

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL NEWSLETTER

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Mission Statement

Living together in God's grace, we worship, learn, and reach out as a caring community to rejoice in, and share the love of Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED EACH SUNDAY

9:30 WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 HOSPITALITY

10:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery available for children preschool age and younger

APRIL 1

EASTER SUNDAY

Worship 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. (Between services)

APRIL 8

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mission Sunday/ Waterfront Rescue Mission presentation

APRIL 15

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 29

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Worship 8:30 a.m. at church

Annual Church Picnic and Worship 11:00 a.m.

(Blue Angel Naval Recreation Area)

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APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER SUNDAY Choir rehearsal before service 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Worship	2	3 9:15 a.m. Quilters	4 6:00 p.m. Handbell practice 6:00 pm. Social Ministry Meeting 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	5 Monthly Committee Financial Activity due to Treasurer	6 PASTOR'S DAY OFF OFFICE CLOSED	7
8 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER MISSION SUNDAY 8:15 a.m. Christian Ed. mtg. 8:30a.m. Choir rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality Preschool Book Fair begins 10:45 a.m. Sunday School	9	10 9:15 a.m. Quilters 11:00 a.m. Faith Circle at Brenda Ekstrom's home	11 6:00 p.m. Handbell practice 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	12 Noon Council Reports due 6:00 p.m. Eve Circle at church	13 PASTOR'S DAY OFF OFFICE CLOSED	14
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15 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30a.m. Choir rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality Preschool Book Fair ends 10:45 a.m. Sunday School	16	17 9:15 a.m. Quilters 6:15 p.m. Executive Committee meeting 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Council meeting	18 6:00 p.m. Handbell practice 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Newsletter articles due	19 11:30 a.m. SPOT at the Oar House	20 PASTOR'S DAY OFF OFFICE CLOSED	21
22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30a.m. Choir rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Finance meeting	23	24 9:15 a.m. Quilters 6:00 p.m. Mutual Ministry meeting	25 6:00 p.m. Handbell practice 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	26 11:30 a.m. Ladies Lunch Bunch	27 PASTOR'S DAY OFF OFFICE CLOSED	28
29 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30 a.m. Worship at church 11:00 a.m. Annual Church picnic and Worship at Blue Angel Naval Recreation Area	30					



April 2018



*He is not here: for he is risen, as he said.
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
Matthew 28:6*

“Hallelujah, Christ is Risen” and the congregation replies back, “He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!”

This is an ancient Easter greeting that captures the heart of the message for the day as we celebrate the truth of God’s Word. The journey of self-reflection, the mood of repentance, and the discipline of lent are over.

On the day of this announcement, we come to the Jubilee, glorified by and living in the Resurrection of our Lord. For the church and her believers it is a day of freedom. The great festivals of Christmas, Easter, and soon Pentecost will add to our vision of God’s church today, tomorrow, and forever. We look toward the Star of David and we hear the announcement of God with Us as we begin a life in Christ. Now in the Holy event that rocked the world, we look to the Cross and witness salvation and repentance of in our life. Now, we look at the empty tomb and **SCREAM** with voices that raise the rafters in the church and being heard in heaven, **“He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!”**

We tremble with joy and thanksgiving as God pulls us from the shadow of sin; into the light of his world. We are refreshed in the Spirit and begin fresh lives rooted in Christian values. We commit our hearts from the journey to the glory of God and his purpose. We fill our hearts with the blessings of faith, love, and hope as the Easter power in our heart reminds us we belong to God. His Word of truth and his Spirit lead the true believer with the fullness of faith; as they witness an unfailing love and the destruction of evil.

I pray that you’ve taken to heart the journey of Lent. Because the journey was all about you and the challenge you face every day as a follower of Jesus. We have examined our reflection in the mirror and found an imperfect person looking back. We have examined with contrition, the heart, what we had become and have become, new again in Christ. The cross produces faith and love and hope in us and makes our penitence possible. We are set free on this day of celebration because the cross is empty and the tomb is empty. The manifestation of Easter’s joy can be found in the love and acceptance of Jesus as your Savior now and forever. Come celebrate your life in Christ and be blessed with a pure heart, for they shall see God.

“Hallelujah. Christ is Risen!”

Blessed are you...
Pastor Frank



2018 St. Paul Lutheran Church Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday March 25th 9:30 AM “Peacemakers, Part I & II”
First Holy Communion celebrated

Maundy Thursday
Thursday March 29th 6:00 PM “Peacemakers, Part III & IV”

Good Friday Service
Friday March 30th 6:00 PM “Peacemakers, Part V”
“Service of Darkness”

“Resurrection of Our Lord”
Sunday **Easter Morning Services**
8:30 AM “The Easter Blessing”
11:00 AM “The Easter Blessing”

KID’S EASTER BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT

When: Saturday, March 31, 9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall – (Egg Hunt will be outdoors)

*Children should bring a basket, bag, or container to collect their eggs

What: Breakfast, Craft, Bunny Hop, Egg Hunt, and more.....

EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 1 from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (Between services)

Please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend. Also, please indicate the dish you plan to bring so that the Hospitality committee may plan accordingly.



EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

EASTER SUNDAY	8:30 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Brian Pascoe	Deacon Glenn Schaeffer
LECTOR(S)	Brad Fludgate	TBA
BEARERS	Regina & Eddie Gibbons	Dan & Dawn Zeigler
USHERS	Harland & Betty Bross Dan & Dawn Zeigler	John & Brenda Ekstrom Norm & Linda Beal
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
ACOLYTES	Alyssa Pascoe	Nicholas & Valeria Slotter
GREETERS AT THE PORTICO	Wanda Gore Judie Cox	Slotter family

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Betty Bross	Alyssa Pascoe	Pete Morgan	8:30 Worship at church 11:00 Church Picnic and Worship at Blue Angel Naval Recreation Area
LECTOR(S)	Art Kimmel	Hannelore Miller	Benjamin Archer	
BEARERS	Carleen Bragan Heather Tyms	Tina Nielsen Audrey Tinsley	Bob & Debbie Flanagan	
USHERS	Tom & Toni Daly Pat & Jeanne Clark	Norm & Linda Beal Regina & Eddie Gibbons	Troy & Heidi Long Eric & Shelly Johnson	
ALTAR GUILD	TBA	TBA	TBA	
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Ann Housh Donna Funck	Brian Pascoe Wanda Gore	Rachel Geisler Suzanne Morgan	
ACOLYTES	Sidney Forst Emilie Funck	Jonah Barnes Devin Barnes	Quinnlan Corey Sidney Forst	
GREETERS AT THE PORTICO	Khoryati family	Don & Lisa Boose	Cummings family	



MEMBER CARE

COOK DAY

When: March 29, Maundy Thursday, 9 a.m. - Noon

What: We will be making turkey and chicken pot pies and soup for our casserole ministry.

Where: Church Kitchen

-Items needed are listed on a sign up board outside fellowship hall.

-Monetary donations are also welcome.

1 1/2 Quart EZ Ovenware (for use in oven & microwave)

1 1/2 Quart plastic container for soup

Frozen peas and carrots

Russet potatoes 5 pound bag

Celery

Turkey Gravy

Chicken gravy

Turkey or chicken broth

Butter

Refrigerated pie crusts (2 per pkg.)

Egg noodles

Onions bag

Baby carrots

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Chili Cook Off donations:

White eraser boards, markers, notebook paper, etc...have been purchases for CA Wiess Elementary School, and feminine hygiene products, soap, detergent, etc ...for the Women of Clear Vision, with the donations from the chili cook off.

Waterfront Rescue Mission presentation:

On April 8th, 2018 the President of the Waterfront Rescue Mission, Paul Stadden, will come and speak at the Worship Service. He will do a quick power point presentation concerning the needs of the organization, and volunteer opportunities not only for the adults, but also for the youth to earn their community service hours.

Mission Sunday:

April 8th, 2018 is also Mission Sunday, so don't forget to bring the food donations to contribute to the Manna Food Bank.



SPOT

SPOT will meet at The Oar House restaurant in Pensacola for lunch on Thursday, April 19th at 11:30am. Please plan to join us as we enjoy lunch with a view of the marina.

Keep a lookout for information about the upcoming May meeting, where our own Vanessa Pascoe will address the group regarding tax planning. For those of you who may not know, Vanessa is an expert on the subject and has agreed to impart her wisdom!

SPOT is made up of members who are aged 50 or better, we meet each month to enjoy each other's company. If you measure up and would like to join the fun, we welcome you! Please see Dan or Dawn Zeigler for information.

LIBRARY

St. Paul's library has recently received several new DVD's for both adults and children that are available to borrow. Titles such as God is Not Dead and both New and Old Testaments in the Great Courses series are here.

For children, we have Veggie Tales, Davey & Goliath and The Story Keepers series.

The library is open and staffed each Sunday after service, so stop by and check out a book, DVD or CD.

FLOWER GUILD



The Flower Guild will meet on Saturday, May 12 at 9:30 a.m. to prepare carnations for Mother's Day.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

Did you know the ladies from St Paul gather for lunch every month? We meet on the 4th Thursday at 11:30 a.m. We always have a wonderful time chatting, laughing and getting to know each other better, so join us. If you would like to come, please sign the sign-up sheet on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board each month or call/text Alice Fludgate at [850-860-0368](tel:850-860-0368) so I can reserve the right size table. All ladies and their girlfriends are welcome!



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Join the fun! Enroll for fall now!

It has been a busy month at preschool!
We hope that you enjoy the photos!

The annual Scholastic Book Fair will begin on Sunday, April 8th and run through Sunday April 15th!



Dr. Seuss's birthday was celebrated school wide! Skip Housh and Theresa McDonald were our visiting readers, helping to make the day extra special!

100 days of school for the VPK classes was highly anticipated! Building with 100 solo cups was exciting, but the real fun comes when they knock it over!



We love to paint our feet and hands! When is the last time someone painted your feet green?

Learning the Nursery Rhyme...
....

“The Cat and the Fiddle”



Western Day Fun!

We were all smiles!



PRESCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

1. Rev. Franklin J. Gore
2. Allison Forst and Stacey Anderson (Director's)
3. Donna Funck
4. Alice Fludgate – (SPLP Board Chair)
5. Brad Fludgate – (SPLP Treasurer)
6. Pat Brune
7. Christine Zube
8. Toni Daly
9. Rachel Geisler

CHURCH PICNIC

WHEN: April 29 (Come as early as you want!)
Worship Service @ 11 am

*For those who are unable to attend the picnic there will be
a service at St. Paul's at 8:30 a.m.
Holy Communion will be offered at both services.*

WHERE: Blue Angel Naval Recreation Area
2100 Bronson Rd.
(Just off Route 98/Lillian Hwy, near AL state line)

WHO: St. Paul Lutheran Worshipping Faith Community
(YOU & anyone else who wants to tag along!)

WHAT: A Great "Old-Fashioned" Church Picnic
Fun games and races, more food than you can eat,
Worship on the beach and fellowship....
LOTS OF FELLOWSHIP!

Stay the whole day!

Sandy beach & great view!

- As in the past, the Hospitality Committee will provide the entree', beverages, cups, plates, napkins, eating and serving utensils. Those attending are asked to bring a potluck dish to share.



Directions to Picnic Site

Turn left from church parking lot onto 9th Ave.; Turn right onto Fairfield Dr; Continue on Fairfield Dr. approx 9 mi; Turn right onto Hwy 98; Continue on Hwy 98 for approx. 6 miles, crossing the Heron Creek Bridge (at this point Hwy 98 & Lillian Hwy are the same road); Turn left onto Bronson Rd (large Blue Angel Recreation Park sign) and follow this road to guard shack. (If you have ever gone to Foley, AL on Hwy 98, you know the way!)

NOTE: Lillian Hwy can be difficult for those not familiar with this side of town. **DO NOT** turn right at the intersection of Fairfield & Lillian (CVS store is at that corner). Instead continue straight on Fairfield to Hwy 98 like above directions.



Things to Remember...

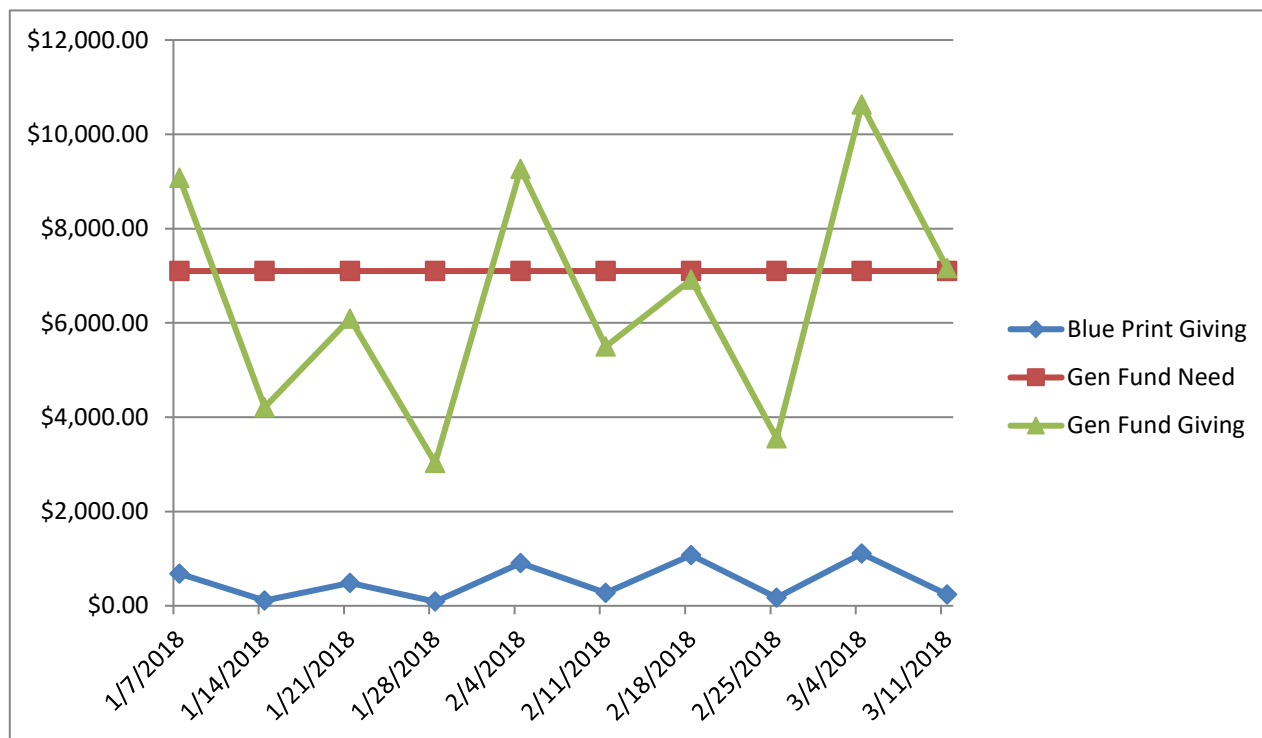
- When you come to the picnic site, look for the turn off to Bronson Road from Lillian Highway. (If you have driven to Foley AL on Hwy 98, you have driven past the entrance road to the park.)
- As you enter the Federal area, you will have to stop at the guard shack telling the guard that you are attending a worship/picnic at Pavilion 3. Your entrance fee has already been paid.
- Continue along the road until you see the large sign near the water's edge. Take a left to head to the pavilion.
- Look for the road to the left side at the end of the old tarmac. This is the road to the pavilion.
- The worship service will be at 11AM with the picnic to follow. The pavilion we have reserved is large and right by the water with those gorgeous views. There are plenty of picnic tables there for seating. If you would like to sit on the beach, you may want to bring your fold up chairs.
- As in the past, the Fellowship Committee will provide the entree', beverages, cups, plates, napkins, eating and serving utensils. Those attending are asked to bring a potluck dish to share.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY May 20

An informational class for those wishing to join is scheduled for the first weekend in May. Time and exact date will be announced in the bulletins and weekly web blast once determined. If you are considering joining the church or know someone who is interested, please contact the church office at 850-438-5229 so that the New Member paperwork may be filled out prior to the class.



FINANCE



Blue Print Debt Reduction: Needed /Week = \$1,200.00

Blue Print Debt Reduction: Average/Week = \$514.54

10 week total= \$5145.38

General Fund Needed/Week = \$7100.00

General Fund Average/Week = \$6544.26

10 week total= \$65,442.26

There will be a finance meeting April 22nd after worship in the sanctuary for any and all who would like to attend.

In the council meeting in March, Pastor spoke about the reason we gather as a people of God. He quoted from Mark Powell's book, "Loving Jesus"

"The mission of the church is to love Jesus Christ, everything else is just strategy. If the church is "the bride of Christ," then the mission of the church first and foremost is to love the bridegroom. How we do that is an important question."

Pastor talked about the mission of St. Paul and being a place of welcome to "all" people. Being a voice in the community and applying ourselves to the prime directive of loving God first. If we are to love God first and love the neighbor as yourself (Mark 12:28-31), some of our members will need to change their model of loving God.

"One thing this means is that the worship life of the church is an essential part of its mission. We love our Bridegroom most purely and obviously when we worship, and whatever else we do should flow out of that worship as an extension of it. We exist as a church to worship God and to love Jesus, and one way that we worship God and love Jesus is by living the way that God wants us to live and doing the kinds of things that Jesus would have us do." Pg. 179

(Mission – service to the world)

Finance Team



HOSPITALITY

HAPPY SPRING!!!

March blew in and out like a breeze and here we are in April.

Thank you to all who served as host in March, we appreciate each of you. Also those who helped set up and take down tables each Sunday, thank you!

Hospitality will be meeting sometime this month, date to be determined, please feel free to join us. At the last meeting, we had a nice surprise when Pastor Gore came in to say hi and sang us a song, Jesus Loves You. What a treat! Each day we are reminded that Jesus does love us, the question we must ask ourselves is, how much do we love him? When you volunteer, give, or assist in anyway is showing love for Jesus and his church! Please search your hearts to see where you can show love for St. Paul, (God's Church).

Hope everyone is looking forward to the annual picnic, April 29, 2018 at Blue Angel Recreation Park. Please bring a dish to share, fun to be had by all.

As always, it is a JOY and HONOR to serve in GOD'S House!

Brenda

