

St. Paul's Epistle

"St. Paul's Lutheran Church glorifies God by connecting people to Jesus through teaching, serving, caring, and telling!"

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Friends in Christ,

During this season of Lent leading to Holy Week and then finally Easter Sunday, we remember that Christ has won the victory over all our enemies for us. For Jesus Christ—true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary—came to redeem us, to set us free from the powers of sin, death, and the devil. In the apostle John's first epistle, he puts it this way: *"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil"* (1 John 3:8).

And how did Christ destroy the devil's work and set us free? By redeeming us with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death. By paying for our sins in full and reconciling us to the Father, Jesus took away the devil's right to lay any claim on us. Jesus came and shared in our humanity *"that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery"* (Hebrews 2:14–15).

The victory came at a tremendous cost to our Redeemer, as Satan struck Him a cruel, painful, and deadly blow. But in His very death on the cross, Jesus utterly defeated Satan by saving all of us from him. And Christ publicly demonstrated that victory in His resurrection from the dead.

All this does, though, raise some significant questions. If Jesus has already won the victory over the devil for us, why do we still see the influence of the devil in this world, and why does God call on us in Scripture still to be sober-minded and watchful, resisting the devil who prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8–9)? Why does it feel like the war is not over, and why does it often feel like we're not faring so well in the battles we face daily in our hearts and lives?

To understand this, it can help to consider an example from the Second World War. When the Allies were victorious on D-Day and had successfully landed a massive army back on the European continent, the outcome of the war in Europe was certain. The decisive blow had been dealt. The Allied army would push irresistibly toward the enemy German homeland. But the war in Europe didn't actually come to its completion until eleven months later, on V-E Day. The enemy fought tooth and nail until the end.

In a similar way, in His death and resurrection, Christ has already dealt Satan the decisive, fatal blow that guarantees the outcome of the war. But the war won't come to its final completion until Judgment Day, when Christ's victory will be complete. Meanwhile, we live in the gap between the "already" and the "not yet"—the period when the decisive battle has already been won but the fighting is not yet over. Satan and his forces will fight until the bitter end.

As we wait, though, we do so with full assurance of the final result. Though life can feel like a battle as we continue struggling against the devil, the world, and our own sinful nature, we know how it all ends. We know that, in the end, we win because Christ has won the victory for us, and He shares His victory with us. By God's grace, through faith in Christ Jesus, victory is ours.

So thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:57). Amen.

In Christ our Savior,

Pastor Aaron Kretzschmar

April 2025

8:15am Traditional Worship
In-Church & YouTube
9:30am Sunday School all ages
10:00am WZDK 98.5 FM Radio
10:45am CrossLife in the ARC

Holy Communion
April 6, 17, and 20

Staffed Nursery 8am until noon

Sunday Bible Studies

Adult Bible Study

Sundays 9:30am

Pastor's Bible Study 9:45am

Weekday Bible Studies

Wednesday 10:30am

Wednesdays 6:00pm

Looking Ahead

Summer & Fall Registration
NOW OPEN for Preschool & KTT

Wednesday Lent services,
March 12 – April 9 at noon

Seder Potluck

Christ in the Passover
Sunday, April 6 at 5:30pm

Voters meeting

Sunday, April 27 at 9:30am

Maundy Thursday Worship

April 17, 12 noon & 7pm

Good Friday Worship

April 18, 12noon & 7pm

Easter Sunday Worship

April 20,

8:15 & 10:45 in Sanctuary

Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt

April 20, 9:30 and 9:45

2025

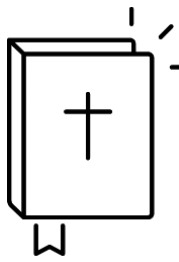
Theme:

Renew our Hearts, O Lord.

Theme Verse: Psalm 51:10

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

Sunday Morning and Wednesday Lenten Worship
Livestream on YouTube: www.youtube.com/stpaulsdec



NOTES FROM Miss Skylar



St. Paul's Family,

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

The wonderful celebration of Easter is fast approaching! We have so many things coming up for everyone of all ages. We will have our annual Easter Egg hunt for the children, please donate candy to fill the eggs for this fun activity. Candy can be dropped off in the lobby, narthex, or church office.

Our High School Youth have their annual Egg Your Yard fundraiser happening! Contact Heather Asher or me if you'd like the youth to egg your yard for Easter! Fund will go towards their trip to the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Looking ahead to the Summer, our 2025 VBS will be June 23-27th from 9-12pm! We hope your children can join us as we learn to trust Jesus in a wild world at True North VBS! And we need many volunteers to make this event a success so please talk to me about how you can volunteer!

God's Blessings,
Skylar Smith, DCE

Egg Your Yard Fundraiser

For \$30 a yard the youth will hide 80 plastic eggs filled with candy and toys in your yard in the evening of April 19. Let Heather Asher 256-476-0415 or Skylar 256-353-8759 know you want your yard to be Egged!



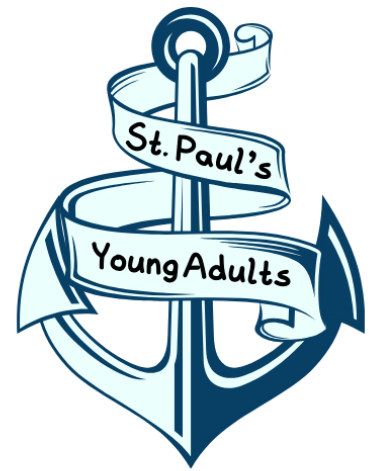
HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION

Join us Sunday, May 18th, at both services as we celebrate our High School Seniors graduating this year! Please submit pictures of your graduating senior to Skylar for a special presentation to be shown at both services! If you have any questions, contact Skylar or Heather Asher.



Save the Date for VBS

June 23-27, 2025



APRIL 12 | 6:30PM | RM 317

GAME NIGHT!

BRING FOOD TO SHARE!

ENDURING FAITH April Sunday School Lessons

4/6 - A Prophet Serves: Samuel

4/13 - A Crushing Truth: Jesus is Crucified

4/20 - Easter Egg Hunt

4/27 - A Living Truth: Jesus Rises

Bible Reading Challenge

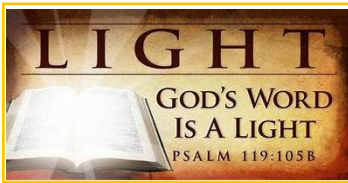
April - Prayer Power

Join our 2025 Bible Reading Challenge! These daily readings look at verses that focus on a different theme every month. These verses may only take a few seconds to read, but we encourage you to read them multiple times throughout the day and spend time in prayer with God over the verses. We also encourage you, if you have the time, to READ MORE! These verses are a starting point!

Day 1: 1 Thess 5:16-18
Day 2: Philippians 4:6-7
Day 3: Matthew 6:9-13
Day 4: James 5:16
Day 5: Ephesians 6:18
Day 6: Jeremiah 29:12
Day 7: Matthew 18:20
Day 8: Luke 11:1
Day 9: Mark 11:24
Day 10: Psalm 17:1
Day 11: 1 John 5:14-15
Day 12: 2 Chronicles 7:14
Day 13: Romans 12:12
Day 14: Colossians 4:2
Day 15: Psalm 145:18

Day 16: 1 Timothy 2:1-2
Day 17: John 15:7
Day 18: Proverbs 15:29
Day 19: Acts 2:42
Day 20: Psalm 102:17
Day 21: James 1:5
Day 22: Matthew 21:22
Day 23: Luke 18:1
Day 24: Psalm 32:6
Day 25: Hebrews 4:16
Day 26: Daniel 9:18
Day 27: Mark 1:35
Day 28: Acts 1:14
Day 29: Psalm 141:2
Day 30: 1 Kings 8:28

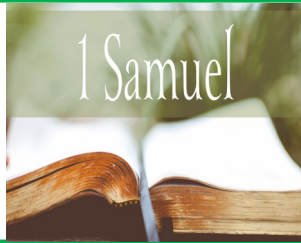
You can pick up a monthly bookmark at church, like our Church Facebook page to get the daily reading (and be sure to Like and Share the reading for the day so that your friends can see them too!), or to receive daily text reminders talk to Skylar to get signed up!



Here are several studies along with our 2024 Bible Reading Challenge on page 2 to help us be in His Word and in His light!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

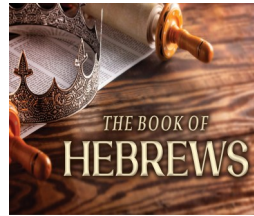
Wednesday mornings we are reading 1 Samuel! We hope you can join us at 10:30am in Room 318! Talk to Skylar if you have any questions!



Wednesday evening in Room 317 has completed Hebrews. Now studying topics from Lutheran Hour Ministries that are each 4 weeks long; so watch the Friday announcements week to week for updates on what the topic will be.

Adult Bible Study Sunday Morning 9:30am in Room 317

Join us for an interesting and lively discussion.



Men's Bible Study Saturday April 12 and 26 at 7:30am

Men will set up for church after class.



Daniel Bible Study Saturday, 11:00am April 19



I & II THESSALONIANS

Adult Bible Study 1st & 2nd Thessalonians: Keep Calm & Carry On

Have you ever wondered if your faith has wandered off track in the midst of life's challenges? The church in Thessalonica did, so Paul sent them letters to strengthen them. Join us for a Bible study that will encourage you to remain diligent as you look forward to Jesus' return. Come on a journey through Paul's letters to the Thessalonians that encourages you to keep calm, remain faithful, and work hard until Jesus returns. Understand what the apostle's words meant to his original readers, and how they apply to us today. Be encouraged in areas you need to grow in your faith, and recognize that many times it takes tribulation to get to jubilation. **Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the Fellowship Room.**



FM 98.5 WZDK

Hear St. Paul's Worship Service on the radio every Sunday at 10am. Also hear great hymns of the church Sunday Mornings

Talk to James Henderson for more information!



Adult Confirmation Class
Wednesdays at 6:15pm
In-person and by Zoom
Talk to Pastor for more information



Good News from the Beginning: The Gospel in Genesis

Wednesdays at 12 noon

Wednesday, March 26th

– The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Himself in Our Place (Gen. 22:1–18)

Wednesday, April 2nd

– The Good News of a Savior Who Unites Heaven and Earth (Genesis 28:10–22)

Wednesday, April 9th

– The Good News of a Savior Who Brings Good from Evil (Genesis 50:15–2)

GOD'S QUILT OF COMFORT:

Wrapping Up In the Palms CONTINUED

BY: DIANE J. GREBING/LWML

A WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ROOM 317
APRIL 3RD, 2025
APRIL 24TH, 2025
6:30 P.M. SOCIAL
7:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY

St. Paul's Ladies!! Save the Date!!



LWML WOMEN'S PRAYER BRUNCH Saturday, April 26, 2025 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please plan to attend. There is No charge and childcare is Available. An invitation will be Arriving soon in your mailbox. RSVP to Judy Nagy or Sue Bosco by April 19



Library News

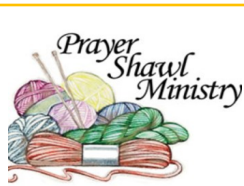
Just in time for Tax Day (April 15), a book from the Hornish Family Library donated to St. Paul's Library to the glory of God and in honor of Beth Hornish.

Germaine Copeland's "Prayers that Avail Much for the Workplace" (Tulsa, OK: Harrison House, 20021) contains such prayers as, a prayer for "Communi-cation with Co-Workers," "Integrity," and "When Persecuted at Work." Some of the prayers are from another point of view other than Lutheran and therefore not Bible based, but they are to be ignored and the other Scriptural prayers are to be used instead. Find it in the library on the desk under "New Arrivals."



St Paul's Quilters
meet in Room 317
each Wednesday at 10am.
Join us!

For more information contact Pete Alvis at 256.616.1774.



Come and Knit or crochet with us!
Work on your own project or special church projects. We have patterns and yarn galore!
Meet us in the Parlor every Thursday at 11am.



Save your pull tabs



Registration for the 2025 Summer and 2025-2026 school year has begun. Please contact Bethany Eze, Preschool Director, at 256.353.1353 if you are interested in having your or a friend's child or grandchild enroll for Preschool.

Christ in the Passover
An Exploration of Passover, the Last Supper, & Your Communion Experience

St. Paul's Fellowship Room
Sunday, April 6, 2025
5:30 P.M.

There will also be a potluck meal
Limited Seating

Indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast.
1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Jews For Jesus.
#ChristInThePassover

The Seder Meal

The Seder Meal, Christ in the Passover, will be held on **Sunday, April 6, from 5:30 to 7 PM in the Fellowship Room.** There is **no cost**, but a **free will love offering** will be taken. Since seating was limited, and since all the seats have been reserved by people who signed up by March 23, the only thing we can do **if you want to come put haven't signed up is put your name on a waiting list** in case someone cancels. Call the church office at 256.353.8759.

If you have signed up, you will have been **contacted about what you are bringing to the potluck** portion of the evening.

The "Missionary" from Jews for Jesus, Bob Mendelsohn, will walk us through the parts of the **seder meal, which is a meal a modern-day Jewish family** would celebrate. He will describe **how Christ is pictured** in each part. During his presentation, **he will invite you to sample the foods** from the Seder (hard boiled eggs, salt water/parsley, onion—not to be eaten, charoseth-sweet apple mixture, and horseradish, and wine). Again **you do not have to partake** if you don't want to. You are simply invited to a tasting of each item. **You can simply watch and listen** and still gain wonderful insights.

Thank you

Thank you so very much for all the cards, calls and prayers I received during this time of grieving.

In Christ,

Karin Burtram

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
30 8:15am Traditional Worship & YouTube Live 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Radio 98.5FM Worship 10:45am CrossLife Worship	31 7:00am PS Ext Care (M-F) 8:45am Preschool (M-Th) 2:30pm KTT Afterschool (M-F)	1 8:30 9:30&11am Exercise 9:30am Staff meeting	2 10:00am Quilters 10:30am Bible Study 12:00pm Lent Worship (+YouTube) 4:00pm KTT Chapel 5:30pm FaithLinks Dinner 6:00pm Bible study Handbells 6:15pm Adult Confirmation 7:00pm Choir 7:30pm Praise Band	3 8:30 9:30&11am Exercise 10:30am PS Chapel 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm Women's Bible study	4	5 8:30am Set up for CrossLife
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13 Psalm Sunday Bake Sale and Ham Raffle 8:15am Traditional Worship & YouTube Live 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Radio 98.5FM Worship 10:45am CrossLife Worship	14 7:00am PS Ext Care (M-F) 8:45am Preschool (M-Th) 2:30pm KTT Afterschool (M-Th)	15 <i>Newsletter deadline</i> 8:30 9:30&11am Exercise 9:30am Staff meeting 6:00pm Preschool Board 7:00pm Fellowship Board	16 10:00am Quilters 10:30am Bible Study 4:00pm KTT Chapel No FaithLinks dinner 6:00pm Bible study Handbells 6:15pm Adult Confirmation 7:00pm Choir 7:30pm Praise Band	17 Maundy Thursday Worship† 12noon and 7pm 8:30 9:30&11am Exercise 10:30am PS Chapel 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry 12:00pm PS Egg Hunt	18 Good Friday worship 12noon and 7pm PS closes at noon	19 11:00am Daniel study
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- Apr 1 Lisa Miller
- Apr 1 Rhonda Reece
- Apr 2 MeyMey Baker
- Apr 2 Nancy Whiteside
- Apr 3 Miranda Jordan
- Apr 3 Becky Ballentine
- Apr 6 Tracy Stoudnour
- Apr 9 Becky King
- Apr 12 Kellye Jones
- Apr 12 Britt McRae
- Apr 13 Nell McMinn
- Apr 15 Sierra Bauer
- Apr 17 Leo Reichenbach
- Apr 18 Kathy Sautter

- Apr 18 Jo Whetsel
- Apr 19 Pastor Kretzschmar
- Apr 19 Michael Ringers
- Apr 19 Leann Thompson
- Apr 20 Pam Newton
- Apr 21 Craig Faller
- Apr 22 Maddox Maples
- Apr 22 Zana Michelfelder
- Apr 22 Jerry Morris
- Apr 24 Jennifer Frick
- Apr 24 Ariel Holway-Jones
- Apr 24 Parker Smith
- Apr 25 Michael Kimmett
- Apr 26 Bryce Carroll
- Apr 27 Mary Kay Hodges
- Apr 27 Raymond Asher
- Apr 29 Jackson McCay
- Apr 29 Carol Bullen

Voters Meeting



Spring Voters Meeting

Sunday, April 27
9:30am
in the Fellowship Room



- Apr 2 Devin & Christina Schmelter
- Apr 6 Mike & Nell McMinn
- Apr 9 John & Regina Smith
- Apr 13 Jason & Wendy Duffey
- Apr 18 Ron & Twylia Fritze
- Apr 20 Doug & Amy Hamilton
- Apr 24 Kent & Farrah Locker
- Apr 24 Conner & MeyMey Baker
- Apr 28 Doug & Vicki Anderson

God's Blessings
on your
Special Day!

How To Reuse
Plastic Bags
And Make Sleep
Mats For Homeless



How to reuse plastic bags

and make sleep mats for the homeless.

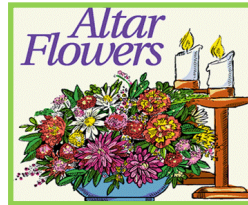
Donate your plastic bags from grocery stores, Target, Walmart etc. We are going to turn them into "plarn" (plastic yarn) and crochet/weave them into sleeping mats for the people that are homeless. It takes about 700 bags to make a single mat. So bring in your bags and put in the waiting containers in the lobby and Narthex. If anyone wants more information about this project contact Sue Bosco at her home # 256-350-5876.



Handbell Choir rehearsal
Wednesdays at 6:00pm
in the choir loft.



Choir rehearsal
Wednesdays at 7:00pm
in the choir loft.
New members welcome!
For more info contact
Mary Morgan



The Flower Calendar
is up in the breezeway.
Sign up early for your
special day!



**Stretch
and
Flex
Classes
Pilates
Fusion
Classes**

All classes are Tuesday and
Thursday mornings.

Stretch and Flex classes are at
8:30 in the gym and 11:00 in
the YAC. This class combines
many areas of fitness and is
adaptable to many fitness
levels. We work around a
chair and finish sitting using
small weights and resistance
bands.

Pilates Fusion meets in the
gym at 9:30. This class
combines cardio, resistance
training and Pilates.
For more information please
call Chonita at 256-303-0098.



Outreach Project

Thank you to everyone who contributes and
prays for the visitors to our Blessing Box!

Please help to keep the Blessing Box stocked by
placing non-perishable items in the Blessing Box
or in the collection box under the Portico at the
Sanctuary entrance.

We are blessing our neighbors - one can at a time!

**Wednesday
Night
Dinners
5:30pm**



Apple Lane Farms raffle tickets on sale
now thru April 13. A \$5. ticket could
win you an Apple Lane gift
certificate worth \$100.



**LWML Bake Sale and
Raffle Drawing April 13**

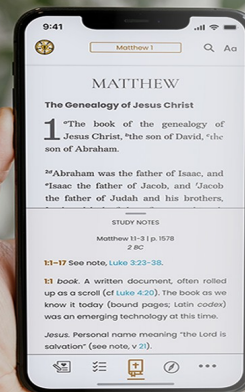
**Seder Meal Demonstration
And Potluck
Sunday, April 6 at 5:30pm**



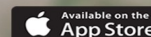
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Bob Mendelsohn will walk us through each part of the seder
meal, demonstrating how Christ is pictured in each part. We will
then enjoy a fellowship potluck dinner and Holy Communion.

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Serving the Lord in Worship this Month at St. Paul's

	April 6	April 13	April 20	April 27
Elders 8:15am	Mitchell hiteside	Mike Johnson	8:15 All Elders 10:45 All Elders	Bill Darwin
Ushers 8:15am	Jim Disher Ken Hamilton Micky Whiteside Mike Widmar	Bob Seibert Rick Daniel Tim Nave Oliver Nave	8:15 Owen Blaske 10:45 Jim Disher Jack Blaske Ken Hamilton Mike Johnson Micky Whiteside Jeff Pittman Mike Widmar	Graham Peebles Michael Kimmitt Matthew Kimmitt Mike Ater
Acolytes 8:15am	Oliver	Ben	8:15 Oliver 10:45 Ben	Ben
A/V Techs 8:15am	Rich Maschke	Bob Sullivant	8:15 Rich Maschke 10:45 Bob Sullivant	Bob Sullivant
Readers 8:15am	Jeff Pittman	Pam Meadows	8:15 Gary Nagy 10:45 Gary Nagy	Mitchell Whiteside
Sanctuary Flowers	Mark & Joy McMinn	Open	Mike Johnson	Open
Altar Guild for April: Melinda Carlson and Leesa Pittman		Counters for April: Tim Herfurth and Rusty Nicholson		
Elders 10:45am	Tim Herfurth	Gary Nagy	<i>Easter Sunday—both services</i>	Tim Herfurth
Host families 10:45am CL setup 8:30am Saturday	Burrell family Rich Maschke	Morgan family Men's Bible study	<i>Worship in the Sanctuary</i> <i>Easter Breakfast at 9:30</i>	Herfurth family Rich Maschke
A/V Techs 10:45am	Rick & Carol Morgan	James Gilchrist	<i>Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45</i>	Tim Herfurth



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

 <p>PALM SUNDAY</p>	 <p>MAUNDY THURSDAY</p>	 <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p>
<p>Worship April 13 8:15 in the Sanctuary and on YouTube 10:45 in the gym</p>	<p>Worship April 17 noon & 7pm in the Sanctuary and on YouTube</p>	<p>Worship April 18 noon & 7pm in the Sanctuary and on YouTube</p>

HAPPY EASTER!

Join us Sunday, April 20th, for our Easter Services and Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt!



Traditional Service - 8:15am
Easter Breakfast - 9:30am
Easter Egg Hunt - 9:45am
Traditional Service - 10:45am



Current Loan Balance: \$200,054
Endowment Fund Balance: \$15,259

Financial Plan Activity thru February 28, 2025

YTD FirstFruits Giving: \$ 63,438 **PLAN: \$80,000**
YTD Total Expenses: - \$ 80,157 **PLAN: \$90,765**
Plan Activity thru Feb - \$ 16,719 more expenses than income

Serving at the Lenten Midweek Services

March 26
AV: Bob Sullivant
Elder: Bill Darwin

April 2
AV: Bob Sullivant
Elder: Bill Darwin

April 9
Elder: Gary Nagy
AV: Bob Sullivant

April 17
Elder:
12noon: Mitchell Whiteside
7pm: Johnson
AV
12noon: Bob Sullivant
7pm: Rich Maschke

April 18
Elder
12noon: Gary Nagy
7pm: Tim Herfurth
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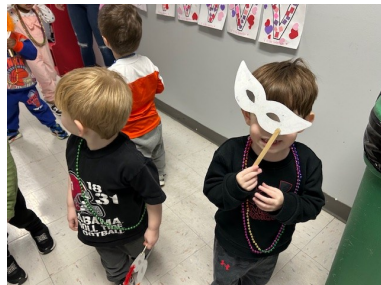
Help support fundraising for "The Cross of North Alabama."

in memory
DONNA G. SMITH
1950 - 2020

Go to the website and buy a brick and leave a legacy. These will be placed around the base of the cross. They are available in 4 X 8 for \$150 or 8 X 8 for \$400. The landscaping phase is now in progress. What a blessing it has already been to many. Thanks to all who support this symbol of God's love!!



St Paul's Lutheran Preschool 2024—2025



April is sponsored by the number 9, the color **purple**, and oval. This month the children will learn about Easter, Palm Sunday, Butterflies and Earth Day. We will learn about letters Yy, Zz and review. Our Bible stories and study will be Jesus Rides into Jerusalem, Good Friday, Easter and Jesus Ascension.

On Thursday, April 17th we will have an Easter Egg hunt at Noon. We are asking parents to donate at least a dozen candy filled eggs. Parents who would like to volunteer to help contact your child's teacher.



On Good Friday, April 18th, we will be closing at Noon.



For more info and pictures of activities, please visit www.facebook.com/StPaulsDec.Preschool



Afterschool Care

Ash Wednesday

KTT members participated in St. Paul's annual Ash Wednesday's ceremony, directed by Skylar in our weekly chapel session.



Special thanks to Britt McRae for volunteering two days a week tutoring in Math and reading. He and the kids are getting along so well, that he now hangs out with them after tutoring. Thanks Britt, you're a keeper!



KTT will be Closed on this date

**April 18—Closed
Professional Development/Work Day**

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY	MAUNDY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY
Worship April 13 8:15 in the Sanctuary and on YouTube 10:45 in the gym	Worship April 17 noon & 7pm in the Sanctuary and on YouTube	Worship April 18 noon & 7pm in the Sanctuary and on YouTube

Join us for Easter Sunday services
at 8:15 and 10:45am in the Sanctuary
Easter Breakfast at 9:30 and Egg Hunt at 9:45am



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