

GOOD NEWS



St. Paul Lutheran Church

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9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast

1490 AM or 92.1 FM

Pastor: Tim W. Muehlbrad - 361-564-2335

Vicar: Hans Tolpingrud

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT:

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to make Christ known;
As we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our
Faith through studying God's Word and
Worshipping God.*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

April 8 – 6 p.m. - Palm Saturday Chapel with Holy Communion

April 9 – 9 a.m. - Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion

10:15 a.m. - Sunday School

April 13 – 10 a.m. - Maundy Thursday Chapel with Holy Comm.

7 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Comm.

April 14 - No Chapel

7 p.m. - Good Friday Worship

April 15 – 10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

No Chapel

April 16 – 7 a.m. - Easter Worship with Holy Communion

8 a.m. - Easter Breakfast

9 a.m. - Sunday School

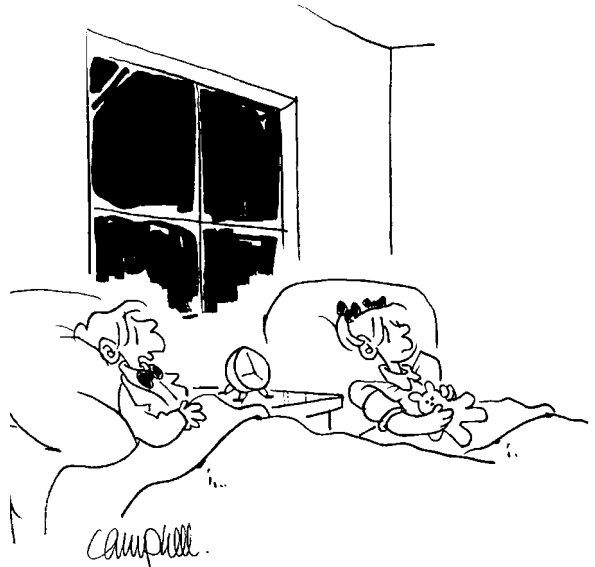
10 a.m. – Easter Worship with Holy Communion



On April 14 we celebrate Good Friday and on April 16 we celebrate Easter. Everything that we do within the Church, within our faith, and within our lives centers around and points to the event of the Cross and Resurrection. This event brings out many symbols and images and meanings telling us who we are: darkness and light, death and life, chaos and order, slavery and freedom, the old covenant and new covenant, Baptism, Holy Communion, the beginning and the end. All these practices and teachings come from this one same event.

I look forward to Easter Sunday morning with all the celebration and the full attendance. But I also look forward to every Sunday morning because each Sunday morning is an Easter celebration. On every Sunday morning we retell and we hear about the cross and resurrection in a new and exciting way. Come, let us worship the Suffering Servant, Risen Savior, and King, Jesus Christ.

Your Pastor,
Tim W Muehlbrad



“Mom’s really worried about being late for Easter Sunrise Service, isn’t she?”



Vicar's Page

Thank you all for your prayers and support! On March 7, I was approved for ordination in the North American Lutheran Church. I know plenty of folks heard Pastor Tim make an announcement about this a couple weeks ago, and since then I know this has raised some questions. So I wanted to try to answer a couple of them.

1. “So, are you leaving?” or “What’s your timeline?”—My placement here for internship was for one year, and that year is up at the end of August. I absolutely love being here and I am truly enjoying being at St Paul, but at the end of August I will need to move on. Right now there are no plans for me to leave earlier (or later) than that, *and this is where I want to be until then*. I got to talk with some of the folks on candidacy and I know that St Paul is still a part of the internship program and they will probably try to keep sending interns here for their Vicarage in the future. I don’t know if someone is coming when I leave, but if I don’t leave, there wouldn’t be a place for them.

2. “Are you a Pastor now?”—Nope. For us, as Lutherans, someone like me who is a ‘candidate for ordination’ cannot be ordained as a pastor until they receive an official Call to a parish. What this means is that now that I’m approved for ordination, my next step is receiving a call. For this to happen, I have forms and paperwork that I will fill out (with 15 or so essay type questions) and I will give those to the Assistant to the Bishop of the NALC. He will give those forms to congregations looking to Call a Pastor and then, hopefully, there will be a parish that wants to interview me and eventually call me. If I receive a Call to a parish, then I will be able to be ordained before I would begin a Call there.

I know there may be other questions, but these are the most common when it comes to where I am in the internship process. I do not know what the future holds, but I do know that this parish has a distinct role in shaping me for the future of my ministry—and I know that there wouldn’t be a future without you. Thank you!

Vicar Hans

COUNCIL MINUTES MARCH 9, 2017



- **Treasurer** – John reported a \$10,000 donation was from Wm Speary designated for the addition to the elevator parking lot.
- **Stewardship** – John reported the committee would be working on reclassification of assets...
- **Youth** – The Task Force for Youth Director met on Feb. 12 & Feb 26 to review job descriptions from other churches. They will meet again on March 26 to compile a Job Description for a Youth Director for St. Paul. The confirmation class will stuff plastic eggs and participate in the annual Egg Hunt on Apr. 15.
- **Worship** – After acolyte training 5 new students were added to the rotation.
- **Social Concerns** – Judy reported one person was helped with a gift card, the YAM building will be completed in the next 60 days and there will be a blood drive on May 21, 2017.
- **Property** – Wayne said he is to be notified about any building maintenance problems and the big projects are being handled by committees.
- **Parish Ed** – A Community VBS meeting was held on Feb. 26th at which time it was decided the theme for this year's VBS will be "Mighty Fortress" The date is set for June 26 – 30. Nursery aged children will attend from 9 a.m. o 11:30 a.m. and K – 5th grade will be from 9 a.m. – noon. The committee will meet again on April 23 at 4:30 p.m. Volunteers may contact Tina Boehm. The Sunday School Teachers will meet in March to discuss plans for the Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Sunday School and curriculum options for the Fall.
- **C.E.M.** – Total enrollment is 62 with 15 of those being subsidized by the government.
- **Christian Life** – Shrove Tuesday sausage & pancake supper served 60 people. Linda invited everyone to come to the Pot Luck meal to be held March 19th. The Christian Life committee will be coordinating the soup and sandwiches for the Lenten Wednesday night meal.
- **Cemetery** – The meeting between the two parties concerning a tree at the cemetery will be held March 10 at 3 p.m.

- **Vicar Hans** – During February professional activities included 8 worship services, 1 pastoral visits, 4 educational events, 1 church meeting. Official acts included, 1 funeral, and 1 baptism. Especially noted was that Vicar Hans has been approved for ordination.
- **Pastor Tim** reported that during February professional activities included 9 Worship services, 2 hospital visits, 9 home visits, 10 educational events, 5 church meetings & events, & 1 Professional Meeting. Official Acts included 2/19 Baptism of Keilani Lynne Winpiger, and 2/21 burial of Shirley Schultz.
- **OLD BUSINESS** – **a)** Update on Fellowship Hall covered entrance – one bid from Augustin Reza for \$35,515 was received and a bid from Don Krueger is pending. **b)** Elevator parking lot – The Task Force created as a result of the Annual Meeting in Jan. found it unnecessary to accept the plan as presented to the Congregation meeting. The Task Force recommended paving at least the spaces on the east side adjacent to the existing parking lot and converting the parking spaces near the elevator facing the street into handicapped spaces. Two bids have been received for this work (Garcia Masonry at \$12,053 and Schumacher Concrete at \$11,900. The lot would be 22ft x 93ft x 5”. A discussion was held concerning street parking within the church’s property. A motion was made, seconded and approved to table the decision about the bids for the parking lot. **c)** Update on installation of hand rails – A motion was made, seconded and carried to table the action on installation of hand rails pending walking the church grounds and making a list of handrails needed by all steps and ramps on the church property. **d)** Status of controversial cemetery plots – a meeting of the 2 parties along with Bill Klaevemann, Pastor Tim, Jay & Sandra Heil will be held March 10th.
- **NEW BUSINESS** – **a)** The April council meeting will be held on April 20th at 6:30 p.m. **b)** Wednesday nights Lent offering will go to YAM. **c)** A motion was made, seconded and approved to give \$1,000 per scholarship to this year’s St. Paul seniors that apply. **d)** The Electric Service Provider contract expires in May, Wayne will compare the price per kilowatt and all additional fees to bring to the next council meeting.

- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Note: a full copy of the minutes may be obtained from the church office.

2017 COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT - Bill Klaevemann – 649-2753

SECRETARY - Dorothy Mayfield - 550-9136

PARISH ED - Rebecca Innocenti – 649-6163

STEWARDSHIP - John Frels – 550-7382

WORSHIP - Christopher Gohmert – 579-8803

CHRISTIAN LIFE - Linda Hurta - 564-2363

PROPERTY - Wayne Smith – 564-3742

SOCIAL CONCERNS – Judy Taylor – 564-3894

YOUTH - Beverly Bruns – 564-9115

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Lois Kelch - 361-401-0150

Financial Report

| GENERAL FUND | YTD 2017 | Feb. 2017 |
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| Income | 61,224.74 | 24,774.31 |
| Expenses | (58,079.64) | (28,516.16) |
| NET | 3,145.10 | (3,741.85) |
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| BUILDING FUND | YTD 2017 | Feb. 2017 |
| Income | 34,518.22 | 4,920.87 |
| Expense | (13,046.94) | (6,468.69) |
| NET | 21,471.28 | (1,547.82) |



Tuesday,
APRIL 4, 2017

| Group | Time | Study Leader | Hostess |
|--------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| FAITH | 9:00 a.m. | Kathie Fehner | Sandra Heil |
| GRACE | 9:00 a.m. | Penny Sievers | Doris Koehler |
| JOY | 2:30 p.m. | Jean Herwig | Meeting Room |



REMINDER:

Please pick up your dishes left after a funeral reception. Those not picked up will be donated to YAM the first week in June. Thank you.

MEAL ON A STICK

You are invited to join the Christian Life committee for a meal on a stick on Sunday, April 30, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. The meal will have for example: fruit on a stick, vegetables on a stick, and corn dogs just to mention a few. Come join us for an unusual but delicious meal.



THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE – will hold a meeting April 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Education Building. All members are asked to attend if possible.



On Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017, The Sunday School children are asked to participate in the Palm Sunday procession during the church service. Please have your child/children in the Narthex by 8:50 a.m.

Saturday, April 15th, at 10:30 a.m., we will hold our annual Easter egg hunt. Children 2 years old through Grade 3 are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall to hear the Easter story and participate in the egg hunt. Please bring a snack to share-cut up fruit, or cookies. A drink will be provided. Please contact Rebecca Innocenti at 649-6163 for more information.

Those students who have volunteered to be a part of "The Empty Tomb" Easter skit (to be performed at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15th) will have practice from 11:00-11:30 a.m., Sundays April 2nd and April 9th. Thank you for your commitment to share the Good News with the younger children of our congregation!

Come hear the Sunday School Children sing for joy with the Adult Choir during our Worship service on Sunday, April 30th!

Watch for Summer FUNDAY School News to be announced in the May Newsletter!

Children in grades K-8th will be learning all about our congregation this summer. (Parents are welcome, too!)

Summer Theme: Serve the Lord with Gladness!

Summer Dress: Casual/Comfortable/Walking Shoes

Summer Time: 10:15-11:15 Every Sunday Morning

Summer Location: Various locations on the Church grounds.

The NALC's Holy Families! Initiative website provides numerous resources for families and congregations to use as discipleship tools. Daily family prayer resources, parent pages, and family faith formation materials are just a click away, with video available, too. Celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation together with these helpful resources from Sola Publishing and a generous grant from the Thrivent Foundation.

Lent Schedule



We will have a Wednesday morning service in the Chapel during Lent AND rotational worship services in the evening with some of the local churches. Here is the schedule:

- April 5 - 10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship in the Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. – Supper at First Presbyterian Church
- 7:00 p.m. - Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Church Family,

To say Thank You just seems so little. May God Bless each of you for your deep love & concern shown to me on the loss of my daughter Dana.

Thank you for the support many of you have offered. Jean Herwig & Edra Mazurkiewicz, you both are simply the best. From the bottom of my heart, my sincere appreciation.

May God Bless & Keep you in His Grace!
Carole Mueller & family



JOIN US FOR CRADLE WORKSHOP
APRIL 11, 2017 AT 1:30 P.M. IN THE
LOUNGE IN THE EDUCATION
BUILDING.



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The Learning Garden is continuing to grow and blossom into an amazing center. The children that are attending our center are learning by leaps and bounds. We are truly blessed!

Morning Assembly:

The Learning Garden continues to have morning assembly in the Chapel. We open with Church Mouse, say The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge, discuss the Bible Story for the week, sing songs, and end with The Lord's Prayer. If you are ever in the area you are more than welcome to stop in and join us.

Fall Registration:

The Learning Garden is currently enrolling for the Fall. April 1st – April 30th we are enrolling our current children attending and members of St. Paul. Open enrollment for the public for Fall Session May 1st~31st. For more information, contact Tracie in the office.

Current Enrollment & Staff:

- Student Enrollment - 61
- Employees: 17

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Cookbook Fundraiser:

The Learning Garden will be putting together a Holiday Cookbook to sell as our Fall Fundraiser. This is in the planning stages so more information will be coming. If you would like to contribute recipes and/or help in any way, please let Tracie in The Learning Garden office know.



Words of Wellness for April 2017

From the Wesley Nurse

Letting Go, Letting Come

As Easter approaches I am reminded of a story of a young girl who received sunflower seeds to plant in her backyard. Her parents advised her as to when it was the right time to plant the seeds in the ground, and she happily did so, burying them several inches into the soil. Her parents also explained to her that it would take seven to ten days before the new plants would sprout.



Each day the girl watered the plants as she had been instructed to do. Then, when no one was looking, she would get out her small shovel out and dig up each seed, lifting it out of the ground to see if it was, in fact, sprouting. Several weeks passed and the parents wondered why none of the sunflower seeds were sprouting. The girl, overhearing her parents, reported that she had wondered the same, and went on to say that this was why she had been digging them up every day, to inspect them for signs of growth. So the mystery for the parents was solved, and the daughter learned an important lesson. It takes great patience to wait for new life to sprout, and any attempts to rush the process may in fact prevent it from happening altogether.

Easter is, of course, the ultimate story of new life. The celebration of Easter is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection and the belief that God continues to sprout new life in our midst. In our Living Compass Lenten booklet this year the meditations focused on the practice of letting go. In line with the lesson learned by the girl who was learning to grow sunflower plants, we are reminded that the sprouting of new life requires us to be patient, and that we are wise to learn to practice both letting go and letting come.

New life takes time to form and sprout. We cannot rush the process by trying impatiently to force change or growth to happen. Growth happens at its own rate. The caterpillar will emerge as a butterfly in its own time frame, not ours. The adolescent will become an adult in his or her own time frame, not ours. The pain of

grief will gradually subside and a new normal will emerge, but only in its own time. The time it takes to grow wise in one's later years cannot be forced either, it can only be accomplished over a long period of time and then embraced.

Resurrection, and all new life, is a gift that happens around us every day. In order to fully receive this gift of new life, we need to simply, but not easily, wait patiently for life to sprout, in its own way, and in its own time-keeping our eyes open for the miracles of new life that are happening around us all the time.



Your Wesley Nurse,
Kathy Frels

Reference: LivingCompass.com.
Samaritan Family Wellness Foundation. 500 W. Silver Spring Dr. K270 Glendale, WI 53217

APRIL, 2017 **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Sunday, April 2, 2017 – 5th Sunday of Lent



First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm: Psalm 130
Second Lesson: Romans 8:6-11
Gospel: John 11:1-45

Sunday, April 9, 2017 – Palm Sunday

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16
Second Lesson: Phil 2:5-11
Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66



Sunday, April 16, 2017 – Easter Sunday



First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43
Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

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| Yvonne Torres | Johnnie Bednorz |
| Bret & Darlene Metting | Gay & Steven Hobbs |
| Glen & Charlotte Mutchler | Quintin Blaschke |
| Mary Lou Gerhardt | Ricky & Judy Hilbrich |
| Susan & Don Wieland | Larry & Algerine Vasbinder |
| Jim & Judy Noster | Heather & Kevin Styra |
| Boyd & Pam Weise | Tina & Darren Koehler |
| Ronald & Donna Matejek | Michael & Kim Blaschke |

In memory of Shirley Schultz – C.E.M.

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| Victor & Gerry Riske | Debbie & Steven Kneese |
| John D Hurst | |

In memory of Mary Ann Styra – Building

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In memory of Sandra Vanadora – Building, Iona Buchhorn

In memory of Kathy Yates – Building

Larry & Algerine Vasbinder

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Join Us for Easter Worship, Sunday April 16, 2017

- 7 a.m. – Early Worship with Holy Communion
- 8 a.m. – Breakfast
- 9 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10 a.m. – Easter Worship with Holy Communion