

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

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Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping 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 tinyurl.com/SPLsignups.

Traditional Worship

*Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8am, 11am / Monday 6:30pm

Contemporary Worship

*Sunday 9:30am

*Live-streamed at:

splgraffton.org/church/livestream &
vimeo.com/event/3215174

Servant Leaders:

Pastor: Luke Anderson

Pastor: Jacob Schultz

Pastor of Care Ministry: Timothy Maschke

Pastor Emeritus: Larry Prah

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****



**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE
EPIPHANY**

February 23, 2025



AS WE GATHER... Forgiving is not beyond the realm of possibility for us. Although, as children of Adam, we are part of the earthly world, by the grace of God we are also His children, in the family through Baptism. We can extend God's love and forgiveness to those who hate us, take from us, and are our enemies. Anyone who is in Christ, while still dealing with this Adamic world, can expect undeserved favor-grace from our heavenly Father for Jesus' sake. Today our worship helps to strengthen us for the task. Fear not! Those who oppose us are part of this fallen world. Christ has destroyed even death for us. And we are in Christ.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

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 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 507

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

PSALM

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: and forget not all His benefits,

Pastor: who forgives all your iniquity,

People: who heals all your diseases.

Pastor: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: He will not always chide,

People: nor will He keep His anger forever.

Pastor: He does not deal with us according to our sins,

People: nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Pastor: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

People: so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Lord of mercy and might, with heavy hearts we confess our sin to You.

Our lack of desire to be holy as You are holy,

People: we confess to You, Lord.

Pastor: Our parts of our lives built on shaky and ungodly foundations,

People: we confess to You, Lord.

Pastor: Our seeking an eye for an eye and our hatred of our enemies,

People: we confess to You, Lord

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

HYMN OF PRAISE “Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul”

(To the tune of LSB 814)

1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Let all in me combine
To aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favor is divine.

2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die.

3 The Lord forgives my sins, And He relieves my pain;
The Lord has healed my sicknesses And made me whole again.

6 His works and laws and ways He made by Moses known
But showed the world His loving heart In Christ, His only Son.

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Most holy and gracious Father, who in great love for us sent our Lord Jesus Christ into the world, holy and blameless, to take upon Himself our wretchedness, make us holy as You are holy; 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) "Gospel Hymn Ring," Handbells
(8am) "I Love You, Lord," Male Choir
(11am) "Great is Thy Faithfulness," Mixed Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 45:3-15 Joseph explains to his brothers that God is really in control of all things, including their selling him into slavery. (Holy Bible p. 49)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 15: 21-26, 30-42 What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. (Holy Bible p. 1222)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

LSB 156

(sung) **Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia!**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 6:27-38 Jesus preaches about loving our enemies, beggars we meet, and others. (Holy Bible p. 1097)*

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 "All Depends on Our Possessing"

LSB 732

SERMON by Pastor Prah is based on the lessons assigned for the day.

APOSTLES' CREED (see screens or back of LSB)

OFFERTORY HYMN "How Clear Is Our Vocation Lord"

LSB 853, St. 1,2,4

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (see screens)

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

BENEDICTION

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.

CLOSING HYMN "Lift High the Cross"

LSB 837, 1,3,4,6

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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.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE-9:30am

PRE-SERVICE "I Trust In God"

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

INVOCATION

OPENING SONG "This Is How I Fight My Battles"

BAPTISM Zoey Lynn Zebrick

SONG "Adoption Song"

CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF PRAISE "Every Hour"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

WORD OF GOD Genesis 45:3-15 (Holy Bible p. 49)

PRAYERS / LORD'S PRAYER

WORD OF GOD Luke 6:27-38 (Holy Bible p. 1097)

SERMON by Pastor Prah! is based on the lessons assigned for the day.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "Evidence"

BIBLE STUDIES & MORE



**SUNDAY MORNING
RELIGIOUS ED HOUR**
9:30am-Family Life Center

February 23: Life Lessons from the Sermon on the Mount
Rev. James Kroemer

March 2: "I am the Light of the World"
Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

COME AND SEE

Topic: The CHOSEN
Led by: Steve Leonard
Day/Time: Monday's at 5:30pm
Location: Providence Place

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE CLASS

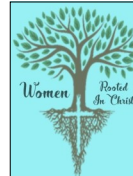
Topic: Esther
Led by: Pastor Anderson
Day/Time: Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm (until February 26)
Location: Family Life Center

THURSDAY MORNING MENS 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

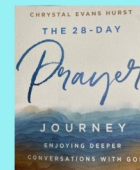


Rooted Women

Winter Bible Study

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



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.

2/23: This week's Bible story is from Matthew 5-7, Jesus teaches us to live differently. We will be learning that Jesus is different and so we live differently.

Questions? Contact Tracy Krueger at
tracy.krueger@splgraffton.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? Contact Tracy Krueger at
tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org

PASTOR WENDORF'S WEEKLY DEVOTION

Looking to Him

You built a reservoir between the two walls...But you did not look to the One who made it, or have regard for the One who planned it long ago. Isaiah 22:11

A wise person will look and plan for the future. You try to envision what will happen in the year or years ahead. Despite the best of information we might receive, the truth is none of us knows what tomorrow will bring. Recently we arrived at the airport at 5AM and found our flight cancelled. We had gotten the best rates, the best trip times, but it was cancelled! As you plan for the years ahead, our text tells us not to forget to turn to the One who has planned all things. The events we might plan or hope for can be cancelled, but not God's plans for us. Looking to the future, we turn first to the One we can trust, the One who planned it long ago. *Thank You, Lord, that we can place our trust and hope in You and Your eternal plan for our lives. Amen.*

*You are welcome to contact Pastor Wendorf to share your thoughts regarding his weekly devotions:
pastor.wendorf@splgrafton.org*

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.

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 tinyurl.com/WaltherChoir2025, or contact 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.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

Blessings abound! Through various events, St. Paul Women's Guild has raised over \$36,000 in the past few months and passed along these funds to St. Paul Church & School and to Old Trinity Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, to aid in its restoration following its horrendous fire of 2018.

NOTE: The offerings from our Ash Wednesday meal will go towards furnishings for the new addition.

**The next Women's Guild meeting is
March 6 at 12pm in the Family Life Center**
Please join us as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with music and fun!

All Ladies of the congregation are welcome!

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.

SCHOOL NEWS FROM MR. YURK



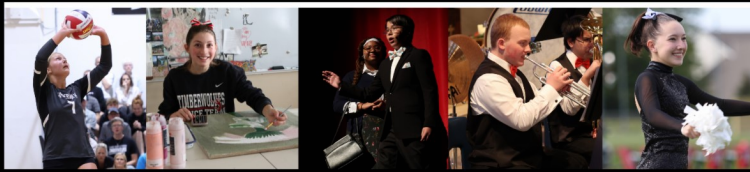
1. The 63rd Annual St. Paul Classic is in the books. Thank you to everyone that volunteered to help make the tournament a huge success. Thank you also to all of our donors and sponsors. St. Paul boys went 3-1 in the tournament and took home the consolation championship.
2. Congratulations to our A Girls for being accepted into the LSA State Tournament. Games will take place the weekend of March 7-9.
3. St. Paul's Archery Team competed at Hortonville last weekend. Landon K. (7th grade) finished in 8th place in the Elementary Boys Division and Toby M. (8th grade) finished in 8th place in the Middle School Boys Division.
4. Time is running out to donate Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2024. Please consider having your dollars donated to St. Paul Lutheran School.



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Youth SUMMER CAMPS

SPORTS, MUSIC, ART & MORE! | OPEN TO ALL KIDS IN 1ST-8TH GRADE



MORE DETAILS AT: WWW.LWLHS.COM/CAMPS

IT'S TIME! YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

Registration is now open at Living Word Lutheran High School.

We have various camp offerings for all kids in the community in 1st-8th grade, plus some camps open to incoming 9th graders, including:

Boys: Basketball, Football

Girls: Volleyball, Basketball

Co-Ed: Art, Runners/Track, Soccer, Theater, Band, Speed/Agility Training

PLUS: Our Junior Wolves Basketball Program is running their Annual "Scoring Camp" for boys and girls in August!

Need a break for lunch? For those attending both a morning and afternoon camp on the same day, we have a 1-hour lunch break in our cafeteria for students to bring their own lunch to eat.

Our teachers and coaches are thrilled to offer these opportunities to compete, create, perform, and excel this summer!

Find out camp dates & details at:
www.lwlhs.com/camps

A HUGE thank you to all who participated in our recent Even Odds Pizza Fundraiser on January 28! It was a great night to enjoy some delicious pizza...and boy did we! With your help, we earned *drum roll*...\$1056.07 for our school! A special thanks to Even Odds Pizza for partnering with St. Paul— we appreciate it!

THANK YOU!

OPEN GYM!



All 3rd-5th grades are invited to an afternoon of open gym on **Sunday, March 2** from **3-4:30pm**. We will meet in the gym for fun and lots of high energy activities. We will close our time together with snacks and a short devotion.

Sign up here to join the fun:
tinyurl.com/opengym3-5



VEGGIES & ICE CREAM

Families are invited to come join us on **Friday, March 14** from **6-7pm** as we watch *Celery Night Fever*. We will also be making some fun crafts and enjoying some ice cream.

Signup here to join the fun:
tinyurl.com/VeggiesMar25.

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@splgrifton.org if you have cardboard we can have or have any questions about VBS.

Music: Ms. Michelle Soenksen / Greg Batiansila **Altar Guild:** Joyce Kroemer & Maribeth Witkowski
Leader: Rev. Luke Anderson **Sermon:** Rev. Larry Prah

SERVICE	ELDERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	Jim Wegner	Joanne Wolf
Sun., 8am	Greg Kern	Bob Utecht
Sun., 9:30am	Stu Natale	Todd Willman
Sun., 11am	Brian Buske	Mark Papcke
Mon., 6:30pm	Gabriel Metzger	

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: *Jeremy Albers Sr.; Pamela Anschuetz; Sandra Ashenden; Drew Bartell (son of Mona Bartell); Debbie Biedenbender (wife of Steve Biedenbender); Steve Biedenbender; Cheryl Boesch; Connie Borchardt; Norma Debroux; Maverick Dietrich (great-grandson of Phyllis Irwin); Glenn Dohrmann; Jean Dorman (niece of Norma Prah); 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; Dale Poisson; Russ Prah (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 Zetting*

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*

Baptism: *Zoey Lynn Zebrick*

Deaths: *Rev. Dr. William W. Wagner* former teacher and youth director at St. Paul.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptism: *Zoey Lynn Zebrick*, born November 11, 2024, daughter of Aaron and Allysa (Geib) Zebrick, will be baptized during the 9:30am service on February 23, 2025.

Funeral: *Denis L. Grogan*, born October 2, 1940, went to be with Jesus on February 2, 2025. A Christian funeral will be held for him on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PAUL
 Visit splgraffton.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 splgraffton.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 questions, contact St. Paul Finance Office at 262- 377-4659.

HELP FEED 120 PEOPLE IN NEED!
Community Meal at Ozaukee Food Alliance in Saukville
Saturday, March 1

St. Paul is stepping up to serve 120 meals for those in need in Ozaukee County,
and we need your help to make it happen!

How Can You Help? We need pans of **lasagna, cookies, and bars.**

- **Food Donations:** Contact Polly Morrison at pollykm40@gmail.com or 262-377-4846
- **Monetary Gifts:** Donate directly to St. Paul Lutheran Church (note: Saukville Meal)

Help us help our neighbors in Ozaukee County!

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

NEW MEMBER CLASS

WEDNESDAY'S AT 6-7:15PM
CHURCH FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM

SESSION 1 - MARCH 5
THE ECUMENICAL CREEDS

SESSION 2 - MARCH 12
HOLY BAPTISM &
HOLY COMMUNION

SESSION 3 - MARCH 19
LIVING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

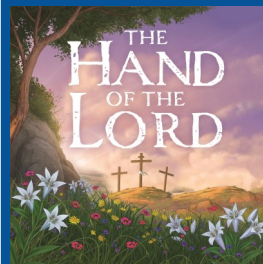
SESSION 4 - APRIL 2
ORIENTATION & TRANSFERS

*MARCH 26-NO CLASS DUE TO SPRING BREAK

FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE.
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
TINYURL.COM/LENTCHILDCARE

SIGN UP NOW!

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LENTEN SERIES: THE HAND OF THE LORD

ASH WEDNESDAY

FREELY GIVES

March 5: 4:30 & 6:30pm

Guest Preacher:

Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

Lenten Meal served 5:15-6:15pm
Host: Women's Guild
Ham Sandwich & German Potato Salad

Free Will Offering towards:

The offerings from our Ash Wednesday meal will go
towards furnishings for the new addition

Monday Night Service Hiatus:

March 10-April 21

Worship Services resume on Monday, April 28

LENTEN SCHEDULES & DEVOTIONALS

will be available this weekend in the Narthex
Grab your copy!

HEY COLLEGE STUDENTS: WORSHIP + A FREE MEAL EVERY WEDNESDAY IN LENT

College life is busy—classes, assignments, work, and everything else that fills your calendar. This Lent, we are inviting all college students to join us:

- **Lenten Worship:** 4:30pm & 6:30pm – A time to reflect and recharge.
- **Free Meal:** 5:15pm - 6:15pm – Home-cooked, delicious, and on us! Please sign in when you arrive in the Family Life Center.
- **Dates:** March 5 (Ash Wednesday), March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9

Take a break, fuel up, and be renewed...we can't wait to see you there!



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.