

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

April 2023

## Holy Week- An Invitation to Worship

### **Palm Sunday- April 2**

Children's Parade with Burrito the Donkey- 8:45am (Meet at front doors of the church)

St. Paul Lutheran- 9:00am

Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem, riding on a donkey as Messiah king. The crowds shout praises to God. Jesus will defy the people's expectations. Soon their cries of praise will change to demand for Jesus' death.

### **Wednesday, April 5– Children's Bible Study– 5:30-6 pm**

### **Maundy Thursday- April 6- St. Paul Lutheran 7:00pm**

Jesus gathers for a last supper with his disciples before he is betrayed and arrested. Christ invites you to his table of forgiveness and mercy, where he offers to you the gifts of his body and blood in bread and wine.

### **Good Friday-April 7- St. Paul Lutheran 7:00pm**

Jesus is tried, and though innocent, sentenced to death. Crucified upon a tree, Jesus shows us the heart of God's love. Jesus dies that we may live.

### **Easter Sunday- April 9**

Youth Breakfast- 7:30-8:30am

St. Paul Lutheran- 9:00am Worship

St. John's Lutheran- 11:00am Worship

The tomb is empty! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Join in the surprised joy of Jesus' disciples. Jesus has defeated sin and death, and his victory he gives to us!



### **Wednesday, April 12– Children's Bible Study– 5-6:15 pm**

**Sunday, April 16- 9:00 am Worship– St. Paul Lutheran**

### **Wednesday, April 19– Children's Bible Study– 5-6:15 pm**

**Sunday, April 23- 9:00 am Worship- St. Paul Lutheran Worship**

**11:00 am Worship- St. Johns. Lutheran**

### **Wednesday, April 26– Children's Bible Study-5-6:15 pm**

**Sunday, April 30– 9:00 am Worship at St. Paul Lutheran**

# Congregation News



CELEBRATING AN *Anniversary* 

Rod & Sandy Pralle

April 30

Derek DeVries	4-1
Shelley Hilton	4-2
Leland Dhondt	4-3
Bryce Pralle	4-4
Jay Van Wert II	4-5
Oliver Arenholz	4-10
Jacob Donnenwerth	4-11
Chris Heilskov	4-15
Colleen Moritz	4-15
Jake Walker	4-17
Alan Moritz	4-22
Rod Pralle	4-23
Steph Korth	4-24
Kennedy Pralle	4-26
Parker Kofoot	4-29
Brandi Wikert	4-30
Rob McCormick	4-30



Terry Wheeler, Justin Mejia, Arvin Stadlander, Gary and Curtis Askew, Steve Sandvig, John Sandvig, Verna Humburg, Leland Dhondt, Nancy Knipfel, Michael Norman (son of Sheena English) and the Call Committee Process.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Marlys Peterson. Marlys passed away on March 6. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Todd Narber. Todd passed away unexpectedly on March 19. Please keep this family in your prayers.

# Participating in Worship:

Date	Reader	Coffee Hour	Greeters	Ushers for April
April 2	Jay Crawford	Dawson Wikert	Dorothy Madetzke And Delores Schall	Larry Alquist Paul Flint Mike Cross Reeve Wagner
April 9	Jay Crawford	EASTER BREAKFAST ALL YOUTH	Jay and Jane Crawford	
April 16	Paul Flint	Jacob Donnenwerth	Lowell and Shirley Lange	
April 23	Paul Flint	Slater Weydert	Lowell and Shirley Lange	
April 30	Anthony Karanu	Katie Hilton	Mike and Nadine Goodwin	

**Coffee hour** There are new coffee hour schedules out in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to meet the Youth in the congregation, this is a great way to do that.

**Radio Broadcast** If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a birthday or anniversary, the cost is \$40.00 There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

## Stewardship Report

	Giving
March 5	\$5,257.00
March 12	\$2,260.00
March 19	\$4,230.00
March 26	\$ 1,525.00
Total	\$ 13,272.00

*Thank You!*

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped with the Lenten worship and providing soups. We are blessed!

Thank you to everyone who moved snow this year. It was a big job and we appreciate you!!



JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST  
SUNDAY, APRIL  
7:30 AM TO 8:30 AM

THE HIGH YOUTH WILL BE SERVING BREAKFAST.  
FREE WILL DONATION.



**Easter  
Lilies**

Would you like to bring in an Easter Lily to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday? Easter Lilies can be brought in April 4 thru the 7 and placed on the table in the skylight area. We will place them in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Please put your name down on the clip board if you would like your Easter Lily returned to you. Thank you.



**Welcome to spring! Aren't we all ready for the snow to disappear, green grass, leaves on the trees and blooming flowers? Easter is right around the corner too. We remember amid all the spring celebrations, that Christ (the best gift) rose from the dead to save us. Alleluia!**

Everyone is invited to attend our quilting group sessions on Wednesday mornings, beginning at 9:00 AM. If you can tie a knot, you can help tie the quilts for LWR. Of course, coffee hour is always an enjoyable time. The coffee is "on" about 10:00 and everyone is welcome. Treats are potluck so we usually have a great variety of things to eat.

Thanks to everyone who furnished items for the Promise Kits (personal care). We are still collecting items. Our goal is to have 40 kits to send. These kits are really appreciated!

Priscilla Circle Bible Study will be held here at the church on April 20 at 1:30 pm.

# Baptism



Celebrating with joy,  
Kenny Roy  
Walker  
child of God.

Baptized:  
March 19, 2023  
Thanks be to God.



**Please join us for Children's Bible Study**  
Wednesday, April 5  
5:30– 6:00 pm  
Beginning Wednesday, April 12 thru May 10  
5:00– 6:15 pm.  
**This will replace Sunday School on Sunday's.**



**Save the Date!**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**will be held on**  
**July 25-27**

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Monthly Council Meeting  
March 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Mari Cramer. Those in attendance were: Mari Cramer, Shelley Hilton, Jay VanWert, Sr., Robyn Kofoot, Kent Cramer and Charlene Richtsmeier.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2023 meeting was made by Jay, seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was reviewed. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Robyn, seconded. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

**Call Committee:** Robyn has been in contact with Pastor Liz each week. Nothing new to report.

**Education:** Robyn-Wednesday night worship for the children will be from 5:30 – 6:00 now until Easter. After Easter times will be 5:00 – 6:15. Dates for bible school have been set – July 25-27.

**Life and Growth:** Approximately 40-50 people have been attending the Lenten soup suppers.

**Property and Management:** Kent – Working on replacing batteries in some of the emergency lighting. The interior of the parsonage is going to be painted.

**Stewardship:** Jay – A report of the Thrivent choice contributors was submitted. Thank you letters will be sent to those who contributed.

**Worship and Music:** Marian Foster-Thomas will be baptized April 30<sup>th</sup>. Her grandfather, Pastor Thomas will do the baptism and church service. Working on pulpit supply for May and June.

**Youth:** Shelley – Next youth gathering is March 26<sup>th</sup>. The youth will serve the Easter breakfast.

**WELCA:** No report.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: Council agreed to send a \$100.00 memorial to the North East Iowa Food Pantry in memory of Pastor Keith Tomlinson.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Next Meeting will be April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted:  
Charlene Richtsmeier



April 2023, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

At LSI, we work tirelessly to provide crisis childcare, in-home visits and parenting classes to families across Iowa through our Early Childhood Services. In these services, we provide Iowa parents the support they need to provide a healthy, stable home for their children.

Through our Family Centered Services, we help children and families already involved in a crisis or abuse situation to become safer and more stable. We also provide therapy services to adults, children and families to help build healthier, more secure homes. You can make a direct impact on these children and families through your support of LSI.

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org) and [facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

Thanks to the support from faith-based organizations across Iowa... ..a young mom now has the education and resources she needs to create a better life for her and her family, ...a person with a disability learned to be a little more independent, ...a former refugee found a new home in Iowa and has found new ways to successfully support their family. All of these successes are possible with the support we receive from congregations and people like you! LSI is proud to provide these essential services to people all across Iowa. Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

## HAMPTON COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

*St. Paul Lutheran Church  
17 2nd Street NE | Hampton*

**Monday, April 24, 2023  
12:30 PM - 6:00 PM**

To schedule call 800.287.4903 | text LIFESERVE to 999-777 or  
visit [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org)



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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

*Living in God's amazing grace*

We are called through baptism to be a welcoming community of faith, grounded in worship and prayer, so that we may grow in Christ-like forgiveness and love.

*Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world.*