

Dear St. Paul Family,

Time continues to march on and we will be in April before we know it. Spring makes me think of spring cleaning, planting seeds, and more sunshine! Spring is the end of the Lenten season as we enter into the Joy of the Easter season. Come and join us as we spring clean our church, plant the mustard seeds of faith and enjoy our eternal Sonshine, our Risen Lord Jesus Christ!

Worship and Fellowship and Events!

- 3/27 8:45 Church Service
9:45 Coffee and.....
- 3/30 6p Soup and Salad Dinner
7pm Lenten Service
- 4/3 8:45 Church Service
9:45 Coffee and
- 10:00 Bible Study "Why the Joy of the Lord is our Strength! (Study and music attached)
- 4/10 8:45 Palm Sunday Church Service The Beginning of Holy Week
- 4/13 10am St. Paul Book club "*The Lutheran Ladies Circle: Plucking One String*" by Kris Knorr. We also have been enjoying lunch together after the meeting.
- 4/14 7pm Maundy Thursday Service
- 4/15 7pm Good Friday Tennebrae Service
- 4/16 9:00 -12:00 or any time in between) Church clean-up day. Lunch will be provided!! We need YOU Many hands make light work!
- 4/17 7am Easter Festival Service
Fellowship Breakfast (I can smell and taste it now. Thank you Mary and Henry)
- 4/24 8:45 Church Service
Coffee and.....

On Wednesday March 30 there will be the last Midweek Dinner. A soup and salad dinner is planned. Last I heard at least 3 soups were being provided, please bring a salad or dessert to share. Also a Special Thank you to **Mary and Henry Sella** for an **EXCELLENT** Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, it was **Delicious!!**

The **Bible study for April** is "**Why the JOY of the LORD is our STRENGTH!**" This study also begins at home with you! This Bible study is from LWML, and is a one page study (short and sweet). We will be looking at **Lacking Joy, Living Joy** and **Lasting Joy**. We will also be singing "**Let us Ever Walk with Jesus**" If you are unable to attend church and would like to virtually attend the Bible study we are trying something new FB Chat, please contact Deb 708 704-0012.

Please continue to support **Our Food Basket Program**. **Easter** will be here before we know it! The plan is to have the Easter Food Baskets cards sent out the week of April 3. This year we will continue to provide Aldi gift cards for our families in need. If you would like to donate to help purchase the gift cards in place of items you would normally purchase, it would be greatly appreciated. Please note on your envelop for Social Ministry or Food Baskets.

We have a wonderful tradition here at St. Paul's to send cards to our Military, College and Special Concerns members who are unable to attend weekly services. The Cards are on the table please sign and if and maybe include a small note. These cards are a blessing to the members receiving them.

Communion is available to our local St. Paul members during this Blessed Easter Season. If you would like to receive The Sacrament of Communion please call Deb at 708 704-0012 to make appointment with Pastor.

Easter Sunrise Service 7 am. Rev. Dr. Allen Buss will be leading us as we celebrate the JOY of Easter! Lets' fill the church this Easter morning and give Thanks to our God for His many blessings! Then stay and join us in fellowship as we share in a delicious Easter Breakfast. Help with clean-up is always welcome!

Christian Stewardship is concerned with God's gifts and the way we use them. There are many passages in the Bible that are concerned with a giving God and a receiving people. How the receiving people use all that comes from a giving God is, in my book, what Christian Stewardship is all about.

Our Missouri Synod has this as their definition of stewardship: "Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes." Luke 6:20-38, Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

The Eight T's are: Time, Talent, Treasure, Testimony, Touch, Tissue, Trash, and Technology. You know the first three; the last four go like this: testimony (Christian witnessing), touch (relationships), tissue (care of our bodies), trash (care of God's creation), and technology (our use of the electronic devices and tools with which God has blessed us).

We will have a Free Will Offering Collection For **Pastor Yount's mission** of **Spiritual Orphans Network** through the end of the month.

Rather be openhanded and freely lend him whatever he needs. Deuteronomy 15:8

LCC has been and will continue to collect financial donations to be given out "Dollar per Dollar" to help the people of Ukraine to show the Mercy and Compassion of Jesus Christ. We continue to work through churches, Christian Ministries, and leaders with direct connections to Ukraine, including these partnerships:

- Ukrainian Church – Palatine, Illinois
- **Pastor Scott Yount, Missionary in Ukraine, Immanuel Lutheran Church – Palatine, Illinois**
- Ukrainian Lutheran Church (ULC)

Servant of Christ

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