



st.paul lutheran church & school

For the Weekend of March 16th and 17th, 2024

Pastor Matthew Kusch

Jeremiah 31:31–34 , Psalm 119:9–16 , Hebrews 5:1–10 , Mark 10:(32–34) 35–45

LSB 564, LSB 529, LSB 956, LSB 637, LSB 770, LSB 422, LSB 435

Sermon Notes



Men's Breakfast Club — This Sunday!

Don't forget this Sunday MBC will have its breakfast **from 9am until 11am**. \$12 for adults and \$8 for kids 12 and under. The breakfast proceeds will go to the " St. Paul Lutheran School" Please come down to the FLC and enjoy breakfast and help fund " St. Paul School"!!

Easter Lilies — Last Sunday!

This is the last Sunday to order Easter Lilies! Simply complete the form , attach your check made payable to St. Paul and place it in the box labeled "Easter Lily" located at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please call Gwen Dreyer at **630-851-1777**.

Upcoming Events, News & Prayers

Email or call the church office to add information, announcements or prayer requests, by Wednesday 12noon at info@stpaulaurora.com or call 630-896-3250 Four weeks will be the allotted time to post or request information.

- *Cathy Sumner and Steve*
- *Chris Lewis*
- *Karen Ruscitti*
- *Antoine, son of Magaly Foster*
- *Jacob Roush*
- *Nancy Mitchell, daughter of Mary Ellyn Giese*
- *John, brother of Carol Kling*
- *Allan Minor*
- *Bill Baumann and Marie Stevens*
- *Dennis Prell*
- *Sandy, cousin of Danna Grant*
- *Rick Banks, husband of Peggy Cairns Banks*
- *Edward Daugherty and family*
- *Karen Ellis, mother of Jason Ellis*
- *Michael Elliott and family*
- *Patrick Griffin*
- *Glen Anderson*
- *April Banks Harrison, daughter of Peggy Cairns-Banks*
- *Tina Mitchell, sister of Ralph Mitchell*
- *Scott Alecksen*

***Heavenly Father give comfort to the family of Faye Heyl.
Faye was a long time member of St. Paul who passed away on February 24, 2024.
Surround the family with your grace and mercy.***



Prayer Requests

St. Paul Care Ministry

Alide Guzalo, Susan Hess, Martha Kreyer, Elaine Lippert, Darrell Nichols, Marie Pauls, Jean Maier, Mary Ellyn Giese, John Wiedman, Beth Stahl, Gerry Blank, Mona Miller, Karen Bernstein, Bill Witte, Norma Nicklas, Norm Hofman, Gloria Kruse, Maryann Prell, Lillian Olson

For Our Country, Our Leadership and For Those Who Serve in Uniform on our Behalf
US Army, US Navy, US Air Force, US Marines, US Coast Guard, US National Guards and Reserves, Police Departments, Fire Departments, First Responders, Doctors, Nurses, and Medical Staff

Lenten Mid-Week services

March 20th

8:45am Sanctuary in fellowship with St. Paul School

5:30-6:30pm Supper in the Family Life Center

6:30pm-7:45pm "The Chosen" Season 2 Bible study



2024 HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Maundy Thursday: March 28th at 7 pm Traditional

Good Friday: March 29th at 12 pm & 7 pm Traditional

Easter Vigil: March 30th at 5 pm

Easter Sunday: March 31

Sunrise service at 6 am - Traditional

8:00 am - Traditional

10:30 am - Contemporary

Save the Date!

Please mark your calendars for June 10-14th for VBS! All school aged students pre-k through 8th grade are welcomed! We are ironing out fine details but would love for you to join us! Be on the lookout for flyers and more information coming soon. We look forward to bringing this wonderful opportunity back to our church and school! Please contact Pastor Kusch or Mikala Perino at mperino@stpaulaurora.org or Frances Grab at fgrab@stpaulaurora.org with any questions! We look forward to seeing you there!

Jesus tells us in Matthew 5: 16,

"...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

The LCMS Northern Illinois District is shining a spotlight on outreach service for April 2024. The new outreach will be called SHINE. St. Paul is exploring projects to extend outreach to the surrounding communities in the Aurora area. More information will be coming for the April project.



Music Director

As we continue to look for and pray for God for our new music director, we are asking if anyone knows someone or is someone who loves worship, music, and leading God's people in it. If you or someone you know would be interested in either a Music Director position or to serve in the interim, please contact the Church Office. Thank you and God bless!"

Communication and Collaboration Committee

The leadership at St. Paul has formed this committee with the purpose of enhancing and clarifying communication and collaboration within the organization under the guidance of the By-Laws. Please pray for them as they do this important work.

Board Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for open seats on the Board of Directors and Board of Elders. Please place nominations in the box located in the Narthex.

Voting will take place at the Semi Annual Voters Meeting on **May 20th at 6pm.**

The Call Committee

Has begun its prayerful work in **calling a principal** for St. Paul Lutheran Church & School. In the back of the narthex there are Nomination Forms if you or someone you know who is suited to this position of Principal of St. Paul Lutheran School. If you do, please take one and fill it out and put it in the locked box located in the church. Thank you and God bless!

St. Paul's Children Church — Volunteers Needed!

St. Paul's Children Church is looking to recruit those who love God's children and are able to commit to teaching or helping being a classroom aide. Some of the children need a little extra care especially the smaller ones. Children gather to sing, praise, learn and share together as we discover the story of the week and how God's love for us is bigger than anything! Please consider being part of this group of dedicated St. Paul Volunteers that are devoted to lead and share God's word with our children. If you are interested in getting involved in this incredible and rewarding ministry, please contact the church office at 630-896-3250.

Golden Hearts — March 20th

The Golden Hearts will meet for lunch at the **Fireside in Sugar Grove at 11:30am** on Wednesday, **March 20th**. For regrets only please call Marilyn Lawrence at 630-253-0666

Lutheran Women's Mission League — March 26th

The St. Paul Lutheran Women's Ministry League (LWML) will be having a project meeting on **March 26th**. Please come and join the St. Paul Lutheran Women's Ministry League who meet in the Narthex on the fourth Tuesday at 5:30 pm each month. We alternate monthly meetings with a business meeting and a project meeting.

Upcoming God's Garden — May 19th

Plant Sale 5-19-2024 at Men's Breakfast . If needing something special please let Jean Gallegos know at 630-553-2001.

Hanging baskets, Bushes, Planters, Special colors, etc...

communion sunday



“This Is My Body...This Is My Blood” – Those who take part in the Lord’s Supper consume bread and wine. (1Corinthian 10:17; 11:27ff). But more than that, they also receive a miracle in the bread and wine, for therein Christ places His true Body and true Blood (1Corinthians 10:16). He gives them to us as His personal assurance of the forgiveness of our sins. ***It is the request of our congregation that anyone who wishes to commune with us share this faith.*** As His Body and Blood can be taken to one’s own judgment (1Corinthians 11:29), St. Paul urges each communicant “examine yourself” before participating in the Meal. By His admonition, therefore, we in turn urge you to ask yourself:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinner, admit my sins, and am I truly sorry for them?
2. Do I believe that Jesus, by His death in my place, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
3. Do I believe that I receive the REAL Body and Blood of Jesus in, with, and under the bread and wine? (Not merely symbolically present)
4. Will I, with a grateful heart, and in loving obedience, strive with the Spirit’s help to live a Godly life?
- 5.

If you need or desire to know more about Holy Communion, please talk to the pastor before communing. We encourage you to come up for a blessing if you do not wish to participate. God bless you as we celebrate together this amazing gift of forgiveness and grace.



Sign-Up For Altar Flowers

Please stop by the flower chart (next to Door 1 the church office door) to sign-up to provide altar flowers for your special day or in memory of a loved one. Arrangement for Altar Flowers are through **Floral Expressions**. Call **Floral Expressions** at **630-551-4438** to place **your order** and they will deliver the arrangement. Please do take your altar flowers home after the last Sunday service.

Our Faithfulness in Tithes and Offerings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
March 10, 2024	190	\$16,343.00

St. Paul's Guest WiFi

Need to use St. Paul's guest Wi-Fi? You can get connected on: Network:
STP-GUEST Password: **Matthew28:19**



Bible Study Classes



Monday Morning Ladies Bible Class

The group is studying "Paul and his Writings" 9-11 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Class

The group is studying the book of Ephesians. We plan on defeating the "Age of Reason" by putting on the "Whole Armor of God" in the Conference Room from 8am-9am.

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Class

Meet in the Multi-Purpose Room at 9:00am. Study is "Pew Sisters". Any questions please call Danna Grant at 630-277-8149.

Sunday Bible Study

Held in the Narthex at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Kusch leads the group.

Sunday Children's Church

Is held in the gymnasium during the 10:30 Contemporary service. Dismissal for Children's Church happens within the service.

Small Group

There are many small groups available to connect with, Please contact Bob or Mili French at:

smallgroups@stpaulaurora.org

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Monday –Friday

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