

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ [A Communion Worship Service](#) will be held at Pleasant View's Hoffer Auditorium on Wednesday, April 15 @ 1:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.
- ◆ The [FREE Community Breakfast](#) will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 8:30-10 am. Stop by and enjoy a delicious, warm breakfast with friends and neighbors of St. Paul's. Or to help out, contact Erica Hoffman at 717.203.1449/ejhoffman826@gmail.com.
- ◆ The [Fellowship Breakfast](#) will be held on Thursday, April 23 at 8:30 am @ The Kountry Kitchen Family Restaurant.
- ◆ [Women's Fellowship](#) will be selling subs – place your orders the next 3 Sundays – April 12, 19 & 26 for a Thursday, May 7 pick-up!



From Pastor Bill Long:

If you have questions about anything you've heard today, please feel free to contact us. We'd love to talk with you and get to know you! Pastor Bill Long's office hours are Monday-Thursday 9 am-1 pm. For other times, call the church office at 717.665.2447.

If you need Pastoral Care: If you are hospitalized or in crisis, please notify the church office at 717.665.2447 during weekday hours, or for *emergency* weekends, please call the church and leave a message – messages are monitored daily and your call will be returned shortly.

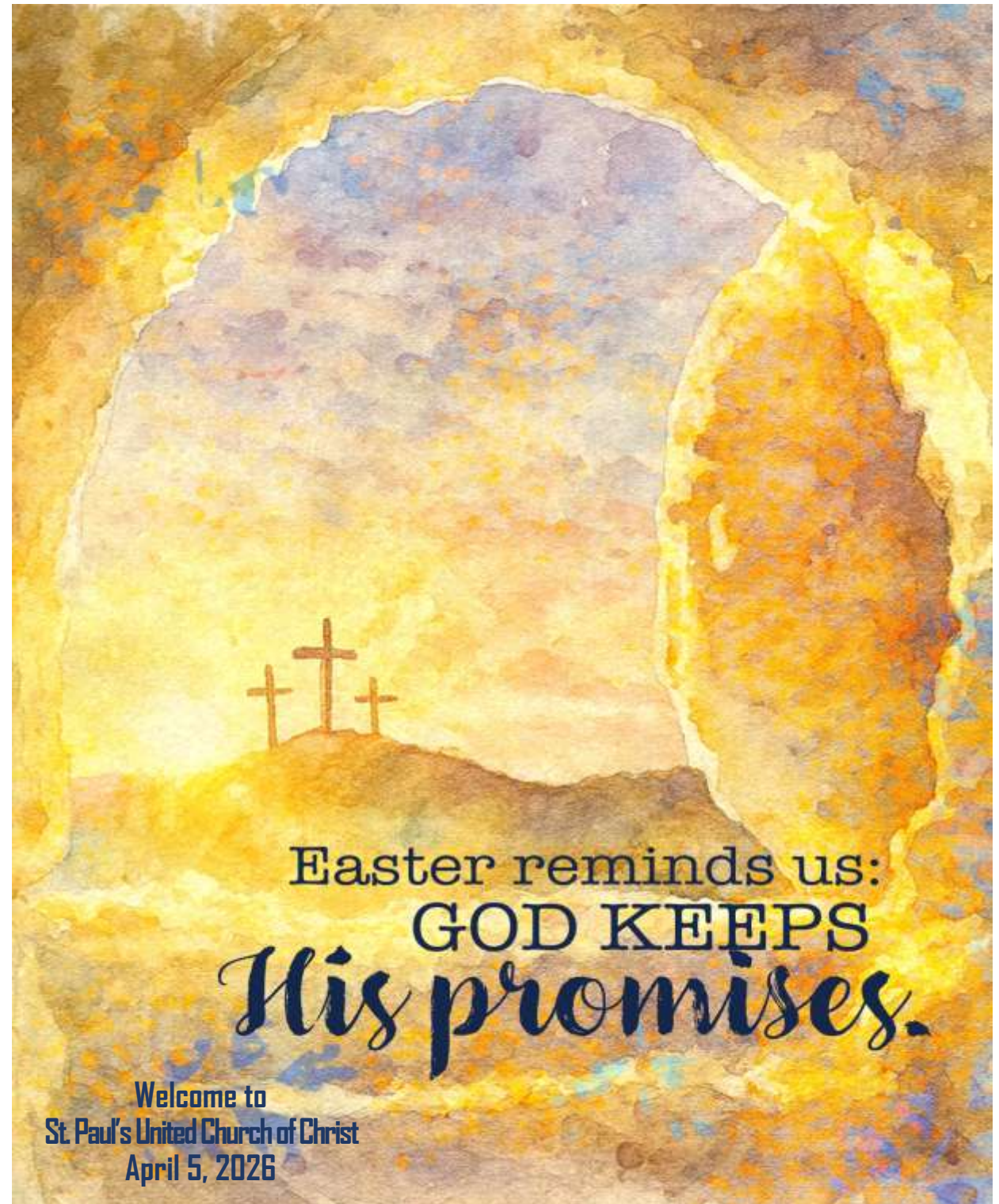
Church Calendar

- Sunday: 8 am [Early Easter Worship](#) in Memorial Garden
8:30-9:20 am Continental Breakfast
9:30 am [Easter Worship](#) in Sanctuary
- Monday: Office Closed
- Tuesday: 6 pm New Voices Vision Team Meeting
- Wednesday 6:30 pm [Hebrews Bible Study](#)
- Thursday: 8:30 am Simply Yoga
6 pm Music Team
7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran
- Saturday: 10 am Simply Yoga
- Next
Sunday: 9 am Prayer
Sub Orders for Women's Fellowship
9:30 am [One Worship](#)
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)

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April 5, 2026

WELCOME to ST. PAUL'S

Making a Difference through the Love of Christ to
Know God ♦ Love God ♦ Serve God

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Fling Wide The Gates" - Stainer

Call to Prayer/Prayer of the Day

Call to Worship ([Psalm of the Day](#)) - Celebrate Insert Page 2

♦ **Hymn #367** "[Christ the Lord Is Risen Today](#)"

♦ **Offertory #815** "Praise God from whom all blessings flow..."

Prayers of Intercession Celebrate Insert Page 4

Hymn #631 "[The Lord's Prayer](#)"

Confession of Faith - #58 in The Heidelberg Catechism

L: How does the concept of "life everlasting" comfort you?

P: Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined; a blessedness in which to praise God eternally. Amen.

Reading of Scripture [Acts 10:34-43](#)/[Colossians 3:1-4](#)/♦[St. Matthew 28:1-10](#)

Sermon "[Fling Wide The Gates](#)" - Pastor Bill Long

♦ **Hymn #368** "[He Lives](#)"

♦ **Benediction**

♦ **Postlude** "The Holy City" - Adams

♦ All who are able may stand



Announcements

Welcome! It's so great to worship with you once again!

Worship Assistants:

Greeters/Ushers: Kermit & Dottie Drumheller
Music Provided by June Smith, Organist
The Altar Flowers are placed To the Glory of God.

Offering Options: Your offering is a part of worshipping God. St. Paul's offers several ways to give your offering:

- ♦ Drop your envelope in the donation box as you leave church today.
- ♦ Mail your offering to the church.
- ♦ If you use online banking, use the Bill Pay option.
- ♦ Or set up direct withdrawals – contact the church office at 717.665.2447 for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of the ministry here @ St. Paul's UCC!

Important Notices

- The church office will be closed for the Easter holiday on Monday, April 6.
- Beginning, April 7, Fellowship Hall will not be available for events/meals until the upgrades are completed which is expected to be mid-to late May. For alternative spaces, contact the church office.

[Inclement Weather Policy](#)

In case of inclement weather, please call the church office at 717.665.2447 (after 8 am on Sundays) for service/event cancellations or delays. WGAL.com, WGAL, and our website are options as well.

Mission of the Month

The April Mission of the Month is St. Paul's Shepherd's Fund which is used to help members and friends of St. Paul's who are experiencing a difficult financial time. The fund helps with housing, utility, medical, transportation or other expenses. Please use your special envelope to support our neighbors in need right here at St. Paul's. We are making a difference through the love of Christ to Know God, Love God & Serve God!

Prayers of the People

To update the prayer list, please contact Joan Hess at 717.665.4705.



Please pray: God, your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter this Easter Season. Bless those here who continue to lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Amen.

Today's Prayer: Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Amen.

Easter Flowers

The Easter Flowers are placed throughout the Sanctuary by...

Anonymous

In Memory of Our Parents

Jay & Glenn Bell

In Memory of Our Daughter, Stacy Bell and
In Honor of Our Grandsons, Tyler & Dylan Bell

The Drumheller Family

In Memory of Bruce Becker, Sr.

Kathy Frey

In Memory of Clarence & Millie Seifert

Marlena Green

In Memory of Bill Green

Steve & Pam Herman

In Honor of our Grandchildren, Henry, Ollie &
Sophie

Marjorie Herneisen & Bonnie Myers

In Memory of Parents, Frank & Mary Young

Jay & Joan Hess

In Memory of Parents, Henry & Verna Hess &
John & Evelyn Dutt

Leon & Debra Kleinfelter

In Memory of Family No Longer With Us

Andy Kovach

In Memory of Debra Kovach &
Andy & Helen Kovach

Doug & Kathy Longenecker

In Memory of Harvey & June Kopp
& Jim Longenecker &
In Honor of Dot Longenecker

Noreeta Martin

In Memory of Wayne Martin

Bonnie Myers

In Memory of Terry & Cameron Myers

Dave & Judy Palfrey

In Honor of Our Family

Lori Roseberry

In Memory of Harold & Rose Witmer from their
Loving daughter, Lori Roseberry

Burt Savitz & Barb Smith

In Memory of Betty Savitz & Ken Smith

June Smith

In Memory of Loved Ones &
In Honor of Our Children

Ann Williams

In Memory of Ken & Mary Williams

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you. **P: And with your spirit.**

L: Lift up your hearts. **P: We lift our hearts up unto the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. **P: It is right for us to do so.**

◆ Gloria Patri

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Prayer of Consecration

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Seraphic Hymn (Hosanna)

P: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabbaoth: Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of Thy Glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

L: Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things. In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. **P: Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again. Amen.**

Sharing of the Elements

◆ Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Almighty and Everlasting God,

P: We thank you for the great goodness you have shown toward us by nourishing us through these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior; assuring us that we are members of the mystical body of Christ our Lord. Help us to continue in that Holy Fellowship and do all things that shall please you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory. Amen.