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*'Christ Jesus brought this gift to me,
My faithful Savior,
Whom You have made my eyes to see
By Your favor,
Now I know He is my life,
My friend when I am dying. '*
LSB 938, In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

Without beating around the bush, I want you to take a moment and consider death. More specifically, I want you to consider your death. Admittedly, it is not a comfortable subject, but funeral directors, organists, and pastors will share alike that people make the most powerful confession of our faith in how we face death.

I do not raise this issue to bring specific instances to mind, but if you have attended many funerals for friends or family outside of our congregation, you have surely experienced a wide spectrum of practices. Have you been to a funeral lately? What was spoken about Christ in the service? Was the service in the funeral home or in the church? What did you see? What was said? What was sung?

Christian funerals are celebrations of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the forgiveness, life, and salvation he gives to us by grace, through faith. It looks forward with great anticipation to the resurrection of the dead promised by Christ at his return and at the same time it is a stark reminder to everyone in attendance of their own mortality. Much of the world has a paralyzing fear of death, however, and strives with all its might to guard against it, mask it, euphemize it, and cover it up.

A Christian funeral is uncomfortable for the world because it is honest about life and death. Death is the wages of sin. It is last attack of the Old Adam against us and it is inevitable for all of us. There is only one cure for death, and that is resurrection from the dead, and that cure is not complete until Christ returns. This is what we, by the grace of God, believe in life, and this is what we confess in the face of death.

Consider the poetry of the hymn, ‘Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart.’ (LSB 708) The third stanza reads,
*‘And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me,
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Savior and my fount of grace.’*


Instead of avoiding death, this hymn confronts it. Instead of telling the grieving how to feel, it tells them of the hope of resurrection from the dead in Christ. The hymnal is one of our greatest treasures when it comes to comfort in the face of death; in many ways it is a teacher for all of us about how to die. Death is the wrong end to our lives; it was not God’s plan. Death is horrible, and when we face it in others and ourselves, Jesus alone is our cry!

For the sake of brevity, please consider the following: you are encouraged by the world to prearrange with a funeral home before you die. If that is an important way of taking care of your loved ones at a stressful time, how much more helpful would it be to arrange the funeral service before you die? As Luther writes in the hymn above, Christ alone is our friend when we are dying. Consider planning ahead so that He is confessed to your loved ones as he has been confessed to you! This after all, is the Easter joy that we have just celebrated.

We are creating a worksheet to keep on file here at church. We also have it available on our website. No, it is not binding, yes, it can be changed, but it is certainly helpful for your loved ones when the time comes. And I urge you to do so now, even while you think it may be far off, for truly only the Lord knows the day or the hour.

-Pastor Amen

April 2024 Worship
Sunday, April 7, Second Sunday of Easter Acts 4:1-12, 32-35; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31 <i>Hymns:</i> 484, 470, 411, 487, 720 <i>Service:</i> Setting 1 <i>Sermon:</i> Seeing or Believing
Sunday, April 14, Third Sunday of Easter Acts 3:11-21; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36-49 <i>Hymns:</i> 825, 483, 725, 605, 482 <i>Service:</i> Setting 1 <i>Sermon:</i> Walking, Leaping, Praising God
Sunday, April 21: Good Shepherd Sunday Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18 <i>Hymns:</i> 709, 666, 473, 588, 970,740 <i>Service:</i> Setting 1 <i>Sermon:</i> Greater Than Our Heart
Sunday, April 28, Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:1-21; John 15:1-8 <i>Hymns:</i> 594, 633, 700, 596, 837 <i>Service:</i> Prayer and Preaching <i>Sermon:</i> How can I, unless someone guides me?

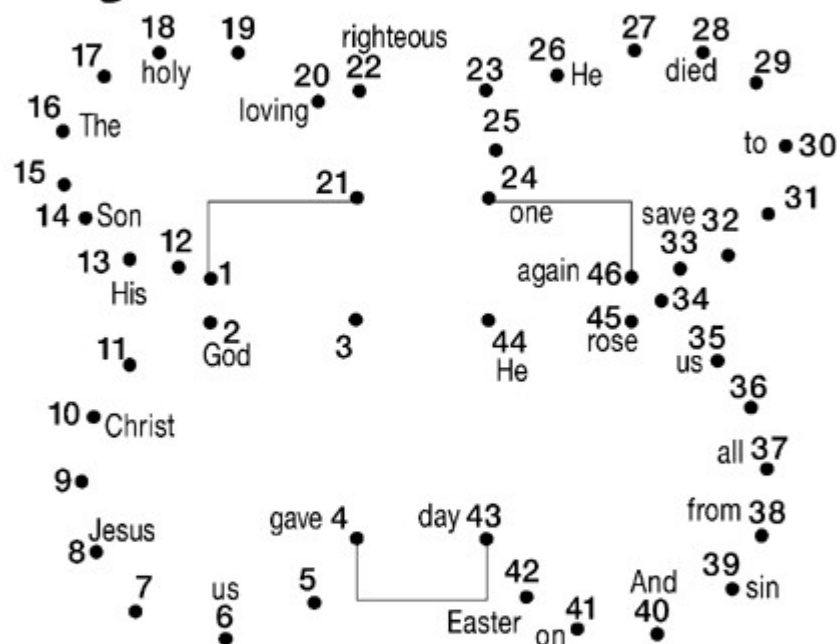
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	February Offering.....	\$24,275.00
	February YTD	\$50,882.12
	LWML Mites YTD	\$11.36
	Coins For Christ YTD	\$50

Just for KIDS

Easter Surprises!



Connect the dots to find 2 symbols of Easter.
Write the words in order on the lines below.

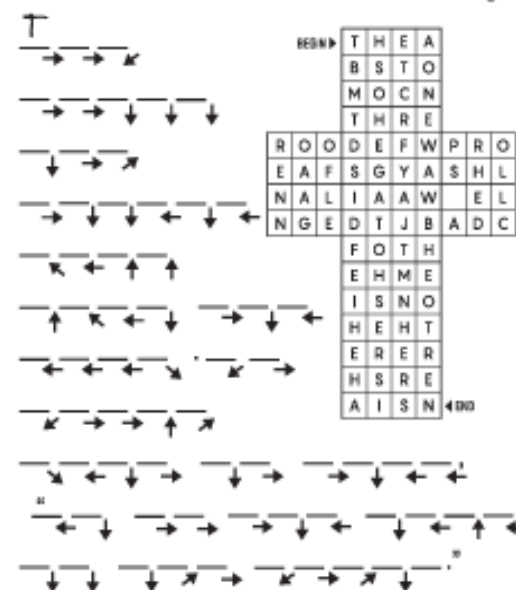


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16 18 , 20 22 24 •
26 28 30 33 35 37 38 39 ,
40 41 42 43 44 45 46 •

Answer: God gave us Jesus Christ, His Son, the holy, loving righteous one. He died to save us all from sin, and on Easter day He rose again!

Puzzle!

Follow the arrows and fill in the blanks to discover what the women found at Jesus' tomb on Easter morning.

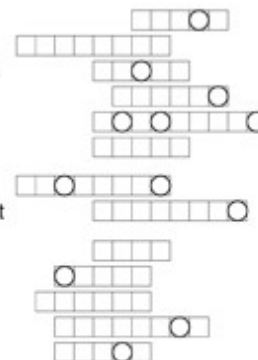


Answer: The stone was rolled away from the door.
An angel said to them, "He is not here; he has risen!"
(See Luke 24:1-8.)

Puzzle!

After completing this Easter crossword, unscramble the circled letters to discover a special word:

1. What Jesus was wrapped in
2. The site of Jesus' crucifixion
3. One of the rulers who questioned Jesus
4. He washed his hands of Jesus
5. Followers of Jesus
6. He denied Christ
7. A large hill
8. The feast celebrating escape from Egypt
9. Jesus' mother
10. A Jewish teacher
11. The doubting disciple
12. Jesus was mistaken for this
13. One of Peter's other names

[illegible]

Answers: 1. cloth, 2. Golgotha, 3. Herod, 4. Pilate, 5. disciples, 6. Peter, 7. mountain, 8. Passover, 9. Mary, 10. rabbi, 11. Thomas, 12. garden, 13. Simony, resurrection

Pipestone Zone LWML Spring Rally Saturday, April 6, 2024 St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fulda

400 N. Maryland Ave.

9:00AM – Registration (\$5.00), Coffee, Fellowship

9:30AM – Rally Begin

The very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid;
you are worth more than many sparrows. Luke 12:7

Speaker: Pam Lienemann, escort of Gideon Comfort Dog

Gideon is a trained K-9 Comfort Dog at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Bloomington. He serves the community and is deployed in times of crisis to bring comfort to those affected, including first responders and volunteers who serve them.

Luncheon served following the Rally

RSVP to Wendy Buschena (jwbuschena@yahoo.com / 507-360-7869) or
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Offerings for Missions

April 7: 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 April 4, 2024, Year to date we have collected \$11.36 to donate towards these grants.

MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING AND OUTREACH

LCMS Life Ministry | \$96,500

There is a need and opportunity for Lutheran outreach to people struggling with mental illnesses and disorders. However, it is challenging for pastors, church workers and lay leaders because they do not have enough training to provide effective and appropriate care. LCMS Life Ministry received an LWML Mission Grant of \$96,500 to help meet the cost of developing materials for training church workers as they minister to those suffering from mental illnesses.

To learn more, visit www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-7

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.



Easter Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who attended the SPY Easter Breakfast. It was a fun morning as we celebrated the resurrection of our Savior and blessed time with one another!

Sr. SPY Youth Group

Wednesday, April 3 & 17 ~ 7-8:30 PM

Youth Group will be continuing 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, April 7, 14, 21, & 28 ~ 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, on April 7 we will be going to St. James for confirmation class and Jr. SPY time to follow. If you are in 5th grade and would like to attend, please arrive at church between 5:30-5:45 to get a ride to Holland or you can drive separately as well.

Confirmation Parent Meeting

Sunday, April 28 ~ 6:00-7:00 PM

Confirmation is going to look a bit different next year. To help with the transition we are inviting all families of current confirmation students and those who will have students in grades 5-8 next school year to attend a parent meeting on April 28 to discuss these changes.

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 5 ~ 9 AM

Confirmation Sunday has been set for Sunday, May 5. Please join us as our eighth graders publicly confess their faith and to support them as they receive their first communion.



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.



Tues,	April 2	9:00am	Bible Study at 8th Ave Diner
Wed,	April 3	1:00pm	Quilters
		5:30pm	Bells
		7:00pm	Choir
		7:00pm	Sr. SPY
Thurs	April 4	2:00pm	LWML
Sun,	April 7		Second Sunday of Easter
		9:00am	<i>Divine Service</i>
		10:00am	JAM
		6:00pm	Confirmation
		7:15pm	Jr. SPY
Mon	April 8	5:00pm	Preschool Board
		5:15pm	Board of Education
Wed,	April 10	1:00pm	Quilters
		5:30pm	Bells
		7:00pm	Choir
		7:00pm	Sr. SPY
Sun,	April 14		Third Sunday of Easter
		9:00am	<i>Divine Service</i>
		10:00am	JAM
		6:00pm	Confirmation
		7:15pm	Jr. SPY
Tues,	April 16	9:00am	Bible Study at 8th Ave Diner
		7:00pm	Board of Directors
Wed,	April 17	1:00pm	Quilters
		5:00pm	Church Growth and Fellowship
		5:15pm	Bells
		7:00pm	Choir
		7:00pm	Sr. Spy

Thurs,	April 18	10:30am	<i>Service at Ridgeview</i>
		1:00pm	<i>Service at Good Sam</i>
		3:00pm	<i>Shut-in Service at St Paul</i>

Sun, April 21 Good Shepherd Sunday

		9:00am	<i>Divine Service</i>
		10:15am	JAM
		6:00pm	Confirmation
		7:15pm	Jr. SPY
Tues,	April 23	9:00am	Bible Study at 8th Ave Diner
Wed,	April 24	1:00pm	Quilters
		5:15pm	Bells
		7:00pm	Choir
		7:00pm	Sr. SPY
		7:00pm	Board of Elders

Sun, April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter

		9:00am	<i>Divine Service</i>
		10:15 am	Quarterly Voters Meeting
		10:15am	JAM
		6:00pm	Confirmation
		7:15pm	Jr. SPY
Tues,	April 30	9:00am	Bible Study at 8th Ave Diner



GIDEONS
INTERNATIONAL

A presentation and door offering will be collected for the local camp on Sunday, April 21st to help continue the mission of distributing pocket Psalms and New Testament's.



St. Paul Preschool

April, 2024

BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES; THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY; THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT.

ISAIAH 40:31.

We had an awesome time bowling with all the children and their loved ones! We so look forward to this event every year! The next event will be Mom and Me painting at the end of April.

We continue to take registrations for the school year 2024/2025. We are currently full in our 3-year-old program and have a few spots left for our 4- and 5-year program, so if you know of anyone who would like some information have them get in touch with me.

Our Dar's fundraiser was a big success as always!! We sold 500 certificates!). Big shout out to the Smidt's for allowing our preschool to do this year after year!!!

Our Easter basket fundraiser was a **GREAT** Success!! We sold over 30 of them. ☐

In Christ Love,
Shelly Tuinstra



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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Melissa McCorquodale
Heather Brinkmeyer
Brianna Jasper
Elizabeth Determan

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pipestone MN
March 19, 2024

Board Meeting called to order

Opening Prayer by Pastor

Welcome and comments by President

Minutes of February Board Meeting minutes approved. Motion by Verdeen Colback. Carried by Mike Crawford.

Financial report given by Doug Stotz: The Preschool has been supplemented. We have made two payments to the Lutheran Church Extension Fund for the rental property. Pastors health insurance is changing, and will be less expensive than the current church plan while keeping same out of pocket expenses for the family.

Reports From:

Board of Elders: They have been helping with Lent services. Assisted with preschool and education board for future ideas and needs.

Church Growth and Fellowship Committee: They served the Lent meal. No big needs lately for Gifts of Love. Planning for Mothers, and Father's Day ideas. They continue to help at the Food Shelf. Looking at doing some different shifts for church members to help volunteer at the Food shelf.

Education Committee: Super Bowl subs fundraiser went well. They have helped serve at Lent service. A Easter egging fundraiser is coming up. Junior Spy is studying Christian denominations. Sr. Spy is studying relationships. Susie has been sending out Baptism Birthday cards. Jr. & Sr. Spy will be helping with Easter Breakfast. Suzi and Pastor are working on some changes with Confirmation, and Sunday School curriculum in the future.

Property Committee: Keith reported a light burned out on the west side of the Church building, and Loren talked to Corey Popma about replacing those, and a few others. Loren also discussed installing two ceiling fans in second level area, with Corey Popma. Stain by the water fountain was removed. Rick Whipple & Mike Crawford discussed fixing some landscape issues, with hedges outdoors, and trimming them. Pastor also mentioned to have the committee talk with Rick about doing some rock landscaping around the building.

Preschool Board: They had Dads and bowling last night with a good turn out. They are doing an Easter Basket Fundraiser. They will be serving the Lent meal tomorrow night.

Pastor: Susie and Pastor attended the Arizona Conference and enjoyed learning at many sessions they attended. Lent services are going well. Busy planning for Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Services. Pastor along with a few other Pastors, are helping fill in at Hardwick Zion Church as they have needs, Pastor Klatt doing their services but not other needs. Tami Nelson has done well serving as Church Secretary.

Old Business: None

New Business: Need to appoint Brianna Jasper to the Preschool Board. Motion made by Karla Loll to appoint Brianna to the Board. Carried by Loren Dokter. Verdeen discussed that the church continues to burn a CD of Sunday Services, and provides to the city office each week.

Dates and Times:

Next Voters Meeting- April 28th

Next Board Meeting- April 16th

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Board Members:

President: Blake Jasper, 605-988-4367

V. President: Verdeen Colbeck 507-820-0761

Treasurer: Doug Stotz, 507-215-2094

Secretary: Karla Loll, 507-215-2484

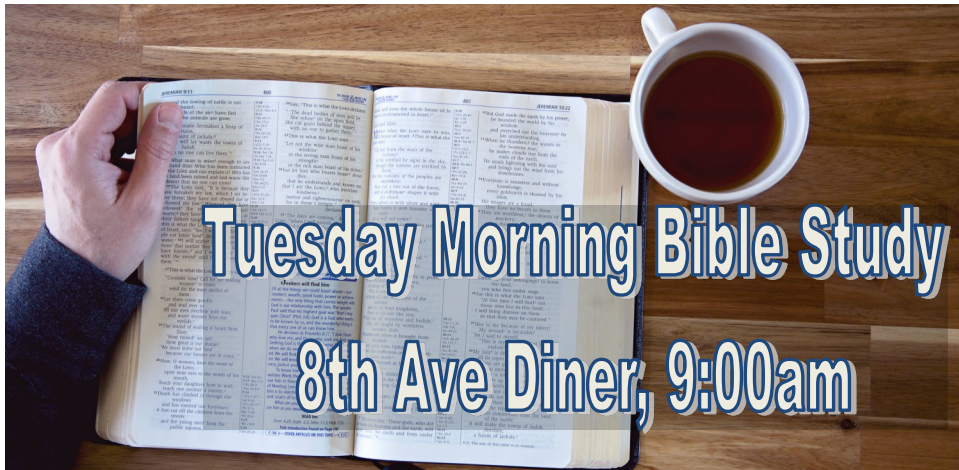
Properties: Loren Dockter 507-820-9394

Mike Crawford 507-920-6779

Pastor: Christopher Amen, 507-562-4851



Bible Studies and Groups



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!



SAGES
Saints Alive!

Growing Ever Serving

Wednesday, April 17, 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.



Thursday, April 4, 2:00pm

Ladies of all ages are welcome to attend as we plan and discuss the upcoming year and update on LWML mission projects.

Pastor will lead us in a Bible Study

Sign up to bring treats for downstairs on Sunday on the bulletin board in atrium!

Join us for Sunday morning Bible Study in the atrium after service.

APRIL

Elders

Sundays-----Matt Determan & TJ Degroot
Special services-----TBD

Greeters

Sun, April 7-----Kevin & Kim Uilk
 Sun, April 14-----Sonia Griebel & Jean Moeller
 Sun, April 21-----Bernie & Sue Uilk
 Sun, April 28-----Becky Hoss

Acolytes

Sun, April 7-----Kami Tollefson & Tenli McCorquodale
 Sun, April 14-----Madesyn Fenicle & Hayden Heard
 Sun, April 21-----Josey Fey & Greyson Balster
 Sun, April 28-----Ryker Beyers & Ava Jasper

PowerPoint

Sun, April 7-----Samantha Radloff
 Sun, April 14-----Kamdyn Zollner
 Sun, April 21-----Carmen Wiese
 Sun, April 28-----Zachary Amen

Altar Guild

Sound

Sun, April 7-----Neal Jennings
 Sun, April 14-----Denny Winter
 Sun, April 21-----Verdeen Colbeck
 Sun, April 28-----Neal Jennings

APRIL

Altar Flowers

Sun, April 7-----Easter Lilies
 Sun, April 14-----Loren Dockter
 Sun, April 21-----
 Sun, April 28-----

Radio Sponsorship

Sun, April 7-----
 Sun, April 14-----Loren Dockter
 Sun, April 21-----Carol Johnson
 Sun, April 28-----