

# Living Waters

May 2022

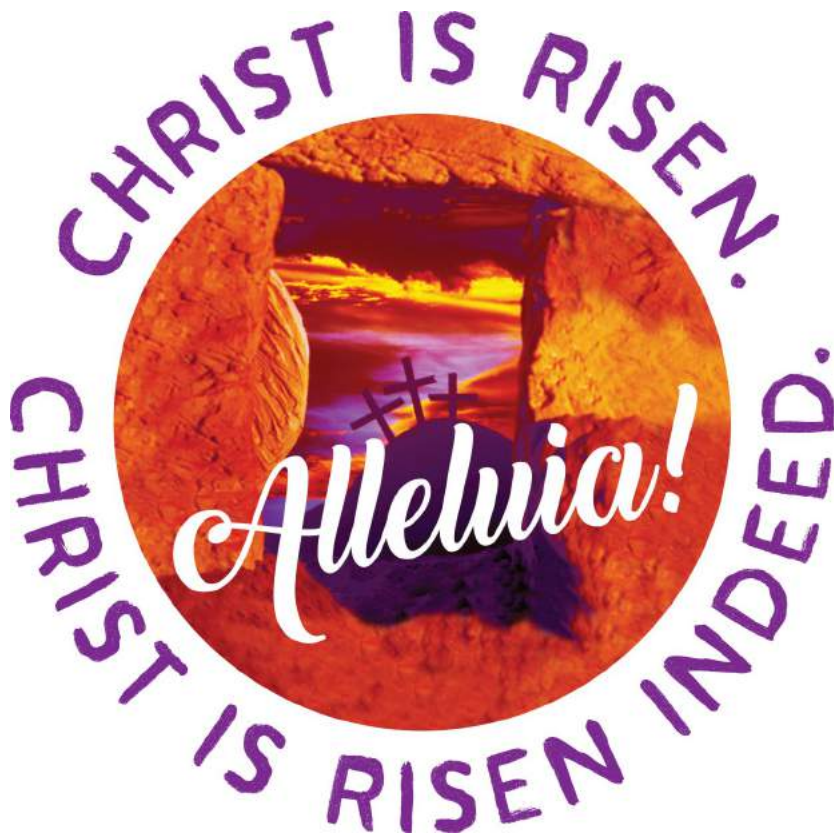
## Celebrating the Resurrection

Pastor Zak

**“Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!”**

This is our call and response in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. The best part is that the joy of this day carries on for 50 days, through an entire season. This means that the church sets aside seven Sundays to continue to tell the story of, and celebrate, the resurrection. I often wonder, what would it look like for us to celebrate each and every one of these Sundays as we do the first one?

The word that comes to my mind is *exhausted*. The truth is that celebrating can be an exhausting endeavor, which is why the call and response above is so important to me. While we may run into “resurrection fatigue” over this season, this simple celebratory word “*Alleluia*” ensures that we keep the otherworldly joy of the good news front and center. Testifying to this wonderful news is something we do every time we gather. Even if we tire over time, the Good News remains unchanged as our sermon is short and our message is sweet... “*Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!*”



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## Worship Information

### In-Person

#### Sundays

Worship in the sanctuary at 8 & 10 am.

### Online/Livestream

Watch the first service live on [YouTube](#), or anytime after that!

### Communion Pick-Up

10:30 am–12 pm

#### Wednesdays

Park in the front parking lot and call the church office at 630-832-5580. We'll bring communion kits to you!

### Altar Flowers Sign-Up

Sign up now using our [new digital sign-up!](#) Two bouquet slots available for each Sunday; each bouquet is \$30.

# Congregational Life...

## CROP Walk

The number are in! Last fall's Great Prairie Trail Walk ended up 67th out of approximately 500 walks around the country, making about \$25,000. St. Paul raised over \$1,750 for the walk. Our team deserves a great big thank you!! Please save the date for our walk this fall on Sunday, October 2.



## ProJECT Forward Update

Construction on the church has slowed (for now) as we ease back into our spaces upstairs and down. Thanks to all who have (or will) help in this next wave of moving and unpacking. We're also patiently awaiting the work in the North Wing to pick back up as soon as our new trusses arrive. While we wait for construction to draw to a close we are also looking forward to finding opportunities to celebrate together all that God is up to at St. Paul. Be sure to keep an eye out for more information regarding ProJECT Forward celebrations and events. As always, thank you for your generosity in all things and continued prayers as we continue to grow together in our faith and service.

The construction blog will take a temporary hiatus until work really picks up again, but we'll continue to post updates [here](#) as we have them!



## COVID Update

Face masks are now optional in church areas but continue to be required in Day Care areas. The Health & Safety Task Force continues to monitor the situation in our local area. Thanks for your patience and understanding!



## Alleluia!

Thanks to everyone for a meaningful journey through Holy Week! It was great to see many new and familiar faces.



... and More!

## The Return of Beer & Hymns

May 13, 7 pm, Manny's Ale House

Join us at Manny's Ale House, 683 St Charles Rd, Elmhurst, to bust out some honky-tonk renditions of old favorite hymns. Accompanied by an out-of-tune old piano and surrounded by other hymn-loving singers, we will raise our voices in praise and joy. Song leaders welcomed, but not required. Come early for some of Manny's delicious dinners, or just come for the singing. Bring a friend - or several.



## Wine, Women and the Word

April 5, 7 pm, Judy Nuehring's home

Our final discussion for the year will center on Ruth. We will be meeting in person at the Nuehring home. Contact [Judy](#) for more info!

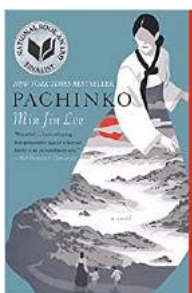
## LWR Personal Care Kits

Wow, thanks! We collected enough items during the season of Lent to make 154 personal care kits for distribution through Lutheran World Relief. AMAZING! Leftover items were donated to Hands & Feet. Thank you all for your astounding generosity!

## Book Club

May 2, 7 pm

St. Paul Book Club meets in person at church. Everyone is welcome to join a book club discussion, even as a one time visit! Please contact [Marti Seaton](#) to be included on our email list. Stay tuned for our summer plans!



On **Monday, May 2** we will discuss *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee, an award winning novel which follows four generations of a Korean family living in Japan.

## March Numbers

Giving: \$43,571  
(including online: \$20,316)

Expenses: \$34,119

YTD Giving vs. Expenses: \$8,701

### Other Statistics

Date	Attendance	Viewers
3/2	69	54
3/6	91	51
3/13	96	60
3/20	106	50
3/27	77	55



**WOW!!!**  
154 kits!



# Youth and Family Ministry

## Collection for Oaks Indian Mission

May 8 and May 15



St. Paul Youth are collecting socks and underwear for elementary-high school age youth. All donations will be distributed during the Youth Mission Trip to Oaks Indian Mission in July. Colors and patterns are okay, but no political statements, please. Bring all items on Sunday, May 8 or May 15.

## Honor the Grads

May 15, 10 am

We will be honoring this year's graduates during the 10:00 am worship on Sunday, May 15. Our High School seniors will be receiving a gift from the congregation, but all graduates from middle school to college are welcome to come forward for the blessing. Contact [Judy](#) with questions.

## Education Schedule

Sundays, 9-9:45 am

Sunday School: meets in Fellowship Center downstairs

Confirmation Class & High School Hangout: meets downstairs

Youth Sunday: 3rd Sunday of the month

**NOTE: Last day of class is Sunday, May 22; last Logos is Monday, May 23.**



## Vacation Bible School

June 13-16, 5-7 pm

Are you ready for adventure?!

St. Paul and Holy Trinity Lutheran Churches are partnering together to provide Vacation Bible School this year! [Registration is open](#) for children ages 3 years old-5th grade. The cost is \$10/child with a \$30/household max. No affiliation with St. Paul or Holy Trinity required!

This year's program will be held at St. Paul and will include a dinner each night.

We also need volunteers to help make this experience possible. If you (or someone you know) would like to help in any way please register as a volunteer. Kids and volunteers will embark on an exciting quest for God's great light with music, games, crafts, bible studies and more! Register [here!](#)

# Prayers

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## Spring Prayer Vigil

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Virtual Spring Prayer Vigil on April 16. We had a total of 124 viewers and 157 total views. We had at least 2 people viewing the live stream at all times.

Thank you to everyone who submitted prayer requests, which appeared on the screen during the vigil. Our prayers were lifted up by the community to the God is always with us, wherever we are.

**“Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;  
you will cry for help, and He will say: ‘Here am I.’” — Isaiah 58:9**

We plan to have the next vigil in person in person in the fall. Look for more news about that as we move forward. Blessings to all.

## Thank You From Karl & Judy Koeneman

Thank you to all who sent up all those prayers and good thoughts for us these last few months when our son, Andy, was so sick and passed away February 22. All the cards and good wishes were needed and greatly appreciated.



## Prayer List

*Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks, or longer by request. To submit a prayer request please use the online [Prayer Request form](#), email [prayers@stpaulvp.org](mailto:prayers@stpaulvp.org), or contact the church office.*

### Prayers of Healing

Joe Mottlow (nephew of Pauline Ares), Catherine Schreck, Derek Braasch & Nina Trader (friends of Carol Simberg), Kristy Fash-Alvarez (daughter of Teri Fash), Melinda Brent, Margaret Golden, Arlene Jensen, Nan Marcum, Sandy Robershaw, Tommy Shallcross, Jim Sherlock (brother of Diane Sherlock), Steve Swanson, All Caregivers

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

Gwendolyn Barth, baptized April 24

### Prayers for the Bereaved

Eleanor Bache (mother of Vivian Quam), Wayne Simpson (ex-father-in-law of Sarah Friel)

# May 2022

All events subject to change. Items in *italics* are **in-person** events; all other events are virtual. [View the calendar at www.spaulvp.org](http://www.spaulvp.org) for more information and Zoom links, or contact the church office.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> 8:00A <i>Worship</i> 9:00A <i>Education</i> 9:00A <i>Wired Word</i> 10:00A <i>Worship</i> 2:00P <i>Hands &amp; Feet</i> 5:00P <i>Trivia Night</i>	<b>2</b> 10:00A Pray & Sq 7:00P Book Club 7:00P <i>Logos</i>	<b>3</b> 10:00A Staff Mtg 7:00P WWW	<b>4</b> 9:30A Bible Study 10:30A <i>Communion</i> 6:00P <i>Handbells</i> 7:00P <i>Choir</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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# Community and World



## Day Care News

April was busy with many fun topics and studies. The children enjoyed learning about community service workers including a special visit from Dr. Sliwa and Mr. Ludwig from the Lombard Veterinary Hospital. Easter activities, stories and songs were shared with the following week focusing on Earth Day and the three Rs.

We are so pleased to welcome Melissa Nelson to our staff. She is an experienced lead teacher and has brought lots of enthusiasm and excitement to the lessons she shares with the children.



## The Outreach House

The Outreach House is excited to announce that they have secured a location to bring all their programs Under One Roof at 805 S. Main Street, Lombard. This will enable residents in need of assistance to receive food, clothing, diapers, infant needs and emergency assistance in one accessible location. They are requesting donations towards the cost of renovating the space and ongoing program operating costs.

**During Giving DuPage Days all donations up to \$12,000 will be matched, doubling your impact.**

Visit <https://www.givingdupageday.org/organizations/the-outreach-house> to make a donation between May 2 - 6.

Or visit their website [www.theoutreachhouse.org](http://www.theoutreachhouse.org) for more information on how you can help.



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*Loved by God, we grow, care, give, and share in Jesus' name.*

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