

This Coming Week at St. Paul's

Sun:	Spoken Divine Service (reservation only)	7:30 am
	Divine Service	9 am
	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	10:15 am
Mon:	Morning Prayer Service	8 am
Tues:	Morning Prayer Service	8 am
	Junior Confirmation	6:30 pm
Wed:	Morning Prayer Service	8 am
	Private Confession/Absolution	8:30 am
	Adult Confirmation	4:30 pm

Our Gifts to the Lord Last Week

92 people worshiped at Sunday services last week (total).
47 people worshiped at Maundy Thursday services (total).
63 people worshiped at Good Friday services (total).
52 people worshiped at Saturday's Easter Vigil service.
\$6,824.00 was received in the regular offerings.
\$ 3,770.84 is needed every week to meet our church budget.

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Pastoral Care – If anyone is in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor Antonetti at (847) 971-0848 and he will help to take care of the situation and address it as quickly as possible. Our elders are also available if you would like to reach out to them as well; call Brian Popadowski at (815) 588 - 0884 or Ken Gerk at (815)263-0199.

Mr. Erich Kittlaus, Congregation President

Mr. Dennis Zimmer, Kantor

The Sunday Messenger

April 11, 2021

Good morning to all gathered here today at Saint Paul Lutheran Church. A warm welcome to all of you as we gather together to receive God's gifts, His Word read and proclaimed, His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Thank you for being here today. A summary of today's readings for Quasimodo Geniti, the Second Sunday of Easter, follows:

Jesus, our Resurrected Lord, was wounded for us

"There are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood." (1 Jn 5:4-10) These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands and the side from which blood and water flowed, saying "Peace be with you." He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness, which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (Jn 20:19-31) His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life. (Ezek 37:1-14) Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.

Upon Entering the Sanctuary – We kindly ask that all conversation cease or be kept to a minimum and at the very most a whisper as we prepare ourselves for divine worship. In the front of the hymnal you will find some excellent prayers for worship.

The Lord's Supper – will be celebrated this morning. We ask our visitors and those who have not worshipped with us in a while to please read over the statement of Holy Communion (blue laminated sheet) that is found in each pew rack. Thank you.

Morning Prayer – There will be no morning prayer this Thursday, April 15, as pastor will be at circuit meeting.

Flowers – Today's flowers are donated by Milt and Marianne Lillie in honor of their wedding anniversary

MANNA – Order forms are due with payment today. Pickup is April 18. This will be the last Manna order before Mother's Day!

From the NID Life Task Force - House Bill 1736 (REACH Act) - As Christians living in a sin-filled world that has been redeemed by Jesus, we are called to advocate for and serve our neighbors. We have the opportunity to protect and defend the public school children of Illinois by our response to House Bill 1736. The Illinois House of Representatives is considering a vote to approve legislation that:

- mandates comprehensive sex education of public schools...grades K-12,
- promotes and affirms LGBTQ+ lifestyles and behaviors,
- promotes gender identities, gender expression and sexual orientation,
- promotes deviant sexual experimentation for students,
- promotes abortion,
- promotes use of contraceptives in both public and parochial schools,
- discriminates against religious beliefs of students, parents and places of worship.

Please prayerfully consider contacting your Illinois House Representative and request that they vote NO on HB 1736. This bill can be called to a vote as early as Wednesday, April 14, 2021. Please go to www.illinoispolicy.org/maps to identify your Illinois House Representative as well as provide their contact information.

In Christ Jesus, Rev. Dr. Craig Meissner, NID Life Coordinator
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are in need of volunteers to help with several needs. Please consider helping with any of the following:

- We would like to form a committee to help plan some events to commemorate our 150th Anniversary as a congregation. We are looking for someone who would like to lead this committee, as well as people who would like to be on it.
- We are looking for someone to coordinate "Autumn in the Field."

If you would be willing to help in any of these roles please contact Pastor Antonetti or Erich Kittlaus.

Now Hiring Church Secretary! – We are looking to hire someone to fill the position of part-time Administrative Assistant for our church office. Hours are flexible during the week. If you or someone you know may be interested in this paid position, please contact the church office, Erich Kittlaus, Pastor Antonetti, or any member of council.

Attendance Slips – In each pew, there are small slips which we are using for attendance. Please fill them out and place them in the offering plate as you leave. There are "visitor" forms available in the narthex. Please don't hesitate to fill them out and place them in the offering plate if you're a visitor.

Spoken Service For Those Who Prefer a Smaller Gathering – Held every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. The service is limited to 25 members, and members must reserve their space by contacting either Pastor Antonetti or the church office by phone at (815) 838-1832 BY THURSDAY of each week. This service will continue as long as there are signups, but if no one signs up the service will be canceled for that week. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Antonetti.

Next Weekend's Scripture Readings – In preparation for our worship next Sunday, the texts are as follows: *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 1 Peter 2:21-25, John 10:11-16.*

Serving the Lord this Weekend: Preacher: Rev. Christopher Antonetti
Organist/Pianist: Dennis Zimmer/Milton Lillie; **Elder:** Ron Barmann;
Trustee: Matthew Collier; **Hannah Guild:** Jen Staley, Heather Collier, Skylar Rahn

This Week We Lift Up Prayers

Members of our church family: Michael and Tracey Bachmann, Mike Benson, Daena Hinkelman, Heidi Kopp, Barbara and Glenn Ferrentino, Sharlene Thomason, Carol Thompson, Jerry Wessel, Rev. Richard Bellas

Family and friends including: John St. Aubin (Thies); The Rev. Ron Rock; Annie Picard (Gerk); Jeanne Irvine (Wetherbee); Erica Doerfler (Fox); Parker Vicich (Lemke); Jackie Fox (Loucks); Rita Cunningham (Gudgel); Michelle (Gudgel); Kathy (Wetherbee) Glenn (Wetherbee); Mary Lynn & Richard H. (Czimer); John B. (Pilz); Yvonne Grigsby (Gudgel); Thanks to God for her daughter, Mandy, passing the bar exam (Ruth Gerk)