


April 2022



Paynesville Lutheran Church

*The monthly newsletter of
Paynesville Lutheran Church*

Point others to Jesus • Love generously and gracefully • Cultivate disciples



EASTER AND HOLY WEEK

April 14 – Maundy Thursday
6:00pm Worship

April 15 – Good Friday
6:00pm Worship

April 17 - Easter Sunday
8:00am | COVID-Safe Worship

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Have you heard about the “Breakthrough Prayer Initiative”?

In the past few weeks Pastor Paul has introduced a “breakthrough prayer” that invites us into a deeper relationship with God. This prayer is designed and written by the PLC Breakthrough Prayer Team to invite God to open our hearts to new possibilities. This is not a program it is a movement, designed to use one of the most powerful gifts we have, prayer! The power of prayer is an incredible gift that we often take for granted. But imagine what happens when a congregation unites to pray collectively and consistently for God to break through in new and miraculous ways? Paynesville Lutheran has launched into a congregation wide breakthrough prayer initiative to do just that! This time of prayer promises to fuel an atmosphere of possibility. As we embark on this time together our entire focus begins to shift from inward to up-and-outward. It's easier than you think--and the results will make spiritual history right here in your congregation, community and beyond!

We need you! Please join us in praying this prayer daily. We have made it simple. Soon we will have cards with the prayer printed on for you to take with you. These are examples of those cards. What we are asking is that you set your clock, watch, alarm to 6:57 am or pm or both. Then we invite you to pray this prayer each and every day. There is no magic to 6:57 it is simply our address and we thought it would be an easy time to remember!

Please join us in this breakthrough prayer initiative to see all the amazing possibilities God has in store for Paynesville Lutheran Church, the Paynesville community and beyond!



PAYNESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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6:57 AM/PM

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

PLC Breakthrough Prayer

"As our Shepherd, Lord, lead us in Peace, Love, and Commitment. Breakthrough our limitations, opening our hearts, awaiting the great things yet to happen through your lifegiving love. Amen."

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00am worship 10:00am Fellowship/ Education Hour	4 12:30pm Quilters	5 3:00 Just For Kix	6 3:00pm iQuest 4:30pm Lenten Meal 6:00pm Worship Confirmation & Sr. High Youth Group	7	8	9 Fellowship Hall in use 11:00am - 2:00pm
10 Palm Sunday 9:00am worship 10:00am Fellowship/ Education Hour 12:30pm First Com- munion Workshop 3:00-4:00 K-5th grade Easter Egg Hunt	11 12:30pm Quilters	12 3:00 Just For Kix	13 9:00am Men's Bible Study at PLC *Holy Week - No youth activities or worship	14 Maundy Thursday 10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Worship	15 Good Friday 6:00pm Worship	16
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April Birthday Blessings to...

- 1 Byron Fuchs, Dave Heitke, Paul Osborne, Geri Jacobson, Edward O'Fallon
- 2 Laila Mohagen, Erin Smith
- 3 Sam Bungum
- 4 Derek Ludwig, Cole Woehler, Graham Michaelis
- 5 Josh Reinke
- 6 Randi Lehmkuhl, Bert Stanley
- 7 Kella Bugbee, Norah Meyer
- 8 Vi Bengtson, Donavan Mayer, Ronald Bengtson,
- 9 Kathy Block, Joseph Neuman,
- 10 Christopher Price, Lita Roeske
- 11 Betty Geiger, Tim Malling
- 12 Brenda Lehmkuhl, Rachel Hoppe, Makya Price, Larry Mathison, Thomas Scholten
- 13 Keith Haase
- 14 Stella Albright, Jim Kirschenman
- 15 Tyler Schwandt
- 17 Loren Meierhofer, Nancy Kjar
- 18 Josh Bungum, Doris Reid
- 19 Terry Skoglund
- 20 Julie Smith, Madison Kotschevar
- 21 Brooke Caldwell, Katlin Bennett, Cody Whelchel
- 22 Heather Anderson, Jaiden Deming, Nathan Rindahl
- 23 Noah Bruntlett, Laurie Nepsund, Nicole Bennett
- 24 Dave Jacobson, Logan Kleven, George Lichtsinn
- 25 Bev Aas, Keith Clementson, Sharon Johnson, Allan Solum, Jezmyn Rindahl, Gavin Diehm
- 26 Megan Reeck, Margaret Johnson
- 27 Arabella Bennett
- 28 Michael Armstrong, Jane Ringstad
- 29 Karlin Jacoby, Arlene Lindeman, Cooper Smith
- 30 Tracey Elfering, Joelle Haines, Lynne Jacobson

Communion Workshop

April 10 – 12:30pm

“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them.’”

At Paynesville Lutheran Church we believe no one has to earn grace, and thus, no one needs to earn their way to the Lord's table. **On Sunday, April 10 at 12:30pm** we will be offering a Communion Workshop for people of **ALL** ages to come and learn about the gift of Holy Communion and wonder together about its practice. During our time together, Pastors Paul will lead activities and discussion about this Holy Sacrament. Then, on Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 6:00pm, we will share communion together with the congregation. Young people of any age attending the event need to be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the pastors if you have any questions.

Please contact the church office to register. If you have not registered by April 10, you will be able to do so upon arrival.



It's Time to Order Easter Flowers

Easter flower order envelopes are available in the Gathering Area and are due by **Monday, April 3, 2022**. Please bring the envelope and payment to the church office or drop it in the offering plate. Make your check payable to Paynesville Lutheran with “Easter Flowers” in the memo line. All flowers left at PLC after Wednesday, April 20 will be donated to local facilities. Thank you.



Flowers available include:

Easter Lily \$12 Tulips \$12 Kalanchoe \$18 Hydrangea \$29

Volunteers Needed

GREAT NEWS! The PLC Women of the ELCA are once again planning the Meatball Supper for Wednesday, April 27, 2022, serving from 4:30-6:30p.m. Dine-in and take-out meals will be available. “Many hands make light work.” We need folks of all ages to volunteer for a variety of tasks, sign up sheets will be available in the gathering area or on our website www.paynesvillelutheran.org.

A silent auction will also be held. Please consider donating a themed basket or any other item. We look forward to a wonderful evening of food and fellowship.



April Mission of the Month

April's Mission of the Month at PLC is joining congregations from across the nation by hosting a "Buck-a-Chick" sale. For \$1, you can purchase and decorate a paper chick for yourself or in honor of a friend or family member. Join the fun and purchase a paper chick!

A dollar is all it takes to provide a family living in poverty with a little chick. Soon enough, the chick begins producing eggs. Its eggs make nutritious, protein-rich meals, and can be sold at the market place for income, helping a family escape hunger for good!



April's "Mission of the Month" is a mission the entire family can take part because, when it comes to coloring we are all kids at heart. So let's show with our hearts that we no longer want hunger to be part of the world we live in.

JOIN THE FUN!

We're Giving Away MONEY!

In the nearly 30 years since our endowment was established, we have been fortunate enough to give over \$400,000 to individuals and organizations dedicated to meaningful work in the church and in the world. A large amount of that has been given to young people of our congregation for scholarships in education, music, and to send them to camp. We are so thankful for the sustaining gift given by faithful saints of our congregation.

The Endowment Committee is now accepting applications and encourages any persons or organizations seeking funds to apply to the Paynesville Lutheran Church Endowment. We receive applications from ministries within our congregation, community ministries, or ministries of the larger church and community. We look forward to reviewing applications and continuing the incredible impact of this gift we have as a congregation.

Applications can be found on our website:
www.paynesvillelutheran.org under the resources tab.

The deadline for applications is April 15.



The values that inform our programs are:

Formation: We are invested in developing students who are faithful to their values and informed leaders in their communities.

Vocation: We believe everyone has unique gifts and talents that can benefit the common good, therefore we uplift these gifts within our students and each other.

Wonder: We lead with a posture of curiosity, encouraging questions and making space for awe.

Collaboration: We thrive when a diversity of voices are brought together and everyone has a place at the table

Justice: We embody and advocate for social structures and systems that are equitable for humans and the environment we share.



Academy Fellows:

- Interact with Gustavus students and experts in science and theology.
- Are challenged academically, spiritually, and ethically and clarify their sense of purpose.
- Develop leadership skills.
- Connect with like-minded and outstanding students from across the church.
- Become a stronger college applicant by participating in a selective program designed for future leaders.
- [Have the chance](#) to learn from Nobel laureates during the Nobel Conference in October.

How

Registration opened on Oct. 1, 2021 and will remain open until the June 2022 Summer Intensive is filled. As of Feb. 1, 2022, there is still plenty of room in the program. Please go to <https://gustavus.edu/chaplain/academy/> to register.

Cost

Participants pay a \$500 registration fee; \$100 is due upon registration to reserve your spot. All other costs are paid through a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment. Registration scholarships are available for participants based on need. **PLC has funds to help you attend this amazing opportunity!**

Can faith and science work together? YES!

At the Academy, we believe that we need **BOTH** faith and science to address the ethical issues of our time.

Students who attend the *Gustavus Academy for Faith, Science, and Ethics* explore the intersection of faith and science while diving into the ethical issues that define our decades. All Academy programs provide opportunities for students to discover how scientists and people of faith are working together to address some of the world's most pressing problems.



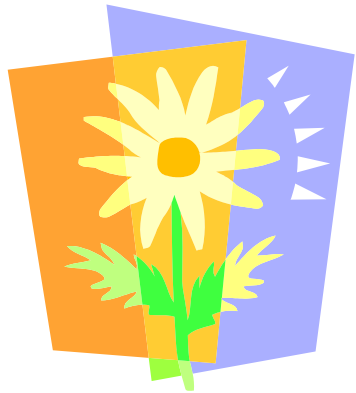
SUNDAY APRIL 10TH,
3-4PM

EASTER EGG HUNT & COLORING

FOR KINDERGARDEN TO 5TH GRADE!



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Menu Includes:
Meatballs & Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Coleslaw
Dinner Roll
Bars

***Meatball
Supper &
Silent Auction
Wednesday
April 27, 2022
Serving from
4:30 to 6:30p.m.
Dine-in or Take-out***

Cost:
Free Will Offering

ALL ARE WELCOME!



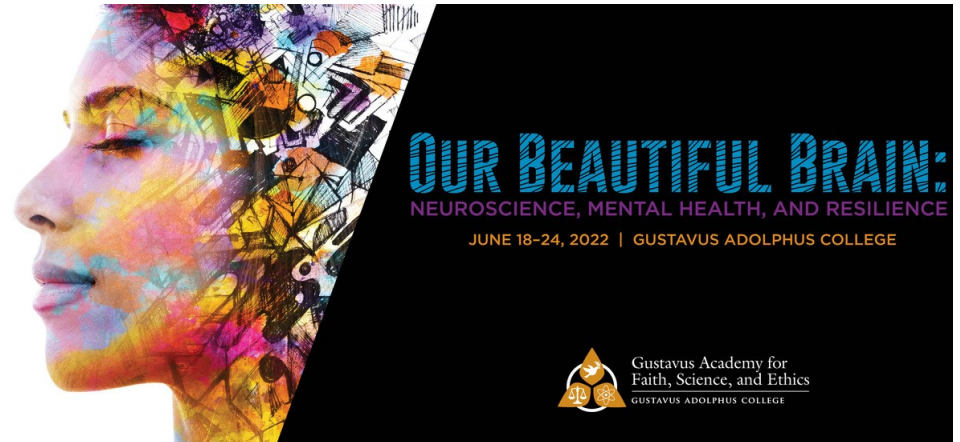
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Gustavus Academy for Faith, Science, and Ethics

*Preparing leaders who cultivate creative alliances
between religion and science in order to ethically
address contemporary challenges.*



Theme for Summer Intensive June 2022: Our Beautiful Brain: Neuroscience, Mental Health, and Resilience

Who Can Register?

Students who will have completed 9th, 10th, or 11th grade by June 2022

Where

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN

When

June 18-24, 2022 (Saturday to Friday)

What kinds of activities does the week include? To get an idea and to register, you can view the program site by visiting our website .<https://gustavus.edu/chaplain/academy> More information will be added to this site as we get closer to the summer.

"Come and See" Lent 202 & Easter

Join us as we focus on how Jesus is inviting us into ministry with him.



PALM SUNDAY April 10

9:00am | Worship
10:30am | Fellowship/Education Hour
12:30pm First Communion Workshop
3:00pm Easter Egg Hung

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00am | Worship
10:00am | Fellowship/Education Hour

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 14

6:00pm | Worship w/
First Communion

MIDWEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE Wednesday March 9 thru April 6

3:00pm - 5:15pm | iQuest
4:30pm - 6:00pm | Lenten Meal
6:00pm | Worship
*Confirmation & Sr. High Youth Group
following worship*

GOOD FRIDAY April 15

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The Women's Bible study will meet on Thursday April 14, 2022 at 10:00 in the church chapel. Please bring a Bible and your copy of the Gather magazine. There will be copies of the Bible study available if you need one. We will be concluding our study of the kingdom of God.

This has been an interesting study as it has given us a different perspective on what is the kingdom of God. Everyone is welcome and we encourage all points of view. Hope you can join us.



Help is needed in the church office with simple office tasks (answering phones, welcoming walk-ins, etc. If you are interested in helping please contact Tammy in the office.

CAMP HOUSE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Visit our website or contact the church office for more information.



ONLINE GIVING

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Your support is essential to the mission and ministry of Paynesville Lutheran Church. Consistent giving is a help to this congregation as we plan for ministry expenses throughout the year. If you've found it challenging to give consistently, this may be an opportunity for you to begin doing

so. We thank you in advance for all your continued gifts, financial and otherwise.

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at www.paynesvillelutheran.org,
- 2) Click on the "Online Giving" tab on the homepage,
- 3) Click on the "Online Giving" button,
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

You can also contact the church office for a paper form.

Connect 4 Love Exchange

Hello, Everyone! The Paynesville National Honor Society is hosting our first-ever Connect 4 Love exchange. We are collecting new and gently used card games, board games, books, puzzles, and flashcards to distribute at the elementary school. If you would like to donate, **please bring your donations to PLC by Sunday, April 10th.**

Thank you in advance for your generous donations!

Sincerely,
The Paynesville National Honor Society



EDUCATION HOUR

We've got a compelling lineup of topics for our upcoming Adult Forums at PLC. Our continued goal is to provide meaningful and thought-

provoking topics to deepen faith and encourage learning in our community. We'll do this in a variety of ways throughout the year and we hope you'll join in on the learning and growth we'll do together. Sunday mornings at 9:30am in Chapel.

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