



st. paul lutheran church & school

For the Weekend of Easter
Pastor Matthew Kusch

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



We adorn the cross with the lighted crown! This same crown that decorates the Christmas tree shines brightly now on the cross; indicating to us that Jesus' purpose of coming to earth has a baby was ultimately to die for us, and to rise from the dead for us, and to be the eternal King for us: Crown Him the Lord of heaven; enthroned in worlds above. Crown Him the King to whom is given the wondrous name of Love. Crown Him with many crowns; as thrones before him fall. Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns; For He is King of all.

Revelation 21:18-21

¹⁸ *The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass.*

¹⁹ *The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald,*

²⁰ *the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.*

²¹ *And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.*

Sermon Notes

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*

***Prayers for Dawn Waloszyk as Dawn recovers from open heart surgery.
Heavenly Father give your healing Grace and recovery to Dawn.***



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 Easter Lilies Memorial

- ◆ Alice Beatus and Family — In Memory of Lou Beatus
- ◆ Denise Alston
- ◆ Cheryl Crowley — In Memory of Loved Ones
- ◆ Pam Darlak — In Memory of Drake Darlak
- ◆ Paula Bachert and family – In Memory of Marge and Ray Bachert.
- ◆ Jeff and Siew Kim Yong Dieringer
- ◆ Robert and Rebra Dearborn
- ◆ Gwen Dreyer and Family — In Memory of Bob Dreyer, Carlene Miller and Loved Ones
- ◆ Dolores Duy— In Memory of Walter
- ◆ Bob and Mili French — In Memory of Willis French
- ◆ Bonnie Nass — In Memory of Loved One
- ◆ Dale and Darrell Nichols– In Memory Departed Ones
- ◆ Family of James Hard —In Memory of James D. Hard
- ◆ Dan James — In Memory of Betty Kalllevik
- ◆ Mary Ann Maldonado — In Memory of David and Mary Jane Cairns and the Aleckeen Family
- ◆ Joyce McDade — In Memory of Raymond McDade
- ◆ Chris Huberty — In Memory of Amanda Messman
- ◆ Dave Martin – In Memory of Dorothy Martin, Clark Dickenscheidt
- ◆ Lori Michelson — In Memory of Richard “Mike” Michelson, Henry and Emily Duy.
- ◆ Allen and Barbara Morris
- ◆ Janice Penn — In Memory of Bill Penn
- ◆ Carl and Nancy Rasmussen — In Memory of our Parents
- ◆ Kevin and Kelly Ryon
- ◆ Elaine Start
- ◆ Talley Family — In Memory of Jeffery, Wayne and Shirley Talley
- ◆ Linda White — In Memory of Roy and Phillip White
- ◆ Sue White — In Memory of Lewis and Louis James and Gary White
- ◆ Kirby and Nancy Waalen — In Memory of Loved Ones
- ◆ Ginger Whitney— In Memory of Loved Ones
- ◆ Bev Uebel – In Memory of Floyd and Dorothy Croyl
- ◆ Laura Valdez
- ◆ Mel and Carolyn Wille — In Memory in Wilbert Wille Family, William Zuehlsdorf

***Please feel free to take your Lilies home
following the Easter Day Service.***

Church Office

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

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!

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible

Men!!!! New Bible study starting for Tuesday morning.
What happened to mankind just before the FLOOD?
What happened to Job and his family?
Why was Jesus led out into the wilderness after His baptism?
Who is the ruler of this World?
Satan rears his ugly head in all of these Biblical events.
This is what we are looking into and the Victory we have in JESUS!!!!
Come and join us as we look into Gods Word!



New Bible Study — April 8th

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 jsciascia@gmail.com

St. Paul Family — April 14th

We need your help! Our next Hesed House servant event will be held on Saturday April 13th and Sunday April 14th 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 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.



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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
March 24, 2024	205	\$14,257.00

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:

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