

The Messenger
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APRIL



We Christians simply cannot get over the reality of the Resurrection. For us, the fact that God raised Christ from the dead proves that Christ's way alone is God's answer to the sins and horrors of the world. The truths Christ taught when he walked on earth stand solid and irrefutable. The light he brought is the only light that never goes out, for it is the eternal light of God's glory. Christ's life is the clearest example of how God intends for us to live. His way is the way that makes the most sense for our lives on this earth. The saints throughout history have shown that again and again.

The hope Christ offers is the only true and lasting hope. Ultimately, it is our assurance that life can be good and joy-filled for all. Consider the words St. Paul wrote to the church at Rome and apply them to your own life: "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:4-5, NRSV).

If that is not a tremendous cause for abiding joy, then what is?

The mission of St. Paul's Cordova is to be led by the Spirit of Jesus: praise and worship the Trinity; grow our membership with faith and love; and share our blessings with all God's people. In following this mission, St. Paul's established an Endowment Fund to receive gifts and bequests of "faithful stewards" to strengthen the ongoing mission of our church.



The Endowment Policy requires recognition of contributions in the newsletter on or near Palm Sunday. During 2025, Mr. Barry Reusing, Mrs. Donna J Stevens, Mr. Darian L. and Mrs. Holly Sump, Ms. Casey Cep and Ms. Kathryn Schulz recognized the opportunity to give a gift that immediately strengthens the congregation and provides a legacy for generations. Faithful stewards have contributed \$4,265 to the Endowment Fund in 2025.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church encourages its members and friends to think prayerfully about how they can help maintain the congregation's ministry in the long term. Information about endowment options is available in the Endowment Fund Policy, approved by the congregation on January 24, 2015, or you may speak to the Pastor, Treasurer, or Financial Secretary. Endowment contributions may be sent to the church or to Mid-Shore Community Foundation, 102 E Dover Street, Easton, MD 21601. Please make sure any contributions are clearly designated to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cordova – Endowment Fund.

It's Lawn-Mowing Time Again!

We are once again looking for volunteers to help with the care and maintenance of our church lawn. If you are interested in cutting the grass yourself, sign your name under that option on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. If you are interested in paying for Chris Rice to cut the grass, please sign your name under that option on the sign-up sheet.

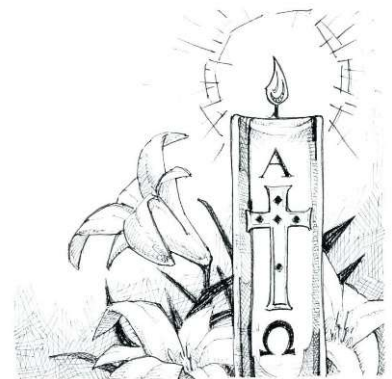
Chris is willing to mow the entire Church property, yard, cemetery and extra lot for a very reasonable price of \$75. Checks can be made out to St. Paul's with grass cutting in memo.



You are warmly invited to Grace Lutheran Church in Easton, MD for PaschalSong: An Eastertide Celebration in Scripture, hymnody, and music. PaschalSong will include the Rite for the Conclusion of a Call as we give thanks for the four years in which the Rev. Jonathon Moyers was in ministry amongst us as the pastor of our shared ministry.

Pastor Moyers and parish organist and choirmaster David Nicholson will lead us through Choral Evensong for Eastertide as we hear themes of Resurrection and hear the story of the Walk to Emmaus.

This celebration will include music from the combined choir of the Shore Lutherans - Chesapeake Country Area Ministry and guest musicians. A farewell reception for Pastor Moyers will follow.



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C. Gray Norsworthy, a pastor in Atlanta, once shared a story about the woman who prepared his worship bulletin. She was faithful in her work but didn't have much background in church hymns. One week, Pastor Norsworthy handed her a draft of the service and hoped she could decipher his handwriting.

When he reviewed the finished bulletin, he noticed the final hymn was titled "Just As I Am, Without a Clue."

Whether it's "without a clue" or "without a plea," the truth remains the same: we all come to Jesus just as we are — and we all need him.



I cannot end poverty, but I can feed one hungry person. I cannot stop war, but I can offer peace to my neighbor. I cannot prevent death, but I can hold the hand of someone who is dying. These may seem like small acts, yet they are far harder—and far more meaningful—than any grand plan for social change. Christ reminds us of their worth: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40, NIV).

Rev. Moyers will be holding a first communion session on Thursday, April 9 at 5:30 pm and a make-up session will be offered on Saturday, April 11 at 11 am. First communion will be a part of our April 12 service.



Marian Davis is now residing at Eden Green in Denton, if you would like to send her cards the new address is below:



Marian Davis
410 Colonial Drive
Room 401
Denton MD 21629

The best mathematical equation ever given: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

Capital Update

2025 Contributions--\$69,210
February 2026 Contributions--\$150
Total Received through February--\$71,410

Crawlspace (Completed)--\$26,990
Stained Glass Deposit--\$13,250
Total Disbursements--\$40,240

Balance as of February 2026--\$31,170
Stained Glass Window (Future Payment) --\$26,500
Painting Estimate for Stained Glass Window Project--\$2,000
Total Anticipated Costs for Stained Glass Window Project--\$28,500


We are fully funded for our stained-glass window project, any future donations will be going towards our next project, HVAC unit and air handler.

HVAC Estimate (Next Anticipated Project) --\$20,000
Amount Needed to complete HVAC--\$17,330

- 04/01 Gavin Heinsohn**
- 04/02 Gina Rusch**
- 04/03 Kennedy Callahan**
- 04/04 Joseph Edsall**
- 04/16 Kyle Leaverton**
- 04/19 Carl Oburgh**
- 04/21 Wyatt Jacobs**
- 04/21 Wendy Sauca**
- 04/22 Jeffrey Lewis**
- 04/24 Andrea Bambarly**
- 04/25 Alex Heinsohn**
- 04/25 Eileen Markey**
- 04/26 Hannah Carroll**
- 04/27 Susanne Gay**
- 04/27 Riley Webster**
- 04/28 Keith Davis**
- 04/29 Kathy Barletta**
- 04/29 Skip Miller**



Bible Quiz



According to Matthew's account, something remarkable happened to the earth on the day Jesus was crucified and again on the morning when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary visited the tomb. What occurred on both days?

- A. There was a flood on both days.
- B. There was an earthquake on both days.
- C. There was a huge fire on each day.
- D. There was complete darkness on both days.

Answer: B (Matthew 27:51; Matthew 28:2)



Is your family interested in having your child receive their first Holy Communion? Please be in contact with Pastor Moyers or the church office to discuss our Communion preparation sessions which will be available, based on the needs of the families who indicate interest.

We will offer a First Communion Sunday on Sunday, April 12.



April 5 (Sunrise) Betty Jean Mumford
 April 5 (8:45) Joseph Comer
 April 12 Declan Corley
 April 19 Joshua Lewis
 April 26 Beth Roesel



April 5 Kathy Barletta and Susan Behrens
 April 12 Donnie Davis and Keith Davis
 April 19 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth
 April 26 Lee Heinsohn and Lee Moore



Acolytes

April 5 Joshua Lewis
 April 12 Declan Corley
 April 19 Joshua Lewis
 April 26 Ella Barletta

Crucifier



April 5 (Sunrise) Beth Shortall
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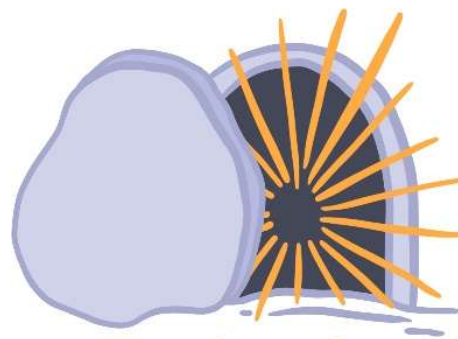


Beth Shortall
 and Betty Jean Mumford



Tellers

April 5 Kathy Barletta and Susan Behrens
 April 12 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth
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Hope is Alive



Palm Sunday was a joyful day at St. Paul's! We celebrated a Children's Eucharist where our Sunday School kids received their own Bible. Pastor Moyers had our kids use their new Bibles to find the story of Jesus entering



Jerusalem and some very good readers read the story for us. Then, we used the center aisle to recreate the Palm Sunday story (minus the donkey, apologies!) as we threw down our cloaks and branches of palm.



Afterwards, we gathered for Sunday School, did a service project creating Easter baskets for homebound seniors, shared lunch, and even had a visit from the Easter bunny (perhaps the Palm Sunday Bunny around these parts), who helped us on an egg hunt.

During our Sunday School lesson, we built on the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem on what came to be known as Palm Sunday and we learned about the rest of the days in Holy Week.

We are now ready to follow Jesus to the Upper Room, the Cross, and the empty tomb!



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Worship Service Begins at 8:45 am
Please inform the church office of any
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Address, phone number, marriage or
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can keep our records up to date.

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