

Scripture Readings

Apr 19	Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalms 116:1-14	1 Peter 1:17-25	Luke 24:13-35
Apr 26	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:42-47	Psalms 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
May 3	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60	Psalms 146	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14

April 2026 Year to Date Actual Income to Expense	
Income	\$114,607
Expense	\$132,468
Net Income (Expense)	(\$17,861)

Building Project Update
 The initial Capital Fund Raising Campaign has been a success and \$1 million has been raised to begin construction of our building project. Any future contributions for the building project should continue to be identified as made for the "New Building Fund" and will help reduce the amount needed to be financed to complete the project. Please continue to keep the building project and our congregation in your prayers.

Looking for volunteers to sign-up to do Fellowship Host on Sunday Mornings. 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!

This Week's Schedule - April 11 through April 19	
Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM Unified Boards - 11:30 AM Parish Directors - 12:30 PM
Monday	Men's Bible Study - 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Bulletin Deadline - Noon Midweek - 5:30 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

Welcome

to

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"A Place of Grace, A Source of Hope, A Mission of Mercy!"
 For 137 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 11 & 12, 2026

Christ Jesus Breathes His Spirit and His Life into Us by the Ministry of the Gospel

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus establishes the ministry of the Gospel in order to bestow His life-giving Holy Spirit and His peace upon the Church. To those who are called and ordained to this office, and to those they serve in His name, He grants the Holy Absolution of all sins. By the fruits of His cross, He replaces fear and doubt with peace and joy, and thus gives "repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5:31). Through the preaching of His sent ones, He calls us to believe that He "is the Christ, the Son of God," so that by such faith we "may have life in his name" (John 20:31). In His resurrection, we have the "living hope" to which we have been "born again" and by which we are guarded "for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (1 Peter 1:3, 5). Until then, "though you have not seen him, you love him," and by the mercies of God "you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory" (1 Peter 1:8).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by RaNay Elm -
 In Memory of Marvin Elm.
 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!

Second Sunday of Easter
Hymn #s - 474, 829, 818, 618, 702, 741, 917
SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist	Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Connie Paronto
Ushers	Tim Burger, Dave Jermark, Deron Rosenow, Stan Lohmeyer
Greeters	Gene Ferguson
Live Stream	Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte	Wrangler Crady, Andyn Johnson
Communion Assistant	T.R. Reiner
Altar Guild	Kim Davis, Michelle Tessaro, Alice Lohmeyer
Fellowship Host	Brad & Linda Underwood

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

Preschool - Kindergarten - meet in Room 11 (West Wing)
1st Grade - 3rd Grade - meet in Library Room (West Wing)
4th Grade - 8th Grade - meet in Conference Room (West Wing)
9th Grade - 12th Grade - meet in High School Room (Basement)
Adult - meet in Fellowship Hall (Basement)

Weekly Attendance

	Sat	Sun	Total
March 28 & 29	21	135	162
April 2 - Maundy Thursday			87
April 3 - Good Friday			102
April 4 & 5	36	252	288

Family Education Attendance Total

March 29	NC
April 5	30

Tropical Trek VBS 2026
 St. Paul Lutheran
 Tuesday, May 26, 2026 to
 Friday, May 29, 2026
 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Get ready to set sail on an unforgettable island adventure at Tropical Trek VBS!!

Kids will journey through exciting discoveries as they learn how to trust God in every situation!

We look forward to seeing your children Tuesday, May 26th - Friday, May 29th with the last day closing celebration on Sunday, May 31 with a BBQ meal after worship.

Sign up today for VBS!

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IN OUR PRAYERS
Congregational Members

Remembering our shut-ins: Bonnie VonLehe-Wakefield Care/Rehab, Larry Rakowsky - Presbyterian Manor; Julie Hillman-Linn Nursing Home; Cedric Pfaff-Well Springs of Westmoreland; Mary Ann Mall-Liberty Place; Pauline Burger-Legend; Larry Ernsting - Topeka VA; Georgie Dierking; Lola Lehman-Leonardville Nursing Home.

Health concerns: Julie Hillman, Dwight Koch, Raef Schuette, Larry Ernsting, Stan Ohlde, and Larry Rakowsky.

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

Larger Community Members

Healing: Brett Barnes, Philip Steimetz, Katie Donovan, Mike Rothfuss, Trudy Hedberg, Denise Kidwell, Marcia Woods, Bobbi Holz, Dee Knitter, Jackie Hall, Sarah Tessaro, Ron Baehr, Ryan Withee, Emmitt Budy, Malissa Milum, Rev. David Grouner, Scott Trautwein, Donna Watson, Ron McDaniels, Micah Helms, Addie Voelker, Ann Huninghake, Sandy Larkey, Irene Bane, John Zeller, Rev. Greg DuBois, Melissa Martin, Benjamin Willroth, Jennifer Zimmerman, Gail Thomas, Lois Nash, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller, Darla Wilder, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrlli, Sheila McGrew, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, and Kerri Brown

Military: Mitchell, Kyle, Enrique, and Cooper.

Mission Efforts beyond St. Paul

You Matter Tour; Hope House; LeadaChild; For the Sake of the Church; Lutheran Bible Translators; Lutheran Heritage Foundation; KansaSEED Deaf Ministry; Lutheran Hour Ministries; Zion Lutheran Church Outreach, Concordia, KS

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

Thank You

to everyone who added to our special Lenten and Easter Celebrations and to those who purchased Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary - all added so much to our worship! The Easter Lilies can be picked up Sunday, April 12 following the worship service. All plants will be disposed of after that service.

Sunday, April 19 there will be special music during worship as the Children's Hand-Chime Choir will be playing. We are excited to have this addition to our worship.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the volunteers who delivered Friendship meals in March. The following people gave their time for this community outreach: Betty Siebold, Jan Germann. Stan & Judi Mitchell, Jeremy & Peggy Pera, Kelly Holte, Winnie & Cotton Wells, Rita Siebold, T.R. and Barbara Reiner & grandkids, Lynn & Mary Greenlee, Garry & Marty Stenzel, Terri Jermark, Vicki Pfizenmaier, Jack Wallace, Clyde & Rita Wollenberg. Our church will deliver meals again in August. Please let Rita Wollenberg know if you are interested in helping with this outreach.

The High School Youth Group would like to thank all of the congregation members for their generous support at our recent fundraisers. Thank you to everyone that donated salads and desserts or just came and enjoyed the food and fellowship. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to work toward our goal of attending the National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, July 2028.