



APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER



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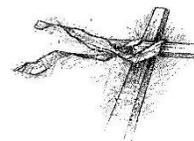
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St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church are members of the South Dakota District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Joint Divine Worship Service Schedule for April

Sunday, April 2, 2023 — 5 p.m. at St. Paul's
Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023 — 4:30 p.m. at Trinity
Good Friday, April 7, 2023 — 4:30 p.m. at St. Paul's
Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023 — 9:30 a.m. at Trinity
Sunday, April 16, 2023 — 5 p.m. at St. Paul's
Sunday, April 23, 2023 — 5 p.m. at Trinity
Sunday, April 30, 2023 — 5 p.m. at St. Paul's



Christian Education

Joint Bible Study, Book of 1 Peter — 6 p.m. at the same location as the Joint Divine Service April 16th and 30th.

Joint Confirmation Class — same location as the Joint Divine Service, 3:45 p.m. No class Easter Sunday.

Sunday School — Sundays, 3:45 p.m. April 2nd, 16th, and 30th at St. Paul's.

Trinity Release-Time — Wednesdays, 2:15–3:15 p.m.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – April 4, 2023, 2 p.m. at home of Diana K.
Trinity Ruth Circle – April 5, 2023, 6 p.m.
St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – April 10, 2023, 2 p.m.
LWML SD District Retreat — April 21–22, 2023; Peace Lutheran, Brookings, SD. "With One Voice"

Voters Meetings

St. Paul's – April 2, 2023, following the Divine Service
Trinity – April 23, 2023, following the Divine Service

Serving the Lord's Church in APRIL

TRINITY

Elder Dan Guericke
Ushers Dan Meier
Ben Bogenhagen
Acolyte Madison Meier
Altar Jane Guericke

ST. PAUL'S

Elder Justin Everson
Ushers Brent Morenz
Mike Tuschen
Acolyte Addisyn Everson
Altar Marlene Johnson

Scripture Readings

Apr. 2 Isaiah 50:4–9a; Philippians 2:5–11; Matthew 26:1–27:66
Apr. 6 Exodus 24:3–11; Hebrews 9:11–22; Matthew 26:17–30
Apr. 7 Isaiah 52:13–53:12; Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9; John 19:17–30
Apr. 9 Acts 10:34–43; Colossians 3:1–4; Matthew 28:1–10
Apr. 16 Acts 5:29–42; 1 Peter 1:3–9; John 20:19–31
Apr. 23 Acts 2:14a, 36–41; 1 Peter 1:17–25; Luke 24:13–35
Apr. 30 Acts 2:42–47; 1 Peter 2:19–25; John 10:1–10

The **May 2023 newsletter** will be available on/after April 30, 2023. Articles are due Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

Please send newsletter and bulletin items to Nancy Bogenhagen at trinitywlsd@gmail.com. **Weekly bulletin deadline is Thursday noon.** Please email me if you prefer your newsletter emailed to you. Thank you!

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

On Your Mark! Get Set! Open Your Bibles!

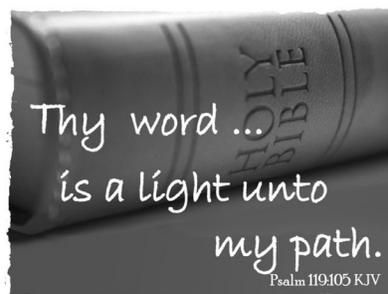
Many Christians have considered challenging themselves to read through the Bible in one year. Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is offering you that very opportunity! The Gospel Outreach Committee has created a monthly reading plan to guide you.

Reading Through The Bible In A Year



2023 APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						01 Numbers 30–31 Job 1 Matthew 25:1–30
02 Numbers 32–34 Job 2 Matthew 25:31–46	03 Numbers 35–36 Job 3 Matthew 26:1–25	04 Deuteronomy 1–2 Job 4 Matthew 26:26–46	05 Deuteronomy 3–4 Job 5 Matthew 26:47–75	06 Deuteronomy 5–6 Job 6 Matthew 27:1–31	07 Deuteronomy 7–8 Job 7 Matthew 27:32–66	08 Deuteronomy 9–10 Job 8 Matthew 28
09 Deuteronomy 11–12 Job 9 Acts 1	10 Deuteronomy 13–14 Job 10 Acts 2:1–13	11 Deuteronomy 15–16 Job 11 Acts 2:14–47	12 Deuteronomy 17–18 Job 12 Acts 3	13 Deuteronomy 19–20 Job 13 Acts 4:1–22	14 Deuteronomy 21–22 Job 14 Acts 4:23–37	15 Deuteronomy 23–24 Job 15 Acts 5:1–16
16 Deuteronomy 25–27 Job 16 Acts 5:17–42	17 Deuteronomy 28 Job 17 Acts 6	18 Deuteronomy 29–30 Job 18 Acts 7:1–22	19 Deuteronomy 31–32 Job 19 Acts 7:23–8:1	20 Deuteronomy 33–34 Job 20 Acts 8:2–25	21 Joshua 1–2 Job 21 Acts 8:26–40	22 Joshua 3:1–5:1 Job 22 Acts 9:1–25
23 Joshua 5:2–6:27 Job 23 Acts 9:26–43	24 Joshua 7–8 Job 24 Acts 10:1–33	25 Joshua 9–10 Job 25 Acts 10:34–48	26 Joshua 11–12 Job 26 Acts 11:1–18	27 Joshua 13–14 Job 27 Acts 11:19–30	28 Joshua 15–17 Job 28 Acts 12	29 Joshua 18–19 Job 29 Acts 13:1–25
30 Joshua 20–21 Job 30 Acts 13:26–52	<i>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Acts 2:21).</i>					



The Resurrection of Christ and Christian Burial



And Jesus said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.” (Luke 24:46–47)

Dear Saints of the Lord, Christ is risen and He rules over all things, working everything for the good of His Church. Jesus died for our sins on the cross, but on the third day He rose from the dead. *But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ.*

(1 Corinthians 15:20–23)

Since Christ is risen from the dead this means that all who are joined to Christ by the Gospel through faith will also rise from death and put on immortality. Christ’s death and resurrection means that sin has been atoned for and that there is forgiveness and life in Christ for all. It should not be surprising that Christ’s death and resurrection is always the focus at the Christian funeral service. The funeral service is a church service which means the Word of God is read and preached, we sing hymns from our hymnal, and we pray to the Lord, giving Him thanks for the sure hope we have in the Gospel.

One question that is often asked in regards to Christian funerals is: “Is it a sin for a Christian to be cremated?” In short, the answer is no. Rev Dr John Fritz writes in *Pastoral Theology*:

Not too long ago, the church viewed cremation negatively. Because the general public associated the practice with heathen religions and/or an attempt to disprove the possibility of the resurrection, Christians were reluctant to consider it. In itself, the practice has no theological significance and may be used in good conscience. In fact because of space limitations in some areas (e.g., West Berlin, England), and because of health considerations, cremation is increasing in favor. Cost, too, is a legitimate consideration; although the family considering it for this reason should be reminded that cost is saved only when there is no public viewing and, thus, no need for embalming and use of the visitation room.

Burying the body has generally been preferred since Christ was buried, but cremation is not forbidden for the Christian. While cremation is not forbidden, the scattering of the ashes is certainly discouraged. Scattering the ashes of a loved one is not a good confession of the resurrection, but gives the appearance of pantheism or nihilism. Scattering the ashes also means that there is no grave for family members to visit and care for. In everything that we do we want to confess Christ crucified and risen from the grave for our salvation. John 11:25–26, *Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.”*

Pastor Jens Jenson



MAIN STREET LIVING April 2023

All programs are interpreted and closed-captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information visit:
www.mainstreetliving.com

April 2, 2023

10 a.m. — **“Holy Land Tour pt. 2”** - A video tour of locations in Jesus’ earthly ministry, led by SD pastor Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel.
10:30 a.m. — Rev. Paul Winckler, from the South Dakota District Office, presents a message titled “His Moment.” This sermon is based on John 12:16.

April 9, 2023

10 a.m. — **“Three Days”** The disciples’ reactions and interaction in the days between Jesus’ death and resurrection.
10:30 a.m. — Rev. Nabil Nour, pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hartford, SD presents a message titled “Swallowed Up.” This sermon is based on Isaiah 25:6–9.

April 16, 2023

10 a.m. — **“Gates of Glory”** Thomas recounts his experience with doubt and belief as he meets the risen Jesus.
10:30 a.m. — Rev. Jonah Domenichelli, pastor at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Tea, SD presents a message titled “Jesus Always Connects Us To His Body.” This sermon is based on John 20:19–31.

April 23, 2023

10 a.m. — **“Betrayed”** A man struggles to do what is right after a reporter uncovers shady dealings in his business.
10:30 a.m. — Rev. Jens Jenson, pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Armour, SD presents a message titled “Jesus Teaches Us To Cling To His Word.” This sermon is based on Luke 24:13–35.

April 30, 2023

10 a.m. — **“Aftermath”** A father tries to make things right with his daughter after a life of bad choices.
10:30 a.m. — Rev. Dr. Chris Ascher, pastor at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD presents a message titled “You Are With Me.” This sermon is based on Psalm 23.

SPECIAL SERVICES

- ✝ **Maundy Thursday**, April 6, 2023
4:30 p.m. Trinity White Lake
- ✝ **Good Friday**, April 7, 2023
4:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Plankinton
- ✝ **Easter Sunday**, April 9, 2023
9:30 a.m. at Trinity White Lake

HINTZMAN'S 50th ANNIVERSARY

Pastor Hal and Cheryl are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary April 21, 2023, with joy and thanksgiving to God. Their family invites you to send a card and share a special memory with them at the following address:

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Available on the YouTube channel,
Trinity White Lake.

Missing Easter

Barry rushed in the front door, threw his books on the hall table and catapulted himself up the stairs to his room where he quickly changed into his work uniform. Dashing back down the stairs and racing through the kitchen, he grabbed a handful of cookies, gave his mom a quick kiss on the cheek and said, "See ya later."

"What about church?" His mom called out.

"Not tonight, Mom. Gotta work. Another guy called in sick, and I can use the money. See ya!"

It seemed an unusually busy night at the Hamburger Hut. "I don't remember when we've cooked up this many fries on a Thursday night!" Barry's boss said gleefully. Barry himself was laying out yet another tray of burgers on the grill to make into the Hut's specialty – the Sooper Dooper Burger. The big dinner rush was over, but they wanted to be ready for anybody. Barry glanced at the clock. 7:25 p.m. In another five minutes, church would be starting. Maundy Thursday. They'd be celebrating the Lord's Supper.

"Hey, I need two more Scoopers."

Barry shoveled the meat onto a poppy-seed bun, squirted on the special sauce, added two slices of tomato, a slice of onion and two slices of dill pickle, expertly wrapped it in foil and slid the burgers down the chute to the waiting hands of the counter help.

8:15 p.m. They are probably starting the communion liturgy. "Take eat. This is my body," Barry imagines the pastor as he unpacks a case of burger buns.

"I'll take a large Coke . . . no ice." He hears the order at the counter. "Take drink," the pastor says.

11:30 p.m. and Barry's done for the night. There is the lingering smell of hamburger grease on his uniform. He's put in a good night's work. Yet he feels that something's missing.

Friday night. "Dan's going to be here at 7:00 p.m., Mom," **Julie** calls down the hall. "I've got to hurry."

"I wish you were going to church," Julie's mom says as she enters her room. "Oh, Mom. You know Dan just can't get into all our church stuff. And we've planned this date all week. I'm sorry. Don't stay up. We'll probably be out till midnight. Movie and a pizza." And Julie gave her mom a hug and was out the door.

Dan and Julie met Kim and Mike at the multiplex at the mall. There were a lot of other kids there that they knew from school. There was a new "teen film" showing. Everybody was talking about it. This was the hot ticket in town right now – rated R.

Julie's mom and dad sat down in a pew close to the front of the half-empty church. "Tonight, we remember a death, the most profound death ever," the pastor intoned.

"Life stinks," shouts a bitter hero from the big silver screen in the cinema.

"Christ died for all so that we all might have life."

"If my life is worth anything, it's because of what I do for myself. Look out for number one."

"Christ died to pay for our sins. We can put our sins behind us. We strive to live a holy, Christ-filled life."

Julie felt a little uncomfortable as the couple on screen began to undress. Everybody around her was really into the movie. Dan seemed so absorbed. Why did she feel so out of it?

"Father, forgive them. Father, love them. Father, save them. Amen."

Julie was quiet the rest of the night. She didn't feel much like pizza she said. Could they go home early? Dan dropped her off before 11 p.m. Julie's mom was still up.

"Something wrong, honey?" "No, Mom. Just a little tired." She fell asleep, vaguely sensing something missing.

Paula and Nick met at the mall at 10 a.m. Saturday morning. Paula needed to do a little shopping before Sunday morning. And they would have lunch and just hang out.

It was hard to find a parking place. It seemed like everybody and his brother had decided to do a little last-minute Easter shopping.

The crowds were amazing. Paula waited 20 minutes to check out at the department store makeup counter. A woman behind her was swearing a blue streak and Paula couldn't wait to get out of there.

She and Nick passed the line of parents and kids waiting to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. One mother yanked her son back in line and demanded that he stand still. Another grabbed her frightened daughter. "You will too sit on that *#@! Bunny's lap. I want your picture. Now straighten up." What a ritual, Paula thought.

Lunch was no better. The food court was packed. And today people seemed so unfriendly, so pressed for time. It was spring. The flowers were in bloom. Tomorrow was Easter. But everybody was so grumpy. Kids fussing. Parents fussing. People pushing. Smiles few and far between.

Paula was glad to get home. "I'll never do that again. Something's missing."

"First service is almost over. Let's get this breakfast on the road." Mrs. Gallant, the youth group counselor, was giving orders again. **Bob** had been up since 5 a.m. and at church since 6 a.m. He and the other kids were getting ready for the annual Easter breakfast.

As the Easter trumpets sounded the opening hymn at the sunrise service, Bob and Freddy were setting up tables. When the choir was singing their Easter anthem, Bob and Mary were pouring juice into paper cups. While Bob and Carol laid out pastries in neat arrangements on borrowed silver trays, the pastor was preaching the Good News of the resurrection. As the Easter Communion was distributed, Bob was stirring the first of many batches of scrambled eggs. Just about the time the Benediction was announced, Bob sat down ready to welcome folks to breakfast and take their money.

"Best breakfast ever," Mrs. Gallant announced proudly. "I've never seen such a large crowd. Now, let's get this place cleaned up."

So, as the second service began, the Easter trumpets again sounding the opening hymn, Bob pushed the crumbs of uneaten scrambled eggs and pastry into the waiting garbage can. As the choir sang the Easter anthem, Bob and Freddy were taking down tables. While the pastor shared the Good News of the resurrection, Bob took the garbage sacks out to the trash bin. Through the distribution, Bob and Carol swept the floor of the fellowship hall. "Good job!" Mrs. Gallant gushed.

Bob, Paula, Julie, Barry, Carol, Nick and the others got to the back of the church just as the pastor was announcing the blessing. "May the Lord bless and keep you ... and give you peace." Bob looked at the rest and without really thinking said, "I feel like I missed Easter." Each in his or her own way knew exactly what Bob meant. Somehow, they had missed the news.

Easter is the Good News that Christ is alive. He is risen. A grave could not contain the living God. And because He lives, His people will also live.

In a world too busy and often despairing, empty, sad, and lonely, the good, joyful, happy news of the resurrection gives comfort, reassurance, and hope.

It is also news easily missed. It's not that we intentionally miss it. We just end up busy or distracted. We do good work for our bosses. We enjoy the company of our friends. We complete our errands and chores. We even work hard at church events.

Fortunately for us, God's grace and mercy do not ever miss us. We are always loved, always forgiven, always renewed in Christ's love. That's the Good News of Easter. Because Christ lives, we shall live also. That's too good a message to miss. In Christ, there is life and hope and happiness.

Hear the words: "He is risen! He is risen indeed!" For you!

DON'T MISS EASTER!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2  Palm Sunday Events at St. Paul's 3:45 p.m. Confirmation 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service 6 p.m. SP Voters Meeting/Potluck	3	4 2 a.m.  TR Hope Circle	5 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time 6 p.m.  TR Ruth Circle	6 4:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Trinity	7 4:30 p.m. Good Friday Service at St. Paul's	8
9  Easter Event at Trinity 9:30 a.m. Joint Divine Service	10 2 p.m.  SP Dorcas Circle	11	12 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time	13	14	15
16  Second Sunday of Easter Events at St. Paul's 3:45 p.m. Confirmation 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service 6 p.m. Bible Class	17	18	19 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time	20	21 LWML SD District Spring Retreat Peace Lutheran Brookings, SD	22 
23  Third Sunday of Easter Events at Trinity 3:45 p.m. Confirmation 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service 6 p.m. TR Qtrly Voters Meeting	24	25	26 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time	27	28	29
30  Fourth Sunday of Easter Events at St. Paul's 3:45 p.m. Confirmation 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service 6 p.m. Bible Class	 <i>Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!</i>					