

# st.paul lutheran church & school

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

**Pastor Matthew Kusch “March of Holy Week”**

***John 12: 12-19, Zechariah 9: 9-12, Psalm 118: 19-29, Phillipians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-15***

**LSB 443, LSB 901, LSB 442**



***We praise God for the blessing  
Baptism for  
“Geebli Jairus Mangoe”***

## **Sermon Notes**

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## Upcoming Events, News & Prayers

Email or call the church office to add information, announcements or prayer requests, by Wednesday 12noon at [info@stpaulaurora.com](mailto: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*



*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, Judy Andrews-Manning

***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

**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**



**Palm Crosses**

The school has been helping Sanctuary Staff make Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday for over 20 years! This year Sanctuary staff would like to thank the fourth grade through eighth grade and their teachers, Mr. Ziemer, Miss Heinisch and Mrs. Price, for helping make the palm crosses handed out this morning. What a great service to the congregation! Need a quick tutorial? Ask a student! Thank you!

**Church Office**

St. Paul Church office will be closed on Easter Monday April 1st, 2024

**Lutheran Women's Mission League — March 26th**

The St. Paul Lutheran Women's Ministry League (LWML) will be having a project meeting on **March 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **New Bible Study**

Starting April 8th, we are starting a new bible study on Monday evenings at 6pm in the Narthex. This Elder lead study will be going through **Equipped: The Armor of God For Everyday Struggles** by Christopher M. Kennedy. If you have any questions please contact Jeremy Sciascia at 331-220-0710 or by email [jcsciascia@gmail.com](mailto:jcsciascia@gmail.com)

### **“The Chosen” Bible Study**

“The Chosen” Mid-week study will be on hiatus for 2 weeks, but will return on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. Join us as we finish up the second season and look into Scripture and discover more about our Savior Jesus Christ.

### **St. Paul Family,**

We need your help! Our next Hesed House servant event will be held on Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2024. We are looking for donations and volunteers to support this wonderful ministry in Aurora and help make it successful. Please visit our SignUp Genius page to see all the ways that you can assist with this event [St. Paul Lutheran: Hesed House April 2024 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com).



### **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.



### **Save the Date! — June 10th-14th**

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](mailto:mperino@stpaulaurora.org) or Frances Grab at [fgrab@stpaulaurora.org](mailto: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.”*

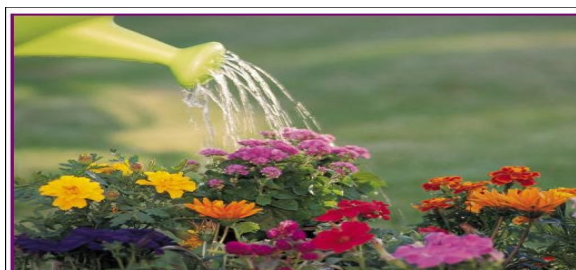
The LCMS Northern Illinois District is shining a spotlight on outreach service for April 2024. The new outreach will be called SHINE. St. Paul is exploring projects to extend outreach to the surrounding communities in the Aurora area. More information will be coming for the April project.



### **Upcoming God's Garden — May 19th**

Gardeners mark your calendar! God's Garden will be having their yearly plant sale during the Men's Breakfast Sunday May 19th. If needing something special please let Jean Gallegos know at 630-553-2001.

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





### **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**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Offering</u></b>
March 17, 2024	257	\$14,586.00

### **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](mailto:smallgroups@stpaulaurora.org)**

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### **Church Office hours: 8:00am-4:00pm**

#### **Monday –Friday**

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