



St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
McHenry, IL



April 12, 2023

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***Sunday Worship with St. Paul's  
In-person and on Zoom  
10:30 am***

***Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/98034316249>***

Meeting ID: 980 3431 6249  
To dial in: 312-626-6799

**All are welcome!**

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Our next outing will be TOMORROW, Thursday, April 13. We'll gather at Brunch Cafe at 11:30. See you there!

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**Mother's Day Afternoon Tea**

Saturday, May 6  
1:00 – 4:00 pm

The Island Lake Lioness Club is hosting a Mother's Day Tea here at church. The cost is \$10 for ages 6 and up. Proceeds fund college scholarships for McHenry and Wauconda high school students. Finger foods will be served, and there will be door prizes, raffles, and games. This is a chance to dress up and wear a fancy hat! Tickets may be purchased through Bonnie Rudolph. Her email is [bonrudolph1@ymail.com](mailto:bonrudolph1@ymail.com).



*Easter Day*  
*April 9, 2023*

Years ago, at the ordination and consecration of Bishop Eugene Sutton of Maryland, I heard Senate Chaplain Barry Black tell a story that has stayed with me ever since. It goes like this:

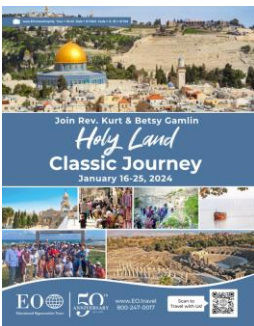
There are two guys doing construction work, Joe and Gus. Every day at noon they take a break and eat their packed lunches together. One day, Joe takes out his sandwich and finds tuna fish. “Oh wow,” he exclaims. “Tuna fish on rye. My favorite!” Then Gus takes out his sandwich. “Just bologna,” he murmurs. “I hate bologna every day.” Joe responds, “If you don’t like bologna, Gus, tell your wife to stop making bologna sandwiches, and fix something else.” Gus looks back at Joe and confesses, “I’m not married, Joe. I fix these bologna sandwiches myself.”

The moral of the story, Chaplain Black said, is that we should stop making bologna sandwiches. We are Resurrection People, called by God to do better! Today we celebrate the completely unexpected, unimaginable miracle of the Resurrection—the miracle that compels us to stop doing the same old things—like making bologna sandwiches we don’t really want to eat!—and draws us into new life. Like the women who went to the tomb to encounter a miracle they could not imagine, Easter morning brings us a fresh chance to experience the power of God that takes hold when we let go of what no longer serves us and take a chance on what might come next.

This Easter, God is calling us to reimagine our ministry, to rebuild our congregations and communities and to seize an unexpected, amazing second chance at ministry. Like Mary at the tomb, we can take the risk to be surprised, even when we think all is lost, and preach the Good News in ways we never could have imagined. So this year, join me in making an Easter commitment: Together, let’s stop making bologna sandwiches and start being the Resurrection People that God longs for us to be.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

***Bishop Paula Clark***



### Journey to the Holy Land

Pastor Kurt and Betsy will be leading a trip to the Holy Land in Jan. 2024. There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, April the 11th at 6:30pm and Sunday, April 16th following the FUMC morning worship in the church conference room. If you can make it, great. If you are interested and unable to attend this meeting, feel free to drop me an email at [kagoffice@earthlink.net](mailto:kagoffice@earthlink.net) or give me a call at 630-341-1414.

Here is a link **to the brochure**. Here is a link to **our personal web page** with a daily itinerary, additional information, and pictures. Also this page has a link to the sign up page.

This will be my third trip to Israel and along with the Holy Land portion of the trip I have always enjoyed one of the extensions as well. *Pastor Kurt*

## Coffee and Conversation

On Sundays, we have resumed an old custom of St. Paul's commonly known as Coffee and Conversation. We will use our coffee time together to discuss the lectionary readings for that Sunday. Each week, as we bring our insights, thoughts, and questions to the table, we will go deeper into what the readings have to offer. No worries! No prior theological study is required. God speaks to us all.

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## Sunday Servants

Officiant - Kathy Biggerstaff  
Reader/usher - Jeff Zabor  
Intercessor - Terry Jaworski  
Vestry Person of the Day - Jeff Zabor

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## St. Paul's Prayer List

### **Week of April 16 - April 15**

Please keep those on our prayer list in your thoughts during this time. If you wish to add to the list, please contact the church office.

**Ongoing prayers:** Yasmin, Kay, and Jerry

**Current prayers:** Rory, Bonnie, Jimmy, Cindy, Todd, Justine, Bobbi, Mike, Patty, and Sue

**For our MCC scholarship recipients:** Ashley, Ciara, Julia, Yaksi, and Gavin

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Jeff Zabor (April 21)

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"Well, the hymnal does say to  
'Sing with feeling!'"

Cartoon by Rev. Bill McLemore

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***Questions or concerns?***

Please contact our church office.

***In need of pastoral care?***

Please contact Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts: shanleyroberts@gmail.com  
or

Deborah Lang, our Deacon: DeaconDeb@stpaulmchenry.com

***Office Hours***

Tuesday 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Thursday 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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