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BLESSED IS KING JESUS!

How quickly Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem turns into a prelude for his passion and death on Palm/Passion Sunday! Those who read the passion narrative on this day may wonder how it is that victory and agony can occupy such close proximity. The holy gospel according to Saint Luke records that Jesus entered Jerusalem on a lonely colt. He didn't arrive in an elaborately decorated carriage pulled by a big stallion—quite likely the preferred method of arrival by great political figures in the first century. No, Jesus entered Jerusalem humbly seated on the back of a humble colt. This colt had never been ridden before Jesus had needed him. Neither did it have a hand-tooled leather saddle. The disciples simply threw their coats on its back for Jesus to simply sit on.

So Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was not really a triumphal entry at all. This was not like a conquering emperor coming into the great and mighty city. Jesus did not seem interested in seizing any kind of political opportunity. Neither did he want to evade his responsibility.

In Saint Luke's account, Pilate asked Jesus if he was the "King" of the Jews. Jesus' response was one of seeming indifference to that kind of authority: "You have said so."

Our greatest mission in the world is much the same as our Lord Christ's as he entered the Holy City of Jerusalem on a humble and simple colt. We are not called to conquer the world, but to face our tasks and proclaim God's good news humbly, with full awareness of the difficulties we will encounter.

Our distinct mission, like Christ's, is not to avoid the painful realities of the crosses we bear in our everyday lives, but to face them head-on, full and faithfully knowing that God will ultimately see us through, onward and upward to the promise land. Alleluia and thanks be to King Jesus who gives us the victory!.

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In His Service, Fr. Ryan +

From the president.....

Our annual meeting was held Sunday, February 20th after our 10:00 warship service. Thanks to everyone who was able to participate in the meeting. I hope the committee reports were helpful in providing a greater understanding about the hard work that goes into fulfilling our church mission every day. As we move forward into a new year there are many things that we, as a church family, would like to accomplish. It's an exciting time here at St. Paul's as we flourish and grow. We are blessed with our long-time members and the new faces we see every week.

We continue to look for individuals who would be interested in assisting by being part of one of our church committees. Please contact the church office or a council member for more details on how you might be able to help. My appreciation to the committee members, church staff and volunteers for all of your hard work every day.

The next council meeting will be April 12th at 5:30.

Blessings
Sue Umstott, Council President



Scripture Scavenger Hunt

Some folks have mentioned how often they notice a clear connection between a hymn and a scripture reading. This sparked the idea of a Scripture Scavenger Hunt. All of the hymns, and most of the scripture passages below, will be sung or read in worship during the month of April.

So, here are the scripture passages to look for:

1. Luke 23:42
2. Exodus 14:26-31
3. Galatians 6:14
4. Luke 23:44
5. John 20:19-31
6. John 10:11, Luke 20:9-16

And here are the places to find them
(all from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*):

- #803 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
- #616 *Jesus, Remember Me*
- #349 *Ah, Holy Jesus*
- #363 *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*
- #353 *Were You There*
- #635 *We Walk by Faith*

Some of the scripture passages will appear as direct quotes in the hymns; some will be paraphrases or will hint at the passages.

Happy hunting!

Answers on page 7



Palm/Passion Sunday-April 10th

We will gather at St. Paul Church between 10:00-10:15, walk to the library at 10:30 and participate in a brief, joint blessing of the palms liturgy with Emmanuel Episcopal and First Presbyterian. We'll process back to St. Paul Church with palm procession at approximately 11:00.

Beginning with worship on Palm Sunday, wearing masks will be optional.

Help, please!

Bountiful Blessings is asking for a few contributions.

We have a need for

Body Wash

Shampoo

Adult diapers,

Sizes S & XL

Our next session is on April 14th.

Donations can be left in bags with an Identifying tag on them and on front of the stage in Fellowship Hall.

We'll look occasionally to move any items to the collection area.

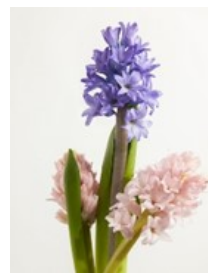
God bless and Thank you!!



Easter Sunday floral baskets

We will order 10 floral baskets which will adorn the sanctuary in praise and adoration for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If you would like to sponsor one of these baskets in honor or memory of a loved one, family member or friend please contact Debbie Szymanski.

The cost of each basket is \$75.00.



Lily and Hyacinth plants

for Easter Sunday can be ordered through the church office in honor or memory of a loved one, family member or friend. The plants will be displayed in the sanctuary Easter morning and can be taken home following worship.

The cost is \$7 per plant; orders are due by Thursday, April 7th.

Please include a designation for the bulletin with your order.

LOFT (Living Our Faith Together)



Reminder: Easter Sunday, April 17,
we will not meet.

LOFT (Living Our Faith Together) is a Bible study that takes place following worship every Sunday. The telling of highs and lows each week is a favorite as we learn about one another. Following highs and lows, we delve into scripture readings each week followed by caring conversations related to each reading. We close with a prayer and a blessing. All are welcome to join us at any time. Bibles are provided but we also encourage you to bring a favorite study Bible. Masks are required at this time.

The Luther League Puppet Ministry Team



An Easter presentation titled Edgar's Eggcellent Easter Eggstravaganza will take place in Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, April 13th**, at 5:00pm. The story of Easter will be told using puppets, music, and screens. All ages are invited. Come and see!



An Easter Egg Hunt for youth at St. Paul will be held on Sunday, April 17th at 9:15 a.m.

Mortimer C. and Elizabeth Ann Schaidt Scholastic Tuition Fund

On April 15th St. Paul's will begin accepting applications for the Mortimer C. and Elizabeth Ann Schaidt Scholastic Tuition Fund for the 2022-2023 academic year. Instructions and the application form can be found online by visiting www.stpaulcumberland.org or by requesting the information from the church office. The scholarship is competitive and available only to members of St. Paul's. The award can be used for the payment of tuition only at an accredited institution offering a 2 or 4 year degree, graduate degree, technical or vocational training. In order to establish the applicant as a member, the applicant must have communed **and** contributed – in their own name - at least once in the past year. Additional questions should be directed to Caitlin Hudgins stpaulsscholarship2015@gmail.com.
Applications are due by June 15, 2022.

Bowersox and Frick Scholarship Information

Separate letter of application must be submitted for each scholarship.

Address all applications to the Scholarship Committee of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.
ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE

CHURCH OFFICE BY 4:00 PM ON JUNE 24th.

The **GLADYS FRICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** is available for young adults who are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church or whose parents are members. To qualify as an applicant you must be a current high school graduate accepted at a four-year college, two-year junior college, community college, nursing school or accredited trade school.

This award shall be made to the applicant who has the highest level of scholastic achievement during his/her senior year in high school.

Please include the following information:

- a) name and telephone number
- b) home address and college address (if known)
- c) senior year transcript
- d) any comment you, the applicant, wish to make (list school at which you have been accepted.)

The **BOWERSOX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** is available for all members of St. Paul's or for young adults whose parents are members. To qualify as an applicant, you must be a high school graduate, accepted by either a graduate school, a four-year college, a two-year college, a community college, nursing school or an accredited trade school either as a part-time or as a full-time student.

This award shall be made on the basis of need and the expressed determination of the student to gain this educational experience.

Please include the following information:

- a) name and telephone number
- b) home address and college address (if known)
- c) major course of study
- d) the degree for which you, the applicant, are a candidate and the date it is expected to be awarded
- e) last semester's grade transcripts
- f) list school at which you have been accepted
- g) expected cost for the year
- h) the amount you, the applicant, expect to earn
- i) any loan which you, the applicant, or your parents have previously obtained for the purpose of defraying schooling costs
- j) a statement concerning the need for assistance
- k) any comment you, the applicant, wish to make

Vacation Bible School 2022



Dates? Monday, June 13 – Thursday, June 16

Time? 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Ages? Age 5 – those completing the 5th grade

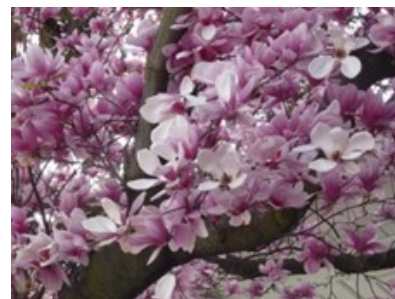
This year's VBS is based on the Parable of the Sower.

It's important for us to listen to Jesus' stories because that's how God's love, the gospel, is planted within us. When God's love takes root and grows up within us, we have more than enough love to face hard challenges and share with others.

Those completing the 6th grade and older are invited to be part of VBS as helpers.

Eight congregations from the Cumberland area will join together to plan for a fun-filled VBS that will take place in-person this year. As we acclimate and begin to cautiously continue some guidelines with social distancing, this year's limit will be 40 children. **Registrations will be available on the St. Paul website under the Lifelong Faith Formation tab the week of April 4th.**

Printed copies will also be available in the church office.



April

Birthdays and Anniversary

2 – Daniel Highland

9 – Patty Graham

12 – Linda Zeller

18 - 1960 - Sabra (Hast) and Art Isom

First couple married in current chancel

20 – Dot Rhoads

21 – Larry Goldizen

22 - Gary Miller

29 – Kathleen Ball



Children and youth of St. Paul's are invited to join together for an afternoon of roller skating on Sunday, April 24th from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

We'll meet at Moon Glo Skating Rink following LOFT and Chapel and Craft Time.

Mark your calendars



Sunday, June 12th
following worship at
St. Paul we'll gather
at the Lakewood Pavilion.
More details to come!

Scripture Scavenger Hunt

Answer Key:

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Wednesday, April 13th-Family Faith Meal
distribution 3:30-4:30
Easter puppet presentation 5:00
Vespers 6:00 and Book Study 6:30

Thursday, April 14th-
Maundy Thursday Mass and
Stripping of the Altar 7:00

Friday, April 15th-
Cross Walk 12:00
Meet at The Shrine of SS. Peter and Paul at
12:00 noon. We will participate in
The Way of the Cross beginning at the shrine,
walking to St. Paul, First Presbyterian
and ending at
Emmanuel Episcopal Parish.
**St. Paul's van will be available
as a shuttle for those with mobility issues.

Good Friday Vespers 7:00



Easter Sunday-
April 17th
Youth Egg Hunt 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.



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| Friday 10:00 AM | April 1 Beginnings Grandparents Day | Thursday 12:00 PM 4:00-5:00 7:00 PM | April 14 Beginnings 1/2 Day Bountiful Blessings Maundy Thursday Mass |
| Sunday 10:00 AM 11:15 AM | April 3 Worship LOFT and Chapel Time | Friday 7:00 PM | April 15 Beginnings Closed Good Friday Vespers |
| Tuesday 6:00 PM | April 5 Joy Book Club | Saturday 10:00 AM | April 16 Easter decorating |
| Wednesday 6:00 PM 6:30 PM | April 6 Lenten Liturgy Lenten Book Study | Sunday 9:15 AM 10:00 AM | April 17-Easter Sunday Easter Egg hunt Worship |
| Thursday Easter plant orders due | April 7 | Monday | April 18 |
| Friday 6:00-9:00 | April 8 Beginnings Parents Night Out | OFFICE AND BEGINNINGS CLOSED | April 23 |
| Sunday 10:00 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:15 PM 1:00 PM | April 10-Palm Sunday Gather at St. Paul Depart for Library Worship LOFT and Chapel Time Tour Group | Saturday Mountainside Baroque rehearsal | April 24 Worship LOFT and Chapel Time Youth skating at Moon Glo |
| Tuesday 5:30 PM | April 12 Council Meeting | Thursday 4:00-5:00 | April 28 Bountiful Blessings |
| Wednesday 3:30-4:30 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM | April 13 Family Faith Meals Puppet presentation Lenten Liturgy Lenten Book Study | Saturday Mountainside Baroque rehearsal | April 30 |