



# The Messenger

The Resurrection of Our Lord ~ March 31, 2024

## Bible Study Opportunities

### Early Bible Study—Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

Class resumes April 7 with Dr. Charles Gieschen teaching on “What’s Next? Afterlife and Resurrection”.

### Sunday School—Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

Class resumes April 7. Youth ages 2 through high school meet in the Nerger room before heading off to your classrooms.

### Adult Bible Study—Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

Class resumes April 7. As children of the promise, we will take up how God involves children with His promises. Meet with Pastor Cage in the Nerger room after the service.

### Adult Instruction—Lutheranism 101

Class resumes April 7. Pastor Hoem is leading this Adult Instruction class about what it means to be Lutheran, join us at 10:45 a.m. in the Founders room.

### Women’s Bible Study—6:30 p.m.

There will be no class on April 1 due to the church office being closed. Class resumes on Monday, April 8. Join Pastor and Kristin as we continue to look at influential “Women of the Bible”.

### Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study—2:00 p.m.

Class resumes on April 10. Join Pastor Cage in the Nerger Room for the Epistle to the Hebrews.

### Thursday Morning Men’s Bible Study-7:00 a.m.

Class resumes on April 18. Men, start your day in God’s Word as we prepare for the upcoming Sunday Divine Service. Meet in the church library—donuts provided!

### Thursday Morning Bible Study—9:00 a.m.

Dr. Geoffrey Robinson teaches on Psalms at the District Office (1145 Barr Street).

## **Worship Schedule:**

Easter Sunday, March 31  
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

*Breakfast will be served in the Nerger Room between the services. A special thank you to our Youth Group for serving!*

## Our Giving For March 24

Budget Envelopes	\$14,447.32
Missions/Lutheran Heritage	\$34.73
Plate Offerings	\$299.65
Seasonal Envelopes	\$2,011.00
School Income	\$4,316.85
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$21,109.55</b>
Gathering In Christ	\$3,388.31
<b>Total of All Donations</b>	<b>\$24,497.86</b>

## Attendance for Last Week

<b>Sunday, March 24 ~ 7:30 a.m.</b> (LBAA Special Service)	<b>60</b>
<b>Sunday, March 24 ~ 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>292</b>

## Serving This Week and Next

### **Sunday, March 31 ~**

**Altar Guild:** Lynn Wehrenberg, Dorothy Evertts, Ashlyn Evertts, Linda Just, Gloria Nash, Renee Wiley, Judy Helmchen, Cindy Irie, Mark Swearingen

**Elder:** Nathaniel Stuck

**Ushers:** Dan Wietfeldt, Dave Evans, Dan Kramer, Joshuwa Richman

### **Sunday, April 7 ~**

**Altar Guild:** Linda Just and Bonnie Doerffler

**Elder:** Paul Kroenke

**Ushers:** Dave Evans, Dan Ernst, Ethan Ernst, John Mader, Davis Dean, Tyler Germann, Adrianna Germann, Austin Germann

## Altar/Chancel Flowers

*The Altar flowers have been given to the glory of God by Sara Craig, in memory of Don Ayres.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### **Easter Monday—Church Office Closed**

The church office will reopen on Tuesday, April 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For those of you who ordered flowers, you may pick them up on Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. service or on Tuesday.

### **PTL School Auction—Saturday, April 20**

Our Annual Spring Auction will be held at Baker Street Train Station and doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$55/Single or \$100/Couple. Tickets can be purchased at the school office. This fantastic event raises money for special school projects, events, and student scholarships. We greatly appreciate your support! Please consider a donation to the Auction. All gifts should be dropped off at the school before April 1. Please contact the school office (260-424-0049) with any questions. We want to thank you in advance for helping us make the 2024 Auction a success!

### **Gathering In Christ Renovation-First Steps**

Following Easter Sunday, we will begin packing up items in the offices and rooms throughout Heritage Hall. Sometimes there will be an assigned group of individuals to do this and other times we will ask for volunteers to help. Throughout this process please remember that everything in Heritage Hall (pictures, furniture, books, decorations, office supplies, etc.) will be going into storage. Please do not remove any items unless you've been granted permission by the church.

Access to the office might be restricted as we go through this process. If you need to stop at the church for purposes other than regularly scheduled events, please call ahead to make sure that we can accommodate.

Once the project begins, Heritage Hall will be completely inaccessible for approximately 12-15 months (or for the duration of the project) as it will be a full-blown construction site. The only exception will be the use of the bathrooms on Sunday mornings. All groups that normally hold meetings in Heritage Hall will need to start planning for an alternative meeting spot, such as your home, a coffee shop, or another convenient space. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we begin this exciting new project and work together to be able to gather in Christ.

### **Altar/Chancel Flowers for 2024**

Altar flowers are available for April 14, 21, 28, and throughout 2024. Please sign up on the date of your choice in honor of an occasion or in memory of a loved one. Instructions are on the Altar Guild book located on the counter near the elevator. Questions? Contact Lynn Wehrenberg at 260-755-8532.

## **Scrip News**

Start thinking ahead to Spring Break travel! Stop by the Scrip office following the service, or check [raiserright.com](http://raiserright.com) for all travel-related gift cards we have available: airlines, hotels and resorts, cruise lines, gas stations and a variety of dining choices. SCRIP is sold each Sunday, following the service, and each Wednesday, from 9-10 a.m., in the church SCRIP office. Remember, there are many local vendors who also participate in our program. You may also e-mail your Scrip order to us at [scrip4us@yahoo.com](mailto:scrip4us@yahoo.com). Your order will be filled on either Sunday or Wednesday, during normal hours, if your order is received by 9:00 a.m. Payment will be expected at the time of pick-up. If you are unfamiliar with SCRIP, please stop by and ask how you can earn a family rebate or direct your rebate to St. Paul's Student Assistance Fund.

### **LSCM Celebrates 100 Years of Service**

In celebration of this milestone, LSCM gives thanks and praise to God as it affirms its calling to provide Word and Worship Ministry to seniors in nursing homes, assisted living centers, and adult day services across the greater Fort Wayne area. To celebrate its century of service, LSCM invites the community to its Centennial Gala at the Orchid, New Haven, IN on Thursday, April 18 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Please join us for an evening of dining, laughter, and music as we honor LSCM's enduring legacy. To purchase tickets and learn more about the events of the evening, go to [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). When the website comes up there will be a search bar at the top, click on it and you will be taken to another search bar where you will enter: LSCM Centennial Gala. This will take you to the event page. If you need assistance, please call/text Beth Igney at 260-466-5105. Deadline for ordering tickets is Friday, April 5. LSCM is looking to raise \$100,000 for their 100th anniversary. You can send gifts to Lutheran Senior Care Ministry, P.O. Box 5054, Fort Wayne, IN 46895.

### **March 31—Easter Sunday**

The Scriptures do not limit the sanctity of human life to a few isolated passages. Almighty God has made survival and salvation, abundant and everlasting, the point of the whole story. He intends His resurrection to encompass and affect every member of our race and every moment of our existence, from fertilization to forever. This is nothing less than the Gospel of the Lord (1 Cor. 15:1-4)!

# April 2024

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<p><b>31</b> <u>Easter</u> 8:00 &amp; 10:00 a.m. Easter Services</p> <p><b>No Bible Study or Sunday School</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> SPRING BREAK <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> SPRING BREAK</p>	<p><b>3</b> SPRING BREAK</p>	<p><b>4</b> SPRING BREAK 9am - Bible Study IN District Office</p>	<p><b>5</b> SPRING BREAK</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>
<p><b>7</b> 8:30am - Bible Study 9:30am - Divine Service 10:45am - SCRIP Sales 10:45am—Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</p>	<p><b>8</b> 6:30pm—Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> 8:45am - School Chapel 9-10am - SCRIP Sales 2pm - Bible Study in Nerger Rm</p>	<p><b>11</b> 9am - Bible Study IN District Office 5:30—Elders Mtg 7pm—Council Mtg</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>14</b> 8:30am - Bible Study 9:30am - Divine Service 10:45am - SCRIP Sales 10:45am—Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</p>	<p><b>15</b> 6:30pm—Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> 8:45am - School Chapel 9-10am - SCRIP Sales 2pm - Bible Study in Nerger Rm</p>	<p><b>18</b> 7am - Men's Bible Study—Church Library 9am - Bible Study IN District Office 6pm—BOEE</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> 9am-5pm—Estate Sale at Church—Nerger Rm  5:30pm—St. Paul's School Auction—Baker Street Train Station</p>
<p><b>21</b> 8:30am - Bible Study 9:30am - Divine Service 10:45am - SCRIP Sales 10:45am—Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</p>	<p><b>22</b> 6:30pm—Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> 8:45am - School Chapel 9-10am - SCRIP Sales 2pm - Bible Study in Nerger Rm</p>	<p><b>25</b> <u>St. Mark, Evangelist</u> 7am - Men's Bible Study—Church Library 9am - Bible Study IN District Office</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>
<p><b>28</b> 8:30am - Bible Study 9:30am - Divine Service 10:45am - SCRIP Sales 10:45am—Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</p>	<p><b>29</b> 6:30pm—Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>				

# PRAY

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1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

## St. Paul's Students & Their Families:

† Amerie, Michael, Amen, Kidus

## Gathering In Christ:

† God's continued blessing of our "Gathering In Christ" building project.

## Ongoing Chronic Concerns:

† Harris Beck  
† Bob Demaree  
† Carolyn Falkenstern  
† Gail Ludvigson  
† Dennis Harmeyer  
† Lonni Helmchen  
† John Huitt  
† Roy Huitt  
† Ruth Huitt  
† Juanita Jefferson  
† Karen Johnson  
† Mark Knoblauch  
† Kelly Kochensparger  
† Jodi Kreiger  
† Jan Leffel  
† John Mader  
† James Maier  
† Joan Messmann  
† Carolyn Moore  
† Mary Mundt  
† Barbara Nelson  
† Sara Nordling  
† Ron Rastl  
† Andrew Scholes  
† Wanda Schweyer  
† Fred Scott  
† Amanda Seeger  
† Sam Suarez  
† Denise Trentadue

## Comfort, Health, and Recovery:

† Susan Balsamo-Furniss  
† William Curnow  
† Timothy Darr  
† Gloria Hamer  
† Thomas Hoem  
† Lorene Langsdale  
† Diane Lewis  
† Tom Ludwig  
† Leah Maier  
† Michael McWilliams  
† Larry & Louela Murphy  
† Juan Perez  
† Leona Puff

## Our Homebound Members:

† Neva Aldridge  
† Joan Badders  
† Marilyn Berning  
† Myra Carrier  
† Mary Ann Cordes  
† Phoebe Fett  
† Rodney Hall  
† Lois Meyer  
† Ernestine Morrison  
† Esther Pinnow  
† Stephen Pollock  
† Carolyn Reincke  
† Walter Schroeder  
† Rev. Ralph Seilaff  
† Dorothy Taylor  
† Mary Weick  
† Sharon Williams

## Serving in the Armed Forces:

† KiVuan Edwards  
† Cierra Germann  
† Rev. Brian Hamer  
† Zachary Harmeyer  
† Jarrell Harris  
† Jasmine Jackson  
† Austin Kerr  
† Courtney Linnemeier  
† Sharia Macon  
† Jamara Moore  
† Rev. Joshua Schiff  
† Brandon Screeton  
† John Sheaffer Jr.  
† Ryan Sheaffer  
† Brandon Skalicky

### Happy Birthday This Week:

† Roger Geiger—April 2  
† Richard Maassel—April 2

### Happy Anniversary This Week:

† John & Wendy Mader—April 3

\* Pray for these saints throughout the week.

Please submit prayer requests by calling the church office at 260.423.2496 ext. 310