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ST. PAUL'S SCOPE



Faithful and Welcoming Church

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From Our Pastor ~ Rev. Andrew Lovins

The Bully Problem: It's Everywhere

Bullying isn't just a schoolyard issue; it can happen anywhere, from churches to workplaces. Recently, I saw a movie where a seemingly successful businessman, a class president and top salesperson, achieved his goals through cheating, bullying, and manipulation. This raises the question: why do bullies flourish?

Silence Breeds Bullies

Bullies thrive because we often let them. We hesitate to confront them, to draw a line and say "no." This inaction allows bullying to become a strategy for success, evident in politics and many other areas. Just like the fight against police brutality, change happens when we stand up, say "no more" to injustice, and sever ties with those who perpetuate it.

Healthy Relationships Require Healthy Boundaries

Healthy relationships, whether in families, churches, or organizations, depend on setting boundaries. Most people in churches, for example, want to see progress and improvement. They embrace positive change. However, a small group might resist it. Resistance is okay, as long as it doesn't hinder others or involve ultimatums or threats. Discomfort with change is natural, even when it's positive. The problem arises when people throw their weight around to hold everyone back.

Challenge Injustice, Promote Growth

We must challenge behaviors that contradict love, mercy, and righteousness. Jesus himself confronted injustice. He challenged those who oppressed the poor and exploited the religious system. He didn't allow people to be bullied. We can follow his example – not by flipping tables, but by taking a stand and saying, "This far and no further."

Growth Requires Action

A healthy organization, just like a well-irrigated garden, needs boundaries and action. We must stand up for what's right and create an environment where bullying has no place.

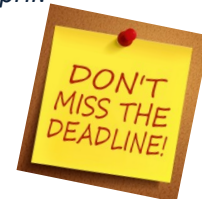
Pastor Andrew

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Scope Deadline

The *deadline* for articles to be included in the May SCOPE is the *25th of April*.



When we pray, God hears more than we say, answers more than we ask, gives more than we imagine, in His own time and in His own way.



<u>Date</u>	<u>8am</u>	<u>10:15am</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Online Viewers</u>
March 3	73A, 0C	77A, 15C	31C, 23A	n/a, 98
March 10	64A, 3C	66A, 10C	21C, 23A	134/81
March 17	71A, 1C	64A, 9C	28C, 26A	n/a
March 24	69A, 2C	113A, 10C	27C, 24A	105/100

If you are scheduled to serve, please remember that we are counting on you! If you cannot attend, switch with another volunteer and let the office know. Thank you!

Sunday Volunteer Schedule

<u>Time/Date</u>	<u>Council Ushers</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
8:00 April 7	Brian Rippelmeyer	Scott Weber	Debbie Ross	Mary Endsley
	Kim Borja		Mary Endsley	Sandy Dickens
April 14	Kathy Lickenbrock	Lynn Gipson	Dale Lickenbrock	Dale Lickenbrock
	April Nail		Kathy Lickenbrock	Stan Niemann
April 21	Debbie Ross	Tami Hughes	Pat Smoker	Pat Smoker
	April Beisiegel		Donna Smoker	Donna Smoker
April 28	Debbie Ross	Donna Smoker	Cheri Emge	Mary Endsley
	Kim Borja		Stan Niemann	Sandy Dickens
May 5	Kathy Lickenbrock	Jeanie Stumpf	Larry Rhutasel	Larry Rhutasel
	April Nail		Marg Rhutasel	Marg Rhutasel
April 7	Vicki Helms	Julie Rickert	Donna Stahl	Vicki Channer
	Lauren Borger		Rickey Stahl	Karen Neff
April 14	David Mitchell	Dale Fiedler	Brittany Kaiser	Gloria Niebruegge
	Lee Hartmann		Sharon Klann	Dave Niebruegge
April 21	Chad Lindauer	Amy Walton	Betty Weber	Lee Hartmann
	Amy Walton		Karen Neff	Jeanne Hartmann
April 28	Vicki Helms	Donna Asbridge	Jim Jacobs	Vick Channer
	Lauren Borger		Char Jacobs	Karen Neff
May 5	David Mitchell	Sharon Klann	Gloria Niebruegge	Gloria Niebruegge
	Lee Hartmann		Sharon Klann	Dave Niebruegge

Communion Set-up and Clean-up

<u>Date</u>	<u>Set Up</u>	<u>After 8am</u>	<u>After 10:15am</u>
April 7	Karen Neff	Sandy Dickens & Jeanie Stumpf	Lauren Borger
May 5	Jim & Char Jacobs	Shirley Kuhn	Gloria Niebruegge



Food Pantry

The Freeburg Food & Clothing Pantry's "Meal a Month", a "Needs Menu" (donations) will be collected on the second Sunday of each month "Monthly Food Collection Sunday". The needs for April are: catsup, mustard, pickles, relish, BBQ sauce, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, and hamburger helper.

Food Collection Sunday is **April 14**.

The Food Pantry appreciates your donations and support!!!

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Blood pressure checks will be conducted in the Baltz parlor on April 14th and will continue on the 2nd Sunday of every month.

April 14	Mary Wandling
May 12	Jeanie Stumpf
June 9	Pat Groth

SECOND MILE BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

The Benevolence offerings that you mark on your envelopes each month are Second Mile offerings for special mission projects.

Our **February** offering for **DuBois Center** was **\$110.00**. Thank You!!!

APRIL - PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Our Second Mile Mission for April goes into the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. The fund helps needy Freeburg residents with gasoline, medicine, rent and various other expenses.

With Deepest Sympathy

Ray Allen Mundloch

November 9, 1933 ~ February 29, 2024

Father of Cheryl (Stanley) Sirtak, Bradley Mundloch and Kurt (Vincenzo Buzzetta) Mundloch
Grandfather of Tabitha (Matt) Amann, Tiffany (Andrew) Smith, Derek Mundloch, Christian (Charlotte) Mundloch, Bryn Mundloch and Aidan Mundloch

Ronald D. Williams

November 25, 1933 ~ March 1, 2024

Brother of Jerry (Mary Ann) Downen

Shirley J. Kirchhoefer

August 21, 1935 ~ March 6, 2024

Larry D. Wilke

February 14, 1949 ~ March 17, 2024

St. Paul's Women's Guild

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 - Noon

**Please join us for food & fellowship ...
and, learn about:**

"Amazon Hope" - Matthew 25:35-36
Presented by Corby Valentine

Hostesses: Barb Joseph & Debbie Ross

Questions? ...

Please ask Karen, Jeanne, or any Guild friend

Mission Trip

Outlets first ever Home Town Mission Trip! This year we are mixing it up. The Youth Group will be serving our local community this summer! Our Home Town Mission Trip will be July 25-28, 2024. To find out more, our first informational meeting will be April 17th at 5:45pm in the church basement. This meeting is for parents and participants of 6th grade through college students. If you are interested in cooking a meal for the mission trip, or helping out chaperone a work site, please contact BK at (618)803-8013.

Building & Grounds

The church council approved a contract with Warnecke Building Restoration for \$17,180 to tuckpoint the church building and repair the flashing on the church steeple.

The committee approved a \$964.18 year contract with Dandy Lawns for lawn treatment of all St. Paul's property including the Food & Clothing Bank.

The downspout drain is clogged by the wheelchair ramp and will be cleared. The committee is looking into options for preparing the concrete on the wheelchair ramp.

Waste Management will charge an additional \$150 for overflow of the dumpster. A sign stating this has been placed on the fence.


All contractors who are hired by the church must have a certificate of insurance on file yearly.

Mission Moments

The Mission Committee continues to raise funds for Hoyleton Youth and Family Services. "Hearts for Hoyleton," DQ Night, and Comedy Night were three of our recent events.

Thank you to everyone who came out for our DQ Fundraising efforts! The evening was a success with people dining in sharing a meal and people taking advantage of the drive thru option. The Missions Committee received a check for \$244.67 towards our Hoyleton efforts. Thank you...thank you!

In April we will ask members to "shower" the youth at Hoyleton with some shower curtains, liners, and new pillows for their new houses on campus that are nearing completion. Look for the raindrops dropping at church this month for Hoyleton. Thank you for all of your support towards the fundraisers.



*Sending
Prayers of
Hope and
Healing*

Prayers for those who are ill and/or recovering

Duane Forcade
Charles Ross
Amy Walton
Lori Kaiser
Peggy Emery

FREEBURG POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

10TH ANNUAL GOLF FUNDRAISER

The Freeburg Police Thanks you for your Support

**SATURDAY
MAY 18TH, 2024**

AT MYSTIC OAKS GOLF COURSE, WATERLOO

AM Shotgun: 8:00am
PM Shotgun: 1:00pm
Limited to first 28 teams in each start time.

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\$340 - Per Team
\$100 - Hole Sponsor
\$250 - Drink Sponsor
\$550 - Gold Sponsor
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Contact Matt at 618-410-8077 or mtrout@freeburg.com to sign up or for more information.



April Birthdays

4/2 Derek Morris	4/15 Barb Borger	4/22 Donald Barkau
Herb Schafale	Jase Brueggemann	4/23 Addie Huston
Ron Stuart	Liam Heppermann	4/24 Braden Burton
4/3 Nicholas Borja	Stan Koerber	Richard Kehrer Sr.
4/4 Cindy Blumberg	Asher Stein	4/25 Virginia Lugge
Mark Mullen	4/16 Michelle Feurer	4/26 Quinn Brueggemann
Delilah Owens	Jim Price	4/27 Jake Forcade
4/7 Walter Borja	Andrew Vogel	James Knake
Doug Parrish	4/17 Marg Rhutasel	4/30 Linda Croissant
Jacob Shook	4/18 Breanne Schmidgall	
4/8 Bill Clossen Sr.	4/19 Chad Lindauer	
4/10 Greg Dickens	4/20 Robin Heiken	
4/11 Stella Bricker	Aiden Parrish	
4/12 Brynne Sanders	4/21 Bill Groh	
4/14 Roger Muskopf	Camden Weber	

Happy Birthday!

Thank you

Dear Members of St. Paul's UCC,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful gift of \$480 for our Mission Funds. You are making a tremendous difference in the lives of the youth and families we serve on a daily basis.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Chris L. Cox, President & CEO
Hoyleton Youth and Family Services

Council Corner

Our recent March Council Meeting provided an opportunity for fruitful dialogue and collaboration. During our gathering, the Council discussed our committees, and I am pleased to witness the enthusiasm of new individuals eager to serve. From this, I plan to better communicate the committees for next year with definition of intent and their intended purpose. I am also pleased to report that our Lenten services have drawn a larger attendance this year.

Chad Lindauer
Council Chair

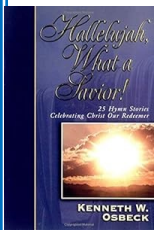
CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2024

On Sunday, March 24, 2024 during the 10:15am service, seven youth received the Rite of Confirmation at St. Paul's UCC, Freeburg. Front row: Quinn Brueggemann, Delilah Foster, Ava Savage and Stella Bricker. Back row: Lizzy Reynolds, Pastor Andrew, Ben Heppermann and Amelia Rickert.

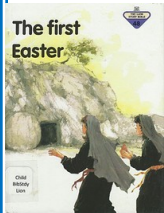


The Library Nook

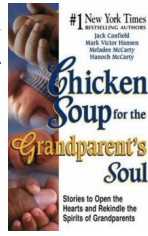
Picks for the Month of April:



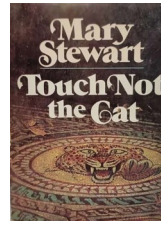
Religion & Spirituality: *Hallelujah, What a Savior!* By Kenneth W. Osbeck — A collection of stories about Christian hymns. Each chapter includes the real-life inspiration behind the hymn, a devotional thought for meditation, Scripture verses, and the complete musical score.



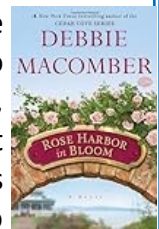
Children/Young Adult: *The First Easter* by Penny Frank — The Bible tells us how God sent his Son Jesus to show us what God is like and how we can belong to God's kingdom. This is the story of what happened after the priests in Jerusalem had had Jesus killed. You can find the story in your own Bible, at the end of all four Gospels — Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.



Non-Fiction: *Chicken Soup for the Grandparent's Soul* by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Meladee McCarty and Hanoch McCarty — A collection of inspirational stories captures the challenges, joys, trials, and triumphs of being a grandparent.




Fiction: *Touch Not the Cat* by Mary Stewart — After the tragic death of her father, Bryony Ashley returns from abroad to find that his estate is to become the responsibility of her cousin Emory. Ashley Court with its load of debt is no longer her worry. But there is something odd about her father's sudden death . . . Bryony has inherited the Ashley 'Sight' and so has one of the Ashleys. Since childhood the two have communicated through thought patterns, though Bryony has no idea of his identity. Now she is determined to find him. But danger as well as romance wait for her in the old moated house, with its tragic memories . . .



Fiction: *Rose Harbor in Bloom* by Debbie Macomber — Since moving to Cedar Cove, Jo Marie Rose has truly started to feel at home, and her neighbors have become her closest friends. Now it's springtime, and Jo Marie is eager to finish the most recent addition to her inn. In memory of her late husband, Paul, she has designed a beautiful rose garden for the property and enlisted handyman Mark Taylor to help realize it. She and Mark don't always see eye-to-eye—and at times he seems far removed—yet deep down, Jo Marie finds great comfort in his company. And while she still seeks a sense of closure, she welcomes her latest guests, who are on their own healing journeys.



Non-Fiction: *Gift of Friendship* edited by Nick Beilenson — Here are collected warm, beautiful thoughts, and why witty sayings, about the love and respect of one friend for another.



Kylie Brown, Lizzy Reynolds, and Youth Group Leader BK, headed over to Enterprise Center on March 23rd for WinterJam! A Concert with 10 top Christian artists all performing in one night with over 20,000 Christians all singing and praising together. Pic-



Friday,
March 22,
2024

Family Flashlight Egg Hunt

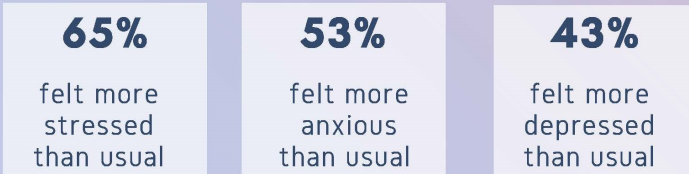




A STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF STRESS AND MENTAL HEALTH AS A RESULT OF THE PANDEMIC

The Stress Management Society and Huawei AppGallery collaborated to gain a greater understanding of the true impact of COVID-19 on the British Public. The survey of 2,000 nationally representative British adults was carried out by OnePoll in January 2021.

Since the COVID-19 restrictions started in March:



THE CAUSES?

57%

missed family and friends



46%

were concerned about when things would get back to normal

37%

felt anxious about the changing rules surrounding lockdown



34%

feared the future post Covid



30%

had money worries



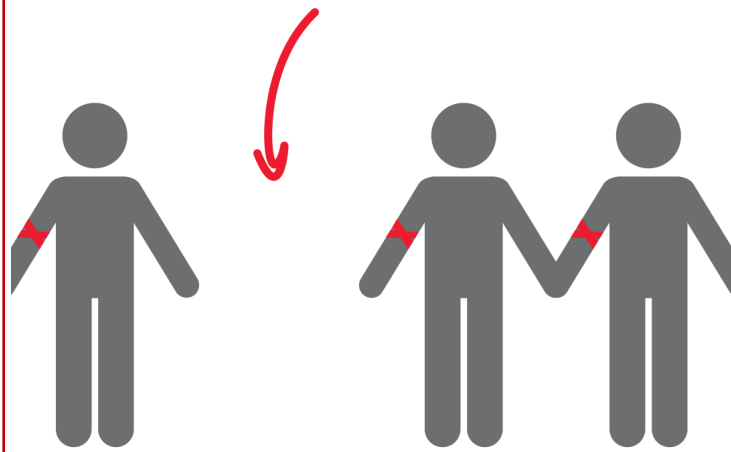
STRESS AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2021 - REGAIN CONNECTION, CERTAINTY AND CONTROL

Discover more at www.stress.org.uk www.wellbeing.work

Visit www.stress.org.uk/stressawarenessmonth for FREE resources and content

Freeburg Community Blood Drive
April 15, 2024 & June 17, 2024
12:00 noon - 5:00 pm
Freeburg Township Building

You're needed here.



American Red Cross

KIDS FOR CHRIST

It's almost time for another great session of Kids for Christ in Freeburg! We will meet at both the Primary and Elementary schools on Tuesdays, April 2nd- 30th. This session, children will be learning about their iDEN-TITY in Christ and that, through Him, we are chosen, loved, redeemed, victorious and complete!

It's not too late to register! Registration forms are available in the school office or you can contact Susan Webb for a registration form.

At Kids for Christ, we make learning the Bible fun! We hope your child(ren) will join us and invite their friends!

Susan Webb
District Coordinator
Kids Community Bible Study
www.KidsforChristKCBS.com
(618) 606-4904

The Church Calendar - April 2023

Normal Sunday Schedule
 8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship
 9:05 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Children's Church

<p>Apr 1 - Mon: Easter Monday—Office Closed Building & Grounds Comm. 7pm C.E. Meeting 7pm</p> <p>Apr 2 - Tues: Food Pantry 2-4pm</p> <p>Apr 4 - Thurs: Painting 9am Service & Communion @Cedar Trails 1pm</p> <p>Apr 7 - Sun: COMMUNION SUNDAY</p> <p>Apr 9 - Tues: Women's Guild 12 noon Food Pantry 2:00-4:00pm</p> <p>Apr 14- Sun: Blood pressure checks Food Collection Sunday</p>	<p>Apr 16 - Tues: Freeburg Care Center Service 3:15pm Council Meeting 7:00pm</p> <p>Apr 18 - Thurs: Painting 9am Food Pantry 5-7pm</p> <p>Apr 23 - Tues: Stephen Ministry 6:30pm</p> <p>Apr 25 - Thurs: SCOPE Deadline</p> <p>Apr 26 - Fri: F&C Bank Clothing Sale 9-11am</p> <p>Apr 26-28: Women's Retreat @Dubois</p>
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C.S. Lewis Bible Study: Monday 7:15 pm
Bible Study: Tuesday at 7:00 pm (Zoom)
Quilting: Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 am, Thursday 6:00 pm (Ministry Building)
Boy Scouts: Tuesday 7:00 pm (Basement)
The Outlet: Wednesday 6:30-8:00 pm (Youth Room)
Choir: Wednesday 7:00 pm
Faith Journey: Wednesday 8:00 pm - (Church)
Reconfirmation/Adult Bible Class: Thursday 7:00 pm (Ministry Building)

KIDS FOR CHRIST

FREEBURG SPRING 2024

WHO

Freeburg Students
 Grades K through 8th
 (Boys & Girls)

WHAT

KCBS is a
 non-denominational
 (Bible based) after school
 program similar to
 a Vacation Bible School
 (VBS) program.

WHEN

TUESDAYS
 3:10 to 5:00 pm
 April 2nd - 30th

Please plan to join us for our closing
 program on Tuesday, April 30th
 at 4:45 pm.

WHY

We teach the truth & hope
 found in the Bible. This basic
 foundation of faith will help
 children their entire lives.

**Our main message is:
 The Love of God.**

QUESTIONS?

VISIT US ON THE WEB
WWW.KIDSFORCHRISTKCBS.COM
OR CONTACT:
K-2 COORDINATOR: STEPHANIE KETCHUM
 618-304-4718 sjketchum5@gmail.com
3-8 COORDINATOR: SHARI WALL
 (618) 806-9197 lordsservant3@outlook.com

HOW

Complete 1 Registration Form
 for Each Child Attending

**Online registration now available
 at www.KidsForChristKCBS.com**

Donations to offset the costs for snacks & supplies are always appreciated!
 Checks may be made payable to **Kids Community Bible Study.**

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Worship Services:
Sunday 8:00 & 10:15 AM
Sunday School 9:05 AM

