



The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 14th and May 15th, 2017
Our Mission: God's Love Shining through Us
. . . Opening doors and changing lives!

+ ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK AT St. Paul Lutheran +

(leb=lower education bldg., ueb=upper education bldg., ufh=upper fellowship hall,
lfh=lower fellowship hall, cr=conference room, tgp=the gathering place,
klgr = KREW large group room next to library in leb)

Sunday	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:20 AM 9:30 AM 10:45 AM After late service 6:00 PM	MOTHER'S DAY Worship/Communion Youth Choir rehearsal Bible Study – We the People 1 (ufh) KREW/High School Bible Study Worship Treasure Island Practice and food T.E. A.L. – High School Youth
Monday	7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Worship Bible Study – We the People 1 (ueb)
Tuesday	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 4:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study Bible Study – We the People 1 (ueb) Buffalo Burrito Project Kitchen crew Bell Choir Rehearsal Buffalo Burrito Project delivery team Girl Scouts (lfh) Stained Glass Rehearsal
Wednesday	11:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Bible Study – We the People 1 (ueb) Women of St. Paul meeting (cr) Family Ministry meeting (ueb)
Thursday	1:00 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Tai Chi Burns/Broecker wedding rehearsal Boy Scouts Choir Rehearsal
Friday		
Saturday	9:00 AM 3:00 PM	Personal Retreat Burns/Broecker Wedding NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE

BULLETIN ARTICLES must be in no later than Thursday at noon to be included in the following Sunday. They may be emailed to:
stpaulnt@gmail.com

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:

- **Website:** www.stpaulnt.com **E-mail:** stpaulnt@gmail.com
- **Phone number:** 716-692-3255 **Fax number:** 716-692-3643

GREETINGS from St. Paul: All first time visitors should stop at The Information Center in The Gathering Place (TGP) for a special gift.

+ ASSISTANCE DURING our Worship Services +

FAMILIES: - **Nursery Care** is available upon request. Please speak with an usher if you would like to use the nursery. We also have a **Cry Room**, if you would like to sit with your restless child there. It is at the rear of the sanctuary and has a speaker, so you can listen to the worship service. There is a **Children's Message** at both Sunday services. Parents are welcome to accompany their children to the Children's message. We also have **Children's Church** (meets in lower education building) at the 10:45am service, for children age 3 - grade 3. Children are dismissed after the Children's message and return to the sanctuary after the sermon.

PERSONAL ASSIST HEARING DEVICES are available for use during the worship services. We also have **LARGE PRINT ORDER OF WORSHIP** (with copies of hymns attached). Both items are located on the windowsill, as you enter the sanctuary from The Gathering Place.

+ PRAYER CONCERNS for our St. Paul Family +

HEALING: Vanessa Carroll (Al Carroll IV's wife), Joan Garlapo, Donna Grawe, Cindy Green, Mary Hirner, Walter Janik, Norm Jansen, Bill Kendziora, Nyla Klein, Christian Licht, Jason Monroe, Mike Mueller, DawnMarie Nagel, Ken Nagel, Mel Puscheck, Nancy Reichert, Connie Rindfleisch, Joanne Rowles, Ryan Schrader, Elaine Siegmann, Jim Staggers and Kathy Warriner.

AT HOME: Ed Belling, Joanne Heller, Margaret Kohl, Richard & Alice Lewis, Bob Schuler, Roger Wehrung, Norma Witkop and Dawn Wurl.

HEALTHCARE FACILITIES: Patsy Batchelder (Polly Haeussler's mom), Mary Jo Bishop, Dorothy Curtis, Mary Hoover, Margaret Lindsey, Bob & Joyce Witkop and Betty Zuch.

MILITARY: Trevor Bowman, Scott Cornelison, Matthew Daugherty, Eric Davis, Zachary Kijowski, Joe Kloc, Joshua Lindsley, Brian Mennes, Kyle Rae, Sonja Toye and Shannon Wilson.

We pray that you find God's love for you at St. Paul!

WE NOW HAVE AMAZON GIFT CERTIFICATES in \$25 denominations available for immediate purchase, no more waiting for an Amazon certificate to arrive! They're great to use for your own purchases from Amazon or to give as a gift. Also available for immediate purchase are: Target \$25, Walmart \$25, Kohl's \$25, Lowe's \$25 or Home Depot \$25. Stop by and see if we have a gift card or certificate you would use for a purchase this week. This is a great way to help support Christian Education at St. Paul Church and Pre-School.

T.E.A.L – High School Youth – Kingdom Bound is less than 3 months away! All interested high school youth that would like to attend the Kingdom Bound festival at Darien Lake Theme Park from Wednesday, July 26- Saturday, July 29 need to contact Kristen Gallineau by **TODAY** Sunday, May 14th to reserve your spot. We are looking to make our reservation as soon as possible!

T.E.A.L. – TONIGHT - The High School Youth Group - will meet here at St. Paul **TONIGHT**, Sunday, May 14th from 6:00-8:00pm. Please plan to be here as we will be discussing Kingdom Bound and our next exciting fundraiser, "Flamingo Insurance!" You don't want to miss the exciting summer that we have in store! Hope to see you then!

ST. PAUL FAMILY PICNIC – Your #2 pick on the survey, "What Can St. Paul Do for You?" will be happening this summer! The picnic will take place on Sunday, July 16th, 2017 at Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center. **Save the date!** More details to come soon!

BIBLE STUDY LEADERS - currently, we have Adult Bible study on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We also have two Women's Bible studies on alternate Tuesdays. If you would be interested in being a Bible study leader, please pray about it and talk with Linda Gerlach for more information. Together, we grow strong for life as we study God's word.

PERSONAL RETREAT - our next personal retreat is on Saturday, May 20, from 9:00-11:00am. When you attend one of these retreats, you will receive a personal Bible study and prayer guide. After a brief time as a group, attendees find a private place in the building, and spend about 90 minutes with God. Please consider attending one of these retreats, and spend time with the God, who loves you!

PRESCHOOL YARD SIGNS are now available near the door to the parking lot and also outside the Preschool classroom in the Education Building. This is one of our best forms of advertising for our Preschool, and we appreciate anyone who is able to place one in their front yard. We need them all over the local area - does not matter if you live on a quiet street or a busy street. If the stand breaks (usually from wind damage), please just take a new stand to put your sign on. Thank you for your support!

BUFFALO BURRITO PROJECT NEEDS MEN'S SOCKS, UNDERWEAR AND TOILETRIES! We are out of socks and almost out of underwear! These items are in constant demand. Burritos, socks and underwear are the most vital needs each week. We are in need of MEN'S WHITE ATHLETIC SOCKS, MEN'S UNDERWEAR sizes M-L-XL only (boxers or briefs.) Now that vacation season is upon us, please remember the Burrito Project when you are vacationing – **we are in need of hotel-sized toiletries – shampoo, conditioner, lotion, combs, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, packets of tissue. Please, no razors.** Thank you for your compassion and love for all those living on the streets of Buffalo! Questions? Please contact Deb Tyler at 695-7727 or carpediem318@gmail.com

COMMON THREADS next meeting is Tues., June 13th. If you have a family member or friend that you would like us to give a shawl or lap blanket to, please let us know. Thank you to all the ladies who have been working on these projects! If you would like to join us, we meet on the 2nd Tues. of the month at 9:00 AM in the Upper Education Building. Any questions, please contact Donna McKeown (716) 695-5762.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY/MONDAY - will be June 11 and June 12 at all three services. If you will be graduating from High School, College (Undergraduate or Post Graduate), or from military training this year – or recently graduated this past winter - we would like to honor you at a **special recognition service on June 11th and 12th**. So that we have all of the correct information for our bulletin insert on those days, please either fill out one of the forms on the Family Ministry table (and put into Carolyn's box in the Gathering Place) or send your name, school you graduated from and any future plans you have to the church e-mail address: stpaulnt@gmail.com, or call the church office. **Please have this information to the church office no later than Sunday, June 4th**. Thank you.

WE ASK FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS on William George Schultz as he was baptized here yesterday, Saturday, May 13, 2017. William is the son of Katie (Schrantz) and William Schultz Jr. William's godparents are Cortny Frank and Shaun Quinn. We welcome William into God's family and our family at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

MOTHER'S DAY – Happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers in our congregation! We hope and pray that you have a very blessed and special day with your family and loved ones today! Please stop by the Family Ministry table after the service today and help yourself to a wonderful Mother's Day present from the staff here at St. Paul!

GOD SQUAD – SAVE THE DATE – the Middle School Youth Group will be holding an end of the school year celebration on Sun., June 4 from 6-8pm here at St. Paul! We would like to wish our 8th graders well as they transition up to T.E.A.L. and say hello to our new incoming 6th graders! Everyone that is currently in grades 5-8 is welcome to join us! Please sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs to bring a snack.

+ SERVING our Lord May 14th and May 15th, 2017

ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE:

Month of May: Betty Bristol and Nyla Klein

FLOWER COMMITTEE :

Month of May: Connie Maerten – 625-8454
Ellen McCutcheon – 998-3279

WEEKLY:

ELDERS: 8:00 AM - Jim Behnke
10:45 AM - John Chimino
Monday Evening - Dennis Witkop

LAY READERS: 8:00 AM - Peter Deberny
10:45 AM - Marianne Schrader

USHERS: 8:00 AM - Ed Malinowski, Rob Malinowski,
Tom Malinowski, Dan Schuler
10:45 AM - Amanda Gon, Pamela Gon,
Ryan Gon, Mark Ruppert

ACOLYTES: 8:00 AM - Brian Manth
10:45 AM - Evan Toye
Monday Evening – Kelsey Nye

GREETERS: 8:00 AM – Steve and Kathy Keller
10:45 AM - Peggy and Bob Fritz
Monday Evening – Chris and Michelle Myers

(If you are Greeting, please arrive 15-30 minutes before the start of the service to hand out bulletins. Also, if you feel you cannot stand that entire time, please ask the Head Usher or Elder to bring you a folding chair. There are always some available in the Conference Room)

WEEK OF 5/7/2017-Income given for Weekly Operating Expenses: **\$14,704.00 – Thank you!**
Average needed weekly- **\$10,954.00**

AT WORSHIP week of 5/7/2017:

Sunday Worship at 8 AM – 131
Sunday Worship at 10:45 AM – 205
Monday Worship at 7:00 PM – 52

FAMILY MINISTRY MEETING – SAVE THE DATE – our next meeting will take place **this Wednesday, May 17th** at 7:00pm in the Upper Education Building! All are welcome to attend!

BELL CHOIR PICNIC will be Sunday, June 11 at 3:00pm at the Bandinelli's house. **SAVE THE DATE!**

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet on May 24th in the UFH at noon. Please bring your own lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Beginning this week, we will have a 3 part study, "We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms". In this we will examine the development of government throughout history, look at the question of whether the United States is a Christian nation, and look at how we can live our lives in service to God and our nation. This study will meet during the weeks of May 14, 21, and June 4 (NO study during the week of May 28, due to Memorial Day holiday). Summer Bible studies will begin Sunday, June 11, with classes meeting on Sundays at 9:20am and Wednesdays at 11:00am.

BOOK CLUB: The book we will be reading and discussing for our June 8th meeting will be "The Charm Bracelet" by Viola Shipman. At our July 13th meeting we will be discussing "Farewell to Arms" by Ernest Hemingway. You can still join us at any time! Please contact Cheryl Wehling, 550-3541 or Laura Mona, 693-5759 with any questions.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER: Our next dinner is Tuesday, June 13th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, in the Upper Fellowship Hall. Come and join us for good food and fellowship! Watch for the Needs list on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Thank you for your support!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – will take place July 31- August 4 at St. Martin Lutheran Church (322 Old Falls Blvd. N.T.) in conjunction with St. Paul. The theme of this year's VBS program is "Maker Fun Factory." There is a link on the St. Paul website for registration to attend and to volunteer. There are additional flyers/registration forms on the Family Ministry table in the Gathering Place. If you'd like to volunteer for the week-long event, please also sign up on the triangular kiosk in the Gathering Place.

THE MOTHER DAUGHTER LUNCHEON is NEXT Sunday, May 21 following the late service, in the Upper Fellowship Hall. Lunch served at 12:30 pm. All mothers, daughters, grandmothers, granddaughters, aunts, nieces and friends are welcome. Chicken N' Biscuit, salad, relishes and desserts will be served and there is an optional children's menu available of Chicken Fingers with Mac N' Cheese. The theme for the luncheon is "the Teddy Bears picnic". Please sign-up on the Kiosk in The Gathering Place. Tickets will be on sale TODAY May 14th after both the 8:00 and 10:45 services. Adults - \$7.00, Children 6 to 12 - \$6.00, 5 and under – Free.

PRAYER WALKS – A few years ago the Family Ministry Committee organized prayer walks around the Martinsville community. Groups of people walked around the neighborhood, stopping in front of each home, and praying for each home and the people that lived in them. We are happy to announce that we will be organizing the prayer walks again this summer! Starting on Thursday, June 8 from 6-8PM we will begin our walks! They will be every Thursday evening. Everyone from the congregation is welcome to join us!

LWML RETREAT (SEPTEMBER 15-17) at Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center. Registration forms and a sign-up sheet are on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs as you enter from the parking lot.

***** PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE TOP OF THE STAIRS FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

- CHIAVETTA'S CHICKEN BBQ, Bergholz Fire Hall, May 21, 11:30am
- THE ANNUAL CAMP PIONEER GOLF BENEFIT, Monday, July 17th, at the Brierwood Country Club in Hamburg. Early bird registration will end on June 1st.

TASTE OF ST. PAUL RECIPE BOOKS - the highly anticipated recipe books from the Taste of St. Paul will be available starting next Sunday after each worship service! If you ordered one, please stop by the table in the Gathering Place to pick up your copy next week. Thank you for your support! We apologize for the delay of the delivery of the recipe books to you

HEALTH CARE PROXY PRESENTATION: Saturday, May 20, 2017 beginning at 10:30 am at Immanuel Lutheran Church 107 Scotts Street, Tonawanda, NY. The presentation will be held at Lorenz Hall and led by St. Paul member, Deborah Greatrix-Tyler, There will be time for questions and answers both during and after the presentation. A light lunch will be provided following the presentation, compliments of Thrivent Financial who is funding the program through a Thrivent Action Team grant. To register, please call Immanuel Church office – 692-6200, or Donna Eadie – 692-0940 or Kathi Rickus – 695-2959 by Tuesday, May 14. Thank you!

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