

Birthdays

Jimm Edinger 4/23
Blayne Dixon 4/27
Louis Kehinde 4/28



Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran!
Whether you have worshipped here many times, or this is your first, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift! Please sign our guest book located in the narthex! We are glad you are here!

Worship Servers for April 27

Worship Pastor: Pastor Christine McNeal

Worship Steward: John Mehlberg

Greeters: Bill Frazier

Ushers: Carl & Gail Thorson, Nathan Joerndt & Marv Miller

Lector: Julie Mehlberg

Communion Prep: Ginger Bauknecht

Communion Assistants: Becky Edinger & Kris Lambert

Musician: Sandy Erickson

Hospitality: Tami & Greg Putnam & Julie Mehlberg

SS Teacher: Emma Rapp & Mary Leach

Counters: Marty Heller & Mark Mackinson

Livestream: Louis Kehinde

Congregational Council 2025

President: Louis Kehinde

Vice President: Jack Bristow

Secretary: Blayne Dixon

Building & Grounds Liaison: Joel Rapp

Building Community Liaison: Sara Gschwendtner

Lifelong Learning Liaison: Betsy Westergreen

Finance & Stewardship Liaison: Cody Leach

Worship & Music Liaison: Michelle Harms

Treasurer: Denny Leach & Kris Lambert

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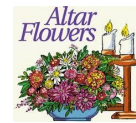


Calendar Week of April 20, 2025

Adult Sunday School 9 am

Worship Service 10 am

Children's Chapel during Service



Thank you to Kristy Finkenbinder for sponsoring Altar Flowers in memory of mom, Shirley.

Upcoming Important Dates

April 20 - Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt @ 9 am

Easter Service @ 10 am

April 24 - Rebecca's @ 1:30 pm

April 25- May 3 - Pastor on Vacation

Rebecca Circle will meet in the fellowship hall on Thursday **April 24** at 1:30. *(Please NOTE that the meeting date has been changed from the 17th to the 24th)!* Hostess will be Ginger Bauknecht and leading the lesson will be Sandy Erickson. This month's study from Gather magazine, by Denise Rector, addresses "faith risks." The story from Mark 5 is about Jairus and the faithful woman. We welcome you to join us - don't worry if you don't get the magazine - we can make copies

Food Pantry

Our food pantry collections for the month of April are toilet paper and one pound boxes of spaghetti. Thanks for being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community!



Please Hold in Prayer

Nancy, Mark, Amanda Garcia, Carol Carter, Becky Edinger, Bobbi Jo Snyder, Destiny Ben-Nun, Aaron, Roger Austin, Owen Boch, Donna Buckler, and Sara Gshwendtner.



St. Paul t-shirts

Let everyone see your church pride! We're asking all Upward Sports T-ball volunteers to wear a St. Paul t-shirt, so the community knows who to ask questions while on our campus. The hope is that all St. Paul members will eventually wear these at community events like the Community Closet and Chicken dinner,

along with times out and about. Sizes small through 2X available for \$15. Sign up at the kiosk. (Thanks, Becky Edinger, for creating these for us!!)

A new way to serve our neighbors in need St. Paul's is launching a mission on Palm Sunday partnering with Pastoral Care at OSF St. James in the creation of the **St. Clare Compassion**

Clothing Closet. A clothes basket with a sign marked for the closet will be on the mission table. We will gather clothes at least through the season of Easter and then assess needs after that. Nothing "fancy" is required, just simple donations of the basics: t-shirts, tank tops, sports bras, undergarments, sweatshirts or sweatpants or tube socks. All sizes are appreciated XXS to 3XL. Please note because of infection control rules, all items must be new. Shop sales! Any item will offer comfort and dignity to someone in need.

Health and Wellness Sunday is the third Sunday of each month. Mary Leach or one of our parish nurses will be on hand before and after worship to check blood pressure, blood sugar, and to help with questions about your health.

St. Paul Upward Baseball Schedule

Coaches Meeting & Dinner – 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15
Team Building (Evaluation) Day – 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 17
Tuesday Practices – Tuesday, May 26; June 3, 10, 17, 24 (about 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.)
Practice – Thursday, May 28 (about 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.)
Thursday, June 5 – Team & Individual Picture Day (no practice)
Games: (about 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) June 7, 14, 21, 28
End of Year Celebration – 12:30 to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 28, Fellowship Hall
Rain dates in June if needed.

Graduate Names

Please let the office know if you have an 8th grade, high school or college student who will be graduating this year. I will need this information before April 22. Thank you

Pastor Christine will be out of the office from Friday, April 25 through Saturday, May 3. St. Paul will welcome the Rev. Jim Davis to lead worship on Sunday, April 27. Should you have any pastoral needs, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Jim at (309) 826-4968. Rev. Davis is Pastor Christine's dear friend, a retired ELCA minister, and the former senior pastor of the seven churches of the Servant's United Parish. Free Devotional and Bible Study Resources We have a gift for you – whether you are a member or visiting today! Our church has unlimited access to RightNow Media—the world's largest streaming library of video Bible study resources. These videos can be used as part of a group or for personal devotions, helping you integrate your faith in a way that fits your life and schedule. RightNow Media has a series on books of the Bible along with topics like marriage, parenting, personal finances, mental health, and more. There's even a library just for kids with over 2,000 safe, entertaining videos. RightNow Media has a free app that's available on all major streaming devices so you can access content anywhere, anytime. There are several ways to get started. Members should have received an email invitation for FREE access. (If you haven't received it, be sure to check your spam folder.) Simply click the link in the email, create your free account, and start browsing.) Or... text the code SPLCHURCH to 49775 and you will receive a text back providing you with the invite link to register. OR...hover your phone's camera over the QR code and it will prompt you to open a mobile browser. Once that prompt is selected, St. Paul's registration page will appear allowing you to sign up. May RightNow Media be a blessing.



Thank you to all of those who sponsored an Easter Lily for Sunday Service!
Pastor Christine in Memory of Dale & Marion McNeal
Jake & Blayne Dixon in Memory of Levi
Pat Lund to the Glory of God
Ted & Ginger Bauknecht to the Glory of God
Ed & Maurine Gentes in Honor of Loved Ones
Greg & Tami Putnam in Memory of Susan Curtis & Jim Putnam
Rosemary Sutton in Memory of Christina Harber
Judy Sykes in Memory of Melvin and to the Glory of God

