

ANNOUNCEMENTS *for the good of the church*

April 6th, 2025

Altar Flowers are Presented to the Glory of God

There are no altar flowers during Lent, March 5th- April 6th.

If you would like to make a recognition through the altar flowers, please stop by the credenza under the TV monitor in the atrium for a form in the lower box. Sign-up for the day(s) you would like and turn in your request form(s) which should indicate your announcement for the bulletin. Payment (\$40) at least one week in advance. If you have any questions, please speak to a staff person.

Stations of the Cross follow Jesus from Gethsemane to the tomb with visual depictions of his journey, with scripture and prayers that tell the Holy Week story. Following Jesus on this path offers pause for us to contemplate our own lives, in our time and place. Please join me on **Fridays at noon during Lent: April 4 and 11.** -Pastor Lorrel

Creation Care: The Anything With A Plug truck will be in the Haverty's parking lot on Renaissance Blvd **this Saturday, April 5th, from 11am-1pm.** He will accept most electronics, cell phones, batteries, metal and plastic items. You can find a list of accepted items on the Anything With a Plug website.

Social Ministry meeting April 8

The Social Ministry committee invites you to our meeting on April 8 at 7:00 in Fowler Library. Topics on the agenda will include CROP Walk, plans for the Creation Care's Yard-Sale Lolapalooza on May 10, plans for supporting Housing for New Hope, plans for the Sept. 6 ELCA day of service, and any other times you bring to our attention. (A Zoom link will be sent around to folks on the "friends of social ministry" mailing list.) Please join us if you can. -Bee Ellertson and Steve Mzyk, interim co-chairs

Wednesday Supper, April 9, Fish Sticks

Be sure to join us for our 6:00pm Lenten supper before worship (at 7:00 pm) on Wednesday, April 9. We will be having fish sticks with potatoes, salad, fruit and dessert.

Help Needed for Easter Breakfast

Help is needed to help cook the Easter Breakfast on Sunday April 20. If you are available to come in early and would like to help please contact Martha Dahl, phone: 847-612-6687, email: mjdahlhouse@gmail.com. There will also be help needed for clean-up after the breakfast

Hiking Group: Here is the schedule of upcoming hikes (please note, some have changed):

Saturday, April 5- Johnston Mill nature preserve, 2713 Mt Sinai Rd, Chapel Hill

Saturday, April 19- Eno River State Park - Laurel Bluffs trail, 4770 Pleasant Green Rd, Durham

For each hike, we will plan to meet at church to carpool or caravan to each location. We will depart church at 9:30 AM. If you would rather meet us at a hiking location, please let Vicar Ashley know.

Adult Sunday School: Join us for the Sunday School hour (9:45am-10:30am) in Trinity Hall for these thought and action producing sessions. Questions? Contact Megan Cunningham at mcunni16@gmail.com.

April 6th- Faith Sexism, & Justice: God Calls Us to Action in Community - led by Bee Ellertson

April 13th- Religion and Politics - Lead by Bill Gresham

April 20th- No Sunday School, Easter Breakfast

Growing Through Grief - Tuesdays 4PM - 6PM

April 1st- "Who Am I Now?" with Betsy Barton. Stones transform after time in a rock tumbler- and so do we, as we go through the upending process of getting the rug swept out from under our feet after a loss. We'll talk today about being open to new discoveries.

April 8th- "Remembering Our Loved Ones," with Betsy Barton. Even though our loved one is not at the breakfast table, or on the other end of the phone line, they are still with us in some way. We'll talk in this session about how we keep their memory alive in our hearts.

April 15th- "Unexpected Blessings," with Betsy Barton. Blessings, really? But perhaps some hidden surprises await.

As we journey through Lent and reflect on the Bible passages where Jesus says “I AM,” you are invited to participate in a communal art project – whether you think you are an artist or not! Vicar Ashley is collecting pieces of visual artwork (drawings, paintings, photographs, etc) that connect to the various Bible passages where Jesus uses the phrase “I AM.” On Wednesday evenings for midweek Lenten worship, there will be “I AM” coloring sheets and art supplies available if you would like to incorporate artwork into your worship experience and perhaps share what you create as part of the collection. Throughout Lent you will see the collected works of art displayed in the gathering area. If you have any questions, contact Vicar Ashley or Janet Seiz.

St. Paul's Readers: Please join us at our next book club meeting on **Thursday, April 10, at 3 pm** in the Conference Room. Phil Strom-Jensen leads our discussion of *Time Heals No Wounds: A Baltic Sea Crime Novel* by Hendrik Falkenberg, 2013. (Note date change due to Holy Week.)

This international police procedural mystery follows freshly trained detective Johannes “Hannes” Niehaus and his veteran partner Fritz Janssen as they investigate a woman’s murder linked to dangerous, decades-old cover-ups from the Third Reich. As the death count rises, will Hannes be able to catch the murderer before another innocent life gets caught in the killer’s dark plan?

We warmly welcome all readers to join our informal and friendly book club. Whether you’ve read the book or not, come and check us out! For questions, please contact Katherine Trexler at katherine.m.trexler@gmail.com.

S.P.A.M (St. Paul's Adult Ministry) Hockey Night with Pastor Scott Saturday April 12th, 2025 at 3pm the SPAM group will be having a fun evening watching the Carolina Hurricanes vs. New York Rangers at church. Food will be provided and all are welcome. If you would like to join in on the fun evening please sign-up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the atrium. If you have any questions please reach out to Soren Strom-Jensen. We hope you can come enjoy the game as well as time with Pastor Scott.

Upcoming Youth Group Activity:

Saturday April 26th, 11:00am - 2:00pm - Zipline and Lunch

We will be meeting up at church at 11:00am to go over to Xtreme Zipline in Durham for a fun afternoon of zipping through a course and then enjoying some lunch together. A signed waiver will be required and the link will be provided upon RSVP. **RSVP Joan Albright or Megan Cunningham via the youth group mailbox (youth@stpaulsdurham.org) **by Sunday April 13th, 2025** (Palm Sunday) and a RSVP is required to attend since we are required to purchase the tickets in advance and need to have an exact headcount.** Any questions please reach out to Joan Albright or Megan Cunningham via the youth group mailbox (youth@stpaulsdurham.org). We look forward to seeing any youth in 6th - 12th grade there.

CREATION CARE YARD SALE LALAPALOOZA, May 10, 2025 (rain date May 17) 9:00am-12:00pm

In honor of Earth Day, preserving resources, recycling, and community connection, there will be a community yard sale in our church parking lot. Each seller will maintain their own table and be responsible for their own selling of their items. A \$20.00 deposit will reserve the selling space and that deposit will be returned when the area is cleaned up and the sale ends. Further information to come or contact Marcia Redman.

Children's Sunday school is meeting each Sunday from 9:45 to 10:45 AM, downstairs in the Genesis room (near the downstairs kitchen). All children are welcome and encouraged to join us for a time of Bible stories, crafts, cooking, and fun! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carole Ostrowski or Betty Hinshaw.

Pastor's Bible Study: Book of John by Amy-Jill Levine. We are continuing with the Book of John. Copies are available under the TV in the Atrium. We meet Thursday mornings at 10:30 in the conference room and via Zoom. Notes and Zoom link are emailed early in the week. All are welcome to join!

Join the Coffee Hour on Mondays on Zoom from 10-11.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91351103753?pwd=WVVCRLgrSUhhLzJWN3pPYnlyL25LZz09>
Meeting ID: 913 5110 3753 – Password: 292680

Join a musical ensemble at St. Paul's!

Interested participating in worship or learn more about music? You should join a musical ensemble at St. Paul's! Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, handbells from 6:30-7:15 and choir from 7:15-8:30. Ensembles normally perform at the 11:00 service but occasionally at the 8:30 service. Ability to read music not required. If interested, contact Susan Beschoner, interim director of music at music@stpaulsdurham.org

Sign-up Genius Links: Please consider volunteering to assist in worship. Click the link to sign-up.

Sunday Worship: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-sunday1#/>

Available Opportunities: lector, worship assistant, altar guild, communion assistant, and usher.

If you'd like to volunteer without using the website call or email Heather and she will add you to the list. (919-489-3214 or assistant@stpaulsdurham.org)

Our Afghan family support team would like to express our joy and gratitude for all of the generosity from our congregation. Our Afghan families now need of **sizes 3, 4, & 5 diapers and wipes**. We are also looking for a few more women drivers to help with getting families to their medical appointments. The families we support live just a few blocks from St. Paul's. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sally Hart, sallyshart1@gmail.com (or by phone, see church directory).

Dropped Stitch: Meetings on the last Friday of each month at 1 pm in the church atrium where the sofas reside.

Nurturing Committee Ministry has volunteers that are available to provide transportation to doctor's appointments, chemo appointments, or church activities if you cannot drive yourself. Please contact Marcia Redman, 919-797-0501, and you will be provided with a driver's name. There are many volunteers who care!

PASTA for PARKTOWN! Help Stock St. Paul's Shelf at Parktown Food Hub!

Donate boxes of dry pasta to the bin beneath the bulletin board in the Atrium. These boxes are given to hungry families at the Parktown area by the Food Hub. The Women's Connection Group is leading this initiative and it is accomplished through your generosity.

Please consider contributing to our morning devotions. Send devotions to assistant@stpaulsdurham.org

PRAYER REQUEST EDITS

To streamline the process and help reduce errors, please visit the following link to add/remove people on the prayer list. <https://forms.gle/28wAjDpzQhEufuXu8>

PRAYER LIST

Prayers of the Church (Members)

Judy Schlegel, Marcia Wilson, Greg Hudgins, Jan Franzen, Janet Ravert, Joyce Veazy, Phyllis and Larry Jenkins, Bob and Ellie DeVries, Mary Bader, John Friedrich, Pat Casper, Anna Snyder, Pat Cashwell, Susan Esposito, Charlie Bock, and Rev. Wendy Waugh.

Prayers of the Church (Friends)

Cliff Manley (Friend of Kathy Anderson), Ben Wright (Bill Elkin's father), Kay Matthews and Robert Meissner (Tony Perotte's Mother and Uncle), Diane Johnson (Penni Perotte's friend), Tim and Sue Williams (Friends of the Foremans), Sara Russell (Sister of Anna Snyder), Sayge Lindsay (Grandson of Alta Lindsay), MJ Chevalier (Sister of Marcy Brown), Roketta Hudgins (Mother of Greg Hudgins), Gay Reed (Friend of Robin Winfree), Jacki Stevens and daughter (Friends of Joan Pepper), Armenia and Artsakh (Friends of Judy Schlegel), William and Barbara Wilson (Parents of Bill Wilson), Linda Leslie (Mother of Sean Slane), Gini Rinkus (Friend of the Dominicks), Paul (Son-in-Law of Jan Hunley), Richard Dominick (Brother of Ted Dominick), Burr Hasselbeck, Holly Cashwell (Pat Cashwell), Patrick Howell (Friend of Waughs), John and Connie Heinz, Gregory and Colleen Davidson, Jack Taylor (Cousin of Dean and Marcia Redman), Debra Jetton (Sister of Bill Wilson), Penny Wagner (Niece of Marcia Wilson), Cole Cashwell (Grandson of Pat Cashwell), Scott Duncan (Stepfather of Bill Elkin), Dave and Missy Pepper (Brother and Family of Joan Pepper), Chuck Johnson and Family (Husband and Family of Leslie Johnson), Vernice Knudsen (Mother of Ken Knudsen), Olga Niktin (By Patrick Chappel), Joan Mayfield (Aunt of Pat Casper), Wini Robison (Aunt of Megan Cunningham), Sarah Jolly (sister of Marlene Coulter), Emily Baumann (niece of Dean and Marcia Redman), Robin Brooks (Niece of Marlene Coulter), Eileen Kunca (friend of the Dominicks), Codell Jones (mother of Tracy Dissell), Kim and John Blatz (Friends of Pat Cashwell), Lou Millin and family (father of Grant Millin), Adam Jenkins (son of Phyllis & Larry Jenkins), the sister of Rev. David Sloop, Vanessa and Jorge Ramos (friends of Debbie Fullbright), Anne Fetrow (sister of Joan Pepper).

Easter Designations

We are offering two opportunities to make Easter designations in honor or in memory of loved ones.

Lilies— they will grace the sanctuary with their beauty on April 20th. They can be picked up by their owners following the last service on Easter Day.

DESIGNATIONS

_____ Lilies

_____ Designations to Lutheran World Relief

PLEASE use a separate form when listing designations (ex: one for Lilies, one for LWR)

EACH Designation is \$15.00.

Have the bulletin notation read: (Please print)

_____ To the Glory of God.

In honor of:

In memory of:

By: _____

Please enclose your payment with this form. All designations will be listed in the bulletins on April 20th, 2025.

Have forms to the church by Monday, April 7th, 2025.