



LCMS Stewardship

A Better Way

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The most common question about stewardship is not whether a Christian should give to their church. Of course Christians should give to their church. Everyone knows this. Rather, the question asked most is, “How much should I give?” But this question really means, “Should Christians give a tenth of their income to their local congregation?”

Here are some common reasons against tithing. Some say tithing isn't necessary because it isn't expressly commanded in the New Testament. There is no “Thus saith the Lord,” or “should” concerning tithing. Others say that Christians give to their congregation in ways much broader than money. They give of their time and their talents, and these together with treasures (money) add up to more than a tithe. Still others say that they give of their treasures to other things besides their congregation, and they want to support those things alongside their church. And then there are those who think Christians shouldn't tithe because of some fear. They are afraid that if they tithe, their gift will be misused, or that after tithing, there won't be enough left over to get the things that they use, want or need.

Here are some reasons why Christians should tithe. Even though the New Testament doesn't specifically command Christians to tithe, the Old Testament people were commanded to. And on top of this, St. Paul often describes giving a regular and generous proportion of the first fruits of one's income — terms similar to a tithe (2 Cor. 8:7–23; 2 Cor. 9:2–7).

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But here's another way to think about it. What was the point of the tithe in the Old Testament? Where did it go? This tithe was intended to support the ministry of the Levites. They were not given any land because they had no time to farm; their full-time job was the ministry. What does it say in the New Testament? “The Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14). This is the verse that Luther used in the Small Catechism's Table of Duties to explain what Christians owe to the support of the ministry.

It seems clear from both the Old and the New Testaments that the tithe is the goal of Christians in their giving. But what if we're not there yet? How should we handle this? What are we to do?

Let's answer this by asking a different question. What would you say to your adult children who only attended church quarterly or once a month? After all, there is no passage in the New Testament that requires Christians to go

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to church weekly. Hebrews 10:25 is the closest verse we have, and it states simply that Christians should not neglect gathering together. And even though there is no passage that commands Christians to gather weekly, that is the implicit expectation throughout the Old and New Testaments.

So, what would you say to that son or daughter? The conversation might go something like this. I'm glad you're still going to church. It is a wonderful blessing to hear God's promises of forgiveness, life and salvation, and to receive His gifts in Word and Sacrament. But you can do better, and it will only be a blessing to you. There is a better way, and I'd really like you to try to attain it.

We should approach the topic of tithing with a similar conversation. The tithe is not specifically commanded in the New Testament, but it sure seems like the implicit expectation of both the Old and New Testaments. So, we're ecstatic that you're giving, and that you're giving in all these various ways — time, talents and treasures. But there is a better way. And that will only be a blessing to you, just as the Word of God — Old and New Testament alike — promises. Can you try increasing your gifts over the coming weeks, months and years? Can you put your trust in the God who sent His Son to take away your sin and give you everlasting life? And if He did this for you, if He did not spare His only Son, how will He not give you all things? He will not disappoint.

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Jesus is Lord

By Bryan Wolfmueller

Words that cost your life

The early Christians, our fathers and mothers in the faith, were persecuted. They were arrested, thrown in prison and brought before rulers.

“Deny Christ,” they were commanded. “Confess that Caesar is Lord.”

They refused.

“Jesus is Lord,” they would say, and die.

“Jesus is Lord.” Three simple words, but words that cause the devil to rage, words that cost countless lives, words that are on our lips. What is it about these words, this simple confession, “Jesus is Lord,” that has so much power?



JESUS IS LORD continued**“My Lord and my God”**

John's Gospel culminates with the glorious confession of St. Thomas a week after the resurrection.

Thomas was not there the first time Jesus appeared to the disciples. “We have seen the Lord,” they told him. We can hear Thomas's frustration rebuffing the disciples' excitement: “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails ... and place my hand into his side, I will never believe” (John 20:25).

Jesus waits a week. But then He is back. He offers His hand and side to Thomas for inspection, and Thomas believes and believing confesses: “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28).

Even though we have not yet seen the glorious scars in His hands and side, we confess with Thomas that Jesus is our Lord and our God. This is a wonderful confession on its face, but with a little Old Testament background there is even more wonder.

Cramming three Hebrew words into two English words

Throughout the history of Bible translation, translators have used two English words to translate three different Hebrew words. (Stick with me for a few minutes, I promise this will help with your reading of the Bible.)

The words in Hebrew are “ELOHIM,” “ADONI” and “YHWH.” ELOHIM means “God” or “gods.” ADONI means “lord.” YHWH (pronounced “yah-weh”) is the interesting one. This is the divine name. When Moses asks God in the burning bush what His name is, this is the answer (see Ex. 3:14–15). The ancient Israelites considered this name so holy that they would not speak it, nor would they translate it.

So, when the Bible was translated into other languages, “YHWH” was not. Rather, translators often used the word for “Lord” in its place. In Greek, the word most often used was “*kurios*.”

There is a helpful convention in our English Bibles to use capital letters for the divine name.

ADONI = Lord

ELOHIM = God

YHWH = LORD

YHWH ELOHIM = LORD God

YHWH ADONI = LORD GOD (because “LORD Lord” would be strange)

But the point of all of this is that there is a lot more to the word “Lord” than meets the eye in the English translation.

When Thomas confesses that Jesus is Lord, he brings all the history and theology of the Old Testament prophets and piles it on Jesus. When Thomas confesses Jesus as Lord, he confesses that Jesus is ADONI and that Jesus is YHWH. Jesus is the Lord and God who created the world, who called Abraham, who rescued the people from slavery. Jesus is the Lord and God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He is the Lord who saves.

The confession “Jesus is Lord” confesses the full divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the confession that the Lord who rescued and blessed the people in the Old Testament is none other than Jesus, the Son of God.

JESUS IS LORD *continued***The one and only Lord**

Ancient religion was full of gods. Early on, Roman officials accused Christians of being “atheists.” How fantastically strange this seems to us. I suppose, though, if you had thousands of dollars, the guy standing next to you with a \$1 bill would seem broke. If I have a few thousand gods and you’re standing next to me with only one god, you seem like an atheist.

(Calling the Christians atheists resulted in one of the [greatest moments in the ancient martyr stories](#). Bishop Polycarp was dragged into the arena where he would be killed, and the proconsul commanded him to denounce the Christians by saying, “Away with the atheists.” Polycarp waved his hands at the pagan and blood-thirsty crowd and said, “Away with the atheists.”)

Humanity gravitates towards polytheism. Our sinful flesh wants a collection of gods. This is why the exclusive claims of the Scriptures are so important, and so controversial.

It begins with the First Commandment. “I am the LORD your God ... You shall have no other gods before me” (Ex. 20:2–3). God does not share His glory. God does not share His throne: “I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other” (Isaiah 42:8).

This exclusiveness runs through the Scriptures. Negatively, there is the “no other.” No other gods, no other way to the Father. Positively, there are things that stand “alone.” There is “one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all” (Eph. 4:5–6).

The confession that Jesus is this one Lord is the bedrock of the Christian faith. “Jesus is Lord” is the most basic conviction and confession of the Christian. It is the first creed.

And it is not confessed in a vacuum. When the Christians confess Jesus as Lord, they are, at the same time, denouncing anyone or anything else making a claim to the throne. Jesus *alone* is the Lord; there is no other.

The battle for the throne

John Calvin famously said, “The human mind is, so to speak, a perpetual forge of idols” ([Institutes, 1.11.8](#)). We are constantly creating gods in our own image and likeness, gods that suit our dreams and desires.

This idolatry extends from the gross (sacrificing children to Molech) to the more subtle (worship of money or power).

There is only one true Lord, but there are lots of options when it comes to *having* a lord. There are lots of false gods, lots of idols, lots of things that we would put on the throne.

Jesus captures this fight for the throne brilliantly in the Sermon on the Mount: “No one can serve two masters [*kurios*, “lords”], for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Matt. 6:24).

Lest we think we have kept the First Commandment by not bowing to a statue in some pagan rite, Luther presses us on what it means to have a god. What we trust is our god. “That now, I say, upon which you set

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your heart and put your trust is properly your god,” ([LC13](#)). What we fear most, what we love most, what we trust most, what we look to for help: That is our lord.

False gods are always pressing in on us. We are always tempted to have a different lord. We learn from the Scriptures and we see in ourselves that we would have any lord but the true Lord. Left to ourselves we would never have Jesus as Lord.

St. Paul says, “No one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit” (1 Cor. 12:3). Only by the work of the Holy Spirit can we know, believe and confess that Jesus is Lord. Only the Holy Spirit working through the Word of God can crush our hardened hearts and turn us to faith. Only the Holy Spirit frees us from our idols and brings us to trust that Jesus is Lord.

The confession “Jesus is Lord” excludes all false gods and idols and all pretenders to the throne. Hence, the confession “Jesus is Lord” enrages the devil.

The devil attacks the words “Jesus is Lord”

Make no mistake, the devil hates the confession that Jesus is Lord. He attacks it from every angle. In our own day, we often feel ashamed of claiming Jesus as our Lord. In the Ancient Church, that confession was often persecuted with the edge of the sword.

The first written mention of Christians in a secular context occurs in a letter written around A.D. 111. Pliny the Younger, the newly appointed governor of Bithynia, wrote to Trajan, the Roman Emperor, asking for advice in handling the Christian persecution. “I have never participated in trials of Christians. I therefore do not know what offenses it is the practice to punish or investigate, and to what extent” ([Pliny, Letters, 10.96–97](#)).

Pliny wrote of the first trial of a few Christians. They were brought before him, and he offered them three chances to “repent,” that is, to deny Christ. They refused, and he ordered them executed.

Soon after, an anonymous document was published with a list of people thought to be Christian. Pliny gathered them all and, to determine if they were Christian or not, proposed three tests:

1. Would they invoke the pagan gods?
2. Would they offer a sacrifice of incense and wine to the Emperor at a little altar set up for that purpose?
3. Would they curse Christ?

Those who made the offering and said “Lord Caesar” were released. Those who refused, those who confessed “Jesus is Lord,” would be executed. The stakes were high.

All the people Pliny gathered up denied Christ. Most said that they had been Christians some years before but had left the faith. They described what Christianity was to Pliny. These became famous words because they were first description of Christians outside the Scriptures:

They asserted, however, that the sum and substance of their fault or error had been that they were accustomed to meet on a fixed day before dawn and sing responsively a hymn to Christ as

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to a god, and to bind themselves by oath, not to some crime, but not to commit fraud, theft, or adultery, not falsify their trust, nor to refuse to return a trust when called upon to do so. When this was over, it was their custom to depart and to assemble again to partake of food — but ordinary and innocent food. ([Pliny, Letters, 10.96–97](#))

The violence surrounding the confession of Jesus as Lord stems from the fact that “Lord” is a disputed title. The powers and principalities wanted to be called “Lord.”

Caesar insisted on it. The devil desired it and desires it still. The Christians refused to give this highest honor to any but Jesus.

But Jesus gives us the gift of being our Lord and the confidence to confess it against all obstacles. Peter encourages us:

Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. (1 Peter 3:14–16)

The confession “Jesus is Lord” is always opposed, but Christians rejoice in the truth that Jesus alone is our Lord.

The Lord is the Redeemer

“Jesus is Lord” is good news, at least for those under His care.

The idea of having a lord is strange to modern Americans. We have no royalty, no lords. Things were much different in the ancient world. An earthly lord had a kingdom and was responsible for those who lived in his kingdom. This was great if your lord was good.

The Bible assures us that this is the greatest good news: Jesus is our Lord, and we live under Him in His kingdom. In fact, the Bible goes further. Jesus is the Lord who has fought for us and rescued us, who found us in prison in the kingdom of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of His light and life.

As Martin Luther unfolds the teaching of the Apostles’ Creed, he picks up on the word “Lord.”

I believe that Jesus Christ, true Son of God, has become my Lord. But what is it to become Lord? It is this, that He has redeemed me from sin, from the devil, from death, and all evil. For before I had no Lord nor King, but was captive under the power of the devil, condemned to death, enmeshed in sin and blindness. ([LC II 27](#))

These quotations pull us back to an ancient world where a lord had an army and then estate, and he provided protection, provision and even identity. The lord had a kingdom. So also our Lord has a kingdom:

For when we had been created by God the Father, and had received from Him all manner of good, the devil came and led us into disobedience, sin, death, and all evil, so that we fell under His wrath and displeasure and were doomed to eternal damnation, as we had merited and de-

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served. There was no counsel, help, or comfort until this only and eternal Son of God in His unfathomable goodness had compassion upon our misery and wretchedness, and came from heaven to help us. Those tyrants and jailers, then, are all expelled now, and in their place has come Jesus Christ, Lord of life, righteousness, every blessing, and salvation, and has delivered us poor lost men from the jaws of hell, has won us, made us free, and brought us again into the favor and grace of the Father, and has taken us as His own property under His shelter and protection, that He may govern us by His righteousness, wisdom, power, life, and blessedness.

Let this, then, be the sum of this article that the little word Lord signifies simply as much as Redeemer, i.e., He who has brought us from Satan to God, from death to life, from sin to righteousness, and who preserves us in the same. But all the points which follow in order in this article serve no other end than to explain and express this redemption, how and whereby it was accomplished, that is, how much it cost Him, and what He spent and risked that He might win us and bring us under His dominion, namely, that He became man, conceived and born without [any stain of] sin, of the Holy Ghost and of the Virgin Mary, that He might overcome sin; moreover, that He suffered, died and was buried, that He might make satisfaction for me and pay what I owe, not with silver nor gold, but with His own precious blood. And all this, in order to become my Lord; for He did none of these for Himself, nor had He any need of it. And after that He rose again from the dead, swallowed up and devoured death, and finally ascended into heaven and assumed the government at the Father's right hand, so that the devil and all powers must be subject to Him and lie at His feet, until finally, at the last day, He will completely part and separate us from the wicked world, the devil, death, sin, etc. ([LC II 28-31](#))

The confession “Jesus is Lord” means that Jesus is our Redeemer, our Champion, the one who fought for us, who paid the price of our ransom with His own blood, who fought the demonic tyrant who kept us in death and has brought us out into His rule of freedom, forgiveness and life eternal.

This is good news — the best news. Jesus has conquered for us, and we now live under Him in His kingdom. We are kept and protected by His strength and kindness. We are at home in His mercy.

The confession “Jesus is Lord” includes all He has done for us in His incarnation, birth, life, suffering, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven. The entire life and death of Jesus was a rescue mission, and we — you, dear Christian — are the rescued! “Jesus is Lord” is the sweetest good news for us, His people.

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Life Quotes for April

April 5 “As Christians, we rejoice in the Savior who shines light on our lives when we only expected inky blackness. May God’s strong Word remind us that the fullness of life is meant to be lived in the light. In our weakness, may the Lord bring alongside us faithful brothers and sisters to proclaim that God is light and life to us, and let us walk in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:7). In Jesus we have light, and to have light is to have life. May we rejoice in proclaiming the message of Jesus as the Apostle John did. Thanks be to God that He is light, and He shines in the darkness.” *Rev. Dennis Norby, Grace Free Lutheran Church, Valley City, North Dakota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

April 12 “The cross that held Jesus’ body exposed all the sin, violence, and injustice of this world for what it is. At once, the cross revealed what kind of world we have and what kind of God we have: a world of gross unfairness but also a God of sacrificial love.” *Rev. Gregory Seltz, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

April 19 “Sin has made an impact on human conception: Babies are conceived that the parents do not want, and parents who desperately want children do not conceive. Yet, I do not believe for one moment that there is ever an unplanned pregnancy. God personally knows every child even before conception. He has a plan to create, redeem, and call that child into a relationship with Him.” *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

April 26 “Sin and shame and guilt are taken away by one thing only—the blood of Jesus Christ—which cleanses us from all sin. Our sins have already been punished in Him, on that cross. Jesus bodily rose from the tomb so that we would know that now even death itself cannot harm those who belong to Jesus and trust in Him alone, for as He lives, so we live as well.” *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Announcements



2026 Holy Week and Easter Worship Services “A Place at the Table for You”

It's a simple story and you've been to these places before. The upper room, the garden of Gethsemane, the halls of Pontius Pilate, the hills of Golgotha, these are the places we remember when we meditate on our Lord's passion. Yet when Jesus enters a place, he never leaves it as he finds it. The most troubling places in our lives become the most amazing places of God's grace when Jesus visits them.

Maunder Thursday – April 2, 2026 – “The Last Supper: A Place of Forgiveness”
Luke 22:14-23, Pastor Tom Moyer

Good Friday – April 3, 2026 – “Golgotha: A Place of Simple Love”
Luke 23:44-49, Pastor Tom Moyer

Easter Vigil – April 4, 2026 – Pastor Tom Moyer

Easter – April 5, 2026 – “The Empty Tomb: A Place of Remembering”
Luke 24:1-12, Pastor Tom Moyer

Council Positions Up for Election

The following positions will be up for election at the May 17 Annual Congregational Meeting and members are asked to consider filling them for the 2026-27 Council:

- President (1-year term) • Vice President (1-year term)
- Secretary (2-year term) • Financial Secretary (2-year term)
- Stewardship Chairperson (2-year term) • Education Chairperson (2-year term)
- Preschool Chairperson (1-year term) • 2 Preschool Board Members (2-year term)

Church Council meets the first Wednesday of most months at 6:30 pm and last 1 to 1.5 hours with reports and discussion of ongoing issues and matters concerning the congregation. Committees have their own monthly meetings to discuss their various projects. Please consider serving in one of these positions or serving on a committee.

Also, the Preschool is looking for a Treasurer for the Preschool to fill that position as Karen Krueger will be retiring after June. Any questions or suggestions on any of these positions, please see Ed Hines or Terry Wakelee.



LWML Spring Rally

The LWML Northeast Zone will hold its Spring Rally (“Caring by Sharing/Serving”) on April 25 at Faith, Mentor. Guest Speaker is Deaconess Katherine Rittner of the Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne food and clothing co-op. Details are on the Friendship Circle Board as well as a sign-up sheet. Please sign up by April 19 and Billie will call in all registrants. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

We are also collecting items for the CTSFW Co-op. Please consider donating one (or more) of these items. You may place them in the boxes provided by the Friendship Circle table. If you are attending the rally, just bring your item(s) with you.

Laundry Box Sauces Box

- Liquid Laundry Detergent and Laundry Pods (regular or free & clear)
- Fabric Softener
- Bleach and Non-chlorine Bleach
- Dryer Sheets (regular or free & clear)
- Stain Pre-treat
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Mayo
- BBQ Sauce
- Soy Sauce
- Salad Dressing
- Worcestershire Sauce
- Hot Sauce
- Pancake Syrup



Northeast Zone
Ohio District

Women's Bible Study Resumes

Women's Bible Study will resume April 9. All women of the congregation are invited to be a part of the women's Bible study group. The group which meets at the church from 6:30-8:00 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Mark the following dates on your calendar:

- April 9 & 22
- May 13

All studies come from the LWML Quarterly. We hope to see you there!



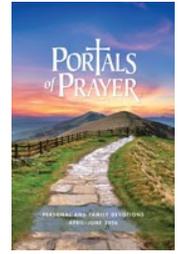
Praise Be To God!

Our Noisy Mite collection in March was our highest ever! We collected \$1064.23 in noisy and quiet mites. May the Lord use this money to further His Kingdom here on earth. Thank you faithful members of St. Paul's for giving to the Lord!



April - June 2026 Portals of Prayer Now Available

The April - June Portals of Prayer daily devotions is now available. Copies can be found on the table at the back of the sanctuary.



Altar Flowers



A great way to remember any occasion is with Altar Flowers. The Altar Flower Chart is located on the double doors at the back of the Sanctuary. Just sign up next to the appropriate weekend. Clearly print the occasion being remembered, who the flowers are for and who they're from. Altar flowers are \$40.00. Please place the monies in an envelope labeled "Altar Flowers" with the date of the weekend and put it in the collection plate.

Lawn Mowers Needed!

We are looking for folks who can help us with the church's lawn maintenance. We would like to have several teams of two or three people, so the mowing goes quickly. You probably would mow four times during the summer. We usually mow on Saturday mornings but you can coordinate with your team to contribute on any day you are available.



If you want to help, contact Dennis Concoby at 440-571-2724 and he will pair you up with a team and get you on the schedule



Would you like to be a Greeter?

All you have to do is simply stand at the back of the church and shake hands and welcome our members and visitors before the worship service begins. It's that easy! Sign up for a week or a month...give it a try...you might like it!!!

A sign-up sheet has been posted at the back of the church by the Nursery door

April Food Bank Items

Zion Food Pantry is requesting, breakfast cereal and bar soap. As always other items are appreciated. For those in need, the Food Bank is open on the last two Tuesdays of the April from 5:30–7:00pm. (April 21 & 28).





March Meeting Minutes

Reports

President's Report. (Terry Wakelee) –

1. Average weekend worship attendance in February was 64 – 10.5 Saturday and 53.5 Sunday.
2. Call to pastor was returned. Awaiting list from district office, then committee meetings will resume.
3. Updates/repairs to the parsonage is nearly complete.
4. Contacted Thrivent about getting the preschool on the list for Choice Dollars. The application will be submitted once the necessary information is gathered.
5. Annual meeting is May 17. The following officers will need to be elected: President, Vice President, Secretary, Stewardship, Financial Secretary, Education, Preschool Board (2), Preschool Chair.

Vice President's Report. (Ed Hines)

1. Carpet cleaning to be set up.

Treasurer's Report. (Russ Walton)

1. Provided reports as of February. Offerings are down.

Education Report. (Eric Drake)

1. Average attendance: 6 adults in Sunday Bible study, 7 kids in Sunday School.

Preschool Report. (Starshine Graziadei) – no report

Elder's Report. (Dale Kerver)

1. Pulpit supply in place through June.
2. Possible dates for Church picnic - August 9 or 23. Terry will look into park availability.

Stewardship Report. (Diane Wayner)

1. Pastries will be provided on Easter before and after service.
2. March will be the last month for the Bible Challenge.
3. Looking to resume monthly lunch outings.

Financial Secretary's Report. (Jenn Drake)

1. Looking for new lead counter.

Outreach Report. (Kelly Hines)

1. Outreach donated the craft for Dad's Night at the Preschool.
2. Chili Cookoff went well. May host another in September.
3. Easter Egg hunt is being prepared for the preschool on March 31.
4. Next committee meeting is March 16.
5. Church website to be redesigned.

Building & Grounds Report. (Dennis Concoby)

1. Continuing to change lights to LED in classrooms.
2. Parsonage is nearly done. Just a few small tasks.
3. Upcoming project: scrape and paint doors, electrical box.

Contribution Secretary's Report. (Tom Cardina)

1. About 38 contributors per week.

MARCH MEETING MINUTES *continued*Old Business

1. Potential candidate for the preschool treasurer (appointed).
2. Parsonage fence repairs. On hold.
3. Call Committee update. See President's report.
4. Replacement of church office computer – pending installation.
5. Thrivent Choice dollars for preschool. See President's report.

New Business

1. Look into alternative ways to set up the church credit card.
2. Motion was made by Jenn to donate 20 non-dedicated hymnals to Hope Lutheran in Aurora. 2nd by Kelly. Passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30pm



From the Preschool

Thank You to Outreach

St. Paul's Preschool would like to thank the outreach committee for all of the eggs for our egg hunt. The children loved hiding eggs and finding eggs. Thank you for providing such a special treat to all the children in our program. We appreciate all of your continued support.



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PRESCHOOL



Registration

2026-2027 Preschool Registration

Registration for St. Paul's Preschool 2026-2027 school year is now open. Registration forms which are located at the back of the sanctuary next to the double doors. Classes will be filled as registration forms are received. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Marizek at 440-354-3000. If you know someone who has a preschool aged child please pass a registration form on to them.

April Birthdays

Emma Randa	Apr 3
Charlotte West	Apr 7
Madeline West	Apr 11
Victoria Ulmann	Apr 16
Charlene Sullivan	Apr 17
Gayle Morgan	Apr 18
Riley Javins	Apr 26
Hudson Michalak	Apr 28



April Anniversaries

Eric and Jennifer Drake	24 years on Apr 05
Richard and Victoria Ulmann	59 years on Apr 22



Those Who Serve: April 2026

ELDERS:

6:00 P Saturday
9:30 A Sunday

COUNTERS:

Jenn Drake, Ken Chaffe

LECTORS:

04-02-26	7:00 P	Maundy Thursday	TBD
04-03-26	7:00 P	Good Friday	TBD
04-04-26	6:00 P	Saturday Easter Vigil	Dave Murphy
04-05-26	9:30 A	Sunday Easter	Jack Lelle
04-11-26	6:00 P	Saturday	Dale Kerver
04-12-26	9:30 A	Sunday	Craig McConnell
04-18-26	6:00 P	Saturday	Dave Murphy
04-19-26	9:30 A	Sunday	Terry Wakelee
04-25-26	6:00 P	Saturday	Dale Kerver
04-26-26	9:30 A	Sunday	Dennis Concoby



Scripture Readings for April

April 2 [Maundy Thursday]

Psalm 116:1-9
Luke 22:14-23

April 3 [Good Friday]

Psalm 22
John 19:17-30

April 4 [Easter Vigil]

Luke 23:33-56

April 5 [Easter]

Isaiah 65:17-25
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

April 11/12

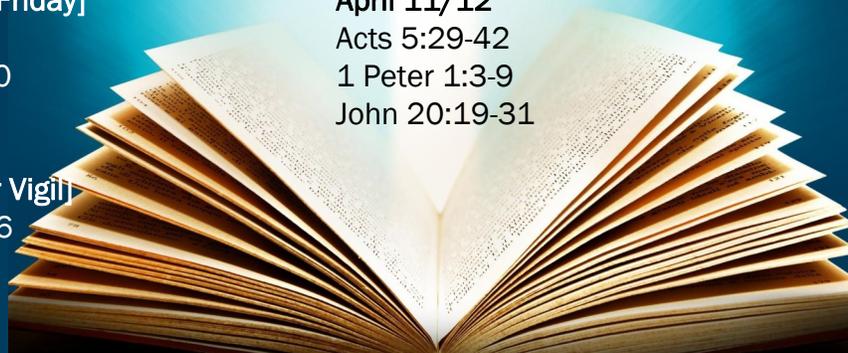
Acts 5:29-42
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John 20:19-31

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Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
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April Word Search—Planting Seeds

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- SPADE
- WARMTH
- SOWING
- PELLETED
- BROADCASTING
- SPROUT
- HEIRLOOM
- DEPTH
- GARDEN HOSE
- SHOVEL
- SEEDLING
- HYBRID
- GERMINATION
- TROWEL
- TRANSPLANT
- SOIL
- DIBBER
- THINNING
- COVERING
- HERITAGE
- SPACING
- SEEDS

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"I was glad when they said to me 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'" Psalm 122:1

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Worship Services

Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:30 am

Sunday Bible Study

Children 10:45 am

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April 2026

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>1</p> <p>6:30 pm Council Meeting</p> <p>Preschool Spring and Easter Break Continues</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>MAUNDY Thursday</p> <p>7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Servicer</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p>7:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Servicer</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Easter Vigil</p>
Stress Awareness Month	National Autism Awareness Month						
<p>5</p>  <p>alleluia!</p> <p><i>Christ has Risen!</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>Preschool Classes Resume</p>	<p>7</p> <p>World Health Day</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 pm Elder's Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>National Unicorn Day</p>	<p>10</p> <p>National Siblings Day</p>	<p>11</p> <p>National Pet Day</p>	
12	13	14	<p>15</p>  <p>tax day!</p>	16	<p>17</p>  <p>March Newsletter Articles and Announcements Due</p>	<p>18</p> 	
<p>19</p> 	20	<p>21</p> <p>World Creativity and Innovation Day</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>EARTH DAY</p> <p>6:30 pm Women's Bible Study</p>	23	<p>24</p>  <p>Arbor Day</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Independent Bookstore Day</p>	
26	27	28	<p>29</p> <p>International Dance Day</p>	<p>30</p> <p>International Jazz Day</p>	<p>Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm</p> <p>April Birthstone Diamond & Crystal</p>	<p>Bulletin Announcements Due Wednesdays</p> <p>April Flowers Daisy & Sweet Pea</p>	