

**SEASONS  
APRIL 2019**

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**Easter**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 am  
SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10:30 am**

**FROM PASTOR ANN MARIE PERKINS:** “*You Will Recognize them by their Fruits.*” (Matthew 7:20)

Trees cannot fool you; you can tell a tree by its fruit. Apple trees don’t bear pears. Lemon trees don’t bear cherries. You can tell the nature and quality of a tree by the fruit it produces. So it is with Jesus, who was seen by many as a threat to the religious establishment, an imposter who claimed to be the Son of God. Yet Jesus was the real deal. The fruit of Jesus, the Savior and Messiah, was amazing acts of love – his passion, his death, his rising.

We can trust what he taught because he did what he promised he would do – he rose from the dead, never to die again. No one has ever done that before or since. That makes him not just another great teacher, but the Son of God. As he said, all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” (Matthew 28:18). He has the last word on life because he has the last word on death.

**Risen Lord of Life, continue to teach us how to live as your disciples. AMEN.**

(Excerpts from Dean Nadasdy – “Sermon on the Mount”.)

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:**

April 14 – Palm Sunday 10:30 am Worship

April 18 – Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm Chicken Dinner, 7:15 pm Worship

April 19 – Good Friday 8:00 pm Worship

April 20 – Easter Vigil 8:00 pm Worship

April 21 – Easter Sunday 10:30 am Worship

**PREPARING FOR THE THREE DAYS:** The experience of worship on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil is, in many ways, a tunnel we ride through together. It is a shared experience of Jesus’ loving final acts, his death, and his resurrection. The services are designed to be one liturgy, best experienced together, coming back night after night. It’s an unusual pattern for us. “See you tomorrow night!” always feels a bit weird and wonderful. When else would we set aside this kind of time for each other as the body of Christ, for worship, for prayer, for singing, and for hearing the story of God? Let’s ride through Holy Week together. The tunnel is as long as it is. In the midst of these days and these worship times, we can experience the prolepsis – the anticipatory there-and-not-yet-ness – of Christian life in especially profound ways. (From Sundays and Seasons)

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** The readings for this day invite us into a deeper appreciation for the way God uses ordinary things – wine, bread, and water – to do extraordinary things: be fully present in our midst, offer salvific healing and wholeness to the world, love us freely and free us to love others. Eating together on this night can help people make the connection that the food we receive at holy communion is also a meal – the Eucharist, a love feast.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY CHICKEN DINNER – APRIL 18:**

This year we are having our traditional Chicken Dinner on **Maundy Thursday, April 18, in support of our youth**, who will set up, serve you, and clean up. Of course we have Chef Tom Skoczylas and sous-chef Peggy Skoczylas and a team of catechism parents and other kitchen aids who will prepare our delicious meal of chicken breast, green beans, potatoes, salad, cake, and punch/coffee. Tickets are available after services; adults are \$10.00 and children under 12 are \$5.00. **The Maundy Thursday worship service will begin at 7:15 pm** to give a little extra time for eating and cleaning up before worship begins. A big thank you (in advance) goes out to everyone involved in this effort which supports mission work by our youth! This is also a Thrivent Financial action team project.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Tenebrae is a Latin word for “darkness” or “shadows”. It has for centuries been applied to the ancient monastic night and early morning offices (Matins and Lauds) of the last three days of Holy Week. (Tenebrae is the beginning word of the fifth Responsory sung during the Holy Hour.) The distinctive feature of Tenebrae is the gradual extinction of all the lights in the church except one candle, which is removed at the end of the Benedictus and hidden, but brought back to its place at the end of the Office. The ceremony is symbolic of the apparent victory of the powers of darkness over our Lord in his Passion, but actually of their failure to overwhelm him who is in truth the Light of the world. This last light is returned to the Sanctuary; we are left in darkness save for that one Light of Hope, the Light of Christ who rises again to live and reign for all eternity. The congregation leaves the church in silent darkness, remembering however, the Light which lingers and casts hope through the gloom of Good Friday. **We worship at 8:00 pm.**

**THE EASTER VIGIL:** The Vigil of Easter is the oldest celebration in the church year, and was the original way the early Church celebrated the Resurrection in an annual observance. It is, thus, often referred to as the “queen of feasts”. The current structure of the Vigil dates back to the second century. The Vigil is filled with primordial symbols – light and darkness, fire and water, bread and wine – and with dramatic transitions – from darkness to light, from death to new life, from bondage to liberation, from fasting to great Eucharist feasting. Throughout, Christ’s passage from death to resurrection is celebrated as a new moment in salvation history, a moment in which Christians are active participants through Baptism and Word and Eucharist. **We worship at 8:00 pm.**

**CELEBRATE GRAND-FAMILIES:** "Celebrate Grand-families" is a support group for grandparents raising their grandchildren. St. Paul is reaching out to support these families with Christian compassion and a place to meet and discuss their needs. *We now have 17 families who participate*, and more are welcome, if you know of anyone who would fit in. While the women meet, we will have crafts, games, bible stories, snacks, help with homework, tutoring, and a fun social time for children. Church members are needed to help with the children. Sessions in April will be on **Saturdays, April 13 and 27**, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Please contact Brenda Ceplecci or Pastor Perkins to help.

**YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE:** Since the beginning of the year, St. Paul’s Council has been in the process of developing our Youth Ministry. We have posted and circulated a job description for a Director of Youth. The Growing Young Team has interviewed a candidate who is known to us – Stacey Altieri, a member of Living Lord Lutheran Church. We are recommending to Council on April 8 that Stacey be hired as a part-time Director of Youth (10 hours weekly). Her initial duties would be to create a communication network with the 29 families having children and youth 1 to 18 years old. She will create a Facebook page for “St. Paul Youth Connection” to keep families informed about activities and events. As we create the infrastructure to support Stacey’s work, we plan to hold a “Celebrate Vision” event (tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 29, at 6:00 pm) when we will meet and greet Stacey, and participate in a visioning activity for all parents, grandparents, and youth of St. Paul. What are your hopes and dreams for your children? Grandchildren? Teens? Possibilities that come to mind include: Sunday school, bible study, small groups, service events, missions, youth Sundays and worship times. “Godly play”, Splash, and junior church for the littlest ones. The Youth Ministry plans to create a master calendar and implement our vision for the coming 18 months to 2 years. This is an exciting time to build from the ground up. Be a part of God’s blessing on our church! The Growing Young Team consists of Pastor Perkins, Dave Maurice, Liz Chapin, Judy Dodge, and Lyda Vigorito.

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## ST. PAUL NEWS & EVENTS

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

#### **Remembering those with medical challenges:**

Blakely Bartlett, Diana Bartlett, Elaine Benka, Ron Benka, Pastor Richard Bowen, Jacob Groves, Jerry Groves, Stephanie Groves, June Hutchison, Jim Illencik, Dave Perkins, Roy Seibert, Dan Seitz, April Williams, Andrea Wollam

#### **Remembering those who are home bound:**

Charles English, Harriette Shaffer

#### **Remembering those with special needs:**

Lori Akins, Donna Baldwin, Ted Buch, Gini Cage, Elizabeth Campbell, Del Cig, Cathie Cimini, Amber Ellis, Connie Fowler, Bryan Giocondi, Debi Houlf, Edward Kondrad, Debbie Merkel, Paulene Mudrinich, Ann Marie Perkins (David's daughter), Anita Rayburn, Cindy Robinson, Ondine Shiau, Everett Sillies, Diane Tullis Suloit, Shelley Town, Dean Voye, Mark Voye, Lisa Young

#### **Remembering those in the Military:**

Jonathan Benka, Kirk Groves, Michael Maradin

**COFFEE CUP GREETINGS:** Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month, April 7 & 21.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** We are going to have an Easter egg hunt on **Saturday, April 13**, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm and we are looking for donations of wrapped candy for the plastic eggs. Please drop off your candy on the table in the narthex. No plastic eggs are needed. Also, if anyone is willing to help fill eggs, please contact Judy Dodge at 330-766-0940.

**A SUPPORTIVE PARENTING GROUP:** A supportive parenting group is beginning at St. Paul for young adults raising their children in faith as they grow in faith and life. Anyone interested should contact Pastor Perkins.

**SPRING BASKET RAFFLE THANK YOU:** A big "thank you" to all those who donated items and/or purchased tickets for our spring basket raffle which was held in conjunction with the Rainbow Art Show. A total of \$675.00 was raised for the church's general fund from this event. Thanks to anyone who helped in any way with this fundraiser!

**RAINBOW NEWS:** What's Been Happening: Pirate Pajama Party – Great Day! We had a REAL parrot come in to extend our theme; Parent Teacher Conferences – This day went smoothly; Enrollment – Moving along like it did two years ago. We are an old school this year. Last year our readiness classes filled with current students making it a much easier year. I am now doing several tours a day like the year before. I am very confident we will be full! What's Coming Up: All New Wacky Wednesday – This will be a parent engagement day. This is an event that will also extend our "Once Upon a Rainbow" theme; Rainbow Art Show and Open House on March 14; Vehicle Day on March 28.

**HALL RENTAL:** Anyone wishing to rent Cassel Hall must first call the office to schedule the date to be sure it is not already rented or in use by the church, the Preschool, DAR, or the Red Cross. There is also paper work which needs to be filled out prior to renting.

**FLOWERS AND MEDITATION CANDLES:** Weeks are available for purchase, dedicated to your special intentions. The meditation candle is \$5.00 and flowers are \$30.00 for two vases. **Please use an Order Envelope and PREPAY your order at the time that you sign the flower and candle chart. PAYMENT ENVELOPES ARE BY THE FLOWER CHART.** On weeks where there is no paid order, the church will display silk flowers to the Glory of God. Please sign up for your special weeks while they are available.

**SPLASH TODAY:** Donations are always warmly welcomed, and with your continued support, we will be able to sustain this valuable ministry to young families.

**GRIEF MINISTRY:** Part of the Social Committee is Grief Ministry. Joyce Osborn (330-372-2136) is spearheading this ministry with Pr. Perkins' and God's guidance and help. When a loved one dies, Joyce sends a set of four books called "Journeying through Grief" throughout the first year. Each book describes the issues and feelings that a person tends to encounter at various points of grief and the books offer suggestions on handling them. If Pastor Winters or Joyce can be of any help or if you have any questions during a time of grief, please contact either of them.

**DUE TO GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS:** In the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), churches and clergy can no longer make written or oral public announcements of health information regarding our members. Thus, unless specifically requested by a member to share other information, we are only able to indicate where a person is hospitalized or that they have been discharged.

**BIRTHDAYS:**

- 1 = Riley Kester
- 8 = Isaac Maurice & Brianna Navarra
- 9 = Caden Mendenhall
- 11 = Sara Geilhard
- 12 = Gerald Groves, Sr.
- 13 = James Kines
- 15 = Terry Thirion
- 17 = Olivia Waldron
- 19 = Pamela Dennison
- 20 = Diana Bartlett
- 21 = Carol Kines
- 23 = Kelly Worley
- 24 = Deneen Aurand & Courtney Danklefsen
- 25 = Stephen Kines & April Williams
- 26 = William Barba & Shirley Gardner
- 27 = Laura Zornan
- 29 = Mary Schubert
- 30 = Marilyn Malito

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 6 = Benka, Ronald & Elaine
- 9 = Dodge, Michael & Judy
- 12 = Cary, Glenn & Judy
- 21 = Adrian, John & Sandy

## ST. PAUL SERVANTS FOR APRIL 2019

### Greeters

04/07 The Dodge Family  
04/14 Lyda Vigorito and Evan and Marin Davis  
04/21 Christine and Kyra Mymo  
04/28 Lyda Vigorito

### Lectors

04/07 Kelly Hutchison  
04/14 Georgia Mikola  
04/21 Marty Maurice  
04/28 Brenda Hart

### Flower Delivery

04/07 NO FLOWERS - LENT  
04/14 NO FLOWERS - PALMS  
04/21 NO FLOWERS - EASTER  
04/28 June & Kelly Hutchison

Refer to the sheet in the Sacristy for deliveries. Mark the date of delivery opposite the person's name on the sheet. Thank you.

### Communion Assistants

04/07 Barb Basalyga  
04/14 Debbie Groves  
04/21 Diana Bauman  
04/28 Georgia Mikola

### Acolytes 10:30 service: (agreed dates by parish youth)

04/07 Brooke Frazzini  
04/14 Dominic Frazzini      Crucifer – Drew Thirion  
04/18 Brooke Frazzini  
04/19 Sarah Durf  
04/20 Needed  
04/21 Ean Dodge      Crucifer – Ethan Dodge  
04/28 Evan Davis

Acolytes: Please be present ten minutes before the service begins.

**If you are unable to acolyte as scheduled, please trade with one of the other acolytes and notify Christine Mymo – 330-647-2913.** Thank you for your help! We count on you to be here!

### Ushers

04/07 Rodger Bartlett & Joanne Santucci  
04/14 Rodger Bartlett & Joanne Santucci  
04/21 Jerry & Carole Null  
04/28 Jerry & Carole Null

### Church Closing

Jerry Null

### Visitor Notes

Jean Maurice