

April Showers



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May 12th
All articles are due in by
May 5th



Dear Friends,

I'm writing this article just a few days after Easter and I am still basking in the joy of that worship experience. There were so many blessings God showered upon us. The beautiful music filled the sanctuary with praise. The sheer delight of participating in worship with so many young children; seeing and hearing these little ones is a renewing experience. The heart-warming reconnections with people we have not seen in a while - young people home from school, others who have been worshipping with us only online, members and friends visiting home, and visitors joining us for Resurrection Sunday. Easter Sunday was blessed by beautiful weather. It was also the culmination of what, for me at least, was a beautifully rich and meaningful Holy Week. I found Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to be very meaningful worship experiences. Also, last Saturday we had a joyful and memorable Easter egg hunt that provided a fun, wholesome activity for numerous children and family - members and friends alike! It is hard for me to imagine a better Easter than we enjoyed at St. Paul's last Sunday. Thank you, God! And thank you to all of you who contributed. Your presence alone is the greatest gift!

Blessings,

Pastor Greg

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Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Via Facebook Live or streaming on website.

Church Office Hours

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Let's Celebrate Birthdays



May BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Wendy Manser	5/6
Laurie Revak	5/7
Kamila Kay	5/8
Sheryl Gee	5/11
Steve Ticknor	5/11
Kailee Kruse	5/14
Jack Glauner	5/14
Sue Phillips	5/14
Laura Middaugh	5/17
Julia Zickus	5/17

Molly Schneeweiss	5/21
Kurt Albertsen	5/21
Jack Vogt	5/23
Gary Gee	5/24
Keith Chappell	5/25
Martha Hughes	5/28
Arlene Jezierski	5/29
Doug MacKenzie	5/29
Sandy MacMillan	5/30



June BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Anna Schmidt	6/1
Colin Braun	6/8
Madison Bockholdt	6/8
Alex Alexeyuk	6/9
Kristin Dul	6/9
Brian Zickus	6/13

Pinky Martin	6/20
Anna Zickus	6/21
Angela Loehner	6/22
Dana Sideris	6/28
Rebecca Eckhardt	6/29
Rob Revak	6/29

CHURCH NEWS



THE EASTER EGG HUNT WAS A SUCCESS!

Over 50 children enjoyed having their photo taken with the Easter Bunny, listening to Pastor Greg read the Easter story, filling their baskets with eggs, eating snacks and bringing home treat bags!

It was wonderful to see some new families visit St. Paul's. Thank you to everyone who helped out with this event!

A special thank you to Becky Lucking and the preschoolers for decorating the treat bags so beautifully!!

Church Life



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Easter Egg Hunt

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CRYSTAL LAKE FOOD PANTRY CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

In 1983, twenty-two area churches started the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. With the mission that “No one goes Hungry” the pantry has grown to meet the needs of our neighbors. As the challenges of our world increase, the pantry has been a stable source of food and comfort to the members of our community in need.

What does it take for the Crystal Lake Food Pantry to continue to serve the Crystal Lake area?

IT TAKES A VILLAGE-IT TAKES YOU!

Volunteers who donate food, money and service time.

Volunteers who sort donations and stock the pantry shelves.

Volunteers who pick up food donated by stores on a regular basis.

Volunteers who pick up large donations from area food drives.

Volunteers who assist neighbors selecting food to meet their needs.

Volunteers who attend public events to get the word out regarding our service.

Volunteers who serve on the Board of the Pantry, to manage finances, operations and plans for the future.

We could list many more opportunities that volunteers handle on a regular basis, but you get the idea!

We will be holding a FOOD DRIVE on Sunday May 14th. St. Paul's was there at the start-up and has continued to support the pantry for the past 40 years. We hope you will take this opportunity to stock the shelves at the pantry. You can also support the pantry with a monetary donation or a gift of your time. If you are interested in learning about joining us each month on our service day, please contact Laurie Revak, Cheryll Triefenbach or the church office.

Let's make our Mother's Day Food Drive a great show of our support and appreciation of the Crystal Lake Food Pantry.

CHURCH NEWS

To all St. Paul's family, the Mary Circle members is putting together Hygiene Kits for CWS. If you would like to donate, you have until April 21st. personal grooming items.

The list of items needed is on the table outside the Sanctuary. All items must fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. The deadline to get these in is April 20th.

Mary Circle



SAVE THE DATE

Farewell Hike for Pastor Greg

Sunday, May 7th at The Hollows in Cary

MORE DETAILS AND SIGN UP INFORMATION TO COME



WE
HOPE
YOU
WILL
JOIN
US!

THANK YOU



Our heartfelt thanks to all our St. Paul's family who have been thinking of and praying for us. Thank you, too, for all the cards and messages of caring and hopes for healing; they warm our hearts. Ernie is doing quite well after his knee replacement surgery; he just finished his last session of physical therapy. At this writing, Jen is waiting for her heart valve replacement surgery on April 12. She is looking forward to more energy and less fatigue. Hope to see you all soon!

Blessings,
Jen and Ernie Good



Usher Schedule

May
Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

USHERS

May 7th

John Whetham - Captain
Joe & Jan Rickard
Greeter: TBD
Reader: Linda Ticknor

May 14th Mother's Day

Ken Thrun - Captain
Ann Lingner
Rebecca Eckhart
Greeter: TBD
Reader: Fred Mullard

May 21st

Gary Voss - Captain
Carla Voss
John Vogt
Greeter: TBD
Reader: Jane Dawson

May 28th

Jim Henneman - Captain
Lauren Henneman
Linda Ticknor
Greeter: TBD
Reader: Gary Gee

June
Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

USHERS

June 4th

Ken Thrun - Captain
Nancy Bellis & Kevin Kruse
Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD

June 11th

Rob Revak - Captain
Laurie Revak
Jane Dawson
Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD

June 18th Father's Day

Ken Hansen - Captain
Karen Hansen
Elizabeth Speros
Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD

June 25th

Sheryl Gee - Captain
Gary Gee
Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD

St. Paul's Prayer List



St. Paul's Members

Marilyn Peaco, Eric Mason, Jennifer Good

St. Paul's Homebound Friends

Arlene Kopsell, Barb Biscomb

Deceased Members and Friends

Ron Katenhusen, Judy McFadden, Dave Patterson

Friends

Frank, Heidi Kramer Dixie Frye, Elsie Realmuto, Nancy Riley

Military - Stateside

Todd Whetham

Sponsored Children

Alberly (Dominican Republic), Andrian (Indonesia), Daniel W. (Indonesia), Nicole V. (Bolivia), Nicole S. (USA), Tran Thi Chin (Vietnam), Breny (Columbia), Alfred (Tanzania), Isack S. (Tanzania), Maria, Jobenta M. (Haiti), Emyli (Guatemala)

St. Paul's Vision

Call to serve

Our

Neighbors' and Members'

Needs by

Engaging as

Christ's people

Through service and Love

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Give the Gift of SCRIP

IN STOCK SCRIP CARDS as of February 17th, 2023

Amazon	1 @ \$25
Best Buy	1 @ \$25
Buffalo Wild Wings	2 @ \$25
Chili's	2 @ \$25
Chipotle	3 @ \$10
Darden	2 @ \$25
Dunkin'	6 @ \$10
Home Depot	2 @ \$100
IHOP	1 @ \$25
Jewel	3 @ \$25/ 10 @ \$100
LL Bean	1 @ \$100
Mariano's	3 @ \$50
Panera	5 @ \$10
Shell	2 @ \$50
Speedway	12 @ \$25/1 @ \$100
Starbucks	1 @ \$25
Synergy (Mobil)	3 @ \$50
Steinmart	1 @ \$25
Subway	3 @ \$10
Target	3 @ \$25
TJ Maxx (Sierra,HomeGoods, Marshall)	2 @ \$100
Walmart	5 @ \$100

If you need any of the above cards, they can be dropped off at church for pick up. If you want to order any particular cards, please let me know. As always, checks are made payable to St. Paul's.

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MyScripWallet™

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