



Epistle

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Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.

April Birthdays

April 1	Ronald Chesnik
	Hope Donati
April 6	Dianne Port
April 9	Dale Long
April 11	Elisabeth Wertz
April 13	Jason Fellows
April 14	Hazel Kopp
April 16	Francis Bruning
April 23	Richard Donati
	Charlotte Jones
	Kelly Swart
April 24	Jon Brundage
April 26	Bethany McLane
	Vaughn Zimmerman
April 27	Emily Cooper
April 28	Patty Rimel

*"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."
Hebrew 11:1*

HOLY WEEK—Reflect and Rejoice

Let's remember that our Holy Week and Easter worship is primarily about Jesus. Yes, much has changed in recent years due to the pandemic. We have experienced loss, grief, anxiety and more. Now, however, is a time to reflect on *what we still have* – we have been given the opportunity to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, and to invite Jesus more deeply into our lives, the life of our congregation, and into our world.

Passion/Palm Sunday

We rejoice with the crowds as Jesus enters into the city of Jerusalem, waving palms and shouting "Hosanna!" Join us in person at 9:25am or virtually on Facebook live.

Maundy Thursday

"Maundy" means "command" and refers to the new command Jesus gave the disciples after "washing their feet": "Love one another, as I have loved you." The readings also recall the institution of the Lord's Supper "on the night he was betrayed." Maundy Thursday concludes with the "stripping of the altar," a solemn reminder of the way in which the disciples abandoned Jesus to face the gathering forces of evil alone. Join us in person at 7:00pm or virtually on Facebook live as we recall the first Lord's Supper.

Good Friday

Good Friday commemorates the day when our Lord gave his life to save us from our sins. It is a very humbling service, as we contemplate the cost that Jesus paid for our redemption. Please join us in person at 7:00pm or virtually on Facebook live as we observe the day when our Lord gave his life to save us from our sins. On this day the body of our Lord is broken on the cross—not at the table.

Easter

The resurrection of our Lord. **He is risen!! Alleluia!** Join us for Breakfast at 8:00am and at 9:25am for worship or join us via Facebook live! A joyous celebration of God's victory over sin and death. Come hear the story of our salvation and celebrate the resurrection together. This year we hear the gospel from Matthew, we share the meal of our Lord, and we sing Alleluia over and over again!



St. Paul's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is **Saturday, April 16th at 3pm** on the Fulton Ave lawn. All are invited to join in an afternoon of family fun as we safely rotate Easter themed stations including the HUNT. We are excited to have Cool Hollow Goat Yoga returning with their new arrivals as well. Don't forget your basket!

And we are always looking for helping hands to volunteer at various stations to pull off a successful event. Please contact Belinda to volunteer or with questions. Belinda can be reached through the office or at youthandfamily@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."
— Jesus Speaking in Mark 9:37

The congregation's continued support of the youth yard sale fundraiser has always been amazing! We will again be holding our yard sale outside on May 21st. Donations will be collected beginning May 15th. Check out the May Epistle for more details about volunteer opportunities and donation drop off.



"For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."
—John 3:16

St. Paul's is partnering with the American Red Cross to host our spring blood drive on **Friday, May 13th**. Appointments are being scheduled now. You can reach the appointment portal via the home page of our website for early access before it's open to the public. If you have any questions or if you are able to volunteer to help sign up donors as they arrive please contact the office.

Save the date.
SAVE LIVES.
Blood Drive





Annual Strawberry Festival

Saturday, May 21, 2022

9 AM to 2 PM

Set-up: Tents/Tables/Chairs: 7AM

Plans are underway for this year's Strawberry Festival. This is a fun event for St. Paul's to share with the community that *through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.*

Congregational Life Committee welcomes all (adults and youth) to participate by volunteering your time/talents for our annual Strawberry Festival on **Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 9 am to 2 pm.** Last year's event was on a smaller scale and was very successful. We are planning to continue this format as we meet and greet with our community.

Please mark this event on your calendar and come out to support by giving of your time by volunteering. We could use your help at any one of the stations listed to your right. Please contact the station leader listed through the Parish Office to lend a helping hand!

Another way you can help out if you're not available on the day of the event, **donate funds** to help with the **costs of food items** needed for the event by giving cash or checks payable to St. Paul's and on the memo line: add "Strawberry Festival" or through online giving:

<https://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org/give/>

Select "undesignated" and in "note" type in "Strawberry Festival" to make a donation. Thank you!

Questions or want to help: please contact Sheila Kahler or Kate Stottlemeyer, or call the Parish Office.

"A cheerful heart is good medicine."

—Proverbs 17:22

**CONTACT ANY ONE OF
THE LEADERS BELOW
THROUGH THE PARISH
OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER
YOUR TIME —**

- **Welcome Tent** (Jackie Waas) - share St. Paul's history and outreach ministries
- **Quilt Tent** (Kate Stottlemeyer) - selling quilts
- **Food Tent** (Marcia Gupta and Sue Snider) - hand out FREE hot dogs, chips, and bottled water
- **Bake Table** (Marie Purswell) - make bake goods for sale (drop off on Friday, May 20th in Parish Hall) and/or help sell Bake items
- **Strawberry Shortcake Tent** (Betsy Galliher) - need bakers to make 9x13 shortcakes, pre-assemble items prior to the event or help sell Strawberry Shortcakes.
- **Roasted Nuts** (Sam Purswell) - need help bagging and selling roasted nuts
- **Set-Up** - tents/tables/chairs between 7 AM and 9 AM
- **Take-Down** - starting around 1:30 PM
- **Runners** (ad hoc) restock items for the tents (as needed); take care of the garbage cans
- **Youth Yard Sale** (Belinda Burris) - volunteers to staff the yard sale
- **Plant Sale** - need plant donations and volunteers to sell plants





“My grace is sufficient
for you, for my
power is made perfect
in weakness.”



Distributing Quilts at Faith House. Left to right: Kate Stottlemeyer, Marie Purswell, Faith House representative. Present but not pictured: Marcia Gupta, Linda Yopp.)

Quilt/Prayer Shawl Ministry

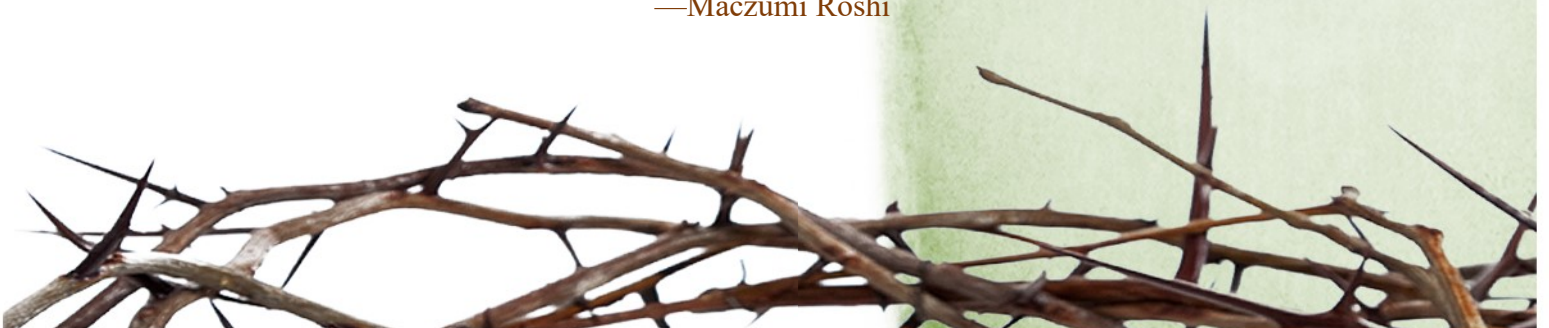
At April 3 Worship, the Quilt/Prayer Shawl Ministry will present for blessing prior to distribution 44 twin-size quilted coverlets, 3 lay quilts, and several prayer shawls. Lap quilts have been given to individuals, the hospital, residents of Victoria Park, and were included in the Christmas Love Bags. Since we started making twin-size coverlets (50" x 72") last fall, we have made 63. In January, we donated 15 with kid-friendly designs to Faith House, a Frederick shelter for women with children (see photo). Ten more will find their way to a Baltimore church for use in a new ministry. Many more quilts of both sizes await a good home. Homes for lap quilts might include rehabilitation facilities, senior citizen residences, or a shut-in friend or neighbor. Coverlets (most have children's designs) might go to women/children's shelters and similar facilities. If you can think of specific potential recipients, please call the church office.

We thank everyone—members and nonmembers—who have contributed fabric for quilts. Your generosity enables this ministry to continue, and is greatly appreciated. In addition to the continuing need for fabric, we also need batting (quilt “stuffing”), which is often the costliest component of the quilt. The least expensive batting costs a little over \$3.50 per quilt. It adds up. We are requesting monetary donations to help defray the cost. To make a donation, you can put cash (in an envelope labeled “quilts”) or check (“quilts” on the memo line) in the offering plate or send it to the church office. To contribute electronically, select “Other” and type “quilts”. Your generosity feeds the body and spirit of those in need and is, as always, much appreciated.

For more information or to volunteer for Quilt/Prayer Shawl Ministry, contact Kate Stottlemeyer or the church office. (Those who can knit or crochet are especially welcome.)

***“If you want to change the world, start with the next person
who comes to you in need.”***

—Maczumi Roshi



COUNCIL CORNER

BY: Patty Rimel

JESUS CHRIST IS TRULY PRESENT IN THIS SACRAMENT. The Augsburg Confession states: "It is taught among us that the true body and blood of Christ are really present in the Supper of our Lord under the form of bread and wine and are there distributed and received." The Apology of the Augsburg Confession adds: "We are talking about the presence of the living Christ, knowing that death no longer had dominion over him."

The Church celebrates the Holy Communion frequently because the Church needs the sacrament, the means by which the Church's fellowship is established and its mission as the baptized people of God is nourished and sustained. This practice was reaffirmed in 1989 by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. We continue to need "consistent pastoral encouragement and instruction relating to Holy Communion. . . pointing up Christ's command, his promise, and our deep need." For a variety of historical reasons, Lutherans in various places moved away from the weekly celebration of the sacrament.

All of our congregations are encouraged to celebrate the Lord's Supper weekly.

Participation in the sacramental meal is by invitation, not demand. The members of this church are encouraged to make the sacrament a frequent rather than an occasional part of their lives.

The above statement is from "The Grace-full Use of the Means Of Grace: Theses on Worship and Worship Practices," Lutheran members of the North American Academy of Liturgy, 1994.

The Worship & Arts Ministry made a recommendation and a motion to the Church Council to receive Holy Communion every Sunday starting at Easter. The Church Council approved.

All members of St. Paul's are encouraged to participate in Holy Communion every Sunday.



Mar-Lu Ridge Spring Work Day



It's that time of year again – the Annual Mar-Lu-Ridge Spring Work Day will be held April 9, 2022, 8 a.m –3 p.m.

Join us for projects and chores as we ready the camp for a busy spring and summer season.

All ages and abilities welcome!

Breakfast served at 8am in Agape Hall. Lunch served at noon.

Please RSVP to mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 5— Media & Technology 10:00am, Executive Council 7:00pm
- April 9 — Ma-Lu Ridge Spring Work Day 8am-3pm
- April 10— Palm Sunday, Worship 9:25am
- April 11— Finance Committee 7:00pm
- April 12— Congregational Life 7:00pm
- April 14— Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00pm
- April 15— Good Friday Worship 7:00pm, Parish Office Closed
- April 16— Easter Egg Hunt 3:00pm
- April 17— Easter Sunday, Easter Breakfast 8:00am, Worship 9:25am
- April 18— Easter Monday, Parish Office Closed
- April 19— Council 7:00pm
- April 25— Worship & Arts 7:00pm