

Scripture Readings

April 30	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:42-47	Psalms 23	1 Pet. 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
May 7	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60	Psalms 146	1 Pet. 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 14	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 17:16-31	Psalms 66:8-20	1 Pet. 3:13-22	John 14:15-21



GOD'S LIVING WATER VBS 2023

Tuesday, May 30, 2023 to Friday, June 2, 2023
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Sign up today for VBS! Throughout this program, we will emphasize the Living Water, Jesus, through exciting games, lively music, impressive science experiments, and more!

Let's celebrate that we're covered in Jesus' grace!

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Please check the table in the hallway to sign up to volunteer to help with VBS and/or to donate items for snacks.

Registration forms are available for those who do not want to sign up online.

There is a T-Shirt order form for those who would like to purchase a shirt for \$12.00

(deadline to order a shirt is May 8th)

Any questions ask Kelly Holte - 785-632-7514

This Week's Schedule - April 29 through May 7

Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM
Tuesday	Women's Bible Study - 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM
Wednesday	Bulletin Deadline - Noon Confirmation Questioning - 6:30 PM
Next Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Next Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Confirmation - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Welcome

to

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For 134 years!!!

OUR MISSION

"Existing in God's love and forgiveness, St. Paul proclaims the Gospel of Christ, helps people grow in faith, and nurtures lives of worship and service."

April 29 & 30, 2023

The Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ Is Our Good Shepherd

Although we *"were straying like sheep,"* the Lord Jesus Christ has willingly suffered and died for us, bearing our sins *"in his body on the tree"* (1 Peter 2:24-25). We are healed by His wounds (1 Peter 2:24), and in His resurrection He gathers us to Himself as our Good Shepherd, by whose righteousness we *"have life and have it abundantly"* (John 10:10). Now through other shepherds whom He calls and sends in His name, He guards and keeps us in the green pastures of His Church, leading us beside the quiet waters of our Baptism and spreading the feast of His table before us. Since He has called us by the Gospel to be His own dear sheep, we also *"hear his voice"* and *"know his voice"* (John 10:3-4) in the faithful preaching of His Gospel, and we follow Him by faith. When we receive His Gospel, we have the abundant life and common unity of the entire flock under one Good Shepherd, in *"the apostles' teaching and the fellowship"* and in *"the breaking of bread and the prayers"* (Acts 2:42).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Dorothy Debenham -

In Memory of Jim Debenham.

The cost to sponsor a broadcast is \$40.00.

A book is in the Narthex to sign-up for dates.

WELCOME to our guests and congregation! We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for worship and please feel free to join us again!

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Hymn #s - 477, 709, 711

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist Sat. Connie Paronto / Sun. Gary Fredrickson
Ushers Jerry Siebold, Allan Schmale, Ethan Schuette
Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht
Altar Guild Kristi Davis, Kristi Hager, Amy Hammel, Jan Peterson, Marty Stenzel, Tasha Tromp
Fellowship Rita Wollenberg

FAMILY EDUCATION - 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Preschool - Kindergarten - meet in Preschool Room (Basement)

1st Grade - 3rd Grade - meet in Tree Room (West Wing)

4th Grade - 6th Grade - meet in Puzzle Room (West Wing)

7th Grade - 12th Grade - meet in Conference Room (West Wing)

Adult - meet in Fellowship Hall (Basement)

Weekly Attendance	Sat	Sun	Total	Family Education Attendance	Total
April 15 & 16	43	92	135	April 16	29
April 22 & 23	26	96	123	April 23	30

A congregational meeting is planned for June 25 at 10:30am. President Panzer from the Kansas District plans to be with us to help clarify the options for an additional professional church worker at St. Paul. (This date is the earliest available date that is workable for all the parties involved.) Currently under consideration are calling a Vicar, a Director of Christian Education or an Associate Pastor. Questions, ideas and concerns should be expressed to Pastor Tessaro, Craig Parry, Chairman of the Lay Ministers, or Matt Baxter, President of the congregation. Please plan to attend this important meeting. After adequate discussion a paper ballot will be taken to help determine the future direction of St. Paul regarding a second worker. Please pray for God's direction in this process!

We are looking for sponsors for the Radio Broadcast. The following months still have one opening each: July 30, August 6, October 22, & November 5. Please see the sign-up book located in the Narthex to choose your week to sponsor for the cost of \$40. You can sponsor in celebration of, in memory of, or in honor of someone or something special in your life to give thanks to God!

IN OUR PRAYERS
Congregational Members

Remembering our shut-ins: Bonnie VonLehe, Jack Wilder-Advena; Velma Lang, Irma Burger, Darlene Obenland-Presbyterian Manor; Betty Sump-Leonardville Nursing Home; Julie Hillman-Linn Nursing Home; Cedric Pfaff-Well Springs of Westmoreland.

Health concerns: Loyde Hager, Georgie Dierking, Janet Thurlow, Kay Osthoff, Larry Rakowsky, Cliff Noffsinger, Ann Worley, Dee Noffsinger, and Jackie Ponton.

Our outreach programs: Small Group Ministry, St. Paul Preschool, Radio Ministry, LWML Friendship Circle, and our Youth groups.

Larger Community Members

Healing: Vi Waters (relative of Deanna Rundle), Pam Everett, Preborn son of Josh & Jesika Campbell, Jimmy Carlson, Sharon Schweitzer, Patty Trautwein, Holt Hammeke, Larry Wallace, Jr., Lois Nash, Elizabeth Wischer, Lee, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller, Scot Richter, Darla Wilder, Gail Habluetzel, Linda Zurlein, Staci Stratman, Lon Gallup, Megan Loberg, Brody Reed, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrlli, Taylor James, Sheila McGrew, Jack Parnell, Donald, Sandy Wohler, Marla Forsyth, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, Kerri Brown, Ethan, Dan Gott, Luke, and Ella Turner.

Military: Enrique, Zane, Liam, Cooper, Michael, and Evan.

VBS is collecting pennies for science and craft projects. If you would like to donate some pennies, please place them in the well on the VBS table.

Mission Efforts beyond St. Paul

LeadaChild; For the Sake of the Church; Lutheran Bible Translators; Lutheran Heritage Foundation; KansaSEED Deaf Ministry; Lutheran Hour Ministries; North Central Kansas LCMS Outreach

Please remember to inform the church office when the person for whom you requested prayer should be removed from the prayer list.

Looking for volunteers to sign-up to do Fellowship Host on Sunday Mornings as we need more for the month of May. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those who would like to volunteer. Any questions talk to Gene Ferguson or Pastor Tessaro. Thank you!

Lighthouse is in need of the following items:
 Canned soup
 Canned fruit
 Canned pork and beans
 Canned meat, such a chicken and tuna
 SpaghettiOs
 Instant meals such as hamburger helper
 Rice
 Noodles
 Canned beans
 Peanut butter
 Canned vegetables
There are totes located in the Narthex to drop the items in.

Women's Bible Study on Tuesday, May 2nd 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM 'Lessons from a couple of Mary's in the New Testament' Please join us & bring a friend!