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What If...?

'But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.' 1 Corinthians 15:20

Dear friends in Christ, what if it didn't happen? What if there were no resurrection? What if Jesus didn't rise from the dead on the first Easter? What would that be like? What would life look like? In 1 Corinthians 15, St. Paul wrote that, 'if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.' According to Paul, our faith would be futile and we would remain in our sins. He went on: 'If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.' We would be pitiable. Apart from the resurrection of Jesus – body and all – that first Easter Sunday, would there be any Christians? What would we be?

Indeed, it's hard to imagine a world *not* centered on Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. How would the years be numbered? Would Rome have fallen when it did? How long ago would the new world have been discovered? Or, to think about it on a more personal level, what would we believe and how would we live according to that faith, or lack of faith? I imagine we would probably begin by not going to church, and then...

If Christ had not been raised, parents wouldn't bring children for baptism, nor would they bring their children to Sunday School or Confirmation instruction. If Christ had not been raised, what is the point of a marriage ceremony over any other contract. Indeed, every aspect of the human life and body would fall under the authority of the every individual.

We could certainly go on, but that would be a truly pitiable existence. Thanks be to God, however, that Jesus Christ *is* risen from the dead, and lives and reigns eternally. Because he is alive, our whole life has meaning. Baptized into his name, we are a new people. In this life and world, we are tempted in every way and at all times to believe it isn't true that Christ has been raised and lives. We are tempted in every way and at all times to live as if Christ had not been raised. Lord, have mercy on all of us!

How many of us find ourselves fighting against these temptations? Where can we turn? Where can we go?

To Christ! He is your Savior who forgives you when you are tempted and forgives you when you have given into temptation. Repent of sin and believe that Christ is risen from the dead for you!

There is no time like the present to refocus and refresh your faith and life in Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is as Paul said so stridently and joyfully to his beloved Corinthians: 'But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.' Christ is risen, Alleluia! He is risen from the dead and as the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep, his resurrection is simply the first of the rest to follow, including yours. You, yes YOU, are his chosen, his beloved. He will raise you, too, unto life everlasting! See you at church!

-Pastor Amen

<u>March 2024 Worship</u>
Sunday, March 3, Third Sunday in Lent Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 2:13-25 <i>Hymns:</i> 581, 579, 824, 850, 973 <i>Service:</i> Setting 4 <i>Sermon:</i> The Original Top 10
Wednesday, March 6, Midweek Lent 3 Mark 7:31-37; Luke 8:40-56; Luke 17:11-19 <i>Hymns:</i> 421, In Christ Alone, 971 <i>Sermon:</i> Love in the Healings
Sunday, March 10, Fourth Sunday in Lent Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21 <i>Hymns:</i> 971, 571, 566, 556, 918 <i>Service:</i> Matins <i>Sermon:</i> Lighten Up
Wednesday, March 13, Midweek Lent 4 Luke 19:1-10; Mark 11:1-10; Mark 12:38-44 <i>Hymns:</i> 547, 10,000 Reasons, 883 <i>Sermon:</i> Love in the Last Week

Sunday, March 17, Fifth Sunday in Lent 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 13:24-32, 36-43 <i>Hymns:</i> 718, 604, 392, 619, 430 <i>Service:</i> Setting 4 <i>Sermon:</i> St. Patrick's Day
Wednesday, March 20, Midweek Lent 5 Luke 22:39-46; Matthew 26:14-16; Matthew 26:47-56 <i>Hymns:</i> 456, 428, 878 <i>Sermon:</i> Love in the Cross
Sunday, March 24th, Palm Sunday John 12:12-19; Zechariah 9:9-12; Philippians 2:5-11 <i>Hymns:</i> 443, 442, 433, 438, 441 <i>Sermon:</i> Shout It Out!
Thursday, March 28, Maundy Thursday Exodus 12:1-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32; John 13:1-17, 31b-35 <i>Hymns:</i> 445, 617, 636, 634, 436 <i>Sermon:</i> Love in the Supper
Friday, March 29, Good Friday Psalm 22; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; John 19 <i>Hymns:</i> 452, 451, 767, 449, 425, 887 <i>Service:</i> Tenebrae <i>Sermon:</i> Love in the Grave
Sunday, March 31, 6:30am, Easter Sunrise Exodus 14-15:1; Daniel 3; John 20:1-18 <i>Hymns:</i> 464, 475, 633, 478, 463 <i>Service:</i> Easter Sunrise <i>Sermon:</i> Love in the Resurrection
Sunday, March 31, 9am, Easter Festival Job 19:23-27; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8 <i>Hymns:</i> 477, 457, 461, 490, 480 <i>Service:</i> Setting 1 <i>Sermon:</i> Love in Our Hearts

Each week as we gather for Lenten services, receive your week's string. Perfect as a centerpiece above the table or in the classroom, family room or bedroom, this mobile grows throughout Lent as we pray through the days until Jesus' glorious resurrection. Each week includes a daily devotional verse and Scripture passage following the theme of the week. There is also available a great children's Lenten devotional booklet in the atrium.

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Church Growth & Fellowship

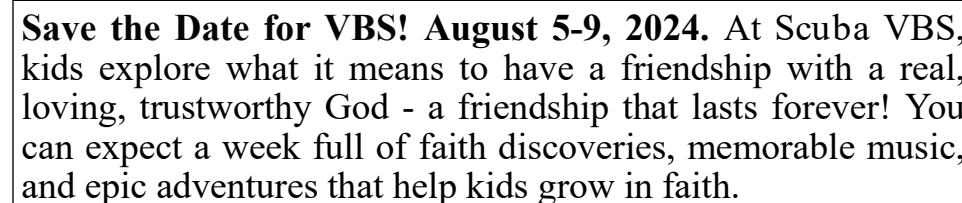
Love in the Healings

Youth

Love in the Last Week

Preschool

Love in the Cross



Save the Date for VBS! August 5-9, 2024. At Scuba VBS, kids explore what it means to have a friendship with a real, loving, trustworthy God - a friendship that lasts forever! You can expect a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that help kids grow in faith.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Date	Service	Service Theme
March 28th	Maundy Thursday	Love in the Supper
March 29th	Good Friday	Love in the Grave
March 31st, 6:30am	Easter Sunrise	Love in the Resurrection
March 31st, 9:15am	Easter Festival	Love in Our Hearts



Est. Monthly Need	\$32,360.89
January Offering.....	\$26,607.12
January 31 YTD	\$26,607.12
LWML Mites YTD.....	\$10
Coins For Christ YTD	\$50



Thrivent members: If you haven't designated your 2023 Thrivent Choice Dollars yet, you still can! Thrivent members, visit www.thrivent.com/choicedollars or call 1-800-Thrivent, say "Choice Dollars." If you don't designate your 2023 Choice Dollars by March 31, 2024, they will be lost. This is no cost to you—you are asking Thrivent to donate money to the non-profit of your choice. Please consider designating them to St Paul Lutheran or to St Paul Lutheran Preschool.



Offerings for Missions

March 3: LWML Mite Box Sunday. The mites/door collections will support national and international mission grants. Read about this month's featured grants below, and join us to learn more on February 1 at 2pm. Year to date we have collected \$10 to donate towards these grants.

EXPANDING GOSPEL PROCLAMATION WORLDWIDE Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri | \$100,000.

Concordia Seminary is committed to addressing the concern of educating international students from countries that are unable to handle the significant financial obligation. This education will help to ensure that those living in every region of their nations will hear and learn the message of salvation through Christ. An LWML Mission Grant will provide scholarship aid for international students. To learn more, look up this mission grant at www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-8.

Minnesota-South Mission Grant GROWING & SOWING FOR CHRIST!

Concordia Classical Academy No. Mankato | \$20,000

God has blessed the school with many new families and students. With that great blessing comes a number of challenges, which includes purchasing and upgrading their Christ-centered curriculum. With the help of the LWML they will be able to provide a quality, life-changing, Christian education for their students.

March 17: Our door collection today will be for Coins for Christ



Super Bowl Subs

Thank you to everyone who purchased Super Bowl Subs from the youth! This was a great fundraiser for the kids and so much fun to do. We appreciate all the love and support you give to our youth!

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, March 31

The youth will be providing food and serving the Easter Breakfast on Sunday, March 31. Please keep an eye out for a sign up in early March indicating what to bring!

SPY Easter Egging

Wednesday, March 27 ~ 6-8:30 PM

Saturday, March 30 ~ 7:45-9:00 PM

Time for a fun new fundraiser! The youth will “egg” houses with plastic Easter eggs filled with candy. Join us to fill eggs on Wednesday, March 27th from 6-8:30 PM and deliver them on Saturday, March 30th! The more people that sign up, the faster it will go. Please see the youth page on the church website or the postcard mailed out at the beginning of the month to sign up!

Sr. SPY Youth Group

Wednesday March 6 & 20 ~ 7-8:30 PM

Youth Group will be returning to an every-other-week basis for the remainder of this school year. We will be finishing our Bible study on relationships, have fellowship time, and lots of fun games. This is a wonderful time to grow in your faith and relationships with one another and with God.

Jr. SPY Youth Group

Sunday March 3, 10, 17, 24 ~ 7:15-8:30 PM

Starting with a meal at 7:15, we will play fun games, and spend time in fellowship, and learn more about our faith. Note, there is no Jr. SPY on Sunday, March 31 for Easter Sunday.

Want to Egg Someone’s House for Easter?

No, not that kind of egging! A new year means a new fundraiser! St. Paul’s youth will be “egging” houses, and by that we mean placing plastic eggs filled with candy in people’s yards, on Saturday, March 30th. Put in your order to “egg” someone’s house by **Sunday, March 24th** to gift a fun surprise to someone you love or even for yourself!

Order forms are available in the Atrium as well as on the youth page of the church website. You can bring the forms into the office or mail them to us!

Price

10 for \$10

25 for \$20

50 for \$35

100 for \$60





Sun, Mar 3 Third Sunday in Lent

9:00am *Divine Service*
 10:00am JAM
 6:00pm Confirmation
 7:15pm Jr. SPY

Tues, Mar 5 9:00am Bible Study at 8th Ave Diner

Wed, Mar 6 1:00pm Quilters
 5:30pm Bells
 7:00pm Choir
 7:00pm Sr. SPY

Sun, Mar 10 Fourth Sunday in Lent

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS—Spring Forward

9:00am *Divine Service*
 10:00am JAM
 6:00pm Confirmation
 7:15pm Jr. SPY

Tues, Mar 12 9:00am Bible Study at 8th Ave Diner

Wed, Mar 13 1:00pm Quilters
 5:00pm Church Growth and Fellowship
 5:15pm Bells
 5:30pm Lenten Meal
 6:30pm *Lenten Service*
 7:00pm Choir

Sun, Mar 17 Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:00am *Divine Service*
 10:15am JAM
 6:00pm Confirmation
 7:15pm Jr. SPY

Mon, Mar 18 5:15pm Board of Education

Tues, Mar 19 9:00am Bible Study at 8th Ave Diner
 7:00pm Board of Directors
 Wed, Mar 20 1:00pm Quilters
 5:15pm Bells
 5:30pm Lenten Meal
 6:30pm *Lenten Service*
 7:00pm Choir
 7:00pm Sr. SPY

Thurs, Mar 21 10:30am *Service at Ridgeview*
 1:00pm *Service at Good Sam*
 3:00pm *Shut-in Service at St Paul*

Sun, Mar 24 Palm Sunday

9:00am *Divine Service*
 10:15am JAM
 6:00pm Confirmation
 7:15pm Jr. SPY

Tues, Mar 26 9:00am Bible Study at 8th Ave Diner

Wed, Mar 27 10:00am SAGES
 1:00pm Quilters
 5:30pm Bells
 6:00pm SPY Easter Egging Packaging
 7:00pm Choir
 7:00pm Board of Elders

Thurs, Mar 28 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service

Fri, Mar 29 6:30pm Good Friday Service

Sat Mar 30 7:45pm Easter Egging Delivery

Sun, Mar 31 Easter Sunday

6:30am *Easter Sunrise*
 7:15am Easter Breakfast
 9:15am *Easter Festival*



Our Shut In Service will be held each month on the third Thursday. Join us this month on March 21st for a time of worship and communion.



St. Paul Preschool

March, 2023

March brings us the promise of SPRING!!!! Soon we can think of flowers and rain, rather than snow and ice with school cancelations.

We are currently taking registrations for the 2023/2024 school year. Please spread the word with family and friends! We welcome any comments you have regarding the preschool. As parents, your thoughts and opinions are very important to us. With your help, we'd like to make each year a little better than the last.

The Valentine parties were a great success. Then children really enjoy it when a special someone comes to school.

The weather will hopefully continue to get warmer so we will try and get outside more. Please send appropriate clothing for the weather. Thanks!

DAD AND KID'S BOWLING! March 11th 6:00pm and 7:00pm for 3's and 7:15pm for 4/5's. Please RSVP to Shelly if you can make it thanks!

They also said the kitchen will be open if anyone wants to order food. We will supply some pizza for everyone.

Please remember if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time!

In Christ's Love,
Shelly, Paige, Gloria, and Rose



Let the children come to me...

Matthew 19:13-14

St. Paul Preschool is owned and operated by St. Paul Lutheran Church, LCMS.
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Teacher/Director
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Paige Larsen
Gloria Evans
Rose Sorenson

Preschool board members
Meg DeGroot
Melissa McCorquodale
Heather Brinkmeyer
Kari Hamann
Elizabeth Determan

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pipestone MN
February 20, 2023

Board Meeting Called to order by President Blake

Opening Prayer by Pastor

Approval of December meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Doug Stotz, and carried by Loren Dockter.

Financial Report: Need to switch insurance on new rental property to church insurance policy. First payment came out of the account to make a payment to Lutheran Extension fund.

Board of Elders: No report. Update from Pastor that Rodger Smidt is a new Elder, and that T.J DeGroot is head elder at this time. Blake made a motion to appoint Tom Bobendrier to the vacant Elders position.

Church Growth and Fellowship Committee: Dalle family donations from our church were delivered to the family. The Committee plans to serve a Lent meal. Working on gifts of love.

Education Committee: Susie and Pastor working on confirmation and some changes to come. Looking at moving Confirmation to Wednesdays, starting next year, and doing every other week. Planning for confirmation to be a four year curriculum going forward. Looking into a new course book. Pastor did share this information with Pastor Petrich, regarding these changes. Susie is looking into a different JAM curriculum for next year.

Property Committee Loren got the old lightbulbs taken out to recycling. Our Janitor Kris's office lights were replaced. All rooftop filters have been replaced. The north entrance door stop was replaced. Loren reports that water fountain on the second level is having issues, and tiles under the fountain have stains. The plan is to take the water fountain out. Loren will make some calls, and look into ways to remove the stain from the floor tiles. Loren reports the north entrance door does not close on its own and plans to look at this tomorrow. He reports the south entrance door the panic bar quit, and Ole looked at it, and was not able to fix it. New parts were ordered for this. Parts will take 2-4 weeks to get in. Loren reports the front hand rail on the front steps has not been fixed, and this will be looked into. Loren reports complaints of the heat on the second level, going into church. Discussion of putting a fan unit in. Loren will discuss this with Corey Popma. Doug reports another Culligan bill has been paid, and discussion about the need of the water

softener, or turning the cycle dial down. Loren and a couple others are planning for tomorrow, to remove the double oven from the basement.

Preschool Board: They had their Valentines Party. Pastor reports the pancake breakfast fundraiser had a good turn out. The Board is planning to serve breakfast for one of the lent meals.

Pastor: Susie and Pastor have a conference in Arizona this coming weekend. Pastor talked about the agenda of the conference. Had one funeral this last month. Pastor Schiller will do tomorrow nights Lent service, in Pastor Amens absence. Tami Nelson will plan to fill in as church secretary, with Alissa leaving. Tami's hours are not determined at this time, but will be flexible. Tomorrow is Alissa's last day in the office. Lent services will begin.

Old Business: Rental house had a walk through with elders, and a few church members, to come up with a game plan for the house, and what repairs would be needed to be able to rent out the property. Plans for flooring, painting, and other repairs as discussed at the special voters meeting. Hopes to rent out the property by May. Discussion of the deed for the rental property getting switched over.

New Business: Pastor discussed some possible insurance changes, with his wife Becky accepting a new position. Pastor discussed some different plan options he has looked into, for him and his family. A proposal was made by Pastor to check more into the different insurance options, and review these plan options more in detail, with Doug Stotz, to determine what would work best financially. Verdeen Colbeck made a motion to move forward with this proposal by Pastor. Carried by Loren Dockter.

Dates and times:

Voters Meeting: April 28th

Next Board Meeting: March 19

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Board Members:

President: Blake Jasper, 605-988-4367

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Treasurer: Doug Stotz, 507-215-2094

Secretary: Karla Loll, 507-215-2484

Properties: Loren Dockter 507-820-9394

Mike Crawford 507-920-6779

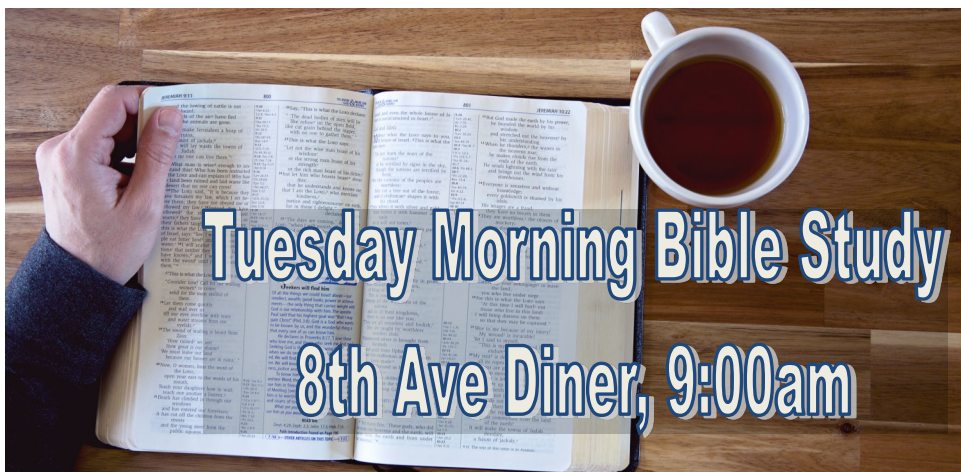
Pastor: Christopher Amen, 507-562-4851



SAGES
Saints Alive!
Growing Ever Serving

Wednesday, February 28, 10:00am

Join us for a time of coffee and fellowship, a little Bible study, a few mind games and a good time with others who admit to not being as young as they use to be.



The **Quilting Group** meets on **Wednesdays at 1pm**. Join in the fellowship and work on some projects. We would love for you to join us on Wednesdays for a fun afternoon of sewing and fellowship. You do not need to have quilting experience, just willing hands. Can't join every week? That's ok! Please come when you are able!

Radio Sponsorship

Sun, Mar 3-----
Sun, Mar 10-----
Sun, Mar 17-----
Sun, Mar 24----- Mary Ann Hustad
Sun, Mar 31----- Karen Amdahl

Altar Flowers

Sun, Mar 3-----
Sun, Mar 10-----
Sun, Mar 17----- Becky Hoss
Sun, Mar 24----- Palms
Sun, Mar 31----- Easter Lilies



Altar Guild

PowerPoint

Sun, Mar 3 ----- Griffin Smidt
 Wed, Mar 6 ----- Jersey Fenicle
 Sun, Mar 10 ----- Kenadie Balster
 Wed, Mar 13 ----- Jenna Boeke
 Sun, Mar 17 ----- Hannah Smidt
 Wed, Mar 20 ----- Kaysa Douty
 Sun, Mar 24 ----- Addison Draper
 Thurs, Mar 28 ----- Macy Tollefson
 Fri, Mar 29 ----- Madison Radloff
 Sun, Mar 31 (6:30am) ----- Mariah Moeller
 Sun, Mar 31 (9:15am) ----- Dawson Ilse

Greeters

Sun, Mar 3 ----- Jean Moeller and Sonia Griebel
 Wed, Mar 6 ----- Scott and Carrie Radloff
 Sun, Mar 10 -----
 Wed, Mar 13 ----- Denny and Linda Winter
 Sun, Mar 17 ----- Tim and Rachel Stotz
 Wed, Mar 20 ----- Melissa and Tenli McCorquodale
 Sun, Mar 24 ----- Terry and Amy VandenBosch
 Thurs, Mar 28 ----- Mark and Judy Raschke
 Fri, Mar 29 ----- Tom and Shelly Bobendrier
 Sun, Mar 31 (6:30am) ----- Rodger and Gloria Smidt
 Sun, Mar 31 (9:15am) ----- Matt and Savannah Lange

Elders

Sundays ----- Mark Stueven and Brad Smidt
 Special services ----- TBD

Acolytes

Sun, Mar 3 ----- Mackayla Lange & Harper Smidt
 Wed, Mar 6 ----- Madesyn Fenicle & Danica LaBrune
 Sun, Mar 10 ----- Ireland Draper & Matthias Amen
 Wed, Mar 13 ----- Harper Smidt & Dane McCorquodale
 Sun, Mar 17 ----- Hayden Heard & Josey Fey
 Wed, Mar 20 ----- Brody Hiniker & Greyson Balster
 Sun, Mar 24 ----- Ryker Beyers & Collin Schulze
 Thurs, Mar 28 ----- Greyson Balster & Breylee Tollefson
 Fri, Mar 29 ----- Mackenzie Lange & Ava Jasper
 Sun, Mar 31 (6:30am) ----- Hatty Fey & Benett Wiese
 Sun, Mar 31 (9:15am) ----- Ashlyn Meulebroeck & Kami Tollefson

Sound

Sun, Mar 3 ----- Verdeen Colbeck
 Wed, Mar 6 ----- Neal Jennings
 Sun, Mar 10 ----- Denny Winter
 Wed, Mar 13 ----- Verdeen Colbeck
 Sun, Mar 17 ----- Neal Jennings
 Wed, Mar 20 ----- Denny Winter
 Sun, Mar 24 ----- Verdeen Colbeck
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