



From the Pastor's desk

The Athanasian Creed: This month we bring to a close the so-called "Festival Season of the Church." Other than the recognition of some saints and special events in church history, we will move into the "Ordinary Time" of the church year, though there is never anything ordinary when it comes to God's true Church, the Bride of the Lamb of God. That being in mind, Holy Trinity Sunday is celebrated on May 26th. On that day, we get to recite the Athanasian Creed.

Arius was a Berber Priest in the city of Alexandria, Egypt. He proposed that there was a time before the birth of Jesus when only God existed. In actuality, the idea that Jesus was not true God had been around for a time. Arius just brought it to the forefront in the Roman Catholic Church. Arius held that Jesus the Son had a beginning and was therefore subordinate to God almighty and thus could not be true God, not of the same essence.

To counter the beliefs of Arius and to bring unity to the Christian church with regard to the identity of Jesus Christ, Emperor Constantine called for a council of church officials (bishops and other church dignitaries) in 325 AD. Present at this council were Eusebius and Athanasius. Under the direction of Eusebius, the council of twenty-two bishops, after two months of debate, declared the Arian concept of Jesus Christ to be heresy. The Nicene Creed was accepted as containing the true concept of Jesus Christ with the word "homoousios" which points to Christ as being of one essence with the Father, of the same substance as the Father.

Later, with the coronation of new emperors over Rome, the Arian controversy resurfaced, especially in regard to the divinity of the Holy Spirit. Another council convened in 381 AD. Called to order by Roman Emperor Theodosius, the council met for three months. Arianism was again declared heretical and in 381, Bishop Ambrose of Milan gave Arianism its final death sentence. Though he had already passed away, Athanasius was declared the "Pillar of the Church" by Gregory of Nazianzus for his clear understanding and support of the Trinitarian concept. Recognized as one of the four great eastern fathers of the Church, the creed brought to light in 381 bears his name, the Athanasian Creed. In exception to the Nicene Creed and others, this creed includes condemnation of those who refuse to profess it.

"Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and eternally undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

"And the catholic faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Neither confounding the Persons; nor dividing the Essence...they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil, into everlasting fire. This is the catholic faith; which except a man believe truly and firmly, he cannot be saved."

See you Trinity Sunday!

God's blessings to all, Pastor Reber



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The special commemorative postage stamps you have been sending in will go towards missions so keep them coming!!



CIRCLE MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 7, 2024: Community Service Circle
7:00 PM at 2018 Lantern Lane

Wednesday, May 1, 2024: Visiting Circle at 12:30 PM

Wednesday, May 1, 2024: Service Circle at 1:00 PM
Hostess: Lois Burdick Topic: Lovella Fisher

Monday, May 13, 2024: Chancel Circle at 6:00 PM
Altar Care & Hostess: Sue Deterding

The General Meeting will be held on May 27, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Eastside Community Center (located at 1810 E. Broadway Ave.).
Please join us!



Installation of LWML officers will be May 5th during worship.

Chancel Circle welcomes donations of flowers for worship services. **Living flowers and plants** are requested as offerings to our Lord. If you wish to put flowers on the altar, please contact the office at 580-234-6646.

CELL PHONES, INK CARTRIDGES etc. - LWML thanks you for helping us recycle these items.... You will find a complete list of other items we take on the bulletin boards in the cafeteria and also by the East Office Entry. Just a reminder - - WE cannot take any **EPSON** cartridges... or leaking cartridges. Please save your original box to pack the used cartridges OR use a Ziploc bag.



The last day to contribute to the diaper shower for the Grittmann family will be Sunday, May 5, 2024.



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



This page will be dedicated for our members who have their own business and would like to put the word out about it. If you are in the need of any type of service please check out this page first to see if there is a member that can provide the service to you. Let's join together to help support each other!

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Elder assignments for this year are as follows:

- | | | |
|------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Gene Hollrah | 580-234-9586 | Adasiak—Clark |
| Jonathan Becker | 817-939-5190 | Coffman—Fischaber |
| Rick Lunday | 580-603-0814 | Fischer—Hoeltzel, R. |
| Don Nobis | 580-747-2267 | Holle—Machia, Ashley |
| Ron Young | 580-747-1356 | Maly—Pautsch, Arno |
| Paul Dunbar | 580-233-6063 | Pendleton—Smithson, T. |
| Gene Breitenkamp | 580-541-9323 | Snowden—Zoch |

Please contact your elder if there is anything he could do to help serve you.

LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

The May Rates are now out. For current interest rates, Call "Dial-a-Rate" at 1-800-THE LCEF



Financial Professional Bob Morgenthaler is the Thrivent representative for Enid. He is available for questions or concerns you have on your insurance and investments products. Bob has been with Thrivent for 21 years. The office is located at 201 N Grand Ave, on the Northeast corner of Randolph and Grand. The office is Suite #510. Please call ahead to schedule appointments at 918-406-7029. You may also email at bob.morgenthaler@thrivent.com.

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Deepen Your Relationship With God



In memory of Esther Mittelstet -

Memorials were made to **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** by Kathy Austin.

In memory of Harlo "Dick" Breitenkamp -

Memorials were made to **Zion Lutheran Church (Fairmont)** by Kathy Austin



Join us during our Sunday School hour at 10:15 AM. We have a class for age 3 through grade 12 and two adult classes. Adults meet in the basement and Library. Children meet in the all purpose room.



FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF MARCH 31ST

Offering to Date	\$422,837
Year to Date—Income	\$645,986
Year to Date—Expenses	\$711,464



Birthdays of the Month



MAY BIRTHDAYS



birthday
wishes
to...

- 1 - Lagan Reed
- 2 - Jagger LaBrue
Lydia Wuerflein
- 3 - Sharon Edwards
- 4 - Steven Allen
Mary Hoeltzel
Patsy Nobis
Kierra Peters
- 5 - Jack Legere
- 7 - Shirleen Otipoby
- 8 - Sandra Ortega-Wade
- 9 - Timi Schoeling

- 10 - RoAnn Hejna
Jacob Herth
Janice Lichtenberg
Linda Lohse
- 11 - Milburn Kroll
- 12 - Lois Burdick
Larinda Cordell
- 14 - Laura Burdick
Maisie Hinrichs
- 15 - Adola Stocker
- 17 - Marcene Kolb
- 18 - Ronald Young
- 20 - Bruce Crain
- 21 - Ryan Metcalf
- 23 - Tommy Deterding
Richard Simpson
Kathy Snowden
- 24 - Shelly Goodwin
Jenny Smithson
- 30 - Leo Whittenburg
- 31 - Teresa Peyton

Birthday Greetings



Thanks Mom!

*Mother's Day is
Sunday, May 14th*




Anniversaries this Month

- 15 - John & Jenny Smithson
- 19 - Jonathan & Pat Becker
Blake & Kassadi Gabriel
- 20 - Josh Wiederkehr & Leya Schultz
- 21 - Curtis & Cheryl Clark
- 23 - John & Jean Fiegel
- 31 - Scott & Lori Holtzen



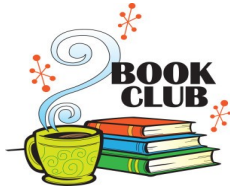
Happy Anniversary!



**Pinochle will meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 PM at the Eastside Community Center.
(1810 E. Broadway Ave.)**



**Men's Bible Study Breakfast
Meet at Boomerang — located at 721 S. Oakwood Rd.— at 7:00 a.m. each Friday**



**Book Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM at the Eastside Community Center.
(1810 E. Broadway Ave.)**



**Children's Ministry Team meets on the first Thursday of every month, at 7:00 PM at the Eastside Community Center.
(1810 E. Broadway Ave.)**



**Senior Adults Ministry Potluck Luncheon will be held on the last Wednesday of each month at 11:30 AM at the Eastside Community Center.
(1810 E. Broadway Ave.)**



**Dominoes Group meets each 1st & 3rd Monday at 10:00 AM at the Eastside Community Center.
(1810 E. Broadway Ave.)**



Balance & Strength exercise class meets every Tuesday & Thursday at 11:00 AM at the Eastside Community Center (1810 E. Broadway Ave.).



The Bridge group will be meeting here in the basement at 12:30 PM. every Monday and Thursday at the Eastside Community Center (1810 E. Broadway).

THE FOLLOWING ARE CHANGES MADE SINCE
THE PRINTING OF THE APRIL NEWSLETTER



Darla & Megan Albright
1176 Hillside
Enid, OK 73701-7758
(Incorrect in Directory)

Jimmy Balisle
(580) 478-3090

David Braley
3629 Lakeshore Dr.
Enid, OK 73703

Valera Sheets
Address Unknown

If you haven't given the Church Office your E-Mail address yet call or send it to office@stpaulsenid.com
We send out prayer requests, hospital news and reminders of special events.



Family Movie Night

May 26, 2024

5:00 PM

ECC (1810 E. Broadway Ave.)

FREE POPCORN ONE AND ALL!



With Deepest Sympathy

Esther Louella Mittelstet passed away on April 24, 2024, at the age of 96. Her funeral will be held here at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 4th at 1:00 PM, with Rev. David H. Reber, Jr. She will be laid to rest at Memorial Park Cemetery under the kind care of Ladusau Evans Funeral Home.



*May 2,
2024*



Dani Elise Carter is the daughter of Micayla Carter. She was baptized here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in a private ceremony Saturday, April 27. with Rev. David H. Reber, Jr. officiating. Her sponsor is Kylee Gleeson.

ATTENDING: James Wuerflein, Stephen Fisher, Carolyn LaBrue, Laura Burdick, Richard Burdick, Gerald Nolte, Paul Dunbar, Lacie Fox, Ralph Kroll, Mason Grittman, Crystal Heim and Sherri Lunday.

James Wuerflein called the meeting to order and Richard Burdick opened with prayer.

Minutes of the 2/20/2024 meeting were reviewed. Paul Dunbar made a motion to approve the minutes and Gerald Nolte seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Pastor's Report-not present

Pastor made 12 Pastoral calls, 1 wedding, 5 Shut-ins visits, 6 hospital visits, 3 Counseling sessions, and 2 Evangelism calls.

2/29/2024 There was a blood drive at the church on February 25th from 12:15pm to 3:15pm. Only three showed up even after advertising to both the church and school. That blood will go to help nine people here in Enid. OBI has asked if we will do another on July 20th. What do you wish to do?

While our parents in the school filed for state assistance through the tax credit program, the state has been slow to say the least to forward monies to the families and church. As a result, we have had to dip deep into savings, and are looking at possibly pulling from our investments to meet monthly expenses. Additional money is due this month from the state.

There is no March Pastors' Winkel as the District's Spring Conference is to be held March 11th and 12th at Messiah Lutheran in Okc. The keynote speaker is Jamie Crustals from Concordia Seminary, St Louis who will be speaking on the deliverance of online learning materials through synchronous and asynchronous methods.

*Baptized Membership: 385

* Communicant Membership: 330

Principal's Report-Richard Burdick:

With February we were able to do our food drive and raise over 1000 items and our chapel offering for the Courter brought in greater than \$800

Enrollment opened March 1. We are currently at 58 students. On the board)

Fourth and fifth did very well at the academic bowl in broken arrow

Spring break the 11th through the 15th

Dine out night last Thursday

This week we have our Art Fair (themed children of God)

Monday we had a Fuego pizza truck for lunch

Today we have a run club

-which has been a hit with Ms. Dodds

Next Tuesday we will deliver our Loaves and Fishes donations

Wednesday we have our awards chapel for the third quarter

-Art Fair Reception to follow Chapel

Thursday is picture day

Parent teacher conference Friday

-no school

The April 9th we have PreK parent preview

-6:30-7:30

WebSite/Banners/Newsletters via QR codes

-Banners will be strategically placed in various places

About 43 of the Parent choice check have finally came in and there are still about 10 or more families that have not heard back from them

School Board Report-Carolyn LaBrue

We had a few incidents that occurred at the school, and I want to commend Mason Grittman for staying on top of getting the security installed and making it a priority. The budget committee did a great job figuring out what would work.

Council President Report-James Wuerflein:

Last month talked about the sale of the ECC. I checked with Jenny Smithson/realtor. She said maybe \$100K-150k. She would recommend putting it up for auction first and if you don't like the offer, then you could reject it and sell it. There would be a fee for that.

Update on members joining Church Council We still need: member at large, school board, treasurer, head elder, chairman, chairman elect.

Elder's Report-Paul Dunbar:

1. Shut-in visits and Communion: we are continuing to visit our shut-ins and offering them Communion.
2. We want adjust the Call Workers Salary to prepare for a Vacancy Pastor.
50% of the current \$65,000 for 10 months plus the additional costs of Social Security, etc.
3. Recommend reducing the Substitute Preacher amount.
4. On July 20th there will be an OBI Blood drive in the church basement. They will begin setting up at 11:15 with the drive running from 12:15 - 3:15
5. Holy Week schedule is:
March 24th 9:00 Palm Sunday with Communion,
March 28th 6:30 Maundy Thursday Communion Service,
March 29th Good Friday Service,
March 31st 9:00 Easter Communion Service.

Properties Report-Mason Grittman:

Issues resolved in the past month:

- *Added actuator on gate to school
*Still figuring out how to make this work on a day-to-day basis
- *Burdick's cut out bushes in front of church and did some landscaping

Issues in progress:

- *Spring clean-up at church and ECC on April 6th!
*9:00am, tree trimming, painting and cleanup work
- *Adding heat tape to the small amount of exposed water line in the basement of ECC to prevent it from freezing
- *Seal concrete steps going to office due to water ingression underneath
- *Church doors, remainder to be done in the spring (April 2024)
- *Ceiling outside music room downstairs will be replaced
- *Sprinkler system needs some TLC

Issues on the list:

- *More water coming into church basement - possibly caused by sprinkler system?
- *Trees at ECC need trimmed
- *Other landscaping and yard cleanup
- *Bent gate in front of the school
- *Gate by shed modification is needed
- *Light on top of staircase on West side of the school
- *Light in Narthex
- *Pigeon spikes
- *Snowblower in working order?
- *Kindergarten classroom shelf doors
- *Cabinet or something over electrical box in downstairs hallway
- *Upgraded thermostats in ECC

Stewardship Report-Gerald Nolte: First I would like to thank Crystal, Mason, Richard, Laura, Paul and Ralph for the work they did on the budget. Mr. Chairman I move that the Budget be approved as presented.

Treasure's Report-Laura Burdick:

1 -Feb-24

Regular checkbook Account	\$129,673.30
Savings Account	\$ 22,376.81
Savings - Dedicated	\$ 23,974.17
SQUARE Account	\$ 5,700.53
Funds Available:	\$181,724.81

RECEIPTS:

Regular Checking	\$ 54,532.44
Savings Account	\$ 2.85
Savings - Dedicated	\$ 47.08
Square	\$ 1,981.38
Total Receipts:	\$ 56,563.75

EXPENDITURES:

Regular Checking Account \$ 96,698.89

29-Feb-24

Regular Checking Account \$ 87,506.85

Savings Account \$ 22,379.66

Savings - Dedicated \$ 24,021.25

SQUARE Account \$ 7,681.91

Funds Available: \$141,589.67

Paul Dunbar made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Mason Grittman seconded the motion. Motion passed

Financial Report Ralph Kroll:

2/28/2018

CNB #50704200 * Fund \$ 480,311.82

CNB #50704202 Fund \$ 9,578.84 5/13/18

LCMS Church * Fund \$ 757,791.40

LCMS Mietler Fund \$ 104,327.32

LCMS Rienhart Fund \$ 70,388.68

Raymond James * Fund \$ 985,588.30

Total \$2,223,691.52

Investments as of 2/29/2024

Stride #50704200 * Fund \$ 509,883.59

Stride #50704202 Fund \$ 11,721.28

LCMS Church * Fund \$ 766,577.87

LCMS M/W/R Fund \$ 208,126.29

Raymond James *Fund \$1,078,472.81

Total \$2,354,932.00

Purchased \$100,000.00 C.D. from Great Planes Bank @5% on 8/18/2023 to be redeemed On 5/18/202_. This makes a little over \$415.00 per month.

New Business-none

Old Business-

Met Life-there is more money coming in. We need to make calls to find out what we're getting and what we are allowed to do with it. Laura, Ralph and James will work together on getting this money.

Paul Dunbar made a motion to make James Wuerflein/Chairman, Laura Burdick/Treasurer and Sherri Lunday/Secretary authorized signers of the Met Life account and the accounts at Stride Bank. Mason Grittman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Budget presented and discussed

Gerald Nolte made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Stephen Fisher seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Discussion to stop landscaping loose change offering and use it for something better.

Motion made to zero out the roof radio 100th Anniversary and table other items for meeting in May.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned with Martin Luther's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Sherri Lunday Council secretary



During May we are encouraging everyone to walk again. Please participate in the Walk with Paul Walker's program that has started. You will be literally following in the footsteps of St. Paul.

The first bible study is Paul's First Missionary journey. You can count the steps with any device you have such as fitbit or apple watch. 1 mile = about 2,000 steps. Set your own personal goal and go at your own personal speed. Record your steps and give them to Steve Wiederkehr. He is tracking them on a bulletin board at the ECC.

There are bible studies on video and available through the church website.

Please register by filling out the form in the office so you can enjoy encouragement and celebrations.



50 Year Anniversary for the Confirmation Class of 1974



1974
Matt Meier - Lynn Ukena - Susan Campbell - Pastor Kenneth Wade - Mary Herth - Deanie Hines - Keith Mazachek - Toni Walton - Pat Lucas - Linda Gash - Cecil Durham - Tim Heidrich - Diane Kremer - David Wuerflein - Nicholas Kiriokos - David Harlow - Laurie Pierce - Kristy McVicker - Pat Gregg - Beth Lagan

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Sunday, May 5, 2024
1626 E Broadway, Enid**

The confirmation class of 1974 will be recognized Sunday, May 5, 2024, during the service. Donuts and coffee will be served downstairs and there will be a meet and greet from 8:00—8:45 AM. There will also be a quick reception after the service with cake leading in to Sunday School. Please join us.



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The Mission at St. Paul's Lutheran Church is:

Preach and Teach to ALL.

Comfort and Support those in need! Continuing as we move forward this year, I am going to be presenting opportunities for you to tell the story, both to you in the church, and to you in the school. Borrowing from a fellow pastor, I offer these



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS

The Church/School Office hours are from 7:30 AM—3:30 PM. If you call prior to or after these hours, please leave a message. If it is an emergency please contact: Pastor Reber at 918-625-5876. Thank You!



Branson Christmas show extravaganza

November 4th -8th, 2024--\$850.00

4 nights-- 8 meals-- admission to 6 shows-- including Dalena Dittos' Country Evolution, Doug Gabriel Morning Show; a Neil Diamond tribute show—evening shows include the Haygoods Christmas Show, Hughes Brothers Christmas Show, & Laugh your Yak-Off Christmas Show featuring Yakov Smirnoff.

Deposit deadline July 4th, 2024

See Kathy Grantz for reservations or call at 580-548-3329



Stewardship Message

Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of God's family — the church — in managing life's resources for His purposes. It involves using what God has given us according to His purposes for use in our vocations in home, church and society. It is about the generosity of our Lord toward us in Jesus and our Holy Spirit-inspired response of generosity toward others.



Camp Lutherhoma Summer 2024



Sign up deadline May 1st!