

April 2019

The Disciple's Connection

St. Paul's Lutheran Church—Painesville, OH 44077

Our Mission Statement: To witness to our faith in Jesus Christ through worship, education, building relationships and caring for others.



**He is Risen!
Alleluia!**

WORSHIP SERVICES

*Saturday 6:00pm Sunday
8:15am & 10:45am*

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FROM OUR PASTOR



This year Easter comes very late, April 21st. The latest Easter can be is April 25th, while March 21st is the earliest possible date for Easter, only if the 1st day of spring is March 20. The date of Easter is easy to figure out. Just find the 1st Sunday after the 1st Full Moon of Spring and that's the date for Easter. Is your head spinning yet? Sounds like a lot of trouble to identify the one day to celebrate a major Festival of the Church. Here's my point.

Why celebrate just one day? In reality we live every day in Easter. Jesus' resurrection was a onetime event, but with eternal and everyday consequences. We know if Jesus did not rise from the dead, our faith is in a dead man. Since he did rise, our faith means something. It makes a difference in everyday life. We know we are never alone. We know that we can talk to God any time and any place [despite what government might think]. The victory over sin and death has already been won. We have full and free forgiveness of sins. Our Lord intercedes for us at the Father's right hand. He has gone to prepare your place and my place in eternity. We have no reason to fear death. All this is because Christ died on the cross and rose again Easter morning.

Have I given you enough reasons to celebrate Easter a little every day? But the reality is the joy of Easter quickly fades. We get back to work. Kids go back to school. We return home from visiting, or the guests return home. Life gets back to the usual. That's what the world does. It takes all the joy away from Easter. Wars rage on, seemingly innocent people die each day, crime happens everywhere, families are broken. It gets tiring to see the same kind of things in the news every day. But there is great joy in the Christian life.

Will your joy of Easter faded? As I write this Easter is still 4 weeks away. On April 14th, we will enter Holy Week and we will remember the Passion of our Lord. But His Passion and resurrection are inseparable. The somberness of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday always gives way to the joy of Easter. Let that joy filter into each day. Read again from the Gospels the resurrection accounts. Know that the tomb is still empty. Jesus Christ is still risen from the dead, just as he said. He is our living Lord.

In Christ, Pastor

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.

Philippians 4:4

Holy Week & Easter Sunday Schedule

Maundy Thursday: April 18th ,
7:00pm, Worship w/Holy
Communion

Good Friday: April 19th , 7:00pm,
Tenebrae (progressive darkness)
Service

Easter Vigil: April 20th, 6:00pm,
Worship w/Holy Communion

Easter Sunday: April 21st

7:00am Sunrise Service
w/Holy Communion

8:15am Easter Breakfast

9:30am Education Hour

10:45am Worship Service
w/Holy Communion

Portals of Prayer (which contain a daily Bible devotion and prayer) for April—June are out and can be found on the piano in the narthex of the church and in the literature rack on the wall outside the church office door.



Help Decorate The Sanctuary For Easter Sunday:

Spring flowers will again be offered to decorate the church sanctuary for Easter. All flowers may be taken home after the late service on Easter. Look for the sign- up sheet (containing ordering info.), which is posted on the double doors at the back of the church. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's, and put checks in the offering plate. Thank you! Questions? Please contact JoEllen Graziadei



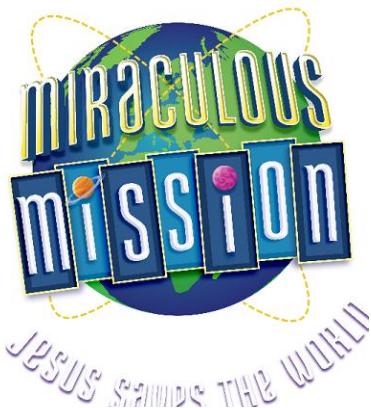
VBS 2019!

JUNE 10-14, 2019

9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Mon.-Fri.)

*Picnic on Friday after
the closing program!*

**Theme: Miraculous—
Jesus Saves the World.**



For more info., see the
Announcement section of future
bulletins and the May Disciple's
Connection. Check out the fun
flyers that will be posted soon.

Volunteers are needed in all areas!
If you are interested in volunteering,
please contact Kathleen Pennell or
Kristi McConnell. Registration forms,
sign-up sheets, and supply lists will be
posted soon.

Lutherans For Life- Life Quotes

April 7 "Jesus came to save us, to show love to us; He came because He is pro-life, pro-eternal life, and He came to give eternal life to you, to me, to those children unwanted by anyone else, to those mothers who have fallen into sin, to the disabled and elderly forgotten by everyone else. Jesus came for you, not to condemn you, but to save you. He came to destroy death with all of its power over us, and His Easter victory, which we will celebrate very soon, is a day of life, eternal life, for all." *Rev. Christopher Maronde, pastor of Saint John Lutheran Church, Decatur, Indiana*

April 14 "This Sunday, the church [invites] the world to remember the One who comes into the midst of a very fickle humanity—duplicity, defeat, violence, injustice, pain, and all. He comes near to good and bad intentions, near the ashes of what was meant to be honor, the ruins of attempts on our own. And despite our oscillating thoughts, despite the sin we cannot leave, He invites us into a disruptively different sort of story of defeat. The Son has made his triumphal entry. And yet He comes to bring us the cross, to the one sacrifice that speaks to the world's pain." *Jill Carattini, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries*

April 21 "When the devil speaks, do not believe the lies. Whether your life be young or old, the deceit of death will enter it. You will walk by caskets. You will lie in a hospital bed. You will hear the devil speak in his native language. His lies will come to you just as they did to me. See through his faulty speech. Recognize his broken narrative. Deny every phony word. Christ calls you a Christian, and the devil's language holds no truth. When the deceit of death enters your life, listen to the truth Christ speaks on this day ... 'He will speak again. You will visit family again. She will greet you again. Christ will rise again.'" *Rev. Paul Spaude, Martin Luther College*

April 28 "Death is the enemy of the human race—an enemy no one can fight or avoid forever. But God has done a new thing—He has raised Jesus Christ from the dead, never to die again. What other god has done anything like that in all the stories and fables? But wait, there's more. What god has ever promised to share everlasting life with everyone who trusts in Him? Only the true God. Only Jesus." *Daily Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries*

RUMMAGE SALE

St. Paul's will be hosting a Rummage Sale in early summer.

Now is the time to begin to gather up those second hand goods (clothing, small appliances/household items, Toys). No big furniture items please...

You can check future bulletin announcements, Newsletters or the Stewardship board for more information.

If you are interested in being a helper:
email stewardshipstpauls250@gmail.com
or call Starshine @440-251-2524.



**Many are Offered....
There is One for Everyone!...
Be In The Word!**

Two Adult Bible Studies Are Offered On Sunday ...during Education Hour, (between the two services), One led by Pastor Sundbom (meets in the kitchen), presently making their way through the study of Romans; the other, led by Jack Lelle (meets in the Sanctuary), continues with the study of James.

Men's Ministry Group Meets the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 7p.m. and is presently studying questions asked by people concerning the Bible and the Lutheran Confessions.

Women's Bible Study Group ...This group meets twice a month on Wednesdays at (6:30-8:00pm). The group did not meet during the Lenten Season, but will resume on April 24th. All women of the congregation are invited and are encouraged to attend. Bring your Bible and bring a friend, all other materials are provided.

Midweek Bible Study...This study meets each Thursday of the month, 10:30am to 12N. Led by Pastor Sundbom they are currently working through the study of Romans. The coffee is always on.....everyone is welcome!

LWML NORTHEAST ZONE SPRING RALLY



The Northeast Zone Spring Rally will be held on May 4, 2019 at Shore Haven Lutheran Church, Euclid. The Theme is "Promises, Yes and Amen" based on 2 Corinthians 1:20. The event begins at 9:30 with registration. The guest speaker is Diana Schnack.

We will be collecting the following items for Laura's Home (place items in the box provided):

- **NEW** Spring/Summer Baby and small children's clothing
- **Diapers** (size 4,5 and pull-ups)
- **Monetary** donations for use to purchase RTA passes for the women (If you choose this, please give the money in an envelope to Billie Lelle – checks to LWML Northeast Zone)

A sign-up sheet is posted on the Friendship Circle board. If you plan to attend please *sign-up by Sunday, April 28th*.

Those Who Serve: April 2019



ELDERS:

6:00 P Saturday Dave Murphy
8:15 A Sunday Dale Kerver
10:45 A Sunday Rich Szoradi

LECTORS:

04-06-19 6:00	Saturday	Frank McVan
04-07-19 8:15	Sunday	Craig McConnell
04-07-19 10:45	Sunday	Eric West
04-13-19 6:00	Saturday	Pavel Lindrose
04-14-19 8:15	Sunday	Craig McConnell
04-14-19 10:45	Sunday	Terry Wakelee
04-20-19 6:00	Easter Vigil	Roy Greig
04-21-19 7:00	Easter	TBD
04-21-19 10:45	Easter	TBD
04-27-19 6:00	Saturday	Pastor Sundbom
04-28-19 8:15	Sunday	Jack Lelle
04-28-19 10:45	Sunday	Kathleen Pennell

COUNTERS: Terry Wakelee

GREETERS:

6:00 P Saturday
8:15 A Sunday
10:45 A Sunday

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Worship 8:15A Education Hr. 9:30A Worship 10:45A	Please Note: Confirmation Class will meet Sunday after the 10:45 service unless otherwise noted.			<u>Announcements</u> for Bulletin due on Tuesday for the Coming weekend's bulletin.		6P Worship
	1 <i>Preschool Classes Resume</i> <i>Preschool/ Chapel w/Pastor</i>	2 Choir 7pm	3 Lenten Worship 7pm	4 Midweek Bible Study 10:30-12N	5	6 <i>Communion</i>
7 <i>Communion</i> Youth Group 6-8pm	8 Men's Ministry Gr. 7pm <i>Preschool Morley</i> <i>Library Visits</i>	9 Choir 7pm	10 Lenten Worship 7pm <i>Preschool accreditation Visit</i>	11	12	13 <i>Communion</i>
14 Palm Sunday Weekend <i>Communion</i>	15	16 Choir 7pm	17	18 Midweek Bible Study 10:30-12N Maundy Thursday Service w/Communion 7pm	19 Good Friday Tenebrae Serv. 7pm <i>Church</i> <i>Office</i> <i>Closed</i>	20 <i>Communion</i>
21 EASTER <i>Communion</i> 7:00am Sunrise Worship 8:15am Resurrection Breakfast 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Easter Worship	 22 Church Office Closed Men's Ministry Gr. 7pm	23 Choir 7pm	24 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	25 Midweek Bible Study 10:30-12N	26	27 <i>Communion</i>
28 <i>Communion</i> Youth Group 6-8pm	29	30 Choir 7pm				

**Preschool-NO SCHOOL-
Apr. 19th -23rd - Easter Break**