

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Sunday Worship



*Loving others  
into the Love of Christ*

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday School & Bible Class**  
9:15 a.m.

**Our Church Infant/Toddler  
Nursery is available during  
the 9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
hour, and during our  
10:30 a.m. Worship.**

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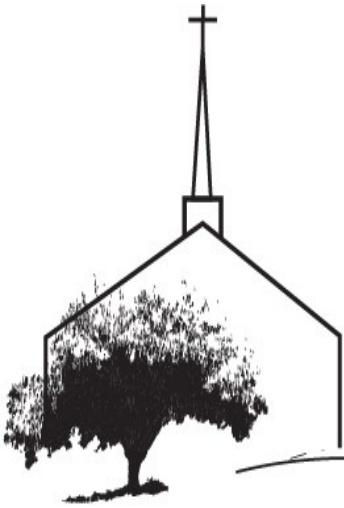
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# St. Paul Lutheran Church

The Church on the Highway

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ April 28, 2024

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*“Be thoughtful - be silent - be reverent; for this is the house of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord; During the service, let the Lord speak to you; After the service, speak to one another.”*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHILDCARE AVAILABLE:** We offer childcare for infant and nursery age children **during our 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class hour and our 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship service.** We also offer a weekly **children’s bulletin**, quarterly devotion books and activity bags for children during our worship located as you enter the Narthex (please return all items to the activity bag after worship and return to the hooks on your way out of worship).

**REMEMBER OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN PRAYER:**

The weekly prayer list is shared via email every Monday and Friday. If you are not receiving emails through Constant Contact, please contact the church via email: [wecare@splcwaco.com](mailto:wecare@splcwaco.com).

**FLOWERS** were placed on the altar this morning to the glory of God by Don & Vickie Savage in thankfulness and celebration of 50 years of marriage; in thankfulness for their family, their children, the St. Paul family, and the many wonderful blessings God has rained down on them during these last 50 years.

**Let's Start the Party with VBS this Summer!**



Jesus gives us the most amazing reason to party. That’s why we believe God’s love and the Gospel of Jesus is the best news ever. **Celebrate the good news of Jesus with us for Vacation Bible School June 23-26!**

**REGISTER ONLINE NOW:** [www.splcwaco.com/children](http://www.splcwaco.com/children)

**We will need many volunteers for VBS! Please mark your calendars and plan to volunteer to share the Love of Jesus with the children who attend! A volunteer sign-up sheet will be available in the church foyer soon!**

## AS WE GATHER

When Jesus uses the image of the vine and speaks of vineyards, He is choosing something very familiar to His hearers. Viticulture is well known around the world. More than eighteen million acres worldwide is used for growing grapes—from Panama to Tajikistan to Zimbabwe! Today, the cultivation of vineyards is still an important agricultural component in both Israel and the Jordan, lands where Jesus walked and taught. Life in the vineyard is vital! As branches grafted to the Vine that is Christ, we are vitalized by His power. As we worship, God's life-supporting power infuses us! It is time to continue growing!

### ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

*(Please silence your cell phones and mobile devices during our worship time.)*

#### PRESERVICE MUSIC AND WELCOME

#### OPENING HYMN, 913: "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

- 1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,  
And in our hearts Your work begin,  
Your dwelling place now make us.  
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine,  
To joy and gladness wake us  
That we may be  
Truly living,  
To You giving  
Prayer unceasing  
And in love be still increasing.
- 2 Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,  
That in our hearts from this good hour  
As fire it may be glowing,  
That in true Christian unity  
We faithful witnesses may be,  
Your glory ever showing.  
Hear us, cheer us  
By Your teaching;  
Let our preaching  
And our labor  
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.
- 3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,  
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,  
In us be strongly burning  
That we be faithful unto death  
And live in love and holy faith,  
From You true wisdom learning.  
Your grace and peace  
On us shower;  
By Your power  
Christ confessing,  
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

## INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (8:00 a.m. Service)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**People: sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**

Pastor: Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!"

**People: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name."**

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard,

**People: who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

Pastor: You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You!

**People: I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

Pastor: We prepare for our time of confession as we sing the confession hymn, "O Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou Art." As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.

## THE SACRED RIGHT OF BAPTISM FOR SUTTON ALICE SPROSS (10:30 a.m. Service)

This morning during our 10:30 a.m. worship service we have the great privilege to welcome Sutton Alice Spross into God's family of faith through the waters of Holy Baptism. We rejoice with her parents, Andrew & Ashlyn (Adam) Spross; and Sutton's sponsors, Austin & Rachel Martel, Helen Adam, and Terry Joel Adam Jr.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## CHOIR ANTHEM FOR BAPTISM: "Goodness of God" (10:30 a.m. Service, Adult Choir)

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

**People: O almighty God, most merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature, I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.**

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE, 808: "O Sing to the Lord"

(Verse 1,3,5 – All, Verse 2 – Women, Verse 4 – Men)

### Verse 1 – ALL

- 1 O sing to the Lord,  
O sing God a new song.
- O sing to the Lord,  
O sing God a new song.
- O sing to the Lord,  
O sing God a new song.
- O sing to our God,  
O sing to our God.

*song continues on page 4*

## Verse 2 - Women

2 For God is the Lord!  
And God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord!  
And God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord!  
And God has done wonders.  
O sing to our God,  
O sing to our God.

## Verse 3 – ALL

3 So dance for our God  
And blow all the trumpets.  
So dance for our God  
And blow all the trumpets.  
So dance for our God  
And blow all the trumpets.  
And sing to our God,  
And sing to our God.

## Verse 4 - Men

4 O shout to our God,  
Who gave us the Spirit.  
O shout to our God,  
Who gave us the Spirit.  
O shout to our God,  
Who gave us the Spirit.  
O sing to our God,  
O sing to our God.

## Verse 5 – ALL

5 For Jesus is Lord!  
Amen! Alleluia!  
For Jesus is Lord!  
Amen! Alleluia!  
For Jesus is Lord!  
Amen! Alleluia!  
O sing to our God,  
O sing to our God.

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## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## FIRST READING: Acts 8:26–40

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup>And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE: 1 John 4:1–11

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:1–8

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY, 487: "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

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|---|--|---------------------|--|
| 1 | Come, you faithful, raise the strain<br>Of triumphant gladness!<br>God has brought His Israel<br>Into joy from sadness,<br>Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke<br>Jacob's sons and daughters,<br>Led them with unmoistened foot<br>Through the Red Sea waters. | 4                   | For today among His own<br>Christ appeared, bestowing<br>His deep peace, which evermore<br>Passes human knowing.<br>Neither could the gates of death<br>Nor the tomb's dark portal<br>Nor the watchers nor the seal<br>Hold Him as a mortal. |
| 2 | 'Tis the spring of souls today:<br>Christ has burst His prison<br>And from three days' sleep in death<br>As a sun has risen;<br>All the winter of our sins,<br>Long and dark, is flying<br>From His light, to whom is giv'n<br>Laud and praise undying.      | 5                   | Alleluia! Now we cry<br>To our King immortal,<br>Who, triumphant, burst the bars<br>Of the tomb's dark portal.<br>Come, you faithful, raise the strain<br>Of triumphant gladness!<br>God has brought His Israel<br>Into joy from sadness!    |
| 3 | Now the queen of seasons, bright<br>With the day of splendor,<br>With the royal feast of feasts<br>Comes its joy to render;<br>Comes to gladden faithful hearts<br>Which with true affection<br>Welcome in unwearied strain<br>Jesus' resurrection!          | Text: Public domain |  |

### SERMON: "Making the Cut" - John 15:2

#### CONFESSION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed (8:00 a.m. Service)

**People:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  $\text{✝}$  everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor:** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.  
God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

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Pastor: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**  
Pastor: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**  
Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**  
Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**  
Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**People: Amen.**

## OFFERING

### CHOIR ANTHEM: "Goodness of God" (8:00 a.m. Service, Adult Choir)

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

#### BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
**People: Amen.**

#### CLOSING HYMN: "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone, my Hope is found, He is my Light, my Strength, my Song;  
This Cornerstone, this Solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease,  
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.  
This gift of love, and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save;  
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God, was satisfied,  
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay, Light of the World by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth, in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands, in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His, and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of Man, can ever pluck me from His hand, (PAUSE)  
'Til He returns, or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand;

Here in the power of Christ - I'll stand!

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## POSTLUDE

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## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28-MAY 5, 2024

**ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS** will be held during both of our worship services this morning for the offices listed below:

Secretary of the Congregation: Kayla Kubitza, Erin Stephens

Chair, Bd. of Children's Ministry: Angel Breton

Chair, Bd. of Ushers: Mike Perry, Brian Strickland

Chair, Bd. of Building & Grounds: Jason Breton, Mike Jugert

Chair, Bd. of Fellowship: Jennifer Lynch

Elders (4 were elected): Randal Bolen, Travis Filer, Douglas Galler, Don Savage, Brad Walden, Nick West

The new officers will begin their term in September 2024. Please take a moment to thank those who served on the Nominating Committee: Pastor Hesse, Bill Dube, Tim Harrington, Billy Holobaugh, Karen Shelton, Hunter Strickland, Jacqueline Uptmore, and Lisa Wolfe; as well as those who will be finishing their term: Jim Kersten, Brandon Kubitza, Bobby Luedke, and Karen Shelton. ***"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies--in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ..." 1 Peter 4:10-11***

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The St. Paul Men's Club is hosting a blood drive with Carter Blood Care **TODAY, April 28, 2024**. Anyone interested can sign-up for a donation time in the church foyer. The Blood Drive Bus will be setup in the church parking lot with donations beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please see David Wolfe or Don Savage.

**SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING:** All members are encouraged to join us in the Albers Family Life Center on Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. for the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting. At this meeting, each board chair will share a short update on activities and plans. If you have any questions, please contact Congregational President, Bill Dube.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT SENIOR ADULTS LUNCHEON:** On Wednesday, May 8, 2024, there will be a special presentation by Brandon Kubitza, a representative of Thrivent Financial, during the Senior Adults Fellowship Lunch. Please make plans to join us for the Worship service with Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m. and then stay for a delicious meal and a short informational presentation. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

**YOUTH SUMMER TRIP, JULY 2024:** High School Youth (those who have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to go on a Summer Beach Trip, leaving the church on July 8 and returning on July 11. There will be activities, Bible study, games and plenty of food and snacks! You may register on the church website ([www.splcwaco.com/youth](http://www.splcwaco.com/youth)) or there is a sign-up sheet in the church foyer. If you have any questions please contact Hannah Galler or Pastor Hesse. **DEADLINE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT IS SUNDAY, MAY 12.** Don't miss this opportunity...space is limited!

**VBS WISH LIST:** We have a few items that are needed for Vacation Bible School crafts:

- ⇒ Pennies (any unused pennies will go to the LWML mite boxes)
- ⇒ 10.5 oz. empty soup cans (please wash before donating)
- ⇒ Baby food glass jars (please wash before donating)

There will be a collection box in the foyer at the VBS table. Please bring your donations by June 16. If you have any questions, please contact Angel Breton, Kimberly Vicha, or Heather Hutchison.

**ATTENTION ALL 2024 ST. PAUL GRADUATES!** We want to celebrate YOU, and give you a chance to brag about all of your accomplishments during your education! Please submit your graduate information by May 20, (please include: school of graduation, degree received, list of clubs, groups, sports participated, and any special awards, scholarships, or accolades received...and keep information as short/condensed as possible). This information will be published in our **JUNE 2024** church newsletter. Information and questions can be sent to the church office via email at: [wecare@splcwaco.com](mailto:wecare@splcwaco.com).

# Classes for All Ages

***Please join us for Sunday School and Bible Classes at 9:15 a.m.***

## **Adult Bible Study (Albers Family Life Center)**

This class is going through a short series on the Old Testament Festivals that point us to our risen Savior. **ASK PASTOR HESSE:** Outside Pastor Hesse's office you will find a box to place any questions that you would like Pastor Hesse to answer during the Adult Bible Study class on Sunday mornings.

## **Men's Bible Class (classroom behind the Parish Hall)**

This class is studying, *The Messiah: Revealing Jesus in the Old Testament*. This Bible study works through all 39 books of the Old Testament and identifies crossovers between New Testament themes and ideas.

## **Ladies Bible Class (Conference Room)**

This class is studying, *God's Provision in a Wilderness World* by Lindsay Hausch. This book will lead you through the Book of Exodus as the Israelites wander through the wilderness, pointing you to what God wants you to know and apply to your own life. Our culture is a wilderness where our effort to satisfy our needs with things of this world leaves our hearts empty and aching for more. Every day, no matter where you wander, God invites you to take time in His Word and recenter your heart on Him. God's provision for you is personal. He meets you where you are. And He gives you what you need.

## **Children & Youth Sunday School Classes (Nursery—12th grade/College)**

All high school and college students are invited to join in the Youth Room every Sunday for Bible Class! This will be a great time of study, building relationships, fellowship and fun! The class will be led by our college students, Seth Randolph and Travis Elmore.

## ***Other Bible Study Opportunities:***

### **College Student Evening Bible Study/Fellowship**

This group resume their weekly Bible study/fellowship in Fall 2024. Please see Karen Shelton with any questions.

### **Ladies Bible Study Group in the Conference Room**

This group meets in the Conference Room on the First and Third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. They are studying, "CHOSEN: A Study of Esther." In this study, see that God's presence is ever-abundant in your life, and that God gives you the courage to live fearlessly as Esther did. Learn the historical context of the Book of Esther to enrich your understanding of God's Word.

### **Youth Confirmation/Catechesis Training and Music (grades 5-8)**

We celebrate with our 2024 Eighth Grade Confirmation Class! **The LWML group will host a celebration for our 2024 confirmation students (grades 5-8) on Wednesday, May 8, at 6:15 p.m. in the Youth Room.** Classes for the 2024-2025 term will begin in the Fall. Please watch for more details. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Hesse.

### **Vacation Bible School (June 23-26)**

Let's Start the Party with VBS this Summer! Jesus gives us the most amazing reason to party. That's why we believe God's love and the Gospel of Jesus is the best news ever. **Celebrate the good news of Jesus with us for Vacation Bible School June 23-26 (5:00 p.m. Family Meal each night/ 6:00 p.m. Activities/Lessons/Music)!** Registration is open on the church website ([www.splcwaco.com](http://www.splcwaco.com))! We will need many volunteers for VBS! Please mark your calendars and plan to volunteer and share the Love of Jesus with the children who attend! A sign-up sheet for volunteer opportunities will be available in the church foyer soon!

***There's a place for EVERYONE to be immersed in God's Word and fellowship with other Christians!***

# MEETING AND ACTIVITY NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28 – MAY 5, 2024

## SUNDAY, APRIL 28

### *Election of Church Officers during both Worship Services*

- 8:00 a.m.: Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m.: Carter Blood Care/Men's Club Blood Drive (Blood mobile in the parking lot)
- 9:15 a.m.: Adult Bible Classes (Albers Family Life Center)
- 9:15 a.m.: Ladies Bible Class (Conference Room)
- 9:15 a.m.: Men's Bible Class (classroom behind the Parish Hall)
- 9:15 a.m.: Simply Loved Sunday School (grades Nursery through 4th Grade, Music Room/classrooms)
- 9:15 a.m.: Enduring Faith Sunday School (grades 5-8, Music Room/classrooms)
- 9:15 a.m.: College/High School Youth Bible Study and Fellowship (Youth Room)
- 10:30 a.m.: Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m.: Spross Family (Albers Family Life Center)

## MONDAY, APRIL 29

- 10:00 a.m.: Quilting Group (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 p.m.: AA/Al-Anon Meetings (Classrooms)

## TUESDAY, APRIL 30

- 10:00 a.m.: Tri-Cities Ministries (Parish Hall/Classrooms)
- 12:00 p.m.: Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry (parking lot/building)
- 7:00 p.m.: AA Meeting (Classrooms)

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

- 9:30 a.m.: Ladies Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 12:00 p.m.: Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry (parking lot/building)
- 6:00 p.m.: Children/Youth Hand Chimes Rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m.: Adult Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY, MAY 2

- 7:00 a.m.: Lawn & Building Maintenance
- 12:00 p.m.: Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry (parking lot/building)
- 5:00 p.m.: Call Committee Meeting (Albers Family Life Center)
- 7:00 p.m.: AA/Al-Anon Meetings (Classrooms)

## FRIDAY, MAY 3

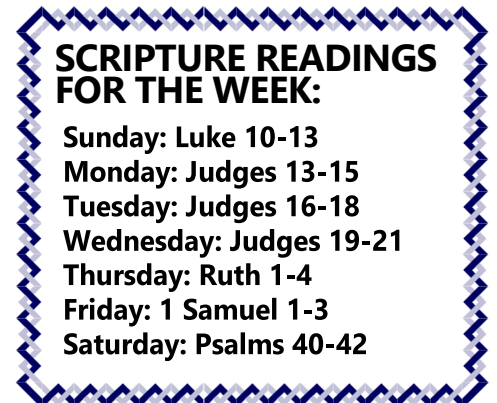
- 12:00 p.m.: Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry (parking lot/building)
- 7:00 p.m.: AA Meeting (Classrooms)

## SATURDAY, MAY 4

- 7:00 p.m.: AA Meeting (Classrooms)

## SUNDAY, MAY 5 ~ Confirmation Sunday

- 8:00 a.m.: Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m.: Adult Bible Classes (Albers Family Life Center)
- 9:15 a.m.: Ladies Bible Class (Conference Room)
- 9:15 a.m.: Men's Bible Class (classroom behind the Parish Hall)
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- 9:15 a.m.: College/High School Youth Bible Study and Fellowship (Youth Room)
- 10:30 a.m.: Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m.: Christy McGee Family (Albers Family Life Center)



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