ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Welcome! We are glad you are worshiping today!

Fellowship: Refreshments available in the Gathering Hall Sundays 9am-10:45am. **Holy Communion**: Celebrated during all Worship Services on the first, third & fifth weekends each month.

Parents With Children: Children's bulletins & Busy Bags are available. There is a quiet room in the back of church. We Care Cards: Everyone attending is asked to complete a card found in the pew rack and collected during worship. Volunteers (Acolytes, Live-stream & PowerPoint help): Sign-up at

Traditional Worship

*Saturday 5pm Sunday 8am, 11am Monday 6:30pm

Contemporary Worship *Sunday 9:30am

*Live-streamed at: splgrafton.org/church/livestream & vimeo.com/event/3215174

Servant Leaders:

Pastor: Luke Anderson Pastor: Jacob Schultz

tinyurl.com/SPLsignups.

Pastor of Care Ministry: Timothy Maschke

Pastor Emeritus: Larry Prahl
Pastor Emeritus: John Suelflow
Pastor Emeritus: Kenton Wendorf

Principal: Michael Yurk

Director of Music: Valerie Bremer

DCE: Tracy Krueger

EQUIPPING Every Generation to Live Rooted in JESUS



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY February 16, 2025



AS WE GATHER...Blessings abound in today's readings! Jeremiah laments the one who "trusts in man," but sees the one who "trusts in the Lord," to be like a tree planted with abundant water that "does not cease to bear fruit" (Jeremiah 17:5, 7, 8). Note that we are "planted"—a passive verb, grace! Luke records another time Jesus preached using beatitudes. He concluded that we, his hearers, should rejoice and leap for joy, for our reward is great in heaven. Such grace! No wonder that Paul, in the Epistle, warns against those who doubt Christ's resurrection. Our Lord is only "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Today our worship is full of rejoicing in the grace of God. It also gives us strength to produce fruit every day.

COMMUNION STATEMENT

As you prepare to receive the Lord's Body and Blood, please review these questions:

- 1. Am I sorry for my sins and do I repent of them?
- 2. Do I believe in Jesus as my Savior and that His body and blood are truly present together with the bread and the wine?
- Do I want to live as a forgiven Christian, in love to God & neighbor, with the help of the Holy Spirit?
- 4. Am I a member of an LCMS congregation or a congregation in fellowship with the LCMS?

If you are not in agreement with these questions, please refrain from communing or speak with a pastor before communing.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES-Saturday 5pm; Sunday 8am, 11am; Monday 6:30pm

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC (8 & 11am) "O Love" - by Elaine Hagenberg, Una Voce Choir, Living Word LHS (8 & 11am) Several hymns will be accompanied by Symphonic Band from Living Word LHS

LIGHTING OF CANDLES and RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards collected during sermon hymn).

OPENING HYMN "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

LSB 904

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES 1 Corinthians 15:3–4; 20; Luke 6:23

Pastor: I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:

People: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He

was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

Pastor: In fact Christ has been raised from the dead,

People: the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Pastor: Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy,

People: for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Relying on the grace of God and anticipating the joys of heaven He has prepared for Jesus' sake, let us confess our sins to our gracious God. Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that, although You have blessed us like trees planted by streams of water, we have failed to bear fruit for You and have feared when life has been difficult. Forgive us.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ,

People: we confess that we have not relied on Your resurrection as proof of the grace of God. We have not always lived in the hope of our own resurrection. Forgive us.

Pastor: O Holy Spirit,

People: we confess that we have failed to keep the faith You have given us. It is not always active in the face of the difficulties of life and opposition from other people. Forgive us and renew a strong faith within us.

Pastor: By the grace of God, you are like trees planted by streams of water! Grace is abundant daily in God's Word and by His promises. For the sake of our living Lord, rejoice and be glad! I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN "This Is the Feast"

LSB 155

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Grant us, heavenly Father, to so appreciate Your grace in giving us faith in Your Son

that we live each day in thanksgiving for the precious Gospel until we fall asleep in Christ and awaken to the glory You have prepared for us for His sake; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our

Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION (5pm) "For God so Loved the World," CDS Gr 1 & 2 (8 & 11am) "Alleluia" – by Andrew Miller, Una Voce Choir, Living Word LHS

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 17:5–8 The one who trusts in the Lord is firmly planted.* (Holy Bible p. 819)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 1

Pastor: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor

sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day

and night.

People: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does

not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Pastor: The wicked are not so, but are like **People: chaff that the wind drives away.**

Pastor: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

People: for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:12–20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. (Holy Bible p. 1222)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE LSB 156

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 6:17–26 Jesus preaches both blessings and curses. (Holy Bible p. 1096)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

People: (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People:** (sung) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN "This Joyful Eastertide"

LSB 482

SERMON "What If?," by Pastor Anderson, based on 1 Corinthians 15:12-20.

SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED & EXPLANATION (see screens)

OFFERTORY HYMN "What Shall I Render to the Lord"

LSB 159

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (see screens)

SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy

Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, lived among us, revealing Your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to His own brilliant light. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name,

evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS "Holy, Holy, Holy"

LSB 161

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (see screens or LSB 179)

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST 1 Corinthians 11:26: Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

LORD'S PRAYER (see screens or back cover of LSB)

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"

LSB 163

PREPARATION (see screens or top of Page 2)

DISTRIBUTION Common cup and individual cup are offered on both the lectern and pulpit sides.

Please assist the pastor or server when receiving the chalice for common cup.

Non-alcoholic wine (pink) is served in individual cups in the center of the trav.

(8am) "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" - arr. Harold Burgmayer, Symphonic Band, Living Word LHS

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

LSB 621

"Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure"

LSB 533

DISMISSAL and POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,

and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns

with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: Blessed are you! Rejoice, leap for joy, for your reward is great in heaven. Go in peace as you serve the

Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

People: Amen.

INVOCATION

CLOSING HYMN "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"

LSB 741, St. 1-3, 6-7

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE-9:30am

PRE-SERVICE by BasiC from LWLHS

SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED & EXPLANATION (see screens)

WELCOME (Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards collected during opening song).

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Words of Institution / Lord's Prayer / Preparation / Distribution / "In Christ Alone;" "Living Hope" /

Dismissal

OPENING SONG "God So Loved"

PRAYERS

CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS

WORD OF GOD 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

(Holy Bible p. 1222)

SONG OF PRAISE "Rise Up (Lazarus)"

SERMON "What If?," by Pastor Anderson, based on

1 Corinthians 15:12-20.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

BLESSING

WORD OF GOD Luke 6:17-26 (Holy Bible p. 1096)

CLOSING SONG "High Praise"



THANK YOU TO LIVING WORD HIGH SCHOOL

BasiC (Brothers and Sisters in Christ) Worship Team, Symphonic Band and Una Voce for glorifying God in our services this weekend through music!

BIBLE STUDIES & MORE



SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED HOUR

9:30am-Family Life Center

February 16: "I am the Bread of Life"

Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

February 23: Life Lessons from the Sermon on the

Mount

Rev. James Kroemer

COME AND SEE

Topic: The CHOSEN Led by: Steve Leonard When: Monday's

Time: 5:30pm at Providence Place

Rooted Women Women Rooted Winter Bible Study CHRYSTAL EVANS HURST THE 28-DAY Join us for our

Mondays at 6:30PM

1/20, 2/3, 2/17, 3/3, 3/17, 4/5



Join us for our
Winter Bible
study on Prayer
by Chrystal Evans
Hurst

Get your book & study guide in the office or contact Tracy Krueger

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Topic: Esther

Led by: Pastor Anderson

When: Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm (until Lent)

Where: Family Life Center



VBS SAVE THE DATE

VBS this year is **June 16-20, 9am-12pm**. We will start volunteer sign up in March and child registration will begin the end of April. We are also in need of cardboard for some of our decorating

projects.

Please contact Tracy at tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org if you have cardboard we can have or have any questions about VBS.

THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Topic: Hebrews Led by: Bob Kasten

Day/Time: Thursdays, 6:30am **Location**: Front Conference Room

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY February 6 - March 13

Topic: When Strivings Cease

Led by: Pat Kuerschner & Amy Swiertz

Day/Time: Thursdays, 6:30-8pm Location: St. Paul School Library



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Come join us for the fun! Sunday School runs Sundays September-May from 8:15-9:15am, and is open to children ages 3 thru 6th Grade.

2/16: This week we will be learning that Jesus is amazing and so we believe in him. We will read John 4:43-54 as we look at the story of Jesus healing an official's son.

Questions?
Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

All 6-8 graders are invited to join us for Middle School Youth. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 3-

4:30pm in the Youth Room. Please watch for email updates and reminders throughout the year.

2/23: We will be hearing a devotion and playing two truths and a lie Bible edition. As always you won't want to miss the snacks and don't forget to invite your friends.

Questions?

Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org



PRAYER SHAWL CRAFTERS

We will meet on **Monday**, **February 17**, **at 1pm i**n the Teachers Workroom

New Building Faith Podcast episode available on **Monday, February 17.** Pastor Schultz and Eva Groppe discuss the history of St. Paul and the FLC.

QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING

The February Voters meeting will take place on **Thursday**, **February 27 at 6:30pm in the Family Life Center.** At the meeting there will be various reports to update you on what is happening here at St. Paul.

SCHOOL NEWS FROM MR. YURK

Christ OUR BUILDER 1. Welcome to our guests that are with us this weekend that are participating in the 63rd Annual St. Paul Classic.

2. Our St. Paul Archery Team continues to show improvement. Last weekend at the Hortonville Tournament we had some archers finish in the top 10 in their respective classes: Hunter Z. (7th grade) placed 5th in middle school boys and Ben H. (8th grade) placed 7th. Olivia R. (5th grade)

placed 9th in the elementary girls division.

3. Did you know students in our 6th-8th grade are required to do community service every year? One of our 7th graders, Hazel, is working with Versiti and will be hosting a Blood Drive here at St. Paul on March 7. See the advertisements around campus to sign up. Our students are learning early on the importance of following Jesus command to "serve others."

LUTHERAN STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT WORKERS NEEDED

Date: March 7 & 8

Locations: St. Paul and Our Savior's Grafton **Needed:** Admissions Table, Concessions, Scorer's

Table.

Sign up: by contacting Jenny Clemens at jennifer.clemens@splgrafton.org



High School Students Welcome We really appreciate your help!

SAVE THE DATE-SATURDAY, MARCH 8 WALTHER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY CHOIR HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

St. Paul will host the Walther Christian Academy Choir from Chicago. Can you:

- enjoy a concert at St. Paul on Saturday, March 8 at 6:30pm
- provide a bed and breakfast for 2 4 high school students
- take home students after the concert (about 8:30pm) for relaxing Saturday evening
- bring them to St. Paul for worship on Sunday,
 March 9 about 7:30am

Please sign up at <u>tinyurl.com/WaltherChoir2025</u>, calling the office, or contacting Valerie Bremer at 377-4659 x.110 or email at music@splgrafton.org.

2025-2026 CHURCH WORK TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

St. Paul offers a Scholarship for students who are registered fulltime at an LCMS College with a Major in Future Church Work. You must fill out an application in order to be considered to receive the scholarship from St. Paul. Application forms are available at the School Office (8am to 4pm: Monday through Friday) in the Carport entrance and online at splgrafton.org/church. Applications are due in the office no later than end of day Friday, February 28, 2025. Application received after this date will be considered for the scholarship if funds are available.

Questions? Contact Amanda Chang at amandaklein24@hotmail.com or David Schulz at davidcschulz1007@gmail.com.

LHS TUITION ASSISTANCE INFORMATION 2025/2026 Financial Support

If you are thinking of, or will be enrolling your child at Living Word, Milwaukee Lutheran, or Sheboygan Lutheran High Schools for the 2025/2026 school year, St. Paul offers tuition assistance. You must fill out an application in order to be considered to receive tuition assistance from St. Paul Lutheran Church. Application forms are available at the School Office (open 8am through 4pm; Monday through Friday), in the carport entrance and online at splgrafton.org/church.

Applications are due in the office no later than **Friday**, **February 28**. Applications received after this date will receive Tuition Assistance only if funds are available.

Questions? Contact the Church Office at 262-377-4659, Ext. 332.

ACCEPTING ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS - FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

In accordance with the distribution policy and bylaws of the St. Paul Endowment Fund, a total of \$42,400 will be available to distribution from the St. Paul Endowment Fund during the 2025-2026 fiscal year (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026). Endowment grant applications are now being accepted by the St. Paul Endowment Committee. A copy of the endowment grant application is available through the St. Paul Endowment website (splgrafton.org/church/endowment/), in the St. Paul Finance Office, or by contacting Jason Hasenstein, Director of Finance. One of St. Paul's Boards must sponsor each endowment grant application. Please direct any questions regarding endowment grant applications and/or submit any grant applications to Jason Hasenstein, Director of Finance. Grant funds will be distributed as long as endowment funds remain available in the fiscal year.

Music: Ms. Valerie Bremer / LWLHS BasiC Altar Guild: Joyce Kroemer & Maribeth Witkowski

Leader: Rev. Jacob Schultz **Sermon:** Rev. Luke Anderson

| SERVICE | ELDERS / COMMUNION SERVERS | HEAD USHERS |
|--------------|--|------------------|
| Sat., 5pm | M. Stec / J. Wegner / R. Klotka / T. Kohlwey / J. Brooks | Brian Hadler |
| Sun., 8am | G. Kern / E. Kuerschner / R. Schultz / C. Haas | Dean Haas |
| Sun., 9:30am | G. Krueger / M. Benson / V. Micha | Chris Hanley |
| Sun., 11am | B. Buske / G. Metzger / B. Marien / W. Cheeseman | Jonathan Webster |
| Mon., 6:30pm | Brad Dorn | |

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: Jeremy Albers Sr.; Pamela Anschuetz; Sandra Ashenden; Drew Bartell (son of Mona Bartell); Debbie Biedenbender (wife of Steve Biedenbender); Rebecca Biedenbender (daughter of Steve Biedenbender); Steve Biedenbender; Cheryl Boesch; Norma Debroux; Maverick Dietrich (great-grandson of Phyllis Irwin); Jean Dorman (niece of Norma Prahl); Cindy Hilgendorf (sister of Gail Goetter); Tom Kiener (brother of Larry Kiener); Roger Kison (friend of Keith & Gail Goetter); Carol Klug (daughter of Evelyn Klug); George Krueger; Ron Kuta; Ralph Lubahn; Kenneth Luckjohn Family; Larry Luckjohn; Melissa Luckjohn (daughter-in-law of Larry Luckjohn); Natalie Mellendorf; Sue Mercier; Dale Poisson; Russ Prahl (brother in law of Catherine Kiener); Michelle Reedy (daughter of Beverly Kelling); Marion Spiekerman; Jean Stickney; Darlene Sukowski; Doris Tetzlaff (mother of Kathy Chromy); Robert Ulig; Audrey Wollner; Wendy Zettinig

Long Term Illness / Treatment: Samuel Becker (grandson of Lucille Becker); Dave Boehm (friend of Tim & Jenny Clemens); Delaine Bussard (friend of Debra Kelley); Christine Capstran (daughter of Lyle & Terry Sperber); Tom Fitzgerald (friend of Tom Lubner); Dan Haupt (son of Frank & Bernice Haupt); Daniel Kekic (nephew of Paulette Rammel); Laurie McGraw (friend of Brian & Shari Buske); Sarah Reiss, Kay Ryder (sister of Kevin Zirtlaff); Pat Stifter

Birthday: Fran Zautcke's 91st birthday

FLOWERS & MEMORIALS

Flowers next to the pulpit are given to the glory of God in celebration of *Fran Zautcke's* 91st birthday by Steve & Karen Leonard and family.

Memorials have been given to the glory of God to St Paul Lutheran Church & the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion fund in memory of *Jayne C. Pretty*.

Memorials have been given to the glory of God to St. Paul Lutheran Church in memory of Brian Schroeder.

CHURCH RECORDS

Funeral: *Lee Oetzel,* born October 25, 1928, went to be with Jesus on February 1, 2025. A Christian funeral was held for him on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PAUL

Visit splgrafton.org/church and Look for the Give Now! Button

- Plate: Offerings may be placed in a collection box near the exits.
- Mail/Drop-Off: 701 Washington Street, Grafton, WI 53024. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am to 4pm.
- VancoOnline Electronic Giving: Visit splgrafton.org/church/giving (then click Online Giving).
- Vanco Mobile App: Vanco Mobile is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. Visit the Apple App Store or Google Play and search for "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" to download the app.
- **Text-to-Give**: Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute to 855.927.0750 (example: 25 for \$25). You will be sent a registration link. After registering, you will receive a text verification and an emailed receipt. For future giving, text the amount you wish to give, and text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation.
- Text-to-Give directly to the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund: Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute followed by the letters EGFT, to 855.927.0750. For example, text "25 EGFT" to contribute \$25. You will be sent a registration link. After registering, you will receive a text verification and an emailed receipt. For future giving, text the amount you wish to give, and text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation. Every contribution sent to this number will go directly to the Every Generation Faithful Together fund.

Thank you for supporting St. Paul. If you have guestions, contact St. Paul Finance Office at 262-377-4659.



LUNCH BAGS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES & HOMELESS IN MILWAUKEE

Our Church has volunteered to supply bag lunches for The Gathering meal site on February 22 and also March 22 so people can have a meal on Sundays when meal sites are not open. Please help by donating the following food items for these lunch bags:

- individual packages of tuna or chicken (most needed)
- individual bags of salty snacks
- individual applesauce
- individually packaged desserts
- monetary donations to purchase fruit, bread,
- bottled water and other needed items.

Food donations can be placed in the bin in the Welcome Center, monetary donations can be made to St. Paul with a special note that it is for The Gathering. The Middle School Youth Group will be assembling the bags with adult volunteers on **Thursday**, **February 20 starting at 3:15pm** in the Family Life Center. Adult volunteers are welcomed to help on March 20 at 3:30pm.

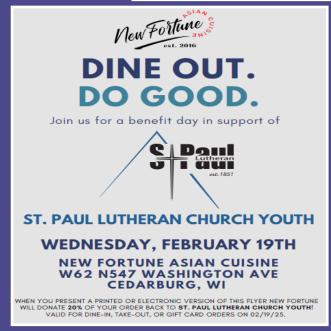
PLEASE DONATE BY FEBRUARY 18 OR MARCH 18

Questions? Contact Polly Morrison at pollykm40@gmail.com or 262-377-4846



We are thrilled to announce that our "Munchies for Mites" bake sale was a resounding success, raising almost \$900! Thanks to the generous contributions of our congregation, every penny will be going to support Comfort Dogs.

We are so grateful for your kindness and support. Thank you from the St. Paul LWML





COMMUNITY MEAL AT OZAUKEE FOOD ALLIANCE SATURDAY, MARCH 1 DONATIONS NEEDED

St. Paul has volunteered to feed **100 meals** for needy and / or elderly people in Ozaukee County. Donations are needed of pans of lasagna, cookies and bars, or cash donations. Contact Polly Morrison at pollykm40@gmail.com or 262-377-4846 for food donations. Monetary donations can be made directly to St. Paul. Please note that the donation is for the Saukville Meal.

Help us help our neighbors in Ozaukee County!



EASTER FLOWERS

It's time to order Easter flowers to help beautify the altar on Easter Sunday. Forms are in the Gathering Hall. Once completed, the forms and payment can be placed in the box labeled "Easter Flowers." **Deadline is Monday, April 7 by 12pm.**Questions? Contact Marlene Hartung at 262-377-0510.