

## Scripture Readings

April 16	Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:29-42	Psalms 148	1 Pet. 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
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



### 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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**\*\*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.

### This Week's Schedule - April 15 through April 23

**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  
 Unified Boards - 1:00 PM  
 Parish Directors - 2:30 PM  
**Monday** **Newsletter Deadline - 4:00 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 15 & 16, 2023

### **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 Sharon Carlson -

In Memory of Larry.

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 - 487, 463, 633, 602, 611, 627, 919**

**SERVING THIS WEEKEND**

**Organist** Sat. Connie Paronto / Sun. Nola Schmale  
**Ushers** Mark Pfizenmaier, Walt Lenhart  
**Live Stream** Jarrett Wachsnicht  
**Communion Assistant** Craig Parry, Clyde Wollenberg  
**Altar Guild** Kristi Davis, Kristi Hager, Amy Hammel, Jan Peterson, Marty Stenzel, Tasha Tromp  
**Fellowship** Macey Hynek

**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 1 & 2	42	130	172
April 6 - Maundy Thursday			102
April 7 - Good Friday			97
April 9 - Easter Sunrise			19
April 8 & 9	50	225	244

Family Education Attendance	Total
April 2	NC
April 9	19

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!

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

**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, Marvin Elm, Jay Burger, Georgie Dierking, Janet Thurlow, Kay Osthoff, Gary Helms, 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:** 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:** 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.**

We are looking for sponsors for the Radio Broadcast. The following months still have openings: July, August, September, October, & November. 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!

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.

**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 on Sunday, April 16 following the worship service. All plants will be disposed of after that service.