



# ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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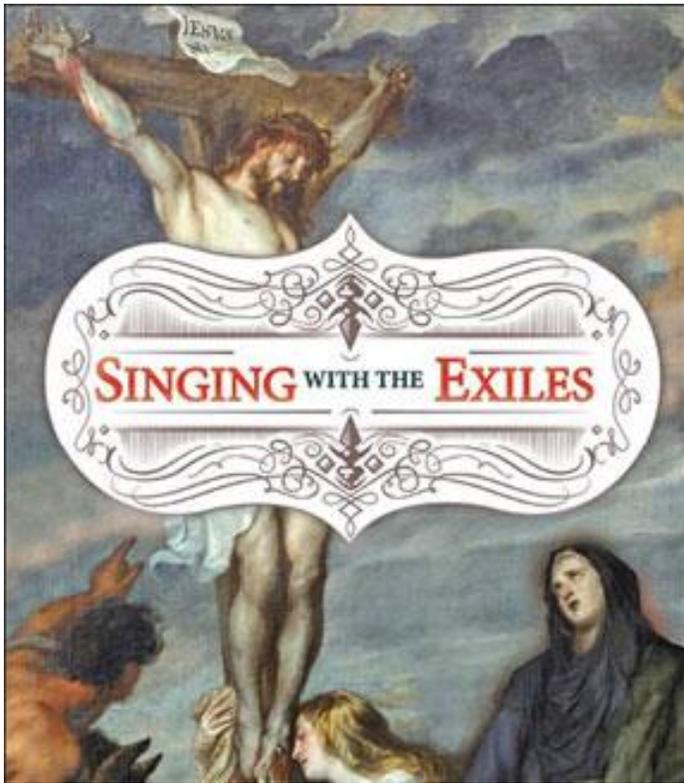
## 20+ Ways to Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord

As we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, I offer you a “Top 10 List” of ways to celebrate Easter. (Ok, it was only going to be 10, but I got carried away. It is Easter after all!) I look forward to the reverent intensity of Holy Week and the joyful exuberance of Easter Sunday.

In Christ,

Pastor Zielinski

1. Wake up and let the first words out of your mouth be: “CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!!”
2. Attend the services of Holy Week (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, & Easter Sunday) and get the big-picture of Jesus death and resurrection for your salvation and rejoice in receiving the gifts that Easter brings to us.
3. Sing a lot of Alleluia’s to make up for the Fast of Lent.
4. Pretend you are one of the women at the tomb and run and find someone to tell the news of the Resurrection.
5. Remember your Baptism.
6. Hide Easter eggs that are empty except for a small piece of paper with the words: Jesus is not here, He is Risen! (But have a pocket full of candy for kids who don’t understand.)
7. Listen—REALLY listen—to the proclamation of the good news that Jesus lives so you will live too.
8. Take an Easter lily to someone not able to come to church and visit with them a while.
9. Give a ride to someone who otherwise can’t make it to church.
10. FEAST! The fast of Lent is over. (9:15am, Easter Breakfast!)
11. Try eating lamb! We don’t sing “At the HAM’S High Feast”! (Just try it!)
12. Eat at the Table of the Lord. It’s the Feast of Feasts after all!
13. SING UNTO THE LORD! Even if you can’t (or think you can’t).
14. Get to church early and read through all the hymns in the Easter section of the hymnal.
15. Do 14, then ask Pastor to explain anything that doesn’t make sense.
16. Hug your children.
17. Pray for the Church throughout the world, especially those who can’t gather in freedom and suffer persecution for the name of Jesus.
18. Go to Easter Divine Service and rejoice in receiving the gifts that Easter brings to us.
19. Sing one more Easter Hymn before you go to bed.
20. Get ready for bed and let the last words out of your mouth be “CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!”
21. Pray with your spouse for steadfastness of faith in our risen Savior.
22. Repeat #1, 3, 4, 5, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, & 21 daily.
23. Repeat #12 & 18 weekly (and as often as your faith hungers for it).



## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

(DIVINE SERVICE WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER)

APRIL 2, 11:30AM & 7:00PM

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

APRIL 3, 11:30AM & 7:00PM

## **EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 5**

**8 & 10:30AM FESTIVAL DIVINE SERVICE**

**9:15AM EASTER BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT**



Sunday School members are truly enjoying putting together "resurrection eggs" each Sunday. This has been a great way to help them get a personal understanding and an up-close feeling of the events that happened when our Lord Jesus was crucified. The excitement will continue to grow as we get closer to Easter and have the story of how Christ is risen (He is risen indeed! Amen!) retold. Please encourage your children/grandchildren to tell you what they are learning. It is truly exciting to see and hear how this affects them.

Sunday School will also be making a donation to the USO to help with postage for items that have been collected to send to troops overseas.

Godspeed! Anita Praisler

# THANK YOU

St. Paul members have once again opened their homes and hearts to welcome the orchestra and choir from the Lutheran High School of St. Charles County, Missouri last Sunday afternoon. For those present, we enjoyed a variety of sacred, classical and Broadway arrangements from these talented musicians. After a concert near Indianapolis, Indiana, Valley City was their second performance. Monday was their day off with a visit to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, and then a long ride back to St. Louis on Tuesday. I understand a few of the students had a touch of the flu and hope all have recovered.

Hosting the students and chaperones would not have been possible without the generous hospitality, cooperation, and warm attitude of the following families: Wiesemann, Johnson, Gery, Andrukat, Rafter, Tighe, Frickey, Eaton, Shook, Buddie, Zacharias, Rauhaus, Zielinski, Adams, Gatt, Cox, and Praisler. Many of those and others helped with concert setup, helping with dinner after the concert, and cleanup as well as providing breakfast in the morning. I apologize for any omissions and hope I covered everyone. Thank you again for helping insure this event was a success and hope it was positive influence for all of us. Don Gotsch

## St. Paul Logo Design

If a picture is worth a thousand words then a distinctive logo is a real mouthful. How many of these do you recognize (even in black and white and without any text)?



My guess is, most of them. (Ok, Atari is a little obscure. But I date myself.) What about St. Paul? Close your eyes and imagine what St. Paul's logo looks like, then, turn the page.

# Saint Paul Lutheran Church

Is it distinctive? Would anyone else be able to have our logo? What does it say about us as a congregation; our mission; what we believe, teach, and confess? What does it say about what makes us tick?

How can we use it? Does it show up well in black and white? What about on a dark background? Embroidered, embossed, or engraved?

Where did it come from? It's actually just text and the Luther rose cut out of the middle of a public domain, stained-glass image available at [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org). Lot's of congregations use that image for all kinds of things. (I have a coffee mug from my vicarage congregation with it on there.) It was never intended to be a permanent logo. We needed a graphic and we got it. What now?

With the new web site and as we try to improve our publicity and communication to our community, we need an outstanding logo. We could nab one off the internet, but it wouldn't be personal to us. We could cobble together some clip-art, but may not work like a logo should. We could hire a PR firm to "brand" us, but would they really "get" what a Christian congregation wants to tell the world? Nope.

We need something personal to our congregation, that will follow the "rules" of good logo design so we can use it in lots of ways (web, print, letterhead, engraving, stamps, postcards, shirts, signs, posters, press releases, etc.), and it needs to reflect our identity as Christians, as Lutherans, and as St. Paul, Valley City.

The Executive Board is asking if any of our talented members would like to submit a design for consideration. The design won't necessarily come from in-house, but we'd like to open the opportunity to our members before seeking out a church-focused design studio ([www.scapegoatstudio.com](http://www.scapegoatstudio.com) for example).

**Would you like to submit artwork for consideration?  
Express interest to Pastor Zielinski by April 20, 2015.**

The Executive Board meets on April 21. We don't need a finished product then, just to know you're interested in working on it. A sample of your artistic or design portfolio would be very helpful too. Based on expressed interest, we'll be able to see what comes next. We'd like to have a finished product ready to be included in the new pictorial directory. Let's see what you've got!

Answers:

General Mills; Hope Lutheran LCMS; McDonald's; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Apple Computer Shell; Atari; LCMS; John Deere; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne  
Windows; Wittenberg Academy; Nike; Prudential; Guinness

## TEXT UPDATES

Text ***SaintPaul*** to **84483** to receive text updates about general news and events here at St. Paul. Watch out for autocorrect! Other keywords will be released in the future for other groups and events (see Brothers in Christ below). Your number will not be used for any other purpose than news and updates about St. Paul.

**BROTHERS IN CHRIST** men's group will meet this Friday night, March 27, 6:30pm - 8:30pm at John Johnson's home (789 Erhart Northern Rd, Valley City, OH 44280). We'll discuss **Chapter 2 of "On Being A Christian."** **What does God think of me? Does He want me and on what terms?** See Pastor if you'd like a copy. Feel free to bring guests! (If you have a portrait session, feel free to come late or leave early)

Text ***SaintPaulMen*** to **84483** to receive updates specifically for Brothers in Christ.

## FROM THE TRUSTEES

Spring Cleaning Day – or at least a few hours in the morning – **May 16 at 9:00am**. We welcome all members for a couple of hours of light labor to help the Custodian and Trustees do a complete dusting, cleaning and spruce up of the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Please set aside a few hours starting at 9:00am on Saturday, May 16 to help keep your church the way you would like to see it

The sale of the new parsonage is still in process. A number of buyer conditions had to be reworked and several inspections were delayed. We have agreed to extend the listing of the property until April 30, 2015 in case this buyer cannot complete the sale and we have other prospects.

Following the February snows and severe freezing, we did experience a number of leaks on the lower part of the eaves of both the east and west sides of the Fellowship Hall. Both the vendor who did the roof repairs last summer and a restoration company were out to inspect the damage and cause. It appears we had ice dams well above the ice shields on the roof on both sides. This caused heavy ice and snow backup on most of the roof. We removed as much snow and ice as possible as the thaw allowed. Not sure if this will happen again with the current roof. We did re-insulate portions of the roof, replaced plastic sheeting and replaced ceiling tiles. Thanks to the efforts of Mark Andrukut, Brian Dearth, Mark Gordon and all the Trustees, we were able to put all back together with a minimum of cost.

Please remove all cemetery decorations by April 10 since we will be getting ready for lawn mowing and landscaping.

The Trustees are also seeking some horticultural help in maintaining the Memorial Garden regarding weeding, pruning and general upkeep. We are thinking of a family volunteering to take on the garden upkeep for a month during the period of May through October. We would like to keep the garden as nice as possible. If we can get six families to volunteer, it would certainly be a great help. If you like to play outside and maybe get your hands dirty a bit, this could be an opportunity for you. Thank you

## LWML

Thank you to everyone who has supported our clothing drive. We will continue to collect clothing through May. Donations will be taken to Trinity Lutheran Church, downtown Cleveland for their homeless shelter clothing closet. Toddler through adult clothing and shoes are available at the shelter twice a month for the homeless in the near west side of Cleveland. Donations may be dropped off in the food pantry or taken to the church basement.

I am asking all LWML members to prayerfully consider accepting the secretary position for our unit. There are only 9 months left this year 😊

Thank you to everyone for supporting our bake sales. We will have a bake sale again for the Swiss Steak dinner on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Some of the proceeds from this bake sale will be sent to the Lorain-Medina LWML Zone.

Thank you to everyone who brought in supplies for making flood buckets. Our goal is 15 flood buckets this spring. Buckets are shipped to Lutheran Disaster Relief. There are still a few items needed to fill the buckets, please take a look at the LWML information booth in the narthex if you can help.

Thank you to everyone who continues to generously support the food pantry. Our pantry helps those in need attempt to make ends meet.

### Lorain – Medina Zone LWML

Please join us Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at Trinity, Grafton with registration for our event and meeting at **9:15am** ending with a salad lunch at noon.

#### **Time Together to Name and Share Encounters with the Holy Spirit**

Given by Pastor Dave Luecke

Explore the bible's teaching about the work of the Holy Spirit

Learn to recognize encounters with the Spirit you have had in the past.

Anticipate new ones.

Appreciate the value of sharing your encounters with others.

Let the Spirit refresh you.

Please bring a salad to share, fellowship to enjoy and great learning all at the same time!



If you have any forms, money, or notes for Cindy, please place them in the "Secretary" drawer, located in the narthex at the bottom of the member's boxes. This will alleviate a lot of confusion and forgetfulness on Sunday mornings. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## Quarterly Giving Statements

As a cost saving measure, quarterly statements will be delivered by email or print, upon request. If you would like to receive quarterly statements, we will gladly do so, please inform Diane Holland (330-483-3896). Annual statements will be printed or emailed automatically the first week of January.

### **Would you like to receive your statements and/or newsletter via email?**

If you already receive your statements/newsletter via email, they will be sent as usual. For those who would like their statements/newsletter emailed, please contact the church office and provide us with your email address. We'll only use it for statements/newsletter and church communications. It saves paper, ink, and the trouble of recycling it later.

## Decorating Committee

The decorating fairies need a ring-leader! There are many hands that are willing to come together and decorate the church for Easter (and other holidays like Christmas, Thanksgiving, and the like). BUT we need someone to get us all pointed in the right direction. If you can pick a date and time you could be the Decorating Committee Foreman (errr, Forewoman . . . fore-person . . . yeah). Leave the creativity up to the crew. We just need you to help coordinate things. Interested? Able? Contact Pastor Zielinski or Cindy Hawke.

## What can I do at St. Paul?

Check out the Welcome Center for sign-ups. Might be as easy as baking a dessert or giving someone a ride to church/Bible Class.

You have gifts and abilities! You can do it!

**God qualifies the Called,  
He does not just call the qualified.**

### Dates to Remember

Swiss Steak Dinner	May 2, 2015
Confirmation Sunday	May 3, 2015
St. Paul Spring Clean-up Day	May 16, 2015
St. Paul's Annual Golf Outing	June 6, 2015

Mark your calendar for the

# SWISS STEAK DINNER

**SATURDAY**

**May 2nd**

**Serving 4:30 – 6:30pm**



**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**1377 Lester Road at Center  
Valley City**

**Tickets at the door  
Carry outs available  
Adults           \$11.00  
Children         \$5.00  
(5 & under free)  
Info. 330-483-4119  
[www.stpaulvalleycity.org](http://www.stpaulvalleycity.org)**

**JOIN US FOR OUR DELICIOUS SWISS STEAK DINNER**

**WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS**

**PREPARED ESPECIALLY FOR YOU**

**SERVED FAMILY STYLE**

**INCLUDES DELICIOUS DESSERTS**

**FIRST FLOOR DINING**

**Stop by on your way home from work**

**CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE**

**LWML is hosting a bake sale. Take home yummy treats!**



Chapel of Christ Triumphant, Concordia University Wisconsin.

# *Easter* Choral Vespers

**Music of the Easter season presented by  
the Kantorei of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana**

**Friday, April 10, 7:00pm**

**The Kantorei (can-tore-eye) is a 16-voice men's group drawn by audition from current seminary students.**

**The Worship Committee is preparing a light reception after the service. Hosting opportunities will be available.**

# Learn by Heart

## Catechism Portion of the Week - April 2015

Pre-School  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Adults

4/5	<p><i>What is Confession?</i> Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution...</p>	<p><i>What sins should we confess?</i> Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.</p>
4/12	<p><i>What is Confession?</i> Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution...</p>	<p><i>Which are these?</i> Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?</p>
4/19	<p><i>What is Confession?</i> Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.</p>	<p><i>What is the Office of the Keys?</i> The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.</p>
4/26	<p><i>What is Confession?</i> Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.</p>	<p><i>Where is this written?</i> This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:22–23)</p>

# April 2015

## Birthday/Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Ed & Marci Sherepita #9 Elsie Ruhrkraut	Tricia Hibler	Jim & Tenna Tighe #39	Emil & Audrey Paliokas #51
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Dave & Judy Scaife # 40	Jeannie Burgess Juliana Hopp John Silk		Tim & Maria Tighe # 9 Debbie Weigel Lenore Winterstein	Chris Schnurr		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Tom Albrecht Abigail Klooz Stephanie Krueger	Kayleigh Keller	Rosie Hibler	Terry Jansen Mark Ross	Jerelyn Bosela Laura Provenzano	John & Susan Willkom #22 Teresa Luthy	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Kyle Bremke	Matthew Buddie Sarah Scheiman Brian Witt	Matthew Bosela Samantha Shook		Walter Dill Lauren Jaeger		Susan Adams Amy Cloudy Jerome Duran
26	27 Paul & Dianne Schultz #52	28 Carl & Christina Strekely #42 William Moysey	29 Jonathan Klooz	30		

# April 2015

## Church Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Worship Committee Meeting 6:30pm	Maundy Thursday Services 11:30am and 7pm	Good Friday Services 11:30am and 7pm	Easter Decorating 9:00 am
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
EASTER SUNDAY 8 & 10:30 am Worship Serv. 9:15 Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast	No Confirmation 7:30 Hand bell practice	7pm LWML Meeting	No Bible Study	7pm Choir Practice	7pm Fort Wayne Seminary Choir Concert	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8 & 10:30 am Worship Serv. 9:15 SS & Bible Class Youth Group Work Day 11:30	6-7:30 pm Confirmation 7:30 Hand bell practice	7pm Elder Meeting	11:30am Bible Study 1:15pm Quilting	7pm Choir Practice		Food Pantry 10:30-12:00
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8 & 10:30 am Worship Serv. 9:15 SS & Bible Class	6-7:30 pm Confirmation 7:30 Hand bell practice	7pm Executive Board Meeting	11:30am Bible Study	7pm Choir Practice	Life touch Photo 2-9:00 pm	Life touch Photo 10am – 5pm
26	27	28	29	30		
8 & 10:30 am Worship Serv. 9:15 SS & Bible Class	6-7:30 pm Confirmation 7:30 Hand bell practice		11:30am Bible Study	7pm Choir Practice		Swiss Steak Dinner <b>May 2</b> 4:30-6:30pm

# Annual Golf Outing

St. Paul Lutheran Church Valley City, OH

Fundraiser for Jeff Burgess, seminary student

**Saturday June 6, 2015**

**Bunker Hill Golf Course, 3060 Pearl Road, Medina, OH**  
18 Holes of Golf: Four Person Scramble (best ball format)

Golf outing sponsored in part by the  
**Ohio District Lutheran Church Extension Fund**

**Come Enjoy:** A great day of Golf on one of Medina's premium courses. Put together your own foursome, or as a single we'll do our best to put you with a possible winning team. Skins game available for those interested.

## Starting at:

- **8:00 AM Registration Donut & Coffee**
- **9:00 AM Golf 18 Holes**
- **Drinks & Snacks at the Turn**
- **2:30 to 4:00 Steak Dinner**
- **Beer, Pop & Water**
- **Contests & Cash Prizes**
- **Raffles & Baskets**
- **And More!**

**Silent Auction to follow dinner**

**Pricing Per Person: Golf, Lunch, Dinner & Contests: \$90**  
**Dinner Only: \$25**



**Dinner:** Grilled Steak, Potatoes, Garden Salad, Rolls & Dessert.  
Ice Cold Beer, Pop & Water. Bunker Hill also has a full bar.

**Sponsorships Available For:** Dinner, Contests, Baskets and Each Hole.  
For sponsoring or donating please contact: Tim Tighe 330-635-1827

**Registration:** See back side for registration forms. Or on online at:

**[www.stpaulvalleycity.org](http://www.stpaulvalleycity.org)**

Please mail forms to: Tim Tighe 4946 Windfall Road, Medina OH 44256.  
Or return form and payment to St. Paul welcome center collection box.

**Please have your Form's and Payments in by May 24, 2014**

