



Family Newsletter

LENT 2019 MIDWEEK SERIES

The Book of Exodus: Let My People Go!

Date	Time	Theme
April 03	12:15 & 6 PM	Week 4: "Mine!" (Ex 20:1-17)
April 10	12:15 & 6 PM	Week 5: "Digging Ourselves into a Hole" (Ex 32:1-14)
April 14	8:15 & 10:45 AM	Palm Sunday: "A New Beginning!" (Ex 34:1-8)
April 18	12:15 & 6 PM	Maundy Thursday: "Access!" (Ex 24:1-11)
April 19	12:15 & 6 PM	Good Friday: "Agnus Dei" (Ex 12:1-13)
April 21	8:15 & 10:45 AM	Easter: "Against All Odds!" (Ex 15:1-18)



Pastor's Page



Whenever I work in my home office, I love to sit at the desk in front of a window. If I get tired or need some inspirations, I would lift up my head and look at neighbor's houses, cars driving by, or even the clouds moving through the area.

This morning, as I was sitting in front of the window working on this article, instead of noticing what was outside, suddenly, I realized something obviously was missing – SNOW!

For the past month and a half, we had a very tough winter!

Snowbanks were high, temperature was low, wind was strong, ground was frozen, driveway was icy, and even my garage floor was muddy.

Finally, I said to myself, "I'm sick and tired of this weather." But, at the same time, I knew there was nothing I could do about it either. I felt my situation was like a boat that lost its power, floating in the middle of an ocean during a perfect storm.

Not that I can't take any challenges or endure any hardships, but every time, right after I'd gone out and shoveled the snow on my driveway, the city snowplow trucks would stop by and say "Hi." Then with grins on those plows, they push not only snow but also heavy ice back to the end of my driveway.

Couldn't they just turn their snowplow a little away from MY driveway, and push that nasty slush to my neighbor's? I didn't have any problem sharing my snow with my neighbors.

Just as I thought things couldn't get any worse, we had downpouring rains on top of the snow with frozen ground underneath. You should see the streams of water like a creek going through my backyard. For a long time, I was standing outside watching what was flushing down the streams, besides the souvenirs my dogs had left in the yard since the beginning of the season.

What a tough winter we just had! But now, I am sitting in front of the window and enjoying the birds flying by? I almost forgot that this winter wasn't easy! Why? Because the Spring is here!!!

For years, actually since the Fall of Adam and Eve, human race has been waiting for a spring to come. We have been living under the influences and consequences of sin — death, diseases, hardships, chaos, disappointments, rivalries, wars, famines, earthquakes, and that list just goes on and on.... We are sick and tired of what's going on in life, but we also realize that there is nothing we can do about it. We can try to fix our world's problems but, just look at our human history, we know Satan is certainly winning. We are just like a boat that lost its power, floating in the middle of an ocean during a perfect storm.

We are like sheep ready to be slaughtered.

But God, our loving Father, knows what's going on in our lives. He didn't say, "Too bad! I've already told you not to 'eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden.'"

No! Instead of us being slaughtered, God sent a perfect lamb to replace our place. He sent His Son Jesus Christ into this world to die for us on the cross. So that whoever believe in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Yes, this winter has been long and tough, but the spring is here!

Yes, we are under the curse and the consequences of sin. But Jesus Christ has come and taken all those things on Himself. Therefore, they no longer have the power over those who have put their hope and trust in Jesus.

Yes, not even death has power over God's children, for the tomb where Jesus was laid is empty. He is not there but He has risen.

And today, you and I can sit back and relax and enjoy what's outside our windows, no ice, no snow, no blizzard, but the salvation and eternal joy we have in our risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Halleluiah! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Youth and Young Adult Events

Spring has finally sprung!!! Happy April!

The youth and children's ministry here at St. Paul's has been going well — from the Auction to getting ready for the Easter Egg Hunt to Lenten Dinners — it has been busy, but in the best possible way!

Starting with last month's excitements we had our circuit-wide High School Nerf Battle at Redeemer Lutheran Church! We had about 15 youth show up. We had various Nerf battles, Bible study, delicious food and tons of fellowship! This is definitely something we will be doing again!

The next thing for our youth here at St. Paul's is our annual Easter Brunch (April 21)! We will be serving from 7 a.m. to noon in the school gym. We would love to have you stop by and enjoy a delightful brunch with all of us! (There will be a freewill donation.)



And just a quick reminder. If you are planning on going to the National Youth Gathering, there is another MANDATORY meeting on April 10 at 6:45 p.m. in the basement of the church. Food will be provided!

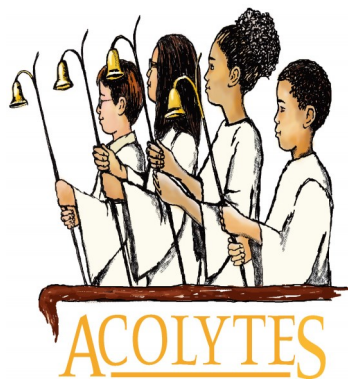
Now for the children's ministry, we have a few things in motion! On April 13 we are going to have our Easter Egg Hunt starting at 10:30 a.m. There will be candy, prizes, snacks and fellowship with our neighbors in the community! We are asking for donations of small toys, plastic eggs, and candy this year! If you would like to donate anything, please come talk to me or call the office at (712) 252-0338 and we can get you headed in the right direction!



And it seems crazy to say but our Vacation Bible School is already in the works! The theme this year is "Shipwrecked!" VBS will be June 10-14 from 9 a.m. to noon! Friday will be "water day" as tradition. If you want to sign up your child here is the link — <https://vbsmate.com/events/stpaulslutheranchurch/17564> (it is also on our Facebook!) If you are an adult or youth that is wanting to help, it's the same link to sign up and I will be in contact with you shortly! —

Blessings, Shannon

Acolytes for April



DATE	6 p.m. Saturday	8:15 a.m. Sunday	10:45 a.m. Sunday
April 6-7	Marla Anderson	Cameron Black	Ava Hannemann
April 13-14	Charlotte Coleman Elijah Coleman	Jacey Kennedy	Emerson Sulzbach
April 20-21	No service		Noah Swearingen
April 27-28	Carter Sulzbach	Reagan Granstrom	Sara Sparr Emma Sparr



Dear Parents, (Guardians,)

Blessed Easter! Jesus has defeated death and has shown himself victorious over sin and the power of the devil! His victory is ours!!!
"Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" (1 Cor. 15:57)

Here are important dates to add to your calendar:

April 5 – No School/We do not need to make up a snow day!

April 7 – PTL Meeting at 6:00 PM /Lunchroom (Bring a snack to share!)

April 9 – 9:30 AM/Jack and the Beanstalk at Morningside College.

April 17 – Easter Party (Gym)/1:30 – 2:50 PM (helpers needed)

April 18-22 – Easter Break/No School

May 2 – Our all-school operetta, Treasure Island, at 7:00 PM/Gym **Students meet in their classrooms at 6:45 PM to line up. (Preschool – 3rd: Red T-shirts & jeans)

May 10 – Field Day (K-5th leave at 8:00 AM for Paullina, IA)

Plant sales continue. Please, have your orders in **by April 5**. Plants will be on sale in the gym May 10th from 3-5:30 PM & May 11th from 10 a.m. to noon. Preorders may be picked up during those times.



Happy Spring! Remember to get outdoors and enjoy God's creation with your family. Remember your new life in Christ. *"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."* 2 Corinthians 5:17

A Fellow Worker in Christ, Alyce Strong Davis

Support our school with Scrip!

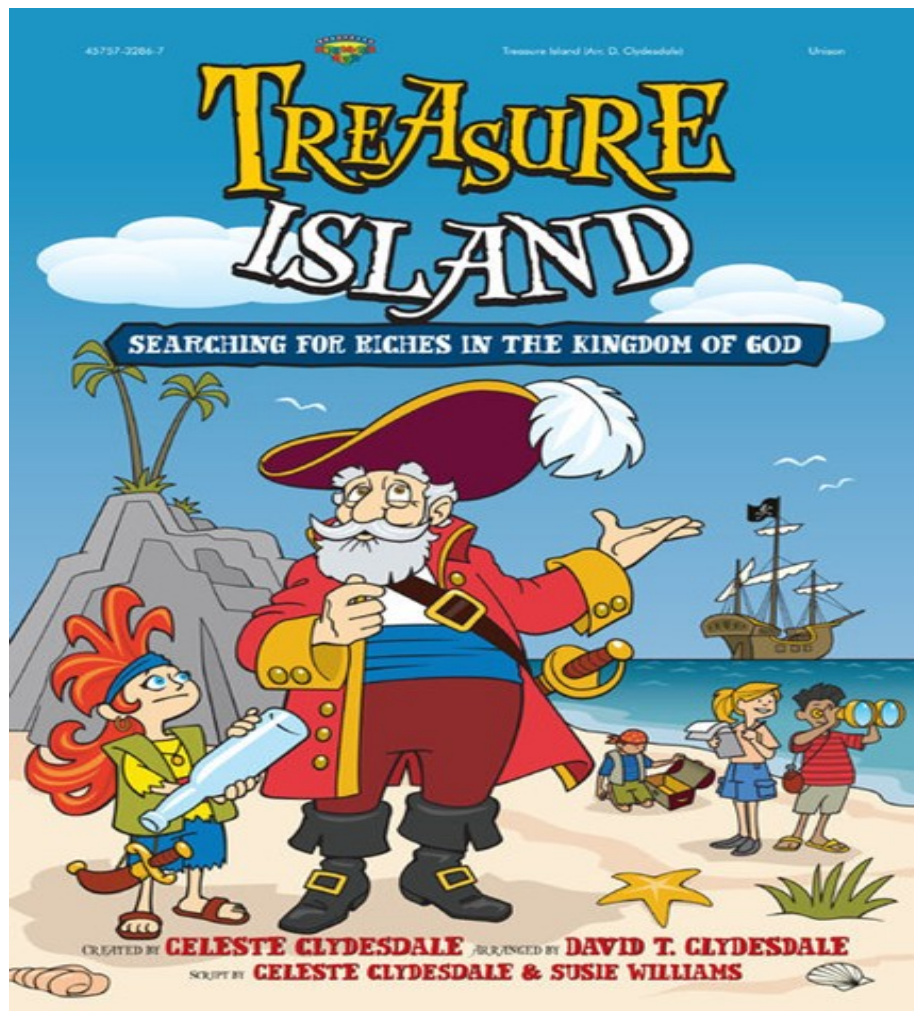
How it works ...You buy gift cards from the school, and the school earns money. If an order is placed by April 5, it may be picked up April 12. We also carry a variety of cards in the office. To order, call Sarah Gunn at (712) 223-1238 or stop in the church office. Scrip is a year-long fundraising program that supports St. Paul's Lutheran School and its families. Scrip cards are simply purchased for everyday expenses, such as food, clothing, gifts, gas, etc. To order go to www.shopwithscrip.com or stop in the office.

SCRIP

Hy-Vee Receipts Program

HY-VEE RECEIPTS

Please save and turn in your Hy-Vee receipts (also includes prescription receipts but excludes receipts on gas and stamps) dated now **through April 28**. Drop-offs are located in the office and in the church or can be sent in with St. Paul's students. All receipts must be from the Sioux City or South Sioux City Hy-Vee's or the Hy-Vee Mainstreet Store. Thanks for your support of St. Paul's Lutheran School. Keep up the good work!



Treasure Island

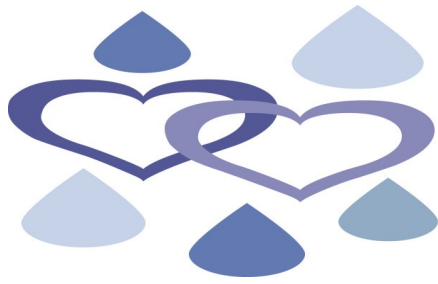
The kids have arrived on Treasure Island and can't wait to discover the treasure that's in store for them. With the guidance of Captain Fisher and a map, they start out on an adventure seeking something more valuable than gold. Though Captain Fisher was once a pirate searching for the riches of this world, he now seeks God's kingdom as a fisher of men. Captain Fisher teaches the kids that they should always pursue godly wisdom and eternal riches.

St. Paul's Lutheran presents...

Treasure Island

On May 2nd at 7:00 PM in the School Gym

(Everyone is welcome!)



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

April 01	Sarah & Kenneth Jimenez	8 Years
April 01	Kim & Sharon Sparr	30 Years
April 14	Marci & Mike Burton	10 Years
April 15	Dane & Heather Wagner	19 Years
April 17	Dennis Sr. & Barbara Hageman	26 Years
April 20	Sam & Betsy Schweigert	6 Years
April 24	Bill & Marilyn Pratt	70 Years
April 30	Michael & Amy Haller	14 Years

(If you see any discrepancy in names, day or years in our birthday or anniversary list, please let the church office know, so we may update our records.)

Stewardship

Scripture Reading:

"Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed . . . the dead will be raised imperishable, and the mortal with immortality . . . The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:51-57).

Prayer:

Dear Lord, You have taken away the sting of death through Your death and resurrection. You have given us new victorious lives to live in You each day. Keep us steadfast in faith until the end and use us to spread the Good News of victory in Jesus. In His name we pray. Amen.

**We stewards witness of
our risen, victorious Lord!**

"The angel said, 'He is not here; He has risen . . . go quickly and tell' " (Matthew 28:5-7).





APRIL BIRTHDAYS

<u>April 1</u> Wilma Siefker	<u>April 10</u> Patrick De Mara Erik Hill	<u>April 21</u> Jean Ashmore Michelle Robbins Brooks Wagner
<u>April 2</u> Kevin Heinemann Jr.	<u>April 11</u> Kari Rhodes Austin Tyger	<u>April 22</u> Matthew Benson Erik Larsen Grant Sievers
<u>April 3</u> Ericka Berger Brycen Jaminet Rich Lee Jadon Woehler	<u>April 13</u> Diamond Henry	<u>April 23</u> Kim Strom Cole Wagner
<u>April 4</u> Karen Egdorf Kari Henneous Dawson Schweigert Alyce Strong Davis Amy Sulzbach	<u>April 14</u> Dianna Anderson Troy Peirce Krista Roscovius	<u>April 24</u> Kirk Huldeen
<u>April 5</u> William Comeaux Linda Dittman	<u>April 15</u> Ranee Collins Kay Wagner	<u>April 25</u> Jennifer Grauer Samantha Speth
<u>April 6</u> Piper McKay Gwendolyn Reese	<u>April 16</u> Dana Beatty Lowell Chellew Sara De Anda	<u>April 27</u> Linda Arndt
<u>April 7</u> Brittni Donaldson	<u>April 17</u> Evan Herfel Rodney Petersen	<u>April 28</u> Marlene Mertens William Winckler
<u>April 8</u> Mason Granstrom Bob Milbrodt Coleen Reich	<u>April 18</u> Marcia Shook Michael Steele	<u>April 29</u> Duane Benson Marge Delzell Riley McFarland Rylee Wagner
<u>April 9</u> Jami Langholdt Tom Merrill Meghan Orr	<u>April 19</u> Patrick Carney Dudley Joines Cody Treft	<u>April 30</u> Richard Brown Zeke Gunn
	<u>April 20</u> Loes Abbe Brandi Larson Nick Norton	

Notes from St. Paul's

Blood Pressures

9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 14, in the back of the church

Graduation Open House

Amanda Segebart will be graduating from Concordia University, Seward, on Saturday, May 4. The congregation is invited to an open house for her from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 5, in the school gym. Please come and wish her well on her internship.



Evangelism



Happy Spring, everyone. Spring is a wonderful season from GOD. Trees are starting to bud. Soon flowers will be blooming. Robins will be coming back singing. The rain washes out the old snow. Everything clean. How is your heart? Is it clean? Our Lord Jesus Christ washes us clean everyday when we pray for forgiveness. We also will be celebrating Easter this month. Let's invite someone to celebrate with us for what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us so they too can be clean. **HAPPY EASTER!**
Evangelism Committee — Marlis Hilden

ILSTO Update

Thank you to everyone who helped raise \$758,202 for the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO) in 2018. Because of your support, families and students will receive financial help to attend Lutheran elementary and secondary schools in Iowa for the 2019-2020 school year. We were short of our goal by about \$50,000 and our goal for 2019 will increase to \$851,409. Please spread the word so we can reach our goal and help students and families to the maximum allowed. Thank you for your generosity and your part in the Lord's work.

Main Street Living — Local Lutheran Worship

"This is the Life," followed by Lutheran Worship Service, led by local LCMS pastors.
10 a.m. Sunday mornings on KCAU Channel 9.

Watch these programs on demand at mainstreetliving.com.

Comments and financial support may be sent to: 2113 Ridge Road, Sioux Center, Iowa 51250.

Mercy Meals of Siouxland

Regular packaging events will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 27, at Faith Lutheran Church. For more information, contact Larry Joines at (712) 258-0808.

Mercy Meals relies on the generosity of donors to purchase materials and supplies to provide rice/soy meals and the Gospel to hungry and starving children in the U.S. and worldwide.

A light meal will be served following the 6 p.m. Wednesday Lenten service.

Those serving will be

April 3 — Karen Baker & Liz Sanders

April 10 — Evangelism

Young at Heart Club

"**Young At Heart Club**" will cancel their April meeting as it falls on the same Sunday as Easter. See you in May. — The Committee

Mission News

Hispanic Outreach in Siouxland

Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest... (Jesus said) "Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves." Luke 22:24, 26

As with the disciples, Satan can easily tempt us to make comparisons and seek to be considered the greatest or most important. Jesus came to free us from Satan's dominion so that we can truly serve as He has served us. Instead of arguing about who is the greatest, we can encourage one another to serve and help others. The Lord gives us many different gifts and resources to serve, and above all His love to guide us in this service.

The following is a summary of how the Lord has led Sharon Weber, a member of Hope Lutheran Church in South Sioux City, Neb., to share her gifts in service to others. She has written about one example of her service to the church in teaching English to immigrants and especially to Hispanics.

"In August of 2000, I retired from Great West Casualty Company after having worked in Claims for more than 30 years. Through those years I had handled phone calls with many who could not speak English fluently. Through a friend, I was made aware of the need for teachers to assist in tutoring those wanting to learn English.

"I was given the opportunity to, first, work with the beginning ESL class at the local community college. After I had been involved for quite a while, a student was wanting to be a citizen and asked if I could help her. I was given permission to begin a Citizenship Class.

"In 2006, Pastor Paul Brink asked if I would coordinate English classes at Hope Lutheran Church. The Lord blessed us with several other members who were willing to assist us and serve as teachers. We have been able to offer classes continually since that time. Relationships were built with the students. We also began a class for the older generation of Hispanics. Many of them came to the USA to be with their children and grandchildren. Most of them did not work outside the home and had very little opportunity to learn or use English. This was a wonderful opportunity to build relationships with them. Some of them are also helping with quilting at Faith Lutheran in Sioux City. Our ESL classes are a wonderful opportunity to build relationships and to share our faith in Jesus, our Savior."

Hope congregation has submitted a request to call a seminary graduate who speaks Spanish and wants to serve in Hispanic ministry. We will know around May 1 if he receives the call to serve at Hope. This pastor's responsibilities will be Hispanic outreach to the entire Siouxland area. Please pray for this outreach that all of our congregations may work together to share Christ's love with the immigrants around us. — Rev. Henry and Ruthie Witte

Support Our Missionaries

- Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump (www.TheTrumps.org)
- Rev. Charles & Connie Cortright (charles.cortright@lcmsintl.org)
- Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf (tbeckendorf@LBT.org)
- Rev. Henry & Ruthie Witte

April 2019

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21 Easter 6 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service, Stoney Creek Inn 7 a.m.-noon Easter Breakfast 8:15 a.m. Worship/Communion 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 9:45 a.m. Laminin LYF 10:45 a.m. Worship/Communion	22 9 a.m. Sewing	23	24 5 p.m. Confirmation	25 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal	26	27 6 p.m. Worship
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2019 Outreach Opportunities at St. Paul's

Month	Events	Dates	Group
January	Women's Shelter Lamplighters	Month of January	St. Paul's School
February	Her Health Soup Kitchen Lamplighters	Month of February Feb. 25 & 26	Social Concern
March	*Lamplighters at St. Paul's	March 6	
April	Easter Egg Hunt	April 13	Fellowship Club
	Lamplighters at Trinity	April 3	
May	Soles 4 Souls Lamplighters at Calvary Soup Kitchen	Month of May May 1 May 27-28	Social Concern
June	Block Party V.B.S. Lamplighters at Concordia	June 9 June 10-14 June 5	Evangelism Committee Sunday School
July	Lamplighters at Faith	July 3	
August	Soup Kitchen Lamplighters at Hope	Aug. 26 & 27 Aug. 7	
September	Moving on baskets for CSADV Friendship Sunday Lamplighters at Redeemer	Month of September Sept. 22 Sept. 4	Social Concern Evangelism Committee
October	Trunk & Treat Lamplighters at St. Paul's	Oct. 20 or 27 Oct. 2	Evangelism Committee
November	Dried food for Gospel Mission Soup Kitchen Lamplighters at Trinity	Month of November Nov. 25 & 26 Nov. 6	Social Concern
December	Mittens & Hats for Women's Shelter Lamplighters at Calvary	Month of December Dec. 5	St. Paul's School

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 13, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Hosting this event is the Fellowship Club. For more information, contact Shannon or the church office.

Servants for the Month of April

Altar Guild:

Liz Sanders
Shelli Tuttle

Elders:

Sat., 6:00 p.m.: Randy Johnson
Sun., 8:15 a.m.: Dennis Hageman &
Daryl Heimgartner
Sun., 10:45 a.m.: Don Lantis &
Frank Tenuta

Ushers for April

04/07	1st Service	Tim Draube Team
	2nd Service	Bill Hanna Team
04/14	1st Service	Nick Gunn Team
	2nd Service	Bob Grothaus Team
04/21	1st Service	Steve Segebart Team
	2nd Service	Randy Johnson Team
04/28	1st Service	Dallas Schulz Team
	2nd Service	Mike Popken Team



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