

† St. Paul's Epistle †

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † MISSOURI SYNOD

APRIL 2024



FROM PASTOR

KANOY:

"Show me, O Lord, my life's

end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life" (Psalm 39:4).

Several years ago I read a book titled, *"Who Switched the Price Tags?"* by Dr. Tony Campolo. In this book, Dr. Campolo tells about a survey in which people over age 95 were asked the question, ***"If you could live your life all over again, what would you do differently?"***

Most of the responses to this question fell into three categories. Most people wished they had ***risked more***. For them, life had been too safe, too calculated. They fell into a routine and were afraid to break out of it – same job, same neighborhood, same environment – day in and day out. They wonder what adventures they missed because they were fearful of leaving the security of the familiar.

Others wished they had concentrated more on ***what was really important***. For them, life had been filled with details of the routine. The good had become the enemy of the best. As they grew older their schedules became more compressed, and they look back and say to themselves, "Is this all there is to life?"

The third category of people expressed the wish they had ***done something worthwhile*** which would have lived on long after they died.

Was this the wish of a certain English missionary? She had no family, and upon her death in a faraway country, natives sold everything she possessed. When sod grew over her grave, it was as if she had never existed. Well, not quite. You see, she had invested herself in the lives of the people she served. She taught them to read and write. She taught them the Word of God. And some time later when

another missionary arrived where she had lived, he found a solid legacy of faith in the lives of these people. She left behind a testimony to her life, a living legacy in flesh and blood.

"If you could live your life over again, what would you do differently?" This question was put to the late Oswald Sanders when he was 85 years old. The one-time attorney turned missionary statesman and Bible college president said he would not do anything differently. He had no regrets in having served the Lord. For him life had been an adventure and he had invested his life well for the cause of Jesus Christ.

Dear friends, this brings me to you. ***"If you could live your life over again, what would you do differently?"*** That is, do you have any regrets? Do you wish you could change something? In some cases, what's done is done. But in other cases, what you would do if you could do it over again can yet be done. What's to keep you from making a correction to your course and beginning to move towards that goal? Instead of regretting what you haven't done or weren't able to do, with God's help take positive steps to live your life all over again – starting now! Risk more. Concentrate on what's really important. Do something worthwhile which will live on long after you have died. It's possible – and it's never too late to begin anew!

"I can do everything through [Christ] who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13).

In the Joy of Jesus!

Pastor Rick Kanoy

WORSHIP HOURS

Sunday Morning – 8:15 a.m. Traditional Service

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study & Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Blended Service

STATISTICS FOR FEB/MAR

Date	Attend.	Contributions
02/25 & 02/28	317	\$15,699.88
03/03/ & 03/06	367	\$15,853.28
03/10 & 03/13	310	\$14,161.08
03/17	229	\$17,863.13
Weekly Home Budget Required		\$17,730.77
Monthly Funds Required		\$76,833.34

Principal Notes

As we approach the last nine weeks of our school year, I hope you and your families had a joyous and relaxing Easter celebration. We should always celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, no matter the time or place.

The past month has been a very busy time for our school; we celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week. We were able to go to the movie, *Migration* as a school, we then went to Mission Central in Iowa, that would have involved our 1st through 8th through grades. We then had a Christian juggler, Luke Winger for the whole school, who not only entertained, but gave us a good message of how to overcome our problems by giving all of troubles to Jesus. Finally, we had grandparents' day that Friday, with the grandparents visiting the classrooms and going to chapel, with the students and Pastor Kanoy leading the worship. We also had the 3rd annual dodge ball tournament, with the Red Sea team coming out victorious.

Also during the past month we had our last basketball tournament of the year, with our Bulldog teams coming home with a 2nd place trophy for our A-Team boys, our girls team came home with a consolation championship, and finally our young B-Team boys came home with a third-place trophy. The girls and boys did an excellent job of representing our schools this year, not only on

the court, but also how they acted off of the court. I want to commend our three coaches this year for their hard work and dedication: Dustin Cruikshank, Tom Shearer, and Russ Fuchs.

We also had Kindergarten Roundup with 8 students signed up and a few others showing great interest in coming to our school. Our Pre-School Open House was a success, with 26 students coming the next school year. So, I want to thank Mrs. Thompson, and Mrs. Dunklau for their hard work in preparing those two events.

Now for some classroom news, the 5th and 6th grade in U.S. History, have just finished a unit on World War I and we will be going over the 1920's the Great Depression and World War II. The 7th and 8th grade in World Geography will be finishing Eastern Europe, and our focus will be on the Middle East and Asia. 5th through 8th grade is also finishing spelling units 22 and 23, and the words are becoming more difficult. In our Book Bingo for reading, we could have several students completing 18 books that they have read over the year, in which they get a chance to go to **Barnes and Noble** to pick out a book for their accomplishment.

(1 Thessalonians 5:18) tells us to "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Jesus". Thus, you are responsible to thank those who help the church.

The staff and I want to thank you for all the support and contributions you have made to our school and church.

May God Bless you and your family, "May God give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed." (Psalm 20:4)

Upcoming Events:

March 28 -April 1	Easter Break no school
April 19	Field Trip for Kindergarten and 1 st & 2 nd Grades to the Rose Theater
April 22	Teacher Workday no school
May 3	May Day Baskets

Kindergarten

During March we were busy learning about all that happened to our Best Friend Jesus during Holy Week leading up to celebrating His Resurrection for each of us. Now we start a new month learning about all that happened after that first joyous Easter morning and what that all means for us. HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Writing sentences is a recent exciting accomplishment for us. What neat handwriting is seen! Subtraction is becoming easier as we see addition working along with the process. We will be acting out some stories this month that will fit into our Spring Unit. The Nutrition Unit from the WA County Extension Office will bring us valuable information and learning. Traveling to The Rose Theater in Omaha to watch the "Charlotte's Web" production will be a big highlight on April 19. Oh, how wonderful it is to be in kindergarten! Learning comes our way in SO MANY WAYS!

-Mrs. Dunklau

Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime;
it is the Lord who sends
the thunderstorms.

He gives showers of rain to all people,
and plants of the field to everyone.

Zechariah 10:1



First and Second Grade

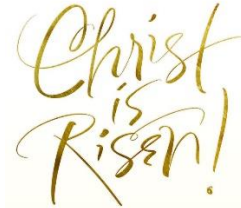
The first and second grade have had a busy month. We still had spelling tests and memory verses during National Lutheran Schools week. The second grade also learned how to subtract two-digit numbers with borrowing from the ten's place. It took awhile but all students can do it without my help. First graders learned a new spelling pattern with vowel consonant e. We are still struggling to remember to use the long vowel sound and not the short one! In April we will host chapel so we will be working on that soon!

-Mrs. Meyer and the 1st/2nd Grade Class

Third and Fourth Grade

He is Risen! He is Risen indeed! I pray that everyone had a blessed Easter. As we are quickly approaching the end of the school year our class is busy finishing up reading Mr. Popper's Penguins. We are also working on fractions in 4th grade math and 3rd grade is finishing up on division. Thanks for all your support throughout this year.

-Dana Schmidt and the 3rd/4th Grade Class



April Scripture Readings

Apr. 7 Second S. of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

Psalms 148

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

Apr. 14 Third S. of Easter

Acts 3:11-21

Psalms 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36-49

Apr. 21 Fourth S. of Easter

Acts 4:1-12

Psalms 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

Apr. 28 Fifth S. of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

Psalms 150

1 John 4:1-11 (12-21)

John 15:1-8

I CAN DO

EVERYTHING THROUGH

CHRIST

WHO GIVES ME

STRENGTH

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

April Birthdays

Janine Carlson	04/01
Olivia Dunklau	04/01
Emersen Larsen	04/01
Larry Oerman	04/01
Steve Hilgenkamp	04/02
Kendra TenEyck	04/02
Kenzie TenEyck	04/02
Becky Hilgenkamp	04/03
Taylor Colgrove	04/05
Kate Miller	04/05
Abby Warm	04/05
Beth Fickenscher	04/06
Jonathan Rector	04/06
Amanda Robinson	04/06
Whitney Wollberg	04/06
Wyatt Herrmann	04/07
Jacob Miller	04/07
Ann Albers	04/09
Erin Metzler	04/09
Kristie DiGiorgio	04/10
Jacki Harder	04/10
Taya Maslowsky	04/10
John O'Dell	04/11
Teresa Schakat	04/11
Matthew Hunter	04/12
Kelsey Juhnke	04/12
Brad Soll	04/12
Dianne Hilgenkamp	04/13
Morgan Kratochvil	04/13
Michael Stoffregen	04/13
Anna Sundquist	04/13
William Wolf	04/14
Esme Scheer	04/15
Emmercen Adams	04/16
Karson Foust	04/16
Saige Juhnke	04/16
Maggie Rhea	04/16
Brantley Fullner	04/17
Brooke Hilgenkamp	04/17
Mel Hilgenkamp	04/17
Allisen Larsen	04/17
Addyson Livers	04/17
Sienna Royuk	04/17
Levi Bell	04/18
Dylan Eddie	04/18
Dominic Misfeldt	04/18
Rylee Fuller	04/19
Amanda Timm	04/19
Brandon Towle	04/20
Ciara Buckley	04/21
Izabella Buckley	04/21
Danice Walkenhorst	04/21
Ken Greunke	04/22
Jamie Haack	04/22
David Hilgenkamp	04/22
Augustine Sasse	04/22
Parker Robinson	04/23
Brandon Wollberg	04/23
Katie Banks	04/24

Andrew Jess	04/24
Erin Kahlandt	04/24
Nicolas Bell	04/25
Kaden Foust	04/25
Tami Hilgenkamp	04/25
Adalyn Opfer	04/25
Dean Albus	04/26
Austin Harms	04/26
Aden Lange	04/27
Edwin Rosenthal	04/27
Graham Dunklau	04/28
Hannah Hamilton(Clayton)	04/28
Jordan Roose	04/28
David Sperling	04/28
Katelyn Webinger	04/28
Aaron Karr	04/29
Luke Ott	04/29
Stetson Wehmeyer	04/29
Shellie Carper	04/30
Ashley Noyes	04/30



April Anniversaries

Robert & Donna Toebben	04/05/1964
Delvin & Charlotte Westermann	04/06/1962
Cameron & Molly Menard	04/06/2019
Robert & Cheryl Fuchs	04/08/1967
Dennis & Marion Ball	04/08/1983
Randy & Susan Dunklau	04/12/1980
Ed & Lisa Peterson	04/14/1984
Roger & Mary Chisholm	04/21/1990
A.J. & Jacqueline Dunklau	04/21/2018
Brandon & Jessica Wollberg	04/24/1999
Scott & Kimberly Miller	04/28/1990
Paul & Kathleen Thies	04/29/2005