

MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to our Members

April Birthdays

4 - Jeanette Grothen - 91	8 - Weir John - 95	13 - Dr. Nancy Krueger - 85
4 - Dixie Hutchison - 88	8 - Blanche Heyen - 82	15 - Ilene Weber - 90
5 - Janice Lukas - 85	8 - Helen Miller - 92	18 - Delmer Van Lengen - 80
6 - Neil Grothen - 83	10 - Linda Wiltrout - 80	26 - Deanna Schardt - 81
7 - Leone Sommerfeld - 103	13 - Duane Biede - 82	28 - Barbara Murman - 92

May Birthdays

7 - Delores Scott - 85	14 - Donna Shoemaker - 90	29 - Richard Synek - 82
8 - Charles Stowers - 87	15 - Ruby Walker - 91	31 - Alex Eckert Jr. - 81
11 - Sue Klatt - 81	16 - Dale Duensing - 81	31 - Donna Hinrichs - 105
14 - Ernest Johnson - 80	16 - Dean Hawthorne - 80	31 - Terry Klatt - 80
14 - Pat Babcock - 80	18 - Marvin Woodward - 84	

Happy Anniversary to our Members

* milestone anniversary - 25th and 50th

April Anniversaries

5 - Eric and Jodi Kelly - 1997	17 - Paul and Shari Brei - 1982
5 - Craig and Kim Harrenstein - 1997	17 - Mitchell and Connie Stark - 1982
*6 - Raymond and Joy Marsh - 1974	19 - Mitch and Elizabeth Schroeder - 1997
9 - Ronald and Janet Drudik - 1983	22 - Michael and Lisa Moore - 1995
10 - Dave and Linda Brown - 1976	24 - Marlin and Joan Hartman - 1954
11 - Dennis and Janet Piel - 1981	25 - Mike and Caprice Lueth - 1992
12 - John and Anjanette Bonham - 1997	28 - James and Janice Lukas - 1963
15 - Rodney and Kimberley Hunt - 1989	30 - Robert and Amy Stutesman - 1994

May Anniversaries

1 - Larry and Julie Luce - 1982	24 - Darryl and Barbara Parde - 1980
2 - Dennis and Brenda Stark - 1970	26 - Mark and Peggy Keiser - 1973
4 - Wayne and Ila Nelson - 1958	26 - Daniel and Linda Psota - 1972
15 - Terry and Susan Klatt - 1965	28 - LeRoy and Carolyn Harder - 1954
17 - Trent and Amy Kelly - 1991	29 - David and Renee Hoglund - 1976
19 - Randal and Karla Harms - 1990	29 - LeRoy and Connie Samuelson - 1960
20 - Craig and Lesa Kautz - 1978	*29 - Kent and Tara Ochsner - 1999
21 - Jerry and LeAnna Lukas - 1994	30 - Randall and Angela Shipman - 1992
23 - Timothy and Barbara Lebsack - 1981	31 - Burnell and Deborah Krull - 1975
23 - Tom and Jill Fish - 1998	31 - Hugh and Katherine Nehls - 1969

Journal of Life and Growth

(January 1st - February 29th, 2024)

Births

Berkley Baker on 2/13/2024

Baptisms

Charlotte Sundberg on 1/21/2024
Landon Trausch on 2/4/2024
Marshall Werner on 2/25/2024

Transferred to Church Triumphant

Jacob Meyer on 1/21/2024
Marvin Lewis on 1/22/2024
LeeAnne Maul on 2/9/2024
Brian Nollette on 2/13/2024
Robert Tharp on 2/21/2024
Ron Calhoun on 2/22/2024

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FIRST CONNECTIONS



WE ARE GOING DIGITAL!

Hey there! We are thrilled to announce that our newsletter is going digital! Starting with the June/July edition, get ready for your inbox to light up with all the latest updates, exclusive content, and more!

But hey, if you're a paper lover at heart, don't fret! We've got you covered. Simply notify us and let us know. We will keep those paper copies coming your way! See below for ways to inform us about your preference for paper newsletters.

"United, We Live God's Will"



NOT A MEMBER? NOT A PROBLEM!

Sign up for our digital newsletter for the latest updates, event information and insightful content! There are several ways that you can sign up to receive our digital newsletters in the future.

1. Scan the QR code and enter your name and email.
2. Fill out the Newsletter Information Update Form and return it to the Church Office. You can drop it off Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., mail it to 501 N. Burlington Ave, or drop it in an offering plate.
3. Call the Church Office at (402) 463-1329.
4. Email your name and email address to info@firststpauls.org.

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Questions?
Contact: Ann Auten (402) 469-2191
Director of Worship & Music

Seminary Graduation

You are invited to help Ann Auten celebrate her graduation from seminary with a Cake Reception between Services on May 12th in the Gathering Area.

Ann's graduation is on May 18th at the Master's Institute in White Bear Lake, MN. It is available to view on their Facebook page. More information to follow.

Thank you First St. Paul's!

I appreciate all the support you have given me as a seminary student these past four years! I have been blessed by my work as your Director of Worship, Music, and Children's Ministry. My pastoral experiences were also invaluable for my learning! My plans are to work part-time as a pastor where God calls me, especially in the area of pastoral care and counseling. I plan to continue my church membership and my volunteer work with Stephen Ministry and Flowers Forward. May the Lord bless you all as we continue to serve the Lord together.
Ann Auten

Can't make it to church?

No worries, our pastors travel! When life's challenges keep you from traveling, let the spirit of the church come to you! Our ministry team is ready to bring the joy of God, prayer, and Communion right to your doorstep.

Life changes?

Keep us in the loop! Whether it's a new addition to the family, a change in your address, or a milestone worth celebrating, we want to share in your joy. We also want to support you in life's twists and turns! No matter the change, big or small, your church family is here for you.

Drop us a line or give us a call - we want to connect with you!

Church Office
(402) 463-1329
info@firststpauls.org

Sunday Worship Opportunities

Traditional Services

Sanctuary
Communion ~ Weekend of
1st Sunday of the Month
Saturdays - 6:00 PM
Sundays - 8:25 AM

Contemporary Service

Celebration Center
Communion ~ 3rd Sunday
of the Month
Sundays - 10:35 AM



April 14th
Benevolence
Sunday

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Sunday, April 14th, benevolence checks will be presented to area organizations in support of their work in our community.



April 28th



Special Confirmation Service - 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Our 8th graders will be confirmed at a special 11:00 AM service in the Sanctuary that reaffirms their baptism as they become members of our church.



May 5th
Graduation
Sunday

Graduation Sunday is May 5th at the service of your choice!
Our high school graduates will be honored and prayed over as they prepare for new adventures after Graduation!



May 12th

Kids Choirs Sing on Mother's Day at 10:35 Service!
Cherubs after the Children's Sermon
Joyful Noises during the Offertory

Livestream Services on Facebook: 8:25 AM & 10:35 AM

Did you know.....The Parable of the Fig Tree shows us how to worship!



True worship bears fruit for God (vv. 12-14)

True worship promotes life with God (vv. 15-19)

True worship has faith in God (vv. 20-25)

Read it today!
Mark 11:12-25

APRIL 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 6:30 Handbells 7:00 Property	2 6:30 Men's Bible Study 1:00 Quilting 4:30 Outreach 5:30 Christian Ed 6:30 Worship & Music	3 8:30 Personnel 5:00 Ichthus Begins 5:00 Executive 6:00 Programs 7:00 Praise Band 8:00 Moms in Prayer	4 9:30 GriefShare 1:00 Quilting 6:30 Quilters Guild	5	6 6:00 Worship
7 8:25 Worship 9:30 Education Hr 10:35 Worship	8 12:00 Finance 1:30 Pitch 6:30 Handbells	9 6:30 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Finance 1:00 Quilting 6:30 Foundation 7:30 Church Council	10 9:00 Project Day 5:00 Ichthus Begins 6:00 Programs 7:00 Praise Band 8:00 Moms in Prayer	11 9:30 GriefShare 1:00 Quilting 2:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	12	13 6:00 Worship
14 Benevolence Sunday 8:25 Worship 9:30 Education Hr 10:35 Worship	15 6:30 Handbells	16 1:00 Quilting 1:30 LCW #3 5:00 Stephen Ministry	17 9:30 LCW #1 1:30 LCW #2 5:00 Ichthus Begins 6:00 Programs 7:00 Praise Band 8:00 Moms in Prayer	18 9:30 GriefShare 1:00 Quilting	19	20 6:00 Worship
21 8:25 Worship 9:30 Education Hr 10:35 Worship 6:30 OREOS	22 1:30 Pitch 6:30 Handbells	23 6:30 Men's Bible Study 1:00 Quilting 7:30 Compassionate Friends	24 5:00 Ichthus Begins 6:00 Programs 7:00 Praise Band 8:00 Moms in Prayer	25 9:30 GriefShare 1:00 Quilting 2:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	26 10:30 Bridge	27 6:00 Worship
28 Confirmation 8:25 Worship 9:30 Education Hr 10:35 Worship 11:00 Confirmation	29 1:30 Pitch 6:30 Handbells	30 6:30 Men's Bible Study 1:00 Quilting				

MAY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 5:30 Ichthus Finale in the Park! 7:00 Praise Band 8:00 Moms in Prayer	2 1:00 Quilting 5:15 Personnel 6:30 Quilters Guild	3	4 6:00 Worship
5 Graduation Sunday 8:25 Worship 9:30 Education Hr 10:35 Worship	6 7:00 Property	7 6:30 Men's Bible Study 1:00 Quilting 4:30 Outreach 5:30 Christian Ed 6:30 Worship & Music	8 9:00 LCW Project Day 5:00 Executive 7:00 Praise Band 8:00 Moms in Prayer	9 1:00 Quilting 2:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	10	11 6:00 Worship
12 Mother's Day 8:25 Worship/Bells 9:30 Education Hr 9:30 Reception Ann 10:35 Worship 10:35 Kids Choirs	13 9:00 LCW Exec 12:00 Finance 1:30 Pitch	14 6:30 Men's Bible Study 1:00 Quilting 7:30 Council Meeting	15 9:30 LCW Group 1 1:30 LCW Group 2 7:00 Praise Band 8:00 Moms in Prayer	16 1:00 Quilting	17	18 1:00 Seminary Grad Ann Auten Livestreamed on FB Masters Institute 6:00 Worship
19 8:25 Worship 9:30 Education Hr 10:35 Worship	20	21 6:30 Men's Bible Study 1:00 Quilting 1:30 LCW #3 5:00 Stephen Ministry 6:00 Preschool Graduation	22 7:00 Praise Band	23 1:00 Quilting 2:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	24 10:30 Bridge	25 6:00 Worship
26 8:25 Worship 9:30 Education Hr 10:35 Worship	27 1:30 Pitch	28 6:30 Men's Bible Study 1:00 Quilting 7:30 Compassionate Friends	29 7:00 Praise Band	30 1:00 Quilting	31	

MISSION

GIVE HASTINGS DAY IS MAY 2



Please consider donating to God Made Me Preschool for Give Hastings Day. Early giving begins April 15th!

EVENTS TO SUPPORT ALL GIVE DAY NON-PROFITS

Russ's & Allen's
Monday, April 15 - Sunday, April 28
Round up your purchase or purchase a Give Hastings Day Logo for \$1 or \$5.

Coach's Corner ~ Mondays, April 15 & April 22
\$.05 from every gallon of gas sold will be donated.

Pizza Hut ~ Monday, April 22
20% of sales from 5 - 9 p.m. will be donated.
Must mention Give Day!

Baristas of Hastings ~ Monday, April 22
15% of sales all day will be donated.

Perkins ~ Tuesday, April 23
A portion of sales all day will be donated.

Runza ~ Wednesday, April 24
All 3 locations will donate 10% of sales all day.

Freddy's ~ Wednesday, April 24
15% of sales from 4 - 8 p.m. will be donated.

Frahm Bar ~ Thursday, April 25
10% of sales all day will be donated.

Questions?
Contact: Lesa Kautz (402) 469-6800
Outreach Coordinator
Megan Lockling (402) 463-1671
Director of Finance



Did you know that after the weekend services, your altar flowers are used to make smaller bouquets? They are then delivered to people in the hospital, at home after surgery, to cheer up those experiencing grief or life changes, or even as good wishes at special times like having a new baby! Our volunteers love the smiles when flowers are delivered! If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, call the office today for open dates! They are double blessings for our worship services and church members!
Church Office - (402) 463-1329

God Made Me Preschool
Allen's and Russ's Receipts

Thank you for all of the receipts that have been turned in so far. The deadline for this school year is April 5th! Receipts dated from September 1st, 2023 thru March 31st, 2024 can be submitted. Every receipt you turn in earns points that directly benefits our preschool! These points help us purchase essential supplies for the classroom. Your receipts are a vital part of supporting our preschool program and ensuring our children have everything they need to learn and thrive.

Best Choice UPCs are also being collected on a yearly basis. We appreciate your support!

Russ's MARKET Because Quality Matters

Allen's

save a Label

Benevolence Sunday is April 14th

Through the generosity of our church community, we are able to support several local charities with donations through our Local Benevolence Fund. These donations are directed towards initiatives that benefit our neighbors in need to make a difference in the lives of those facing challenges in our community, embodying the spirit of compassion and solidarity that defines our church's mission, "United, we live God's will." On Benevolence Sunday, we are excited to support these local groups.



Crossroads	Feed My Sheep	Open Table
Food4Thought	Hastings Food Pantry	The Bridge
Habitat for Humanity	Threads of Grace	Royal Family Kids Camp
Revive	Knit-Pray-Crochet	Teen Reach Adventure Camp
Hearts and Hands Against Hunger of Hastings		

ADULT Discipleship

Questions?
Contact: Alexa Hintz (402) 768-1622
Director of Christian Education
or Pastor Chad Power
(402) 705-4026



Stephen Ministry Spotlight Sunday, April 7th All Services

Learn more about Stephen Ministry!
A training will be held soon!
Are you ready to support a care receiver?
Call Ann Auten if interested! 402-469-2191

Our Prayer Room is Open!
(Located next to Founders Hall in Ruth Room)
You are welcome to use this area for individual/small group Bible Study or Prayers.
Need prayers?
Leave us a note in the prayer bowl!

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Current Bible Studies

Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m.
*The Engagement Project
-Men's Bible Study
Heritage Room



Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
*The Gospel of Mark
- Men's Bibles & Brews

Wednesdays starting at 6:15 p.m.
*Grit Don't Quit
-Women's Bible Study
Upper Level Ed.

Sunday Adult Education Hour

Holy Grounds

Topics with Pastor Chad



Adult Forum

Topics with Pastor Joel



Ichthus Menu for April

April 3rd
Goulash, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans and a Dessert

April 10th
Sloppy Joes, Tator Tots, Baked Beans and a Dessert

April 17th
Taco/Nacho Bar, Refried Beans, Corn Chips and a Root Beer Float

April 24th
Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans and a Dessert

Menu Subject to Change

Ichthus Finale!

Chautauqua Pavilion

May 1st
at 5:30 p.m.

Old Fashioned Potluck
Activities & Games

Bring a side dish!

KIDS

Discipleship

Questions?
Contact: Alexa Hintz (402) 768-1622
Director of Christian Education



April
A series on
Jesus' Teachings



May 1st
Ichthus Finale at
Chautauqua Pavilion
All are Welcome!



May Sunday
School
A series on the Early
Church

Children's Choir Schedule
Cherubs & Joyful Noises

May 12th - Mother's Day
Sundays - 10:35 a.m. - Contemporary
Service

God Made Me Preschool

Open enrollment has begun. We are accepting 3, 4, & 5 year olds. There is limited availability, Please contact the Church Office to sign your preschooler up today!

VBS Kids Registration
Sign your kid(s) up today!
Scan the QR code below!



VBS Volunteer Registration
We need volunteers!
Sign up by scanning the QR code below!



START the PARTY

Sign up begins
Sunday, March 31st!
June 3rd-7th

Celebrate the Good News

YOUTH

Discipleship

Questions?
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Director of Christian Education



2024 Jr. High Mission Trip Info!
Next Payments Due:
Wed. April 24th
Next Meeting: Sunday,
April 14th after the 10:30
a.m. service

Where: Celebration Center
*This mission trip is for current
7th & 8th graders.



2024 Sr. High Mission Trip Info!
Next Payments Due:
Wednesdays,
April 17th and May 15th
Next Meeting: Sunday,
April 21st after the 10:30
a.m. service

Where: Celebration Center

Junior High Ministry

6th Grade Pre-Confirmation
Wednesdays - Meet in the LOT!
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Sundays - Devos and Donuts!!
9:30-10:30 a.m.

7th Grade Confirmation
Meet in Basement at Y&FMC
8th Grade Confirmation
Meet in Upstairs at Y&FMC
Wednesdays
6:15-7:45 p.m.

OREO's- The Good Stuff in the Middle

For ALL 7th & 8th Graders



We meet on the 4th Sunday of the
month at 6:30 p.m. in the
Friendship Gathering Area

April 28th &
WILL NOT MEET IN MAY



Follow Youth Ministry on Social Media: Instagram/Twitter/Facebook:
@FSPStuMin SnapChat:@FSPMinistry

Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday will be
Sunday, April 28th at
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Please have your confirmand at the
Church by 9:00 a.m. for pictures.

Meet in the Christian Underground.
Donuts and juice are provided.



Senior High Ministry

(Grades 9 — 12)

Soul Café is for Grades 9-12 and their friends. Meet in the Christian Underground.
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Jesus Hour 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Soul Café

3 Tough Questions

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April Series

Graduation Sunday

Calling all High School Seniors!!!
Graduation Sunday will be
Sunday, May 5th.

Please email Chad at chad@firststpauls.org pictures
of your baptism(baby), Confirmation
(Jr. High age), and a Senior Picture. Also please let
him know which service you will be attending and
what your plans are once you graduate.