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St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Seeking to proclaim Christ and Him crucified to more people more often.

Easter Triumph ... Easter Joy!

Life getting you down? I have my moments. I would be lying if I said I didn't. It's why I so love the end of the Gospels. Ok, so it's really all of the Gospels and all of God's Word in general. It's amazing how many times the heroes of Scripture, even those listed among that heroes of faith chapter in the Bible in Hebrews 11 have those moments too. Moses, Abraham, David, Elijah, the disciples, they all act like it's such an amazing thing when Jesus' promises all prove true, when His grace and love are evident within their lives. Yes, life had a way of making them feel defeated even when the victory was secure and in hand.

But again, that's why Easter and Jesus' appearances thereafter are so amazing. What does Jesus do for all of those people we mentioned when they question His will and the promises He has given? He probably should have found others who would listen. Instead, we see love and grace. He is even willing to undergo torture He never deserved at the hands of people who should have never been able to address Him, let alone mistreat Him, all for us. Yes, all so that we could have triumph in the face of defeat and joy instead of sorrow.

You see, that's what Jesus has done for you. How quickly we too forget. How quickly we too fall to pieces when we should fall into His loving embrace. Easter means God has you. Easter means that the promises are all true. Easter means that God has burst into the moments of life that get us down and provides hope and a future just as He said. It may not always go the way I had it planned out. That's probably for the best anyway. But it always goes according to His plan and His purposes.

This week I'm struck most by the promise He gives to the disciples locked behind closed doors, afraid of the world around them, when they should be rejoicing in His resurrection. He comes to them

even as He does to us and says, "Peace be with you!" Or consider the words of Acts, we so often work through this time of year. To those doubters, God gives the keys to the kingdom and the work of His Church. The mission to go out and proclaim it to others.

Brothers and sisters, so also, He comes to you. He has you here at St. Paul's so that together, we can work for the good of the ministry here. He has you here so that we might come together to work for His kingdom here and around the world. He has you here so that we can pull together, even when life gets us down and point back to the promises, the reason for it all, the mission He has given. He wants us, as His family to work together to proclaim His triumph that we and so many others, might live in the joy that Easter brings.

2024 Graduates

As graduation time rolls around, we would like to congratulate our graduates in our bulletins and keep them in our prayers. If your student is graduating *High School, College, Tech School, or graduate level studies*, e-mail Pastor Kampman at pastorkampman@stpaulslutherannfdl.com.

8th graders are in the bulletin the first week in June. High school graduates will be noted the second week in June. College/tech/grad. Graduates will be announced in the third week of June.

St. Paul's Lutheran School Open Registration

Registration has been open since the beginning of April for Pre-8th grade. Returning students should have received an e-mail in this regard already. However, a tuition schedule needs to be filled out as well for the coming year. New Students can find more information by calling the office or online at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/registration.

Please help us get the Word out that a Christian Education is just a phone call away. Anyone may call to inquire or set up an appointment to talk more by calling the school office at 920-922-1080.

The Gifts of Cain and Abel

The first gifts that we read about in Scripture are the offerings made by Cain and Abel. In Genesis 4:2-4 we read, *"Now Abel kept flocks and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock."* Cain and Abel, having been instructed by Adam in the knowledge of the Lord, brought offerings or gifts for the Lord. Because one worked the land and the other raised animals, their gifts were different. We read that Cain *"brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering,"* whereas Abel *"brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock."*

More important than the types of gifts, was the difference in the attitudes of their hearts. While Cain wasn't concerned about giving the first or best of his crop, Abel brought in his best. God looked with favor upon Abel's offering. God looked into the hearts of both Cain and Abel as He looks into our hearts. He saw Abel's humble faith. In his gift, Abel showed his sincere gratitude for all that God had done for Him. Abel's gift can best be described as a response to having joy in the Lord!

We need to understand that it's not the size of our gifts and offerings that makes them acceptable to the Lord, but rather it is the attitude of our hearts and minds toward God. God's plan is for our gifts to express of our love for Him. He desires us to give cheerfully rather than grudgingly.

May this story of giving by Cain and Abel help us to examine our attitude toward giving. If we are not giving our first and best out of faith and love to the Lord, God does not look with favor upon our giving. May God grant us all faithful, loving, and giving hearts during our **Living Generously** program and may we, by God's grace, become committed to a lifetime of generosity.

From 10 for 10 living Generously
WELS Stewardship Resources

Classroom Spring Plays Are Coming!

Grades 7&8 and 3&4 have been working hard to produce a little entertainment for all of you! 3-4 will present *the Mystery of the Missing Watermelon* and 7-8 will present *Murder at Moonbeam Manor*. The more the merrier as they really want to amaze you all with their talent. The fun is scheduled for May 4 at 2:00 pm in the gymnasium here at school.



By day not year ... that can be your own little secret.

Samantha Miller	5/1	Bethel Schumacher	5/17
Joshua Kemnitz	5/1	Caroline Oelke	5/18
Al Geisthardt	5/1	Al Hansen	5/18
Zac Burkholder	5/2	Laurel Peachy	5/19
Wyatt Ziemer	5/2	Dakya Kemnitz	5/20
Herb Poppe	5/2	Colson Tabbert	5/21
Joseph Peachy	5/3	Marilyn Abraham	5/21
Jesse Fraley	5/4	Sandy Kemnitz	5/21
Makayla Skelton	5/4	Alan LaPine	5/22
Dave Pechman	5/4	Sue Hagen	5/22
William Parks	5/5	Emma Kertscher	5/23
Angel Gilbertson	5/5	Lindsay Rozek	5/23
Andrew Roach	5/5	Jim Tasch	5/23
Rudy Zempel	5/5	Caroline Stevens	5/23
Sharon Wodack	5/5	Tyler Babler	5/24
Braydon Schwefel	5/6	Doris Gassner	5/24
Diesel Bowen	5/6	Marcus Kampman	5/25
Logan Bechler	5/7	David Herrick	5/25
Janet Drummond	5/7	David Hoffman	5/25
Lisa Parks	5/7	Travis Dowland	5/26
Sarah Roach	5/7	Joshua Schneider	5/26
Jacalyn Palmer	5/7	Charlene Schifelbine	5/26
Jane Miller	5/7	Camile Schwefel	5/27
Josalyn Marshall	5/8	Shaelynn Riebe	5/27
Lucas Fritch	5/10	Cage Mueller	5/27
John Kryzyanowski	5/10	Scott Holmes	5/27
Steve Rozek	5/11	Oscar Tackett	5/27
Keely Neuy	5/12	Bonnie Wiener	5/27
Amy Burkholder	5/12	Pamela Willey	5/28
Gary Lobajeski	5/12	Kylar Grassel	5/29
Mark Hintz	5/13	Michael Wendt	5/29
Trisha Pietrzyk	5/13	Eric Schoenbach	5/30
Emma Rickert	5/16	Micah Rickert	5/30
Casey Kovalaske	5/16	Diana Brunette	5/30
Dawn Eastman	5/16	Sean Kollmann	5/30
Ashley Ebert	5/17	Isabelle Kampman	5/31
Jarrold Tonn	5/17	Clay Skelton	5/31
		Alex Quist	5/31

A fun birthday activity. Find your baptism certificate and recall the day when you were born into the family of God.