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# Good News of St. Paul

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*Spread the Love and Message of Christ*

**We Win! We Win!  
and Together We All Win!**



Gloria Dei in Kelso challenged St. Paul in Castle Rock to collect socks for the homeless in our area. Did you know that socks are one of the most needed and least donated items for homeless people? Yes, it's true, socks and underwear. The last couple of years have been very difficult on people living on the streets or "couch surfing" or whatever it is called when people don't have a bed of their own to sleep.

Of course, without a place to sleep, there come all sorts of potential dangers. Malnourishment and exposure are only the beginning. Other problems such as assault, abuse, neglect, and rape are common. Anxiety, depression, drug abuse and addiction are common.

It is easy to devalue someone when they are labeled. How many times have you heard it suggested "they should get a job" or "it is a result of bad choices" or "if they wanted, they could change their situation?" But the reality is often much more complex typically involving childhood trauma, lack of education, lack of opportunity, and lack of affordable housing. These are quickly compounded by the violence, poor sleep, poor hygiene, and other challenges.

When Gloria Dei challenged St. Paul to collect socks, it was a small act that we could engage competitively with our sister church in Kelso to meet a need in our community. And, you were amazing. Even though you were further away from stores to purchase socks, Earl Small quickly volunteered to buy socks on his regular trips to Longview. Then he asked Bob's Sporting Goods to help, and they did. Bob's gave us 70 percent off of the regular price on select socks and you made the most of the opportunity.

Members of St. Paul collected and purchased 1216 pairs of socks. Gloria Dei collected 819 pairs. Together there were more than 2000 pairs of socks collected for the homeless in our area. What an amazing feat. It was truly gratifying to see how you stepped up and into the call to help.

Our churches have a history of working with Community House, Family Promise, CORE, and the Longview homeless camp. This wasn't the first outpouring of aid to our fellow human beings, but it was an incredibly productive effort. 2035 pairs of socks collected for our neighbors in need.

Since our two churches collected this many socks in a single month. I wonder what could be done if we combine with other churches in our conference and area? What good and impact could we make together? If you have ideas on a worthwhile project to engage competitively with our sisters and brothers in Christ, then I would like to hear about it. I have already heard a few ideas ('Undy Sunday', and 'Backpack Packs'). I anticipate bringing your ideas forward during our next conference pastors gathering. Let me know your thoughts.

This coming together to help others in our world is the story of Jesus. It is the story of hope, and it is the story of Easter. God saw our need and met us at the point of our need and gives us hope. And God continues to meet us in our need, journeying alongside us and in Him we have hope! God's work, our hands...and feet.

- Pastor Norm

## Enduring Gifts Fund



The Enduring Gifts Fund Committee was created to benefit St. Paul through charitable giving. The fund was established through an endowment, which means the gift will remain in perpetuity and only a portion of the earnings can be distributed for ministry.

Our mission is consistent with the St. Paul church's mission of 'Spreading the Love and Message of Christ.' The message of salvation through Jesus Christ is at both the local level and worldwide.

The By-Laws and Handbook for The Enduring Fund outlines the purpose of promoting giving and managing the fund. The principal is invested and the distribution is made on the fund value at the end of the year and determined annually. The guideline is to distribute 5% of the average of the most recent five years. In some prior years, there was no distribution made and in other years all or a portion of the amount was distributed. If a portion of the annual distribution was not used, it may be carried forward for later distribution. The Enduring Gifts Fund is being managed by the Castle Rock branch of Edward Jones.

A percentage range of 25% to 60% can be distributed for the church wide mission of the ELCA in either the United States and/or worldwide. A percentage range of 40% to 75% can be distributed for ministries at St. Paul for a variety of uses that could include missions, youth, education, music, special needs, building programs, debt reduction, etc.

A form has been created to request funds. There will be forms on the bulletin board. When a request has been completed, it should be put in the Enduring Gifts church mailbox. Once a request has been approved by the Enduring funds committee, it is taken to the church council for their approval.

Distributions for 2021 were \$5,976.81 for updating the audio/visual system at St. Paul and \$5,000 was sent to the ELCA for the tornado relief fund.

A balance of \$2,993.19 was carried into 2022. In 2022 the council has approved \$5,000 disbursement to Lutheran Disaster Response for the Eastern European Crisis (Ukraine) and \$1,400 to support the PSALM program (program supporting active lay ministers).

There is approximately \$8,000 remaining to be distributed for the balance of 2022. If you would like to make a request that falls into the guidelines listed above, please complete a form that can be found on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, feel free to ask a committee member. Members include Glen Agren, Erika Agren Ryan Hinesley, David Whittaker, Sandy Catt, or Dayne Johnston.

### 2022 Leadership Positions

#### Council

Kevin Rahn, President & Stewardship Liaison  
Tiffany Seidl, V. Pres. and Fellowship Liaison  
Sandy Catt, Secretary and Worship Liaison  
Jacki Whittaker - Fellowship Liaison  
Joel Anderson - Prop. & Finance Liaison  
Jon Davidson - Parish Ed. Liaison  
Richard Skreen

#### Treasurer

Leann Beall

#### Financial Secretary

Heather Snow

#### Committees

**Audit** - Tiffany Seidl

**Memorial** - Al Black

**Nominating** - Richard Skreen



Church Leadership



## Remembering Members & Friends

Please remember these people  
with your prayers, phone calls,  
or cards:

**+All God's people including:** Kari Wetche, Robert Oswalt, Scott Sparks, Dianne Whitten, Annette Hammond, Tom Boren, Kevin Strang, Martha Olson, Sandy Catt, Bob Nolden, Jess Johnston, Emma Cooley, Donna Rodgers, Emma Agren, Amy Agren, Tom Stanley, Nathan Victor, Brad Foster, Michelle Oswalt, Vineta Thomsen, Mary Brown, Bruce Schumacher, Kelsey Buchanan, Stephanie Petkovich, Don Miller, Darlene Jackson, Eric Smith, Jean Jones, Angie Manfredi, Angie Boudier, Crystal Hummel, Beth Hinesley, Al Black; **+All Care givers and Care receivers:** Vi Benham, Granville Oswalt, Donna Rodgers; **+The hungry, homeless, and needy, and those who travel;** **+Those serving in the Armed Forces:** Lukas Houser, Makayla Wilbur, Sam Gallow, Eddie Oswalt, Matthew Cogburn;



Joyce LeMonds passed away  
on March 29.  
Her memorial service is on  
Saturday, May 14, at 1 p.m.  
**Blessed Be Her Memory**

## Congratulations!

**Finnley James** was born January 31 to  
Gretchen Schwinn and Ben Patton.  
Grandparents are Paul and Jackie Schwinn.



Newborns

**Fletcher James** was born April 3 to  
Amanda and Axelson Moore.  
Grandparents are Lloyd and Heather Snow.



## April

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|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 3  | Irina Anderson    | 20 | Heather Whittaker |
| 4  | Pr. Robert Ross   | 21 | Cassie Hubbard    |
|    | Debbie Krumpols   |    | Aubrey Schaak     |
|    | Jackson Swim      |    |                   |
| 6  | Monte Hartshorn   | 23 | Heather Snow      |
|    | Benjamin Ross     | 24 | Brad Knutson      |
| 8  | Jackie Schwinn    |    | Lukas Houser      |
| 10 | Deb Sinclair      | 25 | David Whittaker   |
| 11 | Dianna Watenpaugh |    | Lane Traver       |
| 13 | Heather Wilbur    | 26 | Sherri Knutson    |
| 14 | Pat Dick          |    | Dillion Ray       |
| 16 | Dan Crisman       | 27 | Karen Ashby       |
| 17 | Ariel Bryan       | 29 | Jeff Frohner      |
|    | Easton Ross       |    |                   |

## Anniversary Wishes



## April

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| 1  | Seth & Jill Heistand-Foster         |
| 12 | Garrett & Addie Ashby - 25 years    |
| 29 | Dale & Glee Ann Erdelbrock-61 years |

## Phone Directory Update Time

A new phone directory will be put out in May or June. If you have any changes with your address, phone number, or email, please let the office know so corrections can be made.





## Wearing Sunglasses?

We all should be wearing sunglasses all year long! Even when you can't see the sun, it's harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays have little trouble finding your eyes. Sunglasses with 100% UVA and UVB protection can help prevent or delay macular degeneration and cataracts. These are two leading causes of blindness. These UV rays are just as dangerous in the winter with the same intensity.

Certain drugs also can make eyes more sensitive to the sun rays such as birth control pills, sulfa, some diuretics, and tranquilizers. Also, individuals with light colored eyes. Children are especially susceptible to UV related eye problems since they spend more time outside.

So get yourselves a pair of cool sunglasses with UVA and UVB coverage and protect those eyes!

To your health, K.C. Babcock, R.N.

## Thank You To:

- Tim & Katie Ogden for the gift of a new freezer filled with beef!
- Earl Small for painting the trim in the Fireside Room to match the walls. Clarence Knutson for cooking for the Men's Breakfast (1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of each month)

- Roxanne Knutson who coordinated the dramas during Lent - and everyone who took part.
- Everyone who provided soup during Lent at our Wed. evening Soup & Bread nights. Along with those who cleaned up and assisted in any way.
- Leann Beal, Heather Snow, and Tiffany Seidl for providing a craft each Wed. evening during Lent.

- Earl Small for his work in acquiring socks during the recent 'sock challenge'. Thank you to all who donated socks, as well as those who gave money that Earl used to purchase socks at a large quantity discount.
- Kid Clothes Closet sorters Pat Dick & Mary Rosen.

## Cowlitz Chaplaincy Benefit Dinner/Auction



### Benefit Dinner

If you would like to attend the annual Cowlitz Chaplaincy Benefit Dinner/Auction on Saturday, May 14, please let the office know.

The council has supported and is sponsoring a table for 8 guests. The Chaplaincy will want names of all those attending, otherwise they will fill the table those on a waiting list.

## St. Paul Scholarship



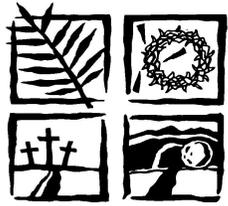
Graduating seniors who are St. Paul members are encouraged to apply for a scholarship through the St. Paul Scholarship Fund.

If the plan is to attend college this fall, you may be eligible. The deadline is May 8. See Geri/office or Pastor Norm for a copy.

## Prayer Updates

If you have any updates on those on our intercessory prayer list, please contact Geri or Pastor Norm with that information.



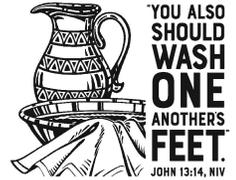


# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



**Palm Sunday Worship** - This Sunday, April 10 - with special choir anthems.

**Maundy Thursday Worship** - April 14 - communion and foot washing at 7 p.m..



## GOOD FRIDAY - April 15



**Prayer Vigil from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.** There is a sign up sheet on the back table where you can sign up for half hour increments. Prayer cards are in the pews - please fill out and place in the box marked 'Prayer Vigil' next to the sign up clipboard.

**Cross Walk at 5 p.m.** Meet at the church at 4:45 p.m. (If you desire to be a part of this but are unable to participate in the walk, you can join the folks at St. Mary's as some will be reciting the stations of the cross inside (at St. Mary's). A meal of soup and bread will be served afterward, which all are invited to. (If you would like to contribute by bringing soup, providing bread, or helping serve, you are welcome to.)



**Good Friday Service** will follow here at St. Paul at 7 p.m. - A Tenebrae (service of the shadows) Service with music, readings, and sharing of the "Seven Last Sayings of Christ" will be done.



## EASTER SUNDAY - April 17

**Easter Sunrise Service** at 7a.m. at the CRHS football stadium.

**Easter Sunday Breakfast** here at St. Paul. 8:30 a.m  
(Men interested in helping with the breakfast, please contact Richard Skreen. 274-8848)

**Easter Sunday Worship** - 10 a.m. with special music.



*Alleluia!*  
HE IS ALIVE!