

## St. Paul Lutheran Church



And deliver us from evil

*What is this? OR What does this mean?*

We ask in this prayer, as in a summary, that our Father in heaven may deliver us from all kinds of evil—affecting body or soul, property or reputation—and at last, when our final hour comes, may grant us a blessed end and take us by grace from this valley of tears to himself in heaven.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*What is this? OR What does this mean?*

This means that I should be certain that such petitions are acceptable to and heard by our Father in heaven, for He himself commanded us to pray like this and has promised to hear us. “Amen, amen” means “Yes, yes, it is going to come about just like this.”

We have come to the end of this prayer. Luther stands in confidence that what God promises, God delivers. God is a deliverer not a judge. As the triune God's people, we are certain that we will come before him as children come before a loving parent. We can now stand confident that this God has concern for us; that our needs of body and soul, property and reputation stand in God's loving hands. In our final hour, Father, Son and Holy Spirit approach us with Grace to wipe our tears and stand with the promise of life. Luther likes to state over and over again with, **"THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE!"** We join Luther in that confidence as we proclaim boldly and loudly to the conclusion of this prayer that **THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, AND THE GLORY** belongs to this triune God, We say this prayer from the introduction through each of the seven petitions **YES, AND AGAIN YES, AND AGAIN YES, AND AGAIN YES, AND AGAIN YES, AND AGAIN YES, AND AGAIN YES!**

**Go in peace serve the Lord.**

*Pastor Wayne*



*The people of St. Paul gather to worship, reach out, and serve the Lord.*

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### April Birthdays

April 1 – Julie Mehlberg  
April 5 – Emma Walsberg  
April 5 – Julie Knudson  
April 6 – Michelle Harms  
April 8 – Lindsey Armetta  
April 13 – Darla Dixon  
April 16 – Sam Lambert, Jr.  
April 17 – Gerald Buckler  
April 19 – Darlene Leach  
April 19 – Scott Highland  
April 23 – Jimm Edinger  
April 27- Blayne Dixon

### Rebecca Circle

The Rebecca Circle will meet on Thursday, April 20th at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Lucy Kehinde will be the hostess and give a devotion. Ginger Bauknecht will lead the lesson as we continue our study on the Ten Commandments from the Gather magazine. All are welcome!

### Bibles and Bagels

Bibles and Bagels will meet on April 13th at 9:30 a.m. at Edinger's. Presently we are doing a study of the previous Sunday's Gospel lesson.

### LEO in April

LEO (Let's Eat Out) gathers St. Paul members and friends on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy dinner. This month we will meet on Wednesday, April 19th at 5:30 p.m. at Bernardi's.

### Sunday Pastoral Schedule

April 2—Pastor Wayne (Passion Sunday)  
April 9—SAM Marcia Buchs (Easter)  
April 16—SAM Marcia Buchs  
April 23—Pastor Wayne  
April 30—Pastor Wayne

## LENT SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 2 at 10 am: Palm Sunday Service

Thursday, April 6 at 6 pm: Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7 at 6 pm: Good Friday Service



**Easter Sunday, April 9:**

Breakfast & Egg Hunt at 9:00 am  
Service at 10:00 am



### Please sign up for St. Paul's Texting Service!

If you would like to receive text messages with reminders and special announcements, please sign up for the St. Paul Texting Service by completing the following:

1. Send a text to 81010
2. Text the message: @stpaul210



### Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers in memory of or honor of someone, please sign your name on the flower chart located on the kiosk. Flowers are \$25. Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church, noting "altar flowers" on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your donations!

### Red Bag Offerings 2023

We will continue with Red Bag collections on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

April- OSF Smart Meals  
May- Lutheran Social Services  
June- Rowe Cemetery  
July- Mosaic  
August- District #429  
September- ISU and U of I Community Meals  
October- Boys and Girls Club  
November- Cops & Kids  
December- Local needy families

## Raising



*in Lent*

We continue to collect items to donate to the Hope Pregnancy Center in Pontiac. Please consider donating the following:

*laundry soap, gender-neutral diaper bags, diapers, wipes, baby soap, and Enfamil formula*

