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From Pastor Ashley

I love this time of year! When I lived up north, Easter always reminded me that spring was coming. I could start to smell the freshness in the air. I could see the snow melting. The Minnesota Twins baseball team was in Spring Training, gearing up for another year. At this time of the season, every team could win the World Series. I, myself, could start thinking about my own spring/summer seasons of baseball. (Actually I never stopped thinking about that even during the winters. I once was accused in elementary school of throwing snowballs when I was really throwing a baseball. It all looked the same in the winter snow. And I'm sure they weren't expecting anyone playing baseball in the winter).

When I came down here, I didn't expect to experience the same longing for Spring/Summer to arrive, but this year's colder days and nights even into mid-March have made me long for the freshness in the air and to see the sun peaking out as we start to live out our title as the Sunshine State again. Maybe now that Spring Training has finally started (it was delayed due to the lock-out), it will feel like Spring to me again.

There is an even greater reason I love this time of year though. It is the *Easter* season: The most celebratory time of the church year. This year, April 14 is Holy Thursday. We will worship at 7p. On Good Friday we will also worship at 7p. Both services will include a drama that will conclude our *7 Last Words of Christ* mid-week Lenten series. Both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will also incorporate traditional elements like stripping of the altar and extinguishing of candles. On Holy Saturday, it will be hopefully a Holy Chaos with the Children's Easter Celebration from 1:30-3:30p including an Easter Egg Hunt. On Sunday, we are up early to celebrate the Resurrection morning, with Easter Sunrise service at 7a on the north patio. At 9:30a we will have a traditional Easter service with the choir, handbells, and a trumpeter. The annual butterflies release is after each service.

And our Easter celebration still doesn't end until June 5, when we celebrate Pentecost. We have over a month to celebrate Jesus' victory over death and the grave. During the weeks after Easter Day we get to hear some of the stories of the resurrected Jesus. We also hear his words of encouragement and prayers for his disciples during his time, and us, his disciples now, and also for those in the future. What a joyous time to be shouting, "Alleluia, Christ is Risen!"

And even when the Easter season ends, our shouts of *"Alleluia, Christ is Risen!"* do not need to end. Every Sunday we worship we consider a little Easter. Every Sunday we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and what that means for us. But our celebration doesn't need to be confined to Sunday mornings. Jesus' resurrection is to be celebrated every day that ends in "Y." There is nothing better to celebrate. It's even better than if my Twins win the World Series this year.

Take care and God bless,

-PrAshley

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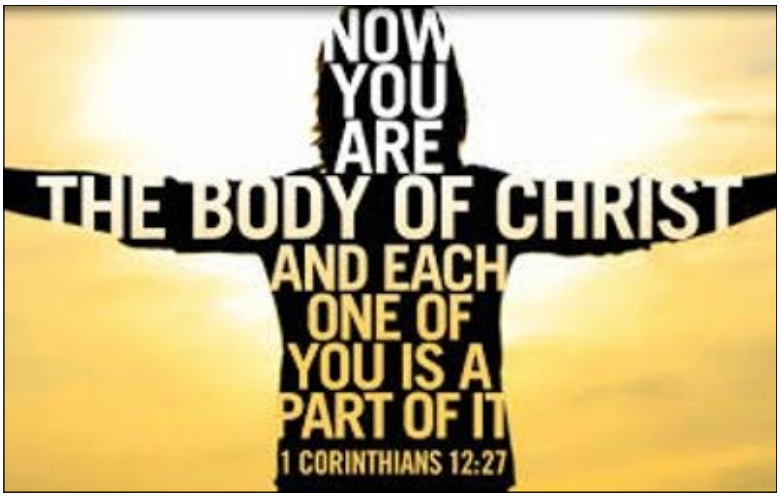
Church Council News

The Congregation Council met for its regular monthly meeting via Zoom, March 17, 2022.

- After review, approved that the minutes of the February 27, 2022 Annual Meeting be recommended to the congregation for its approval in the 2022 Annual Report for the Annual Meeting in February 2023.
- By consensus, the Congregation Council encouraged Pastor Ashley to contact the Florida-Bahamas Synod and arrange a date for Pastor Lori Fuller of the Palms Deaf Church to share her message with this congregation about the newly authorized worshipping opportunity. An interpreter of American Sign Language will accompany Pastor Fuller. Watch for a date!

~ The Executive Committee



Message from the Church Office

Pastor Ashley and the Parish Administrator will never email or text you asking for donations of money or gift cards. Please ignore these scammers. You should always contact the office if you are not sure.

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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.

ECLC Monthly News ~ April 2022

Notes from the Directors

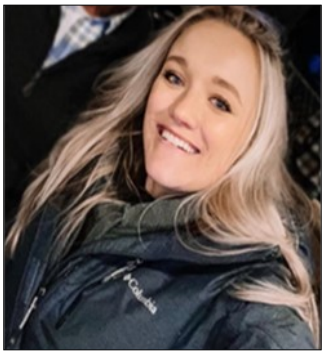
We are already a month away from the end of the school year and we have had such a great year! We have several things coming up in the next month that you need to look out for! We will be working on getting donations and things ready for the **Art Show** which is April 21. If any body has gift certificates, items to donate from their businesses, one of a kind pieces, etc. that can be donated to our Art Show Auction would be great! These donations will be used for the school. We are also asking for towels, children's silverware, and sippy cups.

Conferences will be scheduled in the beginning of May so please keep an eye out for sign up sheets!

Family of the Month

Congrats to our March family of the month; the Raney family! Covington is in our VPK program. We appreciate you and everything you do for our school!

Teacher of the Month



Congrats to Ms. Allie in Room 3! We are so thankful to have such a hard working teacher. Ms. Allie is so excited to grow in education. Please take a moment to congratulate her.

ECLC Upcoming Important Dates

- Apr 8—Fall Registration packets due
- Apr 15—Good Friday, School closed
- Apr 21—Art Show & Auction, 6-7p
- VPK Assessments and ASQs

St. Paul Early Childhood Learning Center

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HOLY WEEK

Mid-week Worship Wed. Apr 6
6p Soup Supper • 7p Worship

Outdoor worship of music, dialogues, and interactive reflection based on the last *7 words of Christ* will be Wednesdays at 7p. Each week the dialogues are from people who saw the crucifixion and are reflecting back on it before the resurrection.

Palm Sunday April 10

Worship Service in-person and on Facebook Live at 9:30a.

Maundy Thursday April 14

Worship Service in-person and on Facebook Live at 7p.

Good Friday April 15

Good Friday Pilgrimage Walk on Main St. at 7:15a. *See next article.*

Worship Service at 7p in-person and on Facebook Live.

Children's Easter Celebration Saturday April 16

An in-person fun event for community children from 1:30p to 3:30p. Crafts, egg dying, cookie decorating, Easter Egg Hunt, and Ebie the Easter Bunny. Children bring all your Easter Rocks for prizes! *There is a bin in the Fellowship Hall for your donations of candy (not chocolate) and large plastic eggs.*

Easter Sunday April 17

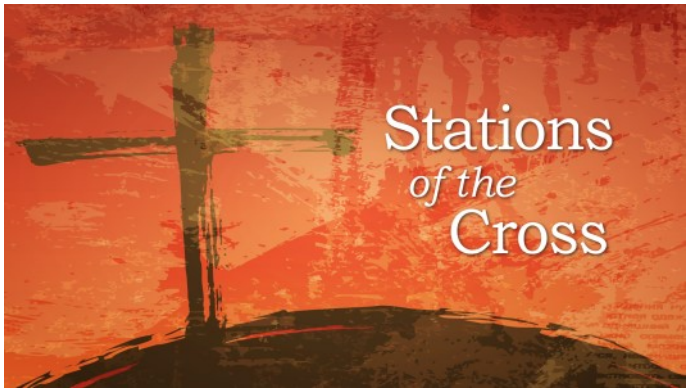
In-person Sunrise worship at 7:00a. In-person and Facebook Live worship at 9:30a. *Bring a flower to decorate the living cross. Butterflies are released after each service.*

Good Friday Pilgrimage Walk

Everyone is invited to *Walk Your Faith* this Holy Week by experiencing The Way or Stations of The Cross, Good Friday. Sarasota's City and County Commissioners, Pastors, Priests, church leaders, choirs and youth groups will be taking parts in this Sarasota event. A Community Choir now leads the procession and performs at two Stations. To volunteer for the Community Choir, which will have just one practice, contact Chaplain Tom, chaplaintompfaff@gmail.com.

Stopping for worship and prayer at each of the fourteen Stations will offer an opportunity for reflection upon the different moments of Christ's passion journey. A service booklet sharing the acts of worship for each station will be distributed to all pilgrims as they are covid protocol checked.

The Christian pilgrimage gathers at 7:15a and begins at 7:30a in front of the Hollywood 11 Theater on Main St. For those who want to park at the final station at the Church of the Redeemer, Siesta Trolley will be transporting pilgrims from Redeemer Church beginning at 6:30a to Hollywood 11. The final station is at the Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Ave. and will be reached near 8:30a, when all are invited to a Service of Morning Prayer (Matins). Come observe Christ's passion on the day the world celebrates it. (For information, email Rev. Dr. Tom Pfaff, Ministerial Association President, at chaplaintompfaff@gmail.com.)



In-person Bible Study

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, April 20, at 6p!

Join us for an eight week session of travels though the Gospels to trace Jesus' teachings on what it means to FOLLOW.

Lots of people think Christianity is all about doing what Jesus says. But what if doing what Jesus says isn't what Jesus says to do at all? Jesus' invitation is an invitation to relationship, and it begins with a simple request: follow me. Religion says "Change and you can join us." Jesus says, "Join us and you will change." There's a huge difference. Jesus doesn't expect people to be perfect. He just wants them to follow him.

Join us as we FOLLOW Jesus!

Sun♡Day School

This new faith building opportunity meets each Sunday after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Join this group and reflect on Sunday's worship readings, sermon, and whatever else! Led by Susy Scholl

Grab a coffee and something sweet first at Social & Coffee Hour!

Talking with God

As people of faith it is quite natural that we talk to God. In quiet moments, in **moments of uncertainty or challenge, and in times of joy. It is part of our worship and helps us grow personally** and communally in our relationship with Jesus.

I would like to invite you to join a group of us that gather **every Thursday at 4p via Zoom**.

We talk, share our lives, joys, concerns, and we pray. No stress and easy to be part of! Follow the link below (it is the same every week) or email Kimberly Heindl for an invitation: kaheindl@comcast.net.

If you are not able to join us, please do take a moment in your day to be with us in spirit.

Topic: St Paul Prayer Zoom
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81662784525?pwd=QSt4TGNSR2F3L0ovUDJ3SVdWbjRYUT09

Meeting ID: 816 6278 4525
Passcode: 628552

Hope Seeds Ministry

God's Work. Our Hands.

Come join us to socialize, have fun, and make a difference in the world.

We fill several thousand small bags with seeds which will be sent to several countries so families can grow their own food.

We gather the third Monday of every month. Come when you can, leave when you must. **The next gathering will be Monday, April 18, 1-3p.**

Ukraine Donations

Monetary donations to the people of Ukraine can be made through Lutheran World Relief and be matched using this website (click link):

LWR UKRAINE

100% of your donations will go to the people of Ukraine.

#StandWithUkraine

Apr 7 - Frank Scianni
Apr 7 - Ron Zimmerman
Apr 12 - Addison Miller
Apr 14 - Deborah Barc
Apr 16 - Joan Hellwege
Apr 18 - Adriana Beetle
Apr 27 - Myrna Dority
Apr 30 - J.D. Miller

Apr 27 - Brenda & Ted Hadjian
Apr 30 - Helen & John Miller

Adopt-A-Road

God's Work. Our Hands.

The Evangelism Team's scheduled community road clean up will be Saturday, April 2, 2022. We'll meet at church for online sign up at 8:15a (or you may do so yourself at: https://www.scgov.net/government/public-utilities-water/keep-sarasota-county-beautiful/adoption-program.

We will pick up trash along Bahia Vista from US 41 to Tuttle in groups. Please wear closed toe shoes and bringing gloves and a bottle of water is helpful. We will have gloves available also. Hope you join us!

Dominoes Night

This long running group of Mexican Train Dominoes players meets the first Friday of each month. The next game night will be **Friday, April 1 at 6:30p**. Lite snacks are provided and feel free to contribute if you wish. You don't have to know how to play… they will teach you!

S.U.R.E. Nehemiah Action

Tuesday, April 5 @ 6:30p • First Congregational UCC Church
1031 S. Euclid Ave., Sarasota 34237

Our goal is to get 30 members and friends from St. Paul to this event. The current issue is working to get a free or low-cost (no more than $50) Adult Civil Citation program in Sarasota County. Currently the proposal for the program requires $165 to not be arrested. This basically criminalizes poverty, and that needs to stop. We don't allow bribing of officers to not get arrested but this program as it stands would require payment to not be arrested.

St. Paul is a member congregation of SURE (Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity), a faith-based organization that seeks justice for the poor, working class, and mixed income individuals/families living in Sarasota County.

Easter Lily Order Form

Help beautify the St. Paul sanctuary for Easter Sunday by donating an Easter lily plant (or more than one) in memory or in honor of a loved one. **Please fill out this form and place it, along with your check, in the offering plate, or mail or drop off to the church office.** The requested donation is $10 per plant. Donors may pick up their plants following the 9:30a service on Easter Sunday or on the following day. Please ask for help in removing plants from the sanctuary wall.

Name of donor(s): _____

Contact (phone or e-mail): _____

___ No. of plants in memory of: _____

___ No. of plants in thanksgiving to God for: _____

Orders must be received with payment by 9:00a on Monday, April 11.

Children's Easter Celebration prep

Our annual community-wide Children's Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt is on Saturday April 16, 1:30p-3:30p.

I have put out the box for candy donations now and 3" or bigger plastic eggs donations for next year when they go on sale after Easter. I will also be coming around to get volunteers for the event. If I haven't asked you to volunteer, please feel free to reach out to me. More hands are welcome!

We will do some prep work Saturday, April 9, at 11a, and paint the year and a cross on the Easter Rocks on Sunday, April 10, after church.

~ Barry Smith, Event coordinator

Covid-19 Update March 7, 2022

Relying on accurate, evidence-based information is key to staying safe and healthy. We rely on the CDC's data and guidance to make decisions about the mitigation efforts we put in place at St. Paul. We continue to frequently monitor the positivity and level of transmission rates in Sarasota and Manatee Counties. Here is a simple explanation of the community transmission rates from the CDC:

Learn more at COVID-19 by County | CDC.

As these rates continue to fall, we will welcome back the following activities accordingly:

The positivity rate is < 10%

- Coffee Hour on Sundays following Worship
- Soup Suppers during the Lenten season
- Fellowship events

When the community transmission is at the Medium level or lower:

- Communion at the rail

When the community transmission is at the Low level:

- The Prayground returns to its original spot
- Children will be invited to come up to the front for the Children's Message
- Hymnals and Bibles will be returned to the pew racks
- Plexiglas will be removed from the Pulpit and Lectern

*A note about Communion – the kits will be used until further notice, as they offer an extra layer of protection from hand to mouth.

We will continue to monitor the virus status for any fluctuations in positivity rates, levels of transmission, and surges of new variants. If measures need to be taken in the future to keep us safe, they will be considered and implemented. We appreciate your patience and support.

Safety and Emergency Preparedness Ministry
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Evangelism Ministry Team

Evangelism is what we are called to do as Christians. In this ministry we plan events off campus and on campus to spread the Word of Jesus' love and caring in our community. Our efforts include: Adopt-A-Road, Breakfast with Santa, Children's Easter Celebration, Trunk or Treat, Gift Bags for new guests, the Little Lending Library, and the Prayer Cross by the road. New people and new ideas are always needed! Check the calendar monthly and attend a meeting. No obligation required. **The next meeting is Tue., April 19 @ 2p.**

St. Paul Calendar of Events • April 2022

APR 1 FRI
9:30A FOOD PANTRY PACKING
6:30P DOMINOES NIGHT/FELL. HALL

APR 2 SAT
8:15A ADOPT-A-ROAD
9:00A FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION
10:00A MUSICIAN REHEARSAL

APR 4 MON
NOON SHARING & CARING MEETS
7:00P WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETS

APR 5 TUES
5:30P COMMUNITY MEAL
6:00P SURE NEHEMIAH ACTION

APR 6 WED
8:00A PROPERTY MINISTRY MEETS
6:00P HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
6:00P LENTEN SOUP SUPPER
7:00P ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
8:00P CHOIR REHEARSAL

APR 7 THURS
4:00P PRAYER TEAM MEETS-ZOOM

APR 8 FRI
9:30A FOOD PANTRY PACKING

APR 9 SAT
9:00A FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION
10:00A MUSICIAN REHEARSAL
11:00A CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION PREP
1:00P GUITAR SARASOTA

APR 10 PALM SUNDAY
10:30A EASTER ROCK DECORATING

APR 12 TUES
MINISTRY REPORTS DUE
5:30P COMMUNITY MEAL

APR 13 WED
8:00A PROPERTY MINISTRY MEETS
6:00P HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00P CHOIR REHEARSAL

APR 14 MAUNDY THURS
NOON FINANCE TEAM MEETING
1:00P EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETS
4:00P PRAYER TEAM MEETS-ZOOM
7:00P MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

APR 15 FRI GOOD FRIDAY
MESSENGER DEADLINE
7:15A PILGRIMAGE WALK-MAIN ST.
9:30A FOOD PANTRY PACKING
7:00P GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

APR 16 SAT
9:00A FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION
10:00A MUSICIAN REHEARSAL
1:30-3:30P CHILDREN'S EASTER CELEBRATION

APR 17 EASTER SUNDAY
7:00A SUNRISE WORSHIP
9:30A TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

APR 18 MON
1:00P HOPE SEEDS
6:30P GUITAR SARASOTA

APR 19 TUES
2:00P EVANGELISM TEAM MEETS
5:30P COMMUNITY MEAL

APR 20 WED
8:00A PROPERTY MINISTRY MEETS
6:00P HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
6:00P BIBLE STUDY IN PERSON
7:00P VOCAL CHOIR REHEARSAL

APR 21 THURS
4:00P PRAYER TEAM MEETS-ZOOM
6:30P COUNCIL MEETING

APR 22 FRI
9:30A FOOD PANTRY BAGGING

APR 23 SAT
9:00A FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION
10:00A MUSICIAN REHEARSAL

APR 26 TUES
5:30P COMMUNITY MEAL

APR 27 WED
8:00A PROPERTY MINISTRY MEETS
6:00P BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
6:00P BIBLE STUDY IN PERSON
7:00P CHOIR REHEARSAL

APR 28 THURS
4:00P PRAYER TEAM MEETS-ZOOM

APR 29 FRI
9:30A FOOD PANTRY BAGGING

APR 30 SAT
9:00A FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION
10:00A MUSICIAN REHEARSAL

Happy Easter

As you celebrate Easter may you remember God's perfect love for all mankind, and may that love fill you with hope for the days to come.

Easter Blessings!

• All those serving in the U.S. Military. • The homeless in our neighborhood, our city, our nation and the world. • The Florida Bahamas Synod Office of the Bishop Staff and Support Staff. • SURE – Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity. • Our Members, and our preschool teachers and students.

Members
Beetle Family
John Beyer
Henry Blosser
Frank Brodnax
Susan Burmaster
Sue Fisher
Bob Fong
Jane French
Barbara Hahne
Carolyn Masters
Carolyn Mele
Cecilia Morvick
Jean Panthana
Euder Paul
James Paulsson
John Puckhaber
Susy Scholl
Dave and Betty Smowton
Barbara Wattman
Ginger Webb
Karin Zukowski

Homebound Members
Sharyn Brodnax
Donna Casala
Charles Kistner
Olive Lehman
June Manselle
Virginia McQuaig
Ann Olsen
Michael Reiter
Carole Wilson

Friends and Family
Cammy – *Hellwege's friends daughter*
Dolores – *friend of Colleen Ryan*
Ian – *Michele Hilton's son*
Jason & Samantha – Debi Rado's *son and daughter-in-law*
Judy– *friend of Hilleriches*
Kiley – ECLC teacher
LaShonda – *friend of J. Beyer*
Pete – Missy Craig's son
Manny Acevedo – *former member*
Clinton Allen – *friend of Jim Paulsson*
Arleen Austin – *former Parish Administrator*
Steve Baker – *friend of Cindy Schlotterback*
Geri Bandauski – *sister of Dave Smowton*
Karla Benton – *niece of the Roberts*
Sherri, Greg, and Rebecca Buete – *family of Brian McCulley*
Kathleen Cannon – *friend of Puckhabers*
Cayson Carter – *friend of Hilleriches*
Alice Chanover – *friend of Puckhabers*
Jessica Clements – *friend of Kathie Snyder*
Rusty Corner and family- *friend of Susan Burmaster*
Skylar Dickey – *friend of Ethel Hamilton*
John Dolittle – *family friend of Brian McCulley*
Cody Eddleman – *husband of John Beyer*
Kathy Gbur – *friend of Ethel Hamilton*
Lily Gibson – *Susy Scholl's niece*
Elaine Graham – *community member*
Freddie Greer – *friend of Jim Paulsson*
Eli Harshman – *ECLC student*
David Jackerson – *son of Susy Scholl*
Carolyn Jacobson – *regular attender*
Linda Jones – *friend of Ethel Hamilton*
Molly Lafferman – *friend of the Puckhabers*
Kenny Manselle—*son of June Manselle*
Ginny Marraccini – *sister of Kathie Snyder*
Shirley and Dan Martin - *friends of Susy Scholl*
Marsha McKinney- *former member*
Nora McQuaig – *daughter of Ginny McQuaig*
Pam Mills – *sister of Daniel Mills*
John Morrow – *family of Brian McCulley*
Linda and Jim Norris – *family of Doris Schlotterback*
Karen Paulsson – *sister of Jim Paulsson*
Terry Panthana – *niece of Jean Panthana*
John Popielarsky – *friend of Ethel Hamilton*
Manny Rivas – *friend of Cindy Schlotterback*
Candy Reimer – *godmother of PrAshley*
Brian & Tommy Schlotterback— *sons of Doris Schlotterback*
Cynthia Lu Scholl – *sister of Susy Scholl*
Rob Scianni – *Scianni's son*
Clint Shantz- *former member*
Donna Shepherd - *sister of Gail Seyfarth*
Bethany Smith – Smith's daughter
Timothy Smith—*grandson of Ginny McQuaig*
Dave Spitler – *former St. Paul member*
Noel Studenwalt – Smith's nephew
Brian Sullivan – *friend of John Ferreira*
Pr. Lyle Truitt – *former pastor at St. Paul*
Elaine & Mark Vanderweight- *friends of Jim Paulsson*
David Weinberger – *friend of Puckhabers*
Matt Williamson – *friend of Cindy Schlotterback*
Judith Wismer – *community meal guest*
Amy Zuccarello—*daughter of Dcn. Michele Hilton*

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble, with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

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Sunday Schedule

9:30a Service of Worship In-person

9:30a Service of Worship on Facebook Live

10:30a Adult Sunday School

St. Paul Mission Prayer

God of grace and love, you created us as your children and have brought us to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are not perfect people, but this church is the perfect place for imperfect people. Thank you for your grace through Christ given to us. You call us to proclaim to everyone we meet that your grace is for them too. As a Holy Spirit-led family of God, we ask you to help us joyfully share your word and serve your people, so that together our lives make a difference in your kingdom here on earth. Strengthen us in our mission together; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.