

St. Paul News April 14, 2019



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St. Paul Lutheran Church
Lititz, PA

Welcome Visitors: We are glad you're here and we pray you experience God's presence in worship today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor and assisting minister as you leave worship. They would like to present you with a "Visitor Bag" to help you learn more about the ministry at St. Paul. We also invite you to sign our Visitor Book. Blessings to you, and we hope you join us again!

Holy Week:

- **Holy Week** is upon us. Please see page 8 for worship details!
- **Bring a Flower!** On Easter morning we invite you to bring a cut flower from your garden and place it on the wooden cross in the narthex. This beautiful cross of flowers will serve as a reminder that God brings life out of death. After worship, feel free to use this as a backdrop for your Easter family photos.
- **Easter Music:** Plan to arrive early for Worship on Easter Sunday. The prelude music will begin at 7:45 and 10:30. Worship will conclude with the Hallelujah Chorus! All are welcome to join in the choir loft.

The Altar Flowers are offered to the Glory of God by Rosann Lowry in memory of Ray Lowry.

The Communion Bread is offered to the Glory of God by Aileen Nickel.

Welcome Class: Interested in becoming a member of St. Paul? We will be having a New Member's class in May. Please contact Pastor Rob (rev.rob@stpaulnitz.net) or the office (717-626-4709) if interested.

Nursery: children ages infant - 5 are welcome in the nursery! Church member volunteers with clearances will provide loving care to your kids while you worship! Please sign your children in & out of nursery.

No Nursery on Easter: The Nursery will NOT be staffed on Easter Sunday so that all can worship together. Children are always welcome in worship! However, the Nursery Room will be open for any parents who wish to use it with their children. Thank you for understanding.

Sermons Online: You can access Pastor Rob's sermons online via a "Quick Link" on the homepage of the St. Paul website.

Faith Formation

Sunday School: Here is where you can find your class:

<u>Sunday School Classes</u>	<u>Location</u>
Ages 3 – pre K	Lower Level Room 2
Grades K, 1 & 2	Lower Level Room 3
Grades 3 & 4	Lower Level Room 4
Grades 5 & 6	Lower Level Room 6
Grades 7 & 8 (Confirmation)	Social Hall Side Room
High School	Lower Level Room 5
Talk & Tots (Adults)	Nursery (ages 0-2 with adults)
Augsburg Class (Adults)	Media Room
Walk in Faith Class (Adults)	Meeting Room 110
Families in Faith Class (Adults)	Room 107

Key Cards:

In an effort to gain better control on access to our building here at St. Paul's, the Safety Committee has developed a keycard request form that **must be** completed by members that currently have a keycard to access the building or for any one that would like to request a card in the future. **Forms are located outside the office in a hanging mailbox and can be found on the St. Paul website.**

Please note the following important dates/deadlines as we implement this new process:

Apr. 30 2019: All current keycard holders must complete a request form and submit it to the church office by this date. After review, members will be notified as to whether their request has been approved or denied. If approved, members can continue to use their card as usual. If the request is denied, the key will be deactivated and it is requested that the key be returned to the Church office (the keys can be recycled and re-used).

May 1 2019: On this date, any keycards without a completed request form will be deactivated. ***If you have not submitted the new request form by this date, your key card will no longer work and you will not be able to get in to the church.***

For any members that have a keycard and are no longer using it, please return the keycard to the Church office. The keys can be re-used and this will save the Church money by avoiding the cost of purchasing new cards (which are expensive).

Children & Youth

Over 700! Our Sunday School raised \$737.20 for Milk Money through Heifer International! Those milk cartons were full, some to the brink of breaking, and our Cow Bank was such a hit! Our 2019 "Moola" Lenten Service Project is now complete. Thank you for your generosity :)



Easter Sunday School! Yes, we will share a special Sunday School for kids on Easter!!! All children are welcome in the Social Hall for an Easter movie, craft and snack with Deacon Emily (classroom teachers have the morning off). Parents, please join us with your small kids. 9:30-10:15am. Make it a fun, full morning of celebrating our Risen Lord!

6th Grade Faith Step-Stone is Sunday, May 5th. Our 6th Graders will receive a Catechism as a tool for entering Confirmation.

Holy Week Breakfast: The youth Breakfast Club will be getting together Monday-Wednesday of Holy Week to join in fellowship and devotions before they head off to school!

Youth Good Friday Hike: Join in on a hike and follow the Stations of the Cross!



Music



Hallelujah Chorus: Flash Mob Style!

Easter Sunday, April 21: 8:00 and 10:45 AM

Want to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" with brass ensemble and mighty pipe organ? All are welcome to join the choir in the loft after the final hymn at Easter Sunday worship. No music? No problem. Scores will be available in the loft.

Music for Everyone: Community Chorus of Lancaster

April 28, 2019: 3:00 PM

Invite your friends and family to this final concert in our Concert Series. *Music for Everyone* is a non-profit organization that provides experiences to support music education in Lancaster County. Under the direction of Jonathan Shoff, this multi-age, multi-cultural community of singers romps through music of the world!

Fellowship & Service

Good Friday Prayer Walk: at Lancaster County Prison led by Pastor Matt Lenahan. This is a walking event which begins at noon on the corner of E. King and Franklin Sts. Procession of the cross with prayers for those affected by the criminal justice system, a reading of the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John, and meditative songs. All are welcome.

WELCA Day of Renewal will be held at St. Bartholomew United in Hanover, PA on Saturday, May 11, 2019. The theme this year is "Showing Hospitality to Strangers". The speaker will be Reverend Angela Zimmann who serves as the Vice President of Advancement and Adjunct Professor of Homiletics at United Lutheran Seminary. Registration forms are available on the kiosk. Registration deadline is April 19.

The Warwick Community Chest Food Bank requests the following during the month of April: condensed cream of chicken, mushroom and tomato soups, instant mashed potatoes, applesauce and canned fruit (most needed: peaches, pears, mandarin oranges and fruit cocktail). Please place items in the chest in the narthex.

Stephen Ministry Sunday will be held at St Paul on Sunday 28 April. St Paul's Stephen Ministers will host the fellowship time following both services and provide information about Stephen Ministry & the new training class for the fall. Stephen Ministry is an international non-denominational lay Christian ministry. Stephen Ministers provide confidential one-on-one Christian care to a person experiencing a life difficulty. Stephen Ministry expands the care which congregations provide to members facing such difficult points in their lives. Stephen Ministry Sunday at St Paul is sponsored in part by an action team grant from Thrivent Financial.

Men's Bible Study and breakfast will take place on Saturday May 4 at St. Paul Penryn. Please note the new starting time which will be **8AM**. All men are invited to attend. Any questions please contact Jim Millhouse or Don Shaub.

Peter's Porch at Zion Lutheran in Akron

On the third Saturday of every month, Peter's Porch provides free breakfast, clothing, a bag of food including eggs, produce and meat, along with fellowship & conversation to those in need.

Many volunteers are needed to make this happen. How can you help?

- Bag Food – normally the second Wednesday of the month 6:00 to 7:00 PM
- Unload and store food from Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and CAP – normally the second Wednesday of the month 9:30 to 11:00 AM
- Sort/Fold Clothing – second and third Wednesday of the month 6:00 to 7:30 PM
- Peter's Porch 7:30 to 10:00 AM: The Third Saturday of the month.
 - Cooking – scrambled eggs and French toast
 - Serving – food to our guests
 - Clothing Rooms – hand plastic bags to the guests for clothing
 - Carry Bags – assist the guests to carry food and clothing to their cars

Signup sheets are on the kiosks in the Narthex or contact Barrie Schmid;

Schmidpond@gmail.com, 717-917-7879.

Worship Volunteers

We would love for you to join us in service. For more information about volunteering, contact the church office (717)-626-4709, office@stpaultitz.net.

Visit our online sign up at <https://ttsu.me/stpaulworship>

<u>April 14</u>	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Acolyte	Tami Ruckel	Jack Martin
AG Set Up	Nancy Weiss	-
AG Set/Clean Up	Barb Weaver	-
AG Clean Up		Melissa Wainman
Assist. Minister	Jane Brye	Wayne Gongaware
Comm. Asst.	Jim Millhouse/Tami Ruckel Need 1	Kath Ross Need 2
Greeters		
Lector	Tami Ruckel	Beth Hoffer
Lights/Sound	Robert Wiegand	Steve Shaub
Nursery		Katy Poje
Ushers	Doug Hookway Team 15	Bob Cochran Team
<u>April 21 Easter</u>	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Acolyte	Needed	Michael Zimmerman
AG Set Up	Debbie Herr	-
AG Set/Clean Up	John and Linda Bell	-
AG Clean Up	-	Stephanie Cramer
Assist. Minister	Tami Ruckel	Doug Minnich
Comm. Asst.	Need 3	Jim Millhouse, LeeAnne Wagaman, Don Masey
Greeters	Needed	Needed
Lector	Jim Roth	Doug Minnich
Lights/Sound	Steve Fink Family	Samantha and Elena Smith
Ushers	Nancy Weiss Team 21	Nestleroth Team 18

Attendance: Apr. 7: 103 (8:00), 200 (10:45)

Two Week Calendar at a Glance

April 14-20 Holy Week	April 21-27
PALM SUNDAY 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Contemporary Worship 7:00 Stephen Ministry	EASTER SUNDAY 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:30 Children's Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Worship
MON 6:30 Youth Breakfast 4:30 Children's Chimes 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Jubilate Bells 7:00 LWCC Mtg	MON OFFICE CLOSED
TUES 6:30 Youth Breakfast 10:00 Staff Mtg 6:00 CELC Training 7:00 Mission & Outreach	TUES 10:00 Staff Mtg 1:00 Life Story Writers 6:00 CELC Training 6:30 WELCA 7:00 Property Committee
WED 6:30 Youth Breakfast 11:00 Staff Devotion 7:00 Adult Choir 7:00 Devotion Rehearsal	WED 9:00 Blanket Makers
MAUNDY THURS 9:15 CELC Chapel 10:00 Pastor's Bible Study 11:00 Worship 6:00 Stewardship Mtg 6:30 Oula 7:00 Worship *Sanctuary Open for Prayer 8am – 8pm	THURS 9:15 CELC Chapel 6:00 Stewardship Mtg 6:30 Oula NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY
GOOD FRIDAY 7:00: Worship	SAT 10:00 LCO Women's Brunch

Holy Week at St. Paul, 2019

Palm Sunday (April 14, 8 and 10:45am) celebrates Jesus entry into Jerusalem. We will have a procession of Palm branches and shout, "Hosanna," just like the people in Jerusalem did 2,000 years ago to welcome Jesus as their King.

- We will not read the passion narrative, but have a sermon on Jesus entry into Jerusalem.
- At both services we will have a longer procession that begins outside. The 8am procession will start where by the driveway exit on Orange St. The 10:45am procession will start at the corner of Orange St and Walnut St.

Maundy Thursday (April 18, 11am; 7pm) recalls the Last Supper, betrayal and arrest of Jesus.

- Instead of a sermon, we will have stations set up that will allow us to focus on the many layers of Holy Communion.
- We remember his betrayal and strip the altar, visually reminding us of Christ's suffering.
- The sanctuary will be open all day (8am-8pm) for prayer and meditation.

Good Friday commemorates the trial, suffering and death of Jesus on the cross.

- The community service is at the Brethren Church (April 19, 12:15pm).
- Pastor Matt Lenahan will be hosting a Stations of the Cross at Lancaster prison (12pm).
- We conclude the day with a Tenebrae service (7pm). During a Tenebrae service, the sanctuary grows darker as we continue with the readings.

Easter Morning celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. Death has lost its sting!

- On Easter (April 21), we will have two services, at 8 AM and 10:45M.
- Instead of Sunday School classes for children that morning we will have a joint Sunday School session in the Social Hall led by Deacon Emily.
- St. Paul does not host an Easter Vigil, but Zion Lutheran, Manheim is offering one. Pr. Matt Lenahan is hosting dinner church and Easter vigil at the Wittle Farm (start is 5 PM).

~May Christ dwell richly in your hearts these days.