



*From the Heart of Your Shepherd*

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Mission Statement

*"Proclaiming  
the saving  
grace of  
Jesus Christ  
to all."*

**He is risen! He is risen indeed! Let us go forth in peace in the name of the Lord.**

Those are the last words that are spoken at the graveside at the end of a funeral. It is very appropriate that we should let the message of Christ's resurrection resonate as we leave the cemetery. As people stand there looking at the body of their loved one, weighed down with grief, they are reminded of the fact that Jesus has risen from the dead. They are once again given the assurance that death is not the end for those who trust in Jesus Christ. They are given the assurance that they will one day be reunited with their loved ones in heaven.

Our Gospel reading on Easter Sunday is from Matthew 28:1-10. We see in this account that there is a lot of fear following the death of Jesus. We see that the guards watching Jesus' tomb are filled with so much fear that they become like dead men. The women who went to Jesus' tomb on that first Easter were filled with fear as well. The whole scene ends with Jesus saying, "Do not be afraid..." Jesus was telling those who were there on that first Easter Sunday that there was no longer any need to be afraid. Jesus was telling them, and us, that it is because of His resurrection that we are able to face all of our fears in this world. We have the confidence of knowing that Jesus has overcome death itself for us. His resurrection gives us hope at all times in our lives.

It is that glorious hope in the resurrection that we will celebrate on Easter Sunday. Easter is the high point in the church year. It is the day when everything comes together. Jesus' birth, life, and death all make sense on Easter. We celebrate the fact that the grave could not hold Him.

We celebrate on Easter because we know that Jesus' victory is our victory. We know that in the waters of Baptism we were entered into Christ's death and resurrection (Romans 6:3-4). We are able to live our lives in the confidence of knowing that Jesus has risen and overcome death for us.

Yes, we do face many things in this world that might cause us to fear, just as those who went out to the tomb on that first Easter. However, Jesus comes to you just as He did to those on that first Easter and says to you, "Do not be afraid..." All of our hopes are based on Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Not only did He suffer and die for your sins on the cross, but He rose and overcame death itself for you.

This month, on April 16, we will gather together to celebrate our Lord's resurrection. We will hear the message, "He is risen!" Our response from faith will be, "He is risen indeed!" It is that assurance of Jesus' resurrection that gives us confidence and hope no matter what we face in this world.

In His service,  
Pastor Olson

## Sermon Texts and Themes

**April 2:** Our sermon title is “Facing Adversity with Jesus.” Our Gospel reading for this day, John 11:1-53, is the account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. We see that Lazarus is someone whom Jesus loves; but yet, he is sick. We see people who Jesus loves facing adversity. We see the different reactions that God’s people have toward adversity. As we look at this account, we find great comfort and strength in our own lives as we face adversity.

**April 9:** We celebrate Palm Sunday and we now enter into Holy Week. The sermon for this day will focus on the Palm Sunday Gospel reading from John 12:12-19. The title of the sermon is “The Jesus Parade.” We see that Jesus rides into Jerusalem as a conquering king, but He is no ordinary king. He is coming to conquer sin and death.

**April 13:** During Holy Week, we focus in a very special way on the final events of our Lord’s life. We see all that He did for us through His suffering, death, and resurrection. We gather together on Maundy Thursday as Jesus gives us the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Our text is Matthew 26:17-30 with the theme “First Communion.” We focus on the blessings that Jesus gives to us in the Sacrament of the Altar. At the end of the service on Maundy Thursday, the altar is stripped. It is a symbolic reminder of our Lord’s humiliation as He was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane that same night.

**April 14:** We will return to God’s house on Good Friday. The color on the altar on Good Friday is black as we focus on the darkness of our sin and the cost that it had to our Savior. On Good Friday, we mark our Lord’s death on the cross. We recall the hours of darkness from noon until three as darkness came over the land. We leave the church in darkness on Good Friday reflecting on the cost of our sin. We will return in three days to celebrate our Lord’s resurrection. The text of the sermon will be Genesis 22:1-18 and John 19:17-30. The theme of the sermon is: God will provide the Lamb.

**April 16:** Easter is the queen of all festivals in the church. It is on this day that we celebrate Jesus’ victory over sin and death. His resurrection from the dead gives us the assurance that we too shall rise. Our text is Matthew 27:65 and Matthew 28:2 with the title “The Insecure Tomb.” We focus on our need for security. It is in Jesus’ resurrection from the dead that we find security.

**April 23:** On the Second Sunday of Easter, we see that there were many people who were struggling to overcome their doubts about Jesus. We see that Thomas was not there when Jesus appeared to His disciples following His resurrection. A lack of certainty about Jesus’ resurrection leaves Thomas filled with doubt. Our Gospel reading from John 20:19-31 shows us how Thomas overcomes the doubts that he faces. The title of the sermon is “Rising Above Doubt.” We see how Jesus comes to us and gives us the ability to overcome doubt in our lives as well.



# St. Paul Lutheran School News

**He is risen! He is risen indeed!** We will celebrate our Lord's resurrection from the dead on April 16. During the Wednesday morning chapel services, we have been learning about the people of the passion. Each week we have looked at various individuals who played a role in Jesus' passion. What a great opportunity for our students to learn about all that Jesus has done for them and to grow in their faith in Him.

**No School:** There is no school on April 14 as we observe Good Friday. There is no school on April 17 the day after Easter.

**Voucher Program:** There is still time to apply to the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). This is a wonderful opportunity for students to attend St. Paul Lutheran School for free. The deadline for enrollment is April 20. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or need more information.

**4K:** There are still a few spots left in the 4k program. St. Paul offers a full day program five days a week with morning and afternoon busing. St. Paul Lutheran School is a wonderful place for children to flourish intellectually and spiritually.

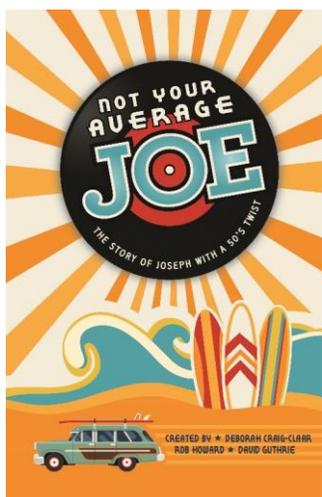
**Achievement Testing:** During the week of April 24-28 students in grades 1-8 will be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. Please make sure that your child gets plenty of sleep each day, has a good breakfast, and is to school on time. This will help your child do their best during the testing.

**Pizza and Cookie Dough Fundraiser:** The school will once again be doing the pizza and cookie dough fundraiser as our spring fundraising event. JJ from JJ's fundraising will be here to kick off the event on Friday, April 7. Orders are due on April 18. You can order from a St. Paul student or by contacting the school office. This has been a very successful fundraiser for our school in the past.

**Spring Musical:** The dates for the spring musical are April 7 and 8. The Friday night performance is at 7:00 pm. The dinner on Saturday is at 6:00 pm and the show at 7:00 pm. Tickets for the dinner show must be purchased in advance. Come see the students perform, "Not Your Average Joe."

**Midterm:** April 27 is midterm.

**Spring Cleanup Day:** Spring cleanup day is on April 28. Please join us as we work to get our school grounds cleaned up after the long winter. Everyone is welcome to help.



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL PRESENTS

"NOT YOUR AVERAGE JOE"

Students in 4k – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

April 7<sup>th</sup> – Dress Rehearsal @10:00

*\*all are welcome to attend \**

Evening show @ 7:00

April 8<sup>th</sup> – Dinner & a Show @ 6:00 (ticket required)

To purchase a ticket for the dinner theater show please contact the school office by Monday, April 3rd; Tickets \$10

**4K:** It has been a busy month in 4K this month as we left the Rain Forest and are now journeying Under the Sea! We have had fun learning about all kinds of different ocean creature as we have learned some fun songs, read some silly stories, and have made some fun projects! We also took a trip to Australia as we as explored the Great Barrier Reef! This habitat is full of interesting facts and cool creatures in God's creation! In phonics we have been working hard as we continue to journey through our alphabet! We are almost to the end as we just completed letter Xx this week! We have also begun learning a Word Family a week so that we can gain a better understanding of long and short vowels and increase our fluency in reading! In math we have been all about time, money, and measurement! This class has been working hard on adding coins and have had fun putting their skills to work in our "Student Store". They have enjoyed shopping each Friday and taking home either a treat or a toy! Finally, in Bible we have had fun learning about some of the miracles Jesus performed during His ministry! As a class we have also been enjoying Lenten devotions as we prepare for the events of Holy Week! We have had some great discussions about what it means to love Jesus!

**5K:** We had a rollercoaster of a March for some crazy weather. One day we had 4 inches of snow and the next would be sunny and warmer. Our class is looking forward to April and some warm weather. We have been inside for too long. We are preparing our hearts during this Lenten season with weekly chapel services and Bible stories of Holy Week. We look forward to the triumphant entry of Palm Sunday and the victory over the cross of Easter. We have been working on addition in math and the force of objects and magnetism in science. We are working hard in preparation of the spring musical-"Not Your Average Joe." We are excited about turning the gym into a 50's diner and telling the story of Joseph with a 50's theme. We pray that all of you have a Blessed Easter!!

**1st and 2nd grade:** March has been a month packed full of fun and learning! We have spent a lot of time preparing for our big performances of "Not Your Average Joe", our school musical! The performances will be on April 7th and 8th. We hope that you can all come and hear the story of Joseph set in the year 1959! Remember to purchase tickets for the dinner show ahead of time! In Social Studies this month we are learning all about our world! Each student chose a country and prepared a report and poster sharing information about those countries. We also tried cuisine from the countries we reported on. Our parents came to share in the celebration! What a fun day. After finishing our science unit on light we spent some time learning about sound. We learned many new things about how sound travels and what it can travel through. Religion has found us moving closer to the cross as we learn about the last miracles of Jesus and learn that His greatest miracle is yet to come! We also got the joy of SPRING BREAK thing month! I think it was well enjoyed by all :) We are truly thankful that God continues to shower us with His blessings and grace.

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** The month of March has gone by really fast. All of the students have been working hard. The 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders are reading new books. And the whole school has been working diligently on the musical! The students are learning lines, songs, and actions. Everything is looking great! We are excited for the performances in April! We also enjoyed a few days off for spring break. As we celebrate this Lenten season, let us keep our eyes focused on Jesus and all He has done for us!

**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Greetings from the 6-8th grade classroom! March has been moving by rather quickly in the upper grades. The last few weeks we have been hard at work not only in our classes, but also getting ready for the upcoming musical in April. We have been dancing, singing, and acting throughout our day making sure that we will be ready to perform in the coming weeks. It should be a fun time for all as we praise the Lord in this unique way. We hope all can join us very soon to see all the hard work the kids have put in recently. Outside of the musical, class has remained rather normal as we move through our various subjects. From Science Class where we've been learning about and making our own model biomes to Reading where we recently finished our journey about the tough life of 1960s teenage gangs in "The Outsiders." Perhaps the most exciting has been the middle school art class, in which each student was assigned to create and teach an art lesson for the whole class to complete. We have only finished a few thus far, but all have been exciting to watch and make. Well that's the news from the 6th-8th grade ! Until next time, we hope you all have a very blessed month ahead!



# Please Join Us at Our Next Lutherans for Life Meeting!

**St. Paul's Church and School- Luxemburg  
Monday, May 8 at 6:30PM**

For Questions Contact Nola Duescher (920) 845-2196, Dianne Zeitler (920) 845-2840 or  
Brittney Duescher (920) 493-3782

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## *Christian Service Guild News:*

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5 at 1pm in the church meeting room  
"A Light For My Path" is the skit we will have. Please join us.

Quilting for 2017 was finished on March 17 with 552 quilts made. We gave some of them  
to the Orphan Grain Train, Manna for Life, NEW Community Shelter, American Red Cross,  
Freedom House, House of Hope, Violence Center in Algoma. There will be many boxes of  
quilts to be given to Lutheran World Relief in October.

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make this such a successful project. A  
special thank you to the few ladies who spent many hours sewing all the tops. Thanks also  
to the ladies who came faithfully each week to work on the quilts. Thanks to Thrivent for  
\$250 to help us purchase quilting materials.

### ***Upcoming Events:***

#### ***Volunteer at Bethesda:***

Volunteers will be going on April 13. Call Dianne Zeitler if interested.

Bethesda 50% off sales – April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Senior Day- Wednesday – 25% off

***Mark your calendars:*** Our 7th annual rummage sale is set for Friday, August 4th and Saturday,  
August 5th. Keep on putting items aside; we want to fill the fellowship hall again. We need tools,  
sporting items, books, lawn and garden tools, household items, etc. Watch the monthly newsletter for  
details.

#### ***Stamps for Missions:***

Please bring your stamps for missions before April 22 which is the date of the Spring Rally at St. John  
Church in Rankin. The stamps will be taken to the rally. Please do not save any Christmas stamps.

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# St. Paul Lutheran Endowment Fund

*The endowment fund receives financial gifts and invests them. The principal is kept intact and the interest is used. It is a gift that keeps on giving.*

**Do you have an IRA and are you required to make a minimum required distribution (MRD) this year?** *If so, you may want to consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to avoid tax penalties.*

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your minimum required distributions (MRD) for the year, as long as certain rules are met.

In addition to the benefits of giving to charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Keeping your taxable income lower may reduce the impact to certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare.

There are certain requirements, such as a person must be 70½ or older to make a QCD. If you are interested in making a QCD to the church, the Endowment Committee has a financial advisor willing to assist you through this process.

Brochures and envelopes with regards to St. Paul Lutheran Endowment Fund are available in the narthex. To obtain the Endowment Bylaws or if you have any other questions, please feel free to contact an Endowment Committee Board Member:

Kevin Dahlke 536-0274, Jean Doell 845-5162, Steve Doell 471-7580,  
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## Stewardship News & Views

The question arises: Can we give of our time and talents instead of our treasures? Or perhaps it is the other way around: Can we give our treasures and not our time and our talents? But these are the wrong questions. The right question is, can we give of our time and our talents in addition to our treasure? Yes, indeed, we are called to give of all three. The things that God gives us are not to be pitted against one another. They are given to us and we are to press them all into God's service for benefit of His church and our neighbors in need.

Thus we give all three. We give our treasure in the form of a generous, first-fruits, proportion of our income. We give of our time in generosity for the benefit of Christ's holy church. We give of our talents in the same manner. Since God gave us all these things, we are called to give generously of all these things in faith toward Him and in fervent love to our neighbors.

In Christ,

Cindy Doell, Linda Dahlke, Don Mullen

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## Holy Humor



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**Need a ride to church?** Please notify the church office for a ride to and from church services.

**Newsletter Deadline:** the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month.

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