

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	4/23	8:00 AM	Worship
		9:15 AM	Sunday School/ Bible Class
		9:30 AM	LGSH Worship Service
		10:30 AM	Worship w/Communion
Monday	4/24	1:00 PM	Quilters (CC)
		7:00 PM	Worship
		7:00 PM	Financial Management
Tuesday	4/25	8:00 AM	Braille (CC)
		8:30 AM	Staff Meeting/Devotions (PO)
		10:00 AM	Lectionary Readings (Senior Center)
		3:00 PM	Proclaim Deadline
Wednesday	4/26	NOON	BULLETIN DEADLINE
Thursday	4/27	7:00 PM	Ministry Planning (PO)
Friday	4/28	10:00 AM	LGSH Bible Study
Saturday	4/29		
Sunday	4/30	8:00 AM	Worship
		9:15 AM	Sunday School/Bible Class
		9:30 AM	LGSH Worship Service
		10:30 AM	Worship



APRIL 23, 2017
8:00AM & 10:30AM
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONCORDIA, MO

Opening Hymn - Lutheran Service Book # 481

“Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom”

Order of Service - Lutheran Service Book -

Divine Service Setting One - p. 151

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.
Amen.
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.



Church Office M-F: 8am-5pm
(660) 463-2291

Dial-A-Devotion
(660) 463-7595

School Office M-F: 8-3:30
(660) 463-7654

Introit *Latin for entrance. It is usually a psalm that is spoken or sung responsively that begins the Service of the Word))*

P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation

C if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

C make known his deeds among the peoples!

P Sing to him, sing praises to him;

C tell of all his wondrous works!

P Glory in his holy name;

C let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

P Seek the LORD and his strength;

C seek his presence continually!

P Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

C his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

P He remembers his covenant forever,

C the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation

C if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Kyrie - p. 152 (sung) *(Kyrie Eleison is Greek for Lord have mercy. We ask God to hear our prayers according to His mercy.)*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy. (sung)

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy. (sung)

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy. (sung)

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us praise to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy. (sung)

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen. (sung)

Bible Class Today - April 23

Adult Bible Study - This class will be led by Mike Rodewald in the school gym.

Today's Scripture Readings – This Bible study will examine the three Scripture readings in today's worship. What is their connection to each other and their message for us today? Class meets in the school cafeteria. Walter Loeber is the leader.

Financial Peace University will meet in the conference center

High School Youth will meet in the church office basement.

Remember in your prayers...

- Healing for Wilmer Ziegelbein, Larry McGinnis, LaVerne Gieselman, Virgil Wille, Wilma Storck, Randy Mahnken, Cindy Ebers, Rose Becker, Grace Brandt, Christy Frerking, Amy Gerdts, Leona Brandt, Cory Keilig, Gertrude Buss, Austin Werths, John Pittman, Mary Ann Henning, Gary Bartel, Shirley Kimball, Jennifer Oetting, Blake Heimsoth, Shirley Nierman, Carol Henning, Darrin Woodall, Jeffrey Peterson.

- Jesse Kunkel in celebration of his 85th birthday.
- Nadine Reith at the death of her son, David Reith
- The Pastor Call Committee and the Teacher Call Committee.
- Audrey Mehl and Samantha Mueller, members of St. Paul's, serving a two year Gospel proclamation assignment in Hungary, and for Kristen Lange as she serves in Wittenberg, Germany. *Lead them, Lord, to reflect Your light in all they do and say.*

New Bible Class “Balance: Christ Filled Living” will begin Monday, May 1st, 9am - 10am in the Parish Office. The books for the class will be furnished and all work for the class will be done during the class time. A woman with a balanced life is at peace. She feels secure in the Lord. She allows the Lord to control all aspects of her life. When we are not right with God, we’re out of balance. Come join us and talk and learn about keeping a positive balance in our lives. For questions or more information call Kathy Schnakenberg (660)463-8086.

Cemetery Memorial Construction has begun on the shelter house in the cemetery. Please drive by often to check the progress of the project.

Missing Dishes? There are many dishes in the church office that would like to return to their homes. If you donated food for a funeral luncheon please claim your dish. Any dishes left at the end of April will be donated to the SPLHS Rummage Sale.

Food for Kids Sweet Springs community food pantry is seeking a director for the Food for Kids program in Concordia. Seeking volunteers to help as well. All interested parties please contact Ruth Fuqua. 463-7374

You’re Invited to a Benefit Dinner at Zion Lutheran Fellowship Hall, Corder, on Sunday, April 30th from 11:15am - 1:00pm. A free will donation will be collected for the Foundation Gighting Blindness in honor of Bruce Tieman who lost his sight to Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP). The menu includes sloppy joes, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, chips, dessert, and drinks. Bake sale items will also be available for purchase.

Lutheran Bible Translators is looking for summer help for infant and toddler child care service for July 10-15th. Applicants must be 18 or older. The schedule is Monday through Friday from 7:45 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and Saturday 7:45 A.M. to 12 P.M. in Concordia, Missouri. The position pays \$10/hour, and lunch is provided. Please, email missionary services manager Karen Campbell (karen.campbell@lbt.org) to apply. We are accepting applications until June 9th.

Hymn of Praise - This Is the Feast (p. 155)

(The song of praise to Jesus the Lamb, who was slain, from Revelation 5)

☞ This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Collect of the Day *(Prayer that “collects” the theme of the day)*

P The Lord be with you.

☞ And also with you. (sung)

P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ Amen. (sung)

Old Testament Reading

Acts 5:29–42

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” ³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were

scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn - *Lutheran Service Book* # 470 v. 1-3

"O Sons and Daughters of the King"

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.** (sung)

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place

Thank You! The SPLC Youth would like to thank everyone who attended our Easter Breakfast and embraced the new, longer hours. We were able to serve almost twice as many as in the past and raised more money for our servant event trip to Camp Okoboji this summer. Next year we promise to have enough gravy!!! Thank you! A special thank you to Christina Todd, Paula Haas, and our awesome parents for their help in making our Easter Breakfast a success. He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Mark your calendar! Vacation Bible School will be June 26th - June 30th, 2017. The theme this year is Mighty Fortress. More details to come! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Stacey Steinkuhler at steinkuhlers@sedalia200.org or (660-238-1952) or Sarah Heins at (660-864-4314)! We are looking forward to a wonderful time!

Concordia Zone LLL RALLY: The Concordia Zone LLL Rally will be held at the St. Paul's Parish Hall (gym) on Sunday, April 30th with a banquet meal starting at 6 p.m.. The SPLHS chamber choir will provide musical entertainment and the program speaker will be the Rev. Dr. John Mehl, executive director of "Mission of Christ Network" (MCN).

Mission of Christ Network ("MCN") is a Christian outreach organization that is devoted to making it possible for non-professional church workers to effectively work internationally in God's mission. MCN's two overarching focuses are: 1) enabling **congregations** to do international short-term mission work, and 2) facilitating **individuals** to do long-term international mission work. This is the task of recruiting, training, sending and supporting "mission partners." Audrey Mehl and Samantha Mueller are the "mission partners" from St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Tickets for the rally are \$10 and can be purchased from Ken Nierman (463-2523) or Steve Bredehoeft (660-238-3656).

Are you interested in serving on the LYF Leadership Team? The Missouri District Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Team gives high school youth, who are members of LCMS churches in our District, the opportunity to grow in their service to the church and in their leadership in youth ministry. Each year, they choose four new young people to serve on the board as the seniors leave to step into the future God has planned for them. These four new young people must *currently* be in their *freshman year of high school*. Currently, Ryan Kollbaum, Micah Gerdts, Malaina Pitsch, and Chloe Fuhrmann of St. Paul's Lutheran Church are serving on this incredibly awesome team! ***Nomination forms and three letters of reference are due to Sue Stiegemeyer no later than May 1st 2017.*** The forms are available on the Missouri District website at mo.lcms.org on the Youth and Family page. You may e-mail them to Sue at: [sstiegemeyer@stpauljackson.com](mailto:ssstiegemeyer@stpauljackson.com); or you may mail them to her at: Sue Stiegemeyer, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 223 West Adams, Jackson, MO 63755. If you have any questions please contact Angela Kollbaum at 660 238 1751 or angela.kollbaum@cune.edu.

Early Childhood Open House at St. Paul's Lutheran Elementary TODAY, April 23, 2017 between St. Paul's services (9:15am-10:15am) and after the 10:30 Service (11:15am - 12:00pm) in the south building on our campus. If your child will be entering Preschool or Prekindergarten you are invited to stop in during the above times to ask questions, enroll your child for the 2017-2018 school year and meet our Early Childhood teachers. Please contact Sara Larsen at saralarsen@splsconcordia.org or [660-463-7654](tel:660-463-7654) for further information!

Thank You The family of Bob Schnackenberg would like to thank the funeral lunch committee for the meal following the funeral. Thank you to all who brought food, Pastor Block for home visits to Bob, Pastor Lange for the funeral service, and Karol Meyer for playing the organ at the service. God's blessings to you all.

Don't Forget... pick up your Red Wheel orders Friday, April 28th, in the gym. Orders may be picked up between 3 and 4pm. All orders must be picked up as they are frozen. If you need to make other arrangements, please call the school office at 463-7654.

Family Footnotes

Let's talk about social media for a minute. Some of you use it, some of you don't. I'm not going to pretend I don't like it because I think it can be very useful, but I also think it can be a trap. How many of us post something and then go back repeatedly to see how many "likes" we received? It's that approval addicting, comparison seeking, people pleasing trap that we fall into. The truth is we don't have to be using social media to fall into that trap. The enemy wants nothing more than to separate us from truth, and he does that by telling us lies. Those lies come in many forms, but they all boil down to distracting us from the best that God sets before us. I read a quote the other day that said, "If the best part of our day happens on social media, we've missed it." Think about that for a minute. I ran across this pledge, and I think it's worth repeating: "I will *reference God's World more than my phone *intentionally allow Jesus to always go before me *spend more time in scripture than in scrolling *pray more than I post * use re-charging my phone as a reminder to re-charge my soul *find more satisfaction in obedience to God than applause from others *check in with God each day before I check-in with the world." It's God's approval that matters. He chose us to be His own. We are His workmanship. Listen to His voice of truth. *For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. Galatians 1:10*
(Social media pledge taken from *Famous in Heaven and At Home* by Michelle Myers)

~Gina Martens, Family Life Director

my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ. (sung)

Hymn - *Lutheran Service Book* # 470 v. 4-9

"O Sons and Daughters of the King"

Sermon - John 20:19-31 "Seeing and Believing"

Creed - (inside back cover of the hymnal)

Offering and Rite of Fellowship

(Please record your attendance on the friendship register in each pew and pass the register down the pew so all may record their attendance.)

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer (8:00am)

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we for
give those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory forever and ever. Amen.

(The 8:00am service will conclude with the Benediction and the closing hymn, *Lutheran Service Book* # 818 "In Thee Is Gladness")

Service of the Sacrament

(The 10:30am service continues on p. 160 in *Lutheran Service Book*.)

We believe that in the Lord's Supper our Lord gives to us His true body and blood with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We recognize the charge that St. Paul offers in 1 Corinthians 11:27-28 that those who come to receive the Lord's Supper ought to examine themselves so that they do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner. Therefore, out of concern for those who have not been instructed in the faith or who hold to a different confession, we ask that only members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations receive the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more about what our congregation teaches, to inquire about becoming a member or have questions about our practice, please speak to one of the pastors. For those who have problems consuming alcohol, you are invited to receive diluted wine from the purple glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups. For those who have dietary restrictions, gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Distribution Hymns

Lutheran Service Book # 617

“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

Lutheran Service Book # 474

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

Lutheran Service Book # 532

“The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns”

Closing Hymn - *Lutheran Service Book* # 818

“In Thee Is Gladness”

Preacher - Rev. Tom Lange

Organist - Karol Meyer

Acolytes Josiah Krause, Ben Stumbaugh - 8:00am

Ian Isdell, Jacob Wasson 10:30am

Greeters - Kathy Schnakenberg 8:00am

Gary and Mary Ann Bartel 10:30am

LGSH Preacher - Rev. Warren Schmidt

LGSH Pianist - Grace Grass

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The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet. Type in Lutheran Hour; click on the first paragraph, THE LUTHERAN HOUR; click on LISTEN. This week's message by Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz is titled, “A Living Hope for a ‘Dead as Doornails’ World” No matter how hard the world tries to shake our joy and faith, we have an inheritance in Christ that can never be taken away.

8:00 AM The Lutheran Hour, KCMO (710 AM)

8:00 AM The Lutheran Hour, KLEX (92.5 FM)

10:00 AM The Lutheran Hour, KMMO (1300 AM)

10:10 AM The Lutheran Hour, KSIS (1050 AM)

1:30 PM The Lutheran Hour, KWIX (1230 AM)

Next Sunday's (4/30/16) Scripture Readings:

First Reading - Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Second Reading - 1 Peter 1:17-25; Gospel - Luke 24:13-35

Confirmation Trip The 8th grade Confirmands are heading to their annual Confirmation Retreat in St. Louis this coming week. Please keep them in your prayers as they dig deeper into the Word and strengthen their knowledge and relationship with Christ.

Confirmation Milestone Family Life would like to invite the **parents** of the 8th grade confirmands to a special milestone TODAY, April 23. This milestone will take place in the back room of the parish office building during the Sunday school hour (9:15-10:15am). This equipping event will strive to give parents some practical information about ways to encourage their children in a lifelong relationship with their Savior. Know that confirmation is most definitely not an end, but a beginning...the beginning of a lifelong faith journey. Please keep these confirmands and their parents in your prayers.

Attendances & Offerings Last Week

6:00, 8:00, 10:30 Sunday: 136, 580, 246; LGSH: 99; Mon: 8;

Maundy Thurs: 287; LGSH: 77; Good Friday: 385; LGSH: 52

Easter Vigil: 38

Bible Classes:

Sunday School: Adult: 11

Midweek: 9

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