

The Student Loan Applications are available now through April 15, 2019, for any active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Applications may be picked up

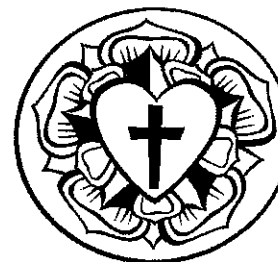
in the library, on the church website, or see any member of the Student Loan Committee. The loan committee consist of: Cindy Freeman, Dennis Gordon, Jeff Freeman, Charlene Egan, and Marlene Troxell.



Social Ministry

The schoolhouse will be in the narthex from Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> to accept donations of items to be sent to our college students in time for their finals. Please feel free to donate items, including snacks, pens, pencils, razors, or any other appropriate items that could be used by our young people. The Social Ministry Committee thanks you for your continuing generosity and support.

You may now make an offering to the church through our website [www.SummerHillLutheran.org](http://www.SummerHillLutheran.org). Simply click on the online giving button on our home page and you will be directed to a secure site to make a one time or on-going offering. You may direct your offering from your checking or savings account or a credit or debit card. Use this QR code to go directly to the contribution page.



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Sunday Holy Communion Service –  
8 am & 10:30 am

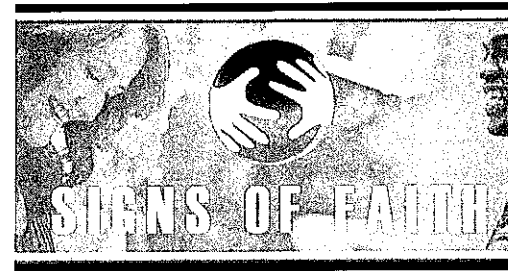
Saturday Holy Communion Service - 5 pm

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### Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm  
Closed from 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm for lunch



On Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Signs of Faith signed the anthem, "Praise His Holy Name," while the church choir sang the anthem.

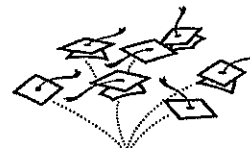
We are in the process of learning an anthem to be signed at the service on Sunday, April 7th.



Join us on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 pm for "Dinner and a Movie Night". The movie will be "I Can Only Imagine" the true story behind Mercy Me's hit song.

Running from a troubled home life and a broken relationship Bart found escape in music. He and his band hit the road in a decrepit school bus for an amazing journey. It is an uplifting movie that illustrates the power of forgiveness and God's love.

### Calling all graduates!!!



Please contact the church office with names of all graduates by May 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be honoring them in our services on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please include with your name where you are graduating from and your future plans.

## Holy Week Schedule

- April 14<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday and Passion of Our Lord  
8 am and 10:30 am Holy Communion  
with Blessing of the Palms  
9:15 am Sunday School  
2 pm Easter Egg Hunt
- April 18<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday  
7 pm Holy Communion Service with First Holy  
Communion. Service includes foot washing and  
stripping of the altar.
- April 19<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday  
7 pm Tenebrae Service
- April 20<sup>th</sup> – 5 pm Service on the Easter Vigil
- April 21<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunday – Resurrection of Our Lord  
6 am Sunrise Holy Communion Service  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Festival Holy Communion Service

**THERE IS NO 8 AM SERVICE.**

## “Be still and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10

Dear Folks,

We fill our world with sound. We get up in the morning and turn on the television to hear the morning news. For some the television is on before we even get that first cup of coffee. I fall into that category. My phone alarm wakes me with the time, weather, and brief news clips. I quickly move to the television for more news of the day.

The sound can increase in a household as children rise, dress, and gather the things needed for a day of school. Shouts of “Mom or “Dad” when they can’t find something break into the silence of the morning. Into the car for work or school, it’s time for the radio and music or perhaps plugging in the phone to listen to a favorite playlist.

Our world is filled with sounds. Some of them are very much welcomed. Last week I was walking the dog at first light. It was peaceful, quiet, hardly a sound other than the gentle movement of dead leaves or a squirrel scampering about. Suddenly that silence was broken by the honking sound of geese flying high above. Ah, the geese are heading north, spring is near!

I relish what silence I can experience, so I enjoy living near the end of a dead-end street. Not much street noise here. However, if you live in town or near a busy highway, you have the constant noise of cars and trucks, an occasional motorcycle, not to forget the fire, police, and ambulance vehicles with their sirens.

Yet we need times of silence. Silence gives us an opportunity to take a break from our noisy world, to clear our heads. Silence gives us an opportunity to hear something we might have missed otherwise. We might even get to hear God

speaking to us. In 1Kings 19 Elijah meets God not in a great wind, or an earthquake, or even in fire, Elijah meets God in sheer silence.

Holy Week lends itself to this sheer silence. Holy Week calls us in to the silence of a holy and self-sacrificing journey of Jesus Christ. Too often we jump from the shouts of “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” of Palm Sunday to the joyous shouts of “Alleluia! He is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!” of Easter Sunday morning without ever journeying through the quiet reflection and mindful worship of Holy Week.

Scripture tells us “But the Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him!” (Habubkak 2:20) Holy Week calls us to worship in this silence. To contemplate the loving gift Christ gave to us in his sacrifice on the cross. Our services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil begin and end in silence. We’re invited into the silence of justice unspoken as people shout “Crucify him.” We’re invited into the silence of dying on the cross. We’re invited to sit, watch, and wait for 3 days as God performs the miracle of resurrection. We’re invited to silently wait to celebrate the empty tomb on that first Easter Sunday morning, where even the silence of the empty tomb gives witness to the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

This year I invite you, I might even say I challenge you, to slow down and walk the quiet journey of Holy Week as you contemplate the mystery of God in the silence. “Be still and know that I am God.”

Serving in the name of Christ,

*Pastor Kathy*

The Rev. Kathleen Ash-Flashner  
Pastor

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



St Paul’s Lutheran Church invites all children to explore where God’s power can take you at **To Mars and Beyond** Vacation Bible School! This space adventure includes exciting new music, creative crafts, fun recreation and memorable Bible stories that will help children experience God’s amazing power. The adventure runs from June 9 through June 13. VBS begins at 6:30 PM in the church annex and concludes in the fellowship hall at 8:30 PM. Children from ages 2 and up to including those completing 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join **To Mars and Beyond** VBS.

Register for this exciting Vacation Bible School by complete the registration form located on the table in the back of the church or the church website. In order to make sure that we have enough materials for all students, we ask that you register by May 26, 2019. Any adults or youth who would like to help with this year’s VBS are asked to contact Reba Llewellyn.

## Happy April Birthday To:



4/1 Grace Bright  
4/2 Holly Maldonado  
4/3 Landon Koury  
4/4 Jonathon Chappell  
4/5 Debbie Dowell  
4/6 Gary Lehman; Sallie Sandler, Sophia Wisner  
4/7 Robert Curtis; William Swiger  
4/8 Michael Burcik; Elizabeth Hand; Samantha Jewett; Bennett Deal  
4/9 Lois Sutton  
4/10 Jacob Emerich  
4/11 Brianna Holmes; Tiffany Fessler; Cheyanna Middleton  
4/12 Bobbi Lea Krammes; Wendy Paxson  
4/13 Michelle Hill; Joan Weegar  
4/15 Ashley Brown  
4/16 Sally Brensinger  
4/17 Joshua Iverson  
4/18 Rachyl Sholly  
4/20 Travis Ulsh  
4/21 Eric Williams  
4/22 Gregory Raudenbush; Ashley Strausser  
4/23 Marvin Blankenhorn, Jr.; Margot Marks  
4/24 Evan Davis; Michael Troxell  
4/25 Zachary Brooker; Kathleen Faust; Tobias Lileck; Troy Bressler  
4/26 Kevin Kahl; George Sholl, Jr.  
4/27 Fern Staller; Stephen Felty; Angela Murphy

## Baskets of Promise

*"...satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday." Isaiah 58:10*

When emergencies like natural disasters or conflict arise, many families must flee their homes, leaving their belongings behind. When they arrive in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit allow them to wash away the dirt and sweat, with the fresh scent of soap and the softness of a towel as reminders of someone's care and concern for them in their plight.

Items may be brought to the church during the Lenten Season.

Each kit includes:

- One light-weight bath-size towel (20" X 40" to 52" X 27"), dark color recommended.
- Two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars.
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging.
- One sturdy comb, (no picks or fine toothed combs);
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

If you wish to participate, but rather have someone else do the shopping, please place your donation in an envelope on the offering plate marked "Personal Care Kits."

# April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> 8am Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Holy Communion 11:30am First Holy Communion Class	<b>1</b> 10am Prayer Shawl	<b>2</b> 12:30pm Jolly Quilters 6:30pm Bell Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 5:30pm Christian Ed 6pm Soup and Sandwiches 7pm Lenten Services 8pm Church Council	<b>4</b> 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5pm Holy Communion service
<b>7</b> 8am Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Holy Communion 11:30am First Holy Communion Class	<b>8</b> 10am Prayer Shawl 7pm Stewardship	<b>9</b> 6:30pm Bell Rehearsal 7pm Social Ministry	<b>10</b> 1pm Evangelism Meeting 6pm Soup and Sandwiches 7pm Lenten Services	<b>11</b> 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5pm Holy Communion service 5:45 pm Dinner and a Movie
<b>14</b> 8am Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Holy Communion Easter Egg Hunt	<b>15</b> 10am Prayer Shawl	<b>16</b> 12:30pm Jolly Quilters 6:30pm Bell Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 7pm Property	<b>18</b> 7pm Maunday Thursday Services 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 7pm Good Friday Services	<b>20</b> 5pm Holy Communion service
<b>21</b> 6am Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Holy Communion	<b>22</b> 10am Prayer Shawl 7pm Finance	<b>23</b> 6:30pm Bell Rehearsal	<b>24</b> 3pm Worship Committee	<b>25</b> 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5pm Holy Communion service
<b>28</b> 8am Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Holy Communion	<b>29</b> 10am Prayer Shawl	<b>30</b> 6:30pm Bell Rehearsal	<b>1</b> 7pm Church Council	<b>2</b> 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5pm Holy Communion service

# Lectionary Calendar April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> 31	1 Psalm 53 Leviticus 23:26-41 Revelation 19:1-8	2 Psalm 53 Leviticus 25:1-19 Revelation 19:9-10	3 Psalm 53 2 Kings 4:1-7 Luke 9:10-17	4 Psalm 126 Isaiah 43:1-7 Philippians 2:19-24	5 Psalm 126 Isaiah 43:8-15 Philippians 2:25—3:1	6 Psalm 126 Exodus 12:21-27 John 11:45-57
<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> 7	8 Psalm 20 Exodus 40:1-15 Hebrews 10:19-25	9 Psalm 20 Judges 9:7-15 1 John 2:18-28	10 Psalm 20 Habakkuk 3:2-15 Luke 18:31-34	11 Psalm 31:9-16 Isaiah 53:10-12 Hebrews 2:1-9	12 Psalm 31:9-16 Isaiah 54:9-10 Hebrews 2:10-18	13 Psalm 31:9-16 Leviticus 23:1-8 Luke 22:1-13
<b>Palm Sunday</b> 14	15 Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11 Hebrews 9:11-15 John 12:1-11	16 Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 12:20-36	17 Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70 Hebrews 12:1-3 John 13:21-32	18 Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35	19 Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 <i>or</i> Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1—19:42	20 Romans 6:3-11 John 20:1-18
<b>Easter Day</b> 21	22 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Joshua 10:16-27 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8	23 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a Revelation 12:1-12	24 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 2 Samuel 6:1-15 Luke 24:1-12	25 Psalm 150 1 Samuel 17:1-23 Acts 5:12-16	26 Psalm 150 1 Samuel 17:19-32 Acts 5:17-26	27 Psalm 150 1 Samuel 17:32-51 Luke 24:36-40
<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> 28	29 Psalm 122 Esther 7:1-10 Revelation 1:9-20	30 Psalm 122 Esther 8:1-17 Revelation 2:8-11				