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Monday – Friday
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We are blessed to begin this month with Holy Week since April 2nd is Palm Sunday. The Lord enters Jerusalem on a donkey and is hailed as the Son of David. Hosannas ring out and people wave palm branches in praise and adoration. The King has arrived in the city!

Maundy Thursday follows as the day Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper. Jesus gives us His very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, giving us a new covenant. Jesus and the disciples then go to the garden, where He is betrayed with a kiss from the disciple Judas Iscariot. The other disciples, led by Peter, try to fight for Jesus, but Jesus stops them, explaining that He must suffer and die to fulfill Scripture.

On Good Friday we learn that Jesus is nearly silent, except for a few words, as He hangs on the cross. But these seven Last Words provide a window into His mission, a way to understand what is important to this One who is dying on our behalf. **1.** *"Father, forgive*

them, they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34) **2.** *"This day you will be with Me in Paradise."*

(Luke 23:43) 3. "Woman, behold your son." (John 19:26-27) 4. "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34) 5. "I thirst." (John 19:28) 6. "It is finished." (John 19:30)
7. "Into Your hands I commit My spirit." (Luke 23:46).

We look ahead to Easter Sunday, April 9th, where we will meet at the Bremen Cemetery Chapel at 7:00 am for our Sunrise service. We imagine looking into the tomb and seeing that Jesus is not there, but He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

At 8:00 am we'll join together in food and fellowship for our Easter Breakfast. Finally, we will celebrate in our Easter Festival Service with Holy Communion at 9:30 am. We believers in Jesus will raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving to our Risen Lord and Savior of the world, Jesus!!! May we then depart with Easter joy, knowing that Jesus has conquered sin, death, and the devil for us and all people. We are His witnesses that what He says is the truth and He is our eternal King! The Lord is Risen, He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!!!

THE DEADLINE FOR THE MAY EPISTLE IS APRIL 20TH!!! Epistle articles, comments, ideas may be deposited in the epistle box in the Narthex mail slots or e-mailed to Eric Thornton at firemanet@yahoo.com. I appreciate all of your articles, ideas and comments!

YOUTH BOARD NEWS and NOTES

Recent Events

- **BLESSINGS IN A BAG (March 7th):** We had 10 Youth and several adults help pack various food items into 100s of bags to be delivered to children throughout the Bremen community. God blesses us richly and also provides opportunities like this to serve others – what a wonderful organization helping those in need right here in our home town.



- **MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK IN (March 10-11th):** Twelve of our Youth (and several very brave adults) participated in our annual Lock In joining in games, art projects (Thank You Mrs. Miller!), movies, and of course, food and snacks throughout. We wrapped up in the early morning hours with breakfast and a devotion focused on our theme this year, “Sleep,” and specifically the references to sleep in the Bible and how falling asleep—while maybe not happening at a Lock In—is great as Christians as we join our Lord in Heaven. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who sacrificed a few hours of their sleep to keep a watchful eye on the Youth throughout the night and morning.

Upcoming Events

- **MOVIE (March 30th):** Our Youth will be attending “Jesus Revolution” at the Bremen Theatre
- **EASTER BREAKFAST (April 9th):** Please join us for Easter Breakfast between services on this blessed day as our Youth will once again be preparing the food and serving the congregation. We might have a couple of surprises this year so come and enjoy the food and fellowship....

If there are any questions related to the Youth Group, please contact Andy Wildauer at (801) 707-3399.

From your Stewardship Board...It’s Tax Time again so don’t forget about a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a distribution from your individual retirement account (IRA) to a qualified charity. You must be age 70½ or older to make a qualified charitable distribution. A qualified charitable distribution is not taxed, nor is it included in your taxable income.

If certain conditions are met, QCDs also can count toward the required minimum distributions (RMDs) that people who are age 73 or older must meet each year if they have traditional IRAs (or a number of other tax advantaged retirement plans that you can’t use for a QCD). Also important:

You don’t have to itemize on your tax return to take advantage of a QCD.

UPDATE ON CALL COMMITTEE AND REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

A decision was made in 2022 to “pause” the call committee's search for call candidates for Administrative Pastor ministry vacated by Pastor Rohde's retirement. This decision was made,

in part, due to a need to re-evaluate our congregation's mission, it's needs and our present "health" as a congregation physically, emotionally and spiritually. Indiana District offices offered a "Revitalization Program" which would help us evaluate our congregation and strengthen our efforts towards our mission as a congregation. A weekend in the fall of 2022 saw the assembling of our church and school staff and chairmen of all church boards with a team from Indiana District to help us analyze, discuss and plan on actions we need to take as a congregation to move forward in a God-pleasing manner in service to God and our community. The report from that Revitalization Program weekend was presented at conclusion of that weekend's Sunday worship service and hard copies of the report were made available for several weeks in the narthex of the church.

So.....what activities are going on now?

Revitalization Program : Some of the first actions to be taken were to contact the Town of Bremen (town council, police dept. and fire dept.) to see if there are areas of needs that we could provide assistance in (ministry to community) and also contact other churches in community to see what local mission work they are engaged in. These actions are being worked on by the Board of Lay Ministry and Pastor Wonnacott. There are two areas of our ministry where St. Paul's needs training in order to do a better job: encouraging delinquent/inactive members to attend and participate in worship services and church activities and being disciples to provide the Gospel message to all we come in contact with...including other members of our congregation. There are two training workshops that have been ordered from Synod to address these needs: "Shepherding the Strays" and "Connect to Disciple". Materials for these training workshops have been received recently and actions are being taken to get started. "Shepherding the Strays" training will be taken by Board of Lay Ministry and "Connect to Disciple" training will be taken by Day and Preschool staffs and chairmen of all church boards. Other actions recommended by the Indiana District Revitalization team will be worked on after the actions mentioned above are completed.

Call Committee: The Call Committee (Board of Lay Ministry) is presently engaged in reviewing the information provided to Indiana District which outlined what we felt our congregational needs are for an administrative pastor. This re-assessment of needs is necessary as a result of the Revitalization Program we are engaged in. As we continue working on actions prescribed by the Revitalization team, the needs of our congregation relative to an administrative pastor may continue to change. Patience is needed as we seek what God's answer is in this area.

So, there's nothing the rest of the congregation needs to do if not a staff member or a chairman of a church board, right? Wrong...each one of us, as Christians, have responsibility

to minister to others and share the Gospel...it's not the sole responsibility of Pastor, School staff or church boards. Notice someone whom you haven't seen in church since pre-Covid? Call them, tell them you've missed them....ask if you can help in any way. Pray for our congregation that God's will be done and that ALL will see God's direction to use the talents He provides each of us. We are all members of one body and we need all members of our congregation/body to participate with our time, talents and treasures. This year, we will have election of officers/church boards at the June voters meeting. Your participation is needed in serving God by serving on a church board, committee or service group. Please remember, Jesus did not ask the disciples when He recruited them if they felt they had the time or abilities to follow Him and continue the ministry. It was the first priority in their lives. Scriptures don't tell us to only carry out the Great Commission if we feel we have time. What priority do we place on how we serve God? Each of us should prayerfully consider how we can do a better job serving God through the ministries at St. Paul's.

May God bless you as you pray on ways you can serve God. Blessings on your day.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

1. April 6th - Maundy Thursday at 7:00 pm: Prepared Food: Hezekiah, 2 Chronicles 30:1–5, 10–13, 22b–27
2. April 7th - Good Friday at 7:00 pm: “It Is Finished!”, John 19:30.
3. April 9th - Easter Sunrise at 7:00 am at the **Bremen Cemetery Chapel**: After the End, Ezekiel 37:1–14, 24–28
4. Easter Breakfast at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, provided by our Sr. Youth.
5. April 9th -Easter Festival at 9:30 am: Long Lives the King of Kings!, Psalm 146

Evangelism board would like to alert our members of what is available through Lutheran Hour Ministry and where to find it.

Do you know about Lutheran Hour Ministries? They do Christian outreach like The Lutheran Hour for TV, printed Christian Material, internet and music in association with LCMS and LWML. You can listen to The Lutheran hour! Find your local station at lhm.org/lutheranhour.

National outlets include SiriusXM Sundays at 10 AM ET(Family Talk Channel 131), iHeartRadio/Spotify/Apple/Google (Podcast on demand) and Classic Broadcasts at lhm.org/sentradio. Share this info with all your family, friends and neighbors.

Easter Card List of Some of Our Seniors 2023

1. Rita Stanifer Miller's Merry Manor, 635 Oakhill Ave.
Room 11 North, Plymouth, IN 46563
2. Patsy Schlemmer & Mel 303 East Maple St., Bremen, IN 46506
3. Diana Rodgers 103 N. Center St., Apt. 203, Bremen, IN 46506
4. Mildred Bollenbacher 1633 W. Grant St., Bremen, IN 46506
5. Bo Weldy 903 N. Center St., Bremen, IN 46506
6. Goldie Buckner 612 S. Washington St., Bremen, IN 46506
7. Phyllis Brown Autumn Trace Senior Community
Room #110, 2560 West Lake Avenue
Plymouth, IN 46563
8. Carol Seegers Golden Living Center, 1001 W. Hively Ave., Room 519
Elkhart, IN 46517
9. Leo Sahlhoff Miller's Merry Manor, 1630 S. County Farm Road, Room 49,
Warsaw, IN 46580
10. Lillian Salyer 24550 Riley Road, North Liberty, IN 46554
11. Harold Nettrour 1584Miami Road, Bremen, IN, 46506
12. Eunice Bauer 187 Oakmont Drive, Bremen, IN 46506

Blessed Shall You Be

“Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your

herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.”
(Deuteronomy 28:3-6)

This is God’s promise to the Israelites as they stood beyond the Jordan outside of the Promised Land. He promises blessing to His people. He will make them prosper, whether they are in the city or the field. He will make their fruit of their work to prosper, whether from the ground, their wombs, their flocks, or their herds. He will make them to prosper in all things, whether upon their coming in or their going out.

But there’s a catch. He would do this for Israel only “if you obey the voice of the LORD your God.” (Deut. 28:2b) If they did that, He would cause that “all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you.” (Deut. 28:2a). If they didn’t obey the voice of the Lord, if they didn’t keep the commandments of the Lord and “walk in his ways” (Deut. 28:9), they would be met with curse and woe. The blessings would be replaced with curses. Everything that the Lord promised to prosper and bless would be cursed and fail.

Thanks be to God that our Lord Jesus Christ has come into our flesh and fulfilled the law for us – in our place and for our benefit. Our Lord Jesus Christ died for us – in our place and for our benefit. Our Lord Jesus Christ is risen from the dead for us – in our place and for our benefit. By this we have justification before God. We are forgiven, clean, holy, and righteous. The blessing of God is promised to us in Christ Jesus. It depends upon his work, not ours.

All this is ours in Holy Baptism. For in Holy Baptism, God claims us as His own, makes us His children, His heirs, and His holy people. And so it is that the work of our hands and its fruit is holy because we are holy in Christ. It is pressed into His service, and it thereby becomes a blessing to us and to our neighbor.

For this great gift, our reception of the blessings of God because of Christ Jesus our Lord, it is our duty to thank and praise, serve, and obey Him. This is not in order to receive the blessings but because in Christ we already have. With this in mind, we sit down on the first day of the

week and set aside as He has prospered us to give to His church for His work of blessing in our midst (1 Cor. 16:2).

St. Paul's Mission Activities and Opportunities

Hope Ministries – Donating food, making meals, serving the meals to the homeless

“Meals on Wheels” – to the elderly in Bremen

Hospitality Committee – making meals monthly for congregation members and those in the community in need of caring and/or assistance

Collection of donations to Bremen Food Pantry

Collection of clothing and shoes for Hope Ministries

Thanksgiving Day Dinner for anyone to eat at church / carry out or deliveries also offered

Financial and Spiritual support for Pastor Micah Wildauer and family

Financial and Spiritual support for Missionary Jamielynn and Pastor Rafael Flores

Octoberfest Booth – cookie booth (free-will offering) with proceeds benefiting Riley Children's Hospital / also give out Bibles, Bible story books, information about the church

Caring Ministry- members visit our shut-ins and shut-ins in the community

Welcome Bags for Evangelism- collect items, assemble bags, and deliver bags to new residents of Bremen

The Hospitality Committee is a committee that comes out of our Parish Fellowship Board. The purpose of this committee is to care for the physical needs of the members of St. Paul's and the community of Bremen. This group makes meals for our seniors of the church and community, and the members are trying to do this once a month. In order to have more people involved we are looking for people to deliver the meals. If you are willing to help, please contact Sandy Schooler or Beth Enders. Also, if you know of someone in need of a meal, please contact Pastor Wonnacott. If you received one of these meals, please keep the containers so that we can fill them again.

The Hospitality Committee also needs your help and donation of food items for their next meal on **Wednesday, April 12th at 9am in the church kitchen**. The menu includes beef stew so we need potatoes, sweet potatoes, and cans of beef or vegetable broth. We could also use your help in the kitchen to prepare and pack the meals- it doesn't take long!

Parish Fellowship is hosting a Father / Son Game Night on April 20th at 7:00 pm. Please bring your favorite board games and card games. We'll have snack stuff and sweet treats along with punch. Fathers and sons- please come with your father or son; if you don't have one, please come anyway! It'll be a great night of fun and fellowship!

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US

Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church. You may also choose "e-tithing" by having

a weekly deposit to St Paul's from your bank account. If you have questions on e-tithing, please contact the Church Office.



Coming in April -- Time & Talent Survey

The Stewardship Board has reworked the Time and Talent Survey. This is an opportunity for each of us to explore our God-given gifts and offer our service to the Lord. The survey this year will be available in both electronic and paper formats. We appreciate everyone's response no later than April 30th.

PTL FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Krispy Kreme Doughnut fundraiser!!



We appreciate everyone's support of the PTL. Thank you!



Learning About St. Paul's -- Board of Church Properties

This is the 7th and final article in a series outlining the duties and responsibilities of the various standing Boards at St. Paul's. This month we look at the Board of Church Properties, whose duties are:

- 1) Proper maintenance and repair of church property.
- 2) Responsibility for all legal matters.
- 3) General protection of the congregation from loss or damage.

Thanks to the Board of Church Properties for all of their efforts in maintaining our rather large facility. They have a huge responsibility and work hard to fulfill their obligations to the congregation. Blessings to this group as they share their gifts.

Postings from Preschool

Our students and staff are on spring break as you read this but, thankfully, Jesus never takes a vacation. The children learned that He gave His life to save us because He loves us so much. The story doesn't end there; He rose victorious over death and lives to grant us eternal life with Him. This month we'll study Jesus' ministry as it continues with His disciples and others in the early Christian church. We'll also go on some field trips and hopefully enjoy the great outdoors!



2023 Plymouth Legacy of Life Banquet

The 2023 Plymouth Legacy of Life Banquet will be held Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at the Christos Banquet Center in Plymouth. Keynote speaker will be Mike Fichter, CEO of Indiana Right to Life. Mike is an outstanding speaker and strong proponent of the pro-life cause. Jim and Linda Tinkey will host a table for St. Paul's members and would love to have you join them. Tickets are \$ 25 payable to RTL of NCI. See Jim or Linda to reserve a spot at their table or for any further details.

Due to April 6th being on Maundy Thursday, 1st Thursday Bible Study will resume on May 4th instead of March 2nd as previously planned. This way we can start again without taking a

break. We look forward to seeing everyone in May as we begin a study on The Life of Jesus - The Parables. May the Lord bless you as we look forward to the joy of Easter!

SGO DONATIONS

Please don't forget to donate to St. Paul's SGO (Scholarship Granting Organization)! This last year we disbursed almost \$21,000 in scholarships to assist students with tuition in St. Paul's Lutheran School. This is a huge blessing to them and a way to minister to others!

Plus, donating to the SGO benefits you! Your donation will be given a 50% state tax credit as well as being eligible as a deductible.

For more information, contact Jennifer Harman at the school office (547-546-2790) or pick up a pamphlet from the tract rack in the narthex.

Mission of the Month

In 2023 our Sunday School continues to send \$75.00 each month to a mission.

April Mission of the Month: LCMS World Relief and Human Care

Christ's mandate and example of love — the Gospel for the whole person — is the supreme example for our life in this world as we care for our neighbor in body and soul.

In tangible ways, at home and abroad, the LCMS continues to bear Christ's mercy in word and deed. It's at the very heart of every LCMS World Relief and Human Care gift.

Some specific LCMS mercy ministries are Life Ministry, Health Ministry, Disaster Response, Deaconess Ministry, Specialized Pastoral Ministry (chaplains), and Soldiers and Veterans of the Cross.

For information on these works of mercy, go to: <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy>

Sunday School – Spring Quarter Offerings

(There is no Sunday School on Easter, April 9.)



Pre-K – Grade 2 (Nazareth Room)

Children will learn of the LOVE, HOPE, and PROMISE of SALVATION we have in Jesus! Lessons include Nicodemus, the Good Samaritan, Raising of Lazarus, Palm Sunday through Jesus' Ascension, Christians Care for Others, Paul Teaches in Athens. This class will be taught by Wendy Coxe. 8:30-9:15 a.m.

Grades 3-5 (Mrs. Roger's Classroom)

Students will learn more about Christ's ministry and His last days on Earth. **Christ Light** lessons include Nicodemus, various parables and miracles of Jesus, Jesus' Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension into Heaven. This class will be taught by Jeanette Rettinger. 8:30-9:15 a.m.

Middle School Grades 6-8 (Mr. Miller's Classroom)

Deepen your understanding of Jesus and learn how to walk in His footsteps as you study the book of Luke. This class will be taught by Kelly Sienicki. 8:30-9:15 a.m.

High School (Principal's Office)

Bill Rogers will continue a study of the book of Romans and discuss its application for daily living. 8:30-9:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class

Faith on the Edge study looks at a specific postmodern issue affecting science, technology, or spirituality, and examines it from a Biblical perspective. It explores the issue's impact on our culture and provides you with the tools you need to respond with

God's Word. Below are listed the topics that will be discussed.

- **God's Intentions for Science**
- **Science as Sub-creation**
- **How Theology Gave Birth to Modern Science**
- **Science Serves Our Neighbors**

- **Science, Beauty, and God's Handiwork**
- **Defending the Faith with Science**

Hope to see you in Sunday School for these exciting topics!

Other Opportunities for Bible Study:

Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study meets every other Wednesday morning

(beginning on March 8), 6:30-7:30 a.m. at the Bremen Hospital. Lively discussion!

Thursday Morning Ladies' Bible Study meets in the Jerusalem Room at 9:30 a.m.

Be Thou My Guide is a Bible study that encourages us to draw closer to the Lord with trusting hearts and minds and not to rely on ourselves. This study is led by Barb Middaugh.

Saturday Women's Group meets in the Jerusalem Room at 11:00 a.m. to read and discuss God's Word together – an "informal" gathering! This group is led by Kelly Sienicki.

Please join us for faith-building studies and Christian fellowship! Bring your friends and family! Let us know if you are in need of Child Care. (Contact Wendy Coxey.)



"Take What God Gives"

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. James 1:16-17

Years ago, I heard about a pastor who asked a six-year-old-girl in his congregation whether she wanted a baby brother or a baby sister.

Apparently the little girl's mother, who was still about two months away from delivery, had spent some time discussing the possibilities with her daughter. I say that because of the little girl's reply. With a sigh, and a tone which said she thought the preacher who had asked such a silly question might be just a little bit

slow, the girl answered, "You know, Pastor, sometimes you just gotta take what God gives you."

How's that for a profound answer? Both profound and true.

Sadly, many people don't agree with the girl. When they think of the Lord, they imagine Him to be capricious and malevolent. Rather than believing He is the Giver of every good and perfect gift, they blame Him for all the sadness and sorrow they have ever encountered.

So, just what is it the Lord has given us?

Look to the Gospels and you will see how the Lord treats His lost and rebellious children. Rather than letting us eternally stew in our sins, the Lord sent His Son into the world to rescue us. Yes, look to the Gospels and there you will see Jesus correct those who were overly proud, and lift up those who were crushed down by guilt. Look to Scripture and see how Jesus befriended the lonely, offered forgiveness to those burdened by sin, and gave life to those who were dead in body and soul.

But there's more.

Look and see Jesus arrested. When they came for Him He was carrying our sins, every one of them. Still carrying those sins, He was condemned to die on the cross. There, on Golgotha's height, the Innocent was sacrificed to save the guilty. Then with His work of rescuing us having been completed, Jesus rose from the dead. You can check it out for yourself. Go to His sepulcher on Resurrection Sunday and see that the Lord has risen and left His empty burial clothes behind. Stand with the disciples in their locked room and receive the peace of the living Lord. Listen to Him as He shares the news of His victory over sin, death and devil. Receive His gift which says salvation is freely given to all who are brought to a saving faith in Him as the Savior. Yes, look to the Gospels and see how the risen Redeemer has promised to be with us and send His Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to give us hope and a new life.

Like the little girl said, sometimes you just have to receive the things the Lord gives us.

Thank God for those gifts!

Thank God you are a believer. Thank God for the fact that no matter what sorrow and sadness come your way, you have a Savior who cares about you and will carry your burdens. Thank God He is the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 2023

ANNIVERSARIES

3	Chet & Barb Middaugh	20	Bruce & Ellen Augustine
5	Joe & Tara Beasley	23	John & Karen Matthew
11	Keith & Lucinda Russell	24	Keyante & Kara Green

BIRTHDAYS

1	Regina Brown	18	Brian Denk Gavin Hundt
3	Ardith Ahlemeyer	19	Donna Gordon
4	Wayne Andrews	20	Peggy Swanson Brantley Thornton
6	Cory Miller Evelyn Miller	21	Tara Beasley Scott Hundt
7	W. Dean Sherk Linda Smith	23	Remington Leslie Jessica Rogers
8	Kelly Thornton	25	Maximiliano Mejia Andrew Miller Katie Stanifer
10	Joshua Miller	26	Michael Gordon
12	Tristan Hicks	28	Kaia Podlin
13	Payton Dobbins Thelma Quesenberry Brittany Riffle	30	Rebecca Rogers
15	Karli Miller		
16	Jeremy Hicks Sarah Sarber		



St. Paul's Lutheran Women's Missionary League Society

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions,

and equip women to honor God by serving others. Adopted 2021

Indiana District Spring Retreat, April 14 (Fri. 3:00 pm) – April 15 pm (Sat. 3:00 pm)

Brown County Inn, 51 State Road 46 East, Nashville, Indiana. “Springing Forth New” based on Isaiah 43:19a. Speakers: Rev. Lewis King & Joy King. Cost \$55 (not inc. hotel, Fri. meal, Sat. breakfast). Registration was extended: online lwmlindiana.org has hotel info.

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 7:00 p.m. in the Bethany Room Program:
Servant Event – VBS “Work Night”

Anyone/everyone is invited to help prepare for St. Paul's VBS program. Refreshments will be served afterward.

40th LWML Biennial Convention at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22-25, 2023

Theme: “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations”

Registration info available in “Good News,” Quarterly magazine or online lwml.org

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023 Program will be a Servant Event –
“Cards of Hope” for Phil's Friends – We will be creating hand-made cards for

Phil's Friends Cancer Care Packages, or coloring ready-made ones as follow up encouragement cards to recovering patients. Open to anyone wishing to help. Refreshments will be served afterward.

Psalm 100:2a “**Serve the Lord with Gladness**” *LWML motto*

St. Paul's 177th LITURGICAL YEAR + **April 1, 2023 – April 30, 2023**

Worship Opportunities to Bless Our Lives

* Celebration of Holy Communion

SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.

MIDWEEK 7:00 p.m.

April 2 6th Lenten Sunday in Lent

April 6* Maundy Thursday

April 7 Good Friday

April 9* **EASTER SUNDAY: Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord**

Sonrise: 7:00 a.m. at Bremen Cemetery Chapel

Breakfast: 8-9:00 a.m. in Bethany Room

Festival: 9:30 a.m. with Holy Communion

April 16 2nd Easter Sunday

April 23* 3rd Easter Sunday

April 30 4th Easter Sunday

Minor Festivals: 25 St. Mark / John Mark, Evangelist - Fellow worker with Paul,

Barnabas, & Peter • Commemorations: 6 Lucas Cranach & Abrecht Dürer, Artists

• 20 Johann Bugenhagen, Pastor • 21 Anselm of Canterbury, Theologian

• 24 Johann Walter, Kantor •

* The center of the Church Calendar is the day commonly called Easter Sunday, in England and America. The English name “Easter,” either comes from an Old / Middle English word *ester*, having to do with *spring*; or *ostern*, meaning the direction in which the sun rises.

Christian communities in other nations used names deriving from Passover (Pesach in Hebrew) Jesus is our Passover / Paschal Lamb. * At 3 p.m., on Holy Saturday, the Season of Lententide ends and the Season of Easter begins. Lasting 7 weeks, this *Season* observes

the three most significant festival days of the Church: **The Feast of The Resurrection of Our Lord**; 2nd - forty days after Easter Sunday is **The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord**; and 10 days later, Pentecost, **The Feast of the Holy Spirit**. The liturgical colors are *white* for Easter and Ascension, which are festivals of God the Son; and *red*, the color of the Holy Spirit, for Pentecost. * Considered the ‘queen’ of feasts, no other day is given as much emphasis as Easter Sunday; because its focus is on Christ’s resurrection from the dead and all that it means for our redemption and salvation: we have been redeemed by the blood of Christ; our sins and its guilt have been forgiven and we are justified (declared “not guilty”) by His death on the cross; and we are guaranteed the sure and certain hope of our own resurrection and eternal life: *“Which He [God] promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead, ...among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;”* Romans 1:2-4,6 * Soli Deo Gloria *

“... if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! ” “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Corinthians 15:17,57 NKJV

Alleluia!

The

Lord

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indeed!

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