

# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Remember God's Promises  
Live our Faith  
Serve our neighbor



## April 2026

### CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

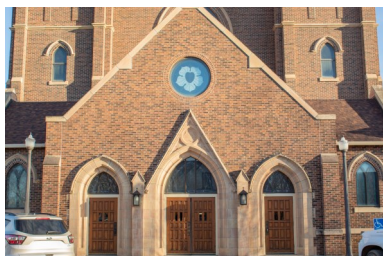
Every Monday - Soup &  
Prayer @ Parsonage  
April 2 - 7 pm Maundy  
Thursday Service  
April 3 - 7 pm Good Friday  
Service  
April 5 - 9am Easter Service  
April 10 - 2 pm BINGO @ St.  
John's Home  
April 22 - German Supper

### LIVE STREAM

Our worship services  
are live broadcast on  
YouTube! Just  
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## The Power of His Resurrection

*I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.*

Philippians 3:10 NIV

Where there is death there is resurrection when it comes to our God. Where there is stagnation, our God stirs the waters. Where there is fear our God sends perfect love. Where there is despair God brings hope for the hopeless. Where there are seemingly endless questions our God brings resounding answers. Where there is sin, our God brings forgiveness and righteousness. Where there is darkness, our God shines His eternal light. This is the power of the resurrection.

The list of what God can do and does is far greater than we could ever imagine. For indeed, He is in the resurrection business. The question thus becomes will we trust Him to do what we thought was unimaginable.

Since arriving in Springfield and at St. Paul Lutheran I have been taking the pulse and temperature of our church. Let me say it this way, "God is not done with St. Paul." He has great plans for us. The question thus becomes will we trust Him to breathe His resurrection power into our midst.

In Revelation, chapters 2 and 3, it talks about the seven churches. The one church that no one wants to be is the church of Laodicea. Verses 3:15-16 read this way:

*I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm- neither hot nor cold- I am about to spit you out of my mouth.*

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## New Member Class

On Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 1:00 (Meal Provided) we will be providing a Membership Class to explore joining St. Paul Lutheran. We will explore what it means to be a member and the expectations of membership. God is up to something at St. Paul Lutheran and we want you to be a part of it. Please RSVP in the church office by calling 507-723-5880 or emailing the church office at [stpaul\\_lutheran@hotmail.com](mailto:stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com).

## Easter Decorating

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to join in decorating the church for Easter. It should take about 2 hours. Many hands are needed! Just show up and we will give you a job to do!

## The Power of His Resurrection continued...

In other words, the church of Laodicea has become a church that has given up and has embraced apathy. Does God love this church? Absolutely! Why then would He say such a seemingly harsh thing? Because He loves them enough to say the hard thing to stir them out of their complacency. Hebrews 12:6 tells us this about God, *"For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."* As parents we refer to this as 'tough love.' God is not afraid to use "tough love" to lead us to His resurrection power.

What and why am I sharing all of this? Because, as your pastor, God wants to show up and show off in our midst. Indeed, St. Paul Lutheran Church has had a glorious and wonderful past. Indeed, there once was a time when the church pews were full of people and church attendance was in the 300s. But we cannot let ourselves look back and wish we can go back to those days and become complacent when God has a glorious future filled with the same resurrection power that Paul is talking about in Philippians 3:10. It is time to chance after God's promises and embrace His great plans for today and tomorrow.

God is not done with St. Paul's.

For the Praise of His Glory,  
Pastor Darren



## Church Council Minutes

**March 11, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Andy Renner at 7:47 pm

**Members Present:** Andy Renner, Kelly Sargent, Matt Sargent, Dawn Marz, Angel Rummel, Jeremy Dove, Jeff Krueger, Kathy Pederson, Anita Jensen, & Pastor Darren

**Absent:** Elsie Groebner and Katie Mueller

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Darren

**Call to Order/Roll Call/Adopt Agenda** – M/S/P Kathy & Kelly

**Consent Agenda** -- M/S/P by Kelly & Angel

**Secretary's Report** – Approved

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### Building & Grounds:

\*Sanctuary Ceiling – Reichel Insulation not able to do. Elite Installation contacted to access and give a quote.

\*Parsonage – Sink done. Toilet yet to be installed.

Financial Report – M/S/P Dawn & Jeff

Parish Ed Report - Summer Camp Scholarships. \$150/camper to be given. M/S/P by Dawn & Kelly

Pastor's Report – M/S/P Matt & Kelly

Work Group - Discussed – Tabled M/S/P Kelly & Angel

German Supper – April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sell Tickets!

Work List Sign-Up – Almost filled

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mission Sponsorship Report – Tabled

**Closing Prayer:** -- The Lord's Prayer

**Adjourned:** 8:30pm

Submitted by Kim Graff, Council Secretary

# Deadlines

**Sunday Bulletin:** Wednesday by 10 am.

**Epistle:** 20th of each month. Please call or email the church office with additions or changes for the bulletins or Epistle.  
[stpaul.lutheran@hotmail.com](mailto:stpaul.lutheran@hotmail.com)

# Update

**We appreciate you keeping us updated with any changes to your mailing address, phone number, and email address! We have many landline phones that are disconnected.**

# Birthdays and Anniversary's

- 1 - Nicholas & Nathan Groebner
- 2 - Don Kieper, Matt Sargent, Cale Marz, Emmett Veenstra
- 3 - Jeff Krueger
- 4 - Mary Sternberg
- 5 - Travis Gluth
- 9 - Mandi Stark
- 10 - McCoy Krick
- 11 - Ruth Peterson
- 14 - Ayvah Wendt, Leo Miller
- 15 - Rhonda Larson
- 16 - Julia Groebner
- 18 - Saige Trebesch
- 20 - Adam Groebner
- 21 - Justin Haugo
- 23 - Sharon Renner, June Vogel
- 24 - Trevor Krebs, Millie Wendt
- 26 - Audrey Rositzke, Wyatt Krueger, Odin Krueger
- 28 - Zach Timm, Gavin Vanderwerf
- 30 - Tiffani Meidl, Randell Streich, Kristel Jeppesen
  
- 9 - Kurt & Mary Glaeseman - 58 years
- 9 - Travis & Kim Gluth - 21 years
- 16 - Trevor & Cassie Krebs - 10 years
- 17 - Shawn & Krystal Plaster - 16 years
- 22 - Jim & Elsie Groebner - 48 years
- 25 - Ben & Kristel Jeppesen - 21 years
- 28 - Lonny & Elaine Jensen - 24 years

DATE	SOUND & VIDEO	PROJECTION	READERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
4/2	Mueller Family	Mueller Family	Mel Vogel	Carol Carlson Abby Dove	Gavin Dove Wyatt Dove	Team 4	Elsie, Sue, Jordyn
4/3	Tim Vogel	Jacobs Girls	Paul Muske	Roger & Kelly Sargent	Hunter Jeppesen Madisen Schumacher	Team 1	
4/5	Groebner Boys	Groebner Boys	Jordan Pidde	Mike & Crissy Rogotzke	Jonah Pidge Lorelei Pidge	Team 2	
4/12	Paul Muske Jonah Pidge	Jordan Pidge	Daniel Kettner	Kurt & Mary Glaeseman	Cash Anderson Reagan Plaster	Team 3	
4/19	Dove Family	Dove Family	Jo Muske	Kevin & Jo Schwartz	Ellen Kral Leo Kral	Team 4	
4/26	Trevor Krebs	Mueller Family	Mel Vogel	Cash Anderson Reagan Plaster	Rylyn Marz Blake Zihlke	Team 1	

# PRAYER CHAIN

Please pray for...all those mentioned in our hearts; all those serving in the military, at home and abroad: Jesse Kettner, Cylee Graff, Shane Clemon, Ethan Langseth, and Emily Wendt.

Prayer Chain –If you have a prayer concern you would like passed along, please call Jan Severson (723-6358) or the church office (723-5880). Please specify if you want the concern on (1) the Prayer Chain and/or (2) included in Sunday morning prayers which will be included for **two** Sundays unless otherwise specified.

- Usher Teams
- 1 - Don Bloemke, John Marz, Jake Marz, Paul Meidl
  - 2 - Doug Gatzlaff, Dave Bittler, Andy Renner
  - 3 - Russell Rogotzke, Mark Buerkle, Jeremy Dove , Gavin Dove
  - 4 - Tim Vogel, Scott Vogel, Bill Vogel

**Anyone interested in joining one of our many groups that help during the services on Sunday morning should reach out to Katie! We would love to have more people run the video and projector, read, greet, and usher!**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 9:00 Easter Worship 10:00 Coffee Talk 10:00 Sunday School 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	6 5:30-6:30 Soup & 6:30 Prayer at the Parsonage 6:30 p.m. Parish Ed Meeting	7 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	1 10:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast 5:45-7:15 pm Luther League 6:15 pm Confirmation 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	2 7:00 p.m. <b>Maundy Thursday Worship</b> 8:30 p.m. Ch. 8 Broadcast of Maundy Thursday	3 Office Closed 9:00 a.m. Ch. 8 Broadcast of M.T. <b>7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship</b> 8:30 p.m. Ch. 8 Broadcast of Good Friday Service	4 9:00 a.m. Easter Decorating
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or by appointment

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Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-noon

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Maintenance: Al Groebner

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Articles submitted for publication subject to content.

### **Sunday Schedule:**

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School (September-May)

10:00 a.m. Coffee Talk

**Springfield Area Food Shelf hours**  
**Tuesday 5:00pm – 7:00pm**  
**Thursday 9:30am – 11:30am**  
**625 N Jackson Ave - Springfield, MN 56087**  
**(Springfield Clinic Lower Level)**  
**507-723-3663 (FOOD)**