

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

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Please pray for Roger Blum, Joyce Kenitzer, Miles Eisenbeisz, Barbara Dahme, Gladys Felix, Harry and Fern Preston, Sheyenne Seely, Janet Smith, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Courtney Frohling, Dawn Dohn, Lorelei Hartung, Baelyn Schwab, Pam Dutenhoffer, Karen Johnson, Chet Lane, Dora Lane, Sally Kushman, David Mammenga, Ella Jaaska, Dan Lingor, Viril Layton, Edward Les Young, Diane Hickenbotham, David Swanhorst, and Jerry Streckfuss.

Please inform the Pastors or the church office when you or a loved one is hospitalized.

Confirmation today at the 10:45 am worship service.

Harley Bode, daughter of Nathan and Erin Bode, 2 Corinthians 7:10

Collin Hjermstad, son of Christopher and Jamie Bertsch, Romans 7:18

Alaina Huff, daughter of Cory and Angela Huff, Luke 1:37

Kjersten Staebner, daughter of Jesse and Laura Staebner, . Proverbs 31:25

The Lighthouse Preschool is looking for donations of baked items and plants that they can sell between church services on Sunday May 14th and following their program on Monday May 15th! Please consider donating homemade baked goods, succulent plants, house plants, new plant starts or vegetable plants that you will not be needing. We ask that all baked goods be pre-packaged and brought to church in individual zip lock baggies. Please have all donations at the church by Friday, May 12. Thank you for your consideration!

Missionary Presentation. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, on Sunday, May 28 and Wednesday, May 31, I have the privilege of preaching here at St. Paul's. On Sunday, I will also be doing a mission presentation in between services during Bible study explaining why and how I will be serving with my family in Riga, Latvia. I will be doing the same presentation on Wednesday in the fellowship hall after the Wednesday service. Please consider coming and hearing how God is working in this region of the world. Thank you. Pastor Sam Bobby.

Special Voter's Meeting – May 14th at 9:30am. A brief special voter's meeting will be held to discuss two items: Summer Vicar and

specialized mission support.

Graduation Open House. You are invited to an open house reception at St. Paul's on Saturday, May 13th from 1:00-3:00 pm to celebrate Isaac Jung and Judah Bobby on their high school graduations. Cake and refreshments will be served.

The next Five Loaves Supper is Wed., May 3rd beginning at 5:15pm. The menu is goulash. Members are asked to bring a salad or a dessert to enhance the meal.

Prayer Shawls – In the South Narthex are prayer shawls. They are free to anyone that you feel is in need of a prayer shawl.

The Bookstore has a great selection of cards. They have confirmation, mother's day, thank you, graduation, sympathy, wedding, anniversary, and get well cards, plus other special gifts. The bookstore is open between services.

Please sign the fellowship booklet for attendance.

The Lighthouse Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Please call 725-1855 for more information or pick up an application in the South Narthex.

Janitor/Custodian – Position open for part-time janitor, approx. 15 hours per week. Apply at the church office.

The May/June newsletter is now on-line. Go to the St. Paul's website, click on the NEWS tab and select church newsletters.

Camp Minneboji: Registrations for Camp Minneboji are open! Camp Minneboji is our District Youth camp for youth completing grades 4-9 held every year at Camp Okoboji in Milford, IA. This year's camp dates are **June 18-24** and the theme is "Way + Truth + Life = JESUS" from John 14:6. Early bird registration is open now through April 1st and the regular registration **closes May 1** or when we are full so register early! We are also always looking for potential counselors and counselor assistants (CA's) to help us run Camp Minneboji. To register or get more information, please check us out at minneboji.com or on the South Dakota District website.

Organist: Sunday – Cyrece Kono **Wednesday:** Judah Bobby

Offering: April 23, 2023 - \$8,375.00

Amount to meet Budget: \$13,615.00 per week

Sunday Attendance: April 23, 2023:

8:00am – 80 Communed - 72 **10:45am** – 131 Communed – 94

Wed. - 43 Communed - 29

Bible Study: Sunday – 60 Wed. 10am – 8 5:00pm - 7

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S: (April 30 – May 7)

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship Service – Confirmation Day

Tue 7:00 pm Elder Meeting

Wed 10:00 am Bible Study

5:00 pm Women’s Bible Study

5:15 pm Five Loaves Supper

6:15 pm Worship Service

7:00 pm Romans Bible Study

Thur 9:00 am Good Cheer Circle

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship Service

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2023

Opening Hymn: #802

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: who made heaven and earth.


P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father.

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit (Printed on insert)



Scripture Readings (Printed on insert)

Nicene Creed (Back cover of Hymnal)

Sermon Hymn: #709 *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

Sermon: *"The Good Shepherd"*

John 10:1-18 Rev. Jacob Smith

 The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  **Amen.**

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Rite of Confirmation

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

**and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: #466 *"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us Pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn #655 *"Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"*

Introit *Psalm 95:1–3, 6–7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

P: I am the good shepherd.

C: I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

P: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

C: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

P: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

C: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

P: For the LORD is a great God,

C: and a great King above all gods.

P: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

C: let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

P: For he is our God,

C: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: I am the good shepherd.

C: I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading *Acts 2:42–47*

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common.

⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

C: [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

P: He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C: he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle *1 Peter 2:19–25*

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel *John 10:1–18*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Catechetical Review - The Second Petition

P: Thy kingdom come.

C: *Your kingdom come.*

P: What does this mean?

C: The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

P: How does God's kingdom come?

C: God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Lighthouse Preschool Spring Fundraiser

The Lighthouse Preschool will be holding our spring fundraiser during the months of April and May. This year we are going to host a raffle style fundraiser. We have had some very generous donors from around Aberdeen contribute items for this raffle. **Tickets will be for sale April 11-May 12 and cost \$10 each.**

A few of the items available in this raffle include:

- 32" TV from Lang's
- Brown County fair fun package
- Back to school package
- 2 Aberdeen staycation packages
- Other various donations

A complete list of the prizes can be found in the narthex as well as tickets available for purchase (or take a book and help us sell ☐ ☐ **All ticket stubs and Money are due back to Cindy or Jenelle by Friday May 12. The drawing will be Monday May 15th after our spring program! You do not have to be present to win!**

All proceeds will be donated to the preschool and used to replace playground equipment lost in the ice storm in November, as well as new toys and curriculum for next year.

Thank you for being wonderful supporters of our preschool. It is a pleasure to serve your families and teach your children.

-Jenelle Siebert