 15 **(5:00-6:20 p.m.)** Youth Group Meets - Meal Served

Sr. High Youth: May 1 **(7:30-8:30 p.m.)** Youth/Parents/Pastor Night
May 8 & 15 **(7:30-8:30 p.m.)** Wednesday Youth Small Group
May 2 & 9 **(7:30 p.m.)** Thursday Youth Small Group
May 26 **(8:45 a.m.)** Seniors Meet At Church - Graduates Recognition

St. Paul Lutheran Church LIVE Radio Broadcast Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on KIWA - FM 100.7 and AM 1550.

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2019 RADIO BROADCAST/FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR/COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

The sign-up charts are located on the balcony bulletin board. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored or volunteered for any of these special services for St. Paul.

Please notify the office (324-3049) for any changes, additions, or cancellations.

Radio Broadcast Open Dates: May 5, 12, 19; June 16, 30; July 14, 21; September 8, 29; October 20, 27; December 1, 8, 15, 22, 24(4:30 p.m.), 29. To sponsor a radio broadcast it is \$80.



 **Coffee Fellowship Open Dates:** July 7, 14, 21, 28; August 11, 18, 25; September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; October 6, 13, 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17, 24; December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Cookies and bars are optional. Please check the kitchen to make sure you have coffee and juice to serve. If you would like to be on the volunteer list for Coffee Fellowship to serve on an open Sunday, please call the church office.

Flowers On The Altar Open Dates: May 5, 12, 19; June 16, 23, 30; July 14, 28; August 4, 11, 18, 25; September 1, 8, 22, 29; October 13, 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17; December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.



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GERANIUMS: Donations due by Sunday, June 2.

I/We would like to contribute towards the purchase of geraniums to help beautify our church for **Pentecost Sunday, June 9.** Please bring this form to the church office by Sunday, June 2.

Name _____ Amount \$_____.

PASTORAL ACTS

First Communion: Rachel Besaw, Emma Boone, Sophie Meyer, Bella Michels, and Sam Nissen.

Wedding: Tyler and Alexandra (Nagel) Fischer.

Dropped By Request: Vickie Quinones.

Transferred Out: Thomas Hemmingstad, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Elk Point, SD.

YEARLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

MARCH

Total Income	\$ 23,877.28
Total Expense	\$ 24,475.53
Income Less Expense	\$ (598.25)
Fiscal Year Income	\$ 60,273.67
Fiscal Year Expense	\$ (63,452.19)
Fiscal Year Income Less Expense	\$ (3,178.52)

Carpet Remodel Balance 4/15/19 \$21,805.31



SECURITY SYSTEM

We began using our new security system on April 22. The church is now locked 24/7, except for funerals, weddings, fundraisers, etc. Please use either door with the intercom system on the parking lot north entrance or the front east doors for entry into the church. Security System Operation: Sunday - Doors Open - 8:15-9:05 AM; 10:05-10:25 AM; 11:15-11:30 AM. Wednesday - Doors Open - 4:45-5:10 PM; 6:10-6:40 PM. Intercom Answered - 6:30 AM-9:00 PM. (Will not be answered on holidays.) PLEASE NOTE: There is a delay time if Intercom is being answered after work hours.

FUNDRAISER EVENT FOR THE TRACY FAMILY

Please join us for a benefit supper on Monday, May 6 at St. Paul Lutheran Church from 5-7 p.m. All proceeds will benefit John and Jacinda Tracy and their infant daughter, Braelynn. They will be serving hamburgers, brats, hotdogs, chips, beans, and desserts. Questions - contact Juanita Rodger.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

New Member Sunday is on May 19. All those who have expressed interest in becoming members of St. Paul Lutheran will be contacted in the coming week to see when preparation meetings can be held. For those new to the Lutheran church, we'll offer a time to learn about what Lutherans believe. Another meeting will be held to just get better acquainted with the life of our congregation. See Pastor Craig with any questions. Please help us welcome visitors and new members!

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations and welcome to the students who have completed their First Communion instruction. Students who received First Communion on Maundy Thursday: Rachel Besaw, Emma Boone, Sophie Meyer, Bella Michels, and Sam Nissen.



2019 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

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Congratulations to the graduating Class of 2019!!!

**Taylor Adams
Blake Boone
Carter Nissen**

**Caroline Badberg
Michelle DeYoung
Jack Stevenson**

**Daniel Bents
Trista Helmers
Jeremy Wollmuth**

RECOGNITION OF SENIOR GRADUATES

Seniors and parents, in honor of the graduating seniors, we would like to recognize our seniors on Sunday morning during the 9:00 a.m. worship service on May 26. Please make sure the pictures are to the church office no later than May 12. Parents will be receiving a letter in the mail regarding Graduation Sunday.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The 22nd Mayor's National Day of Prayer for Sheldon will be held on Thursday, May 2 at Living Water Community Church at 6:15-7:30 a.m. with a freewill offering. Reservations needed by April 29 (call or text 712-541-1502). A prayer walk through the worship center and pray at various stations for our nation from 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. At 6:15-8:30 p.m. a national observance from United States Capitol in Washington D.C. will be live streamed with special guests are Brooklyn Tabernacle Singers, Nick Hall (founder of Pulse), Sammy Rodriguez, National Hispanic Leader and many others.

ANNUAL KITCHEN CLEANING DAY!!!

On June 5, St. Paul will have their annual Kitchen Clean-up from 9:00 -?? Come and go as you can. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the kitchen if you are not able to help that day and you would like to help at other times.



COLLECTING FOOD FOR LOVE INC/UPPER DES MOINES IN JUNE

St. Paul Lutheran is assigned the month of June to collect food for Upper Des Moines Opportunity and Love INC. There will be a list of items and boxes set up in the narthex in June. Prayerfully consider giving a food donation.

LOVE INC: Applesauce, Canned Peaches, Canned Pears, Velveeta Cheese, Fruit Juice, Spam, Cookie Mix, Baking Chips (chocolate, peanut butter, butterscotch, etc.).

UPPER DES MOINES OPPORTUNITY: Cereal, Soup, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Boxed Mac-n-Cheese, Ravioli, SpaghettiOs.

TOUCH OF HOPE HAITI

St. Paul has an ongoing mission started by our youth to support Lensley Raymond from Simonette, Haiti. This sponsorship will help with his school expenses each year. If you would like to make a donation towards Lensley's school tuition through your offering, there is a dedicated fund set up (Touch of Hope Haiti).

From Pastor Craig

Easter has happened. CHRIST IS RISEN! The tomb is empty.

Easter has happened. And it always brings clarity for me. Easter, for me, always confronts the notion of the church as a club, an institution, a business, and always redirects me back to the idea of people who are transformed — people on a mission.

Easter has happened. CHRIST IS RISEN! The tomb is empty.

What is your response? Are you just beginning to really take the situation to heart, to take steps of faith? Are you being dragged against all your doubt and resistance into something irresistible and compelling? Have you finally put your life in Christ and come Home?

CHRIST IS RISEN! The tomb is empty.

That means new life for you as well. Resurrection is possible every where, for everyone. You can be raised from whatever failure haunts you. You can be raised from whatever grave this life has laid you. Christianity is not a membership, it's a relationship (a personal connection) with the Source of all Good and Love. This is a way of being, and awareness, a perspective, a way of relating to other people that displaces what often passes for 'great' or 'important' from the world's point of view. It needs practice, immersion, abiding, complete surrender, and glad reception.

"Though Christianity seems at first to be all about morality, all about duties and rules and guilt and virtue, yet it leads you on, out of all that, into something beyond. One has a glimpse of a country where they do not talk of those things, except perhaps as a joke. Everyone there is filled full with what we should call goodness as a mirror is filled with light. But they do not call it goodness. They do not call it anything. They are not thinking of it. They are too busy looking at the source from which it comes." C. S. Lewis

Waking up in a world where the disposition of God has been believed and can now be lived.

"Now: unlike ourselves, the Father of Jesus loves men and women, not for what He finds in them, but for what lies within Himself. It is not because men and women are good that He loves them, nor only good men and women that He loves. It is because He is so unutterably good that He loves all persons, good and evil . . . He loves the loveless, the unloving, the unlovable. He does not detect what is congenial, appealing, attractive, and respond to it with His favor. In fact, He does not respond at all. The Father of Jesus is a source. He acts; He does not react. He initiates love. God is love without motive." Brennan Manning

Seek out people who can affirm and live that with you. We all need people to encourage us when we struggle, when we're having tough days, when we fail, when life does hard stuff to us, when we doubt. Surround yourself with people who have experienced resurrection, real life, and delight in the Lord. How will you know them? Love.

Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been fathered by God and knows God. The person who does not love does not know God, because God is love. By this the love of God is revealed in us: that God has sent his one and only Son into the world so that we may live through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1st John 4)

From Pastor Craig

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them." (2 Corinthians 5:17-19)

So then, to be part of the Church, is to be connected to people who are in Christ. Who see their lives resurrected, who are forgiven and filled. We all stumble, we all struggle, but we help each other up, living in the clarity of who Jesus is; what he means to us, what he offers to the world.

Then as we are formed by Christ we are also sent.

(Continuing from 2 Corinthians above)

Christ is "entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us." (2 Corinthians 5:19-20)

Then when Christ instructs us to go and make disciples, it is not information that we have to master, we don't need to be experts, we make disciples by being transformed people who impact other people. Our way of seeing and being are needed by a lonely, suffering, selfish world. There's vulnerability in living the life of a Christian, a child of God, a disciple of Christ. But it can also be a revelation for others who need what we have. People will be drawn to you as they see the life of Christ shining out of you.

This shining is not a conscious effort to show off, it is being so in Christ that what he is doing in and through you becomes unconscious - just who you are doing your every day stuff.

Where do we go from Easter?

We go with Jesus. We are his disciples... for the purpose of making disciples.

"A disciple is a person who has decided that the most important thing in their life is to learn how to do what Jesus said to do. A disciple is not a person who has things under control, or knows a lot of things. Disciples simply are people who are constantly revising their affairs to carry through on their belief in Jesus." Dallas Willard

"Then Jesus came up and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

God bless you and keep you in this Easter season. Be renewed. Be revived. Be resurrected!