



St. Paul's

"Epistles"

April 2022

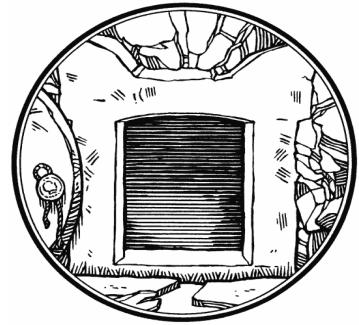
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The Resurrection of our Lord, Funerals, and Hymns

After making payment for our sins by dying, Jesus rises from the dead. He is alive now in the same body that was hung on a cross and put in the tomb. Death can't hold Him. What a marvelous thing! What comfort and joy for we who have been baptized into Him and cling to him by faith! For as St. Paul confesses concerning baptism, "If we have been united to him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:5). We are united to Christ who rose from the dead, which means we too will be raised out of the grave alive.

This passage from Romans is the first proclamation upon our lips at a funeral. It is to say that just as our loved one is not held down by death, neither are we. We are joined to Christ. The grave could not hold Him and it will not hold us. This is one of the main points of the funeral rite. To proclaim our Lord's victory over that huge enemy of death. Our greater David has pummeled the giant in the head and has come out alive. The great fear and sting of death that overshadows us has been alleviated and overcome by our champion, Jesus. Listen to how the Scriptures speak of it: "Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he [Jesus] himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through the fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery" (Hebrews 2:14-15). We are freed from the fear of the grave for Jesus has taken up our cause and shares His victory with us.



It is for this reason, then, that at our funerals we appropriately sing Easter hymns. Yes, we may be heartbroken and have tears for our loved one but these are intermingled with our Alleluias of Jesus' triumph. Consider these things as you attend the Easter services this year and sing of the resurrection. Who but we Christians, can make such a confession at a funeral? The world says death is the end of you and therefore clings solely to the past. But we hold fast that brighter days than this will commence as we cling by faith to God's Son crucified and risen. Let our hymns of His Easter rising bring us joy and comfort not only at Easter but at the funerals of His beloved saints. He has defeated death! What a confession. What a great truth. Grab a hymnal and let it come forth from your lips.

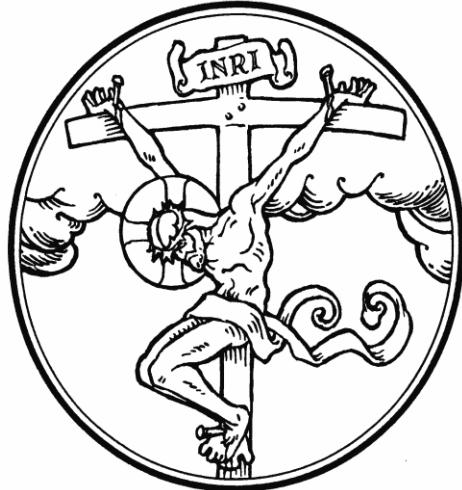
*Alleluia! Now we cry
To our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars
Of the tomb's dark portal.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness!
(LSB 487 st. 5)*

In Christ,
Pastor Suggitt

Holy Week Services

Holy (Maundy) Thursday 4/14

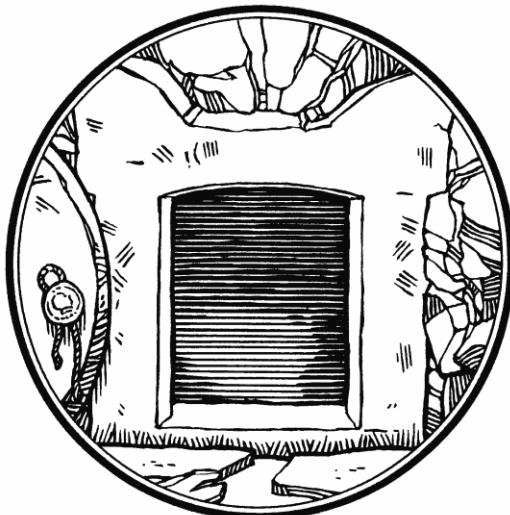
*Good Shepherd, Caseville - 5:30pm
St. Paul, Linkville - 7pm*



Good Friday 4/15

*Good Shepherd, Caseville - 1pm
St. Paul, Linkville - 7pm*

The Resurrection of Our Lord



Easter Vigil 4/16

Grace Lutheran Church Fairgrove - 7pm

Easter Sunrise 4/17

St. Paul, Linkville - 6:30am

Easter Festival Service 4/17

*St. Paul, Linkville - 8:30am
Good Shepherd, Caseville - 10:30am*

Sunday School & Youth Group



St. Paul Sunday School provided Lenten supper on Wednesday, March 16th. We served just over 40 people and collected \$130 from free-will offering. The money was used to help pay for the Roller Skate and Lunch Party on March 19th. A special thanks to the teachers, kids, and parents who helped serve and cleanup; also, a big thanks to Mrs. Thies for baking focaccia bread and cloverleaf rolls for the dinner.

The Roller Skate/Blade and Lunch Party was held on Saturday, March 19th at Caseville Family Rink. We invited Christ the King families to join us for a fun day of Christian fellowship. All together we had about 90 kids, parents, and grandparents! Everyone enjoyed skating, blading, lunch, and a big game of tag.

April is a busy month, so make sure to keep all the important dates on your calendar:

First thing, there are still several opportunities to hear God's word during the Lenten season: Wednesday, March 30th 6:00 p.m. dinner and 7:00 p.m. evening prayer service at St Paul; Wednesday, April 6th 7:00 p.m. evening prayer service at Good Shepherd; Palm Sunday, April 10th (we are singing in church service); Maundy Thursday service April 14th 7:00 p.m.; Good Friday services at Good Shepherd and at St. Paul.

HE IS RISEN!

Then we celebrate Easter with Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. and Festival Service at 8:30 a.m. on April 17th. Youth group will be providing Easter breakfast for everyone 7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Youth group kids are asked to help with set-up and prep on Saturday, April 16th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., then help with cooking and serving on Sunday at 6:30 a.m. Plan to wear Thrivent shirts while we cook and serve. Bring your church clothes to change into at 8:15 a.m. We will clean up after church service while the Sunday school has their Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt. Sunday school is singing in church during the 8:30am service. No Sunday School that day – just stay for the scavenger hunt!

Finally in April, we are going swimming at Caro Community Pool on Saturday, April 30th from 11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Then we will take the party to Pizza Hut for lunch at 1:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet for this event. **I need to know: how many are coming? how many swimmers/non-swimmers? how many are coming for pizza? We are inviting Christ the King families to swim also, but the pizza luncheon will just be St. Paul.**



Then in May we have Mother/Daughter Banquet on May 7th. We will need men and boys willing to volunteer their time to help serve and clean up that day (12:30 – 3:00 p.m.). Let me know if you can help.

Snack schedule for the rest of the Sunday School year:

3/27- Haag & Holland
4/3 – Schember & Reehl
4/10 – Mandich & Gunsell
4/17 Easter Sunday – no class
4/24 – Kumaus
5/1 – Sprague & Ondrajka
5/8 – Deming & Schwartz
5/15 – Recognition Sunday (last class) – DONUTS!

Susan Schember
Youth Group Leader/Sunday School Superintendent
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SUMMER YOUTH PLANS

(students 5th grade thru college)

1] COLLIDE Youth Group from Christ the King, Sebewaing is planning a Sunday afternoon at Camper's Haven sometime this summer. They have graciously asked if St. Paul Youth Group would like to join them for a fun day of outdoor games, fishing, and barbecue. Once I have more information, I will share it with all of you!



2] I would like to plan a couple Summer Kickball Nights for youth group. We can invite COLLIDE to join us, so we can play two games at a time! Stay tuned for more info as it becomes concrete.

3] Youth Group Camp-Out and Lake Fun – looking to have everyone come to our cottage on Harsens Island after church on Sunday, July 17th for water sports, sand volleyball, yard games, barbecue, bonfire and tent camping; followed by breakfast and more fun on Monday before sending everyone back home! (Parents are encouraged to stay over, and don't worry, we will have indoor sleeping available for you).



submitted by Susan Schember

Grow In Faithfulness

VBS 2022

June 27-30

5:30 – 8:00 p.m.



Children ages 3 years through 7th grade (going into 7th grade) are invited to come grow your faith at St. Paul Vacation Bible School!

Dinner will be provided to everyone. Various organizations within the church will provide supper and a snack each night.



We will have Bible lessons, crafts, music, and recess each night. Volunteers are needed in all areas. The older youth group kids are also needed to help. Let me know if you can volunteer!

Susan Schember
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Taco Bout A Party



Mother/Daughter Banquet

Saturday, May 7th

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Plans are underway for Mother/Daughter Banquet – Saturday, May 7th from 12:30pm to 2:30 p.m. – TACO BOUT A PARTY! All moms, daughters, aunts, grandmas, and female friends/neighbors are invited to come and enjoy tacos, nachos, and churros; plus, we will play some fun games and make a nice craft.



We will be making modge podge flower vases and taking home bouquets in those vases. If you have extra clear glass vases at home (not too big, not too small), and you're willing to part with them, please bring to the fellowship hall and place them in the box. We will need enough vases for every woman and girl who attends. Thanks in advance! There will be a sign-up sheet in April, so we know how much food to prepare. Men and boys are asked to volunteer their time to help serve and clean up for this event.



This event will be an opportunity for St. Paul to benefit our community. We will be collecting items for SAFE PLACE. There is a flyer in the North Narthex regarding SAFE PLACE. The organization needs the following donations:

- Grocery and gas gift cards
- 8-12 piece Dinnerware sets – (microwave & dishwasher safe)
- Cereal/soup bowls and large cups
- Large nonstick skillets, pots & pans, bakeware
- Tupperware and Gladware
- Silverware sets

Food donations – Fresh, frozen & pantry.

Pantry items: soups, spaghetti sauce, chili bean mix, canned chicken & tuna, salt, pepper, garlic, mayo, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter & jelly, Bisquick, crackers, baked beans, stuffing, potatoes, snacks, like pudding, fruit & oats, granola bars, canned fruit, cereal, cereal bars, white rice, cake /brownie mix, juices, nuts, dried fruit, olive oil, vegetable oil, vinegar, salad dressings, marinades, ketchup.

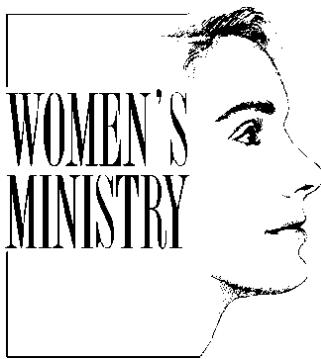
Cleaning donations – Laundry detergent & fabric softener, dryer sheets, toilet paper, paper towel, Cleaning supplies with disinfectant/bleach & All-purpose cleaners, Disinfectant cleaning wipes, Lysol spray, Microban cleaner & spray, Antibacterial liquid hand soap, XXL Garbage bags 33 gallon, Bleach, Dish soap, Dish & pot and pan scrub and sponges, Washcloths, Aluminum foil, Toilet bowl cleaner with bleach, Motrin/Tylenol, Ziplock baggies sandwich and large freezer bag size

They also accept used cellphones. Thumb Cellular recycles (working & broken) cell phones (and chargers, accessories, rechargeable batteries, manuals and tablets too) and donates the proceeds to Huron County SafePlace!

LIFE QUOTES

"[W]e demand an end to the injustice of abortion. We demand an end to the injustice of human trafficking, pornography, slavery, and the separation of children from their parents. But we do so as confessors. We confess that we are sinners, great sinners, with the culture of death flowing in our veins and pulsing through our corrupted brains. And we confess that only in Jesus is the life we need."

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



The regular monthly meeting of St. Paul Ladies Aid was called to order by president, Ruth Fluegge on Sunday, March 6, 2022. Ten ladies answered roll call.

The Ladies Aid secretary read the minutes of the February meeting; approved. The treasurer reported that we have about \$23,000 in our checking account.

Old Business:

1. Discussion was held on the upcoming Lenten supper on Wednesday, March 30th. We will be serving casseroles. The following ladies volunteered to bring casseroles:

Joyce Metzger
Janet Truemner
Ruth Kumaus
Sandy Salcido

The following ladies volunteered to bring desserts:

Margaret Timmons
Marge Weisenbach
Sandy Salcido
Peggy Parrish

Ruth Fluegge will supply dinner rolls.
Wanda Dubs will supply the crackers to go with one of our cheeseballs.
Linda Roe will furnish the beverages and butter for the supper.

Janet Truemner stated that we she thought we should not ask for a free-will offering at the Lenten supper. Discussion was held. Ruth Fluegge made a motion to NOT have a free-will offering; supported by Peggy Parrish. Carried

New Business:

1. Discussion was held on how to proceed with Christmas donations for next year as far as cash or check. This issue was tabled until the next meeting.

2. Discussion was held on what to do with the remaining gift baskets from the bazaar. Someone had suggested that we donate them to various local organizations such as SAFEPLACE that serves children and families during difficult times.

Ruth Kumaus suggested that we give Jared boxes instead of gift baskets. Concerns were voiced on what we will do to replace the gift baskets at future bazaars. A motion was made by Ruth Kumaus to save the gift baskets for the bazaar; supported by Janet Truemner. Carried.

Sandy Salcido will check with her sister-in-law at Dollar Tree on the availability of boxes to use for the Jared boxes.

3. Discussion was held on how to support members within our organization if they are ill, injured, etc.

Joyce Metzger made a motion to adjourn; supported by Wanda Dubs. Carried.

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

Respectively submitted,

Sandy Salcido, Secretary

NewsLetter
DEADLine

Articles for the May issue of St. Paul's "Epistles" are due Sunday, April 17th. 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.

Spring CLEAN UP

Spring is here! Swans and geese are flying. Robins are nesting. We all know what that means... The grass is beginning to turn green and will soon need to be mowed.



The Cemetery Committee has asked that everyone remove any items off the cemetery so cleaning and mowing can begin when the time is right. Please do so AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



Fern Dubs 2423 Smith Road Bay Port, MI 48720 (989) 453-2959	Don Fibranz Satchell's Christian Foster Care Home 2662 E. Caro Road Caro, MI 48723
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Relief for Human Need Worldwide

Orphan Grain Train of Sebewaing needs to restock the shelves with suitable used clothing.

The center (126 E. Main Street) is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Clothing: *gently used or new*

- Infant, children's, women's and men's clothing
- Shoes – clean and wearable
- New underwear (**only**) – all ages and sizes
(Customs officials will levy fines if used underwear is sent in our shipments.)
- Socks (*good used or new*)



Spring cleaning will be upon us soon. When you clean your closets please keep OGT in mind. You can bring clothing to the warehouse in **plastic bags** or place in the barrel by the coat rack.



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IN HIS SERVICE

APRIL ELDERS

April 3 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley
April 10 – Ron Tabar & Robert Haag
April 14 – Maundy Thursday Service (7:00 p.m.)
Ron Tabar
April 15 Good Friday (7:00 p.m.) – Joe Salcido
April 17 – Easter Sunrise (6:30 a.m.)
Joe Salcido & Ken Haley
April 17 – Easter Festival (8:30 a.m.)
Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague
April 25 – Ron Tabar & Robert Haag

APRIL GREETERS

April 3 – Ron & Wendy Tabar
April 10 – Josh, Lisa, Molly, Silver, & Titus Sprague
April 17 – Jyl Shope
April 24 – Terry & Chris Gettel

TITHE COUNTERS

April 3 – Patti Reinhardt & Kari Ricker
April 17 – Jen Timmons & Brandy Gunsell

APRIL ALTAR GUILD & APRIL ALTAR FLOWERS

Brandy Gunsell
Tiffany O'Hare

SNOW PATROL

April 3 – Volunteer
April 10 – Timmons
April 14 @ 7:00 p.m. – Stoeckle
April 15 @ 7:00 p.m. – Fluegge
April 17 Easter Sunday – Volunteer
April 24 – Timmons

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



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 8 – Nashia Ondrajka

Susan Schember

April 9 – Courtney Fritz

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 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

April

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

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Happy Easter
HE IS RISEN 
Celebrate the Savior!

