



1427 W. Lake Ave. Peoria, IL 61614-5803

Office: 309.682.2931

Fax: 309.682.6352

Email: spluth@stpaulpeoria.org

www.stpaulpeoria.org

Worship Sundays at 10am

Sunday School at 11:15am



Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

Spring has sprung, the flowers are poking out of the ground, the magnolias are blooming, Easter will be here in just a few weeks! Such hope! Such excitement and joy comes to us all this time of year. I know that as the ground starts to thaw and the spring winds give way to the promise of a summer sun, I get a little more pep in my step, I smile a bit more, I get more active at home cleaning and finishing projects.

I hope you too feel the joy that comes with Easter. I pray that you are able to take advantage of all of the Lent worship opportunities- The Living Last Supper, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and of course Easter Worship. With each of these worship opportunities comes a portion of God's story for you that helps each of us to deepen our faith and our walk with Christ.

I am so grateful for all of the hard work of our volunteers and the staff for all of the extra work that comes this time of year to prepare and make the Lent and Easter season special. Please take time to thank those staff members and volunteers!

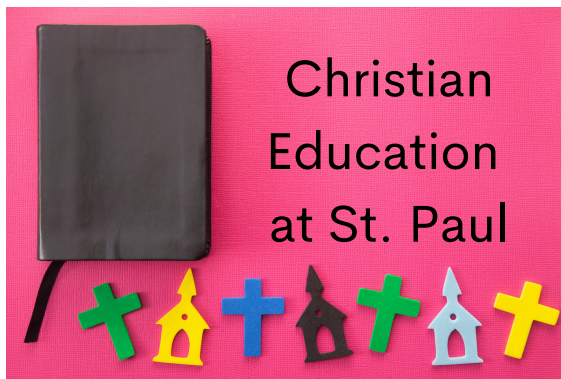
As much as I get a pep in my step this time of year, I also find myself a bit emotional. This story, this truth is what we are all about. It is the reason that this church exists! The truth that God came and lived and DIED to save you, to save us, to save the WORLD! There is absolutely no better message or promise than that! Take a minute- or even two- and just breathe that in. Sit in that message- God decided that you and I and the whole world was worth forgiving, saving. May that message, that promise give you hope when you are down.

May it move you to share that word with someone close to you, may it stir in you the courage and power to invite someone to worship with you. May the gift of Easter help you to mend that which is broken in your life and give you all the hope that you need for today, tomorrow and always.

Blessed Easter my Dear Ones!

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Pastor Lisa



Sunday School

Sunday School continues following worship. Come and join us for a fun learning experience. Two age groups Pre-K through 3rd and 4th grade and up are currently available but we will always be open to adding more!!

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class will meet on April 27th and May 4th! We will continue our work on the Gospel of Mark. Please continue to pray for these students and their parents as they live out their baptismal promises.

Bible Study to Begin!!!!

A new Bible Study will begin on April 30th at 6:30 PM and May 1 at 2:00 PM! We will be taking a look at the books of 1st and 2nd Timothy! These letters address questions crucial to the health of the Christian. We will learn through this study the benefits of a life of prayer, the meaning of public worship, care for the needy and the poor and ultimately how it is that we are called to care for the church.

Join pastor in what are always fun and engaging Bible Studies! Please sign up on the bulletin board so that enough resources are made available for all who attend. This is yet another great opportunity to invite someone to join in the ministry here at St Paul.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Calling all kids of all ages! Join us on **Saturday morning April 12th at 10:00 AM** out behind the church near the playground for a neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt! Invite your neighbors, children, and grandchildren to come and join us for some good Easter fun! Bags will be provided if you don't have a bag or basket!



Church Staff

- Rev. Lisa Dietrich, Pastor
- Bev Fordham, Administrative Assistant
- Eric Coffey, Custodian
- Kyle Burkholder, Groundskeeper
- Deborah Garmers, Organist
- Michael Helgeson, Celebration and Praise Music Coordinator

Church Council

- Sally Bloom, President
- Mary Conrad, Vice President
- Linda Lowery, Secretary
- Penny Post-Freeman, Financial Officer
- Karen Rocke, Outward
- Melissa Gramlich, Inward
- Mary Jane Moder, Upward
- Brian Sharp, Property



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

Living Last Supper April 9th!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this year's Living Last Supper! This beautiful and emotional play tells the story of what each disciple might have been thinking and/or feeling when they heard the words from Christ, "Tonight one of you will betray me". The men of St Paul have been working hard at rehearsals to present this story for you. So, please, invite your family and friends, you won't be sorry! Come early! We will have dinner for ALL from 5:30-6:45. The Living Last Supper will begin at 7:00 PM. Refreshments following downstairs in the Bischoff Room. Thank you to all the men who have given of their time and talent to make this ministry a possibility. Thank you to those who have worked to transform the Gathering Space into the streets of Jerusalem, to begin setting a proper mood for the show. Thank you for those who are helping and serving the meal before and the refreshments following! What a beautiful ministry St Paul!!!!

Holy Week Schedule

We have lots of opportunities for you to worship during the holiest of weeks in the church year! So please join your brothers and sisters in Christ for worship!

Palm Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM

Maundy Thursday Worship at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Good Friday Worship at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday Worship at 7:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Easter Breakfast is being served from 7:45-9:30 AM

Easter Worship

Join us for Resurrection Sunday Worship Service at 7:00 AM and 10:00 AM! You have two wonderful opportunities to join us for worship and to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Bring a friend and either come early or stay after for a wonderful breakfast being hosted by the Johnson family!

Zoo Glow

Sign up for a beautiful night of Zoo Glow! The Peoria Zoo is hosting a walk around the zoo with all kinds of lit up animal and flower structures. They have truly created a beautiful and magical event!

There is also entertainment and activities in each of the buildings to enjoy! Please call the church office so that we know how many tickets will need to be purchased and tell us you are ready to go WILD at Zoo Glow Wild on April 5th at 7:00 PM!

We Pray For:

Floyd Rademaker,
Shirley Barber, Rob Hackett,
Andrea Williams, Susie Ney,
Jeff Williams, Myrle Coffman,
Kendra Tallman, Abby
Mundwiller, Shannon Perales,
Jim Chamberlain, Terri
Montgomery, Charley
Fairbanks, Joe Ferrie, Sue
Borcherding, Shirley Johnson,
Nina Marquart, and Floyd
Rademaker.

Our Shut-ins:

Floyd Rademaker, Nina
Marquart, Tom Schreiner,
Sam Kahl

Prayer Chain Contacts:

Cindy Lee 309.635.9691
Eileen Cunningham
309.685.0720

Article deadlines

Please submit articles for the weekly bulletin no later than 10am Thursday mornings.

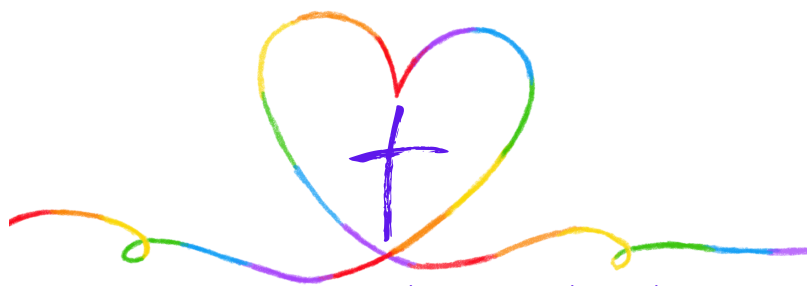
Articles for the May newsletter need to be submitted no later than 10am on April 23rd.

Notification

Please if you are in the building for **any reason**, or **any length of time contact** the office so we know who is in the building.

Please place any documents that you have for Bev or Pastor Lisa in the boxes outside our doors. We don't want to get things misplaced when they are just set on our desks.

Thank you!



St. Paul Lutheran Church

Womens Ministry

Men and Women's Combined Meeting

The Women's Group is hosting a fun and inspirational evening at the Lariat Club on Thursday, April 24. This event is open to everyone, men and women. There will be a meal, on your own, beginning at 6:00 PM with a limited menu. There will be three menu choices, consisting of: chicken, beef, or fish/seafood. We ask that you sign up as soon as possible on the bulletin board. After the meal, we will have a speaker,

Laura Sniff, who is the founder of the Pickett Fence Foundation in Chillicothe. This is a nonprofit full service floral, gift and garden center, making meaningful work much more accessible by providing training and employment opportunities to adults with disabilities. Their gift shop is home to the Ability Marketplace featuring beautiful products made by children and adults with disabilities from around the country. Come and find out more about this wonderful organization. Please plan to join us.

Women's Circles

JoAnna Circle will meet on Thursday April 3rd in the Bess Room at 7pm. We will be using the Gather Magazine for our study.

Esther Circle will meet in the Bischoff Room on April 22nd at 9:30am.

Quilters will meet in the Bischoff Room on Mondays April 7th and 21st beginning at 9am.

Worship Assistants

4/6: Steve Rocke
4/13: Need volunteer
4/20: Bev Fordham
4/27: Need volunteer

Fellowship Treats

4/6: Cindy Lee
4/13: Open
4/20: Open
4/27: Open

Birthdays and Anniversaries

4/1: Vivian Pfeifer
4/6: Elijah Bolden
4/8: Steve Snyder
4/8: Mary Jane Moder
4/9: Amber Lowery
4/10: Bev Fordham
4/13: Maddie Biller
4/19: Michael Cook
4/19: Nikki Ewing
4/21: Joseph Heerman
4/27: Emily Coffey
4/28: Andrew Helgeson
4/30: Jaden Heerman
4/30: Susan Van Moorlehem
4/30: Roger and Mary Conrad
Anniversary

Counters

3/2: Brian Sharp and Teri Chamberlain
3/9: Mike Coffman and Roger Conrad
3/16: Kyle Burkholder and Mark Guy
3/23: Jodi Sharp and Julia Coffman
3/30: Karen Rocke and Scott Lee



Church Council Information

Council Meeting Highlights from March 3/26/2025

- Work has begun on replacing the air conditioning unit for the Sanctuary. The old unit has been removed and mounts for the new one are being installed.
- Stuart and Shari Johnson have graciously offered to host Easter Breakfast again this year.
- We are planning three outdoor services for the summer. They will take place the first Sunday of June, July, and August. This will include a pet blessing.
- Early planning has begun for an amazing gathering of local praise bands here at St. Paul. This will be an outdoor event this Summer. It will be entitled Summer Son Celebration.
- The next council meeting will be on April 29th at 5:30pm

The Church Mouse is located near the campus of Bradley University, The church Mouse is always looking for volunteers. Daytime only. Mon-Sat. Women and men, we need you! For more information, please contact Joan Ressler or Shirley Lewis at 309.673.2363

Pill Bottle Donations

Matthew 25: Ministries accepts donations of empty plastic pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies and for shredding and recycling. Our pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment. Acceptable collection items include prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles, large and small pill bottles, and pill bottles with and without secure caps. Please remove all labels and residue, wash and allow to completely dry, and place clean bottles in a ziplock bag. There is a collection basket located in the narthex.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:00am –11:00am Worship 11:15am –12:15pm Sunday School 11:45am Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary 12:00pm –1:00pm Walk with Pastor 12:15pm –1:30pm Confirmation	31 12:00pm –1:00pm Walk with Pastor 6:00pm –8:00pm Scouts (Bischoff) 6:30pm Living Last Supper Practice	1 Voting in Bischoff Room 10:30am –12:00pm TOPS 12:00pm –1:00pm Walk with Pastor	2 12:00pm –1:00pm Walk with Pastor 5:00pm –9:00pm Gems of the Prairie (Bischoff) 5:45pm –6:45pm Lenten Supper 7:00pm Lent Service	3 12:00pm –1:00pm Walk with Pastor 7:00pm –9:00pm JoAnna Circle (Heritage Room)	4 12:00pm –1:00pm Walk with Pastor	5 9:00am –12:00pm Clothing Closet Open 12:00pm –1:00pm Walk with Pastor 7:00pm Zoo Glow Wild (Meet at Peoria Zoo)
6 10:00am –11:00am Worship 11:15am –12:15pm Sunday School 12:00pm –1:00pm Walk with Pastor 12:15pm Living Last Supper Practice	7 10:00am –12:00pm Quilting (Bischoff) 12:00pm –1:00pm Walk with Pastor 6:00pm –8:00pm Scouts (Bischoff)	8 9:00am –12:00pm Northern Conference 10:30am –12:00pm TOPS 12:00pm –1:00pm Walk with Pastor 6:30pm Living Last Supper Rehearsal	9 12:00pm –1:00pm Walk with Pastor 5:30pm –6:30pm Lenten Supper 7:00pm Living Last Supper Presentation	10 12:00pm –1:00pm Walk with Pastor	11 12:00pm –1:00pm Walk with Pastor	12 10:00am Annual Easter Egg Hunt! 12:00pm –1:00pm Walk with Pastor
13 10:00am –11:00am Worship 11:15am –12:15pm Sunday School 12:00pm –1:00pm Walk with Pastor	14 12:00pm –1:00pm Walk with Pastor 6:00pm –8:00pm Scouts (Bischoff)	15 10:30am –12:00pm TOPS 12:00pm –1:00pm Walk with Pastor	16 12:00pm –1:00pm Walk with Pastor	17 10:00am Maundy Thursday Worship 12:00pm –1:00pm Walk with Pastor 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship	18 10:00am Good Friday Worship 12:00pm –1:00pm Walk with Pastor 7:00pm Good Friday Worship	19
20 7:00am Easter Worship 7:45am –9:30am Easter Breakfast 10:00am –11:00am Easter Praise and Celebration Worship 11:15am –12:15pm Sunday School	21 Pastor at Continuing Education 10:00am –12:00pm Quilting (Bischoff) 6:00pm –8:00pm Scouts (Bischoff)	22 Pastor at Continuing Education 9:30am –11:30am Esther Circle 10:30am –12:00pm TOPS	23 Pastor at Continuing Education	24 Pastor at Continuing Education 4:30pm Bess Room Reserved 6:00pm Women's and Men's combined event (At Lariat Steakhouse)	25	26
27 10:00am –11:00am Worship 11:15am –12:15pm Sunday School 12:15pm Confirmation	28 6:00pm –8:00pm Scouts (Bischoff)	29 10:30am –12:00pm TOPS 5:30pm Church Council	30 6:30pm Bible Study on Timothy	1 2:00pm Bible Study on Timothy 7:00pm –9:00pm JoAnna Circle (Heritage Room)	2	3 9:00am –12:00pm Clothing Closet Open