

**April 2018**

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**Sunday, March 25 - Deadline to donate to the St Paul Scholarship Fund.**

*Forms are in the back of the Nave and are available from the church office. Please return your donation with a completed form by dropping them in the offering plate on Sunday (3/25) or hand deliver them to the annex (we have a mail slot for after hours. Thank you!*

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**HOLY WEEK AT ST PAUL**

**Maundy Thursday, March 29:** 6:30pm Worship Service

**Good Friday, March 30:** 7:00pm Worship Service

**Easter / The Resurrection of Our Lord - Sunday, April 1**

8:30 and 11:00am Worship Services with Holy Communion

9:45am Easter Egg hunt and breakfast food. Kids of all ages (adults too 😊) can hunt for eggs!  
Please bring a breakfast/brunch food to share if you can.

(Brunch Club will resume Sun, May 6.)

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**ELSEWHERE IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**Good Friday (March 30):** Noon Worship Service at Esbie Baptist Church (Ash Street)  
**Easter Sunrise Service (April 1):** 7:00am at Strasburg Presbyterian Church (Holiday St)

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**OPPORTUNITIES for INVOLVEMENT for ALL YOUTH !**

All Youth:

- ❖ April 1: 9:45am Easter Egg Hunt and breakfast/brunch food
- ❖ Join us Sundays at 9:30am for Worship Service: Volunteer as an acolyte, crucifer, greeter, or tray holder, etc.
- ❖ Bring canned items for the Strasburg Compassion Cupboard: canned peas & crackers

Grades K - 5: Sunday School classes during worship service (approx. 9:40am) – These students will be excused from the worship service.

MS/HS Youth: Brunch Club (usually held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month ) will resume May 6.

**Strasburg Compassion Cupboard is requesting the following items during April:**

*Canned peas & Crackers*

*Bring these items to church. A drop box is in the Narthex.*

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**St. Paul Scholarships**

Mission Statement: To encourage active members of St. Paul to pursue higher education and involvement in the church.

Consideration will be given in the following order: Seminarians, High School seniors and first time applicants, and individuals already in degree programs.

*\* Applicants must be accepted in a degree/certificate program at post-secondary educational institution that is accredited and recognized by the Selection Committee (to include but not limited to: four year colleges, junior colleges, community colleges, trade and professional schools and graduate schools.)*

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**St. Paul Scholarship applications will be available beginning Tuesday, April 3.**

**Deadline to submit completed applications to the church office:**  
**9am - Monday, April 30.**

*Applications received after this date and time will not be considered.*

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**April Birthdays**

Audrey Kepler - 1  
Heather Smith - 3  
Sue Kline - 4  
Bobbi Poling - 4  
Fay Sonner - 4  
Berlin Brill - 5  
Betty Clem - 5  
Donna Leeth - 5  
Amelia Thompson - 5  
Savannah Giersch - 6  
Angela Herman - 6  
Gene Stokes - 6  
Marcie Finnell - 8  
Jacob Miller - 8

Sarah Clem - 10  
Ginny Berry - 11  
Fredrick Keller - 11  
Rebecca Kibler - 11  
Steven Shaner - 11  
Catherine Ritenour - 13  
Andrew Kibler - 14  
Steve Pieper - 14  
Emma Skarupa - 14  
Mallory Miller - 15  
Hailey Robinson - 15  
Clara Robinson - 18  
Donna Smith - 18

Maddy Herman - 19  
Joseph Norman - 19  
Becca Shelor - 19  
Judy Sullivan - 19  
Judy Stickley - 20  
Aiden Bischoff - 22  
Stewart Smith - 22  
Shawn Wilson - 22  
Carolyn McKiernan - 23  
Byron Brill - 24  
April Diehl - 24  
Trenten Pangle - 28  
James Robinson - 28  
David Smith - 28  
Joel Kline - 29

*If your name and birth date is not listed, please contact the church office: (465-3232; stpaulstrasburg@gmail.com)*

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***Join us every Sunday at St. Paul Lutheran Church***

- *9:00am St. Paul Singers practice*
- *9:30am Worship Service with Holy Communion*
- *9:40am Sunday School for K-5 graders*

**Invite  
Friends  
and  
Family!**

## FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

Dear Friends,

He is risen!! Alleluia!! Easter reminds us of the joy in our spiritual life. We know that one day we will experience the Joy of resurrection. But how do we get there?

Looking at the Model of Healthy Living, we recognize that our faith life is an important component. There are several concepts that are important in this component: 1) Understanding that health and healing are part of the commission given to the apostles and all that follow, 2) Developing our personal relationship with the Lord and seeing that He is always there for our physical, spiritual, and mental health; and 3) beginning to recognize the barriers that we create ourselves.

If you study only the gospels, you will see that the messages are focused on three primary things: Jesus teaches, preaches, and heals. Even as a young boy when Jesus was lost, he was in the temple, teaching. His healing was not limited to those he touched, but also occurred to those who believed. His healing was not limited to the body but also the spirit. So what does that tell us? In today's world we may not perform miracles, but instead we need to use the tools that God provided for us. The focus is on wellness and wholeness, which flows through personal care, preventive activities, learning the best ways to maintain our health and wellness.

Jeannie

*When Jesus heard this he told them, "Healthy people do not need doctors –sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners." Mark 2:17*

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***Mission Quilters will continue meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays  
for their weekly quilting sessions  
Contact: Gwen Abruzere***

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***2018 Virginia Synod Assembly (June 8-10 at Roanoke College, Salem, VA***

*If you are a voting member of St. Paul<sup>(1)</sup> and  
are interested in attending the 2018 Virginia Synod Assembly<sup>(2)</sup>  
as a representative of St. Paul*

*please contact any Council member (Cathy Frenz, Judy Grubb, Terry Muir, Byron Brill, Steve Piper, Jay Winkfield, Brian Doman, Paul Fravel, Carolyn McKiernan and Erika Rauhala)  
or the church office.*

***Registration, lodging and travel expenses are paid by St Paul.***

(1) According to the St Paul Constitution a Voting Member is defined:

### **Chapter 8. MEMBERSHIP**

**\*C8.02.c. Voting** members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation.

(2) Synod Assembly is an annual gathering of rostered leaders and elected voting members of congregations that gather together to experience and express what it means to be called to be Church together as the Body of Christ – as we care for necessary items of business, engage in fellowship, participate in and experience corporate worship, and are inspired by the theme and speakers.

## WORDS OF APPRECIATION

Thank you to those who...

- made donations to the St Paul Lutheran Scholarship Fund and/or purchased a Lily,
- did all the extra work in the kitchen and prepared meals during Lent,
- attended Lenten Meals & services and Bible Studies,
- set out the Easter eggs display, and those who filled eggs,
- coordinated and prepared food for the Egg Hunt,
- prepared and played special seasonal music.

We can't thank you enough! ☺

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To My Church Family,

Here we are again saying thank you for your concern, prayers, phone calls, cards, etc. for the passing of my (Ida's) sister Jane. This comes from the bottom of our hearts.

Fondly, the Smith & Doman families  
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The Strasburg Local Relief Fund expresses sincere appreciation for the recent free-will donations that were collected during the Community Lenten Bible Studies. Your donations will be used to assist local families with immediate needs.

Your compassion for those in need and your continued generosity are very much appreciated.

\* 100% of the donations made to Strasburg Local Relief Fund is used in assisting local residents (\$0 administrative costs).

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⇒ **SAVE THE DATE!    GOD'S GEMS CELEBRATION COMING UP SOON!**

**WHEN: Sunday, April 22, 2018, following worship (11:00 am)**

**WHAT: Potluck**

**WHERE: The Fellowship Hall**

**PURPOSE: To honor our members age 75 and over**

*This will be the fifth celebration dinner for our God's Gems occurring every three years since 2006. Again, we take this time to celebrate these faithful servants of God for their dedication and service to our church and community. We lift up with thanksgiving these who have paved the way and nurtured the St. Paul Family in faith and service to our Lord.*

*We ask for your help. If you are willing to admit that you are age 75 or over, please call the Church Office. If you have pictures or memorabilia of any of our "gems", please let us borrow them. We will take good care of them and get them back to you in good order.*

*We ask all members to help spread the word so this reaches everyone, and to mark your own calendars to help make this a celebration to remember!*

*Sponsored by the Evangelism Committee*

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**SAVE THE DATE**

*St. Paul's Vacation Bible School*

*Sun, July 8 –Thurs, July 12*

*Mark your calendar!!*

*Annual  
Gift*

**April 29<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Special Offering at St. Paul  
Will benefit the SHS 2018 Female Sportsmanship & Faith Award**

***A collection box will be on the Ushers table in the back of the Nave.***

*Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church – with Female Sport & Faith Award on memo line.*

***Thank you for your continued support of our community youth!***

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**St. Paul has a number of elderly members who are homebound or in care facilities.**

If you feel it in your heart to visit or send card/letter to these members, please contact the church office and we can supply a list to you.

Church office contact information is at the top of the front page of your newsletter.

Thank you for caring for our long time members! ☺

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***St Paul's Thursday Bible Studies  
will not meet on Thurs, March 29 or April 5.***

*These Bible studies will resume on Thursday, April 12.*

*11:30am Lunch in the Study (bring a bag lunch)*

*Noon-1pm Bible Study (bring your Bible)*

*Dr. Steven Keister Shaner, teacher.*

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**St Paul's "Need a Bible? Take a Bible" box.**

( located beside the Annex building )

It has been about a year since we've begun this ministry, and in that year we've provided A LOT of Bibles to the folks passing by the Annex !

Thank you to all who have donated Bibles. :)

*If you have an extra Bible(s) not being used -- you can help to share the holy scriptures by donating that Bible(s) to St. Paul Annex, or leave them at church with a note on them ( " for the NBTB box" ).*

*Thank you!!*

*Carol (church secretary)*