

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maryville, TN

THE GOOD NEWS

April 2019 Edition



JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK WITH US.

April 14th Palm Sunday
April 18th Maundy Thursday
April 19th Good Friday
April 21st EASTER!

JOIN US DURING HOLY WEEK
AND THEN CELEBRATE CHRIST'S
RESURRECTION ON EASTER.
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Worship Times

Sunday Morning
8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School
9:15am

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PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

A Message from Pastor Rick: We are still in the middle of the season of Lent.

As I have mentioned in worship, Easter is on one of the latest days possible this year (April 25 is the latest date, but we won't see that until 2038). Personally, this late date throws off my rhythm as I think about the flow of the year. I always like the pairing of Easter with the beginning of spring.

I kind of like this tension of the somberness of Lent up against the blooming and warming of this time of year. It reminds me of how the church is in the world but not of the world. In other words, the world does not tell me how to be a Christian. Instead, being a Christian shapes how I am called to live in this world.

This is a hard concept to grasp, especially in the partisan emotional political world in which we live. It is hard, sometimes, to preach about justice for all people (as talked about in the Bible) without having some folks think that a political statement is being made. At my last congregation, there were a couple of touchy folks who took issue whenever they thought the prayers were "too environmentally friendly". They forgot that we are called to care for all of creation, not just the needs and wants of people.

Following Jesus on the way of the cross means that we practice self-sacrificing love for the sake of all that God has made. It means making hard decisions as to how we live as individual and as a church which can bring love, hope, and healing to the world. Sometimes we really have to wrestle with the outside world and even our own thoughts when we seek out what God is asking us to do.

Lent is a good time to struggle with what needs to be left at the cross in our world. We have made tremendous progress in issues concerning racism, sexism, inclusivity of all, hunger, poverty, and in many other areas where the Gospel calls us to act. Unfortunately, these and many other ugly problems continue to confront us. Especially during this season, what do we need to crucify and let die so that the world can know God's love? Part of the answer to that question may be personal, and some of it communal.

Whatever the case, our first priority as God's beloved children is to be Christ's loving presence here and now.

Peace,

Pastor Rick



The St. Paul Church Council will meet monthly on the third Monday ~ 7:30pm

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PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL



A Message From the Council President

On behalf of the Church Council, I want to thank all of you who prepared the exhibits and/or attended the Ministry Team Fair March 3rd.

We especially want to thank all members who turned in Time and Talent Sheets that night or since. For every position you checked, your name has been put on a list for the appropriate Ministry Team. Those lists were handed out March 18 to the team leaders. All members who signed should be contacted by April 15th. If you haven't turned in your Time & Talent form, there is still time to do so. Please turn it in to the church office.

As I mentioned last month, one of the Council's goals for 2019 is to seek ways to increase interaction with each other and with our guests. One way is to encourage all members to wear a name tag every Sunday. If we all

wear a name tag, the embarrassment of not remembering someone's name is prevented. Also visitors can see our name easily if they missed it in the initial introduction. Last Sunday, I noticed that a first time visitor was looking at my name tag when we first met in the hallway. He addressed me by my first name before he said his name to me and again after church when talking at a table in Richardson Hall.

New magnetic name tags are on order and hopefully will be available by Palm Sunday.

Please plan to participate in our Annual Clean Up day April 13th from 9 A.M. - 12 P.M.

This is an opportunity to serve by helping with some once-a-year cleaning tasks and an opportunity to get to know members you may not see often or have not yet met.

Yours in Christ –Herb Perry

WORSHIP

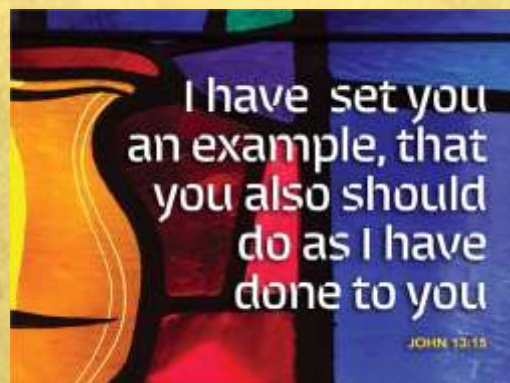
Elizabeth Anger - Coordinator



Palm Sunday April 14th ~ 8:00am & 10:30am

Oftentimes, to grasp the fullness of something significant, we have to look at both sides. So it is that to approach the meaning of Christ, we have to say two things: Jesus and Christ; human and divine; death and resurrection; bread and body. This Sunday celebrates these two sides: we begin by praising Christ with the song of the angels, and we go on to shout “Crucify him!” Come to join us as we fit both truths into one service.

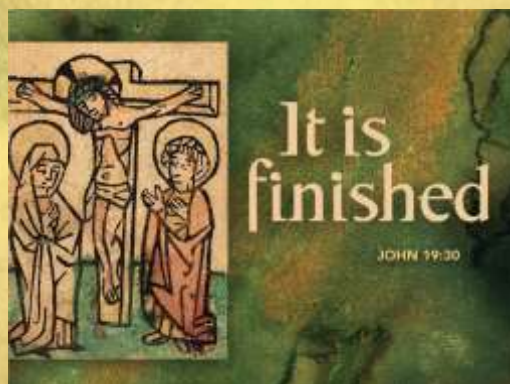
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Maundy Thursday Service April 18th ~ 7:00pm

This Thursday is called “Maundy,” which means “command,” from the verse in John’s gospel in which Jesus commands us to love another as he loved us. We hear about the Passover lamb, Jesus’ last meal with his disciples before his death, and Jesus washing his disciples’ feet. You are invited to have your feet washed and then to wash the feet of another worshiper. You hold the heel, you pour the water, you wipe it dry. Finally we strip the chancel bare, to ready ourselves for Good Friday.

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Good Friday Service April 19th ~ 7:00pm

Why do we call this day Good? In John’s telling of Jesus’ passion, Jesus is “I am,” the God who reigns from the cross, the king who discusses theology with Pilate. Today you may want to read and look for the differences between John’s passion and Luke’s passion. At this service we pray for everyone we can think of, and we confess that it is our sin that crucified Christ. If it is helpful for you, you can come forward to reverence the cross as part of your prayer.

<https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2019-4-17/0#resources>

WORSHIP

Elizabeth Anger - Coordinator



HAPPY EASTER!

Please join us for Worship

Sunday, April 21, 2019
8:00am & 10:30am

Fresh Cut Flowers Needed

To decorate our cross On Easter Morning
Sunday, April 21st



You may drop off flowers anytime Saturday, through Sunday morning before 9:30am. A bucket with water will be sitting next to the bench out front.

Children's Easter Celebration
Easter Sunday Morning
9:30 am

Meet at the cross

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 21st
 9:00am

Hosted By:
 Men in Mission & WELCA

A freewill offering will go towards new chairs for the Fellowship Hall

PARISH LIFE

Barb Miller - Coordinator

Seasons of the Spirit was the theme for this year's *Wild Women Of Faith* at the Lutheridge Retreat Center in Arden NC. The weekend of March 15th, nineteen women from our congregation attended. Women from St Paul have attended Wild Women retreats from the very first in 1998. These retreats are designed for women to come together to share in: faith, stories, laughter, fellowship and to spend time with Jesus set apart from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

Registration for next year's Wild Women's Weekend is open. To receive the 2019 price of \$223 your registration information **MUST** be submitted by **March 30, 2019** to Marsha Bryant, 865-742-6795; otherwise, you can wait until closer to August to turn in your registration information. Payment will not be due until August 25, 2019. St Paul Women have chosen to attend the March 13 - 15, 2020 weekend. Marsha Bryant will be coordinating all information and payments for SPLC. Please contact her if you are interested in attending.

Can't attend the March 13th weekend? There are four other dates to choose from. Visit the Lutheridge website for more information. <https://www.lutheridge.org/non-summer-adults-family>



SPAM

Adults 55+

April Program: Lunch at Trailhead Steak and Trout House followed by Appalachian Music Program with Libby Weitnauer
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

Time and Place:

Lunch - 12:00 Noon at Trailhead Steak and Trout House (7839 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Townsend, TN).

Program - 2:00 PM at the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center (123 Cromwell Drive, Townsend, TN).

Meal: Order from the menu at Trailhead Steak and Trout House.

Cost: Each person will be responsible for the cost of their own meal. The program is FREE to members of the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center, and \$5.00 for non-members, payable at the venue.

There is a sign up sheet is on the SPAM bulletin board. Contact Tim or Leslie Walker if you need transportation.

WELCA's Sewing Project

Wed April 3rd at 2p.m.

Days For Girls continues to meet the first Wednesday of the month. We need people with sewing machines to work on shields and bags. There is also plenty for non-sewers to do. Bring your scissors! Our dedicated group of sewers can use more help to meet our goal of finishing 75 kits by this summer to send to Haiti.



Three important events in April

1. **April 6th ~ 10:00am-3:00pm**
WELCA Cluster Meeting ~ *Embrace Grace*
At Messiah Lutheran Please check the WELCA board for the registration sheet, cost is \$10 a person. We'd like to get as many people as possible, carpooling will be available.

2. **April 11th ~ WELCA Fundraiser Dinner** for the Blount County Historical Society. We will need help that day setting up for the banquet, and some light cooking such as chopping up salad. We will also need people to help serve during the banquet.

But the most important thing that we definitely do need is your wonderful desserts. People love and talk about the great deserts the ladies of Saint Paul make. So please help; you can bring them Wednesday afternoon, April 10th or Thursday morning, April 11th.



3. **April 21st ~ Easter Breakfast**, decorating and serving coffee and generally helping out a little here and there. Please let us know if you wish to help.

Also save the date, May 11th for a beach party right in Richardson Hall at 2 o'clock in the afternoon details to follow

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION **Thursday, April 4th ~ 7:00pm ~ Pastor Rick will be leading the program**
Thursday, May 2nd ~ Special viewing of the classic "Rinse the Blood Off My Toga" as presented by the "St Paul - Not so Ready for Prime Time Players". The entire congregation is welcome to attend.

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

Note: If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement for that Sunday.

Duties	April 7		April 14		April 21		April 28	
	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Assistant Minister	Toni McSorley	Marsha Wynn	Joel Searfoss	Susan Ward	Carolyn Speck	Merl Krull	Charlie Malin	Charlie Malin
Communion Assistants	Carolyn Speck Steve Zrioka	Kris Zimmer	Marianne Searfoss Loda Wylie	John Walker	Toni McSorley Joel Searfoss	Susan Ward	Jackie Kreider Betty Ludwig	Sheri Martin
Lector	Chris Ems	Kris Zimmer	Marianne Searfoss	Susan Ward	Joel Searfoss	Bob Ullom	Toni McSorley	Beth Drane
Ushers	Mo Bruceknner Alice Andrews	Herb Perry Bob Ullom Linda Ullom	Betty and Will Ludwig Greg Caldwell	Tom Sims Rene Zimmer Robert Bryant	Jackie and Ed Kreider Greg Wyatt	Perry McClellan Denny Mansmith James McMillion	Bertha Franks Dorothy Dishman	Tom Sims Roy Johnson Rene Zimmer
Altar Guild	Linda Zrioka	Kris Zimmer	Jackie Kreider	Karin Bell	Betty Ludwig	Janice Hoover	Bertha Franks	Alyssa Rundle
Acolyte/ Crucifer		Hannah Hatmaker		Darian Lindquist		Kajler McMillion		Hannah Rundle
Nursery		Kara Birdwell Alyssa Rundle		Jacqueline Conzenius Drew Ohsiek		Philip Tyler Eric Walker		Carol Perry Noah Ohsiek
Greeters	Mo Bruceknner	Rick Anger	Heinz and Shirley Lips	Herb and Carol Perry	Gloria Leonard	Patricia Harmon	Dorothy Dishman	Janice Hoover
Sound Room	Will Ludwig	Ben Ward	Paul Rogers	Tom Sims	Greg Caldwell	Bob Block	Joel Searfoss	Drew Ohsiek
Tellers		Dee Dee Walker Kris Zimmer		Jan Hanes Will Ludwig		Carolyn Speck John Beck		John Walker Roy Johnson
Torch Bearers				Jan Hanes Steve Zrioka		Beth Drane Elaine Fisher		

FELLOWSHIP

Dorian Caldwell - Coordinator

10:30 Service Fellowship Teams



Each team is responsible for providing cookies or donuts, setting up and cleaning up the Fellowship time after the 10:30 service.

Contact Jacqueline Conzemius for more information.

- April 7** Merl & Judy Krull,
Elizabeth & Rick Anger
- April 14** Denice & Kara Birdwell,
Elizabeth Runkle
- April 21** **EASTER BREAKFAST**
Between services
- April 28** Herb & Carol Perry,
David & Ruth Silseth

Join us for the



APRIL Birthdays & Anniversaries



- April 1** Beck Spaulding
- April 2** Liz Glandon
- April 3** Destiny Lindquist
- April 3** Nathan Dubs
- April 4** Dorine Keeble
- April 5** Jackie Wear
- April 5** Sylvia Johnson
- April 6** Carson Ward
- April 6** René Zimmer
- April 7** Tami Wyatt
- April 12** Clayton Joyal

- April 13** Derrick Keeble
- April 15** Deb Johnson
- April 15** Scott Lindquist
- April 16** Jim Foster
- April 17** Ben Ward
- April 18** Kajler McMillion
- April 21** Mo Brueckner
- April 22** Veronica Brandau
- April 25** Karin Bell
- April 27** Greg Wyatt
- April 27** Lucas Joyal
- April 30** Floyd Johnson



- April 4** Jan & Erica Hanes
- April 18** Greg & Dorian Caldwell

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With the World*

Dates of Interest

Check Calendar for times and places

OFFICE CLOSED ~ MONDAY, APRIL 22nd

Council:

Monday, April 15th ~ Ministry Team Night/Council Meeting

Fellowship:

Wednesday, April 3rd & 10th ~ Lenten Soup Suppers

Sunday, April 21st ~ EASTER BREAKFAST

Parish Life:

Wednesday's ~ Women's Bible Study

Thursday, April 4th ~ Men In Mission

Thursday, April 11th & 25th ~ Creative Hands

Worship:

Wednesday, April 3rd & 10th ~ Mid-week Lenten Services

Sunday, April 14th ~ Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 18th ~ Maundy Thursday Service ~ 7:00pm

Sunday, April 19th ~ Good Friday Service ~ 7:00pm

Sunday, April 21st ~ Easter Sunday

Happy Easter