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To the Church Entering a New Era - A Letter from the Pastor?



Write a newsletter for St. Paul Lutheran Church about how a fake picture of Pope Francis wearing an expensive flashy coat caused a real controversy because many thought it was authentic; using bible quotations discuss how this moment reminds us as Christians that we are needed as defenders of truth especially in this unfolding age of fake videos and images generated by computer based artificial intelligence.

Dear members of St. Paul Lutheran Church,

As Christians, we are called to be defenders of the truth. I wanted to take a moment to address a recent controversy that has been circulating on social media regarding a fake picture of Pope Francis wearing an expensive flashy coat. Although the image was proven to be a fake, it caused a real stir among many who believed it to be authentic.



As Christians, we are called to be defenders of truth, and this recent event serves as a reminder of the importance of this role in the unfolding age of fake videos and images generated by

computer-based artificial intelligence.

In John 8:32, Jesus says, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." We are called to seek the truth in all things, and to discern what is true from what is false. In today's world, where technology has made it increasingly easy to manipulate images and videos, it is more important than ever to be vigilant and to verify the authenticity of what we see and hear.

Proverbs 12:22 reminds us that "lying lips are an abomination to the Lord," and as Christians, we must reject falsehoods and deceit in all forms. We must also be willing to speak out against them when we see them.

In 1 Peter 3:15, we are called to "always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you." In today's world, where misinformation and deception are all too common, we must be prepared to defend the truth and to stand up for what is right.

Let us continue to pray for discernment and wisdom, that we may always seek the truth and be defenders of it in a world that desperately needs it.

Yours in Christ,



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Church COUNCIL

St. Paul Church Council met on Thursday, March 16th. Here are some highlights of the meeting:

- Vacation Bible School will be held July 30-August 3, with the theme of Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity
- Several thank-you notes for funds donated by the Parking Committee were received; they are posted on the bulletin board.
- To show the effect of the solar panels, the power bill from the current month and last year will be posted in the narthex.
- There will be no breakfast for Easter Sunday, but there will be cake after the service. There will be activities for the children on Saturday.
- Per the constitution, we need to form a membership committee which tracks membership and eligibility for voting. If interested in serving, please contact a member of council.

Easter Sunday
Service
10 AM



April 8, 2023 10 AM

For all preschool and elementary children

Egg hunt, egg dying, chalk drawing


Please wear play clothes and bring a basket.

Donations of hard-boiled eggs are greatly appreciated!


Please label them and put in the refrigerator downstairs.


If you want the eggs after they are dyed, please let Tamara know





Holy Week Schedule

 **Maundy Thursday**
Service 7:00 PM

 **Good Friday**
Service 7:00 PM

Join us for
**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**



Sunday School Classes for:

Young children (preschool—grade 1), every Sunday in the nursery room

Older children (grade 2 and up), 2nd and 4th Sundays in the fellowship hall

Adult study of the Gospel of Matthew, every Sunday except the 2nd Sunday, in the lounge

Save the Date!



Vacation Bible School

July 30—August 3

For children in preschool through fifth grade



Camp Luther 2023

Camp Luther will be held June 18-24 this year. It is open to children who have completed third grade through twelfth. **St. Paul Council is offering full scholarships to our congregation's campers.** We must receive your child's application by April 30th

THANKS PARKING COMMITTEE!



The Parking Committee worked ten WVU basketball games in 2023. Of the money collected, \$750 will be donated to the Lutheran Campus Ministry at WVU, and \$2910 will go to various nonprofits in the community.

APRIL 30TH
GATE OPEN AT 12PM
GAMES BEGIN AT 1PM
Spectator tickets: \$3
Ages 10 and under FREE

Great Balls of Fire
 Dodgeball Tournament

Bikers Bros and Bo
 FRANCOISE MASON DOBSON
 FOR THE FUTURE OF THE

Come support the St. Paul team!

2023 WVU Medicine Children's Walk for Wishes Morgantown, WV

April 23, 2023 | Presented by Subaru of

Morgantown

WVU Recreation Center

St. Paul Morgantown is forming a team for the Walk for Wishes, in support of the Make A Wish Foundation, on Sunday, April 23, 2023.

The event is right across the street at the WVU Rec Center and starts right after church. It supports local kids' wishes made through Make-A-Wish Greater PA and WV.

Sign up for the team or donate at church Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, or find the link posted on The Epistle Online Facebook group.



TILL & KEEP 2023 EARTH DAY EVENT

Saturday, April 22



3:30 pm Keynote
 "Generous Presence:
 Earth Day, God & You"
The Rev. Dr. Gil Waldkoenig

4:30 pm Refreshments
 Including a gift to bring
 Creation care to your home!

5:00 pm Worship

Register for free at keeptill2023.bpt.me Lutheran Campus Ministry at WWU
 1497 University Ave., Morgantown, WV

From the Piece Makers

The Piecemakers have been working hard to complete a quilt that you will find not only beautiful but educational about the Christian Religion. It is titled the Tree of Life pattern. It will be on display on Easter when chances will become available. One dollar each or six for five dollars. The drawing will be on Pentecost.

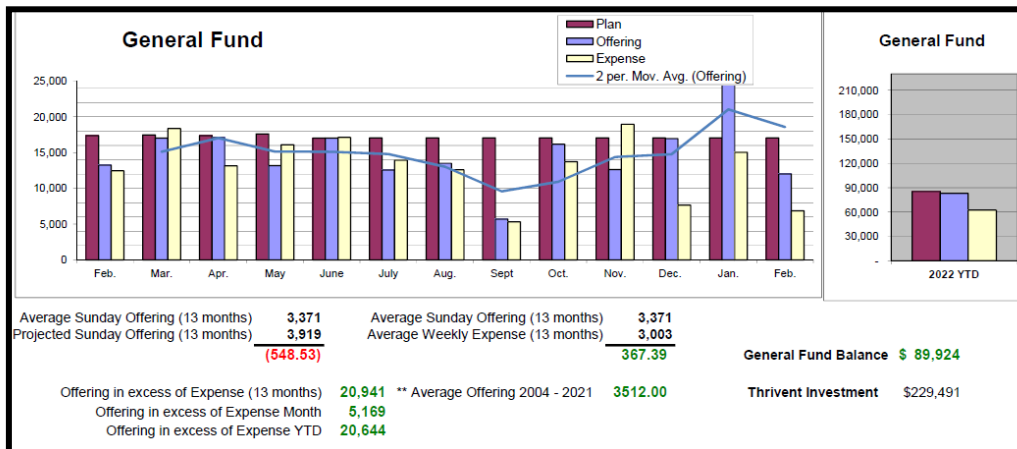
We thank Elaine Sampson for her donation of a sewing machine.



Sunday, April 2nd
 is the first Sunday of
 the month

All who wish may come up to the rail after the service for prayers and anointing.

Sign up for April cleaning crew!
 Sign up sheet in the narthex



Serving in April

SERVING ST PAUL April 2023	LAY ASSISTANT	LECTOR	USHERS	ACOLYTE	COUNTERS	BROADCAST
2nd 10:00 AM Palm Sunday	S. Setley	T. Riegel	W. Graham	E. Naumann	C. Henry W. Graham	M.. Boroff
9th 10:00 AM Easter	M. Sampson	S. Setley	L. Springer	Sandolfinis (all three!)	K. Shockley J. Seasholtz B. Graham	C. Wertz
16th 10:00 AM	S. Woodruff	B. Parsons	D. Custer	E. Naumann	S. Kirkpatrick M. Peters	S. Setley
23rd 10:00 AM	M. Haas	S. Grimm	S. McEwuen	Sandolfini	C. Henry L. Stevens	Peters
30th 10:00 AM	S. McEwuen	L. Naumann	L. Springer	Sandolfini	D. Stiles J. Sandolfini	M. Boroff

	Lay Assistant	Lector	Usher	Zoom
Maundy Thursday April 6 7:00 PM	M. Haas	B. Parsons	L. Springer	Peters
Good Friday April 7 7:00 PM	S. Setley	S. Setley	W. Graham	C Wertz



This Month APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Shop for Baskets
2 9:00 AM Choir, and Young Children's and Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service Pack baskets after worship	3 Deliver Baskets	4 10:00 AM Bible Study	5	6 Maundy Thursday 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers 7:00 Worship Service	7 Good Friday 7:00 PM Worship Service	8 10:00 AM Egg Hunt and church decorating
9 Easter Day 10:00 AM Worship Service (no Sunday School)	10	11 NO Bible Study	12	13 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers	14 10:00 AM Piecemakers	15
16 9:00 AM Choir, and Young Children's and Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service	17	18 10:00 AM Bible Study	19	20 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers 7:00 PM Council	21 10:00 AM Piecemakers	22
23 9:00 AM Choir, and Sunday School for all chil- dren (no adult) 10:00 AM Worship Service 3:30 PM Circle of Friends	24	25 10:00 AM Bible Study	26	27 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers	28 10:00 AM Piecemakers	29 8:00 AM Lutheran Men @ Eat'n Park
30 9:00 AM Choir, and Sunday School for adults and young children 10:00 AM Worship Service						

To add a name to the prayer list, please call the office at 304-599-0620.

There is also a book for prayer requests in the narthex (entry).

Please check the prayer list for names which you have submitted, and let the church office know if a person can be taken off the list. Names will be removed after they have been on the list for 90 days. Please contact the church office to reinstate a name.

Reminder: Deadline for May newsletter is April 20th!!!



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