



April 2023



Easter: Church Vs. The World



If ever there is a moment or event that can be used to contrast the world with the Church, this is one. What does the world do on & around Easter? What does the Church do on & around Easter? There are places, churches included, that have large community egg hunts. Watch ads on television and somewhere a bunny shows up [or things trying to look like the Cadberry Bunny]. Easter ushers in some new spring fashions. It might provide a chance for family to share a meal. Of what lasting value is any of these things?

Easter is foremost, chiefly about the Gospel, is it not? The death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ is indeed the heart of the Gospel. That is entirely what the Church celebrates on & around Easter. Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia! The cross is empty, He does not hang there any longer. The tomb is empty. He is not there, He is risen just as He said.

Not only will we once again celebrate Easter and the Good News, but we have opportunity to continually tell a world focused on eggs, bunnies, and fashion that Christ died and rose again for all people of the world. Not everyone in the world will want to hear of a suffering Savior. Not all will believe He died to save them from their sins. Many in the world would never see themselves as sinners in need of a Savior. None of this changed the love of the Father. He was willing to sacrifice His one and only Son so the people he created and loved could live with Him forever. He always desires all to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

In the world, who do you know can make a difference in your life? I guess the world and the Church are similar in that respect. It is all about who you know. Do you know the One true God? Do you know the Father who loves and who created you? Do you know the Son who willingly, obediently offered his perfect life for your sins, and who rose victoriously to defeat your greatest enemies? Do you know the Holy Spirit who lives and works inside of you daily? Let these days of the Easter season be a reminder to you to celebrate the resurrection all year. Let it be a spark to talk about Gospel. Let it be the reason for the things you do and say. Let the joy of Easter remain all your days.

In Christ

Pastor Sundbom

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 1 Corinthians 2:2

Lenten Windows

by Rev. Dr. Greg Wismar

While many of the seasons of the Church Year have names that relate to the religious nature of the time being observed, the season of Lent does not. The word *Lent* comes from the Old English word *lengthen*, which referred to the spring of the year, the time in which the daylight lengthens a little each day (at least in the Northern Hemisphere). The religious content of the word *Lent* has been added by the faithful observance of the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, by Christian people for a period of time when the daylight was growing each day and spring was beginning.



The earliest root word from which *Lent* is derived is the ancient Indo-European word that meant “shining,” and, appropriately enough, one of the Lententide chores done in many homes is cleaning and shining the windows of the house. Church windows are often cleaned during the days of Lent as well.

What are the windows like in the building where you worship? Are they plain, clear or opaque glass windows that let in a full amount of light, or are they stained-glass windows that color and change the light of day as it enters the worship space?

Stained-glass windows have a long association with Christian worship. Some of the earliest Christian churches, dating back to the fourth and fifth centuries A.D., contained thinly-sliced alabaster stones set in wooden frames that gave a stained-glass-like effect as the light filtered through them.

The first glazed stained-glass windows began to appear in the seventh century. What seems to be the oldest true stained-glass window in the world, dating back to A.D. 675, is located in a church in coastal England. Throughout the Middle Ages, the craft of designing and erecting stained-glass windows became a great art form. The windows were used to illustrate Bible stories for people who were not able to read and served to bring glory to God by adding beauty to worship spaces from humble country churches to great urban cathedrals.

Some of the Bible stories depicted on stained-glass windows have had windows of their own in them. In the Book of Genesis, it is recorded that Noah opened a window of the ark to let the raven and the dove out of the ship in search of dry land (Gen. 8:6). Another famous through-the-window escape is recorded in Joshua 2. There we read how the men sent to spy on the city of Jericho were let out of the city over the wall by Rahab, the prostitute (and ancestress of Jesus as seen in Matt. 1:5), who “tied the scarlet cord on the window” (Joshua 2:21).

LENTEN WINDOWS continued

Windows also appear in the New Testament account of the escape of St. Paul from Damascus (2 Cor. 11:33) and his miraculous reviving of Eutychus, a young man who fell from a third-story window at which he was sitting (Acts 20:9). Scripture also relates that windows have been an important feature of God's house from the time of the first temple, built in Jerusalem by King Solomon (1 Kings 6:4; 7:4).

The season of Lent invites us not only to look at the windows of the special spaces in which we worship God, but also to look through them to the world beyond that needs to hear of the suffering Savior who demonstrated the great love of God through His sacrificial suffering and death. The shining season of Lent is a time not just for clean windows but for open windows too!

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St. Paul's Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday: April 6th – “Bloodbath”
Is 52:15, Pastor Sundbom – Communion celebrated

Good Friday: April 7th – “A Rich Burial”
Is 53:9, Pastor Sundbom

Easter Vigil: April 8th – Worship Service with Communion 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: April 9th – “Satisfaction Guaranteed” Is 53:10-12, Pastor Sundbom – Communion celebrated



Life Quotes for April

April 2 “As you travel with Jesus through Holy Week, don’t lose heart. He is your Palm Sunday King. He will always come to you and give you the best of what He has to offer because of His humble attitude and His devotion to His mission. When you see this Savior who personally cares for you, you can’t help but join the believers of old to give to the Lord your best and most precious treasures of your heart and life, and then to join with all believers saying, ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!’” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

April 9 “Our true identity turns us back toward our Creator, the one who not only made us but also defines us in His Word. So, permit me to remind you of that truth once more: You are a created child of God. You are handmade by Him, loved by Him, redeemed by Him, and sustained by Him. The gifts you possess are gifts He’s given you; all that is good comes from Him. Your identity and your value are, always were, and always will be, found in Him.” *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

April 16 “Today, we often find lines, divisions, and hate, but we hope to spread a little love and hope. Life is a valuable gift at all ages and all stages of life, and it should be protected.” *Kambria Steinhaus, Knights 4 Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

April 23 “I encourage everyone that I meet with to check my words and teaching against God’s Word. Ask questions, challenge everything by that Word. I want them to know Jesus and to have that faith which says, ‘This is what Jesus says, I am forgiven! I am set free! I am serving and living as a disciple of Jesus! I will go into heaven because of Jesus! ... I am part of God’s family!’” *Pastor Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

April 30 “God’s Word is full of stories of people who gave up, got discouraged, and quit. His response to them was words of encouragement and support, a call to courage and perseverance, a call to strengthen trembling knees and put on the armor of God.” *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Announcements

Savior of the Nations, Come (Based on Revelation 7:9-10)

2023 Northeast Zone Spring Rally



Women of St. Paul's, you won't want to miss the LWML Ohio District Northeast Zone Spring Rally on Saturday, May 6, at Bethel Lutheran Church, 32410 Willowick Drive, Willowick, OH. Fellowship and Registration begin at 9:30 am. The rally begins at 10 am.

Devotions/Bible Study will be based on the theme verse: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"; Revelation 7:9-10.

Guest Speaker: Jackie Rychel of Ministry in Mission

Business Meeting

Special Guest: LWML Ohio District President, Vivian Nelson

Ingathering: Ronald McDonald House - Cleveland (A specific list of ingathering items is found on the table by the Friendship Circle board) All donations of listed items are welcome. If you choose to purchase a gift card – please be sure to label the card with the amount, put it in an envelope and give it to Billie Lelle. Other items may be deposited in the box provided by the Friendship Circle area.

Cost: \$6.00 (due at door) includes a light continental breakfast and lunch.

If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet provided on the Friendship Circle board by April 30.

Ronald McDonald House Collection

The Friendship Circle is collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House in Cleveland to be taken to the Northeast Zone Spring Rally on May 6. Ronald McDonald House provides families both in the US as well as internationally a welcoming place to stay so they can focus on caring for their children that are being treated in the local hospitals. SO – grab a donation list from the Friendship Circle board, purchase some of the VERY SPECIFIC items listed and place them in the basket. If you choose to purchase a gift card, be sure to list the amount on the card, place it in an envelope and give it to Billie Lelle. Thanks for your support. All donations should be at church by April 30.



April - June 2023

Portals of Prayer Now Available



The April - June Portals of Prayer daily devotions and Today's Light daily bible reading guide are now available. Copies can be found at the back of the sanctuary by the double doors, or on the resource area table.



Preschool Easter Egg Hunt

The Outreach Committee will be contributing over 200 Easter Eggs to the Preschool so they can add an Easter Egg Hunt to their Easter Celebration, on April 6th. Each egg will be filled with different surprises including temporary Easter tattoos, toys, candy, and Easter trinkets.

Altar Flowers

Is there a date or event you would like to celebrate or a special someone you would like to honor or remember. Donating altar flowers is a great way to do that! All you have to do is sign up next to the appropriate weekend on the altar chart, add the occasion or person and who the flowers are from. Be sure to print clearly. The Altar Flower Chart is posted on the double doors at the back of the sanctuary. Altar flowers are \$40.00. The cash or check can be placed in an envelope labeled "Altar Flowers" with the date of the weekend and place it in the collection plate.



Rummage & Bake Sale

Zion Lutheran Church, 508 Mentor Ave., Painesville will be having a rummage and bake sale to benefit Birthright Lake, Inc., Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 9-2. Two huge rooms overflowing with: housewares, toys, baby items, clothing, books, hardware, seasonal decorations, shoes, boots, handbags, linens, coats, jewelry and great unique finds! Bake Sale with homemade goodies!

Members of our sister congregations are welcome to join the fun of serving at this great event either on Friday night from 4-8 for set-up or on Saturday from 9-2 for the Sale! **For more information contact Lisa Reed at 440-391-8968**



March Council Notes

There was no Council meeting in March due to Midweek Lenten services; here are a few updates:

Treasurer's Report: Russ reported our cash position is up \$6,435 thru the first 8 months of this fiscal year over last year; Income is up \$5497, expenses are down \$1528 (utilities and repairs the largest increases) for a net gain of \$7025.

Outreach Report: Kristi reported 216 eggs were filled with Candy/toys for the Preschool Easter Egg Hunt to be held April 6; Dinner & movie night will be Friday, March 25 at 6pm showing "The Case for Heaven"; Hearts of Mercy and Compassion have been made signed and presented to Sekki, Salminen, and Dennison families; Door Tag distribution is scheduled for March 25 at 10am; and the meal for Fire Dept is still being planned.

Contribution Secty Report: Dennis reported February's contributions were \$13,754.50 down from Feb. 22 of \$20,276.50. Thru the first nine weeks contributions were down \$890.50 (2%) from last year. Average number of contributors was 28 in Feb. vs. 22 last Feb.

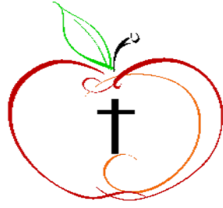
OLD BUSINESS:

Dennis said the updates for contribution recording are completed and working fine.

NEW BUSINESS:

Russ reported that the bill for the furnace repairs in the tiered classroom and checks and cleaning to other units exceeded what council had approved based on initial estimate. Kristi made a motion on-line to approve the additional expenses. Dale 2nd. Motion was approved on-line March 5.

NEXT MEETING: Wed. April 5 @ 6:30pm.



From the Preschool

PRESCHOOL



Registration

2022-2023 Preschool Registration

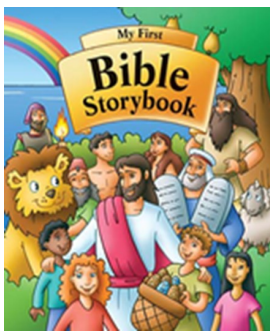
2023-2024 Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2022-2023 preschool year is open and classes are filling up fast. Registration forms can be found in the magazine rack at the back of the sanctuary by the double doors. If you have any questions please contact preschool director Amy Marizek at 440-354-3000.

St. Paul's Preschool Job Opportunity

St. Paul's Preschool is accepting resumes for anyone interested in working in our preschool program. We are interviewing candidates for assistant teachers. The opportunity is part time and preschool experience is preferred but not required. If you or someone you know is interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact our Preschool Director, Amy Marizek at preschool@splcpainesville.org or (440)354-3000.

**WE'RE
HIRING!**



Bible Buddies

The Preschool needs to replenish the children's bibles that are given to new preschool students. The cost is \$16.00 per bible and we need 50. This is a joyous outreach for our staff. Let's spread Gods word to the new families.

Please make checks out to St. Paul's Preschool. Thank You!

Milk Jug Igloo

The Preschool would like to thank all who brought in milk/water jugs for the Pre-K igloo. Mrs. Cook has just about complete the igloo.



April Birthdays



Emma Randa	Apr 3rd
Jan Shutic	Apr 4th
Charlotte West	Apr 7th
Madeline West	Apr 11th
Vicki Ulmann	Apr 16th
Leah Shutic	Apr 17th
Charlene Sullivan	Apr 17th
Gayle Morgan	Apr 18th
Gabriella Bennington-Casto	Apr 24th

April Anniversaries

Eric and Jennifer Drake 21 years on Apr 5
Richard and Victoria Ulmann 56 years on Apr 22



Those Who Serve: April 2023

ELDERS:

6:00 P Saturday Aaron Lindrose
9:30 A Sunday Jeff Troutman

LECTORS:

04-01-23	6:00 P	Saturday	Pastor Sundbom
04-02-23	9:30 A	Sunday	Eric West
04-06-23	7:00P	Maundy Thursday	TBD
04-08-23	6:00 P	Easter Vigil	Dave Murphy
04-09-23	9:30 A	Easter Sunday	TBD
04-15-23	6:00 P	Saturday	Pastor Sundbom
04-16-23	9:30 A	Sunday	Terry Wakelee
04-22-23	6:00 P	Saturday	Dave Murphy
04-23-23	9:30 A	Sunday	Dennis Concoby
04-29-23	6:00 P	Saturday	Dale Kerver
04-30-23	9:30 A	Sunday	Jennifer Drake

COUNTERS:

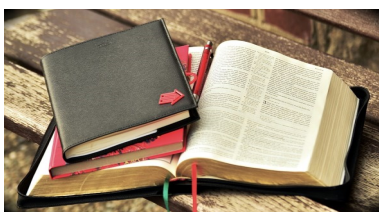
Terry Wakelee, Connie Concoby,
Dennis Concoby

GREETERS:

6:00 P Saturday
9:30 A Sunday

SIGN UP IN APRIL TO GREET
YOUR FELLOW DISCIPLES.

Sign-up sheet located on the
double doors at the back of the
Sanctuary.



Scripture Readings for April

April 2/3 [Palm Sunday]

Zechariah 9:9-12
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 21:1-11

April 6 [Maundy Thursday]

Exodus 24:3-11
1 Corinthians 10:16-21
Matthew 26:17-30

April 7 [Good Friday]

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Matthew 26:36-27:66

April 8 [Easter Vigil]

Exodus 14:10-15:1
Deuteronomy 31:29-39
Isaiah 55:1-11
John 20:1-18

April 9 [Easter Day]

Jeremiah 31:1-6
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

April 15/16

Acts 5:29-42
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 22/23

Acts 5:2:14, 36-41
1 Peter 1:17-25
Luke 24:13-35

April 29/30

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

April Word Search

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Preschool

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Staff

Paul D. Sundbom, Pastor
Matt Chaffe, Organist
Peggy McDonnell, Admin Assistant

Worship Services

Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:30 am

Sunday Bible Study

Adult 8:30am & 10:45 am
Children 10:45 am

St. Paul's Preschool

Amy Marizek, Director
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Also Supporting



April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>COMMUNION SERVICE</p>		<p>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</p> <p>Saturdays - 6:00pm Sundays - 9:30am Sunday School - 10:45am Adult Bible Study—8:30am & 10:45am</p>		<p>Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00am-2:00pm</p> <p>April Birthstones Diamond & Crystal</p>	<p>Bulletin Announcements Due Wednesdays</p> <p>April Flowers Daisy & Sweet Pea</p>	<p>National Autism Awareness Month</p> <p>1</p>
<p>2</p>  <p>PALM SUNDAY HISANA TO THE KING</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Preschool Resumes</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Preschool Chapel</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>MAUNDY THURSDAY</p> <p>Preschool Easter Parties 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p>Church Office Closed Preschool Easter Break 7 pm Good Friday</p>	<p>8</p> 
<p>9</p>  <p>HAPPY EASTER</p> <p>He Has Risen!</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Church Office Closed Preschool Easter Break</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Preschool Easter Break 9:30 am Circuit Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Preschool Classes Resume 6:30 Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Elder's Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7 pm Virtual Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>TAX DAY</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6 pm Outreach Meeting 7 pm Virtual Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>May Newsletter Articles and Announcements Due</p>	<p>22</p> 
<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7 pm Virtual Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
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