

Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!

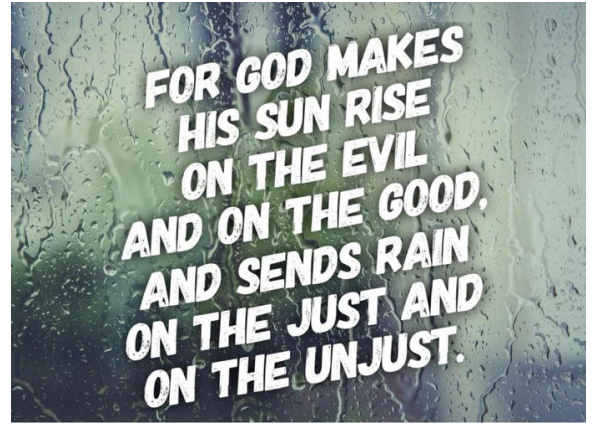
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FROM PASTOR MARC'S DESK

"It is the same for all, since the same event happens to the righteous and the wicked, to the good and the evil, to the clean and the unclean, to him who sacrifices and him who does not sacrifice. As the good one is, so is the sinner, and he who swears is as he who shuns an oath."

Ecclesiastes 9:2



We may all want to say, "Why, God?" And there is a place to ask God and to cry out to him. We may think this isn't fair to me, my family and loved ones. Yet Jesus flips this concern for fairness. He says, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:43-44). He continues saying because God makes the sun rise and sends rain on both the evil and the good that we should love all people.

This is his challenge to us to not see the evil in this world as a hindrance to loving but an opportunity to love all people. Remember, we reach out to the lost because we once were lost ourselves, and God showed us his love.

ELDER & DEACON NEWS

The Elders met on February 12 as scheduled. The following are the highlights of this meeting:

New Elders - Donna Triebe and David Pollmann were welcomed to the Board.

Technical Problems - The Elders are working with the Deacons identifying the problems with the phone, streaming problems and issues with the sound system.

Organist - The search for a new organist continues and it is possible that a new organist will soon be hired.

Ministry Leader List - An updated list of ministry leaders has been compiled and issued to the congregation. Thanks to David Smith for his work in contacting the leaders.

Lent Plans - Plans are in place for services during the Lenten Season. Services will be held each Wednesday, communion on Good Friday and the celebration of the resurrection Easter Sunday. Plans are in place to have a Good Friday prayer vigil as was held prior to the pandemic.

New Members Class - A new member class curriculum is being assembled as several have expressed interest in joining St. Paul's.

Shepherding Meeting - All are invited to attend and participate on February 24 at 9:00 a.m.

MISSIONS NEWS

Nate and Faith Walter, Cru

The Walter Family is safely back in Santiago, Spain after their time here in the US. We are grateful that they could visit with us at St. Paul's last summer. Pilgrim House on the Camino del Santiago will open for 2024 on Monday, March 4. The team spent February working on projects and deep cleaning the space. As they prepare to open, Nate and Faith ask for our prayers:

- For wisdom in the details as members of the team each fulfill their roles and responsibilities before opening.
- For hearts and minds that are ready to welcome in pilgrims and offer genuine, loving hospitality.
- For pilgrims as they walk, that they would sense the Lord's presence and invitation into deeper relationship.



One huge milestone is coming up this year, too - Pilgrim House will be 10 years old on July 24th! Amazing! The Walters are grateful for the partnership with St. Paul's over the years.

UPCOMING EVENTS



April 6, 2024 @ 7pm (doors open @ 6)

\$15 per person / \$120 per table (maximum of 8 people / table)

Pretzels and popcorn provided / Soda available for sale / No alcohol, please

Includes a Silent Auction / All proceeds go to Children & Family Ministries

For reservations, call the Church Office or Judy @ 314-255-8837

Please consider donating gently used or new items for the silent auction.

You can host a dinner, make a dessert, or create your specialty!

Contact Donna Schalk 636-699-5923.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Fellowship - Our next meeting is March 13 at 11:30 a.m. Bring your own lunch - dessert & drinks will be provided.

YarnWorks - The ladies will be meeting on Thursday, March 14, 1-3 pm. Please check the Sunday bulletin the week prior for the location. We work on prayer shawls plus other items to donate to those in need. If you would like to work on projects at home or would like to meet at another time, please call Sieglinde at 314-210-0065.

It's Baaaaaaack! **The St. Paul's Rummage Sale** is set for Saturday, August 3rd. Please save this date, and save your stuff! More details will be coming soon. If you are able to help out in any capacity, please contact Susan Pollmann. (pollmanns@hotmail.com)

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY



This new Wednesday children's program, for children ages 3 - 11 and their families, meets for a light supper followed by activities, crafts, and Bible stories. We hope you'll consider joining us and invite your friends for this evening of fun and fellowship. For more information please contact Lisa Stahlhut at lisa_stahlhut@yahoo.com.





YOUTH MINISTRY

On February 17 - 18, eight youth from St. Paul's participated in a winter retreat at Pinecrest Bible Camp in Fredericktown, MO. We were joined by kids from Wellspring, Bethesda, and Quest churches, with 70 students and 30 adults in attendance!

We spent time talking about personal holiness in our lives and what it means to be set apart for God.

SAUSAGE SUPPER

The annual St. Paul's Sausage Supper was held on February 4th and was a great success. This year the sausage supper was marked by unity, a servant's spirit, and excellent weather. As always, St. Paul's met the challenge of this big event by giving freely of our time. We had approximately 100 different volunteers doing a wide variety of tasks. There were new faces participating as well as those with much experience, including volunteers who are not members of St. Paul's. Our youth showed up in force to support the event. Overall, there was a very real sense of joy and humility displayed. Old friendships were strengthened, and new friendships were made.

We served approximately 450 meals and made over \$3000 for our youth program, both of which are increases over last year. We finished the day with less than ten pounds of leftover sausage, which was a narrow and nerve-racking margin for our usually over-prepared planning team! Thanks to all who participated and made this a fun event.



GATEWAY METRO / MINISTRY TOUR

On February 15, Marco van Raalten and David Pollmann led a bus tour featuring some of the exciting work being done in Dutchtown, the central city corridor, North St. Louis near Fairgrounds Park, and Baden, and the new National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) facility.



Outside of Friendly Temple on MLK drive to better understand how the presence of God in a neighborhood can transform everything.



Andre Alexander from Tabernacle Community Development Corp (TCDC) talking about his ministry in the Vander Lou/Fairground Park neighborhoods (pictured left and below)



Charlie Williams-Moore from Catholic Charities Pathways to Progress telling about the wrap-around social service provided to new and prospective home buyers.



Susan Pollmann briefing the new NGA and talking about the impact of that project on north city.



Chris Shearman from Luthern Development Group - affordable housing and community stabilization in Dutchtown and Baden

Lunch at Friendly Temple, with briefings on 2 of our housing ministry partners.



- www.ldgstl.org - Luthern Development Group
- www.tabdev.org - Tabernacle Community Development Corp – The HUB
- www.robertfultonstl.com Robert Fulton Development Corp – Friendly Temple
- www.ccstl.org - Catholic Charities – Pathways to Progress
- www.stjosephhousing.org - St. Joseph Housing Initiative
- www.thefamstl.com - The FAM (Fair Access to Mortgages)
- www.oikosgroup.org - Oikos Group

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Anniversaries

03/05 Ruth & Richard Marsh (47 yrs)
 03/05 Scott & Elizabeth Schurwan (13 yrs)
 03/11 Fred & Donna Triebe (46 yrs)
 03/21 Jorge & Maria Del Cid (26 yrs)

03/23 Arthur & Carolyn Maclean (3 yrs)
 03/27 Edward & Carol Teter (70 yrs)
 03/31 David & Melanie Brewer (40 yrs)



Birthdays

03/01 Daniel Pollmann
 03/02 Janet Kolmer
 03/04 Cindy Heuermann
 03/05 Jerry Eichholz
 03/06 Robert Aslin
 03/06 Matthew Heuermann
 03/07 Katherine Prsha
 03/07 David van Dyk
 03/08 Elizabeth Neier
 03/13 David Pollmann

03/13 Marco van Raalten
 03/19 Eileen Carlson
 03/19 Clarissa van Raalten
 03/22 Eddie Lebsack
 03/25 Julia Appel
 03/25 David Sohn
 03/27 Katherine Alstadt
 03/27 Dennis Jayne
 03/27 Kathy Sparks
 03/27 Kurt van Dyk

03/28 Kevin Graeler
 03/28 Judy Sprecher
 03/29 Clarice Beckemeier
 03/29 Ruth Marsh
 03/29 Rob Neier
 03/30 Heidi Aslin
 03/30 Harry Bauer
 04/01 Phyllis Stadler
 04/02 Lois Percival
 04/04 Larry Smith

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

The Helping Hands volunteers are ready to help those in need with their spring projects. Don't hesitate to call David Pollmann at 314-517-4848 if you need help.

We're still looking for people to join the team, even if you may feel that you're not "handy" or don't have a lot of time. Remember, every little bit helps!

SMALL GROUPS



Small Groups

Friendship | Growth | Support

We'll be starting a new sermon-based study after Easter.

Look for more information in the bulletin.

Sign-ups will start in March.

Questions? Call David Pollmann @ 314-517-4848

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Sundays

Worship Service	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.

Mondays - Church Office Closed

Tuesdays

Quilters and Project Linus	9:30 a.m.
Prayer & Care Meeting	1:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Women's Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
JAM - Jesus & Me	5:30 p.m.

Thursdays

Praise Ringers	6:00 p.m.
Chorale	7:00 p.m.

3/4	Missions Team 7pm
3/6	Wednesday Lenten Service 7pm
3/11	Deacons / Elder Meetings
3/13	Women's Fellowship 11:30am
3/13	Wednesday Lenten Service 7pm
3/14	YarnWorks 1pm
3/18	White Cross 9:30am
3/20	Wednesday Lenten Service 7pm
3/25	Quilts of Valor 9am
3/29	Good Friday Service 7pm
3/30	Pray with the Elders 9am
3/31	Easter Sunday - Egg Hunt 11am
4/6	Trivia Night 7pm