



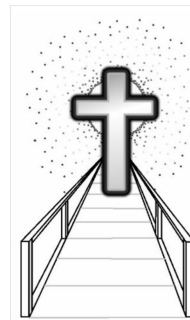
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Monthly Newsletter of

St. Paul Lutheran Church—ELCA

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*Gathering Joyfully, Growing Spiritually, & Going Faithfully,
Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ!*

APRIL 2025

From Pastor Amy



Dear friends,

Holy Week is always a special week for me. There's always been something sacred, something holy about journeying with Jesus through the last hours of his

life to the cross. It's when I make this journey with Jesus, as sobering as it is, that the beauty and excitement of the Easter resurrection overflows within me.

On Palm Sunday we wave our palms and cry "Hosanna" remembering Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. On Maundy Thursday we remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples. We hear of his washing the disciples' feet and enacting the new commandment to "love one another as I have loved you". We gather on Good Friday and hear the story of Jesus' passion – his arrest, trial, suffering, and crucifixion. It's a solemn day and the weight of Jesus' death weighs heavy upon us. And then we gather on Easter Sunday to hear and celebrate the great news of Jesus' resurrection – Christ is risen! Alleluia!

But what about Holy Saturday? What do we do with that time between Jesus' death and his resurrection? Think about it. The disciples saw their friend, their Lord, beaten and crucified. They saw his dead body laid in a tomb. They had followed Jesus for over three years. They heard him teach and saw him heal. They walked with him, talked with him,

ate with him, prayed with him. And now he was dead. All their hopes and dreams had been shattered.

Can you imagine what it must have been like to be one of Jesus' followers on that Sabbath Saturday, the day after Jesus died? Can you grab a glimpse of the devastation they must have felt, the state of shock they must have been in? For three days they sat in the depth of death and grief.

This year, I invite you to dwell on the "in between time" of Holy Saturday. Spend some time in silence, in reflection, in prayer as you think about all that has happened in the last days of Jesus' life and the significance of his death. We know that resurrection is coming, but on Holy Saturday give yourself the space to enter into a time of waiting. Don't jump into the joy of resurrection too fast. Give yourself the time to contemplate Jesus' death for then, and only then, will the feast of the resurrection be sweet.

Waiting with you,

Pastor Amy



Date	4/6/2025	4/13/2025	4/20/2025	4/27/2025	5/4/2025	5/11/2025
Assisting Minister	Linda Tipler	Eric Thompson	Dave Hoks	Eric Thompson	Linda Tipler	Linda Tipler
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Worship Services: Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
(in-person and online at Facebook and YouTube)
Office Hours: Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.





INSTRUMENTALISTS NEEDED

Instrumentalists are needed for the Easter Festival worship on Sunday, April 20 at 9:30. If you are interested in playing your instrument with us, please contact Eric Ihde.

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

On April 13, Palm Sunday, we'll be doing something different in worship. We will begin worship with a Palm Sunday celebration including the blessing of palm branches you will receive. Then we will sing hymns and hear stories of events that happened early in the last week of Jesus's life. It will lead us right up to the stories we will hear on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.



HOLY WEEK JOINT WORSHIP SERVICES

On Maundy Thursday (April 17) and Good Friday (April 18) St. Paul Church will join with Congregational United Church of Christ and First Presbyterian Church for worship!

Maundy Thursday service will be at 7:00 pm at Congregational UCC.

A Good Friday service at 12:00 noon with the Neenah ELCA churches will be held at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

A Good Friday Tenebrae service will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m.

HELP US DECORATE FOR EASTER!

We will be decorating the sanctuary for Easter on Saturday, April 19 at 8:30 a.m.! Lots of things to do so many hands will be appreciated!



***Blessing Box Donation
Item for April***

**Microwave mac & cheese
cups.**

Please bring your donation(s)
to the box in the narthex.
Thank you!



**Church Office will be
closed on Monday,
April 21**

THANK YOU, BAKERS!

Thank you to all who provided baked goods for the 206 Club’s bake sale! They were very grateful for our support of them as they raise money for a new furnace.



LADIES’ LUNCH BUNCH

All women are invited to join us for lunch on Wednesday, April 9 at Good Company in Appleton! Please call the church office (920-725-3961) if you plan to have lunch with us so that we can make the appropriate reservation.



St. Paul Financial Information as of February 28, 2025

2025 Total Budget	\$408,647.00
YTD Income as of 1/31/25	\$ 56,093.00
YTD Expenses as of 1/31/25	\$ 66,862.00
Difference	-\$ 10,769.00



FOX VALLEY COMMUNITY TABLE – APRIL 29
“CHOPPED” CHALLENGE

Jody Tews and Cindy Rieck are challenging Chef Jeff Tews! We would like the congregation to donate items they would like to see in our next hosting of Fox Valley Community Table on Tuesday, April 29 - just like on the show "Chopped."

Place your non-perishable food items in the tote (found in the Narthex by the altar). If you wish to donate a perishable item (such as meat, dairy, produce or a frozen item), please write your name, telephone number, and the item you wish to donate on an index card and place in the box, or contact Jody Tews at (920) 740-5470 or jlynn2s@yahoo.com.

PLEASE: No rattlesnake!



We will accept donations until **March 31**, and then Chef Jeff will review and determine the menu. Once the menu is determined and we know the other required ingredients, we will have more information in the Sunday bulletin and on Facebook.

Want to see (and taste!) what Chef Jeff makes with these ingredients? We will have a sign-up for volunteers to work when we serve.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL KICK OFF MEETING

There will be a kick off meeting for this year joint Neenah ELCA Vacation Bible School on Thursday, April 10 at 6:00 pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. If you are able to attend as representatives of St. Paul Church, please let Pastor Amy know!

BIRTHDAYS

April 1

Kathy Krock
Gladys Schwandt
Shelley Taycher

April 4

Sam Ewald
Caryl Meyer
Scott Randall

April 7

Gail Goetz
Linda Tipler

April 9

Ken Blom

April 12

Lona Jorgensen

April 13

Randy Vohen

April 16

Jim Plier

April 21

Brian Borchers

April 22

Frank Micale

April 23

Jan Gauger
Carol Harder

April 24

Ron Harder

April 25

Makenzie Grondahl

April 28

Marcia Kavanaugh

April 30

Dorothy Scovronski

ANNIVERSARIES

April 2, 2005

Anthony & Eulalie Leiton

April 11, 1987

Gary & Tamie O'Dell

April 16, 1988

Daniel & Kalen Peterson

April 19, 2014

Jeff & Becky Gillis

April 21, 2001

Eric & Linda Tipler

April Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:30am Worship – In Person and Online 10:45am GIFT Time 5:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm Al-Anon	31	1 9:00am Quilting Angels 11:30am Community Table 6:30pm Executive Committee 7:00pm Property Committee	2 10:00am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Soup Supper at St. Mark's 6:30pm Worship at St. Mark's	3 9:00am Conv. on Scripture @ Shellatte's 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	4 9:00am Knit2gether	5 9:00am Racial Justice Conference - GRB 11:30am Community Table
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13 PALM SUNDAY 9:30am Worship – In Person and Online 10:45am GIFT Time 5:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm Al-Anon	14 1:30pm Memory Care Respite	15 9:00am Quilting Angels 11:30am Community Table	16 10:00am Staff Meeting	17 9:00am Conv. on Scripture @ Shellatte's 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship at CUCC	18 9:00am Knit2gether 12:00pm Combined ELCA Worship at Gloria Dei 7:00pm Good Friday Worship at St. Paul	19 8:30am Decorate for Easter 11:30am Community Table
20  EASTER 9:30am Worship – In Person and Online 7:00pm Al-Anon 11:59pm Perspective Deadline	21 Office Closed	22 9:00am Quilting Angels 11:30am Community Table 7:30pm Worship & Music Meeting	23 10:00am Staff Meeting	24 9:00am Conv. on Scripture @ Shellatte's 1:00pm Planning Ahead at Gloria Dei 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	25 9:00am Knit2gether	26 11:30am Community Table
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