

Prayers for One Another

When a person joins our membership, we pledge to hold them up in prayer. To assist with that pledge, we list the following members to pray for during the week of April 21.

Brad & Michelle Boal & Family
Andy & Katie Boryan & Family
Chris & Meghin Boryan & Family
Mike & Anne Boryan
Bill & Cindy Bowen & Family

Offerings for the week of April 14, 2024

Current Envelopes (Budget is \$4,808)	\$ 5,493.08
Loose Plate (Budget is \$157)	\$ 113.05
All Other Giving (Designated)	\$ 1,058.25

Quarters for April – Good Samaritan Fund

Attendance (8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 am)	50, 39, 22
Online viewers April 7	71

It is with joy that we share the 9:45 am Sunday School class for youth that will resume beginning May 12th. Tom Barra will be leading this class and we are thankful for his skills and heart for youth.

Tom's life experiences, Christian faith and leadership will all be a valuable asset to our youth. All people in grades 6th-12th are welcome to join Tom for youth Sunday School in the youth room.

Sunday, April 21

8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 am Contemporary Family Life Service (Family Life Center)
9:45 am Sunday School Children's Education (A2), Faithful Remnants (A1)
10:00 am Choir Practice (Choir Room)
6:30 pm Youth (Youth Room)

Monday, April 22

7:00 pm Missions (Martha/Zoom)
7:00 pm Trustees (Parlor)
7:00 pm Al-anon (A1)

Tuesday, April 23

10:00 am Prayer with Darlene (Chapel)
10:00 am Pastor John Time (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, April 25

10:45 am Unload food from van
7:00 pm Bible Study (Zoom/ Martha)
7:00 pm Al-anon(A1)

Thursday, April 25

8:00 am Food Boxing
8:00 am Weight Watchers (A1)
5:30 pm Weight Watchers (A1)

Saturday, April 27

10:00 am – 2:00 pm Mercy House Plant Sale- food trucks, activities for kids, etc.
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm Family Life Center in use
7:30 pm AA (A1)

Sunday, April 28

8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 am Contemporary Family Life Service (Family Life Center)
9:45 am Sunday School Children's Education (A2), Faithful Remnants (A1)
10:00 am Choir Practice (Choir Room)
6:30 pm Youth (Youth Room)

We are in need of altar flowers sponsors for the Sanctuary. Sign up sheet is on the information table in the Narthex. Cost is \$75 for the 2 vases. Also, please notate whether you wish to donate or take the flowers with

you. If you are taking the flowers please remember to leave or return the white vases. Flowers that are donated will be taken to homebound or given to Mercy House.

EARTH DAY 2024

April 22nd is Earth Day. We have celebrated Earth Day since 1970. One important goal of ED is to remind us to take care of our planet. Another, is to make us aware of the dangers involved if we don't.

The overuse of plastic and the ways in which they get into our streams and oceans is one of the problems facing us. This year ED is focusing on the dangers of plastics and reminding us to try and reduce the number of plastics we use. No doubt we have all seen pictures of marine life entangled in plastics of various kinds. And closer to home, you've seen plastic litter along Interstate 81, laying in the medium strip even hanging from branches in nearby trees.

To help reduce the use of plastics we are offering tote bags that can be used as grocery bags. They have the St Paul logo on the front. You may pick one up in the Narthex.

The school bus that collects our supplies has finished the route for now.

We are grateful to all of you who faithfully donate supplies for the bus. The two schools we deliver to are Andrew Buchanan and Benjamin Chambers. We know the staff and students also appreciate your tangible gift of love.

Below is a sample of items and how many we collected this school year.

Colored pencils – 59 packs

Glue sticks – 61

Pencils - 190

Crayon boxes – 61

Flash card sets – 49

Be on the lookout for the bus to return in August.

Last month, we had an excellent meeting with many people coming out to learn about and connect with our children and youth ministries. We are having THREE follow-up meetings based on people's area of interest. Come to any of the three that fits your call to serve in this vital ministry.

Sunday Evening Children and Youth: Every Sunday evening we have these ministries to help children and youth discover basic God concepts and how to connect to God. Areas of service may include discussion leaders, snack/food ministry, and teachers. The meeting for this group will be Sunday evening, April 28th at 5:30pm in the Youth Room.

New Wednesday Evening Full Family Ministries: Beginning this fall we look to have ministries for children, youth and adults on Wednesday evening. It would begin with a light meal together and then have break out groups with Bible Study for adults and classes for children and youth. There has been discussion of having a girls-only youth class as part of this night as well. We will need group leaders, meal planners, and age level helpers to make this happen. If you are willing to support this ministry, please come out on Wednesday May 1st at 6:30 pm to the Youth Room.

NEW Youth Ministry OUTREACH events: These new events will be held on a regular basis with the sole intention to connect to more youth in our community. Open swim time, rental of roller-skating rinks, park takeovers are all ideas shared with more to come. Imaginations are encouraged! Those interested in helping to create such outreach events, please come out on May 14th at 6:30 pm to the Youth Room.