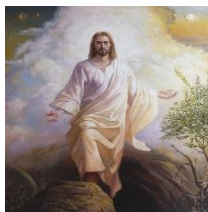


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Message from the Pastor



Alive with Christ

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.” (Romans 6:8,9)

Easter Sunday has come and gone. The baskets have been put away, and the candy (mostly) eaten. Stores have taken down the Easter displays to concentrate on the next holidays coming up: Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and the Fourth of July.

But at church we will continue the Easter celebration. The altar cloths will remain white for Easter, symbolizing Christ's holiness and exaltation. The Easter banners will remain at church. Each Sunday in May will continue the theme: "Christ Is Risen!"

Even after the Easter season will be done (June 1st this year), we Christians will still reflect on Christ's resurrection. Paul did the same when he wrote to Christians in Rome. Because Christ has been raised, he has conquered death. "Death no longer has mastery over him." So if we belong to Christ, if we have "died with him" and our sins were crucified with him on the cross, then we shall also live with him.

We are alive with Christ! That means we will no longer let Satan and sin steer us in the ways that displease the Lord. That means that, even though we still stumble into sin, we won't let sin be our master. Alive with Christ, we will let the Spirit steer us toward a life that is pleasing to our Lord God.

Alive with Christ! So don't pack away the thoughts of Christ's resurrection from your hearts. Reflect on Jesus' victory, and also look forward to his triumphant coming on the Last Day of the world. We who are dead will rise again, and we who are living when he comes will not even taste death, but will live with Christ forever! Let us always cling to this life-giving truth all our lives, and live for Christ who is the one who gives us the victory over sin and death.

--Pastor Timothy Blauert

May Worship

Sunday, May 4 Confirmation Sunday. 8:30 a.m. communion service. Theme: "Christ Is Risen: Confirmed in the Faith."

Sunday, May 11 7:30 and 10 a.m. worship. Theme: "Christ Is Risen: Our Good Shepherd."

Sunday, May 18 7:30 and 10 a.m. communion services. Theme: "Christ Is Risen: That We Live in Selfless Love."

Sunday, May 25 7:30 and 10 a.m. worship. Theme: "Christ Is Risen: That We Live in Joy."



Daily Devotions in May

After a post-Easter break, daily devotions have now resumed, starting April 28th. Devotions this month will cover the rest of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, and the first half of the book of Isaiah, and Psalms 64-71. May these devotions help us get more into the Word.

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Confirmation May 4

On Sunday, May 4, two eighth graders will get confirmed at the 8:30 a.m. service. Cooper Hehenberger and Colson Zimmerman will be examined on April 30 and then presented on May 4th as confirmands. They will also receive their first communion that Sunday.

Also on May 4, Rylee Zeman will be getting confirmed at St. John's Lutheran in Baraboo with her eighth-grade class. Please pray for Cooper, Colson and Rylee that they will be faithful members of St. Paul's and faithful to the Lord.

After the service we will have our fellowship time.

LADIES' AID NEWS

The Ladies' Aid will meet on May 13th at 6:30 p.m. We encourage all women of the congregation to join us.

The Ladies' Aid will be having a cookie stand and sell cookies and waters for Freedom Days, June 27 to 29. If you would like to help with, please contact Mary Klemm, Kristine Blauert or Elaine Shimniok.

The Church Council will be meeting on Sunday, May 11th, in between the services.



MOTHER'S DAY: May 11

St. Paul's will be handing out flowers to all the women who attend church on Mother's Day, May 11. The Ladies' Aid is purchasing the flowers from Sauk County Right-to-Life. Give thanks to the Lord for motherhood and pray that life becomes more treasured in our land.



BIBLE STUDY

We are continuing the Bible study "Mysteries of the Old Testament and their Meaning for Us". This month we will be having classes on May 18th and 25th at 8:45 a.m. (between the services). We encourage all adult and teen members to join us to grow in your understanding of the Bible and in your faith in the Lord.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will have their final classes on Mother's Day, May 11, and then break for the summer.



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GAME NIGHT: Monday, May 19



We invite you to enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship with our game night, May 19, at 6:30 p.m.! Bring your favorite board game or cards, a snack to share, and a friend!

GREETERS



We've started the "greeter" position at St. Paul's. We are asking confirmed members to come to the service 15 to 20 minutes early and greet all who come, and to assist visitors with church information. You may sign up at the table in the fellowship hall. Thanks for serving...and greeting!

CARDS



Mary Klemm is our Sunshine Lady for St. Paul's. If anyone is sick or needs a card of encouragement, please contact her.

ALTAR GUILD

The altar guild sign-up sheet for 2025 is on the table in the fellowship hall. This is a great way to help with worship at St. Paul's. Please speak with Rose Vertein if you are interested and have questions. Thank you!



Altar Flowers

On the table in the fellowship hall, please sign up to bring altar flowers for a particular Sunday, in honor of a birthday or anniversary, in memory of a loved one, or just on your own. Please refer to the directions in the fellowship hall for caring for altar flowers.

WELS PODCASTS

"The Non-Microwaved Truth"

Hosted by C. L. Whiteside

Description: "How fast do you have to have it? Our culture tells us to find a microwave to speed up the process. C.L., a man who sees and hears multiple perspectives through his life of coaching sports, serving in education, and attempting to conform to Christ, searches for the non-microwaved truth. C.L. gets that what's cool and acceptable now may not be cool and acceptable tomorrow—and most importantly, may not be what's best." (from *Forward in Christ*, April '25 edition, p. 25)

Our Offerings & Service to the Lord

Mar. 30, 7:30 am Attend.: 32; Offering: \$1,295
10 am Attend.: 14; Offering: \$400
Apr. 2 Lent Attend.: 19; Offering: \$387
Apr. 6, 8:30 am Attend.: 54; Offering: \$2,203
Apr. 9 Lent Attend.: 16; Offering: \$242
Apr. 13, 7:30 am Attend.: 35; Offering: \$1,040
10 am Attend.: 19; Offering: \$662
Apr. 17, Maun. Thur. Attend.: 20; Offering: \$323
Apr. 18, Good Fri. Attend.: 30; Offering: \$426
Apr. 20, Easter 7 am Attend.: 48; Offering: \$2,330
10 am Attend.: 30; Offering: \$883.

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ST. PAUL'S "INFORMATION" PAGE

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tkblauert@outlook.com.

Website address: www.stpaulslutheran-nf.org

Worship times: Sundays 7:30 and 10 a.m.

First Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Communion, 1st & 3rd Sundays

Sunday School: Sundays at 8:45 a.m., or after the service on the first Sunday of the month.

Adult Bible study: Sundays at 8:45 a.m. or after the service on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Church Council

President: Jim Dohner

Vice-president: Dave Zimmerman

Secretary: John Shimniok

Treasurer: Mark Shimniok

Financial secretary: Jeremy Zimmerman

Head usher: Bill Page.

Ladies' Aid

President: Elaine Shimniok

Secretary: Kristine Blauert

Treasurer: Elaine Shimniok

Sunshine Lady: Mary Klemm

LWMS Reporter: Linda Ennis

Church organist

Susan Grossenbacher

Church Custodian Vonnie Leifer

**Please remember our shut-in members with
your prayers and visits**

Ellie Schultz

Please let Pastor know if you are sick, in the hospital, or are having any other difficulties. He'll be glad to visit and have a devotion and pray with you, as well as offer communion. His contact information is on the left column of this page.



Happy Anniversary to:

Tim & Julie Rathman (May 15, 1993)

Curt & Patricia Klemm (May 25, 1990)

Gary & Sandra Nehring (May 28, 1966)

Chad & Melanie Zimmerman (May 31, 2003)



Happy Birthday to:

Suzanne Dohner – May 2

Donna Verstein – May 3

Jeremy Zimmerman – May 5

Gene Schellenberger – May 7

Melanie McLaughlin – May 9

Adelyn Shimniok – May 9

Vonnie Leifer – May 12

Gary Nehring – May 12

Wayne Verstein – May 13

Louise Crisman – May 15

Bill Page – May 15

Todd Nehring – May 20

Susan Bell – May 22

Calista Grooms – May 23

Jennifer Shimniok – May 23

Cooper Hehenberger – May 25

Brook-Lynn Klaetsch – May 25

Adam Shimniok – May 28

Ann Fuller – May 29