

Called by Christ to Serve

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church & Lighthouse Preschool

Aberdeen, SD

April 2022

Bought with a Price

1 Peter 1:18-19 “knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”

As we come to a close this Lenten season and begin the Easter season. Let us consider how Jesus ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil. Now this might seem redundant considering we are in the Lenten season and every kid learns this from Sunday School. However, how Jesus ransomed and won us back shapes our lives. It shapes how we view God, and it should shape how we view those God has placed around us.

Notice, what Peter has to say in our Bible verse. God did not ransom us back with something that is perishable, here today and gone tomorrow. No, instead he ransomed and bought us back with his very own son, with the precious blood of Christ, who was perfect unlike any of us. Yet, God still sent and sacrificed him for you and for me! This should then drastically shape how we view our own lives. If our own God was willing to sacrifice his very own Son for us because that is the love, he has for us. How then are we supposed to live if we are called to follow the example of His Son, and in fact bear his name upon our hearts and foreheads? If our God came down and died for you and me; how does this shape how we raise our kids? How does this change we view those who disagree with us and even ridicule us for believing God even exists? How does this shape how we view our lives when we are waiting in a doctor's waiting room?

How does sending his Son down to die a most painful and gruesome death shape how we view our God when we are amid the struggles of this life? As we struggle in this life it can sometimes be easy to wonder where God is, to wonder if God even cares, and to wonder if God will do anything about our struggle. During times like this is when we go back to the cross. For there we see his Son hanging. Hanging there for you. So that these struggles do not define you. So that these struggles are worthless compared to what awaits you in Heaven all because of what God's Son, Jesus, did for you.

You see God could have bought you back with something perishable. Instead, he sent his beloved Son, Jesus Christ, down to die for you and for me. That is the love that he has shown to us and the love we are then called to show throughout our lives. You are called, therefore, to show this love in your own home, in your marriages, in how you bring up your kids, in how you work, and in how you deal with your neighbors. For us who bear the name of Christ upon our hearts and foreheads we are called to pick up our cross and to follow our God because we know that what awaits us is not something perishable but imperishable. All because God sent his Son down for you and for me. Thank God for that!

In Christ,
Pastor Smith

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA
March 10, 2022**

OPENING DEVOTION: Clint Fjelstad

MANAGEMENT REPORTS

1. Pastor's Report: See E-mail report sent out prior to meeting. Motion made by Nate and seconded by Tom to accept February Report. Motion carried.
 2. Elder's Report: Elders meeting minutes from 03-07-22 were distributed for review.
 3. Preschool Report: Facility improvement options were presented and discussed. Tabled for future meeting. Pre-school Director and afternoon Van Driver are needed. Van Driver need is immediate. Both are included in church bulletins. Preschool attendance is down.
 4. Council Meeting Minutes: December minutes were reviewed with no changes.
 5. Council Treasurer's Report: Tom reviewed January and February reports with explanations of budget differences from 2021. Increased utility costs were discussed.
- Motion was made by Nate and seconded by Steve to approve reports. Motion carried.

CONSENSUS ITEMS

1. Assigned terms for all board members:
 - a. 3-Year term Clint Fjelstad, Tom Kaiser
 - b. 2-Year term Steve Jacobson, Tom Agnitsch, Deb Pederson
 - c. 1-Year term Jon Mesmer, Paul Swanston
 - d. Calendar Meeting Schedule: February 21st (Rescheduled to March 10th due to weather), April 18th, July 25th, October 17th

Motion was made by Jon and seconded by Steve to approve assigned terms. Motion carried.

POLICY REVIEW

Section 1 Outcome Policy Reviewed and Discussed. No issues or concerns.

MONITORING ITEMS: No issues noted.

OLD BUSINESS

Senior Pastor Bobby approved the recommendation and motion to approve Cindy Jung as St. Paul's Church Administrator.

NEW BUSINESS

1. South Narthex Door project recommendations

Discussion on what this project would include, why this is necessary including safety, and financial cost to complete. Suggestions were:

- a. Complete a list of possible updates with quotes and present to congregation.
- b. Developing a building fund.

Further discussion tabled for future meeting.

New Business items should be given to Clint or Cindy for future meetings.

BIBLE STUDY

Lead by Clint on Outcomes: What does it mean to serve? Followed with Prayer.

ADJOURNMENT: Nate made a motion, seconded by Jon to adjourn. Motion carried.

Members in attendance: Clint Fjelstad, Steve Jacobson, Tom Agnitsch, Jon Mesmer, Jason Oberfoell, Nate Bode, Deb Pederson, Cindy Jung, Pastor, Bobby, Pastor Smith, Michael Leapley Absent: Paul Swanston, Tom Kaiser
Submitted: Deb Pederson

Five Loaves Supper



April 6th at 5:15 pm. Menu: Roast Beef sandwiches. You may bring a salad or a dessert.

Prayer Service



A **Prayer Service** is scheduled for Sunday, April 10th at 12:30pm. Prayers will be offered for the spiritual health and maturity of the members of St. Paul's.



HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday: April 10th—Services at 8:00 & 10:45 am

Maundy Thursday: April 14 - Services at 12:15 & 6:15 pm

Good Friday: April 15—Services at 12:15 & 6:15 pm

Easter Vigil: April 16—Circuit Worship Service at 4:00 pm
at Our Savior Lutheran Church

Easter: April 17—Services 8:00 & 10:45 am
No Sunday School

No Monday night worship service on April 18th.

VBS - June 5-9, 2022 at Our Savior Lutheran Church

St. Paul's Lutheran will join Our Savior for
Vacation Bible School.

Registration to begin in April.

Teachers and Helpers are needed.

More information on VBS next month.

APRIL USHERS:

EARLY:

Tim Zinter, Head Usher
Paul Swanston
Paul Zinter
Myron Voegelé

LATE:

Dennis Stoebner, Head Usher
Edna Stoebner
Ron Droog
Deb Droog

Thank You!

"I was commissioned and installed as a Director of Christian Education on March 20, 2022. Thank you to everyone who attended and made it possible! It was a great day of celebration for myself, my family, and the congregation of St. Paul's. I look forward to serving you as your DCE! Thanks be to God!" – Michael Leapley



Events and Information

- Bible Study 101
 - Every Tuesday in the Month of April, 7-8pm
- 3v3 Basketball Tournament
 - Sunday, April 10th, 2022 from 2-7pm
 - This tournament will be co-ed, so girls, boys, and adults are invited to participate! Churches can bring as many teams as they want. And even if you don't have a team, come anyway and we'll provide you with teammates!
- Youth Group Rummage Sale – Saturday, June 4th
 - We need clothes in good condition, jewelry, books, toys, tools, electronics, small appliances, etc.
 - Large appliances, large pieces of furniture, mattresses, broken items, and worn clothing will NOT be accepted!
 - General donations will start being accepted on May 17th, 2022.
 - Contact DCE Michael Leapley for donation drop-off prior to May 17th.



May 10—Lighthouse Preschool Program and Silent Auction

May 11—Confirmation statements of Faith

May 15—Confirmation Day and Reception

May 22—Graduation Reception

May 26—Ascension Service at Concordia Cresbard



Church Rummage Sale in June! – In support of the youth group's trip to the National Youth Gathering this summer in Houston, TX we are hosting a rummage sale on Saturday, June 4th, 2022. So let's get those garages, attics, and closets cleaned out and find lots of hidden treasures for us to sell. Ask friends, family, and neighbors if they have any donations too.

We need clothes in good condition, jewelry, books, toys, tools, electronics, small appliances, etc. Large appliances, large pieces of furniture, mattresses, broken items, and worn clothing will NOT be accepted (when in doubt, throw it out)! General donations will start being accepted on Tuesday, May 17th, 2022. If you have items that need to be moved before May 17th, contact DCE Michael Leapley at michaell@stpaulsaberdeen.org for an earlier time. Thank you and God bless!

Lighthouse Preschool News

Teaching God's children about their Creator, Savior, and Friend while preparing them for a lifetime of wonder, learning, and service.

April 2022

Spring is Here!

The month of March was a very busy and exciting month! We began our preparations for our spring program and graduation in May. The kids really enjoy performing for their families and can't wait to show them all we have learned. We were also able to go on a field trip to the museum! The kids had a lot of fun exploring the museum and learning about south Dakota history!

Our favorite activity this month was letter "W" week. We spent the week learning about worms. We spent the week talking about what worms eat, as well as why they are so great for our spring gardens! The kids were able to observe, handle and play with real worms. We even kept a few as class pets and made them a worm house that they can observe whenever they want!

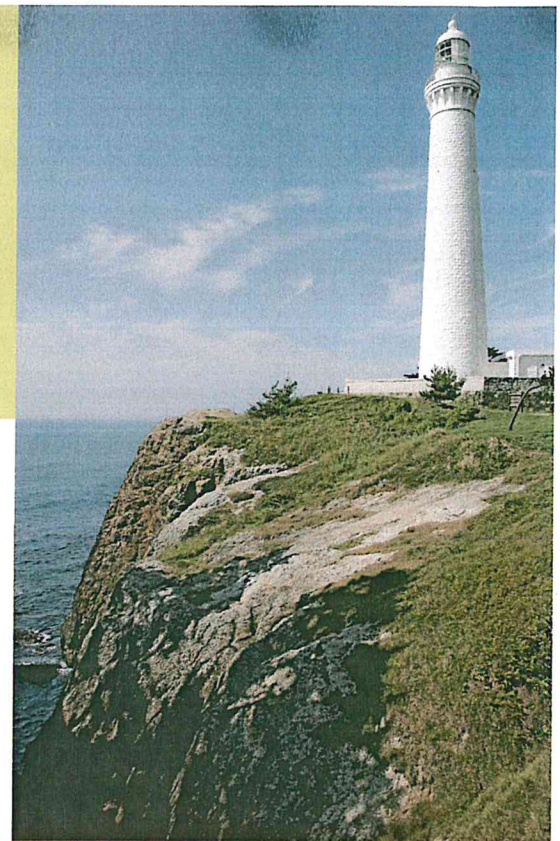
What's coming up in April?

April showers bring May flowers! God has created such a beautiful world and we get to see it all come to fruition in the spring! New flowers, baby animals, nice weather etc. We get to enjoy the newness and purity of life!

The highlight of our spring learning every year is our caterpillar to butterfly segment. We will spend several weeks learning about caterpillars changing to butterflies and even raise some of our own! We will release them outdoors when the weather is warm and the flowers are in full bloom.

"Every child is a different kind of flower, and all together make this world a beautiful garden."

-Anonymous



Upcoming Dates:

April 15-18 Easter Break

May 10- Spring Program and silent auction 6:15 pm

May 13th- Last Day of Preschool



Lighthouse Preschool News (Continued)

Hymn #867

Let children hear the mighty deeds which God performed of old
Which in our younger days we saw, and which our parents told

Our sons and daughters we shall tell and they again to theirs
That generations yet unborn may teach them to their heirs

REMINDERS:

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2022-2023 School year! Please call the preschool for more information or pick up a registration packet in the South entrance to the sanctuary.



Having fun exploring worms!

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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Rev. Samuel Bobby (605) 415-5578

Rev. Jacob Smith (586) 556-6077

April




Every Sunday:

Divine Service @ 8am

Bible Study @ 9:30 am

Sunday School @ 9:30 am

Divine Service @ 10:45 am

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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3 5-7pm Circuit Youth @ St. Paul's Coin Banks	4 6:15 Worship Service 7:00 pm Elder Mtg	5 7:00pm Bible Study 101	6 6:00 am Men's Bible St 10:45 1 Samuel Bible St. 12:15 pm Lent Worship 12:45 Soup/Sandwich 5:15 Women's Bible St. 5:15 Five Loaves Supper 6:15pm Lent Worship 6:45pm Confirmation 6:45 Choir/7:30 Bells	7 9am Good Cheer Circle	8	9
10 12:30 Prayer Service 2-7p Circuit youth Basketball, Bible Study and Supper	11 6:15 Worship Service	12 7:00pm Bible Study 101	13 6:00 am Men's Bible St 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30 Bells Practice	14 12:15pm Maundy Thurs 6:15 pm Maundy Thurs	15 12:15pm Good Friday 6:15 pm Good Friday	16
17 9:15 am Easter Breakfast No Sunday School 	18 No Monday Worship Service 7:00 Church Council	19 7:00pm Bible Study 101	20 6:00 am Men's Bible St 10:00 1 Samuel Bible St. 5:15 Women's Bible St. 6:45pm Confirmation	21 7pm Rural Gospel Initiative meeting	22	23
24 5-7pm Youth Mtg Food Cart	25 6:15 Worship Service	26 7:00pm Bible Study 101	27 6:00 am Men's Bible St 10:00 1 Samuel Bible St. 5:15 Women's Bible St. 6:30pm Confirmation	28 9am Quilting	29	30