



St. Paul's Lutheran

THE EPISTLE

April 2023

"Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord..." Psalm 68:32

On Easter morning, we bring back singing the "alleluia's!" Throughout the 40 days of somber Lent, we packed them away until we celebrate the festive day of our Lord's resurrection from the dead. Alleluia and Hallelujah are expressions of joy and praise for God especially found in the Psalms 111-117 as a chant of the Levites, and in Revelation 19 as a chant of the multitude of heavenly saints. Christians sing praise to God for the love and forgiveness revealed in the grace of Jesus Christ! Because Jesus has been resurrected, so the baptized believers have the promise and gift of the resurrection. Alleluia!

The trees, flowers, vegetables are rising up from the ground. The fields are coming to life with the recent rains. As Lutherans, we will sing our "alleluia's" to the Lord this Easter, like every Easter before, and lift up our prayers to be God's hands and feet in the midst of suffering, and pain, and violence in this world. The Lord's grace and goodness cannot and will not be stopped. His love never ends! God is worthy to be praised!

Praise the Lord, all you nations!
Extol him, all you peoples! For great
is his steadfast love toward us, and
the faithfulness of the Lord endures
forever. Praise the Lord! Psalm 117

Happy Easter,
Pastor Nancy





Birthdays

- 2 – Ruth Blue
- 3 – Sherry Eickenhorst
- 4 – Dennis Salo
- 5 – Gavin Parker
- 6 – Darren Seymour
- 12 – Becky Rouyer
- 18 – Helen Reavis
- 19 – Chad Davis
- 20 – Ken Peting
- 23 – Sherry White
- 25 – Kristen Stephens
- 26—Caroline Rein
- 30 – Colleen Peting

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 – Ruth Blue
- 1 – Jan Lorfing
- 1 – Colleen Peting
- 5 – Arlen Holle
- 5 - Boo Boo Fojt
- 8 – Lorrie Andrews
- 21—Luna Moreno
- 23 – Ian Gillespie
- 25—Hannah Zarsky
- 28—Emilia Landry
- 29 – Laney Cherry
- 29 – Ty Haro

Wedding Anniversaries

- 10 – Brian & Lori Viereck
- 17 – Jake & Jan Lorfing

Church Offices Closed

Monday, April 10th

Thank You

- Thank you to Ian Gillespie, Hoya Ash, Kurt and Kelly Migl, Darren and Natalie Seymour, Daucy Crizer, and John Schlobohm for the lawn maintenance
- To Rosie Haas for keeping our flower beds looking great
- To Bubba Gonzalez, Stan White, and David Andrews for taking the trash to the curb
- Beehive Florist for the fresh floral arrangements for worship
- To our Food Pantry volunteers for all their hard work. We couldn't do it without you!
- To the knitters and crocheters for the prayer shawls & hospital blankets
- A huge thank you to all that helped with the 8th Annual Flea Market & BBQ. We added \$1,838.85 to the General Fund with this fundraiser. We appreciate your generosity!

1ST SUNDAY ZOOMERS

Teenagers, let's Zoom with Jada Hylton and Pastor Nancy on the first Sunday of every month at 12:30pm. You will get a Zoom invitation in your email. We hope to see you there on **April 2**.



Golden Group Activities

Monthly Luncheon Tuesday April 18th at 11:30am
Going's BBQ, 1007 N Main St, Baytown

Bus Trip Wednesday May 31st

Arbor Gate in Tomball w/ lunch at Pecos Grilling Company
 cost: \$3

Bus leaves church at 9am
 Lunch on your own

Text or email Lorrie for more info: 281-382-9770
landrews1124@gmail.com

CHURCH WORKDAY

Saturday April 1st at 8am

Let's get the church ready for Easter.

for more info: ian.graham.gill@gmail.com



Ordering Easter Lilies

Purchasing a lily is a wonderful way to remember/honor/celebrate a loved one on Easter Sunday.

The flowers are yours to take home following the service.

The cost is \$10 each. Order forms are available in the Narthex. Please complete the order form along with your payment (marked: Easter Lilies) and place it in the offering plate. Your order will be processed on a first come first served basis. There are 10 lilies left.

Easter Happenings

Palm Sunday April 2nd Meet at the Bell Tower to begin worship at 10:30am.

We will wave our palm fronds as we go in to the Sanctuary.



Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday April 6th 7:00 p.m. which will include the stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday Service Friday, April 7th at 7:00pm.

Remembering the Last Words of Jesus and his crucifixion.

Easter Victory Breakfast Sunday, April 9th, 8:00am - 10:00 a.m.

Council is hosting the Victory Breakfast. Bring your grandchildren (and their parents) and enjoy breakfast. There will be a free will donation.



Easter egg hunt and craft Easter morning at 9am for elementary age children. Bring a basket and get ready to fill it with all the eggs you can grab! Join in the Fellowship Hall afterwards to make an Easter themed craft. Please donate a bag or two of Easter candy to the church office before April 8th so we can stuff the eggs for Sunday. No chocolate please.

Flower Cross all are invited to bring fresh flowers to adorn the flower cross that will be setup at the front of the Sanctuary on Easter morning.



Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday Service April 9th at 10:30a.m.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

First Communion Participants, Allie Stephens and Brooks Bruner will receive their First Communion on Easter Sunday.



Brooks and Allie decorated their chalice and paten during their First Communion class. Ask them about it!

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

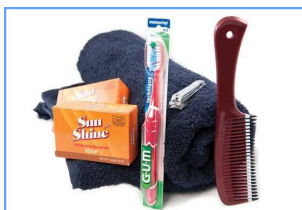
Our church is partnering with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bridge City, TX in collecting items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. These kits are given out by LWR where most needed around the world along with quilts that are hand-made by Lutheran churches.

Collection time has been extended!

Let us join together in self-giving for others as Christ would have us to do. On our way to Easter, we are blessed to be a blessing!

List of items needed:

- Bars of soap (4-6 oz, any brand)
- Bath Towels (light-weight 52"x27" dark colors recommended)
- Toothbrushes (adult size, original packaging)
- Metal Nail clippers
- Combs



There is a table set-up for you to drop off your donated items in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Connect

Junior high and High school youth! Join us with our friends from Good Shepherd Lutheran for some fun!

Where: St. Paul's Lutheran

When: Saturday, April 15th from 11am-2pm

RSVP to Donna Reavis 936-336-0370.



Mark your calendar

Ladies Spring Luncheon

Saturday, May 6th

11:30 am at St. Paul's

Catered by Luna's.

\$15 per plate. Sign up

sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Please sign up by April 16

5th Sunday of the Month Potluck

April 30th

Please bring a dish to share and stay and enjoy the blessings of food and fellowship.



Graduation Sunday

May 21st

Graduation Sunday is coming!

Please let Donna Reavis

know if you are graduating from High

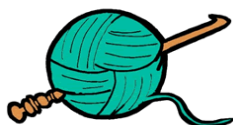
School or College. reavis5@hotmail.com



Prayer Shawl & Hospital Blanket

Blessing Sunday, April 23rd

If you know of someone in need of a prayer shawl please come to the church office.



The 2023 church directory has been published. Pick up a copy in the Narthex.





Michelle Johnston visited her sisters in Iowa. They made baby blankets for our Prayer Shawl ministry
top row: Michelle Johnston, Melinda Glade
bottom: Mary Nollen, Karen Jones, Rose Eagleson



First Responder Chaplain/Peer Support Course Level 3. Held at Spring ISD Police Department.



The Golden Group Trip to Maas Nursery was enjoyed by all. What a great way to welcome Spring!



Dalton, Tori, Caroline, and Scarlett Rein had a great time at the Flea Market.



Ben Vircant brought some "Unauthorized" soup for Wednesday Evening Soup Supper.



Standing by our sign! A proud moment for the Adopt-A-Spot Group!



Thank you to Boy Scout Troop 208 for donating 1200 canned goods to our Food Pantry!



Spudtacular!!! The Food Pantry is blessed!



Colleen Peting snuggles up with a good book



Bible Milestones

Gwen Blakey received her 2nd Grade Bible

and

Alaina Olivares received her 1st Bible.

Thank you to all who knitted and crocheted prayer shawls and hospital blankets. Chaplain Elvin Fortune from Baytown Methodist Hospital was so thankful and astonished seeing all the beautiful shawls & blankets. They will be a blessing to all who receive them.

March Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of: Regina Rein
Given By: Susan Clanton
Designation: General Fund

Titheley Online Giving Scan the QR Code with your smartphone's camera to give online. Or go to: www.stpaulsbaytown.org

Click on the "Give" link to create an account. Now you can give anywhere from any tablet or computer.



Treasurer's From the Treasurer



The 2023 budget is \$250,344. It takes \$20,862 a month to cover expenses (\$4815 per week). Please continue your faithful giving.

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Baytown, TX
Council Meeting March 9, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Nancy, Ian Gillespie, John Schlobohm, Donna Reavis, Becky Linsenbardt, Kim Holle, Susan Clanton, Luis Estrada, Clarke Crizer, Beverly Tomsic **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Angie Ash, Kurt Migl, Rosie Haas

The meeting was called to order by President, Ian Gillespie at 6:25 PM. Pastor Nancy opened with prayer.

Guest, Lizbeth Johnson was present to answer any questions regarding the setup of new Funds (Endowment and Demand Investment funds), as presented in the Feb. 16th email from Angie Ash to Council. No questions were raised.

Council Retreat (2/3/2023) Meeting Minutes

- John Schlobohm moved and Clarke Crizer seconded to approve the Minutes of the February 2, 2023 Council Retreat. The motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- YMCA Spring Camp starts Monday. A cleaning agreement was added to the contract.
- "Pray With Me" has been added to the church website. This includes a prayer and a Psalm and music may be added.
- Jesus and Me Time has been cancelled, due to lack of participation.
- Allie Stephens and Brooks Bruner will participate in 1st Communion classes and will receive 1st Communion on Easter Sunday.
- Synod Assembly will be voting on Reconciling In Christ (RIC).

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Kim Holle noted the monthly activity on the General Pass thru line item reflects the money that came out of the Thrivent account before the new accounts (\$25,000 Mission Endowment and \$42,000 Mission Investment) were established.
- Income exceeded expenses by \$5,503.58.
- There were no out of ordinary expenses.
- General Fund (this month \$24,503.18) could include memorials.
- Donna Reavis moved and Beverly Tomsic seconded to accept the February 2023 Treasurers Report as presented. The motion carried.

Blue Book Review

- Page 4 Council Members, Ian Gillespie - President, John Schlobohm - Vice President, Donna Reavis - Education/Youth & Family Committee Chair and Luis Estrada -Member at Large need to be updated.

St Paul's Constitution

- Susan Clanton, Ian Gillespie and Pastor Nancy are in the process of incorporating synod constitution updates into St. Paul's Constitution and plan to have updates available for council review at the next meeting.

Letter to the Congregation

- Kim Holle and Susan Clanton did not receive the email.
- The document was reviewed and several updates were suggested, including a suggestion to separate the subject of the Endowment Fund into a separate communication.

Reconciling In Christ (RIC)

- Council has been asked to read the document that was distributed at the meeting, "What Becoming Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Would Mean for the Gulf Coast Synod".

Committee Reports

Youth & Family

- Flea Market - Thank you to those who completed the parking lot striping. Not many spots have sold.
- 2nd grade and 1st bibles will be done together.

Inreach/Outreach

- Chili cookoff – thinking about changing to chicken and sausage gumbo.
- Need to replace a freezer.
- Lutheran World Relief Care Kits donations going well.
- Pot Luck – April 30th
- Ladies Spring Lunch will be May 6th
- 80th Anniversary Celebration will be June 4th. Plan to have it catered. Ask musician to play.

Property

- Plan a workday on April 1st, before Palm Sunday.

Faith Stories to be presented in future meetings - Kim Holle, Beverly Tomsic, John Schlobohm

Next Meeting – April 13th

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Clanton

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Save the Date

St. Paul's Lutheran Church 80th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, June 4th
Worship begins
at 10:30am
followed by
a celebratory
Luncheon

Church Council 2023

Ian Gillespie:	President/Property
John Schlobohm:	Vice President
Kim Holle:	Treasurer
Angie Ash:	Secretary

Members at Large

Susan Clanton	Worship & Music
Rosie Haas	In/Out Comm. Liaison
Kurt Migl	Property Comm. Liaison
Donna Reavis	Education/Youth & Fam
Clarke Crizer	Member at Large
Luis Estrada	Member at Large
Becky Linsenbardt	Member at Large
Beverly Tomsic	Member at Large

Monthly Committee Meetings

1st Sunday—Property
2nd Sunday—Educ./Youth & Family
3rd Sunday—Worship & Music
4th Sunday—Inreach/Outreach
Meetings begin at 11:45am
Everyone is welcome to attend!