

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

**Aberdeen, SD 57401**

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## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 7, 2023**

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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.

**Welcome Jordan Houseman**, to St. Paul's by Affirmation of Faith at the 8:00 am worship service today.

***The Lighthouse Preschool*** is looking for donations of baked items and plants that they can sell between church services on Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> and following their program on Monday May 15<sup>th</sup>! 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 pm to celebrate Isaac Jung and Judah Bobby on their high school graduations. Cake and refreshments will be served.

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

### **Main Street Living in Aberdeen**

Main Street Living will be holding its taping session for area pastors on June 3 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at St. Paul's in Aberdeen. You are invited to stop by and meet some of the faithful volunteers who make our televised service possible and witness the taping of some of the summer episodes. *Additionally:* If you would be interested in helping on June 2 either running the teleprompter or directing please contact Mr. Chad Zinnel at the district office (605) 361-1514. He would gladly answer questions and let you know what it takes. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to assist and/or witness one way that we are together bringing the message of Christ to our communities and region!

**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.

**On the first Sunday of the month**, the Shepherd Funds are collected. The money donated is given to The Journey to help those in need in our community.

**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.

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

**MAIN STREET LIVING – May 14, 2023** KDLT (NBC) This the Life – **10:00 AM** – “*Alibi*” **10:30 AM** – **Worship** – Rev. Robert Moeller presents a message titled “*Baptism Now Saves*” based on 1 Peter 3:15-22. For more information go to the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

## **THE LUTHERAN HOUR – May 14, 2023** *“Reason to Hope”*

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYZ at 7:30 am on Sundays.

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

**Offering: April 30 2023** - \$6,870.00

Sunday School - \$7.00 Coffee - \$123.00

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

### **Sunday Attendance: April 30, 2023:**

**8:00am** – 82 Communed - 68 **10:45am** – 131 Communed – 94

Wed. - 19 Communed - 18

Bible Study: Sunday – 75 Wed. 10am – 8 5:00pm - 6 7pm - 10

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S: (May 7-May 14)**

**Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**

9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

**10:45 am Worship Service**

**Wed 10:00 am Bible Study**

**6:15 pm Worship Service**

7:00 pm Romans Bible Study

**Thur 9:00 am Quilting**

11:30 am LWML Meeting and Lunch

6:30 pm Preschool Board Meeting

**Sat 1:00-3:00 pm Bobby/Jung Graduation Open House**

**Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**

9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

**10:45 am Worship Service**

12:30 pm Prayer Service

5-7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

## Reading Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

**L** A reading from Acts, chapter 6.

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

<sup>2</sup>And Stephen said:

“Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

<sup>51</sup>You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of

Man standing at the right hand of God.” <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us. **C** Thanks be to God.

## **Reading**     *1 Peter 2:2–10*

**L** A reading from 1 Peter, chapter 2.

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were

not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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## Reading *John 14:1–14*

**L** A reading from John, chapter 14.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

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## May Baptismal Birthdays

Gloria Anderson	Henry Habeck	Sally Kushman
Howard Anderson	Jessica Harry	Clayton Lout
Pax Bobby	Tucker Hermans	Markcus Selzler
Ronald Bolduan	Mason Huff	Kelly Stadel
Cora Burrer	Tate Huff	Edna Stoebner
Robert Casper	Alaina Huff	Ellie Struss
Nate Collins	Karlie Jacobson	Darlene Wahl
Gladys Felix	Melinda Johnson	Maren Wakefield
Janice Frohling	Daniel Johnson	
Michael Guerin	Larry Jung	

## May Wedding Anniversaries

Ray & Emily Anderson	Dustin & Susie Klapperich
Rev. Samuel & Erica Bobby	Rodney & Cyrece Kono
Zachary & Jessica Harry	Nels & Marsha Olson
Mike & Marge Janke	Jesse & Laura Staebner
Mike & Rebecca Jeschke	Dennis & Edna Stoebner
Bruce & Carol Jones	

(If you should be on this list and are not, please contact the church office.)