

St. Paul's Lutheran Family

April 2024
NEWSLETTER

There's a Place for You at St. Paul's!



Celebrating the Seven Weeks of Easter: A Journey of Renewal and Hope

As we bask in the joyous celebration of Easter, we embark on a journey that extends beyond Resurrection Sunday. The season of Easter, often overlooked, spans seven weeks, leading us to the day of Pentecost. This period, known as Eastertide, is a time of reflection, renewal, and anticipation.

Week 1: Resurrection Sunday

The first week begins with the Resurrection Sunday, a day filled with joy and celebration. We rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who conquered death and brought us new life.

Week 2-6: Living the Resurrection

The following five weeks are a time to live in the light of the resurrection. Each week, we delve deeper into the teachings of Jesus, reflecting on His words and actions. We are reminded of His love, His sacrifice, and His promise of eternal life. This is a time for personal growth and spiritual renewal.

Week 7: Ascension to Pentecost

The seventh week marks the Ascension of Jesus into heaven and the anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It's a time of waiting and praying, just as the disciples did in the Upper Room.

As we journey through these seven weeks, let us remember that Easter is not just a day, but a season. It's a time to reflect on the resurrection, to live out our faith in the light of the resurrection, and to anticipate the coming of the Holy Spirit.

May this Eastertide be a time of deep spiritual growth for you. May you experience the joy of the resurrection, the peace of Christ's presence, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Wishing you a blessed Eastertide,

Pastor Mary Lou

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Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Treasurer's Report: Income, Expenses and Budgets Chart

February 2023 to February 2024
Principal Payments Excluded



February 2024 Chart

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Beginning April 1, 2024, copies of the Treasurer's Reports and Financial Reports will be available in the church secretary's office. You can also request copies from the church secretary via email at stpaulcarson@gmail.com or from the treasurer at sharongesick@yahoo.com. The binder will have reports beginning with July 2023 through February 2024, along with copies of the current month's reports.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank both Doug and Pat Thunder for their hard work on the previous website, which included the monthly Treasurer's Reports and Financial Reports. In addition to the website, they both created the previous newsletter with wonderful information.

I am very grateful to Doug for his help in mentoring me as I learned the Treasurer's duties. He will be greatly missed.

Sharon Gesick, Treasurer
sharongesick@yahoo.com, 775 443-8744

Council Corner

Louise Griffith,

President



President's Report

This article is dedicated to communicating the actions, decisions, and future action items of the Church Council. It is intended to give the congregation the highlights of the Church Council meeting.

Financial Report:

At the end of February 2024:	February 2024	Total Year-to-Date
Total General Fund Income	\$11,061.97	\$120,245.63
Total General Fund Expenses	\$15,522.73	\$121,134.54
Difference	-\$4,460.76	\$-888.91

Property Sale Update:

A.J. Fueling, Carson City School District (CCSD) Superintendent and Ryan Russell, District Attorney joined us at the Church Council meeting on March 20th. They reported that the survey for the possible sale of the back two (2) acres has been completed. The next step will be to order an appraisal to determine the value of the property. Before incurring this costly expense, they would like to know if St. Paul's is still generally interested in proceeding. The Church Council is hosting an **information** meeting on April 7th after the church service to discuss this issue and answer questions. Generally, the question is "Should we continue to move forward with the investigation of selling the property?" If the answer is "no", then we need to tell the CCSD to stop so they do not incur any more expenses. If the answer is "yes", then CCSD will move forward with the appraisal, which **may** result in an offer to purchase the two (2) acres of property.

Annual Meeting and Budget Information Meeting:

Church Council has moved **St. Paul's Annual Meeting** to June 2, 2024 after church service. Normally, our annual meeting is on the second Sunday of June. However, the Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly is on June 7-9, 2024 and creates a conflict. Church Council has also scheduled a **Budget Information Meeting** for May 19th after the church service to answer any questions about the proposed budget for 2024-2025, which will be voted on at the Annual meeting.

We need three (3) volunteers to fill the seats of the three volunteers who are retiring in June. In many ways, the Church Council is a vital ministry at St. Paul's. Its goal is to conduct the business of St. Paul's and bring the concerns of the congregation to the Council's attention for possible action and resolution. We monitor the finances of the church, support staff in their ministry among us, and most importantly, seek God's will for the continued ministry of St. Paul's. Is it glamorous, no...Is it meaningful, yes! The requirement is to attend the monthly meetings, actively listen to the concerns of the congregation, support staff and volunteers as needed, and be a resource to the life pulse of St. Paul's. The term of a council member is three (3) years. You must be a member of St. Paul's and your gifts and talents would be welcomed. Currently, Ken Beaton and Nakita Jones are on the nominating committee. If you would like to serve on the Church Council, please talk to one of them or feel free to contact me.

A Goodbye:

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Nikki Rohrs as she moves to Elko, NV to be with family. She has been an active member on the Church Council for three (3) years and has applied her many talents, generous heart, and quiet wisdom to many tasks around the church. Thank you, Nikki, for all you have done for St. Paul's!

I ask the congregation to unite in prayer each night at 8:00 p.m.

Loving God, be with us and guide us during this time of discernment. Fill our leaders with your wisdom. Keep us mindful of the work you would have us do. Lead us and guide us, O Lord, to be about the work of your kingdom even as the search for a new pastor continues. Bless all who have taken on extra responsibility and fill them with a sense of your love and presence. We pray in your Son's name, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Happy Easter!

He has Risen!

Alleluia!

Louise Griffith, President

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Servants Serving

Altar Guild for April

Carol Arneson and Marla Johnson

Greeters

April 7th Judy McPhail
April 14th Deanna Fine
April 21st Marla Johnson
April 28th Greg and Louise Griffith

Readers

April 7th Jeanette Peck
April 14th Marla Johnson
April 21st Ruth Fitzgerald
April 28th Holly McPhail

Ushers TBA

Musicians

Dave Lingsjo,
Principle Musician
Vicki Hamilton, Organist
Carol Arneson, Choir Director

Live-streaming Team

Holly McPhail and Nick Cotsonis

Acolytes

Clay Woslum and Greg Griffith

Youth Acolytes – TBA

Coffee Guru

Jean Opperman

Communion Assistants

April 7th Deanna Fine
April 14th Youth Acolyte
April 21st Youth Acolyte
April 28th Youth Acolyte

Counters

April 7th Judy McPhail, Dick Lowther
April 14th Deanna Fine, Mary DeFelice
April 21st Judy McPhail, Dorothea Phalen
April 28th Greg Griffith, Shirley Rickard

Ministry Leaders

Altar Guild: Vicki Hamilton
Greeters: Ruth Fitzgerald
Readers: Judy McPhail
Counters: Mary DeFelice
Communion Assistants: Judy McPhail
Youth Acolytes: Traci Angel
Card Ministry: Marla Johnson

Ministry Leaders' E-mail

Altar Guild and Card Ministry: Vicki Hamilton
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Greeters: Ruth Fitzgerald
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Counters: Mary DeFelice
Marenang@hotmail.com

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ROMAC1945@outlook.com

Ushers: Dave Harrell
davidharrell93@yahoo.com

Communion Assistants: Judy McPhail
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Stewardship: Deanna Fine
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Card Ministry: Marla Johnson
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What is the Meaning and Use of Liturgical Colors?

In the Christian tradition, colors are used for vestments and paraments (see also, "What are vestments and paraments and Why are they used?"), but a unified system of colors developed only gradually and haphazardly until and through the Middle Ages. Today, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America provides a system of colors for use by its congregations; for the most part, the same system is also used by Roman and Anglican churches, at least in the United States; and by many churches around the world, including the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Many of the colors associated with the seasons are closely linked with the experience of Christians in the Northern hemisphere. Christians in the Southern hemisphere will experience the church year differently in that context, perhaps calling forth different color associations. It is also helpful to realize that colors have different associations across the globe, just as they have had different associations over the course of the church's history. For example, white is the color North American and European Christians typically associate with Christmas and Easter, the color white signifying the purity of Christ, light or joy. In many Eastern cultures, however, white connotes mourning. Red, associated with energy, blood or fire among other things in Western culture, is the color associated with purity in India.

The colors serve to adorn the worship space, and to call attention to the nature of the season or festival being celebrated. A brief summary of their usage, according to the church year, follows.

Advent: Blue is associated with Advent, suggesting hope. This association originated in Scandinavia, probably because purple dye was too expensive for churches to use. Some assemblies use purple in Advent, a color associated with royalty as the church awaits the newborn king. (Note, this is a different meaning than when it is used in Lent; see below).

Christmas: White, calling to mind the purity of the newborn Christ, and to our light and joy in him. Some also use Gold.

Epiphany of Our Lord: White

Baptism of Our Lord: White

Time after Epiphany: Green is used for its symbolism of our growth in Christ. Green, in a sense, is a "neutral color," used when more festive or more somber color is not appointed.

Transfiguration of Our Lord: White

Ash Wednesday: Purple is the preferred color as this is the first day of Lent. Historically, black has also been used on this day, since it is the color of the ashes to which we will all return.

Lent: Purple is typically associated with Lent, suggesting repentance and solemnity.

Passion: Scarlet is the preferred color of this first day of Holy Week, as it suggests the deep color of blood. (Scarlet is to be distinguished from the brighter color of red, which is appointed for the Day of Pentecost, martyrs' days, and certain church celebrations). If a parish does not have scarlet vestments, purple may be used.

Days of Holy Week: Scarlet or purple may be used for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday: For this fourth day of Holy Week, celebrated as the institution of the Lord's Supper, scarlet or white is used.

Good Friday: No vestments or paraments are used on this day, after the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday night.

Vigil of Easter: White or Gold suggests of joy in the Resurrection is used on this night.

Easter Day: White or gold is suggested for this day. The gold color symbolizes that this day is the "Queen of Feasts," unique in the entire church year.

Sundays of Easter: White suggests the joy of the resurrection.

Day of Pentecost: Red as the color of fire is used on this day when we remember the tongues of fire descended on the crowd in Jerusalem. In contrast to the color of scarlet, Pentecost's red is a bright color.

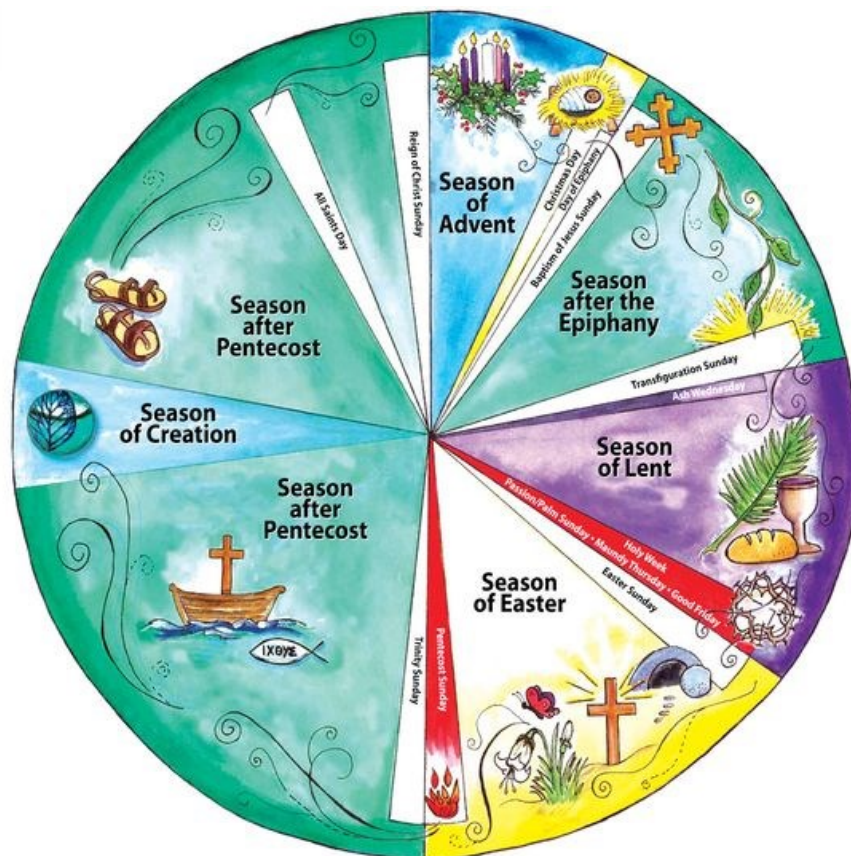
The Holy Trinity: White is suggested, the expression of joy in the mystery of the Triune God.

Time after Pentecost: Green is used, to indicate our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ. Some assemblies use differing shades of green throughout the Sundays after Pentecost, a lighter green in summer and a darker green in fall.

Christ the King: The final day of the church year uses white, a festive color suggesting light, joy, and the celebration of our Lord.

Lesser festivals and commemorations are white, unless a martyr is celebrated, in which case bright red is suggested.

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/What_is_the_meaning_and_use_of_liturgical_colors.pdf





Passover

Passover 2024 begins at sundown on Monday, April 22nd, and ends the evening of Tuesday, April 30th for most Jews in the diaspora. Jews in the land of Israel and some Reform Jews in the diaspora will end Passover on the evening of Monday, April 29th.

What is Passover?

Passover is a festival of freedom. It commemorates the Israelites' Exodus from Egypt and their transition from slavery to freedom. The main ritual of Passover is the seder, which occurs on the first two nights (in Israel just the first night) of the holiday — a festive meal that involves the re-telling of the Exodus through stories and song and the consumption of ritual foods including matzah and maror (bitter herbs). The seder's rituals and other readings are outlined in the Haggadah.

What are some Passover practices?

The central Passover practice is a set of intense dietary changes, mainly the absence of hametz, or foods with leaven. (Ashkenazi Jews also avoid kitniyot, a category of food that includes legumes.) In recent years, many Jews have compensated for the lack of grain by cooking with quinoa, although not all recognize it as kosher for Passover. The ecstatic cycle of psalms called Hallel is recited both at night and day (during the seder and morning prayers). Additionally, Passover commences a 49-day period called the Omer, which recalls the count between offerings brought to the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. This count culminates in the holiday of Shavuot, the anniversary of the receiving of the Torah at Sinai.

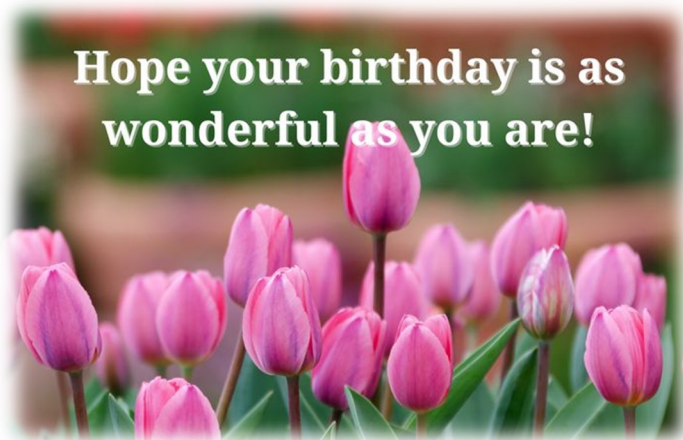
Did you know that Jesus's Last Supper was a Passover meal?



*Celebrate
April Birthdays*



- 2 George Hamilton
- 3 Nellie Revelle
- 6 Emily Gould
- 6 Mark March
- 12 Austin O'Kelly
- 13 Heidi Jones
- 17 Kay Elverum
- 17 James Johnson
- 17 Jim Kennett
- 17 Andrew Moltz
- 18 Jaklyn Anderson
- 18 Joseph Little
- 23 Oscar Anderson
- 24 Pat Thunder
- 24 Tiffany Wilson
- 26 Hailey Jones
- 28 Ferol Arnold



*Count your life by smiles, not tears.
Count your age by friends, not years.*

WELCA Bible Study
meets on the first Tuesday
of the month
at 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Please join this
wonderful group!



STITCHERS will meet
on April 9th and 30th from
9:00 a.m. to noon.

There will be no meeting
on the 23rd.

*No experience is
necessary to join!*

April Fools' Day—
occurring on April 1st each
year—has been
celebrated for several
centuries by different
cultures, though its exact
origins remain a mystery.
April Fools' Day traditions
include playing hoaxes or
practical jokes on others,
often yelling "April Fools!" at the end to clue in
the subject of the April Fools' Day prank.
While its exact history is shrouded in mystery,
the embrace of April Fools' Day jokes by many
people has ensured the unofficial holiday's long
life.



What's your favorite April's Fool joke?





Worship services are held each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Our worship service is live-streamed via YouTube.

Directions for YouTube: Copy and paste this link into your web browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.paulslutheranfamily7828>



The link will take you to St. Paul's YouTube channel where you can watch the live service.

To watch recorded services, click on "Playlist" and then choose the Sunday service/video you want to watch.



St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal is held each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. We usually rehearse for about an hour. So, if you like to sing and can spare some time on a Wednesday evening, please come join us. Any change in schedule will be announced. Thank you!
Carol Arneson



FIREFIGHTERS/PEACE OFFICERS

Andy Steyn, Brian Hillenbrand, Tina Sherman, Mark Dickens, John Gould, Michael Gould, and Jason Wildblood.

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Raelynn Norman (niece of Judy McPhail), Matthew Russell (nephew of Judy McPhail), Brandon Luterick, Heather Joyner (Johnson), Peter Elverum, Sarah McGee, Bryce Stimka, Olivia Lesperance, John Duffy (nephew of



Worthy Charities in Carson City

Advocates to End Domestic Violence

<https://www.aedv.org/>

FISH Friends in Service Helping

<https://www.nvfish.com/>

Feeding Pets of the Homeless

<https://petsofthehomeless.org/>

Catmandu Cat Shelter

<https://www.catmanducc.org/>

Scaredy Cats Trap Neuter Release

<https://www.scaredycatstnr.com/>

Nevada Humane Society

<https://nevadahumanesociety.org/>

Please don't forget the people and animals of Ukraine!

You can help with humanitarian aid via:

<https://www.lutheranworld.org>

<https://rolda.org/breaking-news-ukraine>



RUMMAGE SALE

It's coming! St. Paul's Rummage Sale is happening on Saturday, April 27th! Time to start saving those unwanted items such as small furniture, plants, books, games, boutique – collectibles, jewelry, clothing, housewares, bedding, toys, electronics, dishes, and tools! Look for a basket soon on the sideboard by our front door to put your jewelry donations in (so we can start sorting and pricing). Other items can be brought to the church on Monday, April 22nd from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, April 23rd and Wednesday, April 24th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Soon there will be a signup sheet available for you to choose when you would like to help out during the week before the sale and the day of the sale. Proceeds from the sale benefit local charitable organizations and St. Paul's. For more information, please contact Hope Chowanski at 775 230-3131. Thanks! ~ Mary DeFelice

Rummage Sale Help Needed

St. Paul's Lutheran Family

Day of Sale: April 27 8:00am to 1:30pm



Volunteers Needed for Set Up & Pricing

Please contact Joan Schultz for hourly shift availability.

775-883-6833 or cc.jfran@yahoo.com

Tuesday 4-23 thru Friday 4-26 8am to 5pm.

Gently used and clean items Needed:

Books, Games, Plants, Jewelry, Clothing, Housewares, Dishes, Tools,

Boutique/Collectibles, Paintings, Electronics, Flat screen TV's,

Small Furniture only.

Contact Sandy Danforth 775-882-2665 with furniture questions.

Item Drop Off Dates and Times

Monday 4-22 1pm to 5pm

Tuesday 4-23 8am to 5pm

Wednesday 4-24 8am to **NO later then 5pm!**

We Are In Need of Folding Tables to Use for the Sale

Contact Hope Chowanski 775-230-3131 or smtnktns@hotmail.com

Make sure your name and phone # are on the bottom of the table(s)

Thank you!

St. Paul's has a wonderful cadre of volunteers, but those folks could use help and a little break from time-to-time.

If you would like to become more involved at St. Paul's, please consider volunteering your time and talent to one of our ministries.

The ministry leaders' contact info is on page 5 of this newsletter.

Thank you!



Nevada Humane Society volunteers help provide life-saving care for more than 18,000 pets every year.

There are variety of volunteer opportunities from dog walking to cat cuddling to animal photography available—all of which enhance the lives of thousands of pets and people every year.

<https://volunteer.nevadahumanesociety.org/>



Kitten season is here, and the Nevada Humane Society needs volunteers to foster these new fur babies.

Fostering a shelter pet can be an incredibly valuable and rewarding experience both for the animal and the foster volunteer. No experience is necessary to become a foster care volunteer. There are multiple types of foster situations ranging from orphaned animals who must be bottle fed to adult pets who are recovering from surgeries. You will have the opportunity to work with our team to determine which types of foster situations fit your lifestyle.

To make your foster experience as rewarding as possible, a starter kit of supplies will be provided, including all required medications, relevant training, and on-call assistance. Medical treatment for foster animals is provided free of cost, so there is no expense to the foster volunteer. If you are interested in fostering a shelter pet from Nevada Humane Society, please contact them at:

<https://nevadahumanesociety.org/foster/>

Other volunteer opportunities

Nevada Talking Books
[775 684-3354](tel:7756843354)

Feeding Pets of the Homeless
[775 841-7463](tel:7758417463)

FISH Social Services for Northern Nevada
[775 841-7463](tel:7758417463)

Carson City CASA, Inc.
[775 882-6776](tel:7758826776)

Carson City Senior Citizens Center
[775 883-0703](tel:7758830703)



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Help people in our community, our country, and the world who have been impacted by poverty, war, political instability, hunger, disease, and weather disasters.

<https://worldrelief.org/>

Thank you!



All youth who are in the 6th through 12th grade are welcome to join the youth group!
 We meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday after the service.
 If you know anyone who is interested or has any questions,
 please call Traci Angel at 775 721-5495.



Many thanks to Traci Angel and her amazing Youth Group members for the scrumptious
 Pancake Breakfast they served up on Easter Sunday.
 The Easter Egg Hunt was fun for the kids too.
 Thank you to those who donated candy and plastic eggs for the hunt.
 Look for photos from the event in the May newsletter.

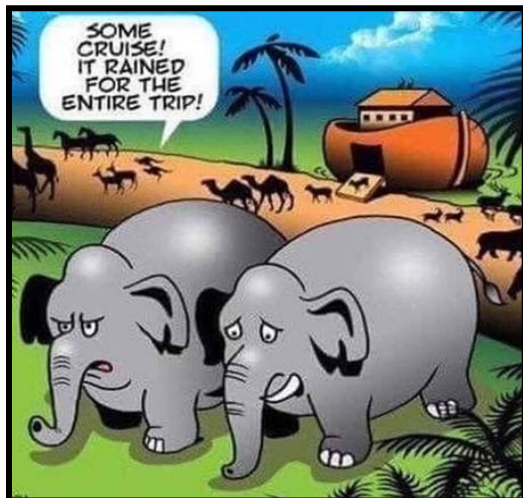
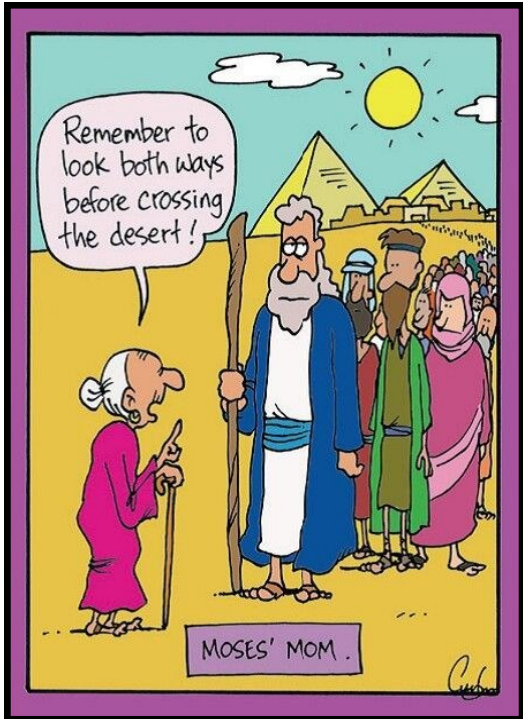
There are always so many people to thank who help make St. Paul's the special church it is. You know who you are.
 Many of you wear more than one hat at our church and deserve extra mention such as the Worship Committee members and its volunteers, the Search Committee members, the Altar Guild, the choir, and the Executive and Church Council members.
 Thank you for your service to St. Paul's!
 We appreciate all you do!



St. Paul's Lutheran Family Choir
 Thank You
 for the *Music*

Thank you for driving so much joy to our church family! You ALL always make me smile! You are treasures! Thank you for all you do for all of us! Traci and all the Youth ☺

PS Enjoy a little treat on us! We are so lucky to have such an amazing choir!





Sundays

Youth Group 1st and 3rd Sundays after worship
NA, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 1st

April Fools Day!

April 15th

Taxes are due!

Tuesdays

Confirmation Class, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2nd

WELCA Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

April 9th and 30th (April only)

Stitchers, 9:00 a.m. to noon.

No meeting on the 23rd.

Wednesdays

Choir practice, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17th

Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays

Strings Practice, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 11th

Executive Meeting, 6:00 p.m.



Worship services are held
every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

This Month's Worship Schedule:

**April 7th April 14th April 21st
April 28th**



THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE FOR
DOUG THUNDER WILL BE ON
SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH AT 11:00 A.M.
IN ST. PAUL'S SANCTUARY.
A RECEPTION IN SORLIEN HALL
WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE.

