

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

Announcements - April 14 - 20, 2019

ATTENDANCE CARDS

Please locate the Attendance Cards in your row and fill one out when you arrive. This helps us know that you are here with us and it enables us to assist you. The Attendance Cards are collected after the Offering.

9:50 a.m. SUNDAY

MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

Class: "The Book of Job: Making Sense Out Of Suffering"

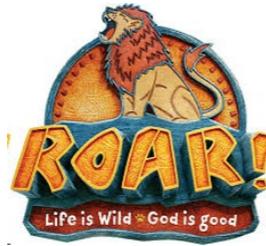
Location: Rm 121 & 130

Teacher: Pastors Koeppen & Hanel

Join us in the season of Lent as we study God's Word. In our midweek services, we will walk with the Old Testament character, Job. On Sundays, Pastor Koeppen and Hanel will lead classes, using the study "The Book of Job: Making Sense Out Of Suffering."

In this Bible Study, Rev. Reed Lessing uses the Book of Job as a framework for an exploration of the meaning of suffering from both a human perspective and a divine perspective.

We hope you are able to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:50am.



Vacation Bible School

Make Roar VBS the "mane" event of your summer! Vacation Bible School will be held June 24-28 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the school location. This epic African adventure will engage the whole herd. At Roar VBS, kids will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

VBS Registration and Volunteer Sign-Ups will begin this Sunday, April 14th. There will be a table set up during the Sunday School hour in the front hallway to handle registrations, sell VBS t-shirts, CDs, and answer questions.

EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST

As a thank you for the continued support of the Youth Ministry, St. Paul's Youth would like to welcome the congregation to join us for breakfast on Easter morning in Fellowship Hall. The breakfast will be served from 7-8:30 am. We hope you join us for a delicious meal and opportunity for fellowship.



Palm Sunday Worship

4/13 - 5:00 pm - Downtown
4/14 - 8:30 am & 11:05 am - School

Maundy Thursday Worship

4/18 - 7:00 pm - Downtown

Good Friday Worship

4/19 - 12:05 pm & 7:00 pm
- Downtown

No Worship Service Saturday, 4/20

Easter Sunday Worship

4/21 - 6:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
- Downtown

Upcoming Youth Dates

Butter Braid Delivery - Tuesday, April 16th - 3pm - Cafeteria

2019 CHURCH DIRECTORY



Church directories are now available. Members may pick one up in the lobby at the school or by the elevator in the downtown Church location. We ask that each family only take one copy per household.

Now Available!

Children's Garden 2019 Seed Mix
Lenten Edition

- Hand collected / Untreated
- Contact Jim Johnston - Board of Trustees or call the church office

Get Your Cans In! SCORE RECYCLING CONTEST

We look forward to another successful and thrilling year of recycling competition! The SCORE contest is sponsored by Belson Steel and over 30 other area businesses. **The contest ends Saturday, April 20th, 2019.** Helping us earn money for the school by collecting aluminum cans is easy! All you need to do is mention St. Paul's when you drop off your cans at Belson's. You earn cash for the cans, St. Paul's earns points for the pounds. At the end of the program, St. Paul's will receive an additional amount for every point scored. You can also drop off cans here at St. Paul's, in the bin by the pop machines in the hallway.



Coffee Hour Servers Needed

The coffee hour times between services are great times of fellowship for our congregation! Currently, we have an annual schedule where a board or organization signs up to serve a particular month each year. However, at this time we have three months that are not spoken for - **July, September & December**. If you, as a family, individual(s), small group or organization would be interested in signing up to serve one of these months to help continue these times of fellowship, please contact **L y n d a K o e p p e n** at lykoeppen@comcast.net or 815-932-1545.

PLEASE JOIN US for CALL DAY 2019

Call Day at Concordia Seminary is the day when second-year students receive their vicarage church assignments (a one-year internship at an LCMS church anywhere in the U.S.) and fourth-year students discover their first call assignments.

Kyle Ronchetto is receiving his Vicarage placement assignment on that day. Since we can't ship everyone to St. Louis to experience the worship service, we'll try the next best thing. On **Wednesday, May 1st at 3:00 p.m.**, we will hold a Call Day Viewing party at the school site and watch the live-stream of the worship service in St. Louis. We will meet in the meeting room.

Voice of Care REST

Voice of Care is equipping people to become Certified Trainers in the Lutheran REST (Respite Education and Support Tools) training program. Certified Trainers educate volunteers to become Respite Companions. The two-day course runs 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, June 12th and 13th, at the Northern Illinois District office in Hillside. This deeply discounted \$125 course (normally \$425) is made possible by a generous grant from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the Northern Illinois District. To register or ask questions about becoming Certified Trainer for the Voice of Care REST program (or a Volunteer Respite Companion) call Deaconess Kris Blackwell at 630-234-1491 or voexec@voiceofcare.org. **The deadline to sign up for this opportunity is May 28th, 2019.**

To Learn more about Voice of Care REST visit:

<http://voiceofcare.org/respite-care-ministry.html>



TABEA ALTAR GUILD

RUMMAGE SALE

Yes, it is time for our semi-annual rummage sale. The sale will be **Thursday, May 23rd from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday, May 24th from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.** in the downtown gym. You may leave your treasures by the gym doors any Saturday, before the 5:00 p.m. service. If you're interested in dropping off any items earlier or during the week, please contact Carol Ginger 815-922-5525 and leave a message. Please do not bring items to church office.

Clothing should be clean and free of holes unless the holes are part of the style. We do not accept TV's or computers. We want to thank you for your donations. They help purchase much needed supplies such as, candles, wine, wafers, robes and other necessities that help enhance all church services. May God Bless you and your families for helping so faithfully.



Worship Anew - Palm Sunday

"A Troubled Soul"

John 12:20-43

Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Have you ever been terrified about something in your immediate future that you had to face? Jesus did. When confronted with the cross Jesus said, "Now is my soul troubled." Learn how Jesus dealt with His "troubled soul."

Sundays at 8:00 am – WPWR-CW 50

www.worshipanew.org

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Palm Sunday

"This Sunday, the church [invites] the world to remember the One who comes into the midst of a very fickle humanity—duplicity, defeat, violence, injustice, pain, and all. He comes near to good and bad intentions, near the ashes of what was meant to be honor, the ruins of attempts on our own. And despite our oscillating thoughts, despite the sin we cannot leave, He invites us into a disruptively different sort of story of defeat. The Son has made His triumphal entry. And yet He comes to bring us the cross, to the one sacrifice that speaks to the world's pain." *Jill Carattini, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries • A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*

www.lutheransforlife.org

What Easter does

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is life-changing and life-giving for his followers. But, as Henry Knox Sherrill notes, Easter's "joyful news ... does not change the contemporary world." On earth, we still must deal with sin, pain, death and brokenness. And "still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice," Sherrill adds. What Easter does, though, is provide Christians with "the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline and make the sacrifice."

By defeating the grave, Jesus empowers us to bear our worldly troubles with joy, peace and hope. His resurrection assures us that trials, tears and suffering are only temporary, while eternal victory and life with Jesus are permanent.



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

April 6 & 7, 2019

Worship Attendance:

Saturday	5:00 pm	78
Sunday	8:30 am	137
	11:05 am	122
Weekend Total:		337
Lenten Worship (4/3)		86

Bible Study:

Children's Sunday School:	51
Sunday Adult Bible Classes:	19

WEEKLY FINANCES

Weekly Thankofferings*

Given	Needed	% of need
\$26,000.38	\$17,682.73	147%

**Thankofferings include: Lent, weekend Envelopes, Plate, Sunday School and Electronic Giving*

Weekly Building Fund Offering*

Given	Needed	% of need
\$4,970.00	\$5,643.49	88%

**Building Fund Offerings include: Envelope and Electronic Giving*

CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICE
 (815-932-0312)
 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.
 ANNOUNCEMENT
 DEADLINE, TUESDAY, 1:30 P.M.

The Cheerful Giver

As children of God, we see the blessings of God in our lives and we want to give back to our Lord in thankfulness and praise. It is not an issue of guilt or pressure, but an issue of response to God's gifts. God has designed us to be generous because He is generous and giving to us.

It is our prayer that the time of the offering is not an opportunity to give for the sake of giving, but rather to give out of joy and gratefulness with a cheerful heart. If you are visiting with us today, we are so thankful you are here! If you have been blessed by our ministry and wish to give, you may use one of the following ways to give.

There are a number of different ways to give:

1. Offering envelopes. Members may request offering envelopes to help with their regular giving.

2. Electronic Giving. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. This allows your giving to continue if you are traveling or if other circumstances prevent you from attending worship services. To sign up, click on the "Online Giving" tab on the church website stpaulslutheran.net or scan the QR code here:



3. Text-2-Give. You are also able to give through a text message. Just enter the "text to" number (815-421-1342) and the amount you wish to give, then press send. The first time you will receive a registration link to fill out your payment info and then click "process." For future giving, you simply send a text with the amount you wish to give and the process is completed.

As a church, we have a lot of exciting things we want to accomplish in the name of Jesus. But these ministries take money and resources. That's why your decision to continue giving is such a blessing to us. Your gifts allow our ministry to touch lives with the love, compassion, and mercy of Jesus. Thank you for your gifts.

If you have questions about these giving options, please email stewardship@stpaulslutheran.net

Serving In God's House Today

Preacher: Pastor Michael Hanel

Liturgist: Pastor Karl Koeppen

Organist: Nadine Engel

Lay Ministry: 5:00: Robert Carruthers
8:30: Greg Deck, Kevin Kurtz, Ken Taube (Hill Love)
11:05: Bruce Clark

Lay Readers: 5:00: Dan Hendrickson
8:30: Bill Balgeman
11:05: Joe Kubal

Acolytes: 8:30: Danica Voss, Carter Hendron
11:05: Aliya Gomez, Preston Finnegan

Greeters: 8:30: Christie & Layna Rahn
11:05:

Usher Teams: 5:00: Fred Langelett, Jim Sharper, Terry Treece
8:30: Bill Balgeman, Judy Browning, Tom Minor, Steve Weith
11:05: Mike Callan, Aric Turrell, Sean Turrell, Kim Williams

Audiovisual: 8:30: Todd Engel
11:05: Melody Trudeau

Nursery: 9:50: Kayla Siemers
11:05: Madelynn Minton

Coffee Hour: 8:30: Parish Fellowship
9:50: Parish Fellowship

Contemporary Service Worship Team:
Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Isaac Fabbro, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Scott Moore, Jacob Rowe, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

Sanctuary Singers: Mike Clendenin, Liz Deck, Shari Ebert, Sharon Friesner, Brent & Nancy Eden



This Week's Schedule of Activities

Sun. April 14	8:30 am 9:50 am 11:05 am 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (at School) Sun. School/Adult & Youth Bible Class (at School) Worship - Contemporary (at School) 7 th - 12 th Grade Youth Group (at School)
Mon. April 15		Newsletter Deadline
Tues. April 16	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Adult Bible Class (at School) Church Council Meeting (at School)
Wed. April 17	4:30 pm	Jr. Confirmation Class (at School) - Non St. Paul's School Students
Thurs. April 18	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship (at Church)
Fri. April 19	12:05 pm 7:00 pm	Good Friday Worship (at Church) Good Friday Tenebrae Worship (at Church) Church & School Offices Closed
Sat. April 20		No Services
Sun. April 21	6:00 am 7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Easter Worship (at Church) Easter Breakfast - Fellowship Hall (at Church) Easter Worship (at Church) Easter Worship (at Church)