

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

In Christ, we strengthen the saved and seek the lost.

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Have you made a New Year's resolution to simplify your life?

We now have a form that allows you to have your weekly or monthly church offerings automatically deducted from your checking or savings account. For your convenience we have included a form in this Pilgrim. Just fill out and return to the church office and we will take care of the rest!



“And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? . . . I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you? Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ (Matthew 20:11–15).

Entry into the Kingdom of heaven is by grace not by works. And this is the point of the parable. Those hired first received the same wage as those hired last. Those hired first, even though they bore the heat of the day, received the same wage as those hired last. Entry into the kingdom comes by grace, by the gracious call and invitation of the owner of the vineyard.

And we chafe against this. We, like those hired first, object to the master’s decision. We begrudge him because of his generosity. We think that those who labored longer should receive a greater wage. And we protest that it’s not fair. But that is precisely the point. It’s not fair. It’s by grace. It’s given from God’s undeserved love and kindness, not by merit. So we should rejoice. For to ask for fairness, to ask to be treated by what deserve and have earned, is simply to ask for hell.

For God owes us nothing. For by grace you are saved, by his underserved love and mercy. And even though it was undeserved, that doesn’t mean it was cheap. It wasn’t cheap, but costly. It cost God the Father His own Son. It cost the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, His very life. God’s grace is costly grace. It costs us nothing but the cost for God was great. For it was achieved by the shedding of the holy and precious blood and the innocent suffering and death of Jesus. And it is by that shed blood that God by grace calls us to be His own. It is by that death that God by grace gives us entrance into His kingdom.

He doesn’t owe us. We’re not entitled to anything from God. He is not indebted to us. We are indebted to Him. For we have not lived as He mattered most. We have not loved Him with our whole heart, body, mind, and soul, with all that we are and all that we have. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve his temporal and eternal punishments. But unlike us, He doesn’t hold this debt over our heads. He has instead place our debt upon the head of His Son, and His Son has taken it willingly so that we would be forgiven and free.

For reasons all His own God has determined to love us. He has taken the punishment we deserve upon himself. He has given gifts to those whom He knows would take it for granted. This is grace. He is kind, forgiven, steadfast. He is slow to anger and abounding in love. For the kingdom of heaven is entered by grace, by His giving not our earning.

He is allowed to do what He chooses with what belongs to Him. But it doesn’t work the same way with us. For what belongs to us? Nothing. We belong to Him, by water and His Name. He purchased and won us from sin, death, and the devil by His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death, so that we would be His own special possession.

Thus, we have nothing of our own, it all belongs to Him. We are stewards of what He has given to us. And so we give of ourselves, all that we are and all that we have, to those whom God has placed us to care for in our vocations of members of a family, society, and the church.

And if He has done all this for us, how can we not do with everything that He gave us likewise?

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Auction News

20th ANNIVERSARY

Auction Raffle Tickets are on sale now and you WANT one!! Did you hear what happened last year? We sold 150 tickets and one lucky family won a weeklong trip to a beautiful beach home for just \$100! ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS! That could be you this year! You do not need to be present to win and you absolutely don't want to miss out on this opportunity! Stop by the school office and we'll get you one before they are gone! We are also still looking for general auction

donations – Get your business' name highlighted in our booklet and on line! Don't have a business? You can

still donate! Please consider gifts of time (lawn care, personal errands for a day, Christmas gift wrapping) and talents (home cooked meals are always big sellers). You DO have something you can donate and we need your help! We would like to inventory the donations we have before April 10 so we can include everyone in our marketing materials. It's as simple as calling the school office (756-5147). Please consider how you can help and contact us this week. 20 years of glittering, glamorous auctions.....20 years of incredible generosity.....

20 years of fun. Join us on May 2 as we celebrate and remember two decades of support for St. Paul Lutheran School. We promise you won't regret it!

Thank you for your support

Small Groups are forming!!

If you are interested in joining one of the following small groups, please contact Sally Shinn, sallshinn@sbcglobal.net

Wind and String Ensemble: If you play a woodwind or string instrument and would like to join an ensemble, please consider this opportunity.

Painting: If you "dabble in painting" please consider this small group as a way to connect with others who share this same hobby.

Life Event: One of our members would like to form a group that acknowledges and supports our members through major life events(births, illness, anniversaries, marriages, deaths, ect).

Lutheran Women's Mission League (LWML) is sponsoring a Women's Friendship Luncheon on Saturday, May 9 at St. Paul Gym and Commons! Join us from 10:30-12:30 to celebrate Mother's Day, enjoy Christian Fellowship and learn about the five women of the bible! We invite women of all ages from our community to join together for this special event. Lunch catered by Bowtie Catering. Tickets are \$12.95 for adults and \$6.75 for children and are available from Jamie at the church office by May 2. Leslie Jones is looking for volunteers for this event! Please call her at 756-0896 if you can help.

 Mother's Day

St. Paul Men's Club

Annual Holy Smokes Grill is back
Please return order form to the church office or a Men's Club Member, no later than April 26th. All orders MUST be paid in advance.
Boston Pork Butts \$ 20.00 each
Slab of Pork Ribs \$ 20.00 each
Meat will be smoked and packaged on Saturday May 9th. Available for pick up Saturday, May 9th at 4:45 & 6 PM services & both Sunday morning, May 10th.



Upcoming Easter events

Holy Week April 1-5

Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm

Good Friday 6:30 pm

Saturday Services 4:45 in the gym & 6:00 pm in the church

Easter Sunrise Service

7:00 am & 10:30 am

Easter Breakfast following the Sunrise service in the commons.



Pancake breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

Join us Saturday April 4th in the gym. Breakfast will be served from 8:00am 10:00am. The Egg Hunt for children through 3rd grade will begin promptly at 10:00 am. There will be a bake sale going on at the same time !

Everyone is welcome!



Memorial Service

In memory of loved ones that we have lost, we would like to invite the congregation to join us as we remember the life lived by our loved ones. A special remembrance will be given to each family. The service will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on April 6, 2015 at 6:00pm. Refreshments will be served after the service in the lower level.

The LWML Spring Rally is Saturday, April 11, 2015 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crystal City/Festus. Registration is 9:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 10:00 a.m. You are invited to attend and if you need more information or would like to car pool, please call Jean Wideman @ 518-0109. Hope to see you there.



4/1	Brayden Manion	4/8	Travis Tedder	4/19	Jayne Anderson	4/27	Parker Dickinson
4/2	Lisa Collins	4/9	Kelby Detring	4/19	Winifred Nelson *	4/27	Kenneth Hahn
4/2	Nadine Thomas	4/9	David Jones	4/19	Gerry Ward	4/27	Mackenzie Legan
4/2	Eugene Wideman	4/9	David Jones	4/20	Suzanne Gwin	4/27	Michael Montgomery
4/3	David Detring	4/9	Linda Kollmeyer	4/20	arrett ramsey	4/27	Tripp Owen
4/3	Emma Schweiss	4/9	Kelly Legan	4/20	Zoe Rice	4/28	Alison Eller
4/3	Savannah Stokes	4/9	Brody Mills	4/21	Gary Bertram	4/28	Roberta McDowell
4/3	Sherri Weaver	4/10	Nancy Gierse	4/21	William Bertram	4/28	Loretta Smith
4/4	Chloe Allen	4/11	Jessica Pierce	4/21	Connie Howlett	4/29	Gary Eller
4/4	Haylie Ellerl	4/11	Jerry Pigg	4/21	Pamela Williams	4/29	Brandy Hahn
4/4	Michelle Scheiffele	4/11	Kathryn Remspecher	4/21	Pamela Williams	4/29	Brandy Hahn
4/4	Jarred Shaner	4/12	Kai Peck	4/22	Emma Johnson	4/29	Terri Jenkins
4/4	Beth Stroup	4/13	Linda Neiter	4/22	Lonny Proctor		
4/4	Abbigail Tyree	4/13	Eric Schaper	4/22	Jane Christian	4/3 - Eric & Amy Schaper	
4/4	Michael Burch	4/13	Daniel Fitzgerald	4/23	Peyton Sprung	4/7- Scott & Ann Burkhart	
4/5	Madeline Gibler	4/14	Johnathan Mell	4/24	Donna Vogelsang	4/9 -Tom & Kelly Legan	
4/5	Cooper Sprung	4/14	Mia Montogemry	4/24	JonJoe Barnes	4/13- Vernon & Lorene Kollmeyer	
4/5	Cory Aders	4/14	Melaini Files	4/25	Marcus Laut	4/15 -Dewey & Tracy Smallen	
4/6	Kimberly Holdman	4/15	Natalie Hoehn	4/25	Jacob Penno	4/16 -Ron & Eva Simms	
4/6	Velma Kocher	4/15	Robert Vogelsang	4/26	Easton Cook	4/22 -Carl & Julie Reese	
4/6	Jonathan Smith	4/16	Paul King	4/26	Crystal Dement	4/24- Mike & Judy Ramsey	
4/6	Yvonne Buckley	4/16	Karrington Mecey	4/26	Harley Kurtz	4/27 -Mike & Jamie Montgomery	
4/7	David Miller	4/17	Heather Hawkins	4/26	Ralph Ogden	4/30-Greg & Caren Mell	
4/7	Joe Pritchett	4/18	Alexis Jordan				
4/7	Linda Kelly	4/18	Ken Kelly				
4/8	Celeste Laut	4/18	Matthew Pritchett				
4/8	Natalie Mucci	4/18	Dedrick Smith				
4/8	Ethan Shipp	4/18	Trevor Sutherland				
			Sally Whitener				





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30am Way of the Cross 8am Ladies Aid	2 6:30am Men's Bible class @ Factory Diner 6:30 pm Maundy Service No School	3 6:30pm Good Friday No School	4 8-10 Pancake Breakfast... Bake sale 10:00 egg hunt 8-10 Community Helping co-op delivery Rejoice 4:45 6pm Worship Communion
5 8:00 &10:30 Worship-Communion 9:15 am Bible Class, P.S Confirmation Easter Day	6 6pm Quilters 6pm Hand bells No School Office closed 6pm Memorial Service	7	8 8:15am Chapel 8am Ladies Aid 7pm Remnant Practice 7pm Elders Meeting	9 6:30am Men's Bible class @ Factory Diner 5:30 Men's Club	10	11 Rejoice 4:45 6pm Worship Service
12 8:00 &10:30 Worship-Service 9:15 am Bible Class, P.S Confirmation Easter 2	13 1:15 Life with Spice 6pm Quilters 6pm Hand bells	14	15 8:15am Chapel 8am Ladies Aid 7pm Remnant Practice	16 6:30am Men's Bible class @ Factory Diner	17	18 8-10 Community Helping co-op delivery Rejoice 4:45 6pm Worship Communion
Stephen Series Leader's Training Course – St. Louis, MO						
19 8:00&10:30 Worship-Communion 9:15 am Bible Class, PS Confirmation Easter 3	20 1:15 Life with Spice 6pm Quilters 6pm Hand bells	21 6pm All Boards Meeting	22 8:15am Chapel 8am Ladies Aid 7pm Remnant Practice	23 6:30am Men's Bible class @ Factory Diner	24 6pm Confirmation rehearsal	25 Rejoice 4:45 6pm Worship Service
26 8:00 &10:30 Worship-Service 9:15 am Bible Class, Youth Confirmation Easter 4	27 1:15 Life with Spice 6pm Quilters 6pm Hand bells	28 7pm Church Council	29 8:15am Chapel 8am Ladies Aid 7pm Remnant Practice	30		

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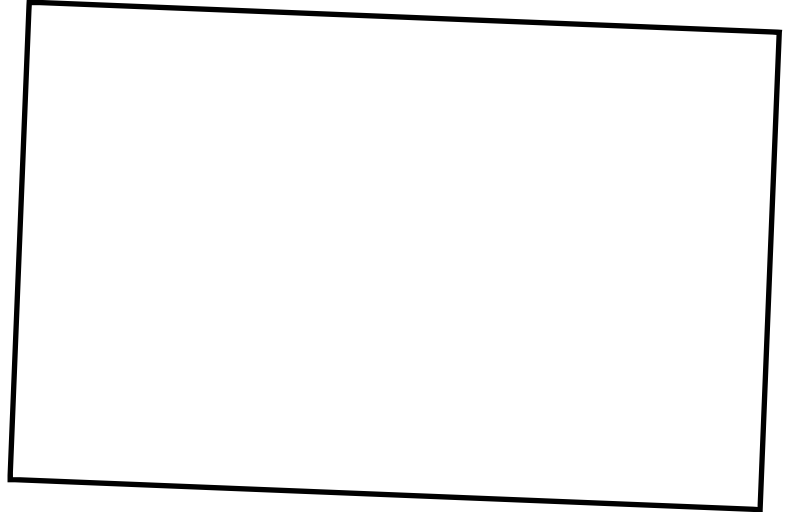
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Divine Worship

Saturday 4:45 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Adult Classes - 9:15 a.m.

Pastor: J.T. King