

# St. Paul & Immanuel Lutheran Churches

April 2024 Newsletter

Blue Earth, Minnesota

*Receiving Forgiveness ✠ Growing Disciples ✠ Proclaiming Christ*



## Pastor Fretham's Ramblings:

Paul Escamilla tells this story: "Some months ago a group of adults on retreat gathered in the big hall for a time of recreation. In one game we each drew a slip of paper with a fragment of a popular song or hymn written on it. We were to sing our respective phrases until we found those who had other fragments of the same song.

After several minutes of jumbled words and melodies crisscrossing the room amid such laughter, all of us had found our song mates. All except one person, that is. One man stood alone in the center of the room, singing his phrase over and over, his eyes searching the room for partners: 'Jesus is mine... Jesus is mine... Jesus is mine...'

When it became clear to everyone there were no partners for this song, the whole group decided to take up the cause...'Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine...''

The point is, we need each other to sing our song properly. We really do have a song to sing. It is the song of our Savior, Jesus Christ!!!

A lot of life we do together. We support our schools together. We support our church together. We build one another up together. We share the forgiveness, love, life and light of Christ together with each other, our families, friends, and neighbors. We pray, confess, sing, study, and listen to God's Word together. We grow together as God's People.

September 21, we have our confirmation coming up.

This Summer, I plan to take off from being your vacancy pastor during the Summer. I will help out in case of emergency or occasional pulpit supply. There are a number of reasons for doing this. Two years ago, I had surgery for cancer. At this point there is no sign of the cancer returning. That is great! The problem is my strength has not near what it used to be before the surgery. I am hoping to get in the kind of routine that will help me be in better shape.

God Bless!

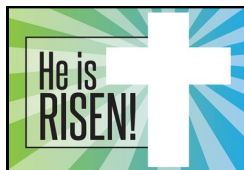
Pastor Dave Fretham

Join us as we celebrate  
The Resurrection of Our Lord!

**March 31** Easter Worship Services

**St. Paul:** 8:00 a.m. Worship

**Immanuel:** 9:30 a.m. Worship



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## Meetings in April

- Tuesdays at 7:00am Bible Study at Cabin Coffee
- Tuesday April 2: 1:30pm Quilters
- Tuesday, April 9: 9:00am Lydians at Corrine Prescher's
- Thursday, April 18: 6:00pm Elders  
7:00 pm Council
- Tuesday, April 23: LWSP at 1:30pm
- Sunday, April 28:  
Quarterly Meeting following worship

### LOOKING AHEAD...

*April 17– Confirmation Questioning*

*April 21 - Rite of Confirmation during the 9:30 service*

*April 24 - Last Day of Release Time*

*May 19– Last day of Sunday School, and Potluck Lunch*

## The 2024

### Confirmation Class:

Kailey Boettcher, daughter of Tyler Boettcher & Jamie Ringness

Jack Haase, son of Brent & Chelsey Haase

Nolan Hagedorn,  
son of Ryan & Cornelia Hagedorn

Madeline Redepenning,  
daughter of David Redepenning

The Rite of Confirmation will be held on Sunday, April 21, 2024 during the 9:30am Worship Service.

#### Broadcast Schedule:

KBEW 1560AM at 11 a.m. on Sundays

Cable Channel 990 at 9am & 6pm on Wednesdays

Immanuel Lutheran Church, 43103 120th St.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 305 E. 5th St.

Blue Earth, Minnesota



## 2024 Spring Mission Gathering Of the Blue Earth Zone LWML by Lutheran Women in Mission

I Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

WHEN: **Tuesday, April 16, 2023**

5pm—Light Supper

Registration (\$5.00)

6pm—Program

WHERE: **St. Paul's Lutheran Church,**  
305 E. 5th St., Blue Earth

SPEAKERS: Rev. Dr. Armand J. Boehme & featuring, Millie Millennial (portrayed by Judy Boehme)

“The Church and the Millennials, the Spiritual but not Religious, and the New Perspective on Religion in Our Time”

### Gifts from the Heart:

Faribault County Food Shelf in Blue Earth  
Non perishable foods, diapers, female hygiene items, etc...



- Volunteers are needed to be on the Altar Guild Committee for April, June and August, and Funeral Lunch Coordinators (Martha Guild). If interested, contact the office at 526.7318.



# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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# ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Harold Weise, James R. Anderson  
& Kathy Frank
- 2- Mathew Bell & John Gieser
- 4- Nicholas Frank
- 6- Emma Jo Haugh & Cora Asmus
- 7- Rhonda Anderson, Reed Krieger,  
Rylan Krieger & Nicole Bell
- 9 - Brantley Jagerson
- 10 - Dusty Martin
- 13 - Sydney Handevitd, Caleb Franke & Layla Henke
- 14- LeAnn Hendrickson
- 17 - Rodney Anderson, Shelly Weir & Maggie Mertens
- 18 - Gerald Adams & Ryan Schavey
- 19 - Judy Bassett, Byron Giese & Elton Rhoda
- 20- Brody Adams, Rebecca Duden,  
Heaven Ihle, Neil Tagatz & Dan Jagerson
- 21 - Al Gross & Ivy Wei
- 24 - Joyce Gaylord
- 25 - Jared Mensing, & Laurie Ristau
- 26 - Norma Martin & Mary Schavey
- 28 - Adam Stenzel
- 29 - Christopher Mathews
- 30 - Mary Gustafson

April 19 - Kevin & Diana Mertens  
Orlin & Marilyn Palm

April 21 - Dennis & Karen Osmundson

April 26 - Ken & Cathy Haase

▪ Listed are birthdays and wedding anniversaries of church members. If there are any additions or corrections, please call the office at 526.7318.



## Area Fundraisers

### • Saturday, April 6, 2024

Spring Fling at Genesis will be held at the National Guard Armory, 700 N. Fairlakes Ave., Fairmont. Dinner will be served from 5 -6:30pm; \$15 for adults & \$7 for children 12 & under. For more information on this event, please see the poster on the bulletin board.

### • Thursday, April 11th at 6 p.m.

Options Pregnancy Center's Annual Banquet at the Best Western in Fairmont. Complimentary tickets for this Fundraising Dinner are available by calling Options Pregnancy Center at 507.238.2330. An opportunity to make a financial gift to the ministry of Options Pregnancy Center will be extended during the evening. Bill Arnold will be our guest speaker for the evening. Reservations are required and seating is limited.

### Spring Rummage and Bake Sale

- Thursday, April 11 from 4pm—8pm
- Friday, April 12 from 8am—8pm
- Saturday, April 13 from 8am—noon (\$3 bag sale)

Proceeds support the ongoing educational services at Martin Luther High School, Northrop, MN

### • Saturday, April 20

OH! What a Knight! Dinner Auction  
Purchase your tickets by April 10th for \$30  
Social hour: 4:30pm, Dinner: 6pm

A benefit for the ministry of Martin Luther High School, Northrop

## April Acolytes

- 6th Nolan Hagedorn
- 7th Olivia Ziegler & Eliseanna Granillo
- 13th Nolan Hagedorn
- 14th Jack Haase & Leila Woodwick
- 20th Samantha Nelson
- 21st Oliver Gustafson & Ava Boettcher
- 27th Sam Lawrence
- 28th Brantley Jagerson & Leila Woodwick