



APRIL NEWSLETTER 2023

St. Paul Lutheran Church, NALC- 156 Poplar St. S.W. Bolivar, Ohio 44612

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From the Pastor...

BECAUSE OF EASTER, WE HAVE JESUS

Many years ago in a small church in Ireland a message was given in which the minister said that Jesus' words, "Abide in me, and I in you," mean to simply say in circumstances, "For this I have Jesus," and Jesus will say, "For this you have Me." While speaking, a telegram was delivered to the young pianist. It read, "Mother very ill, take first train home."

At the conclusion of the message she shared the telegram with us, and she added: "I have never traveled alone, but for this I have Jesus. I must take the midnight train, but for this I have Jesus. I must cross the channel and make connections on the other side, but for this I have Jesus. Then I take a long train trip to the south of England, but for this I have Jesus and all the suspense along the way, I have Jesus. As she spoke these words, we saw the light of heaven upon her face.

Several weeks later, a letter came from her which was a song of praise. She wrote, "As I traveled that long sorrowful journey, I continued to say, for this I have Jesus and He answered, "For this you have me."

"As I reached home my sister fell sobbing on my shoulder saying, "Oh, if you had come ten minutes sooner you would have seen mother who so longed to see you." Instantly, I looked up and said, "For this I have Jesus" and He came between me and my sorrow and vain regrets had no power over me. We had never had a death or funeral in our family, and they all depended on me for every question. Acknowledging my ignorance, I said softly, 'For this I have Jesus' and He gave me wisdom for every detail. There was also His perfect peace for all legal matters that needed attention.

This account reveals the power that comes from Easter. Jesus not only lives forever in heaven but His Holy Spirit enlivens the world each day with the hope and promise that all believers will share in the His victory over sin and death. I pray that Easter joy will fill your life each day with gratitude and a generous spirit for all the days that you live.

In closing, I invite you to share in the mystery and glory of Holy Week as we pray and worship at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

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Ministers for April 2023

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
4/2	8:00 am	Rose Harris	4/2	8:00 am	Sandy Ritter
	10:30 am	Randy Simers		10:30 am	Randy Simers
4/6 Maundy Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Marcia Howenstine	4/6	7:00 p.m.	Marcia Howenstine
4/7 Good Friday	7:00 p.m.		4/7	7:00 p.m.	Richard Dudash
4/9 Easter	9:30 a.m.	Terry Tegtmeier	4/9	9:30 a.m.	Terry Tegtmeier
4/16	8:00 am	Jim Ward	4/16	8:00 am	David Zastawny
	10:30 am	Kim Pohovey		10:30 am	Kim Pohovey
4/23	8:00 am	Steve Maurer	4/23	8:00 am	Steve Maurer
	10:30 am	Randy Simers		10:30 am	Randy Simers
4/30	8:00 am	Charlann Young	4/30	8:00 am	Olivia Howell
	10:30 am	Marcia Howenstine		10:30 am	Marcia
		USHERS & GREETERS			Screen
4/2	8:00 am	Dave & Char Young	4/2	8:00 am	Olivia Howell
	10:30 am	Tom & Tammy Huggins		10:30 am	Dee Garrison
4/6 Maundy Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Dee Garrison	4/6	7:00 p.m.	Ted Howenstine
4/7 Good Friday	7:00 p.m.	Dave & Linda Clugston	4/7	7:00 p.m.	Doug Dix
4/9 Easter	9:30 a.m.	Randy & Cheryl Simers	4/9	9:30 a.m.	Doug Dix
4/16	8:00 a.m.	John & Sandy Bolitho	4/16	8:00 am	Terri Howell
	10:30 a.m.	Dave & Linda Clugston		10:30 am	Dee Garrison
4/23	8:00 a.m.	Byron & Mariann Lautenschleger	4/23	8:00 am	Pam Ward
	10:30 a.m.	Dee Garrison		10:30 am	Doug Dix
4/30	8:00	Jim & Jen Ward	4/30	8:00	Jen Ward
	10:30 a.m.	Randy & Cheryl Simers		10:30 a.m.	Ted Howenstine
		FELLOWSHIP			ALTAR GUILD
		None			Doug & Peggy Dix



Readings for March 2023

<u>4/2</u> <u>Palm Sunday</u>	<u>4/9</u> <u>Resurrection of Our Lord</u>	<u>4/16</u> <u>Second Sunday of Easter</u>	<u>4/23</u> <u>Third Sunday of Easter</u>	<u>4/30</u> <u>Fourth Sunday of Easter</u>
<u>Isaiah 50:4-9</u>	<u>Acts 10:34-43</u>	<u>Acts 5:29-42</u>	<u>Acts 2:14, 36-41</u>	<u>Acts 2:42-47</u>
<u>Psalms 118:19-29</u>	<u>Psalms 16</u>	<u>Psalms 148</u>	<u>Psalms 116:1-14</u>	<u>Psalms 23</u>
<u>Philippians 2:5-11</u>	<u>Colossians 3:1-4</u>	<u>1 Peter 1:3-9</u>	<u>1 Peter 1:17-25</u>	<u>1 Peter 2:19-25</u>
<u>Matthew 26: 1-27</u>	<u>Matthew 28:1-10</u>	<u>John 20:19-31</u>	<u>Luke 24:13-35</u>	<u>John 10:1-10</u>

Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers: – Dr. Jennifer Carr, Greg & Nancy Mahoney, Dr. Michelle Hamm, Jeanna McKown, Pam Miller, Jeff Elliott, Lucie Dillon, Watson Riffle, Steve Morrin, Richard Crist, Lee Hartline, Shannon Welty, John Dunn, Jeff Siegenthaler, Jane Davis, Dave Mason, Josh Aubihl, John & Judy Moffett, David Sears, Joycelyn Ely, Bruce Widder, Mike Berndt, Michael Mayle, Marilyn Shaw, Weston Cooper, Richard Christmas, Dominic Manuel, Joanne Simers, Jessica Ditous, Rachele West, Hannah Dragomir, Bob Leffler, Becky Fabianich, Devlin Crist, Gary Smerglia, Carol Schlagenhauser, Lyn Christenson, Tony & Ann Whatling, Louise Harris, Lauren Seifert, *Servicemen & Women- Seth Hershberger, Abraham Marlowe, Kyle Grieving, Cearra Taylor, Don Scholz, Rob Vitous, Camren Taylor, Trent Garver, Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, David Ward, Jordan Ritter, Adam Pohovey, William Robishaw*

Ladies
NIGHT OUT

Join us for a night of crafting and fellowship!

Thursday, April 13, 2023 - 6pm

St. Paul Lutheran Fellowship Hall

Bring a friend!

A craft and light refreshments will be provided.



Council News: A new first aid kit has been installed in the kitchen on the wall next to the bulletin board and under the suppression system for the stove. This first aid kit can easily be removed from the wall if needed by just lifting up on the case and pulling out. It is a commercial kit that I purchased at Sam's Club and has over 300 items in it.



Also, the AED has been ordered from Cintas and should be arriving soon. They will let me know when it comes in and will install it for us including the wall case it will be stored in. The plan is to mount it on the wall in the sacristy on the front wall next to the door going down to the basement, above the area where the

shopping cart usually sits when being used. Let me know any thoughts you might have. Thanks!
 Doug Dix – President Council.



CANCER BENEFIT FOR DR. MICHELLE HAMM

Spaghetti Dinner

(Includes Spaghetti, Salad Bar, Dessert, and Drink)

April 15th 2023 - 3 pm-6pm –

Adults \$15 Children \$7 12 and Under- Cash Only

Somerdale-Fairfield Fire Department

6288 Firehouse St. NE - Mineral City, OH 44656

SICK AND SHUT-IN LIST

Shut-ins: Please see a list of our shut-ins below; they would enjoy hearing from you by visit or card.

Jane Davis – Hennis Care Ctr. 300 Yant Street – Bolivar, OH 44612

Bonnie Burkhart – Park Village Assisted Living. – 1525 N. Crater Ave. Room 507– Dover, OH 44622

Betty Menapace – Park Village Southside – Room 19 H – 1019 Oldtown Valley Road SE, New Philadelphia, OH 44663



Terry Ankrom	4/1
Dennis Smith	4/3
Rolhel, Taylor	4/6
Josh Dix	4/8
Carole Dean	4/12

Terri Howell	4/13
Rich Harmon	4/17
Garry Sears	4/24
Donna Spangler	4/28

Vaughn & Nicole Sears	4/12
Skip & Jean Steward	4/16
Tom & Tammy Huggins	4/21
Richard & Donna Dudash	4/24



The

community Lenten schedule is as

follows:

April 5 – Bolivar Community Church

The services begin at 11:30 followed by a luncheon



Rummage Sale: The Rebekah sisters and Sonshine ladies are having the rummage sale this year on May 5 and 6 Please begin gathering

items for the “Sale”. You may bring items in after Easter Sunday. No TV’s will be accepted.

Youth News: The St. Paul youth will once again be collecting items for Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child. Our goal is to fill 175 boxes this year. In order to fulfill this goal, we will be collecting specific categories of items each month from March to October. **In March & April we will be collecting personal care items, specifically toothbrushes, “non-medicated, individually packaged bar soap”, washcloths, and combs.** Dollar General and Dollar Tree have a great selection of these items at reasonable prices. A labeled box will be in the Narthex for donations. Monetary donations may be placed in an envelope labeled “Operation Christmas Child” in the offering plate. **If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Beitzel.** As a reminder to all, these items are prohibited: candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items, food of any kind, drink mixes, liquids, lotions, medications, vitamins, breakable items, and aerosol cans.

The youth will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 2 at 9:15 a.m.

Bolivar Community Church: We are inviting you to join us for a 12 hour prayer vigil at our church during Holy Week. The prayer vigil will take place on Saturday, April 8th from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. We are asking people for an hour to pray for our community and whatever else the Lord put on your Heart. Prayer Packets are available to help guide people that may find praying for an hour a bit intimidating.



Book Club: We discussed our book “Why Believe” by Neil Shenvi on Tuesday, March 28th. We had a significant discussion on several subjects, as his book covered a broad range of subjects. We could have gone on for hours, but we had an enjoyable discussion with everyone participating.

Our next book will be “*Impossible Love*” by Craig Keener and Medine Moussounga Keener. This is a true-life love story which took place in several continents, including war-torn parts of central Africa. It is a story of war and romance, hope and miracles, sorrow and ecstasy. It will inspire and encourage your faith, as well as your emotions. After some recent tougher philosophical books, I suspect this will be a welcome change of pace. We’ll be meeting in the end of May to discuss. Contact Terry Tegtmeier if you’d like a book (\$7 apiece).



Grief Support Group: Beginning Monday, April 17 for six consecutive Mondays, Doug Gregory from Mercy Medical Center Home Health and Hospice, will lead a grief support group for those who are experiencing the loss of a loved one. The support group is free and open to the community. **Registration is necessary and is limited to 20.** Please sign the list in the Narthex if you wish to attend. All sessions begin at 10:30 and end at noon.

APRIL CALENDAR 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4/2	4/3	4/4	4/5	4/6	4/7	4/8
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Palm Sunday	Lions Club 6:30 pm	Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.	Good Friday 7:00 p.m.	
4/9	4/10	4/11	4/12	4/13	4/14	4/15
Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m. EASTER Happy Easter – No Sunday School	Yoga Class 9-10 am		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.			Property 9:00 a.m.
4/16	4/17	4/18	4/19	4/20	4/21	4/22
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. - Sunday School 9:15 am	Yoga Class 9-10 am Lions Club 6:30 pm Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Grief Counseling 10:30 -12 p.m..	Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Community Meal 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.		
4/23	4/24	4/25	4/26	4/27	4/28	4/29
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Easter Schedule St. Paul Lutheran

Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service – 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Service – 9:30 a.m.

Good Friday: The church will be open for private prayer from noon till 3:00 p.m.

First Communion: On Easter Sunday Bennett Gettan and Estelle Beitzel will receive communion for the first time. May God bless them and their families.

Monthly To Date Giving

March 2023- \$ 9,070.00 Includes 8 Services

March 2022 - \$ 8,558.00 Includes 8 Services

