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Pastor's Message

Easter joy is hard to match. It has no comparison to which we can really give an example. The fact that Jesus lives and the tomb is empty brings an excitement and thrill that changes things for us. But it only does that because the empty tomb of Easter is always and forever joined to the reality of Good Friday.

Without Good Friday, our joy is superficial. That is, we are just excited that Jesus is alive. But with Good Friday, our joy can run deep. It can fill our hearts, souls, and our whole self because we know that on the cross of Good Friday our sins have been paid for and we will be raised and live forever with our Savior. Without Good Friday, it's as simple as a guy who was once dead is now alive. But with Good Friday, we know that He's *our* guy. He's our guy who took the curse of sin into His own self, paid what we owe, and took sin's result - death - defeated it. This He proves by showing Himself alive. What joy!

Without Good Friday, I don't know that Jesus' wounds in His resurrected body are for me. Without Good Friday, I'm unsure of just how deeply Jesus loves me and humbled Himself to make me His own. Without Good Friday, I'm uncertain if a payment has been made that will free me from fear of my grave. But with Good Friday, I see the scars on His resurrected body by which I am healed; I embrace that love which made Him obedient unto death for me; I'm certain that His sacrifice on Calvary is enough to chase away all my fears.

And so it is that Good Friday indeed leads us to the joyful alleluias of Easter Day. We are happy not only because our Lord Jesus is alive, but also because it assures us that we will live always with Him! Sin and the grave have been defeated! St. Paul says, *If we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his (Rom. 6:5)*. United with Jesus and His resurrection is a joyful comfort to all sinners who see Good Friday as the gateway to Easter!

Our Lord Jesus died for us, but He now lives. He has won the victory over the fear of the grave. He's not just a guy. He's *our* guy who has secured eternal joy. Let this joy fill your heart, soul, and your whole self as you proclaim, "Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!"

*The foe in triumph shouted
When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed,
His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free;
In glorious victory
He who is strong to save
Has triumphed o'er the grave.*

(LSB 467 st. 2)

A joyous Easter,

Pastor Suggitt

Holy Week Services

Holy (Maundy) Thursday 4/2

Good Shepherd, Caseville - 5:30pm

St. Paul, Linkville - 7pm

Good Friday 4/3

Good Shepherd, Caseville - 1pm

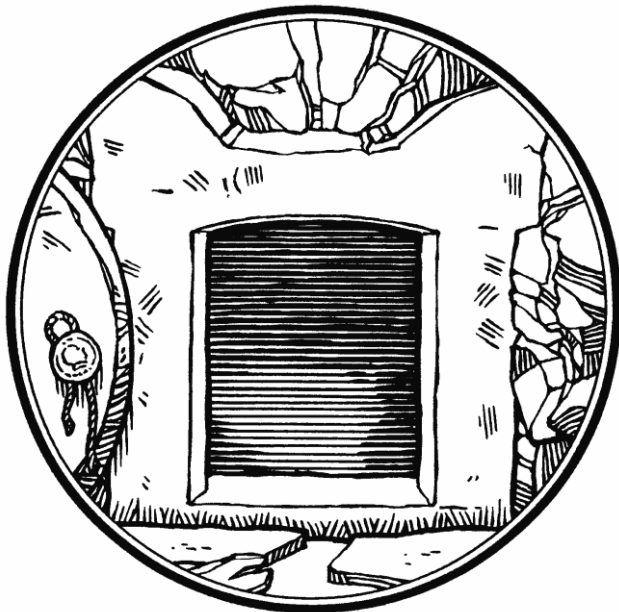
Chief Service

St. Paul, Linkville - 7pm

Tenebrae Service



The Resurrection of Our Lord



Easter Vigil 4/4

Grace Lutheran Church

Fairgrove - 7pm

Easter Sunrise 4/5

St. Paul, Linkville - 6:30am

Easter Festival Service 4/5

St. Paul, Linkville - 8:30am

Good Shepherd, Caseville - 10:30am



Some Things Never Change

Some things never change. Thank goodness for that. In life there are many and constant changes. Most are for the good, but some are not.

Sure, we all wish for change at times. Like the weather; for the ability to be better at something. As for the weather we can only wish! But to get better at something we can do something about it. We usually just have to practice at it. We need to sometimes make a plan to succeed. Or just be more repetitive until we get better at whatever the task is.

So, let's say that you have succeeded at getting better at something. Your goals were met. Your batting average is up. Your golf score is down. Maybe your food tasted better for your family. You lost some weight.

As frail humans we generally find out the hard way that if you don't use it, you lose it. When we rest on our laurels, we end up getting rusty from lack of use.

Being a Christian is just the same way. We want to get closer to God. We commit to it; then we act on it; and we are there. Then we rest on our laurels and let our worship wane; and we end up spiritually rusty.

So, when you're feeling a little rusty, remember, don't just wish that you'll change for the better but act on it. Ask for God's help because one thing never changes, and that's God's love for you!

Joe Salcido , the Elder Elder

MOTHER/DAUGHTER EVENT

**SATURDAY, MAY 9TH 2026
11:00 A.M.**

The event will be potluck style so bring your favorite dish or dessert to pass. Broasted chicken will be provided.

Come and join the fun
Watch a remake of

"THERE'S A HOLE IN MY BUCKET"

There's a Hole in My Bucket



**Please sign up by May
3rd or text Brenda Kady
@ (989)551-2731**



The monthly meeting of St. Paul's Ladies Aid was called to order by Vice-President Joyce Metzger on Sunday, March 1, 2026, immediately following our worship service. Nine ladies answered roll call. A devotion from the *Portals of Prayer* was read by the Ladies Aid secretary entitled "With the Lord Begin Your Task". We need to begin our day with prayer and cast all our cares on Jesus. Ask His blessing and direction in everything we do and say no matter how big or small. Pray without ceasing.

The minutes of the February meeting were read by the Ladies Aid Secretary and approved. A number of thank yous were read for the Christmas gifts we gave.

Jyl Shope stated that the Ladies Aid has approximately \$29,981 in Checking and \$16,343.57 in Savings

Old Business:

1. Soup Sale

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The soup sale was successful. Received many compliments on this fundraiser.

2. Pot Pie Sale

There are 2 large turkeys in the freezer left from Christmas. We're thinking of having a Pot Pie Sale within our congregation to use them up. We discussed when to have the sale and decided to wait until after the Pork Dinner and Easter. We'll decide on a date at our April meeting.

3. Brass Vases

Wendy Tabar brought up the subject of replacing the brass vases here at St. Paul. They are scratched and don't look too great anymore. Several ladies have volunteered to find some.

4. Box for Memorials at a funeral

Wendy said she has a box that was used at her son's wedding that she thinks would be

appropriate for this purpose. Brandy also talked to Jeremy Deming about building such a box. These options will be explored more to make a decision.

New Business:

1. In an effort to bolster the church General Fund Sandy asked if the ladies would consider taking over the lease on the church copy machine. In years gone by the Ladies Aid had done this but ran into financial difficulties and asked the church to shoulder this responsibility again. They complied. Brenda Kady made a motion for the Ladies Aid to pay the copy machine lease; Wendy Tabar supported; Carried. Brenda Kady wondered if we asked to make an annual lease payment instead of monthly would they give us a discount. Sandy will contact Jodi for the payment info and then contact BOSS to see what they say.
2. Discussion was held concerning the lilies for Easter. Sandy will contact Ruth Fluegge & Paula Holland (altar guild & altar flower committee for April) to see if they would take care of ordering them. We need eight. Ruth Fluegge will also order the praying hands for the 2026 confirmands.
3. Joyce Metzger asked about the possibility of making homemade bread to sell at the bazaar. We have a commercial mixer in the basement that would make it easier to do quantity baking. We could make the loaves now and freeze them until right before the bazaar and bake them then.
4. Discussion was held concerning the Sunday School rooms. Several ladies were perplexed as to why they were not being used as Sunday School rooms. We need to talk to the teachers and see if they would like to use them for the purpose that they were built. Some of the items stored in those rooms could be moved to another area, possibly the basement.

A motion was made by Wendy Tabar; supported by Shirley to adjourn the meeting. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and sang the doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Salcido, Secretary

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Soup Sale. Thanks to those who donated money and ingredients; the Ladies Aid for the loan; helping hands who cleaned and chopped; Sandy - who made the excellent chicken soup; those who helped package; and those who sold and delivered soups. Because of all of you, we were able to deposit \$1448.53 to St. Paul's General Fund.

God is so good! -- Brandy & Melissa



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Keep them in your prayers, maybe give them a call and/or visit them.



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

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

BIG Thank You!

From the Pork Dinner Chairperson – Annette Prich

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to all members of St. Paul, from the youngest to the oldest, for your unwavering dedication and hard work in making our recent dinner a resounding success. It was inspiring to see individuals from every generation come together, working as one to achieve our shared objectives.

The willingness of our membership to lend a hand for any task, no matter how big or small, truly highlights the strength and unity of the St. Paul family. Your cooperation and commitment are invaluable, and I am deeply grateful for your continued support.

Thank you once again for your collective efforts.
Annette

Here are a few details on the dinner –

- We served 311 adult dinners; 25 – 5 to 12 years dinners; and 5 – 4 & under dinners for a total of 341 dinners
- 136 people chose to eat at the church
205 people ordered take-out meals

The proceeds for the dinner totaled \$5,282 – a nice drop in the bucket for St. Paul's Special Needs Fund.

An evaluation sheet has been placed in the mailboxes of each area supervisor. If that was your roll, please fill out the sheet and place it in Annette's mailbox. If anybody noticed something that needs improvement, please let me know. I'll do what I can to solve the issue.



On March 15, 2026 we were blessed to welcome into the family of faith at St. Paul by the washing and renewal of Holy Baptism Cade Matthew Romzek, infant son of Cody and Katelyn Romzek. Serving as sponsors for Cade are Nicholas O'Hare and Katelyn McGregor.

Cade is the grandson of Patty Seibel and the baby brother of Wyatt and Hailey Romzek. Bless this family as they live their lives together in Jesus.

LIFE QUOTE

As Christians, we rejoice in the Savior who shines light on our lives when we only expected inky blackness. May God's strong Word remind us that the fullness of life is meant to be lived in the light. In our weakness, may the Lord bring alongside us faithful brothers and sisters to proclaim that God is light and life to us, and let us walk in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:7). In Jesus we have light, and to have light is to have life. May we rejoice in proclaiming the message of Jesus as the Apostle John did. Thanks be to God that He is light, and He shines in the darkness.

*A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •
lutheransforlife.org*





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So Proud of my favorite Red Bull!! State archery shoot was a huge success and he is on his way to Nationals this May in Louisville, KY 🎯❤️

❤️ Ranked #1 - 4th grade Bullseye 🎯

❤️ Ranked #1 - 4th grade boys 3D 🦌🐓🐇

❤️ Ranked #4 - overall elementary 3D

🏆 State trophy recipient

❤️ Ranked #9 - overall elementary bullseye

👍 41 💬 10 ➦



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Noah is the son of Kari Osantoski and grandson of Dean and Julie Kreh.



Lance Deming, son of Jeremy & Melissa Deming, big brother of Tristan, and grandson of Ellery & Shirley Fritz, started his journey to being a United States Marine on March 24, 2026.

He is currently in boot camp at Paris Island, South Carolina. His tentative graduation date is June 18, 2026.

We are all so proud and miss him so much already!



Please keep Lance in your prayers.



Sunday School MAKES A DIFFERENCE

We are so thankful for the wonderful month we've had at Sunday School! A big highlight was our recent pork dinner fundraiser. We had a great turnout, and our children did an amazing job helping serve and support the event. Their hard work truly shined—so much so that one guest was incredibly impressed and generously donated money toward our Sunday School program.

To celebrate the children's dedication and teamwork, we will be hosting a special ice cream social using the donated funds. More details about this fun event will be shared soon!

We are also excited to share that Ruth Fluegge used a Thrivent grant to purchase items for our new Sunday School relaxing room. These items included supplies for hot chocolate, comfortable seating, and games for children to enjoy while waiting for Sunday School to begin or wrap up. We are looking forward to seeing this room come together and providing a welcoming space for our older students to build connections and enjoy fellowship time.

Looking ahead, our children will be helping serve at the Easter breakfast and have been practicing beautiful songs to share with the congregation during Easter service. We are so proud of their efforts and can't wait for you to hear them!

Please note there will be no Sunday School on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.



Residents at the Thumb Medical Care Facility often play games to pass the time. When they win, they are given a small prize.

It costs \$\$ to supply these prizes. That's where you come in. How would you like to help by furnishing a few small gifts for them?

Items you can donate include:

- Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Baseball Caps
- Lotions
- Jewelry
- Clothes

No puzzles please.



Come and grow in faith as we continue to read and digest God's Word on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

IN HIS SERVICE

ELDERS

April 2 – 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday

Joe Salcido & Ron Tabar

April 3 – 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae

Joe Salcido

April 5 – 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service

Josh Sprague & Ken Haley

5 – 8:30 a.m. Easter Festival Service

Robert Haag & Matt Reibling

12 – Joe Salcido & Ron Tabar

19 – Josh Sprague & Ken Haley

26 – Robert Haag & Matt Reibling

GREETERS

April 5-Jason & Patti Reinhardt

April 12 – Rob & Amy Haag and Family

April 19 – Jyl Shope

April 26 – Warren & Jan Stoeckle

ACOLYTES

April 5 – Brettly Ewald

12 – Silver Sprague

19 – Saige Ondrajka

26 – Anna Haag

ALTAR GUILD & ALTAR FLOWERS

Ruth Fluegge 989-598-4156

Paula Holland 989-598-2453

TITHE COUNTERS

April 12 – Patti Reinhardt & Kari Ricker

April 26 – Liz Reehl & Kim Krohn

SNOW PATROL

April 2- 7:00 p.m. Deming Maundy Thursday

3 – 7:00 p.m. Volunteer Good Friday

5 – 6:30 a.m. Fluegge Easter Sunrise

5 – 8:30 a.m. Fluegge Easter Festival

12 – 8:30 a.m. Deming

19 – 8:30 a.m. Volunteer

26 – 8:30 a.m. Timmons

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1 – Claire Suggitt

Jessica Higgins

Michelle Haley

April 2 – Levi Renn

Brock Shope

April 3 – David Jamieson

April 4 – Aaron Diebel

Miles Carlisle

April 5 – Lilah Reibling

April 6 – Ava Reibling

Michelle Reibling

Garrett Toner

April 8 – Nashia Barr

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

Brian Rosenthal

April 21 – Dallas Holland

April 24 – Lane Higgins

April 25 – Abigail O'Hare

April 28 – Emma Reibling

Miles Shuboy

Beverly Wise

April 30 – Hunter Dubs

APRIL

ANNIVERSARIES

April 14 – Gerald & Diane Wildman

April 16 – Ken & Faye Errer

Joel & Laura Toner

April 23 – Terry & Chris Gettel

Warren & Jan Stoeckle

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>
			1	2 Holy Maundy Thursday 5:30 PM @ GS 7:00 PM @ SP	3 Good Friday 1:00 PM @ GS 7:00 PM @ SP	4 7:00 PM Easter Vigil @ Grace Fairgrove
5 6:30 AM Sunrise Service 7:00 – 8:00 AM Easter Breakfast 8:30 AM Festival Service	6	7 6:15 PM Elder Mtg. 7:00 PM Council Mtg	8	9	10	11
12 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS/Coffee Hr. Ladies Aid Mtg. 1:30 PM Catechism	13	14	15 6:30 PM Bible Study	16	17	18
19 8:30 AM Divine Service 1:30 PM Catechism 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study	20	21	22 6:30 PM Bible Study	23	24	25
26 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS/Coffee Hr. 1:30 PM Catechism	27	28	29 6:30 PM Bible Study	30	2026	

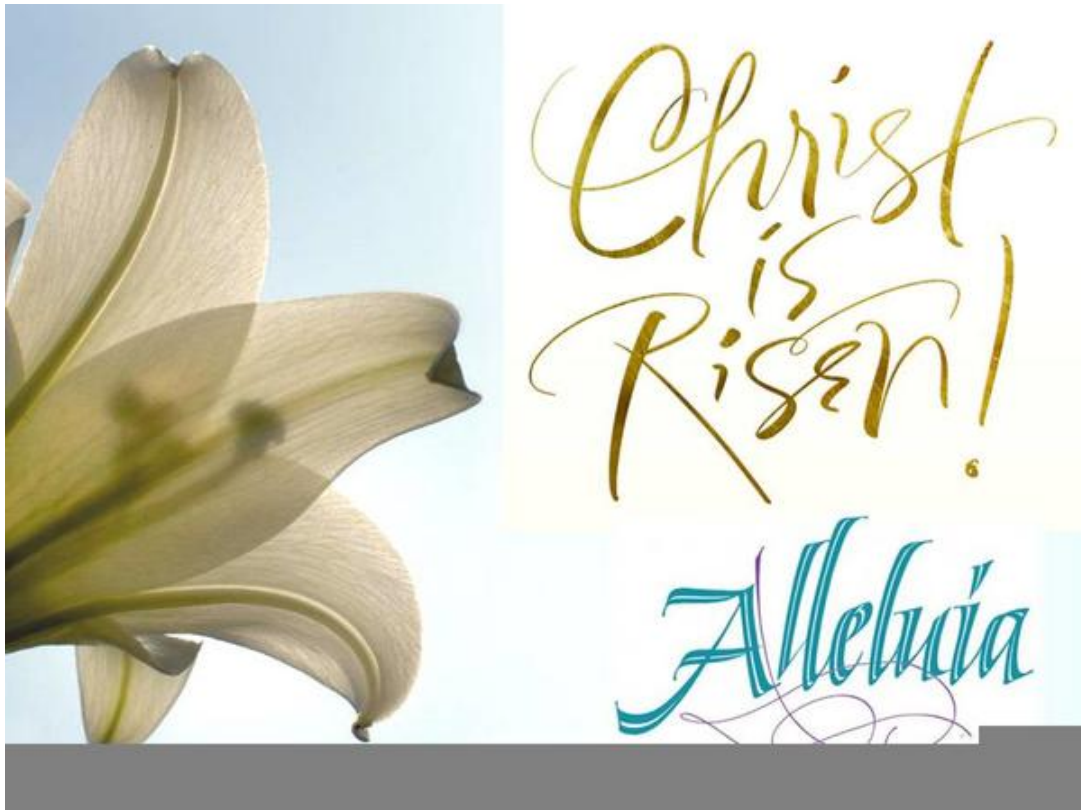
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