

E-Letter April 16, 2020
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

"EXTENDING CHRIST'S LOVE TO YOU"

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture." Psalm 100:1-3

CHURCH SERVICES AND ALL EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED through May 4th. The worship services are available on-line. See links below.

Pastor Schwanke recorded the worship for this Sunday, April 19 (Acts 5:29-42, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31). The Order of Service for you to follow along is at the end of this e-letter. Go to www.stpaulswatertown.org for the link to view.

Pastor Schwanke also had recorded an Easter Worship for April 12 (Jeremiah 31:1-6, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Matthew 28:1-10). The Order of Service for you to follow along with Pastor Schwanke was at the end of the e-letter on April 9 (Easter Edition). Here is the link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAV5Kym4KIM&fbclid=IwAR2xtAvAoEo843ZfUNyIRLbVYy8GI1_rRwSYA0NvpkNxtSKOzMb59Ghyuhg

For video and/or audio on-line worship go to the church website at www.stpaulswatertown.org To hear an audio version, click on the Resource tab, then select Sermons from the drop-down menu, then click on the date of the sermon you want to listen to. Also, the videos of the worship services are on Facebook and YouTube. There is a link on the front page of our website www.stpaulswatertown.org to the video that is on Facebook. YouTube Maundy Thursday's link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hWgim8_7ltg
You Tube Good Friday's link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rP1MrYBtmwA> or you can go to YouTube. When on the YouTube home page type

Donandrix (one word.) in the search bar and all of his Holy Week worship services are listed and available to view.

Please take the time to call a fellow member especially if you suspect they have no email. Help each other to stay connected and informed.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to those who have chosen to mail in their contributions and/or dropped them off and put them in the red basket by the office window. The St. Paul's Lutheran Church's mailing address is P O Box 697 Watertown. MN 55388. F.Y.I. Our average monthly giving for the first quarter is \$33,200.00. Voters passed a budget commitment of \$44,600.00 per month.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Friday, April 17 Office open 9 to 2
Friday last day to order CCLS Gertens Flowers. See article below for more information.
Sunday, April 19 Worship available online
Tuesday, April 21 Office open 9 to 2
Wednesday, April 22 Office open 9 to 4
Pastor Don's Office hours 1 to 4
Thursday, April 23 Office open 9 to 2
Friday, April 24 Office open 9 to 2
Pastor Don is available 24/7 at 952.457.0093.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday May 10 Confirmation
Sunday May 17 Installation of Rev George Morris

SPRING FLOWERS

Tomorrow, Friday, April 17 is the last day to order flowers for spring to help the Christ Community Lutheran School students. Here is the previous information and link: CCLS is having a Gertens Flower Fundraiser -ONLINE ONLY this year! The

proceeds of this fundraiser go to the students Washington DC trips! The current 7/8th graders were scheduled to go in May, but hopefully will be going next year!

The "Sellers Name" at check-out is a required field. Please indicate the student's name to receive credit. If there is not a specific child you can indicate "CCLS" and that will be divided between the kids going on the next trip.

Here is the link:

<https://www.gertensfundraising.com/departments/christ-community-lutheran-school-35.html>

Sale Date: Now until April 17th

Pick up: Delivery is May 19th@ CCLS 3:00-6:00 PM

MORE APRIL BIRTHDAYS

WEEK OF 12TH

Debora Wasser, Jim Welk, Jacob Baumann, Carter Cavanaugh, Matt Gray, Derek Jopp, Kimberly Karels, Holly Schneerman, Madeline Strei, Grace Daly, Monica Kohls, Carol Stern, Andrew Busch, Zachary Bohler, Michael Schneider, Nathan Strei

WEEK OF 19TH

Pam Zabel, Marlow Hecksel, Garrett Jueden, Phyllis Ketcher, Aundrea Schrupp, Beverly Domjahn, Amanda Griebel, Scott Severson, Chelsea Wandersee, Mark Sagstetter, Ron Dressel, Jayne Unglaub

WEEK OF APRIL 26

Becki Kohls, Derek Zabel, Ken Klein, Shirley Ittel, Don Stern, Judy Becker, Mary Lou Ketcher, Susan Pawelk, Rob Wilkening

LIFE QUOTES LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

April 19 "Did the soldiers wonder about Jesus in years to come? Surely, a Man of such power could have avoided the cross. But that wasn't what Jesus was doing with His authority. He was in charge that night, because He was about the business of saving us. And now that He has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, we know that He is in charge of everything in heaven and earth—and we are safely His forever." *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*
www.lutheransforlife.org

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

April 19 John 20:19 – "On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' " Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord's will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.

APRIL LUTHERAN HOUR SERMON TOPICS

Each Sunday during April at 12:30 pm listen to the Lutheran Hour broadcast on radio station KDUZ 1260 AM. This month you will hear the following program broadcast topics:
Apr 19 "**Rescue, Test, Rest**" with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.
Sermon based on Exodus 16.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Christ Victorious in Victoria has a wonderful Daily Devotions available on you-tube called 10:25 (from Hebrews 10:25) see the link at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bx1uyfNLpuU>

DAILY DEVOTIONS AND BIBLE STUDIES are also available at LCMS Radio at <https://www.kfuo.org/>

SCRIP is still available. You can place an order at the church office by Tuesdays. Forms are on the ledge. We will notify you when your order comes in.

CHURCH SECURITY

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is looking for a few more people to volunteer to join the new St. Paul's Security Team. Areas to be discussed will include discrete overseeing of services and other church events (i.e. funerals, weddings, etc.) with the intention of

supplying safety, security, first responder type duties, evacuations, etc.

This new program is being introduced and supported by the Carver County Sheriff's Department.

For more information please contact Jeff Lueck at 612.221.5528 or email Jeff@professionalsprinkler.net

PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to be placed on the confidential Prayer Chain for additional prayer, please call Judy Hoogland at 952.955.2124 or 612.554.4795. This ministry is for you to use!

CALLING ALL SEWING MEMBERS

Because of the shortage of face masks, many sewing machines have been busy. Members from St. Paul's have helped make and given away 65 face masks so far (that we know of.). Thanks to those of you that are making them. If you would like to make some, it is not too late. You may find a pattern by going to one of these links: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6hpzLQTy-SA&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0c8hw8Y38dYPW70xQRQskxfNbNicg2z5SE1GpvGI6rHbpgcCX8qoMjOc0>

Or https://buttoncounter.com/2018/01/14/face-mask-a-picture-tutorial/?fbclid=IwAR23SRGPw6ubaviPofZzzUZ-Oaq_Hz7gHjRqxpewD78rKx2mDo2Z8yvmlWU

You can also go on Pinterest for a pattern or search the internet for DIY face masks. We have also been informed there is a shortage of caps. They look like cloth shower caps used in hospitals. If you need of a mask or have any questions, please call the church office at 952.955.1498.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Website - www.stpaulswatertown.org

Vacancy Pastor Rev. Don Andrix 952.457.0093

Visitation Pastor: Rev. Tom Colgrove 763.614.9622

Preaching Assistant: Rev. Gerald Schwanke - 1-320-282-9838

Pastor Andrix is available 24/7. The church number is routed to Pastor Don's cell phone when the church office is not open

ORDER OF SERVICE 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2020

INVOCATION:

HYMN: "Awake, My Heart, With Gladness" (LSB #467)

1. Awake, my heart, with gladness, See What today is done;
Now after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made When
to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.
6. Now, I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true; My Lord
will leave me never, Whate'er He passes through. He rends
death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain; He
shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.

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FIRST READING: Acts 5:29-42

29But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. **30**The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. **31**God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. **32**And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." **33**When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. **34**But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. **35**And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. **36**For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. **37**After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. **38**So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; **39**but if it is of God,

you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, **40**and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. **41**Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. **42**And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4**to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, **5**who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6**In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, **7**so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **8**Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, **9**obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31

19On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." **20**When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. **21**Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." **22**And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23**If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." **24**Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. **25**So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into

the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." **26**Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." **27**Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." **28**Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" **29**Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." **30**Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; **31**but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON: John 20:19-31 "Jesus Restores, He Does Not Improve"

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He Descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (*LSB #525*)

1. Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And hail
Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

4. Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave And
rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save. His
glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who died
eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

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