

St. Paul's Epistle

"St. Paul's Lutheran Church glorifies God by connecting people to Jesus through teaching, serving, caring, & telling!"

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He is Risen...

Friends in Christ,

He was alive! On that first Easter Sunday, Christ had risen from the dead! But there was one person absent as He appeared to the disciples, Thomas. And he would seem to be a skeptic from the twenty-first century, as Thomas said "Unless I see and touch. I will not believe. No way."

Doubt comes so naturally to the human mind, doesn't it? Personally, we know just how easily doubt enters in, don't we? And as we look to God's Word, the Holy Bible, we find numerous examples of the doubt of Jesus' disciples. Mary Magdalene said in John chapter 20 verse 2: "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb." We read in John 20 verse 9, that it says of Peter and John: "They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead." And of all the disciples, Luke chapter 24 verse 11 tells us: "They did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense."

Doubt, immediately following Jesus' resurrection, was quite understandable, right? For Jesus was crucified. He was dead. The centurion made sure of it. Jesus was laid in a tomb—no doubt about it. And no one has ever, by his own power, risen from the grave.

Author of the well-known book *On Death and Dying*, Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, wrote: "Man has conquered space, he has made great technological advances, but he cannot conquer death." And that is a true enough statement, for on our own, by the power within a mere mortal individual, death is an undefeatable foe. But, because Christ is risen from the dead, we can ourselves, confident in our Savior, even stomp on the grave and say boldly with St. Paul's, as he wrote to the Corinthians, "Where, O death, is your victory? . . . Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:55, 57).

Sadly, though, doubt still actively robs people today of the joy of "the resurrection of the body" that Christ won for us. It is so easy for people not to believe, and therefore miss the confidence and certain hope Christ brings. People in our culture, even many unbelievers, yet believe in the spirit world and in angels. And Luke 24 verse 37 says that when the Risen Christ physically appeared to them, the disciples themselves "were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost."

But Jesus makes clear at His appearing that His body is a real, glorified, physical body when He asks the disciples to "touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have" (Luke 24:39). And for final proof Jesus even eats a piece of broiled fish (Luke 24:43). Obviously a spirit does not consume food. Yes, death is totally defeated with the bodily resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

In the month of April, during the seven week season of Easter, we truly celebrate that Jesus is alive! And because He lives, we know with certainty that our sins are forgiven, and we shall live. Absolutely, we know that Christ has conquered sin, death, and the devil. And trusting in Jesus, if God is for us, who can be against us? So do not doubt, but believe God's Word and rejoice this Easter season, for Jesus our Savior is indeed alive!

In Christ our Risen Lord,

Pastor Aaron Kretzschmar



April 2024

8:15am Traditional Worship
In-Church & Facebook Live
9:30am Sunday School all ages
10:00am WZDK 98.5 FM Radio
10:45am CrossLife in the ARC

Holy Communion April 7, 21

Staffed Nursery 8am until noon

Sunday Bible Studies

Adult Bible Study

Sundays 9:30am

Pastor's Bible Study 9:45am

Weekday Bible Studies

Wednesday Luke: 10:30

Revelation Bible Study

Wednesdays 6:00pm

Women's Bible Study 6:30pm

Thursday, April 4 & 18

Men's Bible Study & Breakfast

Saturday, April 27 at 9:30am

Looking Ahead

Preschool Sunday

April 14, 10:45am

Movie Night—"Jesus Revolution"

Sunday, April 14, 6pm

HS Youth Yard Sale

Saturday, April 20, 7am-?

Voters Meeting

April 28, 9:30am

Preschool Moms & Muffins

May 2, 7-9am

Confirmation Oral Exam

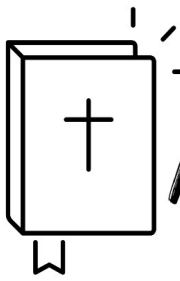
May 3

Rite of Confirmation

May 5

Theme for 2024: "Spreading the Gospel of God's Grace"

Verse for 2024: "But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God." (Acts 20:24)



Notes from Miss Skylar



St. Paul's Family,

Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," 1 Peter 1:3

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Did you know that Easter isn't just a singular day? Easter is to be celebrated everyday because everyday we live in God's promise of eternal life in heaven because of Jesus' death and resurrection. So live everyday in remembrance of the empty grave when Jesus

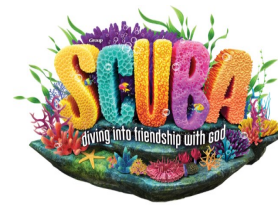
defeated death for our sake.

Through this celebration we want to share the Good News and love of Jesus with everyone we meet. One of the many ways we are doing this at St. Paul's is through our VBS in the summer! And I would love to have you and your child be a part of this fun

opportunity of diving into friendship with God at SCUBA VBS

June 24-28th! Talk to me if you would like to volunteer in any way. And don't forget to register your child, you can scan the QR Code on this page or fill out a paper form which can be found by my office or in the narthex!

God's Blessings,
Skylar Smith, DCE



You're Invited!

June 24th-28th, 2024 | 9-12pm

Scan to register today!



Enduring Faith

April Sunday School Lessons

- 4/7 - A Water Wonder: Jesus Walks on Water
- 4/14 - A Mountaintop Wonder: Jesus' Transfiguration
- 4/21 - Mission Wonders: Jesus Sends the Seventy-Two
- 4/28 - A Welcome Truth: Mary and Martha

Youth Yard Sale April 20th | 7-12pm

The high school youth will be holding a yard sale on April 20th. Please start collecting those items you would like to donate! You can drop off your items in the ARC beginning Sunday, April 14th, after CrossLife! If you have any questions, contact Heather Asher or Skylar.



THE ANCHOR

St. Paul's Young Adults

April 20th at 6:30pm | Game Night

To receive information and reminders
text "@yaanchor" to 81010

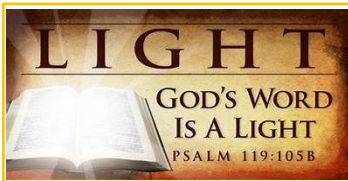
Bible Reading Challenge

April - Eternal Perspective

Join our 2024 Bible Reading Challenge! These daily readings look at verses that focus on a different theme every month. These verses may only take a few seconds to read, but we encourage you to read them multiple times throughout the day and spend time in prayer with God over the verses. We also encourage you, if you have the time, to READ MORE! These verses are a starting point!

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| Day 1: Colossians 3:1-2 | Day 16: 2 Cor 4:17-18 |
| Day 2: Hebrews 12:1-2 | Day 17: Romans 12:2 |
| Day 3: James 5:7-8 | Day 18: Romans 8:5-6 |
| Day 4: 1 Peter 1:3-4 | Day 19: 1 John 3:2-3 |
| Day 5: 1 Peter 1:5-7 | Day 20: 1 Peter 4:12-13 |
| Day 6: 1 Peter 1:8-9 | Day 21: John 14:1-3 |
| Day 7: 1 Peter 1:13-15 | Day 22: 1 Peter 4:7 |
| Day 8: 1 Peter 1:23 | Day 23: Romans 5:3-5 |
| Day 9: Isaiah 40:6-8 | Day 24: Romans 5:5 |
| Day 10: 1 Timothy 6:12-14 | Day 25: 2 Corinthians 5:1 |
| Day 11: 1 Corinthians 15:58 | Day 26: 1 John 2:15-16 |
| Day 12: Rom 13:11-12, 14 | Day 27: 1 John 2:17 |
| Day 13: Philippians 4:8 | Day 28: Matthew 6:21 |
| Day 14: Philippians 4:5 | Day 29: Philippians 3:13-14 |
| Day 15: Matthew 16:23 | Day 30: Hebrews 11:1 |

You can pick up a monthly bookmark at church, like our Church Facebook page to get the daily reading (and be sure to Like and Share the reading for the day so that your friends can see them too!), or text "@stpaulsbrc" to 81010 to get text message reminders.



Here are several studies along with our 2023 Bible Reading Challenge on page 2 to help us be in His Word and in His light!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

10:30-11:30 am in Room 316

Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Skylar!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS A STUDY OF BOOK OF REVELATION



On Wednesday nights from 6-7 pm, in Room 317 (office wing) we are discussing the Book of Revelation. Although seen as being frightening, John's Revelation was written to comfort and assure Christians that, while the world is horrible and cruel (especially to Christians) indeed, believers triumph at the end of this life by living forever in the beauty and peace and joy of heaven. Our class is led by member Mike Widmar and will be using a study prepared by another member, Gary Nagy (Pastor Emeritus), who is also a member of the class.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study: The Gospel of Mark

Join us on Sunday mornings starting at 9:45 AM in the Fellowship Room for a study on the Gospel of Mark to answer such foundational questions about the Christian faith as: Who is this Jesus? What does He expect of me? Is suffering a normal part of the Christian life? And what will encourage and strengthen my trust in Jesus? These questions are not born of a lack of faith but serve to strengthen and stabilize our relationship with the Savior. Join us, and open your heart and mind as Mark's Gospel reveals what it means to follow Jesus.

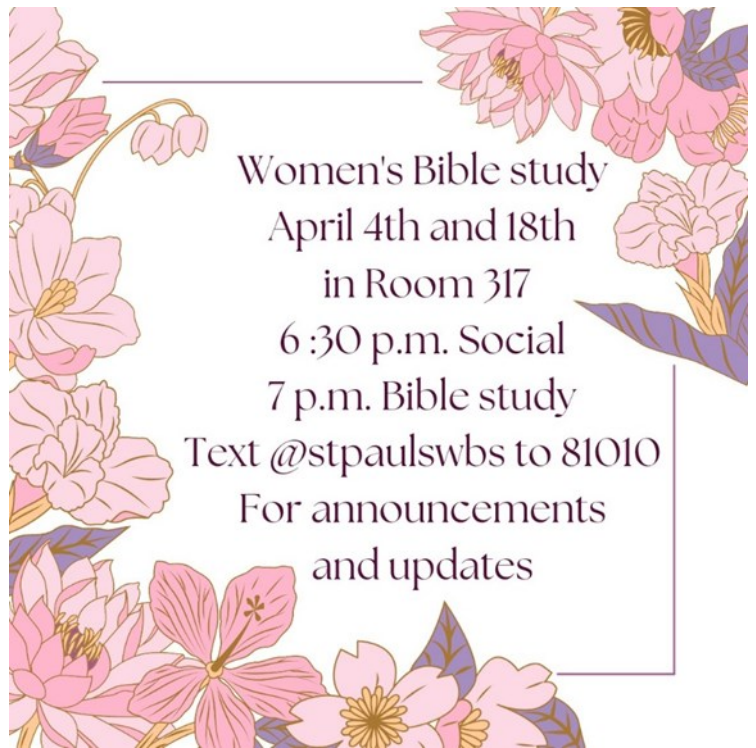


Kairos Network Missional Program: The Missionary Pathway

What is the Missionary Pathway? The Kairos Missionary Pathway is about releasing everyday believers to plant the gospel and make disciples in the places they live, work, learn and play. In this 8-session training we will walk you through the tools you need to be an everyday missionary in the places you are already going.

How does it work?

The video at <https://thekairosnetwork.com/> will share the "why" and the "how" behind the Kairos Network missionary pathway. If you sign up for the training join in with a community of people in the Southern District LCMS who are in the training as well by connecting with a cohort. This will give you the support of a community of people who are learning how to live on mission where they live, work, learn and play.



Women's Bible study

April 4th and 18th

in Room 317

6:30 p.m. Social

7 p.m. Bible study

Text @stpaulswbs to 81010

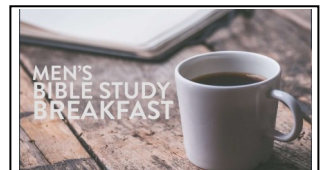
For announcements

and updates

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, ROOM 317

We are studying from the LCMS Discipleship Bible study series. The purpose of this series is to help Christians dig into Scripture to explore some of the primary teachings of Christ Jesus. That's how disciples are made—by the power of His Word. The 4 sessions in *ASK, SEEK, KNOCK: Take It to the Lord in Prayer, are on: The Power to Pray, Trusting His Answer, Praying with One Will, Your Prayers Matter*. There is no cost.

Here is the next Missionary Pathway Partner Cohort link and dates <https://thekairosnetwork.work.thinkific.com/courses/2024partnercohort3>



Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Saturday, April 27 at 9:30am

2024 Partner Cohort 3

Orientation - April 2 - 2:00pm central

Session 01 - April 9 - 2:00pm central

Session 02 - April 23 - 2:00pm central

Session 03 - May 14 - 2:00pm central

Session 04 - May 28 - 2:00pm central

Session 05 - June 11 - 2:00pm central

Session 06 - June 25 -



Adult Confirmation Class

Wednesdays at 8pm

In-person and by Zoom
Talk to Pastor for more information

April 2024

† denotes Holy Communion celebrated during Worship Church Nursery 8:00am - Noon on Sundays

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| 31 Easter 8:15am Traditional Worship & FbL† 9:30am Easter Breakfast 9:45am Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am Radio 98.5FM Worship 10:45am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary | 1 Church Office Closed 7:00am PS Ext Care (M-F) 8:45am Preschool (M-Th) 10:00am LWML Meeting (mingle 9:30-10:00) 2:30pm KTT Afterschool (M-F) | 2 Church Office Closed 8:30 9:30&11 Exercise | 3 10:00am Quilters 10:30am Bible Study 4:00pm KTT Chapel 5:30pm FaithLinks dinner 6:00pm Bible study / 6:00pm Handbells 6:15pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir | 4 8:30 9:30&11 Exercise 10:30am PS Chapel 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm Women's Bible study | 5 | 6 |
| 7 8:15am Traditional Worship & FbL† 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Radio 98.5FM Worship 10:45am CrossLife Worship† 5:00pm HS Youth Night | 8 7:00am PS Ext Care (M-F) 8:45am Preschool (M-Th) 2:30pm KTT Afterschool (M-F) | 9 8:30 9:30&11 Exercise 9:30am Staff meeting 6:00pm Education meeting 7:00pm Vestry meeting | 10 10:00am Quilters 10:30am Bible Study 4:00pm KTT Chapel 5:30pm FaithLinks dinner 6:00pm Bible study / 6:00pm Handbells 6:15pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Praise Band 8:00pm Adult Confirmation | 11 8:30 9:30&11 Exercise 10:30am PS Chapel 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00pm Fellowship board meeting | 12 | 13 1:00pm KTT "Be U" event |
| 14 8:15am Traditional Worship & FbL 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Radio 98.5FM Worship 10:45am CrossLife Worship 10:45am Preschool Sunday 6:00pm Movie night - Jesus Revolution | 15 Newsletter deadline 7:00am PS Ext Care (M-F) 8:45am Preschool (M-Th) 2:30pm KTT Afterschool (M-) | 16 8:30 9:30&11 Exercise 9:30am Staff meeting 6:00pm Preschool Board meeting | 17 10:00am Quilters 10:30am Bible Study 4:00pm KTT Chapel 5:30pm FaithLinks dinner 6:00pm Bible study / 6:00pm Handbells 6:15pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Praise Band 8:00pm Adult Confirmation | 18 8:30 9:30&11 Exercise 10:30am PS Chapel 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm Women's Bible study | 19 No KTT Yard sale set up/ | 20 7:00am HS Youth Yard Sale 6:30pm Young Adult Game Night |
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| 28 8:00am Nursery open 8:15am Traditional Worship & FbL 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Voters meeting 10:00am Radio 98.5FM Worship 10:45am CrossLife Worship | 29 7:00am PS Ext Care (M-F) 8:45am Preschool (M-Th) 2:30pm KTT Afterschool (M-F) | 30 8:30 9:30&11 Exercise 9:30am Staff meeting | 1 10:00am Quilters 10:30am Bible Study 4:00pm KTT Chapel 6:00pm Bible study / 6:00pm Handbells 6:15pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Praise Band 8:00pm Adult Confirmation | 2 7-9am PS Moms & Muffins 8:30 9:30&11 Exercise 10:30am PS Chapel 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm Women's Bible study | 3 | 4 |



- Apr 1 Lisa Miller
- Apr 1 Rhonda Reece
- Apr 2 MeyMey Baker
- Apr 2 Nancy Whiteside
- Apr 3 Miranda Jordan
- Apr 3 Becky Ballentine
- Apr 6 Tracy Stoudnour
- Apr 6 James Thrasher
- Apr 9 Becky King
- Apr 12 Kellye Jones
- Apr 12 Britt McRae
- Apr 13 Nell McMinn
- Apr 15 Sierra Bauer
- Apr 18 Kathy Sautter

- Apr 18 Jo Whetsel
- Apr 19 Pastor Kretzschmar
- Apr 19 Michael Ringers
- Apr 19 Leann Thompson
- Apr 20 Pam Newton
- Apr 21 Craig Faller
- Apr 22 Jerry Morris
- Apr 24 Jennifer Frick
- Apr 24 Ariel Holway-Jones
- Apr 24 Parker Smith
- Apr 25 Michael Kimmett
- Apr 26 Bryce Carroll
- Apr 27 Mary Kay Hodges
- Apr 27 Raymond Asher
- Apr 29 Jackson McCay
- Apr 29 Carol Bullen

Voters Meeting



Mark your calendars now for the spring

Voters Meeting

Sunday, April 28



- Apr 2 Devin & Christina Schmelter
- Apr 6 Mike & Nell McMinn
- Apr 9 John & Regina Smith
- Apr 13 Jason & Wendy Duffey
- Apr 18 Ron & Twylia Fritze
- Apr 20 Doug & Amy Hamilton
- Apr 24 Kent & Farrah Locker
- Apr 24 Conner & MeyMey Baker
- Apr 28 Doug & Vicki Anderson
- Apr 30 Randy & Karin Burtram

God's Blessings on your Special Day!

Serving the Lord in Worship this Month at St. Paul's

| | April 7 | April 14 | April 21 | April 28 |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| Elders 8:15am | Mitchell Whiteside | Mike Johnson | Joseph Woodbury | Bill Darwin |
| Ushers 8:15am | Jim Disher Ken Hamilton Micky Whiteside Mike Widmar | Rick Daniel Jack Blaske Tim Nave Oliver Nave | Mike Ater Bob Seibert Mike Johnson | Graham Peebles James Thrasher Michael Kimmett Mathew Kimmett |
| Acolytes 8:15am | Owen / Oliver | Emma / Ben | Katelyn | Owen |
| A/V Techs 8:15am | Rich Maschke | Bob Sullivant | Rich Maschke | Bob Sullivant |
| Readers 8:15am | Jeff Pittman | open | Nancy Neuendorf | Luke Frasher |
| Sanctuary Flowers | Open | Open | Open | Open |
| Altar Guild for April: Melinda Carlson and Leesa Pittman | | Counters for April: Tim Herfurth and Beth Hornish | | |
| Elders 10:45am | Tim Herfurth | Roy Weiland | Tim Herfurth | Gary Nagy |
| Host families 10:45am | Burrell family | Herfurth family | McRae family | Morgan family |
| A/V Techs 10:45am | Rick & Carol Morgan | James Gilchrist | Mike Ringers | Tim Herfurth |




CHOIR PRACTICE
Come join the choir
Wednesdays at 7:00pm
in the choir loft.
New members welcome!
For more info contact
Mary Morgan




Handbell Choir
Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesdays at 6:00pm
in the choir loft.



Bring the family for a fun movie night
Sunday, April 14 at 6pm.



2023 Year-to-Date Average Attendance
In-church attendees 119
Facebook sign-ins 14



Current Loan Balance: \$218,039
Endowment Fund Balance: \$13,852
Financial Plan Activity thru February 29, 2024
YTD FirstFruits Giving: \$ 65,441 **PLAN: \$75,000**
YTD Total Expenses: - \$ 89,941 **PLAN: \$82,382**
Plan Activity thru Dec - \$ 24,500



Ushers Needed
Are you willing to serve? We are in need of two ushers for the 8:15am service. Please see Tim Nave if you can help.

THANKS TO ALL for faithful giving in-person and online.
Those giving by mail are GREATLY ENCOURAGED to give online.
Sending checks in the mail is the least safe way to donate.
Currently, 25% of our Givers give safely online;
to join them,

- go to the [website](#),
- snap the QR code,
- download the Mobile app, or
- contact the Church Office for a paper authorization form.


Online Giving is greatly encouraged!



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Secure Giving at
www.StPaulsDec.com



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or in the [App Store](#)

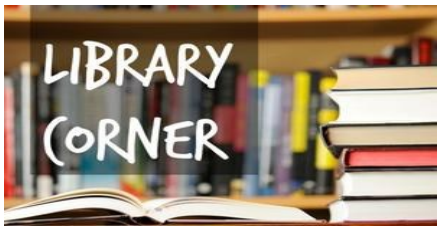


The Flower Calendar for 2024 is up in the breezeway.
Sign up early for your special day!

2024 VBS



Save The Date!
June 24-28, 2024



NEW TO THE LIBRARY

New books coming into the Library include: *All the Women of the Bible* by Edith Deen, *Books of the Old Testament* (a classic by LCMS's Stünkel), 2 Women's Bible Study Devotional *A New Song* (I Have set my King on Zion and Planted by Streams of Water), *The Case for Heaven* by Strobel, and *The Genesis Flood* (a classic by Whitcomb and Morris). Check these and other new arrivals on the desk in the Library (one of St. Paul's best kept secrets).



ST. PAUL'S IS A COMMUNITY

We aim to be a place of identity and belonging, being heard and cared for and known.

The desire to belong to a community that gives us our identity and cares for us is a longing of every human heart. Yet people aren't sure of where that place is. Jesus draws people to Himself, and they find not only identity and connection, and belonging in Him, but they also find it in His church. —from *Connected to Christ: Overcoming Isolation through Community* by Pastor Brian K Davies (2021: CPH).

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St Paul's Lutheran Women's Missionary League is supporting The Cross of North Alabama by helping to sell

-- Legacy Bricks --

The money raised from brick sales will benefit both The Cross of North Alabama Project as well as various St Paul's LWML projects.

Go online to: www.thecrossofnorthalabama.com

scroll down to order your brick today! 4x8 brick with 3-lines is \$150; 8x8 brick with 6-lines is \$400 (up to 20 characters per line).

After you place your order, please contact Dee Livingston at 256-345-3179 and or Jim Verhine at 256-679-3009. Payments by credit card or if paying by check, give checks to Dee.



Youth Yard Sale April 20th

The high school youth will be holding a yard sale on April 20th. Please start collecting those items you would like to donate and we will let you know when we will begin collecting items in April! Talk to Heather or Skylar if you have any questions.



Help wanted..... if you knit or crochet - we need you!

St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry is looking for new members to help create shawls, prayer squares, and beanies (for those taking chemo). The group has patterns and also plenty of yarn.

For more info contact Mary Kay Hodges at 256.244.4154.

Are now meeting in the Parlor every Thursday at 11am. Bring a friend!



St Paul's Quilters meet in Room 317 each Wednesday at 10am. Join us!

For more information contact Pete Alvis at 256.616.1774.



You're Invited to FAITHLINKS!

Wednesdays Dinner at 5:30pm
Classes start at 6:00pm



Outreach Project

Thank you to everyone who contributes and prays for the visitors to our Blessing Box!

Please help to keep the Blessing Box stocked by placing non-perishable items in the Blessing Box or in the collection box under the Portico at the Sanctuary entrance.

We are blessing our neighbors - one can at a time!



Registration for KTT Summer Program now open.

For more information contact Charlotte at 256-426-7734

Do you have one hour a week to spare?

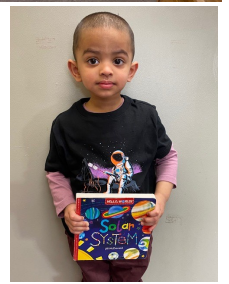
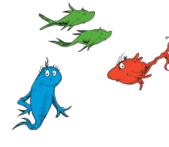
Volunteer driver needed for St. Paul's route on Wednesday and Thursday. One hour once or twice a week depending on day/days chosen, 2:15-3:15 start to finish. Must be able to drive a 15 passenger van.

Contact Charlotte for details at 256-426-7734.



The St. Paul Legacy Endowment Fund is important for the financial future of the ministries at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Want to learn more about giving to the St. Paul Legacy Endowment Fund? The Endowment Team will be having an Endowment Education meeting this September. More information to come!

St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool 2023-2024



Zilla the Bearded Dragon visits Mrs. Tori's 3 year old class.



This month is all about Spring

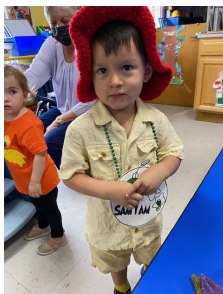
March is sponsored by the number **8** and the color **purple**.

This month the children will learn about plants and habitats. The shape of the month is oval and we will review our letters. Our Bible stories and study will be **Jesus' Ascension, Paul's Conversion, David and Jonathan and Jesus Heals A Crippled Man.**



Join us Sunday, April 14 for Preschool Sunday.

For more info and pictures of activities, please visit www.facebook.com/StPaulsDec.Preschool





Afterschool Care

Competition at its Best



Congratulations to these amazing group of children who sold over 140 tickets. Amongst this group are two over achievers. Andrew Elliott sold 53 and Ashton Grisby sold 47. All of you guys are true WINNERS!



And the Winners are...

A special thank you to St. Paul's members for so generously supporting our Swamp John's fundraiser. We would also like to thank all the volunteers that helped make our event a success. We raised \$1538.00 not including the raffle tickets.



Thanks Pastor Kretschmar for calling our Raffle ticket winner, Shica Jones Johnson out. Who by the way, started to turn around when she saw the crowd.



Summer Camp

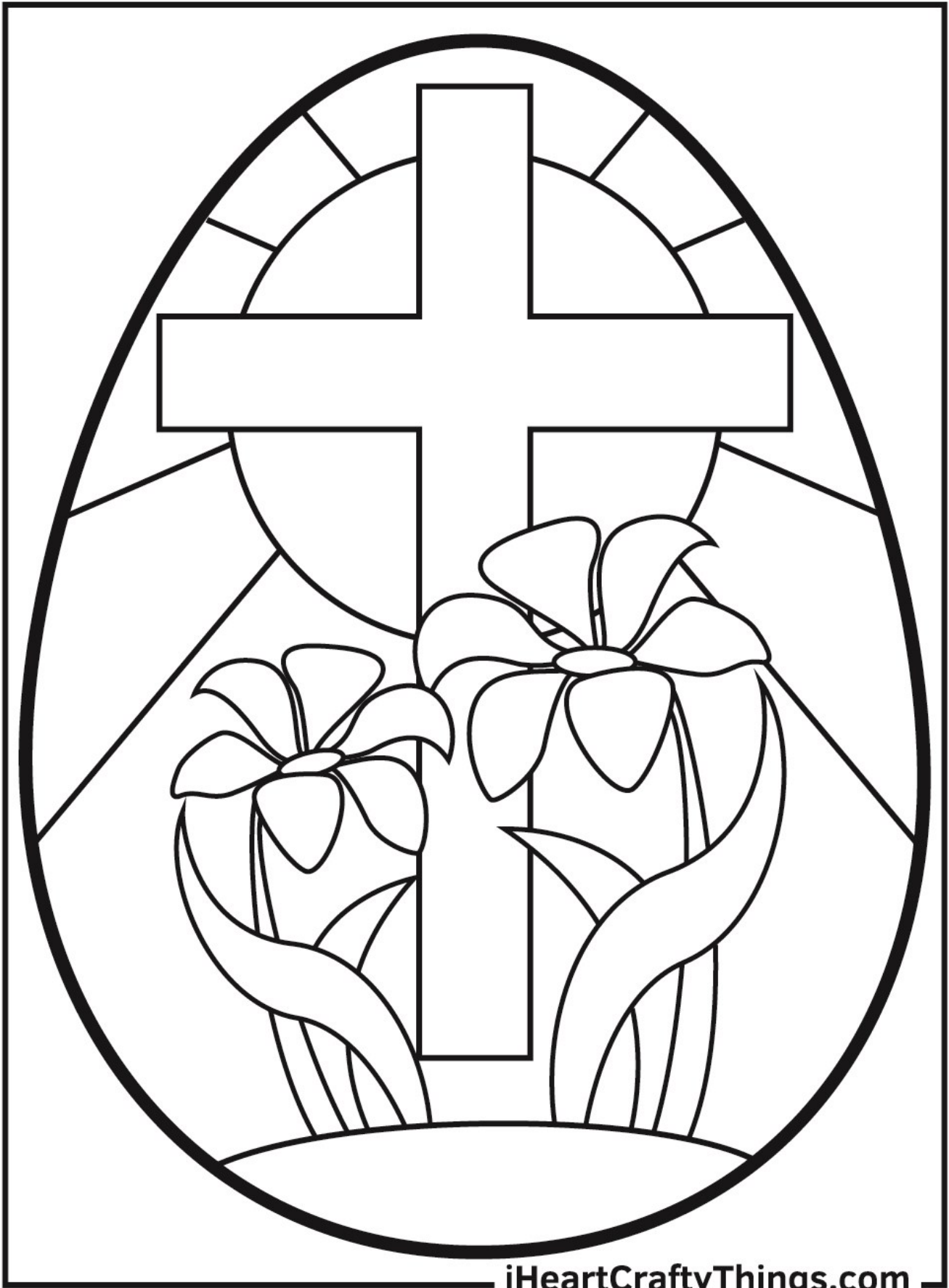
Registration is in progress. A \$75.00 non-refundable deposit will hold your spot. Spaces are limited!

Camp dates are June 3rd—July 26th



Charlotte Bradley, Director, KTT Inc
(256) 666-8601

For more info and pictures of activities, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/KidzTweenzTeenzInc/>



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[www.Facebook.com/StPaulsDec](https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsDec)



*Put this on your
calendar!*

**Family Movie
Night**

Sunday, April 14

at 6:00 pm!

*Invite your friends
and join us!*



We have transitioned to a new
1Call service
called Call Multiplier

The calls you receive will be from
(256) 353-8759 on your Caller ID
and identified as
"St. Paul's Lutheran Church."

If you want to replay a message, simply call
(877) 357-3575 and it will play the last message sent!

Please let the Church Office know if you would like to receive
our 1Call announcements and are currently not signed up.



churchoffice@stpaulsdec.com

**Calling All
Thrivent Members!!!**

Direct your
Thrivent Choice
Dollars
Today!



You can see the number of Choice Dollars[®] you have to
direct by logging in to Thrivent.com and scroll to the
bottom of your Account Overview page to see your
available Choice Dollars[®] or call 800-847-4836.

The deadline to direct 2023 Choice Dollars[®] is **March 31.**