

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

You Otto Know

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*We are a family of believers living, sharing and celebrating the love of Jesus
in our community and throughout the world.*

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A Little Bit of This & That

Now that Lent is over, I will share a little about my fasting during the season. I did give up a certain food item for those forty days. Well, almost forty days. I failed one time during Holy Week and ate that particular item. Back in the March newsletter I wrote that I would share with you my plan on giving out something along with giving up something. My plan was to perform a random act of kindness each week; however I failed to follow through on my plan. I failed. I shared that failure with my Lord and He has forgiven me through the merits of His own Son Jesus Christ. Even so called "Holy Men" fail and are in need of God's forgiveness.

Congratulations to all of our graduates! The verb graduate in its very meaning implies the end of something or that something is finished. I see it slightly differently. I understand graduating not as an end but rather a transition. Some will transition into a different level of education while others will transition into the work force. Either way all will continue to learn. Learning doesn't stop until we die and quite frankly we learn more outside of the classroom than inside. May God continue to richly bless us as we continue to learn, especially as we continue to learn about Him.

"Ask rain from the Lord in the season of the spring rain, from the Lord who makes the storm clouds, and he will give them showers of rain, to everyone the vegetation in the field." (Zechariah 10:1) This year it seems that spring has come a little later than usual so we continue to pray for the spring rain. Rain that will nourish our lawns, our flowers, our trees, our gardens and most of all the farmers' fields. We pray that the Lord would bless our individual efforts to grow plants, whether they bring us joy in their beauty or just simply the food we need to live. As I walk around my yard and see the trees and plants come back to life, I give thanks to God who sustains His creation. (Even my little piece that He has given to me to care for) I pray that you do the same.

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! HALLELUJAH!

Blessed to be a Blessing,

Pastor Schultz

5 Ways to Celebrate Beyond Easter Sunday



Many of us know that there are 40 days of Lent, but did you know that the Easter season is actually 50 days? Isn't it fitting that the Easter season gives us even more time to celebrate our Lord's resurrection? Of course, we can celebrate our new life in Christ all year long, but it's a wonderful reminder.

In fact, there are tangible reminders all around us. The flowers and trees are blooming. The sun is shining longer. Truly we are reminded that Jesus' life really does conquer sin and death! We can praise God for His gift of life now and forever through the salvation won for us by Jesus. So how can you model this for your children? Below are some simple ideas to help you and your family celebrate well beyond Easter Sunday.

1 - Read Luke 24:13-35, when Jesus appeared to two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two disciples talked in great length about Jesus, but didn't realize they were in His very presence. Remind your family that He is always there to guide them, having won their salvation for them on the cross.

2 - Sing to the Lord. Colossians 3:16 reminds us that we should sing "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." Sing Easter hymns and songs with your family before meals or during family devotions.

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Farewell Luncheon

St. Paul's Ladies Aid will be hosting a Luncheon on May 18 after late service for Jeff Burgess and Bailey Morgan. Jeff is moving on to the next step in his synodical training, vicarage; we would like everyone to join us to wish them well in their future endeavors.

The ladies will provide the meat, Fried Chicken; we are asking the congregation to bring a side or dessert to share.

There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex; please let us know if you will be attending and what you will be bringing.

Any questions please call Laverne Ehlmann, Sandy Overberg or Melanie Weibrecht.

WE WILL MISS YOU



Script Program

Your Scrip dollars at work!

Recently the Stewardship Board and the Voters used money from script program to help purchase new speakers for the auditorium. Thank you to everyone that has supported the script program.

Scrip (gift) cards can help you to stick your family budget. If you have a certain amount that you spend on groceries or gas every month buy a card for that amount. The church will earn a little and you will be spending the same amount that you budget.

Check out the following selection that we have on hand.

\$5 cards- Barnes & Noble & Kentucky Fried Chicken

\$10 cards- Amazon.com, Arby's, Bath and Body Works, Bob Evans, Burger King, Cracker Barrel, Dairy Queen, Denny's, Panera Bread, Pizza Hut, Starbuck's, Steak 'n Shake, Subway, and Wendy's

\$25 cards- Cabela's, Chili's, Fazoli's, Old Navy/Gap/Banana Republic, Kohl's, Old Country Buffet, Qdoba, Red Robin, Target, Texas Roadhouse, and Walmart.

The next order will be placed on Sunday, May 4.

This month they are offering the following cards in \$5 denominations — Barnes & Noble, Pizza Hut, Panera Bread and Starbucks (Teacher's Card).

The following are in \$10 denominations — AMC Theatres, Amazon.com, CVS/Pharmacy, Regal Entertainment Group, Target and Walmart.

These smaller dominations cards make thoughtful, easy gifts for teachers, coworkers, babysitters, and other special people in your life.

If you would like to order any cards please get the money and order form to Melanie Weibrecht by May 4th.

Thrivent Members:

During the Direct Now and Add \$20.00 Campaign you can help our congregation. The campaign is running now through May 31, 2014.

During the campaign a member directs Choice Dollars to a congregation or nonprofit organization. The first congregation or nonprofit organization the member selects will receive an additional \$20.00 grant from Thrivent Financial. The congregation or nonprofit organization will receive the additional funds prior to June 30th as a one time payment.

You can direct your Choice Dollars online at thrivent.com or by calling the member connection center at 800-Thrivent (800-847-4836) and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted. For faster service have your member ID or contract number available.



Youth Group
Culvers Night

Tuesday, May 6
5:00-8:00 p.m.
Arnold

Join us for food
and fellowship as the
Youth Group

brings you your food.
A portion of all sales will
go to the Youth Group
to support this
summer's trip to the
Higher Things
Conference in
Wisconsin.

Worship Assistance Teams

Worship Assistance Teams have been assigned to each week of the month. Simply check to see which team you are on and that is the week you will serving.

Team 1 - Week 1 (May 4)

Ushers - Sonya & Bill Jeffries, Jeff Nahlik, Lloyd Linhorst

Greeters - Mary Nahlik, Faith Nahlik, Ginny Todd

Acolyte - Zach Jeffries

Sound Board - Jason Nahlik

Team 2 - Week 2 (May 11)

Ushers - Virgin & Diane Benson, Justin Benson, Murel Warren

Greeters - Michelle Benson, Colleen Schultz, Diane Benson

Acolyte - Ben Warren

Sound Board - Ben Weibrecht

Team 3 - Week 3 (May 18)

Ushers - Charlie Friedman, Becky Vogel, Nathan Aiello, Alec Aiello

Greeters - Cap & Vi Miller, Jerry & Betty Vogelsang

Acolytes - Lexi Mueller, Adrian Cantu

Sound Board - Jacob Vogel

Team 4 - Week 4 (May 25)

Ushers - Jason Schaub, Bill Weeke, Jerry Burchett, Nancy Brooks

Greeters - Bill & Carol Weeke, Nancy Brooks, Arlie Ehlmann

Acolytes - Lexi Schaub, Nick Frank

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3 - Bring something to life! Start a small container garden as a reminder of our new life in Christ. Just as the plants need water and sunlight to grow, so we too, need Jesus, our resurrection and our life. Plant yourself and your family in the Scriptures every day.

4 - Go on a nature walk. Talk about the caterpillars turning into butterflies. Enjoy the trees and flowers. Martin Luther said, "Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."

5 - Celebrate Christ's love for you by being a blessing to others. Brighten someone else's day with a note of encouragement. Bring joy those who need it most. Visit those who are in the hospital or who are shut in at home. Bring flowers or cards.

Family Ministry Matters

Equipping You to Be a Faith Leader in Your Home

At Our Church ---

Culver's Night

Tuesday, May 6 @ 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Culvers Restaurant in Arnold

Sponsored by Youth Group to help fund this summer's Higher Things trip

Farewell Luncheon

Sunday, May 18 after late service

Come and say goodbye to Jeff and Bailey

Thank You!!!

Thank You to those who helped beautify our sanctuary for Easter by purchasing flowers.

Thank You to those who assisted with the Easter Egg Hunt. We had approximately 70 children attend to hunt Easter eggs.

Thank You to those who helped with the Men's Club Easter breakfast by either donating food, helping with setup and takedown, or cooking and serving breakfast.



Men's Club Report

Thanks you to all who attended the Easter Breakfast. It was a beautiful day of joyful worship and fellowship.

Our outing to the Gateway Grizzlies has been scheduled for June 1st. Tickets will once again be \$5 and we will be sitting in the picnic area. A free will donation will be taken at the game to support the Men's Club.

Planning continues for a Men's Club Retreat.

Future meetings will take place in the Conference Room as we will be watching and discussing short videos from the LHM Men's Network after our short business meeting.

All confirmed males of the congregation are invited to join us; we meet on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm.