



Walking Together
St. Paul Lutheran Church and School
Catonsville, MD
April 2024

SO, WHATS NEXT?

Well, we did Holy Week. Funerals. Maundy Thursday. Good Friday. You know how the whole week turned out? With Jesus alive! With Jesus the champion over death and sin and evil. With Jesus our living Lord with us.

So what's next? What happens now? Well at St. Paul what happens next is spelled out in this newsletter. There are a lot of good and holy things happening at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School. Read this newsletter and rejoice! Day in and day out, week in and week out, God leads people to give and serve and proclaim the mercy of Jesus in many ways.

The center of all of it is Sunday morning at 10 am. The Gospel, Absolution, prayer, fellowship, the Word, the Supper – Christ with us, never failing. Sins forgiven, faith strengthened, God's people going out to serve and do His will. Every Sunday is a little Easter, our living Savior among us giving His gifts.

What happens next now that Easter is done? You get to rejoice and give thanks to God that He opened heaven. The next thing is you receive the risen Lord's gifts. Next is you find a place to serve and respond and give here at St. Paul and in your family and wherever God leads you.

Easter is done. What now? Eternal life. Heaven. An eternal future of peace and joy assured.

THANK YOU FOR ALL WHO SERVED during our Holy Week and Easter services and made them meaningful and special. Also thank you to all who served the families during our two recent funerals. You all shared the peace and strength of the Risen Christ.

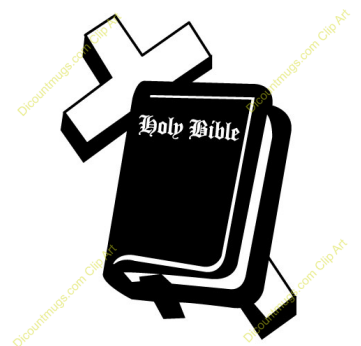


ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL VOTER'S MEETING IS JUNE 2nd following worship. Mark your calendars.

PASTOR ALMS PRESENTING AT ST. MARK'S CONFERENCE IN BALTIMORE The Saint Mark's Conference is an event hosted by Our Savior Lutheran Church in Baltimore. It centers on the sacramental, and liturgical life of the Lutheran Church. This year's theme is "Sacraments, Liturgy, and Mission" and will be held April 22-23. Pastor Alms will speak on "Sacraments and Vocation in Luther's Lectures on Genesis". More information and registration is available here: <https://www.oursaviourbaltimore.org/conference/>

GRACE: AN INTRODUCTION TO LUTHERANISM This class focusing on the Small Catechism will begin another round Monday April 8 th at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Contact Pastor Alms.

MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE Join us for a trip to this world-class museum located in Washington, DC on Saturday, April 20th. Our group will carpool (or drive individually) to the museum, arriving for the 10:00 opening. Once inside we'll enjoy a one hour private group tour of the "Jesus of Nazareth" exhibit, then you're free to explore the museum's many displays and artifacts at your own pace. We'll enjoy lunch together in the museum's "Manna Restaurant" to enjoy fellowship and discussion. Total cost is \$22 per person. Parking can be reserved online at the adjacent garage for \$15 (flat weekend rate). Please sign up right away! Payment info to be announced.



NEW MEMBER SUNDAY is April 14th. It will be a great day.

ADULT EDUCATION IN APRIL

April 7 – "Ask the Pastor (Almost) Anything" – Pastor Alms

April 14 --Dana and Stan Missionary Presentation;

April 21 through May 26th -- Christian Perspectives on War; -- Bill Oldhouser --

April 21 through May 26: "Meant for Good – A Study of Joseph" Women's Bible study resumes.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Ladies mark your calendars:

April 25th is our Spaghetti Dinner. We will begin serving at 5 until 6:30. I will be sending out emails to

remind those who have signed up to set up, prepare, serve and clean up. We still could use a few more people to help serve and clean up. Please let me know if you can help with either of those things. **SIGN UP ONLINE for the Dinner: [Spaghetti Dinner Sign Up](#)**



LWML Spring Rally will be held on April 27th at St Paul Glen Burnie. I hope you will consider attending. We will need to provide a head count a week prior to the event.

FROM THE DAY SCHOOL BOARD

2024/2025 Enrollment

Our Early Childhood Center is full for the Fall and we are seeking students for grades K-3. We continue to have 2-3 tours per week for families interested in the elementary program.

Elementary School Staffing – New 5th Grade Teacher

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Flahn will join our staff in July to serve as our 5th Grade teacher. Mrs. Flahn holds a B.A. in Education from the African Bible College (Liberia) and a M.A. in Christian Education from Princeton Theological Seminary (US). She taught for two years at the Eternal Love Winning Africa (ELWA) Academy in Liberia as a lead teacher. She currently attends Our Savior Lutheran Church in Laurel, MD with her husband. Her father-in law Pastor Flahn and currently serves as an Associate Pastor at Our Savior. She resides in Gwynn Oak, MD

Concordia Prep Field Day – April 20th

Our 3rd through 5th grade students will gather with St. Paul's (Glen Burnie), St. Paul's (Kingsville), and Emmanuel (Baltimore) Lutheran schools for a morning of fellowship and fun. Events will include Softball Throw, Standing Long Jump, Soccer Kick, Sack Race, 3-Legged Race, 50 & 100 Yard Runs, and several relay races. We are thankful to Concordia Prep for hosting this annual event and look forward to our students creating lifetime memories.

STEM Fair Thursday, April 25th at 6 PM & Spaghetti Dinner at 5 PM

Each student is expected to complete a project using the Scientific or Engineering Method. These projects are intended to develop their critical thinking and problem-solving skills. The student is expected to create a storyboard to explain their project. The storyboards will be displayed in each classroom.

ALTAR CARE

I would like to thank those church members who are donating their time to take a month to prepare the altar for communion services and to change the altar paraments as needed. The schedule follows:

January: Irene and Suzanne Giguere

February: Robbin and Kevin Dungey

March: Karyn and John Borth

April: Doreen and Greg McDonald

May: Melissa Sunstrom

June: Betsy Mitchell and Christina Unglesbee

July: Open

August: Bruce Staudinger

September: Melissa Sunstrom

October: Open

November: Barb Haar and Lynette Frech

December: Debbie and Denise Frech

Helpers/Substitutes – Christina and Aaron Nelson / Andrea Wellington

As you can tell from the list above, volunteers are needed to provide altar care in the months of July and October. If you are willing for either one of these months, please contact Robbin Dungey.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join the St. Paul VBS team as we get ready to scuba dive into friendship with God this summer.

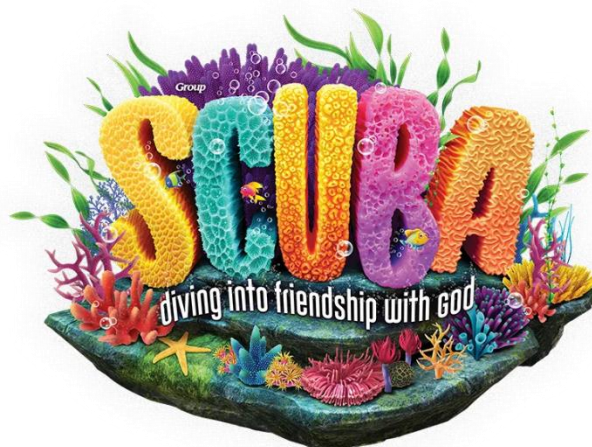
June 24th - 28th from 9am to 12pm.

Your help and support are needed with this exciting experience to help kids praise God and learn about the fin-tastic things He does.

If you are willing and able to serve this year or know someone who is, please fill out the volunteer registration [HERE](#)

There are many ways to get involved:

- Decorations
- Leading a group of kids around to stations (Preschool or Elementary age)
- Leading a station for the elementary groups or preschool groups (Imagination Station, Video, Games, Snack, Bible Story)
- Helping with the Opening/Closing



ASSET MANAGEMENT BOARD

Greetings from the Asset Management Board!

After discussing the issue with Council, the Asset Management Board opted to devote the remaining money left over from the Rose Window repair toward fixing the sidewalks and repairing one of our storm drains. We have received quotes and hope to have the work completed in the coming months.

We also decided, after consulting with Council, to postpone the Sacristy renovation project until the next fiscal year, where we could budget funds for the project and have it approved along with the rest of the budget at the voter's meeting. If you would like to give a donation specifically for the Sacristy renovation as your offering, please place your donation in a plain envelope with a note describing how you would like the money to be used!

Finally, in April we will be having a new alarm system installed. This will require us to instruct people who may need off-hour building access in how to use the system, and it will give us a chance to retrieve keys from those who no longer need them and/or convert people over to keycode access for enhanced security of both the Church and School.

MISSIONARY VISIT

April 14th at 8:45, missionaries Stan and Dana Stigdon will give an overview of LCMS Missions and specifically a presentation on the work of the Lord in Latin America and the Caribbean. They will share about being missionaries in the Dominican Republic.

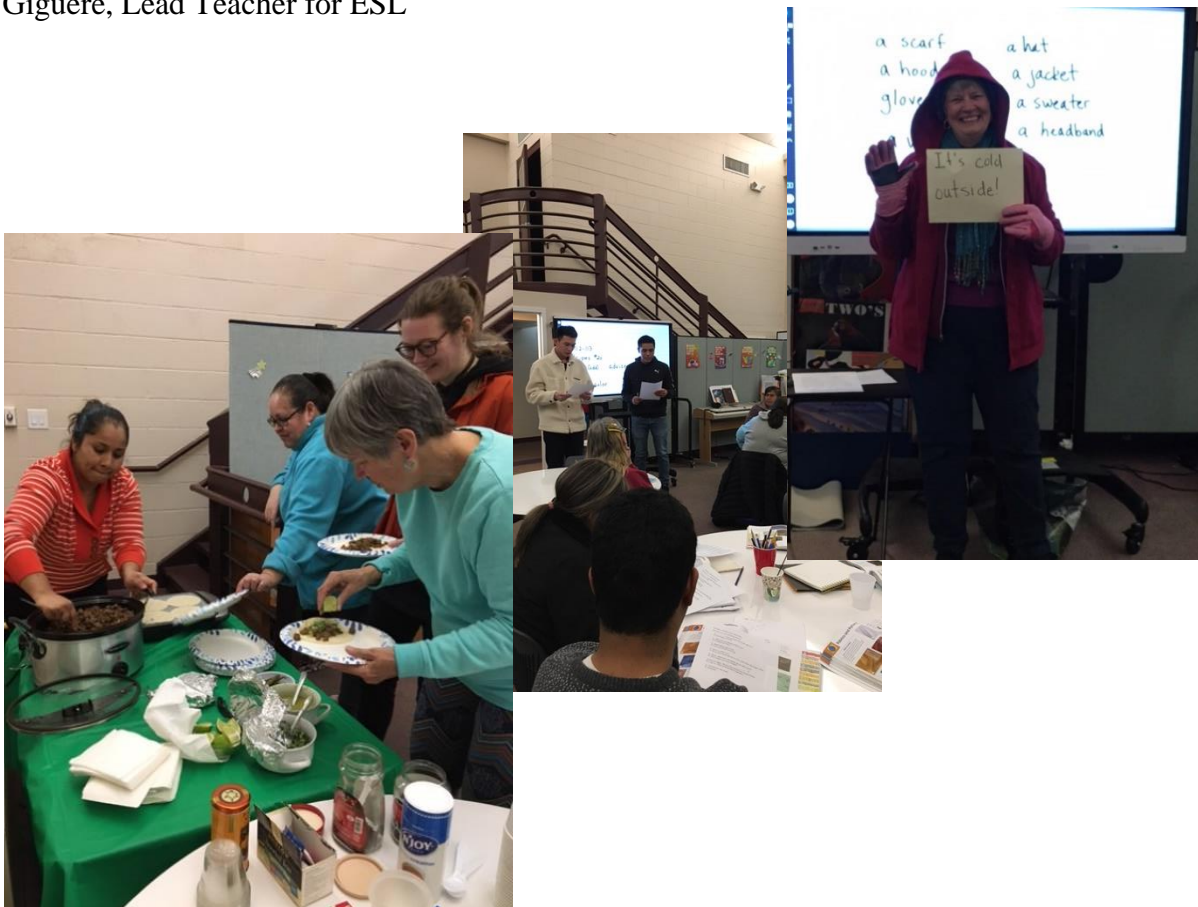
ESL HIGHLIGHTS

Our winter session of regular free classes ended on March 25. However, during the spring months we will have some outings with the group. We're looking forward to a free concert at Lurman Woods, walking the Trolle Trail, checking out some possibilities at the local Senior Center, watching our assistant Martha play soccer and having a family summer pool party at Toni's house.

Class size was smaller this session. Weather, job changes, relocation and problems with transportation contributed to fewer student numbers. However, we had 10-12 students who were faithful in attendance and definitely enriched our lives. Our Fall session begins on Monday, September 16.

Special that you to our fantastic teacher assistants: Joyce Waibel, Mary Techau, Toni Hiteshew, Betsy Whips and Leann Craumer (neighborhood volunteer who was new this year). All of us would agree that we are enriched by the experience of working with these wonderful students-such a loving and giving group of people.

Irene Giguere, Lead Teacher for ESL



NOTICE OUR NARTHEX!

When you are in the Narthex and face the double doors leading into the church, you see 2 small credenzas. They are on either side of the doors. The one on the right has a white WELCOME sign above the wreath. The one on the left has a white MISSIONS sign above the wreath.

WELCOME TABLE- this is our center with information for our visitors.

- Welcome booklet, on table top- to be given out to visitors by the Greeter, Usher, Welcome Committee, or congregation member
- Under glass- information for visitors and members
 - church newsletter
 - -Devotional material
 - -Information about what Lutherans believe

MISSIONS TABLE- this is our center with information about church activities

- LWML Mite Box
- Special offerings
- church/school events
- Under glass- congregational materials
 - brochures about Kingdom Growth ministries
 - -LWML magazine
 - -Portals of Prayer

Stop by these centers and notice what's in our narthex!

EASTER EGG HUNT THANKS

It was a wonderful day in the neighborhood! We welcomed over 150 children and their families from the St. Paul community and surrounding area. Everyone enjoyed a fun-filled morning hearing the Easter story, hunting for eggs, and claiming prizes. There were many questions about our school and church membership, VBS, baptism, and prayer requests. All to the glory of God!

Many thanks to the congregation for your support and candy donations that filled 2,000 eggs! Special thanks to: Jim Baeder, Kate Baeder, and Pastor Alms for leading the Resurrection Trunks; John Borth as Emcee; Jim Lister Photography; "Bubbleman" Ron and Betty Bennett for entertaining the crowd; and the Community Events Committee - Irene Giguere, Betsy Mitchell, Kate Baeder, Maria Frantz, and Karyn Borth.

We also had a fantastic team of volunteers who helped with preparation, publicity, decorating, filling eggs, greeting visitors, registration, hospitality, supervising hunts, assisting, set-up, clean-up, and the list goes on. Thank you to the following: Brian Erwin, Cameron Jones, Kevin Dungey, Robbin Dungey, Jeff Hemmeter, Michael Hemmeter, Ann Mancini, Christina Unglesbee, Pam Johnsson, Heather Krakat, Paul Baeder, Bruce Staudinger, Pam Piegols, Maria Frantz, Emily Kolenda, Suzanne Giguere, Betsy Mitchell, Irene Giguere, Andia Orujov, Josh Unglesbee, Khourtney Orujov, Dasha Frech, and Janet Lister.

WORSHIPPING TOGETHER IN APRIL

Easter Sun	Mar. 31, 2024	Ex14:10-31, Heb 7:23-8:13
Easter Mon.	Apr. 01, 2024	Ex 15:1-18, Heb 9:1-28
Easter Tues.	Apr. 02, 2024	Ex 15:19-16:12, Heb 10:1-18
Easter Wed.	Apr. 03, 2024	Ex 16:13-35, Heb 10:19-39
Easter Thurs.	Apr. 04, 2024	Ex 17:1-16, Heb 11:1-29
Easter Fri.	Apr. 05, 2024	Ex 18:5-27, Heb 12:1-24
Easter Sat.	Apr. 06, 2024	Ex 19:1-25, Heb 13:1-21
Easter 2	Apr. 07, 2024	Ex 20:1-24, Luke 4:1-15
Monday	Apr. 08, 2024	Ex 22:20-23:13, Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday	Apr. 09, 2024	Ex 23:14-33, Luke 4:31-44
Wednesday	Apr. 10, 2024	Ex 24:1-18, Luke 5:1-16
Thursday	Apr. 11, 2024	Ex 25:1-22, Luke 5:17-39
Friday	Apr. 12, 2024	Ex 31:1-18, Luke 6:1-19
Saturday	Apr. 13, 2024	Ex 32:1-14, Luke 6:20-38
Easter 3	Apr. 14, 2024	Ex 32:15-35, Luke 6:39-49
Monday	Apr. 15, 2024	Ex 33:1-23, Luke 7:1-17
Tuesday	Apr. 16, 2024	Ex 34:1-28, Luke 7:18-35
Wednesday	Apr. 17, 2024	Ex 34:29-35:21, Luke 7:36-50
Thursday	Apr. 18, 2024	Ex 38:21-39:8, 22-23, 27-31, Luke 8:1-21
Friday	Apr. 19, 2024	Ex 39:32-40:16, Luke 8:22-39
Saturday	Apr. 20, 2024	Ex 40:17-38, Luke 8:40-56
Easter 4	Apr. 21, 2024	Lev 8:1-13, 30-36, Luke 9:1-17
Monday	Apr. 22, 2024	Lev 9:1-24, Luke 9:18-36
Tuesday	Apr. 23, 2024	Lev 10:1-20, Luke 9:37-62
Wednesday	Apr. 24, 2024	Lev 16:1-24, Luke 10:1-22
Thursday	Apr. 25, 2024	Lev 17:1-16, Luke 10:23-42
Friday	Apr. 26, 2024	Lev 18:1-7, 20-19:8, Luke 11:1-13



SAVE THE DATE!

April 4th, 2024

4:30PM-6:30PM

Thomas-Rice Auditorium

CHECK OUT WHAT WE DO AT SPRING GROVE HOSPITAL CENTER. HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED. MEET OUR STAFF. ENJOY FOOD AND DRINKS. MEET MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMUNITY.