



Purpose Statement

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

News for Sunday, April 28

Join us for Worship at 9:00 a.m.

**Coffee Fellowship will follow worship hosted by Bill & Carolyn Duncan
Reminder to either take a survey and fill it out or complete the online forms**

Click [HERE](#) for the 9:00 a.m. Worship bulletin

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Livestream

We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Mary Summers, Dorothy Carr, Eric Brown, Michelle Klinger, Barb Lenn, Lori Dewey, Shirley Graftaas, Betty Steinke, Michael Harting, Bob Cornelsen, Larry Wahler, JoDell Cruz, Harold & Sandy Julifs, Lila Edeus, and Berta Beyer.

Hello St. Paul Family!

Through the month of April as we celebrate the Easter season and the new life we have in Christ, we will also be exploring the vitality of our congregation and liveliness of our faith lives. We will be using two assessment tools in the form of surveys. Please fill out the vitality survey that measures people's perceptions of the congregation as well as an individual discipleship survey to evaluate how St. Paul supports your personal faith life.

If you can, please fill out the survey on your phone, computer, or tablet with the links below. Paper copies are available at church to pick on the back table of the sanctuary. Please complete and return your survey by April 28. Please DO NOT answer the paper survey if you have completed the online version. Thank You!

St. Paul Lutheran Church's Congregation Vitality Survey

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScs4h3JUu43LvDpP12nan410em60kVGsnnLIMQ9js8vh9D0qg/viewform>

Here is the individual discipleship survey:

<https://assessments.gloo.us/a/RGVwbG95bWVudENvbmZpZ3wyNzEzODU4OTMxODQzNjYzMzE5>

Thank you for your participation!
St. Paul Congregational Council

CLEO (Church Ladies Eating Out)

CLEO will meet at 6:00 p.m. at 3 Twelve Restaurant, 312 Locust Street in Sterling on Monday, April 29. If you need a ride or have any questions, please contact Judy Bartel at 815-751-6768. All are welcome!

Fellowship Hall Chair fundraiser

We have purchased enough chairs and then some to be able to fill all the tables in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to all who have donated!

Let's Feed Our Children

Individually packed pasta are being collected for this year's campaign. Kid's favorite choices are: Easy Mac, Chef Boyardee style of pasta, ramen noodles and chicken noodle soup. Donations can be brought in anytime before Mother's Day, May 12. If you like to help in the packing of the lunches, you can sign up by following this link: <https://signup.com/go/ZmOzFhB>

Mark your Calendar!

God's Work Our Hands – Saturday, May 11th at LOMC

Tri Church will be participating in a workday at LOMC (Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center) near Oregon, IL on Saturday, May 11th. Work will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. – any help you can give that day will be appreciated! Lunch will be provided at noon (freewill donation).

The project list includes mulch spreading and garden bed work, tree trimming, deck board replacement and staining, trail maintenance, window washing and spring cleaning, small carpentry repairs and toilet repairs. Rob Foelski, LOMC Property Manager, will be present to provide instruction and guidance.

It is recommended that participants bring work gloves, a water bottle, hat, sunscreen, and insect repellent. Optional items include tools for landscaping and basic repairs.

There is a sign-up sheet on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary for those able to help; include if you plan to attend lunch. Please sign-up no later than Sunday, May 5th. In addition, LOMC is a volunteer partner with Sauk Valley Community College's Impact Program.

Children's Offering

In April the children's offering will support our synod partners in Tanzania and India. The offerings will be sent directly to non-profit organizations that work with the North Central Diocese of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and the Arcot Lutheran Church (ALC) in India. The Friends of Mwangaza supports education programs that tackle issues related to teaching, learning, public health, empowering women, and building community in Tanzania. Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry supports education through financially supporting students at the ALC boarding homes in India. Check out both organizations here: <https://lutheranpartners.org/what-we-do>
<https://www.mwangazapartnership.org/>

THIS WEEK

Monday, April 29

CLEO will meet at 3 Twelve Restaurant in Sterling – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 2

Council reports due into the church office

Friday, May 3

Church office will be closed all day

Next Sunday, May 5

Worship/Communion service at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday school at 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

Next week – May 5

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Greg Zeigler

Acolytes – *Volunteer Needed*

Greeters – Audrey & Cathy Cox

Ushers – Mel Johnson, Keith Peugh

Reader – Keith Peugh

Sound – Bradyn Arians

Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer Needed*