



# The Epistle

## Jesus Is Going Ahead of You

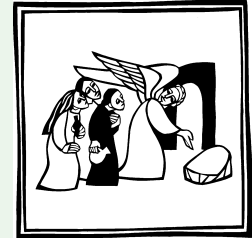
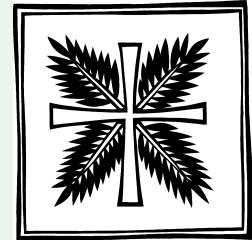


As we anticipate celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord as Easter approaches, it can be striking how there is still conflict, suffering, and death in our lives and in the world. When it feels like God is silent, distant, or absent, the life of faith can be especially difficult.

The Gospel for Easter morning is Matthew 28:1-10. In verse 7, the angel tells the women at the tomb, “Go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’” Then in verse 10, Jesus tells the disciples, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.” Jesus goes ahead of us, calls us into his preferred future for us, and promises to be with us all along the way.

We are comforted in that while God might feel distant, He is always with us. Our special calling is to live our lives on the lookout for Jesus in worship, in our brothers and sisters in Christ, and in our neighbors, and to follow where he leads.

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**SOCIAL  
CONCERNS  
COMMITTEE  
FEEDS OUR  
NEIGHBORS**

A huge thank-you to everyone for the 277 food items donated for the mini pantry in the neighborhood. Janet King has resupplied the pantry seven times and has enough to refill it another five times. Thank you for your care for our neighbors in need!

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Though we do not know what the future holds, we know one thing for sure: we do not need to be afraid because Jesus has been raised from the dead and he is going ahead of us so that we will see him.

In Christ,  
Pastor Emily Beckering

## A Lonely Griever—An Easter Poem

The night is still as a griever walks up the hill.

Gravity weighs heavily down, as they fall to the ground.

Screaming out to God “why have you forsaken?” “I thirst for resurrection” “Why is it finished?!?”

For this griever has just lost a friend, a friend to the end.

The Sky cries with them, the reason they don't know, as it wets their hems.

The griever looks to the right, sees a tomb with a stone blocking the way, they bow their head knowing the Man inside, they themselves not knowing Him.

Suddenly the earth shakes with violent rage, like the tearing of a page.

Around the stone, they see a light.

The reason unknown causes the shake of fright.

The rock splits in two.

The world made new.

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## Life Insurance and Eternal Life

As we celebrate Easter, we give thanks to God for eternal life in Jesus Christ. When you go to share eternal life with Almighty God, your life here on earth can continue to glorify God. There are many ways you can plan to sustain the mission of St. Paul's and our proclamation of the Gospel for when you go home to live with Jesus.

One of the easiest ways to make a gift to St. Paul Lutheran Church is through life insurance. Simply, you can make the church a full or partial beneficiary of a life insurance policy that you own or intend to take out.

To learn more about life insurance and other gifts, complete the form at right and return it to the church office, or place it in the offering plate, and we will be in contact with you.

## A Lonely Griever—An Easter Poem

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The Man comes out, lifts his eyes

Smiles and walks on by.

But the smile says the Way to healing.

As the griever drops to kneeling.

And wakes up the next day,

To find recovery is on the way.

This is the story of a griever's resurrection, but this is only a section.

Of the night of our Lord's resurrection.

Patrick Cathcart

### PLANNED GIVING INTEREST FORM

I/we \_\_\_ have \_\_\_ are interested in including St. Paul Lutheran Church in our estate plans. Please contact us with more information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

This form can also be filled out online—please visit [form.jotform.com/230268107572050](http://form.jotform.com/230268107572050)

## ***The Chosen Bible Study: See Jesus in a New Way***

Would you like a different perspective on the Gospels? Come see the story of Jesus and the disciples presented in a way that is very easy to get immersed in. Those that have joined in watching *The Chosen* have found it to be emotional and gripping. We watch each episode starting at 2 pm on Sunday afternoon in the Narthex and then discuss the episode afterward. We can also connect by Zoom for the discussions. Here is the schedule of episodes for the next month:

*March 26* - Season 2, Ep. 5: “Unlawful”

*April 2* - Ep. 6: “Reckoning”

*April 16* - Ep. 7: “Beyond Mountains”

*April 23* - Season 3, Ep. 1: “Homecoming”

To join us on Zoom, use this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85812934086?pwd=engxL0xEUktFUW9YRmh0d2l2Vzg5dz09)

[j/85812934086?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85812934086?pwd=engxL0xEUktFUW9YRmh0d2l2Vzg5dz09)

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If you have any questions, please contact John Cathcart.

## ***Congregational Meeting April 23: Zoom Link***

**Topic:** 1st Quarter Cong Mtg

**Time:** Apr 23, 2023 11:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

*Join on your computer or smartphone by clicking this link:*

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81872517286?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81872517286?pwd=bGlwVGJrdnpBVENVTmVWd3krc0FNQT09)

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**Meeting ID:** 818 7251 7286

**Passcode:** 899370

*Or join via touch-tone phone by calling one of these numbers and entering the Meeting ID and Passcode when prompted:*

+1 309 205 3325 US

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

## Celebrations in April



3 Betty Kline,  
Adam Pirmann

9 Spencer Lohmeier

**16 Janet & Dennis King**

20 Joey Bronner,  
Teagan Cathcart

21 Carroll Mayhugh

23 Nancy Erbeck ,  
Logan Pirmann

27 Bridget Cathcart,  
Connie Lohmeier

28 Ruth Beckering

**29 Jim & Linda Miller**

30 Nick Pirmann

## Support St. Paul at Kroger!

*Did you know that St. Paul benefits from the Kroger Community Rewards Program? Just follow the directions below to increase your church offering at no cost to yourself!*

### **One-time step: Link your Kroger Plus Card to St. Paul.**

- Visit [kroger.com/account/communityrewards](https://www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards) and log in with your Kroger account. (Kroger customer service can help with this.)
- Search for “St. Paul Lutheran Church” or organization number TG880.
- Click the ENROLL button under St. Paul’s name & address.
- After this, each purchase with your Plus card will generate donations to St. Paul!

*Unfortunately St. Paul no longer receives rewards from Amazon, as they have discontinued the Amazon Smile program.*

## QUARTERLY CONGREGA- TIONAL MEET- ING APRIL 23

Please plan to attend our quarterly congregational meeting after worship on April 23. We will review first-quarter financials and how God has been at work among us in this first quarter of the year.

Information on how to attend via Zoom is on page 4, 6, and 7.

## Congregational Meeting April 23: Attending Remotely

1. **Login time.** Login will be available starting at 11:30 am, Sunday, April 23.
2. **Signing in and out.** Members shall identify themselves as required to sign into the Internet meeting service and shall maintain Internet and audio access throughout the meeting whenever present, but shall sign out in the chat room upon any departure before adjournment. After signing in the member shall mute the connection and only unmute when recognized. The Recording Secretary will log all connections and disconnections validating that the person(s) joining are voting members of the congregation. This log will become part of the official record of the meeting (minutes).
3. **Technical requirements and malfunctions.** Each member is responsible for his or her audio and Internet connections; no action shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of, a member's individual connection prevented participation in the meeting.
4. **Forced disconnections.** The Chair may cause or direct the disconnection or muting of a member's connection if it is causing undue interference with the meeting. The Chair's decision to do so, which is subject to an undebatable appeal that can be made by any member, shall be announced during the meeting and recorded in the minutes.
5. **Assignment of the floor.** To seek recognition by the Chair, a member shall request recognition via the chat room. The member shall include his or her name and the reason they request recognition. The Meeting Coordinator shall monitor the chat room and relay recognition requests to the Chair in the order received.
6. **Interrupting a member.** A member who intends to make a motion or request that under the rules may interrupt a speaker shall use the chat room for so indicating and shall thereafter wait a reasonable time for the Chair's instructions before attempting to interrupt the speaker by voice.
7. **Motions submitted in writing.** A member intending to make a motion, to offer an amendment shall, before or after being recognized, post the motion in writing to meetings@stpaulreading.org, the subject line shall include the member's name and subject of the motion or amend-

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# Congregational Meeting April 23: Attending Remotely

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ment. The Meeting Coordinator shall share the contents of the motion or amendment to the screen when requested by the Chair.

8. **Voting.** For votes not requiring a written ballot, members shall vote by voice (in-person only), using the chat room or the “raise hand” feature, at the discretion of the Chair. For a voice, chat room, or count of hands vote the Chair shall determine the outcome or the need for a roll call. The count shall be maintained by the Recording Secretary.
9. **Roll Call Votes.** For votes requiring a roll call the Recording Secretary shall call the roll of all the members present and tally the results.
10. **Written or secret ballot.** For votes requiring a written or secret ballot, the President will announce the deadline for submission during the meeting. members may vote as follows:

- a. Members present in-person will be provided with a ballot and may fill it in and submit it immediately or return it as directed by the chair. Members present via Zoom may mail in

their ballot to the church office by the date specified by the chair during the meeting.

- b. Completed ballots must include the printed and signed name of the voting member and/or the member’s giving envelope number. Electronic ballots must include member’s name and a valid email address for confirmation, this will suffice as the confirming signature. Any ballots not properly signed will not be counted.
- c. For the Quarterly meeting, only ballots from members listed as present in-person or online for the meeting will be counted. Absentee ballots, i.e., ballots from members not present, are only allowed for election of Church Council and will only be counted for election of Church Council.

11. **Adjournment.** The Chair shall entertain a motion to adjourn when requested. The motion must be seconded and voted on by the hand raise method in person or online, the Meeting Coordinator shall report to the Chair the count.

## Our Life Together

To reach Pastor directly, please call the pastoral line at 513-760-5884.

If you have requests for the Prayer Chain, or to remove a person from the list, please contact the office at 513-821-0987 or [mail@stpaulreading.org](mailto:mail@stpaulreading.org).

We pray for **Samantha Asbrock** (Marie Calhoun's friend); **Berkeley** (Carol Curless's great-grandson); **Jeannie Allen** (Faith Pirrmann's friend); **Teresa Bell** (former member); **Chrissi Bergt** (Kate Wollenburg's cousin); **Stephen Black** (Kim Coulehan's nephew); **Nancy Boone** (Gary Gries' sister); **Brett** (Kings' step-nephew); **Jodie Calhoun**; **Casey** (Cindy Sieckman's niece); **John Cathcart**; **Christy** (Terri DeAngelis' daughter); **Pat Coldiron**; **Sandy Cordes**; **Kathy Curless**; **Katie Demopoulos** (Diana Hawkins's niece); **Karen Doan** (Jean Winkle's daughter); **Jeremy Doan** (Jean Winkle's grandson); **Jane Erbeck**; **Nancy Erbeck**; **Larry Faulkner** (Freda's son); **Justin Feldman** (Bess Sturgill's father); **Cindy Flege**; **Lee Frank** (Barbara Moorhouse's niece's husband); **Jeanne Fuller**; **Scarlett Gally** (Beth Wernery's great-niece); **Clara Garcia** (Cindy Mayhugh's sister); **Nathaniel Gibson** (Les Eckerle's step-nephew); **Janie Grandy** (in-law of DeAngelis-Willet family); **Don Grau Jr.**; **Hannah**; **Ron Harbaugh**; **Sandy Hatcher** (Linda Holt's sister); **Elain Heskamp**; **Andrew Horton**; **Penny and**

**Larry Huber**; **Huitger family**; **Ellen Hunter** (Jeni Cathcart's grandmother); **Stephanie Jacobs** (Hirts' niece); **Jo and her daughter** (Jeanne Fuller's friends); **Kate** (granddaughter of Dennis King's friend); **Mike Keefe** (Millers' neighbor); **Ken Keith** (Kris Keith's dad); **Chelsea King**; **Dennis King**; **Jackie King**; **Janet King**; **Earl (Buddy) King** (Dennis's brother); **Marilyn Kline** (Cindy Sieckman's neighbor); **Loretta Kombrink** (Marilyn Portmann's aunt); **Tom and Mike Kozee and family** (friends of Faith Pirrmann); **Chet Laine**; **Kelsee Lainhart** (friend of Kings); **Nelson Langefeld**; **Yvonne Lowery** (St. Paul Players); **Carroll Mayhugh Sr.** (Carroll Mayhugh's father); **Carroll and Cindy Mayhugh**; **Jessica Mayhugh & family** (Mayhughs' niece-in-law); **Samantha Mersch** (Mayhughs' daughter, Sarah Papin's sister); **Jack Miller** (Becky Betsch's uncle); **Linda Miller**; **Mary Mills** (St. Paul Players); **Jessica Mink** (Donald Harris's cousin); **Barbara Moorhouse**; **Charlie Myers** (Coulehans' family friend); **Jean Nolte**; **Carol, Jim, and Jeannie Oerther** (Portmanns' sister and family); **Ann Ohr** (Barbara Moorhouse's cousin); **Richard Osborn** (Betty Pack's brother); **Rosie Osborn** (Betty Pack's sister); **Tom Osborn** (Betty Pack's nephew); **Tom Pack** (Betty Pack's son); **Eric Papin**; **LaCartha Pate** (Jeanne

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# St. Paul Lutheran Church

## LOCATION KEY

S = sanctuary  
 N = narthex  
 L = library  
 FH = fellowship hall  
 US = upstairs

# April 2023

Growing a Christian community where each is valued, accepted, and loved.

## Mission Statement

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>March 26 5 Lent</b> 9 am Sunday School (ages 3-18) (US) 9 am Adult Forum (N) 10:30 am Worship (S) 2 pm <i>The Chosen</i> Bible study (N) 3 pm Youth Service (N)	March 27 6:30 pm Venture Scouts (N)	March 29 6 pm Soup/Salad Potluck 7 pm Lenten Worship: Stations of the Cross	March 30 10:30 am Bible Study (N/Z)	March 31 11:30 am-5:30 pm Church reserved for cleaning	April 1	
<b>2 Palm Sunday</b> 9 am Sunday School (ages 3-18) (US) 9 am Adult Forum (FH) 10:30 am Worship (S) After Worship: Evangelism Committee (L) 2 pm <i>The Chosen</i> Bible study (N)	3 4	5	<b>6 Maundy Thursday</b> 10:30 am Bible Study (N/Z) 7 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service	<b>7 Good Friday</b> 11:30 am-5:30 pm Church reserved for cleaning 7 pm Good Friday Worship Service	8	
<b>9 Easter Day</b> 9 am Easter Breakfast (FH) 10:30 am Worship (S) After worship: Easter Egg Hunt	10 11	12	13 10:30 am Bible Study (N/Z) 6 pm Scouts BSA (N/L)	14 11:30 am-5:30 pm Church reserved for cleaning	15	
<b>16 2 Easter</b> 9 am Sunday School (ages 3-18) (US) 9 am Adult Forum (FH) 10:30 am Worship (S) 2 pm <i>The Chosen</i> Bible study (N)	17 7 pm Council Meeting (L)	19	20 10:30 am Bible Study (N/Z)	21 11:30 am-5:30 pm Church reserved for cleaning	22	
<b>23 3 Easter</b> 9 am Sunday School (ages 3-18) (US) 9 am Adult Forum (FH) 10:30 am Worship (S) After worship: Quarterly Congregational Mtg (S) 2 pm <i>The Chosen</i> Bible study (N)	24 Epistle Articles Due	26	27 10:30 am Bible Study (N/Z) 6 pm Scouts BSA (N/L)	28 11:30 am-5:30 pm Church reserved for cleaning	29	
<b>30 4 Easter</b> 9 am Sunday School (ages 3-18) (US) 9 am Adult Forum (FH) 10:30 am Worship (S) 2 pm <i>The Chosen</i> Bible study (N)	May 1 5:30 pm Confirmation Class (N) 7 pm Christian Ed Committee (L/Z)	May 2	May 3 10:30 am Bible Study (N/Z)	May 4 11:30 am-5:30 pm Church reserved for cleaning	May 5 11:30 am-5:30 pm Church reserved for cleaning	May 6

## Our Life Together

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Wagner's friend); **Linda Perin** (Moorhouses' cousin); **Cathern Pirrmann** (Adam and Nick's aunt); **Nick Pirrmann; Bob Price** (Kings' friend); **Barry Prince; Christopher Rolfes** (Anne's son); **Pr. Pete and Joyce Rudowski; Mike and Judy Ryan** (friends of the Kings); **Sara and Evan** (Barbara Moorhouse's cousins); **James Savoy** (Jean Winkle's great-grandson); **Scott Schadel** (friend of McDowells); **Shawn Schnetzer** (Sturgills' cousin); **Sheila Schultz** (Betty Pack's friend); **Shannon and Dane** (friends of Riddle family); **Bernadette Shear** (Kings' granddaughter); **Sharpshier family** (Kings' neighbors); **Shear family** (Kings' daughter & son-in-law); **Knox Shepherd** (grandson of Pr. Vicki Garber); **Kate Sheridan** (Kings' family friend); **Keith Shupe** (father of Kelly Shupe); **Kim Sieckman; John Smith** (Elain Heskamp's brother); **Michelle Snavely** (Laines' daughter); **Scott Songer; Judy Songer** (friends of Jean Winkle); **Crosley Spelman** (Spelmans' grandson); **Kathy Spelman and family** (Joyce's sister-in-law); **Michael Steele** (Mayhughs' nephew); **Frank Sturgill** (Jim's dad); **Britney Jean Teems** (Jean Winkle's granddaughter); **Randy Thaman** (friend of Marie Calhoun); **Geri Toland** (Carole Replogle's neighbor); **Lish Trasser** (friend of DeAngelis-Willet family); **Treasure** (Les Eckerle's

cousin); **Larry Turner** (Dottie Deloatch's brother); **Ralph Turner** (friend of Dennis King); **Mike Waddle** (former member); **Jeanne Wagner; Melinda Wakefield** (Sherry Bronner's friend); **Daryl Wesselman** (Betty Pack's granddaughter); **Leslie Willet; Jean Winkle; Susan Winkle** (Jean Winkle's daughter-in-law); **Kate Wollenburg and family; Judy Young** (Janet King's sister); **Barb Zeh** (Jeni Cathcart's mom).

At the death of: **Pastor Lisa Bernheisel, Jack Wagner, Louise Barry.**

We pray for those with ongoing health concerns who are unable to come to church every week: **Betty Hoffmann, Betty Kline, Shirley Lathrop, Barbara Moorhouse, Jean Nolte.**

We pray for our armed forces members: **Graham Barton** (Fords' neighbor); **Paul Cordes** (Elinor Schieman's grandson); **Victoria Derry** (Elinor Schieman's great-granddaughter); **Jared Forst** (Loretta's grandson); **Beau Glenn** (Karen Koehl's son-in-law); **Kylie Hahn** (Gretta Hahn's granddaughter); **Donald Hosea** (Karen Koehl's son); **Samuel McLoughlin** (friend of Cindy Sieckman); **Scott Minton** (Becky Betsch's brother); **Jobeth Ramirez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Joshua Rodriguez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Trent Schwegman** (cousin to the Erbecks and Fords); **Dustin Silvey; Alex Wisecup** (son of Nadine and Barry Wisecup).



*We had lots of visitors for the Easter Egg Hunt!*



*The hunt is on!*



*Neighbors and members all enjoyed the fun!*

## April Ministry Schedule

Date Feast / Fast	Assisting Minister	Lesson Reader	Acolyte	Book Bearer	Livestreamers
<b>Apr. 2</b> Palm Sunday	Nancy Erbeck	TBA	Patrick Cathcart	Liam Cathcart	John Cathcart, Nick Huitger
<b>Apr. 6</b> Maundy (7 pm) Thurs.	Donald Harris	Patrick Cathcart	Donny Cathcart	Liam Cathcart	Carroll Mayhugh
<b>Apr. 7</b> Good (7 pm) Friday	John Cathcart	TBA	Bridget Cathcart		Patrick Cathcart
<b>Apr. 9</b> Easter Day	Cindy Mayhugh	Sherry Bronner	Teagan Cathcart	Kathryn Keith	Nick Huitger, Chet Laine
<b>Apr. 16</b> 2 Easter	Carroll Mayhugh	TBA			Noah Moorhouse
<b>Apr. 23</b> 3 Easter	Noah Moorhouse	TBA			Carroll Mayhugh
<b>Apr. 30</b> 4 Easter	Nancy Erbeck	TBA			John Cathcart, Chet Laine

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# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday - April 2

10:30 am: Palm Procession  
& Service

Maundy Thursday - April 6

7:00 pm: Jesus' Last Supper

Easter Sunday - April 9

9:00 am: Easter Breakfast

10:30 am: Worship Service

After worship: Easter Egg Hunt

Good Friday - April 7

7:00 pm: Veneration  
of the Cross

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