

# TIDINGS

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## Calendar of Events

### **April 2025**

Wednesday, April 2nd	Meditation and Reflection 6:30 pm
Friday, April 4th	Fourth Drive Thru Fish Dinner 3:30 - 6:00 pm
Sunday, April 6th	Church Service - Communion & Sunday School 10:00 am Scout Sunday
Wednesday, April 9th	Meditation and Reflection 6:30 pm
Friday, April 11th	Fifth Drive Thru Fish Dinner 3:30 - 6:00 pm
Sunday, April 13th	Palm Sunday Church Service - Easter Egg Hunt & Party 10:00 am
Thursday, April 17th	Maundy Thursday - Soup & Bread 6:00 pm Church Service - Communion 7:00 pm
Friday, April 18th	Good Friday Service 12 Noon
Sunday, April 20th	Easter - Pew Communion 10:00 am Enhanced Coffee Hour after Service
Monday, April 21st	Setup Fellowship Hall for Rummage Sale 9:00 am - Office Closed
Sunday, April 27th	Church Service - Communion & Sunday School 10:00 am

### **May 2025**

Sunday, May 4th	Church Service - Communion & Sunday School 10:00 am Blue Jean Sunday, Purchase Flowers
Thursday, May 8th	Spring Rummage Sale (9:00 am - 4:00 pm)
Friday, May 9th	Spring Rummage Sale (9:00 am - 4:00 pm)
Saturday, May 10th	Spring Rummage Sale (9:00 am - 11:00 am)
Sunday, May 11th	Church Service & Sunday School 10:00 am Happy Mother's Day - Muffins for Mom
Friday, May 16th	Girl Scout Banquet
Sunday, May 18th	Church Service & Sunday School 10:00 am
Thursday, May 22nd	Mother Daughter Banquet
Sunday, May 25th	Church Service & Sunday School 10:00 am
Monday May 26th	Memorial Day - Office Closed

## **INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR**

Spring arrived a few days ago; at least that is what the calendar says. Today the high temperature was only 40 degrees, and it rained a fair portion of the day. Sunshine was hard to find.

This is what Springtime is like in our neighborhood. It is a season of change and anticipation. Following the Christian calendar, in addition to Spring, we continue observing the season of Lent. This is also a season of change and anticipation. Having started with Ash Wednesday (March 5, 2025), Christians around the world have journeyed toward Holy Week, concluding on April 20, with the joyous celebration of resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Lent is traditionally seen as a time to review one's life choices and focus upon faith and relationships within the Christian community. It is especially a time to focus upon the place Christ plays in one's personal life. It is important to consider the events we recognize within Holy Week and their meaning in our life. There will be times of great celebration on both Palm and Easter Sunday. Neither of these events, however, would hold such great significance if we overlook the doubts, uncertainty and agony of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Easter is a celebration of resurrection. In resurrection we are pointed toward everlasting life, and joy for the days of our here and now. It is a time of new beginnings, new life. As Jesus rose from death to continue the work he had begun, it is a time for us to follow him, and to also continue the work that has begun. Resurrection stretches our imagination and challenges us to practice the fruits of resurrection in daily life. We move forward individually and as a community.

For today, we wait. And as we look toward the joy of Easter may we open our hearts and minds to the opportunities resurrection brings to us. No one is excluded from God's creative transformation and whole-person revitalization. It is for each of us. Share the joy of Easter as you live your faith.

I look forward to seeing you in Church.

Wishing you joy and peace, *Linda*

### **April COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY**

*"God has created us so we do small things with great love. I believe that in great love, that comes, or should come from the heart, should start at home; with my family, my neighbors across the street, those right next door. And this love should then reach everyone."*

**~St. Mother Teresa**

Seems like it was just New Year's, and now we are halfway through Lent. Inspired by the spiritualities of Mother Teresa, ***Little With Great Love***, a Christian evangelical community, launched the "Little With Great Love Lenten" initiative, "**Days of Kindness.**"

Kindness is a principle that is mentioned throughout the Bible. God exhibits kindness, and it is an attribute of his that we are also called to imitate. In Paul's letter to the Colossians, we are called to "clothe" ourselves with it. *"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience (Colossians 3:12).* When we allow the grace of the Holy Spirit to be effective in us, it produces good fruit – among which is showing kindness.

For the remainder of Lent, our **community outreach** will revolve around doing "**random acts of kindness**" for others, to include: those within our homes, our extended families, our neighbors, those within our communities and strangers. These selfless acts are meant to show others that they are cared for and to help us put the needs of others first. This Lenten initiative allows the Holy Spirit to bear good fruit through us.

You are encouraged to do one random act of kindness per day for the remainder of Lent... and beyond! Listed below are several ideas and suggestions. Please feel free to share your random acts of kindness by posting them on the board located in the Narthex.

May the Light of Christ shine in and through you! Blessings ~ Pastor Cheryl Schalm.

### **Ideas/Suggestions for Random Acts of Kindness**

\*Give a stranger a compliment \*Cook a meal for a friend \*Call/visit your grandparents, sick or elderly \*Pay for someone's meal \*Tell someone you're grateful for them \*Bring snacks for your coworkers \*Offer your seat to someone \*Leave a close parking spot for someone else \* Invite someone over \*Ignore the mess, enjoy \*Make a donation of clothes or other items \*Send a video message to someone far away \*Leave an encouraging note on someone's car \*Lend a friend a favorite book or movie \*Pay for someone's gas \*Clean up litter around your neighborhood \*Send a letter to a friend rather than text \*Warmly smile at every one you see today \*Give money or food to a homeless person \*Affirm someone in front of others \*Call a friend that you haven't talked to \*Do a friend/family member's laundry \*Actively listen \*Let someone in front of you in line \*Forgive someone \*Give someone flowers, a flower, or a plant \*Avoid complaining \*Leave a generous tip at a restaurant \*Email someone who deserves recognition \*Leave a treat or baked good for a neighbor

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ACTIVITIES**

### **Sunday School to Host Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Party**

On Palm Sunday, April 13th the Sunday School will be hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt and Party during our regular worship service for all children attending Sunday School. The egg hunt will be held outdoors, weather permitting. In addition, children will be decorating cookies and coloring Easter Marshmallows. There is also a rumor that the Easter Bunny will be hopping in for a visit! Please RSVP to the Office (313) 291-1221 by Sunday, April 6th. Donations of individually wrapped Easter candy are being sought. Candy can be dropped at the Christian Education Welcome Center located upstairs or in the Narthex on Sunday Morning.

## **Sunday School**

Church Sunday School continues through April at 10:00 am every Sunday.

## **Christian Education Annual Flower Sale**

Think Spring! Even though the weather is not warm yet, it's time to think about flowers. Once again there will be an annual flower sale. The flowers will be coming from Blocks Stand and Greenhouse. There will be a variety of flowers available for you to purchase, there will be everything from hanging baskets, flats, patio pots, veggie plants, and more. Stop by and see what there is to purchase. There will be **NO** order forms this year. If you have any questions or would like additional information, See Candace Poet or Jim Poet any Sunday before or after church. Feel free to call me (734) 942-7195. Pick up date for the flowers will be **May 4<sup>th</sup>** before/after the worship service.

## **2025 Confirmation Classes to Resume**

We will be starting a new Confirmation Class starting the beginning of September 2025. We would like to have everything in place by June 1. If you have, or know of a child, that has not been confirmed, or will be starting 8th or 9th grade in Sept 2025, please contact the office (313) 291-1221 before June 1.

## **HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES**

### ***Living Fully, Amidst Fear and Faith***

#### **Palm Sunday April 13th**

Palms will be distributed during our worship service. The children's Easter Egg hunt and party will take place during the Sunday School hour.

#### **Soup and Bread Social - Maundy Thursday April 17th**

We will be hosting a Soup and Bread Social on Maundy Thursday beginning at 6:00 pm. We will offer two different kinds of soup and an assortment of different breads. Please plan on staying for our Maundy Thursday Service.

#### **Maundy Thursday April 17th**

On Thursday, April 17th we will gather at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. We will celebrate Tincture Communion (visitors always welcomed).

#### **Good Friday April 18th**

Our Good Friday Service will begin at 12:00 pm. The ushers will be distributing purple status to all as they enter the church.

#### **Easter Sunday April 20**

Join your church friends and bring your neighbors too, as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus on April 20. There will be lilies adorning the chancel and sanctuary along with the wooden cross. Pew communion will be offered and songs will be sung to celebrate the resurrection. There will be a special enhanced coffee hour immediately after the service sponsored by the Worship Planning Ministry and Choir.

## **ALL CHURCH EVENTS**

### **Scout Sunday - April 6th**

St. Paul will be honoring all of our Girl and Boy Scouts as we celebrate Scout Sunday on April 6th during our Worship service. The annual celebration gives Scouts a highly visible way to show their appreciation for their faith-based chartered organization. During these special days at places of worship across the country, Scouts are asked to wear their uniforms for this special worship service.

### **2025 Lent Activities Continue**

Lent is recognized as a time of reflection, it is a time to consider our own values and especially our faith and our relationship with our creator.

“ Even now,” says the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping and with mourning.” Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents in sending calamity. (Joel 2:12-13)

The following **Wednesdays (April 2, 9)** we will gather for **Discussion, Meditation and Refreshments at 6:30pm**. Our talks will center around what the church has meant to us, individually and as a community, what it means today, and what it means to the future. Your thoughts and ideas are important. Please come and share them.

### **Sew “N” Sew Gals to Meet**

Thursday, April 17th at 10 AM in the West Room. Bring a sandwich, dessert and coffee are provided. No sewing experience necessary. Join us for ‘food for thought.’ Contact Janet Staffeld, chairwoman, for more info.

### **Your Help is Still Needed for our Remaining Drive-Thru Lenten Fish Suppers**

Preparations have begun for our Lenten Drive-Thru fish suppers. Upcoming suppers will be held on April 4, and 11, 3:30-6 p.m. or until the fish runs out. Patrons will make use of the horseshoe drive to pick up their dinners from the “fish trailer”—our conveniently positioned trailer at the west side of the church. Cost of the fish suppers are \$15, with a children’s meal for kids ages 4-12 available at \$5. As in past years, the menu will include three breaded pieces of wild-caught icelandic cod, french fries, our church’s famous cole slaw, roll with butter, and a pie slice or brownie for an adult meal, Children’s meal will be two pieces of fish plus everything else in the adult meal.

As with all church activities, appropriate safety and good housekeeping will be maintained for all of the suppers. Volunteers are needed on the Friday of each supper, beginning early in the afternoon and continuing through the supper itself. To volunteer, speak with this year’s chairperson Jim Poet.

## **St. Paul Spring Rummage Sale –Volunteers Needed**

The annual St. Paul Spring Rummage Sale will be held Thursday through Saturday, May 8th, 9th, and 10th. Rummage sale hours will be Thursday & Friday 9 am to 4 pm, Saturday 9 am to 11 am. Rummage Sale donations will be welcomed starting Tuesday, April 22nd. We ask that items be distributed and dropped-off to designated tables. All donated clothing, household goods, and equipment should be clean and in a good state of repair.

Rummage sale set-up in Fellowship Hall starts Monday, April 21st at 9:00 am. If you are available to help in the set up it would be greatly appreciated.

The Fellowship Hall will be closed for all other activities until the rummage sale finishes. Beyond set-up, help is needed to host the actual sale and clean-up afterwards on Saturday morning. To volunteer, please contact the church office (313) 291-1221. All proceeds from the rummage sale support church-related projects.

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Order Your Easter Lily**

White envelopes (found in the pew racks) are due no later than Sunday, April 6th. Lilies will be displayed in the sanctuary on Easter morning and can be taken after service. Please indicate whom you would like to honor or commemorate. The 'Lily List' is published in the Easter morning bulletin. Cost is \$10 each.

### **2025 Budget Status - Thank You for your Continued Support**

I will continue to report only our actual income and expenses for the remainder of 2025. Our actual income for February was \$22,867 and our actual expenses for February were \$16,316, a difference of \$6,551 which is a positive balance for the month. We are currently \$415 positive for the year. Our General Fund, which is the fund we use to pay our expenses (salaries, utilities, etc) is at \$34,302 an increase of \$6,090 from January. These are both positive trends. If you have any questions about our budget please feel free to give me a call. Dan Case - St. Paul Treasurer

### **Council Positions Still Open**

Council Positions still open are: 2nd Vice-President (3 year commitment), two Deacons (2 year and 3 year commitment). A special Thank You to Conrad Heidt for accepting the three year Trustee position. Please prayerfully consider filling these positions. A complete description of the positions can be obtained by contacting the church office or by speaking to a Trustee.

### **St. Paul Email System is designed to keep you informed**

Communication with you, our members and friends is very important to us at St. Paul, one method we use to keep members informed about upcoming and current activities is our email system. More than 250 of our members currently receive a short email about current activities, future events, funeral notifications, and many other interesting items including the monthly St. Paul Tidings.

If you are not currently registered for the e-mail system or your email address has changed, all you need to do is visit the homepage of our website, "stpaulucctaylor.org", and simply click on the "Join Our Email List" button. If you have any questions or comments on the e-mail system, you can contact any member of the IT ministry, Gary Peters, Michael Isaacs or Dan Case.

## **Church Safety and Security – Emergency Response Team Members**

Ensuring the safety of our membership is one of the most important goals of the Safety and Security Ministry. The ministry is looking for interested people who would like to serve on the Emergency Response Team (ERT) for the Church, currently there are 11 people who have volunteered to be on the team, we are looking for about 20-25 people to serve on this important ministry. Roles and responsibilities of an ERT member include: Building evacuations (fire, tornados, electrical outages, etc.), attending semi-annual training, being familiar with all aspects of the buildings, evaluate and eliminate all safety hazards in the building and attend quarterly meetings. If you are interested in serving on the St. Paul Emergency Response Team, please contact Dan Case or any member of the Safety and Security Ministry.

## **Pastoral Care**

If you find yourself or your family in need of pastoral care please call the Church Office at (313) 291-1221, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. If after hours please leave a message our voicemail is checked daily. In the case of an emergency please contact Tim Ruffner our President or Rev. Anderson.

## **HEALTH MINISTRIES**

### **CPR & First-aid Class April 11 and 12.**

Heartsaver, CPR with AED CLASS & First-aid Class by the American Heart Association. On Friday, April 11 from 5:30 – 9:30 PM will do CPR with AED: adult, child and infant. On April 12, 1-5 PM we will do the First-aid portion. There will be hands-on practicing, then students provide a return demonstration to the instructor to get certified. The class takes about 7.5 – 8 hours divided into two, 4-hour sessions. The certification lasts for two years. Please contact Kathy Williams for further information. Books will be given **2 weeks prior** to be read before class. If you are already certified please let the office know. For safety reasons, we try to have at least one person in each sub-organization within our church. We never know when an emergency may occur.

### **Exercise Class Continues**

We are trying to make a change for the new year. Exercise classes will be held on **Thursdays** from 11 am–12 n. We will not meet on April 10. Our instructor, Delissa Hampton is there every step of the way to cheer you on to work at whatever pace you can do. All exercises can be done seated or standing position with or with the use of a chair, or a combination of both. A small donation of \$3 to \$5 is suggested but not expected for each class you attend. Hope to see you soon. Can't make it to class, but want to join us from home? Join us on ZOOM. You must be able to access the internet by computer, I-pad, or phone with video availability. The information to join the class is on [www.stpaulucctaylor.org](http://www.stpaulucctaylor.org) under "What's Happening", "Health Activities". If you would like to participate or have any questions, contact the office or Kathy Williams.

### **Meditation Class**

Meditation class will be held on Thursdays, following the exercise class at approximately 12 noon in the parlor. No class April 10.

## **Health Topic Presentations**

Many thanks to Emily Winters for her presentation about Dementia and Alzheimer's. Great job! The program was well attended and enlightening. Please contact Kathy Williams regarding future health topics of interest that you would like to hear presentations about. A demonstration regarding the administration of Narcan nasal spray for narcotic overdose is being planned for after the Rummage Sale.

## **Health/Medical Supplies Available**

If you have or need medical supplies, such as walkers, wheelchairs, please contact our parish nurse or the office.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Coffee Hour Host Needed**

We are in need of individuals or groups to host Coffee Hour for the first two Sundays in April, also all of September and December. All supplies except the donuts are provided. If interested please see Tim Ruffner.

### **Liturgists are still needed for Sunday Services**

If you would like to volunteer or would like more information please contact Rev. Linda Anderson or Cindy Romas in the church office. No experience needed. All information is provided to you.

### **Auxiliary Deacons Needed**

If you're looking to serve our church but don't want to commit to being on the Council the Auxiliary Deacon position might be right for you. The auxiliary appointees are not required to attend or allowed to vote at the regular Council Meetings. They are only allowed to assist with normal and/or special duties as a Deacon (ie: usher, etc) or cover for the elected position, as required. If you are interested please see any Deacon on Sunday morning.

### **Ushers and Acolytes Needed for Sunday Morning Services**

Visit our Usher / Acolyte Sign-up board located in the Narthex of the Church. Being an usher or acolyte is as easy as signing your name to the board, you can sign up for a single service or as many services as you want. Experience is not required; the Deacons will be glad to train you prior to the service. All ushers are asked to be at Church thirty minutes prior to the service. Talk to a Deacon on Sunday Morning if you would like additional information.

### **Volunteers are still needed to cover the Office for Administrative Assistant**

The office is looking for volunteers to cover the office functions when the Administrative Assistant is sick or on vacation. Office hours are 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday through Friday. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sue Mrowka, Office Manager.

### **Volunteers are still needed to manage our three flags in front of the Church**

We are looking for an individual or a couple who would be interested in managing the three Flag Poles in front of the Church. Flags would need to be replaced as required and the American Flag moved to half-mast on special occasions. If you are interested please contact the Office at (313) 291-1221.



## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

A special **Thank You** to the following people who have helped with the 2025 Drive-Thru Fish Dinners: Gary Staffeld, Diane Poet, Toni Hill, James Poet, Eric Poet, Dan Evison, Dorothy Evison, Helen St. Louis, Sue Mrowka, Karen Hill, Tim Ruffner, Dan Case, Vicky Grant, Pandora Sidak, Elizabeth Isaacs, Kaitlyn Isaacs, Mark Ennis, Sharon Podpora, Tom Tank, Sandra Rose, Jeff MacZink, Gail Teleflora, Dee Salsbury, Pat Staffeld and Gail Denman.

## **MEMORIALS**

### **MEMORIAL FUND:**

In Memory of: *Lily Radtke* From: Marlin Radtke

In Memory of: *Barb Schultz* From: Gary & Pat Staffeld, Marlin Radtke,  
Wendy Warner

In Memory of: *Bob Weigel* From: Marlin Radtke

In Memory of: *Gloria Lakatos* From: Tracy & Sue Spears, Karen Kulp, Brian & Tracie  
Coffee, Don & Cindy Nicolai, John & Ellen  
Nicolai, Kevin & Tina Nicolai, Joe, Theresa  
Nicolai & Family

### **FACILITY IMPROVEMENT FUND:**

In Memory of: *Gloria Lakatos* From: Dan & Dorothy Evison

### **GENERATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND:**

In Memory of: *Barbara Weigel-Schultz* From: Alex & Phyllis Kato, Len & Sue Vokal,  
Ann Zimmerman

## **WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR**

**Church Members and Friends:** Ed Brainard, Harold Fick, Denise Foley, Julius Enesey, Justine Kimbler, Rosemarie Laslo, Dave Schmoekel, Robert Black, Barbara Gish, Kyle Hard, Krystal Grant, Pam Jones, Bill Pattenaude, Thelma Poet, Shirley Robinson, Sandi Rose, Joan Smarr, John Smith, Sue Spears, Roger Staten, William Stears, Jr., Linda Tank, Leah Wagner, and Carol Wioncek.

**Extended Family:** Susan & Dennis Bennett (sister, brother-in-law of Karen Hill), Rhonda Wioncek Berndt, Diane Brainard (mother of Ed), Ted Butkin, Nora Cousino (sister-in-law, Helen St. Louis), Ailani Flores (friends, Rosemarie Laslo), Freeman Floyd, Alicia Hagen, Tony Koths, Jennifer Lee, Jeff MacZink, Andrea Matney, Sue Milatz, F. Scott Miller (son, Fred Miller), Steve Newberry, Debi and Al Petri, Kelly Potter, Tess Richardson, Jerry Rossi, Kevin Siemers, Vicki Simon (mother of Michael Isaacs), Randy Snelson, Rachel Tank (Daughter, Tom & Linda Tank), Blain Tayler, Anna Thomson (mother, Lucinda Chavez), Cindy Twilliger, Diana Williams.

**Church Members & Friends in Extended Care or Rehab Care:**

**Judy Albright**, 17381 Michigan Heights Dr., Romulus, 48174-5911; **Darlene Babin**, American House, 16333 Allen Rd., Room 213, Southgate, 48195; **Dave Cowper**, Hampton Manor of Woodhaven, 22125 Van Horn Rd., Room 308, Woodhaven 48183; **Barbara Gish**, American House, 16333 Allen Rd, Apt. 109, Southgate, 48195; **Lois Rice**, Burcham Hills, 2700 Burcham Dr., Apt. 536, East Lansing, 48823-9977; **Melissa Rossi**, 17652 Colgate, Dearborn Heights, 48125; **Sally Sigman**, American House 20300 Fort St., Room 256, Riverview, 48193; **Bert Thompson**, Optalis Health & Rehabilitation, 9150 Allen Rd, Allen Park; Office: 313-386-2150.