



# St. Paul's Scope

A Faithful and Welcoming Church

April 2025

## Finding Flight: Beyond Perfectionism and Fear

We often approach life, and even our faith, with a desire for a perfectly smooth journey. We want to eliminate all anxieties, all imperfections, all "turbulence." But the truth is, life is rarely a perfectly smooth flight. It's filled with unexpected bumps, challenging weather, and moments where we feel utterly out of control.

One of the most profound lessons we can learn is that *we are not the experts on anyone else's life*. We might offer advice, share our experiences, and attempt to guide, but ultimately, each person holds the key to their own resources and motivations. Our role is not to dictate, but to empower, to help them discover the strength within themselves.

Consider the story of Laura. She suffered from debilitating anxiety about flying, a fear so intense that it manifested in physical symptoms. The mere thought of boarding a plane triggered waves of nausea, racing thoughts, and heart palpitations. For years, this fear held her captive, limiting her world.

Then, Laura became a grandmother. A tiny, precious life entered her world, living miles away in California. The desire to hold her grandchild, to be a part of their life, became a force stronger than her fear. The value she placed on family, the deep love for her grandchild, fueled her courage. She boarded that plane, not without anxiety, but with a purpose that transcended her fear. Twice a year, she faced the discomfort of air travel, fueled by the joy of seeing her grandbaby.

Laura's story reminds us that life will never be completely anxiety-free. Challenges will arise. But when we identify and cultivate strong core values, we discover an inner strength that allows us to navigate those challenges and live a full, meaningful life.

This is where our faith community becomes so vital. Church attendance, scriptural teaching, and participation in missions are not simply religious obligations; they are tools for clarifying and strengthening our core values. They provide:

- **A Compass for Values:** Scriptural teachings offer a moral compass, guiding us toward values like love, compassion, and service. They help us discern what truly matters in the grand scheme of life.
- **A Community of Support:** Church provides a community of fellow travelers, a network of support that strengthens us when we feel weak. We find encouragement and accountability in our shared faith.
- **A Perspective Beyond Ourselves:** Missions and service opportunities broaden our perspective, helping us see beyond our own anxieties and focus on the needs of others. This shift in focus can often diminish our own fears.
- **A Grounding In Truth:** When our minds are filled with the anxieties of our lives, scriptures help us to ground ourselves in the truth of God's love and provision.

Just as Laura discovered the strength within herself to overcome her fear, we too can find the resources to navigate life's challenges. It's not about eliminating fear, but about discovering a purpose greater than our fear. It is about understanding that we are not the expert on our own lives, God is. And He has provided us with the tools we need to thrive. Let us embrace the journey, Imperfections and all, and trust that we are being guided towards a life of purpose and fulfillment.



Attendance for the Month of March				
Date	8:00am	10:15am	Sunday School	Online Viewers
3/2	A 76 / C 2	A 68 / C 17	A 16 / C 34	821
3/9	A 56 / C 3	A 80 / C 12	A 21 / C 24	196
3/16	A 76 / C 0	A 65 / C 10	A 20 / C 39	589
3/23	A 65 / C 0	A 62 / C 7	A 20 / C 22	421
Lent Services	3/05 — 61	03/12 — 38	03/19 — 54	

Sunday Volunteer Schedule					
Time	Date	Council Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Lector
<b>8:00</b>	<b>April 6</b>	Kim Borja	Pat Smoker	Camden Junge	Lynn Gipson
		April Beisiegel	Donna Smoker		
	<b>April 13</b>	Kathy Lickenbrock	Stan Niemann	Owen Inselmann	Jeanie Stumpf
		Tom Heppermann	Cheri Emge		
<b>EASTER</b>	<b>April 20</b>	Brian Rippelmeyer	Scott Weber	Camden Junge	Scott Weber
		Kim Borja	Julie Weber		
	<b>April 27</b>	April Beisiegel	Marg Rhutasel	Owen Inselmann	Tami Hughes
		Kathy Lickenbrock	Larry Rhutasel		
	<b>May 4</b>	Tom Heppermann	Dale Lickenbrock	Camden Junge	Donna Smoker
		Brian Rippelmeyer	Kathy Lickenbrock		
<b>10:15</b>	<b>April 6</b>	David Mitchell	Shirley Kuhn	Dean Shaw	Julie Rickert
		Tom Heiken	Harry Kuhn		
	<b>April 13</b>	Julie Rickert	Brittany Kaiser	Blyss Payne	Teresa Huston
		Chad Lindauer	Gloria Niebruegge		
<b>EASTER</b>	<b>April 20</b>	Lee Hartmann	Donna Stahl	Emily Kuhn	Donna Asbridge
		Amy Walton	Rickey Stahl		
	<b>April 27</b>	Lauren Borger	Angela Kurburski	Audrey Lawson	Vicki Channer
		David Mitchell	Matthew Kurburski		
	<b>May 4</b>	Tom Heiken	Harry Dapron	Dean Shaw	Amy Walton
		Julie Rickert	Shere Dapron		

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!

# ... VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES ...

Acolyte Schedule		
Date	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
April 6	Camden Junge	Dean Shaw
April 13	Owen Inselmann	Blyss Payne
April 20	Camden Junge	Emily Kuhn
April 27	Owen Inselmann	Audrey Lawson
May 4	Camden Junge	Dean Shaw
May 11	Alise Freebairn	Audrey Lawson
May 18	Camden Junge	Emily Kuhn
May 25	Tara Beisiegel	Ryleigh Ribes
June 1	Tara Beisiegel	Ryleigh Ribes
June 8 Confirmation	Tenley Heppermann	Owen Inselmann

Communion Set-up/Clean-up			
Date	Set-Up	After 8:00 am	After 10:15am
Apr 6	Jill Kettler	Debbie Ross	Gloria Niebruegge
May 4	Jim & Char Jacobs	Lisa & Jill	Lauren Borger

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS**  
are done between church services in the parlor.

April 13	Jeanie Stumpf
May 11	Phyllis Ellerbusch

## Benevolence Offering

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

**Our March offering for Eden Seminary  
was \$ 315**

April benevolence offerings will be for the  
**Pastor's Discretionary Fund**

**Thank you!**



**HOLY WEEK  
WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE**

**7:00PM**    APRIL 17  
Maundy Thursday

**7:00PM**    APRIL 18  
Good Friday

**8:00AM**    APRIL 20  
**10:15AM** Easter Sunday



**MAY  
SCOPE**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:  
APRIL 25TH**

## ... Ways to Donate & Love Your Neighbors ...



Food Pantry needs for the month of **April** are:

Waffle & Pancake Mix  
Syrup  
Canned Pie Filling  
Canned Fruit  
Canned Pasta Sauce  
Jiffy Corn Bread Mix

Food Collection Sunday is April 13th.

The Pantry appreciates your donations and support!



St. Paul's loans out clean, gently used medical equipment. If you or a loved one are in need of some type of medical equipment, contact the church office to check on availability.

**HOSPITALIZED  
OR NEEDING  
MEDICAL CARE  
LAST MONTH**



Bonnie Waters  
Charles Ross  
Robin Skaer



Looking for volunteers to help out the Church Mice. Contact Char Jacobs if interested.

### NEED AN EASIER WAY TO GIVE?

Simply text "GIVE" to (618) 552-9327 or scan this QR code!

OR...Set up "Bill Pay" at your bank. Your bank will mail a check to St. Paul's for you for FREE!



Please remember to check your mail bin in the office if you or your committee has one. Thanks!



*St. Paul's Women's Guild*

Tuesday, April 8th at Noon



Ladies Are Invited to Join Us in  
Fellowship Hall

**WOMEN'S GUILD BAKE SALE**

The Women's Guild Will Be Hosting  
a Bake Sale

**Sunday, April 13, Starting Before 8:00a.m.  
Services and Running Until 10:15 Service**

Items Will Not Be Priced  
Free-Will Donations Accepted

Proceeds To Be Divided Between  
the DuBois Horse Project and



*Zion Evangelical Church*  
**Spring Luncheon**  
**May 7th** 🦋 **Noon**

If interested in attending,  
please bring \$15 to the April  
Women's Guild meeting as the  
fee must be paid in advance.

## ...Ministries ...



## Utility Assistance

To Receive Utility Assistance:

- ♦ Must be a member of St. Paul's or live in the Freeburg School District
- ♦ Can only receive assistance once a calendar year
- ♦ Must have driver's license or ID showing address of utility bill
- ♦ Call the church office if you or someone you know is in need of assistance

St. Paul's Utility Assistance Fund received a check from the Freeburg Chamber of Commerce with proceeds from the 2024 Chili Cook-off for \$3,974.00.



### VBS 2025

**June 25-27**  
**9:00am—11:30am**

Ages 4 yrs—5th Grade

Can you help? Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

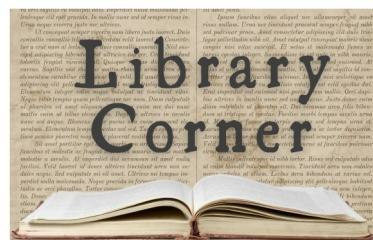
**Bible Story & Snack Games**

**Group Leading Crafts**

**Music & Opening/Closing  
Check-in & Dismissal**

**General Assistance & Setup/Cleanup**

If you can help, contact Sean Haack at seanhaack04@gmail.com or 314-939-8448.



Lots of great books available in our church library located in the Ministry Center. Stop by and check it out!

...Ministries ...

# **FAMILY FLASHLIGHT** *Egg Hunt*

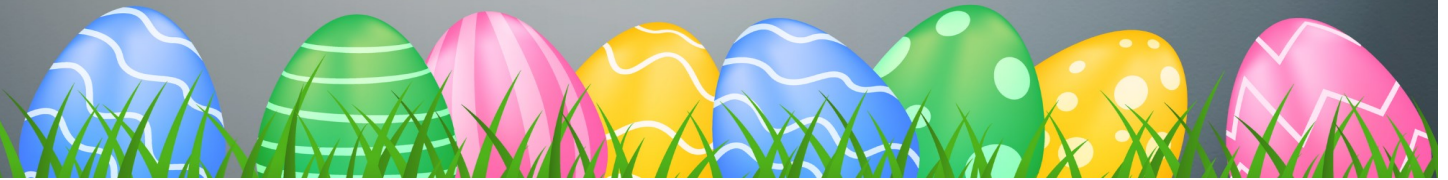


**SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH 7:30PM**

**BEGINS IN CHURCH BASEMENT**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FLASHLIGHT**

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**



# THANK YOU

**TO TAMI HUGHES AND CREW FOR HOSTING  
THE TRIVIA EVENT THAT RAISED \$6,313 FOR  
THE DUBOIS HORSE PROJECT**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## April

4/02 Herb Schafle  
Ron Stuart  
4/03 Nicholas Borja  
4/04 Cindy Blumberg  
Mark Mullen  
Delilah Owens  
4/07 Walter Borja  
Doug Parrish  
Jacob Shook  
4/08 Laura Harsy  
4/10 Gregory Dickens  
4/11 Stella Bricker  
4/14 Roger Muskopf  
4/15 Barbara Borger  
Jase Brueggemann  
Liam Heppermann  
Stan Koerber  
Asher Stein

4/16 Michelle Feurer  
Andrew Vogel  
4/17 Marg Rhutasel  
Maiya Tragesser  
4/18 Breanne Schmidgall  
4/19 Chad Lindauer  
4/20 Robin Heiken  
Aiden Parrish  
4/21 Bill Groh  
Camden Weber  
4/22 Donald Barkau  
Tori Forsythe  
4/24 Braden Burton  
Tyler Coughlin  
Richard Kehrer Sr.  
4/26 Quinn Brueggemann  
4/28 Byron Hendrix  
Travis Loy  
Haley Mueth

## Office Closed

### Monday, April 21

### In Observance of Easter Monday



4/14 Doug & Jodie Parrish—13th  
4/20 Ramon & Dana Matchett—23rd  
4/21 Byron & Ellie Hendrix—24th  
4/23 Pat & Donna Smoker—48th  
4/24 Lee & Jeanne Hartmann—26th  
4/27 Matthew & Catherine Rohlfing—6th



## *Church Calendar - April 2025*

### Normal Sunday Schedule

8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship

9:05 am Sunday School

Children's Church 10:15 am

First Sunday of the Month – Communion Observed During Both Worship Services

<b>April</b>	<b>April</b>
1— Pantry 2 pm Building & Grounds 7pm	17—Pantry 5pm <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 7pm
5— Flashlight Egg Hunt 7:30pm	18— <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 7PM
6—Communion	19—Decorate church for Easter
7—Christian Education 6pm	20— <b>EASTER</b> <b>No</b> 7th & 8th grade confirmation
8—Women's Guild 12pm Pantry 2pm	21—Office Closed
9—Lent Service 7pm	22—Stephen Ministry 630pm
13— <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> BP Checks 9am—Parlor Food Collection Sunday Women's Guild Bake Sale	25—Scope Deadline Pantry 9am
15—Council Meeting 7pm	27— <b>No</b> 7th & 8th grade confirmation

### Normal Weekly Schedule

**7th & 8th Grade Confirmation:** Sunday 9:15 am

**C.S. Lewis Bible Study:** Monday 7:15 pm

**Bible Study:** Sunday 9:05 am, Tuesday at 7:00 pm (Zoom)

**Quilting:** Tuesday & Thursday at 8:30 am (Ministry Building)

**Boy Scouts:** Tuesday 7:00 pm (Basement)

**Choir Rehearsal:** Wednesday at 6:00 pm

**The Outlet:** Wednesday 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm (Youth Room)

**Faith Journey Rehearsal:** Wednesday at 7:00 pm

**"Reconfirmation":** Thursday at 7:00 pm (Ministry Building) Bible Study with Pastor Lovins

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### **Worship Services:**

Sunday 8:00 & 10:15 AM  
Sunday School 9:05 AM  
Children's Church 10:15 AM

