

Dear friends in Christ:

It is Tuesday morning and I am looking out my office window enjoying the sun shining so brightly. We have had over 106 days of snow cover along with cloudy skies. According to the weather predictors, we will get more snow. However, the sun is shining now, which brightens my spirit.

As you read the April Epistle, we are still on our Lenten journey. We are with Jesus as He hangs on the cross. We hear Jesus words as He is dying. His words to those at the foot of the cross, His enemies as well as some of His followers that showed courage. We know exactly what is taking place; Jesus is dying because of the separation from God that exists, the broken relationship because of sin, our sin. We are the cause of Jesus hanging on the cross. The agony Jesus is suffering in bearing the sins of world for all time and taking our punishment shows His love. We should be sad for what we have done to Jesus – we should feel grateful for what Jesus has done for us. At one point during the time Jesus was on the cross, darkness covered the earth; an ominous feeling came over all. As we picture this scene, we feel overwhelmed, fearful, and uneasy - we should. As such, feelings exist; I want to invite you to the shining of the Son. I invite you to walk faithfully the path during the week called Holy to see the Son. To see the Son suffer, die and to give us life. Join with me on the walk to see the Son light up our lives.

April 2 – Palm Sunday @ 9:30PM/Breakfast following services

April 6 – Maundy Thursday @ 7PM/ Lord's Supper

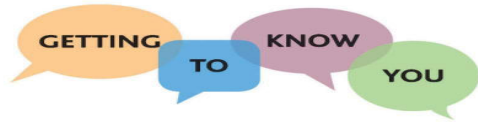
April 7 – Good Friday @ 7PM

April 8 – Easter Vigil @ 5PM

April 8 – Easter Service @ Pharm 6AM/ Lord's Supper

April 9 – Easter Service @ St. Pauls 9:30 AM/ Lords Supper

Your Fellow Servant Pastor Bill



Hi, I'm Steven Albarado, President Elect for St. Paul's Lutheran Church. My family and I have been members at St. Paul's for the past five years. Prior to St. Paul's, our family attended Svea Lutheran Church in Hager City, WI, where we all attended service on a regular basis. Jennifer

and I were Sunday school teachers and I served on the council for several years.

Jennifer and I have been married for 27 years and have four children, Mitchell (23) is a home healthcare provider, Gabriel 9th grade, Brooklynn 7th grade, and James 3rd grade. Our children enjoy sports and going on vacations. A Disney cruise to the eastern Caribbean is planned for this fall that has the kids excited. Jennifer works for Pierce County Human Services, and I recently retired from the Pierce County Sheriff's Officer after 28 years of service.

I enjoy antiques, going to auctions and garage sales. I have three display cases at the Red Wing Pottery Place Antique mall as well as a location in Pepin, WI where I sell my treasures.

I look forward serving as your President Elect in 2023. Please feel free to reach out to me to communicate any concerns that you may have.

God's Blessings,

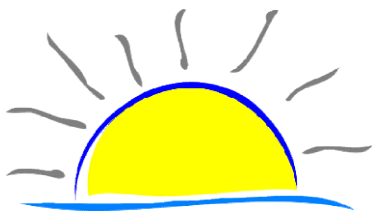
Steve



Why Do We Support St. Paul's...?

I support St. Paul's Lutheran Church I was raised in this church and this is my church family and I would like to raise my kids with the same opportunities that we had as kids.

~Jaimie Holt



Risers, St. Paul's men's breakfast and Bible study group, will hold their last meeting of the spring on Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:00 a.m. They welcome all men of the church and community to join them again on Tuesday, September 5th when their meetings will resume. This group has been meeting at St. Paul's for over 50 years. All men of the church and community are invited to attend.



Dear St. Paul's,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent to me on Sunday. They brighten my day each time I look at them. Thank you also for the prayers you have been saying for me. It really means a lot to me and Tom.

Bless you all.

Jude Brase



Christian Based Grief Recovery Program

Mondays from 6:30-8:00pm

At First Covenant church in Red Wing

Register at www.griefshare.org or call Doris 651-3803402
or Cathy 651-300-9616



Cannon River Conference Spring Gathering

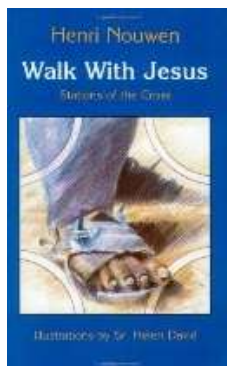
Date: April 15, 2023

Place: Cross of Christ Lutheran church, 24036 County 7 Blvd. Welch MN

Cost: \$12

Time: 8-12 lunch included.

Email merilyn.calcutt@gmail.com for any questions and to register.



RuthAnnaWelca Study/Discussion is April 13 at 1:00pm Gathering Area: Walk with Jesus Ch. IX -- XV.

In the March/April issue of Living Lutheran p. 10 "Seeing the Passion Story in A New Way - How Art Infuses one Pastor's Ministry" is yet another way to see the Stations of the Cross illustrated by Mary Button that depict the Passion Story alongside current events. Join us as we explore the book by Henri Nouwen "Walk with Jesus" Stations of the Cross illustrated by Sr. Helen. Contact Lois Hesford

if you want to order your own book. All are welcome.



Sunday School News!

April 2nd - Palm Sunday

Meet in the back of the sanctuary and receive palm branches

April 9th - Easter - Kids in worship

April 16th - The Parable of the Rich Man

April 23rd - Lazarus

April 30th - Fruit of the Spirit

We are also able to Join First Lutheran Church with a Good Friday Retreat. This will be held Friday, April 7th from 10-11:30 at First Lutheran. Please let Emily know if you are able to come.



Mark your calendars Vacation Bible School will be June 12-15th at St. Paul's Pharm Property! It will be a camping theme!



Who are we: Paul's Disciples

Who are we looking for: YOU! 6th - 12th grade

What do we do: We have fun doing volunteer work around our community and at our church.

What are they doing currently: ~Serving at all the Lenten meals

~will be making a pancake/sausage breakfast for Palm Sunday



Scholarships Available The Endowment fund includes the Krie Scholarship fund. This is in memory of Walter

and VernealeKrie who died in 1993 and 1992. Earnings from this fund and other gifts have been used for decades to award scholarships for the advanced education of high school graduates who are members of the congregation. If you are graduating from high school in 2023 or are continuing your education and have not previously applied, you may be considered for a scholarship. Please fill out the Scholarship Application form and submit with your essay attached no later than April 10, 2023. The Foundation Board will be reviewing the scholarship applications at our April meeting. Copies of the scholarship application are available in the church office or on the church's website. If you are planning to attend the Minnesota State College Southeast, the Red Wing College Promise is a new program that ensures that every eligible student graduating from a Red Wing Public High School in 2023 and beyond will have access to a tuition-free college education at Minnesota State College Southeast. You may want to consider postponing applying for a scholarship until you transfer to another college or technical school. Thank you to those who have made these scholarships possible.

Margie Thoma, on behalf of the Foundation Board

PROJECT NEIGHBOR

(Cannon River Conference of the SE Minnesota Synod of the ELCA)



I had the privilege of attending the February 12th Cannon River Conference. During that conference I learned about Project Neighbor, which began in 1970 by Pastor Albion Rodde. What an amazing program that focuses on social ministry/justice concerns. This program provides financial assistance to individuals and/or families with emergency needs in a three-county area (within the boundaries of the conference). The program seeks to aid people in need

of emergency food, shelter, clothing, and other essential resources that they cannot obtain from other sources. Because many people do not have family resources or other resources in times of need, congregations may turn to this fund to respond to human needs. The purpose of such a ministry is to increase awareness of human need in the community and assist congregations with additional means to minister to those needs.

Project Neighbor funds are administered by the Project Neighbor Board who are elected members from conference congregations. Requests for emergency funding would be directed to a member of the board or through our pastor. Financial support, typically up to \$450.00, is provided on behalf of individuals or families and is generally applied directly to an entity such as an insurance payment, bank, medical bill, utility bill, etc.... The fund responds to one request per individual or family per year.

The Project Neighbor Fund is a revolving fund, which receives contributions from individuals and congregations of the Cannon River Conference.

I am a firm proponent of social ministry/justice. I share this information in the hope that we, the congregation of St. Paul's, continue to be mindful of social ministry/justice issues within and surrounding our community. For further information, contact Pastor Bill.

Zashata Burton



Mayo Clinic Hospice is seeking compassionate and caring volunteers to support the hospice philosophy of care and mission. The role of a Mayo Clinic Hospice Volunteer is very dynamic and will utilize your interests, hobbies, passions, and skills. Volunteers assist with administrative tasks, provide supportive companionship to patients, and grief support. We also welcome registered pet therapy teams. If you are interested or would like to learn more about all the exciting and diverse volunteer opportunities Mayo Clinic Hospice has to offer, please contact Amy Stelpflug or Pam Roe, Volunteer Coordinators at mchospicevolteam@mayo.edu or 507-284-4002. Please visit <https://volunteer.mayoclinic.org/> for more information and to submit an application.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you have any Thrivent Choice dollars, the deadline for donating these is March 31st. We Ask that you donate these dollars to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Thank you for your support!





Holy Week



Worship Service at 9:30am

Paul's Disciples will serve a pancake/sausage breakfast following service.

Worship Service at 7:00pm



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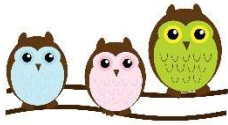
Easter Services:

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 6:00am at the Pharm Property



9:30 Worship Service



Lectionary Readings

April 2nd	Isa 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Phil 2:5-11	Matt 26:14-27
April 6 th Maundy Thursday	Exod. 12:1-4, 11-14	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	1Cor. 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
April 7 th Good Friday	Isa. 52:13-53:12	Psalm 22	Heb 10: 16-25	John 18:1-19:42
April 9 th Easter	Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Rom 6:3-11, Col. 3:1-4	John 20: 1-18 Matt 28:1-10
April 16 th	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:1-9	John 20:19-31
April 23 rd	Acts 2:14a:36-41	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
April 30 th	Acts 2: 42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10



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Ecumenical Choir



“Food Share Month”

Red Wing Food Shelf is looking for some donations:

Cash, cereal, pasta, peanut butter, canned fruit/veggies, canned stews, canned tuna/chicken, baked beans

Rice, toothpaste, shampoo, hand soap, and toilet paper

Join us for April 16th At 3pm to hear them spread the Good News of Jesus.

"50" Years Later, It's the Same Good News

The choir is made up of enthusiastic community members that love to spread the good news of God's love and grace.

Although interrupted by the pandemic, the choir has been in existence for over 50 years performing concerts at many churches in Pierce county and beyond.

The choir is directed by Carol Halpaus.

A free will offering will be collected. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to local charities.

All are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

Find us on facebook at Pierce County Ecumenical Choir.

Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity is completing a house at 328 Goodhue St. They will be having a ground breaking ceremony on the lot next to it in April. They are currently looking for volunteer to help and provide bringing lunches. Please see their sign



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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4cafaa2ea1fc1-redwing2#/>



I would like to thank our wonderful quilter group for the generous donation of yarn not applicable to their needs and passing it on to the Prayer Shawl group. It is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use. So Knitters, if you would like to check it out just let me know. Sally



THANK YOU to all who attended the February 12th meeting. Below is information for those who could not be there.

Summary of Foundation Annual Report for 2022

The Foundation Board had an annual meeting in February 2022 and met four additional times – once each in the months of January, April, July and October.

The board members for 2022 were: President Margie Thoma, Vice-President John Hesford, Treasurer Bert Flynn, Secretary Randy Samuelson and board members Delores Morud, Joyce Nelson, Al Risberg, Elaine Scharpen and Pastor Bill. We appreciate their willingness to serve on the board.

The Endowment fund budget of \$14,228 provided funds for:

- Replacing the Fire Alarm panel
- Awarding scholarships to seven high school graduates
- Funding half of the cost of an access control system
- Donations to Hope Coalition, Lutheran World Relief and St. Paul's Lutheran for Hope and Harbor hosting expenses

The December 31, 2022 fund balance was \$559,078. The budget for 2023 is \$12,681.

The Memorial fund expenditures of \$8,637 include the following:

- Funding half of the cost of an access control system
- Contribution to boiler replacement
- Musicians for two Saturday night services

The December 31, 2022 fund balance was \$58,543. Memorials totaling \$4,480 were received in memory of Brenda Alms, Gary Christiansen, Dennis CordesSr, Vern Cordes, Roger Flom, Carmen Harris, Dick Langworthy, June Levers, Carol Perkins, Deloris Schulz, and Darlene Zimmerman.

Foundation meetings are typically held at church but may be conducted using Zoom. Request for Funds should be submitted to the church office by 10th of the month of January, April, July and October to be considered at the quarterly meeting. Dates for 2023 are as follows:

- Thursday, January 26, 2023 @ 5:30 PM
- Thursday, April 27, 2023 @ 5:30 PM
- Thursday, July 27, 2023 @ 5:30 PM
- Thursday, October 26, 2023 @ 5:30 PM

Thank you to Linda Kuyath and Emily Thoms for record keeping, Shirley Perkins for sending thank-you notes to donors, and Bert Flynn for being our Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Foundation Board by Margie Thoma