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Pastor's Message

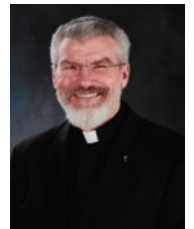
"I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer" Luke 22:15, "And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him." Luke 23:33, "And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 24.3 but when they went in they did not find the body." Luke 23:2-4

We eat, we die, we rise, and that's life! The only reason we have that life is because of God's grace and Jesus death and resurrection. Without our loving God we would simply eat and die.

During this month of April we will share three things with our God. On Thursday, April 14, at 6:30 pm, we will share food with Jesus at his table, a holy communion. Then on Friday, April 15, at 6:30 pm, we will share our grief in Jesus' suffering and death. Finally on Sunday, April 17, at 9:00 am, we will share the joy of Jesus' resurrection and the life he has given us.

I pray you will attend these three services and participate in what God has done for you in the Son, Jesus the Christ. Do this in remembrance of our Lord and Savior, and to the glory of God.

Blessings to you in Christ Jesus,
Pastor David



Ask the Pastor

Question: *Why does the date for Easter change every year? How is the date of Easter Sunday chosen?*

Answer: The simple answer is 'there is no simple answer', so bare with me as we examine the construct of how Easter's date came about in the Christian church. **Calendars:** The original calendar adopted and used by the early world is called the Julian calendar. It was used from 46 B.C. until 1582 A.D. This calendar was created using an annual cycle of 365.25 days which works out pretty close with the extra day every four years. In October of 1582, Pope Gregory XIII introduced the Gregorian Calendar which uses an annual cycle of 365.2425 days for the earth to circumnavigate the Sun. With the implementation of the Gregorian calendar with the corrected astronomical calculation, 13 days were removed. **Note:** Earth takes approximately 365.242189 days (365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 45 seconds) to make one orbit around the Sun. In 325 A.D. a council of Bishops met to deliberate and agree on the Nicene Creed concerning the divine nature of God the Son and his relationship to God the Father. They also assigned the uniform observance of the date of Easter. Until the 8th century there was no uniform method of determining the date of Easter but the method generally accepted was the one favored by the Council of Nicaea. When Pope Gregory XIII instituted the new calendar, a few modifications were required. The full moon of the spring or vernal equinox is supposed to be used but we now assume March 21 as the equinox. This moon phase repeats itself every 19 years so each year repeats itself every 19 years.

Grace and Peace to you,
Pastor David

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Donald Weber
- 1 Wilfred Plochberger
- 2 Bill Stubinger
- 4 Patricia Russell
- 4 Julie Walters
- 8 Kara Richart
- 11 Laura Koestner
- 11 Mattson Stoermer
- 12 Hope Stubinger
- 13 Devin Koestner
- 13 Paul Schiller
- 15 Ellen Strobel
- 16 Landin Thompson
- 16 Todd Walters
- 17 Michelle Collins
- 17 Mitchell Plochberger
- 19 Noah Stubinger
- 20 Leon Pistel
- 22 Diane Kalaf
- 22 Christie Murphy
- 23 Chris Russell
- 26 Angie Bracher
- 27 Garrett Hager
- 29 Kay Pascoe
- 29 Kyle Freiner

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Month/Day	Attendance Phys./Virtual	Offering
<i>MARCH 06</i>	<i>116 / 125</i>	<i>\$3,926.00</i>
<i>MARCH 13</i>	<i>85 / 126</i>	<i>\$2,357.30</i>
<i>MARCH 20</i>	<i>108 / N/A</i>	<i>\$2,166.00</i>
<i>MARCH 27</i>	<i>65 / 118</i>	<i>\$4,097.00</i>

In Addition:

Ash Wednesday - \$465.00
Lenten Envelopes to date - \$1022.00

Easter Egg Donations: Laurie Koestner

It's Easter season! Sunday school is collecting candy donations to fill plastic Easter eggs for this year's Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Donations can be dropped off at the church in the Sunday school gathering space (box provided) or in the narthex (box provided) by Sunday, April 3rd. Thanks in advance for your donations!!!

Easter Baskets for Samaritan Center:

Rosemary Heidbreder, Audrey & Gary Bunch, and Marie Scheperle spent a day creating 51 beautiful Easter baskets to be given away at the Samaritan Center. Bonnie Britt was unable to be there as she always is but did donate lots of supplies. This is an annual project they do to spread the joy of Easter to as many children as possible. Doing God's work with their hands.



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Shawn & Sherrie Williams 1999
- 18 Matt & Wendy Barker 2015
- 18 Jerry & Laurie Koestner 1992 **30 Years**
- 21 Luke & Miranda England 2018
- 23 Charles & Wanda Ferrell 1982 **40 Years**
- 23 Michael & Dana Moeller 1994
- 25 Doug & Julie Carel 1987
- 28 Melvin & Joan Stubinger 1968

Continued prayers for healing and comfort.

Glenda Hake, Barbara Hickey, Gary Zumwalt, Vanessa Pyatt, Julie Carel, Donna Viles, Jahanna Koestner and Kelsey McDonald.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday offerings will go to support the Heisinger Bluffs Benevolence Fund.

Congregational Council Meeting, March 14, 2022
Respectfully submitted by Frank Pascoe

† At 6:08 pm on March 14th, a regular meeting of the Church Council of St. Paul's Evangelical Church was called to order by Council President Zola Finch. Present were Council members Stacy Bubach, Jana Thompson, Laurie Koestner, Kathy Meller, Frank Pascoe and Delores Vlach. Absent were Dan Tschirgi and Mitch Plochberger. Also present were Pastor David Viles, Church Treasurer Kay Pascoe, and Jerry Koestner, Chair of Safety & Security Advisory Group.

† Pastor Viles opened the meeting with a prayer and brief devotion with reference to verses in Philippians 2:1-2. The President called upon Treasurer Kay Pascoe to present the financial report. She shared with the Council a four- page financial report dated February 28, 2022. These pages were reviewed by Council members whose questions were answered and resolved. The Council agreed to renew the 18-month CD with the Farmer's Bank of Lohman.

† President Finch then called upon Pastor David Viles to present his regular monthly report of activities to the Council. His activities included eight meetings with various community and civic organizations, and five counseling visits via phone and in person. A number of ministerial activities were in his report, including a non-member memorial service. Pastor presided over two Sunday communion services, and two non-communion services. Pastor asked for no travel reimbursement for the reported period. Pastor reported there are currently two in the current Confirmation class.

† The President called upon Jerry Koestner to bring before the Council recommendations of his Committee. He presented the details of two proposals for security equipment for St. Paul's. One by Mid-Mo Telecom & Security [Justin Backues] and one by Precision Security LLC [Scott Grunden]. Each report detailed the various technical equipment which each thought necessary to provide complete security for the Church, Parsonage, Cemetery and surrounding areas. The Mid-Mo Telecom proposal totaled \$6,590.00. The Precision Security LLC proposal was for \$7,685.00, minus \$580.00 if we helped pull wiring. It was the recommendation of Mr. Koestner's Advisory Group to accept the latter. Delores Vlach reported that the Church Cemetery Board would contribute one-half of the Precision Security LLC amount. Numerous questions were asked by the Council members. Council member Stacy Bubach moved that Mr. Koestner's Advisory Group recommendation be accepted and this was seconded by Council member Laurie Koestner and approved by voice vote of the entire Council.

President Finch called upon the various Committee Chairpersons to present their monthly reports:

Evangelism: Delores Vlach expressed thanks to Melvin and Joan Stubinger and to Glen & Donita Stubinger for hosting the March Fellowship Hour. In connection with that event, the Evangelism Committee hosted a reception for the 14 new members received into St. Paul's that Sunday. These were Helen Girard, Angie Stubinger, Hope Stubinger, Ruth Stubinger, Melissa Thompson, Shawn Hillen, Ashleigh Creel, Leland Stewart, Stacy Steele, Brooke Steele, Emma Steele, and Andrew Steele. The Committee had asked Donita & Misty Stubinger to provide the cake, cupcakes, yogurt and punch, plus a flower arrangement. Each new member was presented a corsage or boutonniere. A decorated bulletin board was prepared with the new member names. Each received a gift packet containing a pen, a pendant made by Gary Elliott, a welcome greeting card, cross, and a membership certificate designed by Pastor Viles.

Delores announced the annual Pancake Breakfast will be March 20th. This will be eat-in only. Although the committee had discussed a drive-by option, location and staffing issues led to a decision to omit that option. The work schedule is complete and Delores sincerely thanks all who volunteered to work. The price was increased by \$1.00 for both adults and children, to \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for 6 to 12. Delores indicated numerous advertising signs have been displayed around town and countryside, and flyers sent to Jefferson City, Facebook, and regional newspapers.

Technology: President Finch repeated the ongoing need for at least one additional sound board technician for Sunday services. It is hoped the chimes will be set to ring on Easter Sunday. A proposal to sell the old and outdated sound equipment found in the church was presented by Dan Tschirgi in a written note to the Council. His suggestion was accepted upon a motion by Jana Thompson, seconded by Laurie Koestner, and passed by all present. A notice of this will be put in the Bulletin and available items first offered to our members via sealed bids. Some items possibly available are an old sound board, amp and CD player, graphic equalizer, and sound mixer.

Worship & Music: Kathy Meller reported on their March 1st meeting. Positive responses were received regarding the uplifting contemporary music played as preludes. It was suggested that song leaders read the lesson responses so that online listeners can better hear them. A choir of small groups will sing during March/April communion Sundays. The setting for Lent will be Setting 3. Palm Sunday is April 10th. There will be a procession, communion and a baptism. Maundy Thursday is April 14th, with stripping of the altar. Good Friday is April 15th with buns, coffee, and hot chocolate in the Friendship Hall. Easter is April 17th with two communion stations, a baptism, and our traditional cross of flowers in front of the church.

Parish Education: Laurie Koestner reported there will be no Easter youth program this year. There will be an Easter Egg hunt after worship. Items needed for the hunt and the children's baskets [i.e., Easter eggs, candies, toys, etc.] should be collected prior to April 3rd if possible.

Church Improvement: Mitch Plochberger, unable to be present for the meeting, presented a written estimate from Matt Bridges Construction LLC for the projected basement remodel. This submission also included details of a bid from Meek's Building Center for new replacement vinyl windows in the basement. Mitch's written request asked that, if possible, the Council might approve ordering these windows separately from the rest of the basement remodel so that they might not be delayed in arriving. Mitch's Committee is also waiting on an estimate from Mark's Mobile Glass for the needed exterior doors. The Council discussed which items should take priority in ordering and installation. There was agreement among Council members who spoke that the purchase and installation of side doors should take priority, because the new security system will need the new doors installed since door transmitters, keypads, and necessary wire and hardware will need to be attached. Laurie Koestner moved that the Council give the new doors first priority, and this was seconded by Frank Pascoe, and approved by all. Pastor Viles informed Mitch Plochberger of this decision via phone during the Council meeting. Mitch announced April 2nd for the Spring Work- Day, with a bad weather backup day of April 9th. He asked that these dates be announced in the Sunday Bulletins and the Epistle.

Stewardship & Finance: Stacy Bubach indicated she and her committee would like to see some increase in cross-training and back-up for those who are in- charge of our financial record keeping. When those persons are ill or absent, others will have been trained to step-in. This includes the Financial Recording Secretary and the Treasurer.

Mutual Ministry: Chairman Jana Thompson reported on her committee's ongoing extensive reworking of the Church's HANDBOOK. JANA led the Council members through numerous suggested changes and deletions to information contained in the booklet revision. Information in the Handbook was encouraged to avoid duplications found in the church's Constitution, and to keep the contents devoted primarily to details informative for new members.

Old Business: The President asked the Council to turn to Old Business. Current use and Interest in the Blessing Box were discussed. Pastor reported no significant increase in its current use. Suggestions were made to increase its awareness among potential users. The well-done Blessing Box sign at the foot of Church Hill was noted. A suggestion to include awareness of the Blessing Box on FACEBOOK

was suggested. It was also suggested to put into the box a small, detailed note about local sources for various services and health items.

A brief discussion was held regarding next steps with Becky Weber's recent request for assistance in forming a Pro-Life interest group at St. Paul's. The Council will rely on Becky to continue to direct measures to be taken, perhaps compiling a resource list that the Church could help distribute.

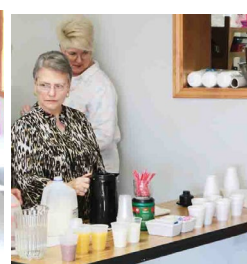
New Business: President Zola Finch spoke to the Council of her interest in our forming and supporting at St. Paul's a "personal faith journey group" to meet after church, or at other times, to discuss individual current concerns, to share mutual problems and their possible solutions. This group could be a "faith enrichment" forum for interested persons. It was also suggested this might meet monthly. Council Secretary Frank Pascoe called the Council's attention to an item of discussion in last month's Council Meeting, which was erroneously omitted from the February Council Minutes. The item omitted was a recent suggestion by a parishioner to "turn the soon-to-be vacated Church Parsonage" into a site where one might see and review a collection of historic items related to St. Paul's Church. As this was briefly discussed in the February 14th meeting, the Secretary regrets his omission from those minutes. That proposal was briefly discussed regarding the maintenance and care required. No decision was made at the February meeting.

The Council meeting adjourned, and Pastor David led the members in the recitation of the Our Father.

New Members: On March 6, 2022 St. Paul's Church welcomed 14 new members into our congregation. This wonderful worship service was truly a great blessing of our God. In the photo below are left to right; Ruth Stubinger, Hope Stubinger, Angie Stubinger, Harley Enowski, Mark Schroeder, Shawn Hillen, Leland Stewart, Ashleigh Creel, Helen Girard, Brooke Steele, Stacy Steele, Andrew Steele Emma Steele, and Melissa Thompson. In the front is Pastor David and Acolyte Mackenzie Linnenbrink.



After worship there was a reception for the new members with cake and each member received a gift bag with a cross, pendant, church pen, copy of directory as well as constitution and a membership certificate. Our congregation is blessed, and thrilled to welcome these wonderful folks to our church family.



Mid-Missouri Spring Cluster Meeting: Marie Scheperle

All women of St. Paul's church are invited to attend the Mid-Missouri Spring Cluster meeting on Saturday, April 30, 2022 beginning at 9:00 A.M. with registration and refreshments. The meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. at Trinity Lutheran, Pymont. Registration fee is \$5.00. There will be a collection to collect offerings for grants to attend Central States Synod Women's Convention. There will be a raffle for the Synod Women's Educational Scholarship Fund. Program will be presented by Dylan and Rachel Yelton, directors of the Sagrada Scholarship Bible Camp of Lincoln, MO. This Bible Camp reaches out to families of prisoners and other "at risk" children with the love of Jesus. In-kind gifts will be given to Sagrada. A partial list of needed items as follows: paper towels, paper napkins, dryer sheets, laundry detergent, AAA batteries, toilet bowl cleaner, AA batteries, small flashlights, and disinfecting wipes. Monetary gifts are acceptable.

Please Let Marie Scheperle know by April 24, if you plan to attend so we can let Trinity know how many will be attending from St. Paul's. We will car-pool rides from St. Paul's Church parking lot.

Margaret Circle: Erika Gerth

The members of Margaret Circle will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 6:30 PM at the Church. Debbie Boyce will host and Erika Gerth will lead the Bible study. We look forward to our time together, and welcome those interested in our ministry to join with us as we learn more about God's holy word and its meaning for our lives. Please RSVP to Erika (erikagerth@embarqmail.com) or Debbie (hisunshine75@hotmail.com).

Blessing of the Quiltes

On Sunday, March 20th we had a blessing of the quilts litany and prayer for the 35 blankets/quilts that were sewn this year. They are now ready to be shipped to Lutheran World Relief. Some will remain here at St. Paul's church for situations that may occur during the year such as homes destroyed by fire, homeless individuals, or anyone in need of a special gift during a difficult time. Thank you to all who spent time and gave resources to produce these beautiful gifts for someone in need.



Frozen Refrigerator:

Thanks to Les and Kathryn Linsenbardt, and Marie Scheperle for the massive cleanup job they did when the church refrigerator froze up on Friday, March 4, 2022. They were there at 6:30 p.m. to take care of it. Pepsi cans exploded and sprayed the inside walls, milk and other items for Fellowship Coffee hour were solid ice and it was a mess. The refrigerator was cleaned, and items saved in ice chests.

Mobile Food Pantry: Audrey Bunch

The March 8th Food Pantry was held at Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot, serving 152 families with 447 people in those families. Items given were: produce boxes (milk, Caesar salads, brussel sprouts, green beans, jalapeno peppers, kiwi, onions, potatoes), marshmallow treats, cereal, peanut butter and jelly, mac n cheese, gingerbread cookies, and frozen chicken. Thanks to the volunteers that helped this month. The volunteers from St. Paul's Church were Rosemary Heidbreder, Dan Tschirgi and Gary Bunch. Next Mobile Food Pantry will be April 12th at 1:30 P.M.

Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

The Evangelism committee would like to extend a big thank you to all who came to the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 20. We hope that you enjoyed the meal and time spent with friends, neighbors, and family.

According to our records our attendance was 212. Our net profit after all expenses to date amounted to \$1804.54. This included donations and sale of leftover products. We were able to deduct \$250.00 from our expenses with a "Community Impact" card from Thrivent Financial. Thanks to Leroy Plochberger for obtaining the card.

Last, a great big THANK YOU to all of our workers who helped make this breakfast possible—to the Freundschaft Gruppe for helping ready the kitchen and dining areas, to those who came early to prepare the food, to the servers, to the table waiters, to the cleaner-uppers, to the decorators for our St. Patrick's Day theme, to those who donated food, especially Donita Stubinger for giving us 26 dozen eggs and all the butter for the tables, to those who loaned appliances, to those who made signs and work schedules, to those who publicized our event with flyers, on-line, and on marquees—you were WONDERFUL!! We had almost 40 volunteers of all ages. Thanks to all for a successful breakfast...The Evangelism Committee: Laurie Koestner, Trish Russell, Marie Scheperle, Karla Strobel, Delores Vlach (chairperson).



Jr. Lutherans: Donita Stubinger

Thank you to all the Jr. Lutherans that worked at the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, March 20, 2022. You did an excellent job and we are so proud of all of you. On Saturday April 16, 2022 at 9:00 am we will meet in the church Fellowship Hall to enjoy a continental breakfast and color Easter Eggs. Each child is welcome to take home a dozen eggs they have decorated and colored. Calls will be made to each family so we can get the correct amount of eggs for you to take home. Easter bags have been made for you to take your eggs home that you find on Sunday morning during the Easter Egg Hunt. So make sure you pick up one of the bags. Plans are being made for a 'Surprise mom on Mother's Day morning' in May. In June we are planning a fishing trip at Craig and Angie Stubinger's to enjoy with your families. Then in July we will serve cinnamon rolls for the 4th of July celebration at church.

Freundschaft Gruppe: Jeannette Fischer

On March 14 our Gruppe met and enjoyed a wonderful dinner of corned beef and cabbage served by Glen and Donita with 20 in attendance. Afterward we carried all our newly tacked quilts upstairs for display on the pews. We also set up a lot of supplies for the annual pancake breakfast and arranged all tables and chairs for serving. Our last meeting for this season will be April 11. We will then be in recess until September.

STARS: Jeannette Fischer

There were 27 in attendance at our March meeting. We enjoyed a variety of soups plus sandwiches, salads and delicious desserts. Pastor Gene and Gladys Moll gave an interesting program about the Free Little Library they maintain in the corner of their front yard. Pastor Moll also shared the history of little libraries and noted the idea originated in his home state of Wisconsin. He presented a slide show of various library designs that he and Gladys have observed during their travels. Apparently the little library located near the governor's mansion is not well maintained. Someone should speak to Governor Parson about that. STARS will meet again on April 6 to welcome spring with a fish dinner. Misty Schroeder will inform us about their family business, Moreau Meats, which they operate on Highway 54, south of Jefferson City. If you plan to attend, make reservations with Rose Strobel at 782-4553 by Monday, April 4.



Easter Lilies:

If you would like to purchase a Lily for the Easter Season, please contact Kathryn Linsenbardt at 782-4683 to place your order. Please let her know if the Lily is in memory or in honor of someone so they can be recognized in the bulletin. They are \$9:00 each this year, and orders are due by April 3rd.



Bishop Susan Candea from our Central States Synod, will be visiting St. Paul's Church on Sunday, April 3rd. Bishop Candea is hoping to visit all of the congregations in our Synod this year. She will preach the gospel on this Sunday and hopefully join us for our monthly Fellowship Hour after worship.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Weber, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lohman, Mo.:

"Firsts" in the world are interesting. Bear with me. Imagine you're 14. I did. I was probably worried about my hair, or how I'd do at freshman cheerleading tryouts. Now imagine you are 14, and just learned you were never intended to survive being born. On March 8, 2022, that 14-year-old girl, now a very brave woman with a truth in her heart, shared her story with us at the Missouri Right to Life event held at the Capitol Rotunda in Jefferson City, Mo. **Melissa Ohden**, a fellow Missourian, was 14 when she learned she survived a failed saline infusion abortion in 1977, at St. Luke's Hospital, in Sioux City, Iowa. This hospital is where her birth mother, Ruth, was kept from learning her daughter had survived the abortion attempt.

You can read about saline infusion abortions, they are much too graphic for here, but women who have had these infusions have later reported to have felt unusually increased movements of their baby until the baby dies. These increased movements have lead experts to believe that this is very painful for the baby. Nurses are taught to follow orders, and do no harm. One angel nurse who was present in the hospital room during the attempt to abort Melissa, saw the harm in letting a premature and very sick infant to die alone, in a toxic waste bin. She likely risked her job by going against medical orders to leave the baby alone to die, but she quickly rushed the fragile 2 pound, 14-ounce baby girl to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). It was later reported by one of the NICU nurses that this nurse, upon entering the unit with the baby, shouted, "She kept gasping for breath, so I couldn't leave her there to die." Following a very poor prognosis of severe respiratory problems, liver problems and seizures, Melissa was transferred to another hospital, and recovered well enough to be discharged. She was adopted into a loving home, while her survival was kept a secret from her birth mother. Her adoptive parents were told their new baby would suffer from lifelong disabilities, but Melissa proved to be a miracle. She is completely normal and healthy. Over the years, Melissa has pieced together facts surrounding her birth, one being that the physician who performed her abortion attempt packed up and left the next day. She would like to believe he never performed another abortion again. (www.theabortionurvivorsnetwork.org and "Testimony of Melissa Ohden" on YouTube.)

Today, Melissa is a totally normal, healthy woman who truly believes she was granted life to give a voice to all unborn babies who cannot speak up for their own lives. She holds a Bachelor's degree in English, Education and Spanish, and a Masters in Social Work. In 2010, Melissa gave up her career in Social Work to accept her calling to share the miraculous story of her survival, the love and mercy of God, and the impact of abortion on the world. She is the founder of the Abortion Survivor's Network, the first such organization in the WORLD. She is an internationally known speaker, radio and TV guest, and a contributor to magazines and news outlet. Melissa wrote the book "You Carried Me: A Daughter's Memoir", published in 2017. Her memoir chronicles her unplanned survival, and finding her birth mother, Ruth, whom she forgave even before meeting her.

Another fact Melissa discovered is that Ruth's abortion attempt, at the age of 19, was forced upon her by her own mother, who was a respected nurse in the community. Ruth's mother was not only present during the abortion attempt on her daughter, but also gave the order to let the baby die. Melissa is a fascinating lady who follows her truth. She gives a name, a face, and a voice to all our unborn babies in the world.

You may not have heard about Melissa's visit to our capitol city. I learned about her visit on BRN (Bott Radio Network, 88.9 FM in the Jefferson City, mid Missouri listening area). After her visit, my husband and I noticed there was no televised coverage of this event. There was an article in the Jefferson City News Tribune on 03/09/2022. I called New Tribune and thanked a representative for reporting on this. I called representatives from KRCG, KOMU and KMIZ, to ask why this event was not covered. I gave a brief summary, adding there were several Missouri State Senators and Representatives present who gave an update on current Right to Life legislation. I was told by all three station representatives there were other things that needed to be covered. I thanked them, and asked if they would consider covering the event next year; all three said they would consider it.

Melissa's story is THE most amazing account of forgiveness I've ever known. After reviewing many hours of her testimonies, I learned she has forgiven her birth mother, Ruth, and has a beautiful, loving relationship with her and her family. She has also forgiven both the physician who performed the abortion attempt, and her maternal grandmother, the nurse who issued the order to let her die. When one person's decision results in another person's death, something is wrong. When one person's forgiveness results in another person's healing, something is true and right and good.

My family is blessed that two birth mothers chose life, and adoption. Melissa's account gives rise to the blessing of adoption. She also gives credibility to life being the foundation of all other rights in our country, and in the world.

When we sing "The Holden Evening Prayer" every Wednesday evening during Lent, we sing "You who made the heaven's splendor, every dancing star of night, make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect Your light." My prayer is that we all ask God to help us shine with gentle justice, and fight for these helpless and innocent babies, and in so doing, we will reflect God's light. Let us follow our truth, and be a voice for our babies, who are our brothers and sisters in Christ, everywhere. In doing so, perhaps we can help put things back to right and good.

[Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing LINK](#)

Please contact Becky Weber if you would like to work on issues of life for unborn children.

Calendar of Events and Schedules

- April 3rd**, Sunday: 10:15 am Fellowship Coffee hour.
- April 5th**, Tuesday: Music and Worship meeting in the basement to choose hymns.
- April 5th**, Tuesday: General Municipal Election Day in the basement.
- April 6th**, Wednesday: 11:30 am STARS will meet for lunch and a presentation.
- April 6th**, Wednesday: 6:30 pm Midweek Lenten service in the sanctuary
- April 11th**, Monday: Church Council meeting at 6:00 pm in the youth room upstairs.
- April 11th**, Monday: Freundschaft meeting at 5:30 pm in the church basement.
- April 12th**, Tuesday: Food Pantry Volunteers at Trinity Lutheran in Russellville at 1:30 p.m.
- April 14th**, Thursday: 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday service in sanctuary with Communion.
- April 15th**, Friday: Good Friday service in the sanctuary
- April 17th**, Sunday: Easter Egg hunt for the children of St. Paul's church and friends.
- April 19th**, Tuesday: Basement reserved for Lohman City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- April 20th**, Wednesday: Mutual Ministry will meet at 5:00 pm in the church basement.
- April 24th**, Sunday: Epistle Deadline for News and Articles.
- April 30th**, Saturday: Mid-Missouri Spring Cluster Meeting at Trinity Lutheran , Pymont.

Bulletins are normally printed on Wednesdays.

Pastor David normally plans Fridays as his day off.

Usher Schedule

Apr -03	Laurie Koestner	Stacy Bubach
Apr -10	Kathy Meller	Mitchell Plochberger
Apr -14	Volunteer	Volunteer
Apr -15	Volunteer	Volunteer
Apr -17	Jana Thompson	Dan Tschirgi
Apr -24	Delores Vlach	Frank Pascoe

Acolyte Schedule

Apr -03	Kara Freiner
Apr -10	Mattson Stoermer
Apr -14	Mackenzie Linnenbrink
Apr -15	Kiefer Freiner
Apr -17	Oliver Stoermer
Apr -24	Madison Linnenbrink

Greeters Schedule

Apr -03	Audrey Bunch	Gary Elliott
Apr -10	Devin Koestner	Jerry Koestner
Apr -14	Volunteer	Volunteer
Apr -15	Volunteer	Volunteer
Apr -17	David Russell	Trish Russell
Apr -24	Donald Weber	Frank Pascoe

Readers Schedule

Apr -03	Ashley Heidbreder
Apr -10	Frank Pascoe
Apr -14	Marie Schepeler
Apr -15	None
Apr -17	Harry Thompson
Apr -24	Jana Thompson

Song Leader

Apr -03	Dan Tschirgi
Apr -10	Cameron Freiner
Apr -14	Kathy Meller
Apr -15	None
Apr -17	Kathy Meller
Apr -24	Kathy Meller

Audio / Video Technician

Apr -03	Roger Pennell
Apr -10	Dan Tschirgi
Apr -14	Dan Tschirgi
Apr -15	Roger Pennell
Apr -17	Dan Tschirgi
Apr -24	Dan Tschirgi

Communion Assistants

Apr -10	Trish Russell
Apr -14	Kathryn Linsenbardt
Apr -17	Audrey B. & Rosemary H.
Apr -24	Devin Koestner

Communionware for the Month

Audrey Bunch & Rosemary Heidbreder

Altar Flowers for the Month

Kathryn Linsenbardt

*** Communion Days noted in Yellow**