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O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

Jesus has burst forth from the tomb alive! His body no longer lays in that grave of death and darkness. The sting of death has been overcome by the cross of our Lord and His resurrection. He lives and we are alive in Him. Death doesn't win the day. Jesus gives us His Easter victory.

Therefore we are a people who live confident in the resurrection victory. Just as we have been joined to Jesus' death in Holy Baptism we are also joined to His rising (Romans 6). Things are different for us. We have a different outlook, a different way of speaking, a different way viewing the things around us in the world. Death is a defeated enemy whom we no longer are enslaved to. That heavy yoke has been lifted and replaced by the yoke of Christ which is easy and light and gives rest for our souls (Matt. 11:28-30).

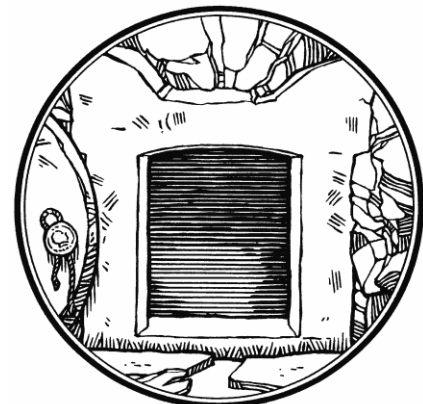
The temptation is to think that Christ hasn't won the day. To look around and watch the news and think things are so terrible how could we ever fix them. Yes, we should be on guard and call the evil thing evil but not be so scared as if our Lord has been overpowered in some way. We are not going to fix ourselves but Jesus comes to make all things new. He lives! The victory over sickness and corruption and death has been ratified by His empty tomb and He makes us partakers of that. As St. Paul says, our Lord gives us the victory.

The victory is given – handed over – as you saints in Christ receive His risen body and blood from the altar. Again, it is as St. Paul says, *as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes* (1 Corinthians 11:26). We proclaim to the world that His death was the defeat of death and that through this Savior we too will rise – alive.

May the true reality of Jesus' Easter resurrection give you great hope in what our Lord has done. He died for our sins but death could not hold Him. He rose from grave and has opened the gates of life and salvation for us!

*It was a strange and dreadful strife
When life and death contended;
The victory remained with life,
The reign of death was ended.
Holy Scripture plainly saith
That death is swallowed up by death,
Its sting is lost forever.
Alleluia!*

(Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands - LSB 458)



Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
- Pastor Suggitt

Holy Week Services



Holy (Maundy) Thursday April 1

*Good Shepherd, Caseville 5:30 p.m.
St. Paul, Linkville – 7:00 p.m.*

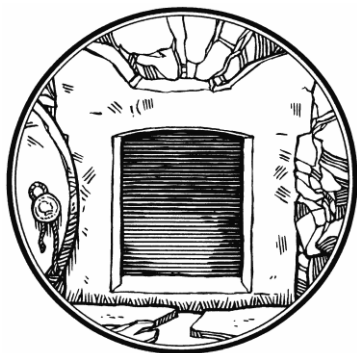
Good Friday April 2, 2021

*Good Shepherd, Caseville – 1:00 p.m.
St. Paul, Linkville – 7:00 p.m.*

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Vigil – April 3

*Grace Lutheran Church, Fairgrove
7:00 p.m.*



Easter Sunrise April 4

*St. Paul,
Linkville
6:30 a.m.*

Easter Festival Service April 4

*St. Paul, Linkville – 8:30am
Good Shepherd, Caseville – 10:30a.m.*

LIFE QUOTES

"Death is the one thing no Christian has to do on his or her own. Jesus has already been through suffering and death before us. He knows the way through death and the way back to life, too. Our friends and family cannot go with us—but Jesus can. He will never let go of our hands. And He will bring us back to life with Him because He has promised, and He will never lie." *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

NewsLetter DEADLine

Articles for the May issue of St. Paul's "Epistles" are due Sunday, April 18th. Let's keep the entire congregation informed about what's going on in your organization.

Please place your articles in the "Epistles" mailbox or email them to salcido.sandy8@gmail.com. Don't forget those "Hats Off" items.

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Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Catechism: 1:30 p.m.



The regular meeting of St. Paul Ladies Aid was held on Sunday, March 7, 2021 following our worship service. We opened our meeting with a devotional from LCMS entitled *"The Savior's Gift"*. To say that Jesus is your Savior

means that you are confessing that you can't save yourself. We are called to be stewards of this Savior; to serve and live for Him every day. Our lives and all our possessions, belong to Him. They are to be used for His glory every day! We are saved in Him. In Him we have life!

Fourteen ladies answered roll call. The secretary's report from the February 7, 2021 meeting was read. A motion was made and supported to accept the Secretary's report as read. Carried. A thank you was read from the Laker's Rotary for the donation given by the Ladies Aid at Christmas time.

Ruth Kumaus gave the treasurer's report showing approximately \$15,500 in the checking account; \$11,281.20 in savings; \$117.75 in petty cash.

Old Business:

1. Sandy passed around the job's sign-up sheet for cheeseball production day. Several ladies volunteered to help. Order forms for cheeseballs were handed out.

New Business:

1. Ruth Kumaus stated that she wanted to work on financial procedures for the Treasurer position. Some of our processes were becoming a concern. Ruth presented a procedure for the handling of Petty Cash. The Ladies Aid voted to approve the procedures as presented. (A copy of the Petty Cash procedures is included with the actual minutes).

2. Additionally, Ruth Kumaus raised several topics that were presenting issues--- Ladies Aid Voting, Ladies Aid Donations, and the possibility of a new Ladies Aid position of Thrivent Card Coordinator. Background information was provided and discussed. Further discussion and decisions were deferred to our next meeting.
3. Discussion was held concerning the 2021 bazaar. The future is still uncertain as to what we will be able to do this year. A motion was made by Joyce Metzger; supported by Margaret Timmons to have a bazaar – at minimum, same as last year.
4. A motion was made by Joyce Metzger and supported by Margaret Timmons to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

The meeting closed with singing the doxology and saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively submitted,
Sandy Salcido – Secretary



PLEASE JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST!

Youth group will be preparing and serving breakfast from 7:15-8:15 a.m. Come have some pancakes, sausage, cheesy eggs, pastries, yogurt and fruit with coffee, juice, and milk. Tables will be set-up to allow each party adequate social distance. We will be collecting a free-will offering. The money was originally planned to help with the bowling and pizza party, but that has changed. We will be donating the free-will offering to Ken Shepard's family instead. Please sign up, so we can prepare accordingly AND to reserve a table specifically for your family. See you there!

*** Church Council members are asked to stay and help with cleanup***



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starting on Palm Sunday, families can go to the church website each day to watch a YouTube video – *The Easter Story Egg*. Mrs. Holland will be narrating the story each day for your viewing pleasure. I strongly encourage each family to watch – it's a great learning tool.

There are lots of opportunities to worship this month: Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m. on April 1st; then Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m. on April 2nd. Easter morning you have the option of the 6:30 a.m. Sunrise service or 8:30 a.m. Festival service. **We are singing a hymn and playing bells during Festival Service.**

Breakfast will be served in between services 7:15 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. Please plan to stay after church for an Easter Egg Hunt! We will meet in the fellowship hall immediately after service to pass out baskets and then dismiss the children to hunt for eggs. There will not be Sunday School on Easter Sunday. Enjoy the time with your families to celebrate our Risen Savior!

After Easter, we are going to try moving into 2 classes – preschool thru 1st grade will be in the large divided room, and 2nd-8th will be in the fellowship hall. We will also be starting "What's in the Box?" for the last six weeks of the Sunday school year. Recognition Sunday will be Sunday, May 16th. It will be the last day of class. I'm hoping to have a Pizza and Bowling lunch after class that day – so stay tuned for further info.

Susan Schember, SS Superintendent
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EASTER EGG HUNT

We will be having an Egg Hunt immediately following Festival Service on Easter Sunday. Please stay for a few minutes to let your children find some eggs and treats. All families are asked to meet in the fellowship hall as soon as service ends. We will put on our jackets, pass out baskets, and give directions before sending the kids outside. It shouldn't take long, as I'm sure you want to enjoy the day with your families!



**HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!
HALLELUJAH!**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!

Join us June 14th – 17th from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Youngsters 3 years old thru 6th grade will be invited to register. 7th grade and older are encouraged to come and volunteer with recess, music, crafts and helping with the littlest kids. I'm hoping to set up tents for the classrooms outside. Crafts and music will be inside.

Church Council, Choir, Ladies Aid, and Sunday School/Youth Group will be providing meals each night. I am planning some great crafts, but I need some help preparing them.

If you are good with wood and tools, please let me know right away. Volunteers will be needed in many areas. If you can help, please let me know!
Susan Schember



Attention High School students (and your parents), how come I don't see many of you guys in church or at youth group anymore? I know your lives are busy, but it's important to keep church on your list of priorities. I miss you. Youth group is open to all youth from 5th grade through college. The younger kids look to our high school and college students for example – please show them that staying in church and youth group is fun and important. Youth group is an excellent way to earn community service hours too!



Our next event is Easter breakfast!

We will meet on Saturday, April 3rd at 4:00 p.m. to prep and setup. It should only last until 6:00 p.m. Then, **please arrive on Easter Sunday by 6:30 a.m. to get everything cooked, prepared, and served.** Breakfast will be served 7:15 – 8:15 a.m. You are encouraged to wear a Thrivent shirt to work in. We will have time to change into our church clothes at 8:15 a.m.

If you can stay to help with the Easter Egg Hunt right after service, that would be great! It'll be quick – I know everyone wants to spend quality time with their family that day.

I'd like to plan one more Soup and Sandwich fundraiser before summer break. We will take orders from now until April 25th. Orders will be ready for pickup on Saturday, May 1st



6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 2nd after church. Half of the profits will benefit youth group summer/fall events and the other half will be donated to the following: Pigeon Food Pantry, Orphan Grain Train, Imagination Library, and Christian Mundorf, our seminarian. Youth group will be asked to **help pack and organize orders on Saturday, May 1st at 4:00 p.m.**

Lastly, all youth 7th grade and older are asked to **volunteer to help at VBS June 14-17.** We can use your help with recess, music, crafts, and in the classrooms with the littlest kids. Sunday School and Youth Group will provide the dinner on June 17th. I will appreciate help with serving and cleanup.

Susan Schember, Youth Group Leader
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FAMILY ROLLER SKATING UPDATE

It was so fun! Thank the Lord for the opportunity to join together for fun and Christian fellowship at the Caseville Roller Rink on Saturday, March 20th. We had a wonderful turnout – 51 people. Our youngest skaters were 3 years old, oldest skater was 71 years old, and oldest church member in attendance was Vida Fluegge at 96 years young. We had 14 families enjoy a day of skating and lunch. And, we are happy to report that there were no major injuries!



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YOUTH GROUP SOUP & SANDWICH PRE-ORDER SALE

Orders will be accepted until April 25th

Pick-up will be May 1st 6-7pm and May 2nd immediately after church

All profits will be divided between:

Youth group summer/fall events
Imagination Library
Orphan Grain Train
Pigeon Food Pantry
Christian Mundorf, our seminarian

Name on Order _____

	CHICKEN NOODLE	MEATY CHILI	CREAMY POTATO	BROCCOLI CHEESE
NUMBER OF QUARTS \$7/EACH				
	GROUND BOLOGNA	CHICKEN SALAD WITH CRANBERRIES	CHICKEN SALAD NO CRANBERRIES	
NUMBER OF 8 OZ \$3/EACH				
NUMBER OF 16 OZ \$5/EACH				

TOTAL QUARTS SOUP _____ X \$7 = \$ _____

TOTAL 8OZ SPREADS _____ X \$3 = \$ _____

TOTAL 16OZ SPREADS _____ X \$5 = \$ _____

TOTAL DUE = \$ _____





ATTENTION :

**ALL MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS,
GRANDMOTHERS, GRANDDAUGHTERS,
AUNTS, NIECES, & FEMALE FRIENDS!**

St. Paul Mother-Daughter Brunch and Bridal Show will be held Saturday, May 8th at 11:00 a.m. All girls and women are invited to come enjoy a delicious brunch with a coffee/tea/hot chocolate bar, followed by a fashion show!

We are looking for wedding gowns from St. Paul members and from those who were married in our church. Brides, mother-of-the bride, bridesmaids, and flower girl dresses are needed. **If you are willing to have your dress or dresses in the show, please bring them to the church by Sunday, April 25th.** If you'd like to model your dress, please let me know. If you want to show your dress but not model it, we will find someone to model it for you! And, if any of the dresses are too delicate to be worn, we would still love to display them.



It would also be fun to display our members wedding photos or albums.

A special table will be set up, if you are willing to display yours that day.

This event will be free to attend; however, **we will be collecting DIAPERS, WIPES, ONESIES, AND BABY FOOD** for Positive Alternatives in Bad Axe/Caro. Please bring your donations that day! We will also be distributing baby bottles for the Baby Bottle Campaign on that date. Bottles are to be filled with loose change and returned to church on Father's Day. All bottles will be donated back to Positive Alternatives. And finally, bring your wallet, because we will **be selling raffle tickets to raffle off the plants/flowers** that will be used as centerpieces at the event. All proceeds will go directly to Positive Alternatives.



Families will be seated at their own tables to allow for proper social distancing. The fashion show will happen in the fellowship hall, so we won't need to move in a large group into the sanctuary. For anyone who may not feel comfortable attending, we will be videotaping the fashion show to put on our church website for your viewing pleasure.

There is a sign-up sheet posted, so we can plan enough food for the group and a proper seating arrangement. Hope to see all the ladies there! Susan Schember

April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 Holy Thursday Service 5:30 PM @ GS 7:00 PM @ SP	2 1:00 PM Good Friday Chief Service @ GS 7:00 PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service @ SP	3 7:00 PM Easter Vigil @ Grace Lutheran Fairgrove
4 6:30 AM Sunrise Service Easter Breakfast 8:30 AM Festival Service No Catechism	5 No Bible Study	6 6:15 PM Elder Mtg. 7:00 PM Council Mtg.		8	9	10
11 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM Sunday School Ladies Aid Mtg. 1:30 PM Catechism	12 6:30 PM Bible Study	13	14	15	16	17
18 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM Sunday School 1:30 PM Catechism	19 6:30 PM Bible Study	20	21	22	23	24
25 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM Sunday School 1:30 PM Catechism	26 6:30 PM Bible Study	27	28	29	30	

2021



April 1 – Claire Suggitt
Jessica Higgins
Michelle Haley
April 2 – Levi Renn
Brock Shope
April 3 – David Jamieson
April 4 – Aaron Diebel
April 5 – Lilah Reibling
April 6 – Ava Reibling
Michelle Reibling
Garrett Toner
April 9 – Courtney Fritz
April 8 – Nashia Ondrajka
Susan Schember
April 9 – Tyler Metzger
April 11 – Joshua Fritz
April 12 – Peggy Kelly
April 13 – Robert Haldane
April 14 – Saige Ondrajka
April 16 – Cathy Haley
April 18 – Craig Sears
April 20 – Erin Shuboy
April 21 – Dallas Holland
April 22 – Wm. Schaper III
April 25 – Abigail O'Hare
April 27 – Barbara Main
April 28 – Emma Reibling
Miles Shuboy
Beverly Wise
April 30 – Hunter Dubs



April 13 – Les & Tracy Schaper
April 14 – Gerald & Diane Wildman
April 16 – Ken & Faye Errer
Joel & Laura Toner
April 23 – Terry & Chris Gettel
Warren & Jan Stoeckle
Ken & Tiffany Shepard
April 25 – Jim & Linda Roe
April 26 – Josh & Lisa Sprague
April 27 – James & Tiffany O'Hare
April 29 – Manuel & Elaine Thies

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

ELDERS

April 1 – Maundy Thursday Service (7:00 p.m.)
Josh Sprague
April 2 Good Friday (7:00 p.m.) – Joe Salcido
April 4 – Easter Sunrise (6:30 a.m.)
Joe Salcido & Ken Haley
April 4 – Easter Festival (8:30 a.m.)
Warren Stoeckle & Ron Tabar
April 11 – Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague
April 18 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley
April 25 – Warren Stoeckle & Ron Tabar

TITHE COUNTERS

April 11 – Kim Krohn & Patti Reinhardt
April 26 – Kari Ricker & Ruth Fluegge

THRIVENT T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

Do you love the fit and feel of your old Thrivent shirts? We have lots in the basement at the bottom of the steps in the North narthex. Please feel free to pick up a new one!



APRIL ALTAR GUILD

Brandy Gunsell
Tiffany O'Hare

APRIL ALTAR FLOWERS

Brenda Kady
Liz Reehl

April is Mite Box Collection Month

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