

Scripture Readings

April 23	Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalms 116:1-14	1 Pet. 1:17-25	Luke 24:13-35
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



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 22 through April 30

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
Monday	Men's Bible Study - 7:00 PM
Tuesday	Friendship Circle - 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Bulletin Deadline - Noon Midweek - 6:00 PM Lutheran for Life - 6:30 PM
Next Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Next Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Welcome

to

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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 22 & 23, 2023

The Risen Lord Jesus Is with Us in Holy Baptism and in 'the Breaking of the Bread'

From "before the foundation of the world" until heaven and earth pass away, "the word of the Lord remains forever" (1 Peter 1:20, 25). This "living and abiding word of God" is the preaching of Christ Jesus, namely that God "raised him from the dead and gave him glory" (1 Peter 1:21, 23). By this living word, we "have been born again" to eternal life (1 Peter 1:23) and ransomed from our sinful and mortal life "with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18-19). This living word also calls us to repentance, to dying and rising in Holy Baptism "in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins" (Acts 2:38). In this, we receive the Holy Spirit "for you and for your children and for all who are far off" (Acts 2:39). Through the preaching of His cross and resurrection, Jesus draws near to bring us "into his glory" (Luke 24:26). As He opens the Scriptures, He opens our minds to comprehend "the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27), and He brings us to know Him "in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Stan Mitchell -

In Memory of Elizabeth (Hartner) Mitchell.

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!

Third Sunday of Easter
Hymn #s - 482, 483, 547, 456, 450, 555, 506

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist Sat. Connie Paronto / Sun. Marian McKain
Ushers Jerry Siebold, Allan Schmale, Ethan Schuette
Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht
Communion Assistant Gene Ferguson, Garry Stenzel
Acolyte Adalyn Pfizenmaier, Eli Pfizenmaier
Altar Guild Kristi Davis, Kristi Hager, Amy Hammel, Jan Peterson, Marty Stenzel, Tasha Tromp
Fellowship Courtney Hammel

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
April 9 - Easter Sunrise			19
April 8 & 9	50	225	244
April 15 & 16	43	92	135

Family Education Attendance	Total
April 9	19
April 16	29

****Sunday, April 30th****
 there will be special music during worship as the Children's Hand-Chime Choir will be performing. The children in Hand-Chime Choir need to report to the preschool area around 8:45 AM.

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!

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, Jay Burger, 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.

Sorrow: Family & friends of Marvin Elm & Gary Helms.

Larger Community Members

Healing: 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 Parrilli, 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: Zane, Liam, Cooper, Michael, and Evan.

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.

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

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.

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!

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!