



St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church  
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# The Glad Spirit

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### April-May 2017

# Martin Luther - The Idea That Changed the World

A new feature length movie entitled, **Martin Luther – The Idea That Changed The World**, has been released in very limited private screenings in honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Reformation. Major funding for the movie has come from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The movie shows only in public theaters under contract with local congregations.

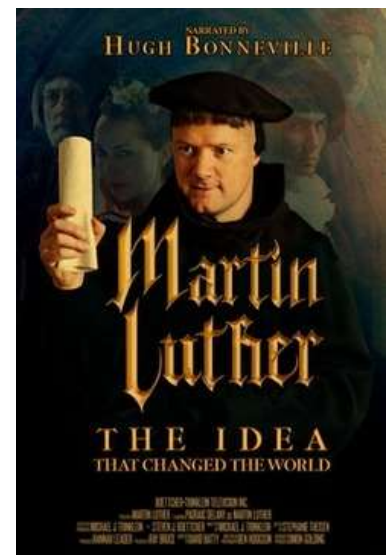
Our sister, circuit congregation, St. Paul Lutheran in Chicago Heights is sponsoring a showing of the movie on a one-time basis, Thursday, April 27, 2017, 7:30 to 9:43 p.m. at the Marcus Theaters, 1301 Hilltop Ave, Chicago Heights. This is a onetime only showing. It is also the only showing in our local vicinity.

The movie has been shown in other locations around the country since February on a very limited basis, with tickets being sold out each

time. It is expected that this showing will be a sell-out as well. For that reason, tickets must be bought early in advance.

If you wish to purchase tickets for this one time showing, please contact Pastor Wahl ASAP at [Pastor@splcms.org](mailto:Pastor@splcms.org). **The cost of the tickets is \$9.00, plus a \$1.00 booking fee; in other words, \$10.00 each.** Tickets will not be sold at the theater. They must be purchased in advance.

For more information, you can read about the movie online by doing an internet search for: **Martin Luther – The Idea That Changed the World**. Please consider setting aside the time to attend this movie.



up as well. When you shop online, Shop Amazon Smile



Ascension Day comes each year, on the fortieth day after Easter. It is the day that our Lord, Jesus Christ ascended in his resurrected body to heaven. This year, the date is Thursday, May 25. Our local Circuit of congregations will once again have a joint worship service. This year, the service will be at Trinity Lutheran Church, 18144 Glen Terrace, Lansing, IL, at 7:00 p.m.. The Ascension service will be one of Holy Communion. Additional information will be forthcoming on details of the service. Everyone is welcome and encourage to attend.



# \$211.85

What's with \$211.85? That is how much money our congregation has earned the past two years the Amazon Smile program. When each of us makes St. Paul the charity we support on the Amazon Smile page, a few pennies (1/2 of 1%) goes to St. Paul's treasury each time we make a purchase. It's not much money at all from each individual purchase, however pennies do add up. After all, even the church can use an extra \$211.85, It's enough to pay a bill or maybe two. If you are not in the program, go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and sign up. Encourage your friends, neighbors, and family members to sign



## FLY THE FLAGS

As Christians living in this great land that The Lord has given, we are indeed patriotic. We love our land and freedom and we pray that God will continually bless our nation with His good gifts and presence. But, does the community know how patriotic we are? We are undertaking an effort to show the community our patriotism by placing a number of American flags in our front lawn for about a week to two weeks surrounding the Memorial Day holiday. Think how impressive that would be to have our lawn area decorated with flags for everyone to see. Think how impressive it would be as the Thornton Memorial Day parade files past St. Paul to see all the flags. We can become known in our community as the church that flies the flags. How many flags do we need to fill our lawn? We want to start with 500. These are flags measuring 12X18 inches on 30 inch sticks. They are big enough to be seen boldly and high enough to not touch the ground. They cost a bit less than \$1.00 each. We are asking the folks of St. Paul to prayerfully consider making an additional offering for this project.

At this point, we are about half way to our goal. We need a few more generous offerings to help push us there.

When we obtain \$500 we will get the project underway. Please give this your attention



# CIRCUIT RE-ALIGNMENT

Did you know that there are 218 congregations that make up the Northern Illinois District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod? St. Paul is one of them. These congregations are then grouped together in local configurations to jointly accomplish mission work in their immediate area. Constitutionally, a circuit must have a minimum of seven congregations. Frequently things happen which alter the makeup of circuits throughout the district. That has happened in the Northern Illinois District. Hence there has just been completed a massive circuit re-alignment. Our present circuit of six congregations has been split apart. Effective June 1, 2018, we will be part of a new Circuit # 19. The congregations which will form this circuit are:

- Beecher – St. John
- Beecher – St. Paul
- Beecher – Zion
- Chicago Heights – St. Paul
- Lansing – St. John
- Lansing – Trinity
- Steger – Immanuel
- Thornton – St. Paul

We look forward to working together with fellow Lutherans from these other congregations to accomplish The Lord's Work.



## Sunday School Corner

Spring has sprung and we can't believe there aren't that many Sundays left before summer! April is a busy month preparing for Easter. Palm Sunday is April 9th. We hope everyone will join us at "Son"rise service and stay for the traditional breakfast. If you would like to help, please come Saturday April 15 between 9am-12 to help with set up or help clean up after

breakfast. Thank you to the Sellas and Gribbons for preparing the amazing meal! Keeping with traditions there will also be an egg hunt for the kids after breakfast, make sure to stay and enjoy the festivities!

May is also just around the corner, which means we are also preparing for the Memorial Day Parade and the end of Sunday School until the fall. We would love to have all the children march, ride bikes, or ride with the church to show the community what a great place to worship St. Paul's is. We will be making posters and signs on Sunday May 28th to prepare for the parade on May 29th. If you are interested in participating please let Kathy or Dana know! May 28th will also be our last day of Sunday School until after Labor Day. We will start a little later at 9am-9:30 and have a little celebration while making the parade posters. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer break and look forward to the fall!

If you would like to help with Sunday School, or have questions, concerns, or suggestions for Sunday School, please make sure to see Kathy or Dana.

Many Blessings,  
Sunday School



Mr. and Mrs. Bryan (Rachel Peglow) were united into the bonds of holy matrimony at St. Paul's altar on March 18. May The Lord richly bless their lives and marriage.

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
September - May

## ADULT BIBLE CLASS

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

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Church Office Hours  
9 to Noon Monday thru Friday.

Bulletin Deadline  
Thursday by 10 a.m.

Contact the church office to submit  
personal testimonials about what God  
has done for you. Or original art that is  
inspirational or humorous to the artist.

## CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

<b>Chairman</b>	Bill Sommer
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	David Bloom
<b>Recording Sec.</b>	Tracy Middleton
<b>Financial Sec.</b>	Robert Brandy
<b>Treasurer</b>	Chris Carr
<b>Elder</b>	Ed Hoeksema Steven Michels Henry Sella Jack Swan Brian Wiltjer Jerry Wiltjer
<b>Trustee</b>	Dean Bloom Jerry Smith

## **Stewardship**

<b>Evangelism</b>	Debi Brandy
<b>Social Ministry</b>	Norma Allen Sandy Budde

**S. S. Super.** Kathy Dejonowski

**Asnt. Super.** Dana Krieger

**Adult Director**

**Youth Director**

## April

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Taeler Chiattello | 12 Brian Smith        |
| 4 Brian Wiltjer     | 13 Shirley Smith      |
| 5 Kristi Hudson     | Denise Tatgenhorst    |
| Abby Wahl           | 14 Heather Reichert   |
| 6 Francie Ovalle    | Samantha Rick         |
| 7 Adam Kukulski     | 15 Aaron Schassburger |
| 8 Brett Hall        | 16 Joe Pearson        |
| 10 Tiffany Hoover   | 18 Ethan Schassburger |
| Carly Maurer        | 26 Christopher Budde  |
| 11 Arlene Rich      | 28 Cheyenne Plecas    |



## May

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Logan Geiger    | 10 Alvin JaBaay        |
| Gene Wiltjer      | 11 Janet Sanders       |
| 2 Shannon Speese  | 14 Tim VanDommelen     |
| 4 Scott Parker    | 15 Danielle Chiattello |
| Jerry Wiltjer     | 16 Cherlyn Plaia       |
| 5 Jean Wiltjer    | 17 Norma Allen         |
| Nora Wulf-Burklow | 20 Piper Geiger        |
| 6 Sara Keith      | 24 Raymond McCrary     |
| Amanda Kukulski   | 27 Paulette Pearson    |
| James Mischka     | 28 Jacob Middleton     |
| Uriah Wisely      | 30 Brittany Certa      |
| 7 Melanie Shadley | 31 Bradley Eastman     |
| 8 Sandy Bodza     | Brianna Middleton      |
| Emma Conway       | Denis Tatgenhorst      |

## A duty and a privilege

The purpose of worship is to adore and to praise God. Worshiping God is both a duty and a privilege. As those who were created and redeemed by God, it is our duty to offer our praise and thanksgiving. It is our privilege to come into the presence of the Most High God. If we feel good after worship, that's a bonus God has given us, but it's not the true purpose for our being there.

# APRIL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 8:30am Sunday School 8:40am Bible Class 9:45am Worship Service	<b>3</b> 7:30pm Elders Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:30am Lenten Morning Service 10:00am Lenten Evening Service 10:30am Lenten Breakfast 5:00pm Confirmation 6:30pm Lenten Potluck	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00am Trustee Work Day
<b>9</b> 8:30am Sunday School 8:40am Bible Class 9:45am Worship Service	<b>10</b> 7:00pm Council Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30am Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service	<b>14</b> 12:00pm Good Friday Worship Service 7:30pm Good Friday Worship Service	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 6:00am Sunrise Worship Service 9:45am Worship Service	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00pm Book Club	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8:30am Sunday School 8:40am Bible Class 9:45am Worship Service	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8:30am Sunday School 8:40am Bible Class 9:45am Worship Service & Witness Sunday						

# MAY 2017

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	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:30pm Elders Meeting	<b>3</b> 6:30pm Confirmation Questioning	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
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