



St. Paul Lutheran Church

9:30a Service of Worship

Pastor ~ Reverend Ashley Nicolls

Holy Humor Sunday | April 12, 2026

Welcome!

May God's grace continue to overflow to and through you.

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Isabel Waterman

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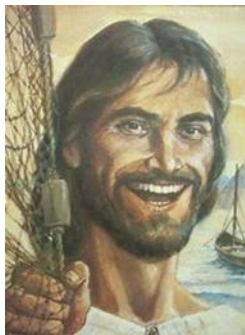
Kathie Snyder

Greeter

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Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!

We hope you will use this bulletin during the week to have a song to sing, prayers to pray and give comfort, whether you are worshipping in person or from home on your electronic devices.

Although not all of us are physically together to worship, our Lord is still with us. We give thanks for those who attend in-person and the technology that allows us to share the bulletin and the worship service on the website.

St. Paul has a Community Prayer Cross located outside near the road. You are welcome to leave a prayer request there or in the box when you enter, and it will be placed on the cross.

Important community ministries of St. Paul include the Tuesday Community Meal, Saturday Food Pantry, and the Early Childhood Learning Center. Your financial gift makes a difference for Christ and His kingdom and enables St. Paul to be *the community church that cares*. It can be made by online giving, on Sunday morning, mailed to the church, or dropped off during normal office hours

- Monday-Friday • 9a-12noon.

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May God bless you and give you peace!

Prelude ~ “Sing We Now of Christmas” (Easter) – Arr. By Diane Bish – Fonda
Davies

Welcome and Announcements

Introduction

Pastor: For centuries, in Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant countries, “Bright Sunday” (the Sunday after Easter) was observed by the faithful as a “day of joy and laughter” with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection. The custom of the celebrations were rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. Easter was God’s supreme joke played on death. The early theologians called it “Risus paschalis” – the Easter laugh.

Opening Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray, O Great Laughing God,

Response: we come into your presence with joy and longing to be surprised. We thank you that you have given to us the gift of laughter and delight. These things give hints as to the nature of your purpose for us and for all the earth. May we find that in giving up to laughter there is healing and hope and abundance and blessing. Tickle our souls with the brush of your Spirit to renew our worship and our living. Amen.

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



FOR SALE – Single owner tomb. Only used three days, and still has that new tomb smell. Reason for sale.. resident was resurrected.

Gathering Song ~ *O Come All Ye Faithful*

1. O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Galilee.
Come and behold him, alive this happy morning!
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
2. The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
Died into darkness that a tomb could not hold
Son of the Father, still in flesh appearing,
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
3. Sing choirs of followers, sing in exultation,
Sing all believers, it is as he proclaimed.
Glory to God in the highest,
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
4. Yea, Lord we greet thee, alive this happy morning,
Jesus to thee be all glory giv'n,
Word of the Father, for us in flesh appearing.
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.



Greeting

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Response: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Before we can truly laugh, we must first let go of what weighs us down. Before joy can rise in us, grace must clear some space. So let's be honest— not because God doesn't know, but because we forget that mercy is already leaning in, smiling, waiting for us to fess up and fall into arms wide with forgiveness. Let us pray together.

Response: Gracious and giggling God, we confess that sometimes we take ourselves too seriously. We walk through life stiff with worry, grim with guilt, and frowning with fear. We forget that you created laughter, and that joy is a fruit of your Spirit. Forgive us for putting a lid on your joy, for muting your music, and for walking around like the resurrection never happened. Remind us that Easter is the world's biggest surprise party, and we're all invited. Tickle our hearts with your grace, nudge us with your mercy, and teach us to live with eyes wide open for holy hilarity. In the name of the Risen One who laughed in the face of death, Amen.

Pastor: Here's the good news: God doesn't hold a grudge—God holds us. Christ didn't come to scold us—he came to save us, to shake us out of our sorrow, and to set loose joy in our hearts like confetti in the wind. So laugh, dance, rejoice—for in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Response: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

Song of Forgiveness

God Bless You Merry Sinner

Tune: God Bless Ye Merry Gentlemen

God Bless you merry sinner, you're forgiven it is true;
Remember Christ your Saviour has lived and died for you,
And lives again as King of kings for saint and sinner, too.
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy, peace and joy.
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy.

So sing an halleluiah, for our Savior's victory,
And shout to all Hosanna, that we have been set free.
From sin and death and devil's grip throughout eternity,
We'll have tidings of Easter peace and joy, peace and joy,
Glad tidings of Easter peace and joy.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray, **Response: Lord, as I stumble through this life, help me to create more laughter than tears, dispense more cheer than gloom, spread more cheer than despair. Never let me become so indifferent, that I will fail to see the wonders in the eyes of a child, or the twinkle in the eyes of the aged. Never let me forget that part of my calling is to cheer people, make them happy, and forget momentarily, all the unpleasantness in their lives. And in my final moment, may I hear You whisper: "When you made My people smile, you made Me smile." Amen.**

Ministry in Music ~ "I've Got the Joy" – George Cook – The St. Paul Singers

Children's Message and Song

The 12 Days of Easter Tune: The 12 Days of Christmas

On the first day of Easter, the Heavens gave to us, a stone rolled away from the tomb.
On the second day of Easter, the Heavens gave to us...two angels 'nouncing,
On the third day of Easter, the Heavens gave to us, three women seeking,
On the fourth day of Easter, the Heavens gave to us...four gospel writers,
On the fifth day of Easter, the Heavens gave to us...five holy wounds,
On the sixth day of Easter, the Heavens gave to us...six lilies blooming,
On the seventh day of Easter, the Heavens gave to us...seven words a-spoken,
On the eighth day of Easter, the Heavens gave to us...eight scribes a frettin',
On the ninth day of Easter, the Heavens gave to us...nine fish a-cookin',
On the tenth day of Easter, the Heavens gave to us...ten guards a-trembling.
On the eleventh day of Easter, the Heavens gave to us...eleven scared disciples,
On the twelfth day of Easter, the Heavens gave to us...twelve baskets brimming,

Scripture ~ 1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Angels We Have Heard Inside

Tune: Angels We Have Heard on High

1. An Angel we have heard inside speaking in the dawning light, "He's not here as you can see, all you see are linens white."

Chorus: Ha-----le-lu-ia, Christ our Lord is risen, Ha-----le-lu-ia, Christ our Lord is ris'n in-deed.

2. In the garden, Mary finds, the gardener is God's holy Son, Run and tell all you have learned, Easter season has begun! (Chorus)

3. Women why this jubilee? Do you have good news to share? Peter look on bended knee, Christ's alive, he is not there. (Chorus)

Gospel ~ John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Response: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon ~ Pastor Ashley Nicolls

Sermon Song ~ *Deck the Halls*

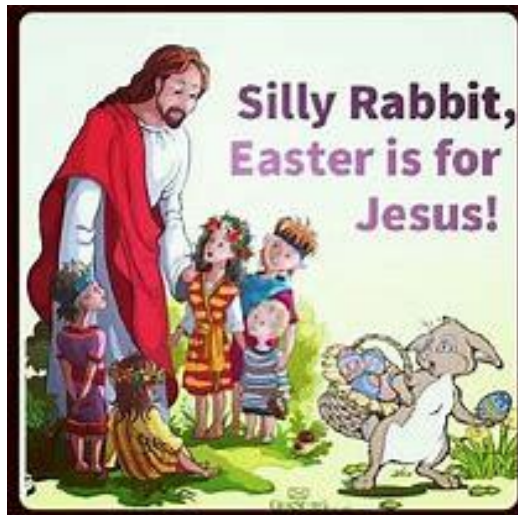
Deck the halls with Easter lilies, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia

Dance a jig and sing the sillies, Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia
At the devil, mean, old bloke, Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia
On whom God has played a joke, Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia

Devil thought he'd won the battle, Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia
Pranced around high in the saddle, Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia
Did not know God's special plan, Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia
To resurrect the Son of Man, Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia

Christian friends, rejoice and sing, Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia
Now's the triumph of our King, Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia
Lord of Life is ris'n this day, Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia
Let the world rejoice and say, Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia

Songs of joy to Christ our head, Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia
Lives again who once was dead, Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia
Life was purchased by this loss, Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia
Died our death upon the cross, Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia



Affirmation of Faith

A Communion of Saints: Affirmation of Humor

Assisting Minister: We believe with the Bible that

Response: “there is a time to weep and a time to laugh.”

Assisting Minister: We believe with Chrysostom that

Response: “laughter has been implanted in our souls.”

Assisting Minister: We believe with Aquinas that there is a time for

Response: “playful deeds and jokes.”

Assisting Minister: We believe with Luther that

Response: “You have as much laughter as you have faith.”

Assisting Minister: We believe with Calvin that

Response: “we are nowhere forbidden to laugh.”

Assisting Minister: We believe with Wesley that

Response: “A sour religion is the devil’s religion.”

Assisting Minister: We believe with Kierkegaard that

Response: “Humor is intrinsic to Christianity.”

Assisting Minister: We believe with Bonhoeffer that

Response: “Ultimate seriousness is not without a dose of humor.”

Assisting Minister: We believe with Charles Schultz that

Response: “Humor is proof that everything is going to be alright with God nevertheless.”

Prayers of the Church

Assisting Minister: Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

(pause)

Assisting Minister: God of grace and love,

Response: we thank you for laughter with friends and loved ones. We thank you for laughter of children and the song it creates in our hearts.

Assisting Minister: Lord of Laughter **Response: Hear our Prayer.**

Assisting Minister: By your great unending love,

Response: you inspire in us a spirit of imagination and creativity. Help us to use that spirit to play more, to laugh more, and to create beauty in every way possible. Remind us to laugh out loud, for doing so will heal some of the wounds within us. Not all, but some.

Assisting Minister: Lord of Laughter **Response:** Hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: God, we pray for those who cannot find their laughter today.

Response: For those who are grieving, or suffering illness of body, mind or spirit; for those who are lonely and in need of someone to share their time and friendship; for those who have not yet moved into the season and spirit of Easter and find themselves stuck in the gloom of Good Friday.

Assisting Minister: Be especially with those we name now aloud or in our hearts. (pause)

Assisting Minister: Lord of Laughter **Response:** Hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: May these and the troubles of all your people be soothed, blessed, and comforted by your holy presence.

Response: May we each find the laughter within us that sets our spirits free, and in that freedom, may we take your love into every part of our lives. These and all the prayers of our hearts we offer now in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

The Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

Response: And also with you.

Offering

(The collection plates will be brought forward at this time. Offering plates can still be found at the back of the sanctuary if you did not place your offering in the plates when you entered. Online giving at www.stpaulsarasota.org/give is also available.)

Offering Music

Offertory

(Tune: First Nowell)



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be -
low; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly
Ghost. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le le - ia! Christ has a - ri - sen, al-le-lu - ia!

Offering Prayer

Assisting Minister: Generous God, you've filled our lives with laughter, our hearts with hope, and our pockets with more than enough loose change and holy possibility. We bring these gifts not out of guilt, but out of gratitude—because you keep surprising us with love, grace, and the kind of joy that makes us snort when we laugh. Use what we offer—our coins and our kindness, our time and our talents, our dollars and our dancing—to tickle the world with resurrection joy and to spread your love like laughter in a quiet room. In Jesus' name,

Response: Amen.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Pastor: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Holy Communion

(Those who want to partake of Christ's body and blood in their in their seats may lift up their elements at this time).

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Response: Christ is born, Merry Christmas. Christ is risen, Happy Easter.
Christ will come again, Alleluia.**

Pastor: Pour out your Spirit, O God, on us gathered here and on these gifts—not just so we may remember, but so we might be re-membered: reassembled, re-animated, and re-sparked as the body of Christ in the world. Make us gigglers of grace, whisperers of peace, and holy fools for the sake of your kingdom. All glory and laughter be yours, God of holy joy, now and forever. **Response: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

Response: Our Father in heaven, let Your holy name be known, let Your kingdom come, and Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today the bread that we need, and forgive us our wrongs, and OK, we'll forgive those who have done wrong to us, too. Do not lead us into trial, but save us from evil. For we want for You alone to rule in our hearts. You have power to transform, and in the light of Your smile is Your glory. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: Those who wish to remain at their seats to partake of Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine/grape juice may do so now. The body and blood of Christ is given and shed for you. Take and eat. Take and drink. If you wish to come to the altar, you may do so at the ushers' direction.

Communion Music

Beautiful Day

Tune: Silent Night

Beautiful Day, Glorious Day, All is New, All's Okay! 'Round the tomb, there is dancing and song, See inside that the body is gone. Christ, the Saviour's alive, Christ, the Saviour's alive.

Beautiful Day, Glorious Day, Soldiers quake and run away, The stone is cleared from heaven above, Heavenly hosts say "Halleluiah," Jesus, Lord, at new birth, Jesus, Lord, at new birth.

Beautiful Day, Glorious Day, Sing and shout, tell and say, Radiant beams from this sinner's face, Show because of amazing grace, Christ, the Saviour's alive, Christ, the Saviour's alive.

Post Communion Blessing

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever.

Response: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Assisting Minister: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. May the joy we find in this meal together lift up our hearts. May we carry your laughter to the world around us. May we live out your love in the name of our risen Savior and Lord wherever we go.

Response: Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: May the God of humor and joy bring you sunshine and a smile to your face. May the God of love and laughter be with you in all that you do and say. And may Christ, Our Risen Savior, always be there by your side to bless you, for the good work has just begun!

Response: Amen

Sending Song

Joy to the World

Joy to the World, the Lord's alive: Awake, rejoice and sing! It's just as He had said, He's risen from the dead, Salvation now He brings, salvation now He brings, Salvation, salvation, now He brings.

Joy to the World, the empty tomb proclaims a victory of light compelling, a great dispelling of darkness in the world, of darkness in the world, of darkness, darkness in the world.

Joy to the World, our Savior reigns, let heaven and earth proclaim The glories of his righteousness And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love.

Dismissal

Pastor: The Laughing One called us together

Response: so we could share in the laughter of life.

Pastor: The Laughing One sends us out,

Response: to carry the joy of life and love to the world.

Pastor: Go out to laugh, to live to love. And when you hear a good joke...

Response: remember that sharing is a great thing!

Children: And All God's Children Say,

Response: Amen! Yes!

Postlude ~ "Variation on 'Joy to the World'" – Jeffrey Hartmann – Fonda Davies

St. Paul Mission Statement

As a Holy Spirit-led family of God, we are called through baptism to proclaim and bear witness to God's reconciling grace in Jesus Christ to all so that by joyfully sharing God's Word and encouraging each other to service for the sake of others, our lives together make a difference for Christ and His kingdom.

Bulletins: this month are given by Helen Miller.

Eternal Candle is given this month by Joann Flanigan in memory of my sister Marian Van Sickle.

Attendance for last Sunday: 119 in-person; 363 views as of 4/8/26

Acknowledgments

Introduction from The Joyful Noiseletter www.joyfulnoiseletter.com

Opening Prayer from the United Church of Canada's Bay of Quinte Conference website.

<http://www.bayofquinteconference.ca/>

Confession and Forgiveness, Offering Prayer, end of the communion liturgy by Thom Shuman at Lectionary Liturgies

Affirmation of Laughter by Rev. Chris Anderson, on his “God is Still Laughing: Learning Theology through Jokes” website.

Prayers of the Church adapted from Rev. Gal Blogs

Lord’s Prayer from an order of worship by the Oakton United Methodist Church.

Prayer after Communion and Dismissal adapted from Rev Gord on his blog, Worship Offerings. <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>

Blessing adapted from Rev. Susan A. Blain and Rev. Scott Ressman. Posted on the United Church of Christ website. <http://www.ucc.org/50/pdfs/worship-resources.pdf>

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Announcements

Early Childhood Learning Center Artshow Tomorrow! Come and join the fun and see all the artwork the students did throughout the school year. Silent Auctions benefit the school.

Florida-Bahamas Synod-Wide Bible Study on Zoom. Come and study the Acts scriptures that are read in worship during the Easter season. The Bible studies begin Tuesdays starting this week at 7p.

Meeting ID: 854 9042 0373 Passcode: 819327

Sarasota Day of Giving – Noon on Wednesday through Noon on Thursday

<https://www.givingchallenge.org/organizations/st-paul-lutheran-church-of-sarasota-florida-inc>

The Community Foundation matches any gifts from \$25-\$100 per person/per organization. All gifts given to St. Paul will go to our Early Childhood Learning Center.

SURE Nehemiah Action – Monday, April 27, 6:30p at First Congregational UCC, come encourage local officials to help youth by funding mental health. St. Paul would like 30 people at the event.

St. Paul has on-going collections for these items.

Personal Care Items for the Food Pantry...toothpaste, toothbrushes, laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet paper, tissue, etc.

Cloth bags for food pantry groceries. Many of our clients ride bikes or the bus, so these bags help them take their groceries home.

Snacks for the Early Childhood Learning Center...toastie crackers, pretzels, pirate booty popcorn, raisins, healthy cereal, saltine crackers, chex mix, veggie straws, goldfish, animal crackers, graham crackers, cereal bars, cheez-its, cran-raisins, canned fruits.

Plain Epsom Salt to keep the plants healthy.

Symphony Salvage Blue Bin! Keep cleaning out your closets. Everything is accepted except large furniture and large appliances. If items don't fit in the bin safely, bring items to the Fellowship Hall on Sundays or to the office during the week.

St. Paul's on-going ministries . . .

Hope Seeds – every 3rd Monday 1-3p in the Fellowship Hall. Come when you can, leave when you must. Put seeds in bags to help people across the world become self-sufficient.

Tuesday night Community Meal – 5:30p. Join in welcoming those from the neighborhood for a hot homecooked meal.

Wednesday morning – Property 8a-12n. Come and help keep the campus beautiful and safe.

Wednesday evening – Hand Bell Choir 6p. Vocal Choir 7p. Come and make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Thursday morning – Food Pantry preparation 9:30a. All Faiths Food Bank drops off the food. Help organize it and put it into the bags for distribution on Saturday.

Thursday afternoon - Prayer Zoom – Talking with God! Join the prayer ministry.

Thursdays at 4p. We won't meet this week due to Maundy Thursday worship. Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81662784525?pwd=QSt4TGNSR2F3L0ovUDJ3SVdWbjRYUT09>

Saturday morning – Food Pantry Distribution 9a. Come and help distribute food to those in need.

Believe It or Not!

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



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Please remember in your prayers...

All those serving in the U.S. Military, especially Gage Fournier. The homeless in our neighborhood, our city, our nation and the world. The Florida-Bahamas Synod Office of the Bishop Staff: Bishop Pedro, Assisting Ministers to the Bishop Pastors Carlos, Derek, Nicole, and Rob, Specialists Kim, Bill, & Brittney, Support Staff, Yuliet, & Ileana.

SURE – Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity. Community Meal and Food Pantry guests. Prayers upon the HOPE Community Prayer Cross. The Arlington Park Neighborhood.

St. Paul members, especially, Esther and Mark Smith, Jayvion Robinson, Betty Smowton, Kathie Snyder, and Sandy Tull
St. Paul Early Childhood Learning center teachers and students, especially, Halston, Journee, Ms. Jamie, and Ms. Miranda

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