

St. Paul's family welcomes those wanting peace, comfort, and friendship, by connecting them with God's Word.

St. Paul's Weekly Beacon

April 7, 2019



Live a New Way

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). Without question, Jesus is the Chief Steward. None can compare to His example of selflessness and giving. He laid aside His rights as Son of God in order to be the Son of Man. He was willing to endure ignominious death on the cross so that we could be rescued from sin, death, and the power of the devil. He taught us to think and live a new way – as servants who are available to serve, not to be served.

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

We will continue our discussion on *1st Corinthians* (Church Fitness) in the Fireside Room. The Adult Christ Light Bible Study will meet in the Heritage Room. Classes begin at **9:25 am**.

Ministering to Millennials

Pastor Nelson will be leading a Sunday morning Bible study on the topic of ministering to the millennial generation. We will meet in the church at **9:15 am**. Every generation is encouraged to attend!

Pastor Knepprath's Farewell

Sunday, April 7 after the 10:30 am service - Everyone is invited to join us for a farewell meal to say thank-you to Pastor and Mrs. Knepprath for their years of service to our congregation. There will be a gift card basket for the Knepprath's in the back of the church.

Help Needed

Pastor Knepprath & Tracy could use help loading their moving truck on **Monday, April 8th at 11:00 am**. Their address is **1701 La Mar Drive, N. Mankato**.

Important Dates - Upcoming Timeline

April 27th & 28th - Open Forums after each service
May 5th - Voter's Meeting after 2nd service for Vacancy Call and Pre-Call for Lead Pastor
May 19th - Voter's Meeting after 2nd service for Lead Pastor Call

Lenten Services

We continue our Lenten services on **April 10th** under the theme: "Three Words of Truth". Pastor Tim Hartwig will speak on "Love One Another". Our mid-week Lenten services are at **4:00 & 6:30 p.m.**

Lenten Meals

A light meal is served between our mid-week Lenten services. Please come and support these ministries:
4/10 – *Risen Savior Basketball*
4/18 (Maundy Thursday) – *Beacon Campus Center*

Easter for Kids! Now is the time to start prepping for our April 13th event. Look for a sign up in the back of the church for all sorts of volunteer opportunities.

Tuition Assistance

St. Paul's congregation provides tuition assistance for children of our members who attend the JLMLC, MVL, MLC, or WLS. Applications must be returned to St. Paul's office **no later than April 9, 2019**. Risen Savior School students do NOT need to fill out a form unless partaking in JLMLC's after-school care.

Easter Cards

The Mary Ruth Circle has Easter cards available for purchase for \$.50 in the Fireside Room and Narthex.

St. Paul's Facility Use Policy

An updated Facility Use Policy has been adopted. Copies are available in the Narthex and church office. Contact Nate Voss or the Support Board with any questions.

Jesus Loves Me Learning Center (JLMLC)

This week we will learn the lesson of Jesus is Put on The Cross and our Bible verse is – *Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners*. We will be reading and doing activities about Easter for the next two weeks and in science we will be learning and working with Wildlife as Symbols. We will continue reading books by author Leo Lionni and Lois Ehlert and do a unit called "Rope Action" in the gym. We will explore our natural world in Small Group.

No more Milk Moola or ink cartridges rebates due to them quitting their programs. Thanks for saving HyVee receipts and Box Tops for us.

Do you need care for your child for preschool only next school year? Please keep us in mind for our morning only preschool! Check with us about full time child care.

Call 345-7707 or 507 508 2041 or email directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com to get more information about an aide position.

TAKE THE 'MATCHING GIFT' CHALLENGE !

You are cordially invited to consider taking part in a wonderful opportunity to help overcome budget shortfalls for two very important ministries. Any donation to either of these will be matched dollar for dollar. Help get us 'back to the black' by contributing today!

\$2500 matching gift: St. Paul's Church Budget Shortfall
\$3000 matching gift: Risen Savior Lutheran School

95th Birthday Celebration

Everyone is invited to a Birthday Celebration for Marjorie Pasbrig – **Sunday, April 7th from 2-6:00 pm at Hooligans, 1400 Madison Ave., Mankato.**

Jesus Cares Class - Invitation

Please join us for our Lent/Easter "**Worship at the Cross Service**" – **Saturday, April 13th at 9:30 am** in the Fireside Room. Our theme is "Holy Week with Song". Worship at the Cross services follow a simplified format appropriate for people with a cognitive disability.

Please "Like" the St. Paul's Facebook Page

Have you checked out our Facebook page yet? We post daily devotions, weekly sermon videos, and all kinds of encouragements and updates. Please "like" and "share" the page and the posts you enjoy. It's a simple way to share your Savior with your friends and connections. With a church as big as ours, this is one way to make an impact in Mankato quickly.

If you go the hospital...

Some of the privacy rules have changed at the local hospital. If you have to go to the hospital, please remember to tell the hospital staff that you are a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. They will note it on their clergy visitation list, and we can check in on you. If you don't let them know or call the church office, we have no way of knowing you are there. On another note, are you interested in helping with hospital visits? Please speak to Staff Minister Voss for more information.

Outside Facility Clean-Up Event

Please join us for our outside facility clean-up event. It will start at **8 a.m. on Saturday the April 13th** and run till it is done. Come as you are able. We are going to rake out the flowerbeds, trim back the bushes, clear out the dead plants and brush. Bring gloves, rakes, etc.