

St. Paul's Lutheran
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...Growing In Christ
To Reach, Teach and Care!

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“On the third day He rose again from the dead.” Those are the words that we confess in the Apostles’ Creed. They are words that have been handed down to us in the church. With those words, we confess the fact of Jesus’ bodily resurrection from the dead. That is the Easter message as contained in the Apostles’ Creed.

What does that confession of hope mean in a time such as ours? In particular, here in the United States, where according to a recent poll 84% of Americans say that their highest goal is to enjoy life as much as possible! Of that 84%, 67% percent identified as Christians!

As we continue to confess the Apostles’ Creed we say, “I believe in the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.” When we say those words we are saying first, that we believe that Jesus’ resurrection from the dead was the forgiveness of our sins (Romans 4:25). That forgiveness that Jesus has won is shared with us now in God’s Word and also His Precious Sacraments. Second, the Apostles’ Creed reminds us that our highest end goal is the resurrection of our own bodies and eternal life with our Risen Lord Jesus!

Easter reminds you and I that as Christians we live in the world but are not of the world! There is nothing wrong with enjoying the life that God has given us in the here and now. James 1:17 says, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” All that we have in this life is a gift from our Lord. The challenge comes when we lose sight of what Jesus has done for us and then get caught up in just living to enjoy life now. It can happen in subtle ways over time in our lives, especially in our 24 hour, instant access, digital world. Before we know it, we can become what Paul wrote about to the church in Philippians 3:19 “enemies of the cross of Christ...whose end is destruction their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.”

The resurrection of Jesus, which we celebrate on Easter, reminds us that the same God who created us has entered into this world to give us a different higher goal. It is not a goal that you and I have to achieve. Rather it was done purely out of love for you and me. At our baptism, we were as Paul wrote in Romans 6, buried with Christ and also raised with Him. Jesus’ resurrection is for you. You and I have already been connected to the ultimate highest goal, and that is to know Jesus and what He has achieved for you.

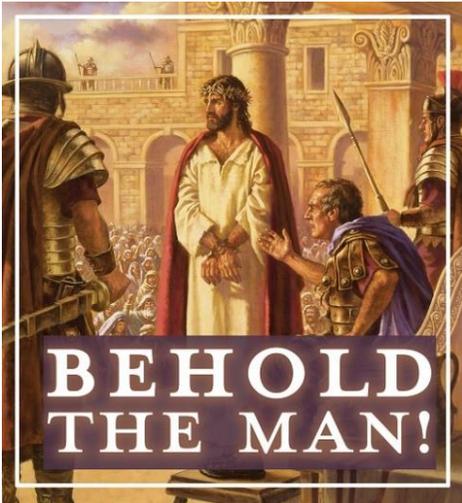
This then impacts how we look at our lives as God’s stewards. We recognize that everything is a gift from Him to be enjoyed. We also see these gifts that God has given us, as ways to serve both Him and others that He brings into our lives.

“On the third day He rose again” reminds us that God has begun something new. You and I are part of it. Each new day is a gift from Him and an opportunity to say thank you for what He has done and continues to do for us each and every day. *Pastor Shive*

“Behold the Man” – Lenten Worship Schedule

The Lenten Season continues with the pulpit exchange for two more weeks of Wednesday services. Holy Week will once again have Pastors Kretschmar & Shive back in our pulpit and Lent will conclude with our Risen Savior on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019.

The Wednesday services are 11am or 6:30pm. Meals are offered each Wednesday, with a freewill donation appreciated. Supper is served from 5:15 to 6:15pm. All are welcome to join us in the church Fellowship Hall for some good food and fellowship.



April 3*: Rev. Dennis Sundell
“A God Who is Exposed”

April 10*: Vicar Jonathon Rusche, Trinity,
Howards Grove “A God with a Mother”

April 18 – Maundy Thursday
Communion Worship (both) at
11am & 6:30pm

April 19 – Good Friday
Tre Ore Noon – 3pm
20 minute segments with a 5 minute break between
for silent meditation or quietly to enter or leave
Tenebrae/Service of Darkness – 7pm

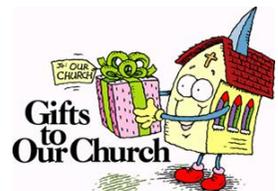
EASTER – April 21, 2019

SONrise Service – 6:00am; followed by Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
Festival Communion Services (both) – 8:15 or 10:45am

*Please Note: For the Wednesday morning services the only doors open will be the glass doors under the carport or the SW door off the back alley. Thank you!

Special Gifts & Memorials

\$ 180.00 Morning Meditations (one week) by Bernie Bawden
75.00 Marcella Reglin Memorial Fund from Friends



OFFICIAL STATISTICS

Baptism: Madisyn Wilson, daughter of Elizabeth Schaal, on March 9, 2019

Transfer In: Meribeth Hauenstein from Mission Lutheran Church, Las Cruces, NM

Statement of Faith: Dietmar “Dietz” Wohlgemuth

Total Baptized Members: 994

Total Communicant Members: 803

2019 Lenten Ushering Schedule



April 3: 6:30pm – Jack Dahler opens; Team 3 serves
April 10: 6:30pm – Phil Steinbruecker opens; Team 4 serves

Maundy Thursday, April 18:

11am – Jerry Lieske opens (all doors)
6:30pm – Scott Mehre opens; Team 2 serves

Good Friday, April 19: Noon – Keith Brunner opens (all doors)

Tre Ore: Noon-1:30pm: Volunteers sign up to help
1:30-3:00pm: Volunteers sign up to help

Tenebrae: 7pm – Ray Petersohn opens; Team 1 serves

EASTER SUNDAY, April 21: 6am – Teams 1 & 2;

8:15am – Teams 3 & 4;

10:45am – Teams 5 & 6

April Wedding Anniversaries...Congratulations!

- 01: Ken & Jill Brendel
- 04: Gary & Mary Morrelle
- 14: Gary & Tere Zimmermann
- 21: Tom & Denise Seefeldt
- 22: Kerry & Mary Smith
- 23: Jamie & Jill Dogs
- 27: Darrell & Louann Postma
- 28: Rick & Lynn Roenitz



LWML & Agape Circle News



St. Paul's Agape Circle will be hosting the LWML Zone 9 Spring Rally on Saturday, April 13, 2019. Registration and a light breakfast will be served at 9am. Our guest speaker is Deaconess Lori Wilbert of Stateville, Illinois. She will be speaking on her involvement with the prison ministry. All ladies of St. Paul's are invited to join us.

Agape members: our April meeting will be held the day of the Spring Rally, April 13.

Welcomers Schedule

- 4/07: 8:15-Jim & Maureen Bartel
10:45-Dan & Heather Winter
- 4/14: **PALM SUNDAY**
8:15-Holly Hinz & Allan Soucheck
10:45-Cindy Strong & Julie Reseburg
- 4/21: **EASTER SUNDAY**
8:15-Nancy Oostdyke & Gary Werner
10:45-Pat Brunner & Sandy Chaffee
- 4/28: 8:15-Ralph & Connie Worm
10:45-Jenni Pickel & Katie Huener



Greetings From Your Book Store,

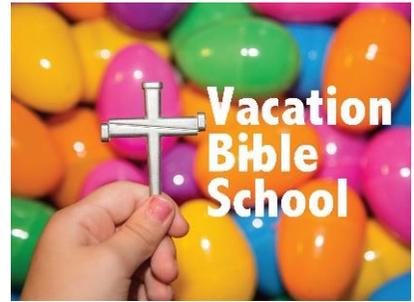
Easter is on April 21st of this year of our Lord.

So that you are able to share this Joy with others; we have cards that proclaim His Victory. We are open after the 8:15 service in the church Fellowship Hall.

*Happy Easter,
Holly Hinz*

VBS – Don't Miss It!

A great way to get ready for Easter! Coming Saturday, April 6 from 9am-Noon at St. Paul's School "Easter for Kids: Jesus Rises from the Dead!" Join us for Bible Stories, Crafts, Songs, and an Easter Egg Hunt! You can register online at www.stpaulsheboygan.org Ages 3-12 are encouraged to join us for this event. Feel free to call Pastor Shive (452-6829) or e-mail him pastormatt@stpaulsheboygan.org if you have any questions.



2019 Morning Meditations Schedule

On WHBL-1330AM/101.5FM

Monday-Friday at 7:25am and about 10:50am

April 01-05: St. Mark, Sheboygan

April 08-12: Trinity, Sheboygan

April 15-19: St. Paul, Sheboygan Falls

April 22-26: Trinity, Town of Wilson

April 29-May 03: Good Shepherd, Sheboygan

Tuesday Evening Bible Class with Pastor Shive

Have you ever wondered how can I share what we believe as Christians? Come and join us for Everyone His Witness on Tuesday nights from 6:00-7:00 P.M. starting on April 23 in the church library. If you have already attended but would like a refresher come and join us. Materials will be provided as we learn about how we use basic relation skills such as listening and asking questions with the people God has put us into contact with in our everyday lives.

Outreach will be meeting on Wednesday, April 24th at 6:30pm in the church library. Come and plan with us as we continue to look for ways to share the Good News of Jesus in 2019 here at St. Paul's.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church—Stewardship Pledge Weekend

April 6 & 7, 2019



This year's Lenten stewardship emphasis focused on God's great generosity to us as His children. Jesus suffered, died, and rose to give us life and to sustain us in life with blessings more than we can number. The most priceless gift He won for us is eternal life in heaven! God's generosity is intended to inspire in us a generous response. In this way, we become imitators of our Savior by giving glory to God and serving our neighbor as His children. So Christians are spiritually blessed by God to be a blessing to others out of the earthly blessings received from God! Our church, school, South Wisconsin District, and Synod use these blessings to advance the Good News of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus.

Below is a sample of the response card that we encourage you to fill out and place in the offering basket on the weekend of April 6 & 7. The cards will be available at church for the last two weekends of March and the first weekend of April. The chart on the back of the card will help you to see where you currently are in your heart-felt response to your Savior. Then it can guide you in the challenge to grow in generosity in your response by a percentage amount for next year. St. Paul's could be doing more in service to the Savior. Help us accomplish more of His mission.

God's Blessings in Christ, Pastor Kretschmar and Pastor Matt

As Grateful Recipients of God's Generosity I/We Will Grow Our Generosity for Mission

Because I/we have been saved by God's grace and freed to serve, I/we answer His call to excel in the grace of giving generously and will seek to also serve the Lord with an ability He has given me/us.

RESPONSE CARD



2 Corinthians 8:7 As you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way.

Print Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

MY/OUR COMMITMENT FOR LAST YEAR WAS:

\$ _____

MY/OUR COMMITMENT FOR NEXT YEAR IS:

\$ _____

This change represents a
1% 2% 3% 4% 5%
 growth in generosity.

St. Paul's Offering Envelopes

It seems like this month is a good time to go over an explanation of the options on our offering envelopes. For some it will be a review, for others it could be for the first time.

1. **My Regular Offering:** this is what is commonly called the “white envelope” contribution. This amount actually gets divided: 10% goes to the Missions Fund and 90% goes to our General Fund. **Please Note:** This is a separate gift, **not a total** of all gifts marked on the envelope.
2. **Special Missions:** This is 100% missions and is applied to our South Wisconsin District annual pledge payments.
3. **Major Repair Fund:** These monies go toward bigger ticket expenses and projects that come up in maintaining our buildings and property. Examples can include roofing, masonry work, parking lot repairs/repaving, painting projects (interior/exterior), furnaces, etc.
4. **Property Maintenance:** These are usually the day to day type expenses like repairing equipment such as vacuums, snowblowers, light bulbs, smaller plumbing repairs, garbage collection, etc.
5. **Current Expense:** This tends to be monthly billings in running the church and school. Insurance, electric, gas, water, phone, office supplies, books, materials for Bible classes, Sunday School, catechism/confirmation, visitation handouts, conferences, postage, etc.
6. **Debt:** This was initially for loan payments or paying toward bills that were in arrears. Now it is used much like Current Expense, keeping bill payments current and staying out of debt.
7. **Other:** \$_____ **Specify:** _____
This means you put your gift amount on the line by the \$ sign then fill out the line after specify with wherever you would like your gift to go that is not already printed on the envelope. Examples: Bulletin, Flowers, Hispanic Ministry, Human Care, LHS, Special Door Offering, Morning Meditations, Memorial Gift, etc.

Congratulations to the LHS Boys Basketball Team on winning the State Championship in Madison March 16th!



The XYZ Club will meet on Wednesday, April 24th at 12 Noon for a social luncheon at Shuff's Last Resort, 4136 Hwy. 42, Sheboygan. Sign-up sheets will be located in the narthex & hallway by the church office April 7. Reservations are required! Deadline to sign up is Easter Sunday, April 21st. For more information or if you need a ride, call Earl Mehre at 457-5640.

Neat Repeats Sales for April

01-06: Clothing – 50% off;

08-13: Furniture & Lamps – 50% off;

15-20: Purses, Duffels & Luggage – 50% off;

22-27: Easter Decorations – 50% off

Servants of Christ Conference July 28-29

God's Peace to You!

Please encourage youth in your congregations and youth you know to attend the Servants of Christ Conference at Concordia University Wisconsin (CUW). The Servants of Christ Conference will ground youth in the grace of their baptism, teach them about the doctrine of vocation, give them information about college and careers, and allow them to take part in breakaway sessions led by CUW professors and other guest speakers. These sessions are designed to strengthen their faith and help them to live as servants of Christ in our challenging world. The Servants of Christ Conference is for all students in grades 9-12, and it will take place on July 28th and 29th on our Mequon campus. The cost, \$25, covers lodging and three meals. **Registration opens April 15th.**

We encourage you to identify advocates who will urge youth to attend, plan rides for youth, and (if possible) find chaperones for the event (chaperones are not required but are appreciated). Adult chaperones are welcome to attend for the same cost as students, \$25. Please visit and encourage youth to visit this link for more information and for a sample schedule and sample breakaway sessions from this event last year:
www.cuw.edu/ServantsofChristConference

Thank you! In Christ,
Ron Mudge



**LCMS
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY
HISPANIC OUTREACH**

February 2019

Saludos en el nombre de nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo. Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! The Lord keeps working through the Hispanic Ministry in Sheboygan County. We had **1** visitor this month. Thanks to the Lord!!! This month we have an average attendance of **16**. Our highest attendance was **22**. Glory be to God!!! We also have an average of 13 communicants this month.

We continue to plan for our combined Bilingual VBS that will take place at Good Shepherd Sheboygan, from June 17-21. The theme for this year is OPERATION ARCTIC. We desperately need volunteers! We want to have a meeting to decide the time of the VBS but at this point we only have 4 volunteers and are unable to choose the time schedule. VBS is right around the corner and we don't have enough volunteers! If you would like to be part of this great opportunity, please let us know.

We continue planning for our "5 de Mayo" celebration and "El Dia del Niño". That day May 5, we will have a bilingual service from noon to 1:00 PM followed by lunch, mariachis, kids games and a presentation about the Hispanic Ministry, Lutheran Hour Ministry and LLL. The LHM and LLL will have their Zone rally that day at Good Shepherd. These celebrations this year will be sponsored by LHM and LLL. This celebration is open to the community and to our sister churches. We would need volunteers to help in both activities. If you would like to help please let us know.

This month I led 4 English services, including Grace Lutheran Church, Haven and Bethany Lutheran Church, Kohler. I did chapel at Lutheran High School and Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sheboygan.

I visited 5 families at home. I led 4 Spanish Services. I led 2 Spanish Bible classes. I led 2 youth confirmation classes in Spanish. Also visited stores to bring Portals of Prayers and flyers.

Thank you for reading this letter! Thank you for your continuing support to OUR Hispanic Ministry! Thank you for partnering with us. Please continue to pray for us! May God richly bless you!!! Looking forward to what the Lord has for us in this new year 2019.

In Christ, His Humble Servant and Yours,
Rev. David Blas



2019 Easter Flower Order Form

If you are interested in helping decorate the church with spring flowers for Easter, you may do so by placing an order for a flowering plant **by April 11**. Simply fill out the form below and return it with **\$16** to the church office. You may pick up your plant on Sunday, April 28 after the 10:45am service.

PLEASE PRINT!

Name of donor _____

In Memory of _____

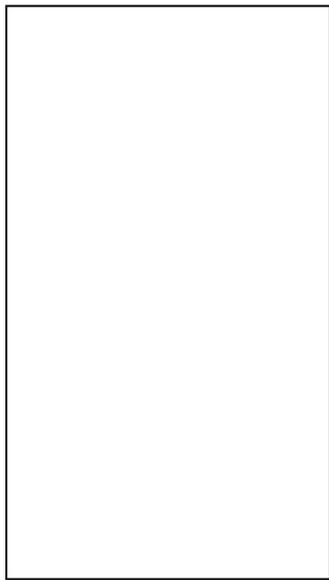
In Honor of _____

_____ Yes, I will pick up the flowers; _____ No, I do not want the flowers.

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