## **Scripture Readings**

Apr. 21	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:1-12	Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
Apr. 28	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 150	1 John 4:1-11 (12-21)	John 15:1-8
May 5	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 10:34-48	Psalm 98	1 John 5:1-8	John 15:9-17

\*\*Sunday, April 21\*\* there will be special music during worship as the Children's Hand-Chime Choir will be performing. We are excited to have this addition to our worship.\*\*

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!

#### **Confirmation Questioning**

will be Wed., May 1 at 6:30 PM followed by Friendship Circle Confirmation Welcome Reception at 7:30 PM. Confirmation is Sunday, May 5th during service.

#### **HS Senior Recognition**

will be Sunday, May 5th during service.

	This Week's Schedule - April 20 through April 28
Saturday Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM
Monday Tuesday Wednesday	Men's Bible Study - 7:00 PM Friendship Circle - 7:00 PM Bulletin Deadline - Noon
Next Saturday Next Sunday	Midweek - 6:00 PM Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM

# Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

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"A Place of Grace, A Source of Hope, A Mission of Mercy!"
For 135 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~20~&~21,~2024 Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep

The Lord Jesus is "the good shepherd" who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the "authority to lay it down" and the "authority to take it up again" (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be "one flock, one shepherd" (John 10:16). That is why the apostles "were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead" (Acts 4:2). Since "there is salvation in no one else," His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, "for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to "love one another" and "to lay down our lives for the brothers," as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Gailen & Connie Paronto In Honor of Wedding Anniversary

**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 - LSB 802, 472, 618, 480, 620, 465
SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Nola Schmale

**Ushers** Brett Ohlde, Kirk Hammel, Brad Dieckmann, Nicholas Lehman

Greeters Garry & Marty Stenzel Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht

**Acolyte** Addyson Pladson, Elijah Pfizenmaier

**Communion Assistant** Garry Stenzel

Altar Guild Kristi Davis, Rita Wollenberg Fellowship Host Kate Hammond/Michelle Tessaro

#### 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 6 & 7	29	104	133
April 13 & 14	40	111	151

Family Education Attendance	Total
April 7	NC
April 14	30

#### **The Blessings of Marriage Seminar:**

Marriage comes with its own set of challenges, whether you are newlyweds or celebrating your golden anniversary. Rev James Woelmer (pastor at Christ Lutheran in Manhattan) will dive into the Biblical significance of marriage, its enriching aspects, and how it enhances our understanding of Christ and the church. You are invited to attend either April 24 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm or April 27 from 3:00-5:00 pm at Christ Lutheran Church 4592 Green Valley Rd, Manhattan, KS. Please RSVP: jwoelmer@gmail.com or call 785-776-2227.

We are looking for sponsors for the Radio Broadcast for the year 2024.

There is one opening in September available for the calendar year 2024.

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-Advena, Irma Burger, Georgie Dierking-Presbyterian Manor; Betty Sump-Leonardville Nursing Home; Julie Hillman-Linn Nursing Home; Cedric Pfaff-Well Springs of Westmoreland; Bob Bauer, Lola Lehman-Liberty Place.

Health concerns: Marty Stenzel, Sharon Wachsnicht, Dena Hillman, Mark Meier, Carolyn Brown, Rhen Davis, Stan Ohlde, Kinsey Hillman, Loyde Hager, Janet Thurlow, Kay Osthoff, Larry Rakowsky, and Dee Noffsinger.

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

#### **Larger Community Members**

Healing: Melissa Martin, Lori (wife of Kevin Koepsel), Benjamin Willroth, Krystal McClain, Shawna Riffel, Brian, Joe Bunij, Gavin Carson, Jennifer Zimmerman, Gail Thomas, Dwight Ferguson, Melody Maki, Anna Lippe, Eunice Meyer, Sarah Tessaro, Jackie Monroe, Sharon Schweitzer, Lois Nash, Lee, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller, Darla Wilder, Megan Loberg, Brody Reed, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrlli, Taylor James, Sheila McGrew, Donald, Sandy Wohler, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, Kerri Brown, Ethan, Luke, and Ella Turner

**Military:** Kyle, Enrique, Liam, Cooper, Michael, and Evan.

**Sorrow:** Family & friends of Ken Henry &

**Harold Reichers** 

#### Mission Efforts beyond St. Paul

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

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

# Celebrate the Savior VBS 2024 Tuesday, May 28, 2024 thru

Friday, May 31, 2024
& Sunday, June 2, 2024
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Sign up today for VBS! Throughout this program, we will emphasize how Jesus Gives Us Joy, through exciting games, lively music, and more!
Let's CELEBRATE the Savior!
www.claycenterlutheran.com

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 5th)

Any questions ask

Kelly Holte - 785-632-7514

### Compassion Sunday:

Please help us celebrate Compassion Sunday on April 28th! A table will be set up in the Narthex after the church service with information on how you can change the life of a child in need! Sponsoring a child can help provide basic necessities for them. You can also connect with the child you sponsor through letters, photos, birthday gifts and Christmas gifts. On Compassion Sunday you will have the option to start sponsoring a child right away! For more information prior to Compassion Sunday you can visit compassion.com or call or text Courtney Hammel at 785-630-0021.