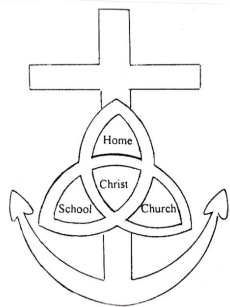


ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 2026



Building Relationships
in Christ

St Paul Ev Lutheran Church

1415 Tenth Ave
Rochelle IL 61068
Ph: 815-562-2744

Church Email:
churchoffice@stpaulrochelleil.org

Website: stpaulrochelleil.org

Pastor

Rev. Michael Gudgel
Marcia Schnorr, DCM
Parish Nurse

After hours: 562-6823

St. Paul Lutheran School

Ph: 815-562-6323

Steve Hall, Principal
School Email:
office@stpaulrochelleil.org
Website:
stpaulrochelleil.org

JOIN US!

In person at
6:00pm Saturday
or 9:00am Sunday



OR

FacebookLive
At 9:00 am

OR

WRHL Radio
1060AM
At 10:00 am
Or
93.5 FM

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Cheek kissing is a common way of greeting a person in Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East. One kiss is used in countries like Argentina, Peru, and Mexico. Two kisses are used in France, Spain, and Italy. Countries like Russia, Serbia, and Belgium bump it up to three kisses on the cheek.

In Romans 16:16 St. Paul writes, “Greet one another with a holy kiss.” Flowing out of that you would find, in the early church, Christians sharing the “holy kiss of peace.” It was a key part of the liturgy. Before communing together, believers indicated they were at peace with one another by giving each other this sign of peace.

Over the years, the “holy kiss of peace” has become more of a “holy handshake” or a “holy fist-bump.” The method of greeting has changed, but the meaning has not. It is still a vital part of our liturgy today, and we are bringing it back into the worship services at St. Paul. Before coming to Communion, we will greet one another with a sign of peace. All bitterness and grudges are gone. At the rail, we will kneel down together in peace, after greeting those around us by saying, “Peace be with you” or, “Christ’s peace be with you” or simply, “Peace!”

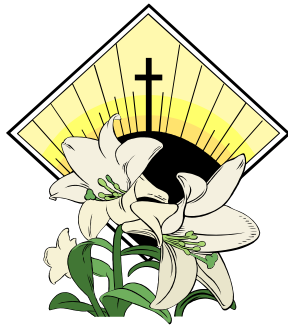
Please note that this is not “Good morning, how ya’ll doing?!” There is a time for that. Before and after worship, you should greet those around you with a warm word of welcome (“ya’ll” is optional but the greeting is not). We have an obligation to love one another and greet those who come into God’s holy house to worship with us. So, please say, “Good evening!” (on Saturday) or, “Good morning!” (on Sunday) to everyone sitting around you... just don’t do it during the Sharing of Peace. That is a sacred greeting. A special greeting. A greeting flowing from the apostolic encouragement of St. Paul who wrote, “Greet one another with a holy kiss.”

In our worship services – and in our church family – kissing is not required, but living in peace is. Hebrews 12:14 states, “Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.”

At the cross, Christ earned peace with God for everyone. With gratitude for the reconciliation He won for us, we “strive for peace with everyone” and share His peace with everyone.

In the Peace that Passes Understanding,
Pastor Gudgel

RESURRECTION DAY



CHRIST IS RISEN—HE IS RISEN, INDEED

The Joy and Celebration of the Risen Lord is the heart of the Christian faith, theology and new life. He has conquered sin, death and the devil, while providing us the

gifts of forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. By his Word and Sacraments we continue to receive His grace, peace and hope.

We will gather on Resurrection Day for a “SON-RISE” worship at 6:30 a.m., followed by a “Resurrection Celebration” at 9:00 a.m. How blessed we are to share in the blessings that are freely given to all in the proclamation that He who was dead is alive again!

Hope you will plan to come together and share in the celebration that:

Christ is Risen—He is Risen, Indeed!



Our mission is to advocate on behalf of domestic abuse victims and their children in a welcoming environment. Our caring professionals provide safety planning, support, shelter, and referrals while empowering survivors to build a safe and peaceful future.

Our work: We offer support, counseling, assistance, and resources to those who are contending with the effects of abusive relationships.

We help victims and survivors of domestic abuse with the confusion, fear and the multitude of emotions that are common when involved in an abusive intimate, family or caretaker relationship. We provide individuals with information regarding ways to be safe and help those involved in abusive relationships pave a path to rebuild their lives. We are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to listen and provide support. Counseling and court advocacy services are available in Ogle County. We have offices in Rochelle, IL; Oregon, IL; and Polo.

Our advocates are available 24/7 to provide you with support. Call us at (815) 562-8890.

Baskets will be provided for your loving and special gifts on April 18 & 19.



President's Notes

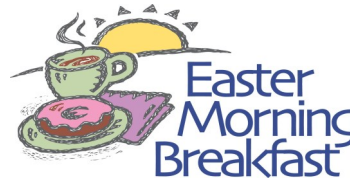
It's been said that the only constant in life is change. Now we as Christians know that not to be completely true, as we always have the unfailing love of God and His forgiveness through Jesus Christ. However, change is still a part of our lives.

Just think of the many changes our Congregation has experienced over the last several years, and those that we know are coming this year. Julie Dilling and Steve Hall will be retiring from positions that they have held for many years and new faces will fill their roles. Out of necessity there will be some changes to day to day activities. Things will not be the same as they 'used' to be. But there is nothing to fear as we know that God is with us and He is good all the time.

I would also note the one other change that will occur this year is we should have air conditioning in the Sanctuary. The work is now complete and we are just waiting on the system to be energized to enable start up. However, I have been told that the only person authorized to start the units is the Vice President. I will have to check on that.

Blessings,
Bob Mortimer
312 316 6519

“He Is Risen” Easter Breakfast



Easter morning between our 6:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. services in the fellowship hall and overflow room for those who find the steps difficult.

The Inreach & Outreach Board invites you to the Easter Breakfast. The menu includes breakfast casserole, fruit cups and a sweet dessert along with a beverage. No advance tickets are necessary.



Teresa Crystal	4/1
Ramona Bunger	4/7
Glennie Eyster 87	4/7
10973 S Woodlawn Apt E	
Matthew Eyster	4/7
Karen Gudgel	4/9
Melvin Zimmerman 90	4/11
9430 SE 177th Simons Ln	
The Villages FL 32162	
John Lindquist 83	4/14
103 Moluf Dr	
Joyce Thompson	4/14
Steve Dilling	4/14
Kayla Metzger	4/18
Charlie Sarver	4/20
Jackson Lodico	4/20
Rhonda Lodico	4/21
Anna Zimmerman 84	4/22
9430 SE 177th Simons Ln	
The Villages FL 32162	
Craig Reineck	4/24
Kohen Sveta	4/24
Nathan Eyster	4/25
Henley Martinson	4/25
Brandi Johnson	4/26
Fred Fletcher	4/27
Jack Gudgel	4/27
Maddox Provow	4/28
Rev. Michael Gudgel	4/28
Bentley Sveta	4/28
Nick Eul	4/29
Lizzy Casey	4/30

Anniversaries

M/M Steve Dilling	4/ 5
M/M Jeremy Kennay	4/11
M/M Kurt Lodico	4/13
M/M Lee Prunty 58	4/19
12059 E Carriage Rd	
M/M David Friestad	4/24

If we missed your important day or have it listed incorrectly, please call the church office (815.562.2744)

May Newsletter Deadline

April 15

Please turn your items in by the deadline.

Thanks!

WORSHIP THIS MONTH

April 2	6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship
April 3	6:00 p.m.	Good Friday Worship
April 4		NO Worship Service
April 5	6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Easter Worship
	9:00 a.m.	Easter Celebration Worship
April 11	9:00 a.m.	Contemporary w/ Communion
April 12	6:00 p.m.	Liturgical w/Communion
April 18	6:00 p.m.	Liturgical w/ Communion
April 19	9:00 a.m.	Liturgical w/Communion
April 23	2:15 p.m.	Thursday Fellowship Worship
April 25	6:00 p.m.	Contemporary w/ Communion
April 26	9:00 a.m.	Liturgical w/Communion



Auction

This year's Jane Reineck Crusader Dinner and Auction is being held on Friday, April 17th with the theme "Make a Joyful Noise". We will be serving a pulled pork sandwich dinner from 5:00 to 6:30. A meatless pasta option will also be available. The meal price is \$10. A silent auction will run throughout the dinner. The live auction will begin at 6:30. Tickets are available for purchase after church on March 28 and 29 and April 11 and 12 as well as in the school office. Hope to see you there for this night of fellowship and fundraising for the school!

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

WRHL 1060 AM—7:30am Sundays

April 5	"You Don't Know What You Have Till It's Gone"
April 12	"Early Adopters"
April 19	"Not in Vain"
April 26	TBA

Join us for our 9:00am Sunday service or listen to our broadcast on WRHL(1060AM) or (93.5 FM) at 10a.m. It is also on Facebook Live at 9:00am.

Worship Anew

Comcast channel 138 on TLN—11:30am Sundays

April 5	Easter: The Resurrection of Our Lord
April 12	A Living Hope
April 19	Opened Eyes
April 26	The Perfect Shepherd

The Parish Nurse's Notes:

Dear St. Paul Family and Friends,

The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health. Psalm 41:3

As winter turns to spring, we like to think the cold and flu season is behind us—but that is not necessarily true. Many say the spring and summer colds may be the worst. Most of these are due to a virus—and antibiotics do not help a virus. Jenny E. Johnson, RN, PhD in Idaho is also an LCMS parish nurse. Jenny is the District Representative for Parish Nursing in the Northwest District of the LCMS, an author, and writer of an on-line blog, *A Nurse's Voice*. In her current blog, Jenny offers some practical suggestions for reducing the complications of the common cold or flu caused by viruses. Many of these are old remedies and really do work. The following are offered as suggestions that may be useful in reducing the severity of symptoms and shortening the duration of the ailment. Most are not considered medicinal but are useful supportive care measures.



Early Treatment with Xlear has been reported to be useful—especially if used at the onset of symptoms. Research has shown that this nasal spray changes the salt concentration in the nose and the nasal mucosa is less welcoming to invading viruses. The recommendation is that Xlear should be used twice a day. It is inexpensive and readily available.

Listerine Gargle is an antiseptic mouthwash and will destroy the virus as it enters the throat. It should be taken as soon as symptoms are noted and used four times a day.

Nasal Lavage is not a regular activity by most people, but it is believed to be a major factor in preventing sinus infections. It is commonly recommended by ENT physicians. Nasal lavage is a way to rinse the nose and sinuses with saline and flush the mucus out. It is recommended to use this twice a day. It can be purchased at most pharmacies.

Inhalers may be useful for those with an annoying cough. Most people, however, do not use the inhaler correctly. It is important to use a spacer. Without the spacer, the medication ends in the mouth—and not the lungs where it is needed.

A Cool Mist Vaporizer used at night allows moisture to reduce the irritation to nasal passages, throat, and lungs.

Cepacol Extra Strength Sore Throat and Cough Lozenges with Benzocaine provides numbing to the throat and soothes the irritation. It is also important to give your voice a rest.

Warm Tea with Honey will also soothe the irritated throat.

Vitamin D is needed for the immune cell to fight the virus or other invading cell. It takes three weeks from taking the D3 supplement to be converted the form that the immune system uses so it is important to use regularly to maintain an arsenal of Vitamin D hormone.

Lifestyle choices that include healthy eating, getting enough sleep, activity, and fresh air are important.

Know when to contact your health care provider. Most viruses will do fine with just supportive care, but when symptoms get worse or do not respond to the simple measures contact your health care provider.

If I can be of further assistance with your health or wellness questions, please contact us in the parish nurse office. We are pleased to be able to assist you.

In His Service, Marcy Schnorr, EdD, RN-BC (DCM-Parish Nurse)



Parish Nurse Office Hours remain weekdays 8:00 – 11:30am unless noted otherwise. There will not be office hours on Tuesday, April 21 due to the monthly meeting of the NID Parish Nurse Network. You may also contact Marcy after hours at her home (815-562-6823) If she is not home, please leave a message, it will be returned as soon as possible.

Thank you to all who donated baked goods and/or purchased baked goods from the recent “bake sale” sponsored by the seniors of St. Paul to benefit the Frieda Pickereign/Jane Reineck Financial Aid for the St. Paul school. With the contribution from Thrivent, \$1,118 was donated to this important need.

Thanks also for the prayers and numerous words and acts of kindness during the health concerns following our mission trip to Ethiopia. (Marcy)

Lincoln Manor Outreach will be on Thursday, April 2nd at 2pm. This time together includes informal small group singing led by Steve Hall and points to ponder facilitated by Marcy. Anyone is welcome to join us for some fellowship.

Note: There will not be a Senior Special event on the 1st Friday (April 3) due to Good Friday. Seniors and others are encouraged to attend Good Friday worship.

Parish Nurse Team will meet on Saturday, April 3rd at 9am for a brief—but important meeting. Plans will be discussed for the visit of Raeda Mansour in mid-May for her biannual visit to St. Paul and the annual Concordia Conference for Parish Nurses. Many will remember when she did her internship with us in 2006.

OK Club will meet on Friday, April 10th at noon at church with lunch from the bowling alley. We will have the opportunity to “visit the Garden Tomb” and share Easter family traditions. If you wish to attend, please contact Evelyn Hintzsche at 815-562-4668.



The Board for Health and Human Care will meet on April 13th at 4:30 pm.

Did you know that members of the Board for Health and Human Care provide many acts of mercy in conjunction with the parish nurse ministry at St. Paul? Just a few of these are helping to provide transportation for medical appointments, providing meals by cooking, shopping, and/or delivery. An extensive card ministry reaches out to share Christ-centered compassionate care to all known members and friends on special occasions. If you have a need which they can fulfill, please contact Marcy who will connect you to the specific HHC volunteer. If you are not on the Board for HHC but are willing and able to assist with transportation, meals, and/or other errands, please contact Joyce Soost or Marcy to be added to the list of available volunteers.



Senior Supper Club will have a table reserved at the St. Paul School Supper and Auction on April 17th. You do not have to be a regular participant in the Senior Supper Club to join us for supper. You may come for

supper only—or stay for the entire event. This is a great opportunity for the “older kids” (seniors) and the younger kids (school) to fellowship. A table will be reserved so come and join us.



Thursday Worship and Fellowship is Thursday, April 23rd at 2:15pm. This service is especially for those whose health concerns make it difficult to attend a regular weekend worship. Pastor Gudgel will lead an abbreviated service with communion. Marcy will be present to assist with any special care needs and provide a fellowship time after the service. If you need assistance with transportation, please contact Marcy by Monday (20th) and every effort will be made to arrange transportation.

OK Club will meet on Friday, April 24th at the Butterfly Devotions and table talk will be the diversion. If you wish to attend, please contact Evelyn Hintzsche at 815-562-4668.

OK Club will meet on Friday, April 24th at the Butterfly Devotions and table talk will be the diversion. If you wish to attend, please contact Evelyn Hintzsche at 815-562-4668.

Looking Ahead for the following special opportunities. Mark your calendars.



May 1st (Senior Special) Deby Fyke will present her experiences selling on eBay.

May 9-10 Raeda Mansour, parish nurse from Bethlehem/Beit Jala in the West Bank will be with us for a NID Parish Nurse gathering on Friday and to worship with us and have an opportunity to meet with us during a fellowship time after worship.

May 30-31 Rev. Dr. Tilahun Menedo (CEO with Master Builders Center) will be here to preach at both worship services and to meet with us during the adult Bible class. Dr. Menedo was the leader and escort of the recent mission trip to Ethiopia.



A lot can happen in seven days.

St. Paul Lutheran School

“Putting Faith in Education”



Thoughts from the Principal...

One of the blessings I receive at St. Paul is the chance to play for services. And lately, the blessing of playing is even better because I hear singing!!!

When Pastor Gudgel arrived at St. Paul, one of the first things he did was to encourage our congregation to sing out. And, let me tell you, it worked! There is nothing better than to hear this congregation sing praises to God in hymn and liturgy. I get cold chills when I play hymns and hear the voices of His people. It is a mountaintop experience!

Worship is such an important part of our faith life. So many times we fall into the trap of going to church out of a sense of duty. Sometimes, there are those that don't go at all. We should look forward to the opportunity to praise the Lord who has given us so much. We are His people, and He yearns for a relationship with us. He tells us to "Make a Joyful Noise". In fact, that is the theme for our school year and for the Lutheran Schools is the Northern Illinois District. And you should hear our kids sing in chapel!!

I want to make sure and mention our Praise Team. Brent and Kim Wagner and the team are incredible, and St. Paul is blessed beyond measure to have such a fabulous group leading our contemporary service. Let me say a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to the St. Paul Praise Team.

May God continue to bless our church as we make a joyful noise to Him!!

Steve Hall; Principal



Thank you to those who helped with the St. Paul basketball tournament. I really appreciate it!

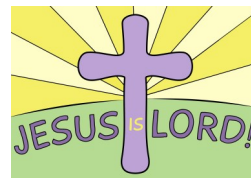


5-8 Choir Sings in church on Saturday April 11.

The school will be closed April 3 and 6 for Good Friday and Easter Monday.



The Annual Jane Reineck Crusader Dinner Auction in April 17th. Come and join us for this fabulous teacher created event which supports the ministry of the school. Tickets will be available in late March.



School chapel services are held each Wednesday at 8:40 and the congregation is invited. Mark your calendars as we are blessed to have President Buss leading chapel at St. Paul on April 8. God is good!

This year more than ever funds are needed to support the Frieda Pickreign /Jane Reineck Scholarship Fund. Please consider a donation to this essential fund as we "Make Disciples of All Nations"!



April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00am Liturgical Worship w/Communion - Palm Sunday 10:00am Bible Class	30	31 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise	1 8:40am Chapel 9:45am Women's Bible Studies	2 2:00pm Outreach to Lincoln Manor 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship	3 6:00pm Good Friday Worship	4 NO Worship 9:00am Parish Nurse Meeting
5 6:30am - 9:00am Easter Breakfast between services 6:30am Easter Sunrise Worship 9:00am Easter Celebration Worship	6 NO School	7 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise 5:30pm Dayschool Board 5:30pm Inreach/Outreach	8 8:40am Chapel 9:45am Women's Bible Studies	9 1:30pm Esther-Naomi Circle	10 12:00pm OK Club @ Church RSVP Evelyn 815-562-4668	11 6:00pm Contemporary Worship w/Communion
12 9:00am Worship w/Communion 10:00am Bible Class	13 4:30pm Board of Health & Human Care 5:30pm Elders	14 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise 1:00pm Hannah-Tabitha Circle @ Church 6:30pm WOW Bible Study	15 Newsletter Deadline 8:40am Chapel 9:45am Women's Bible Studies	16	17 5:30pm Jane Reineck Crusader Dinner & Auction 5:30pm Sr Supper Club @ School Auction	18 Monthly Mission Offering - Hope of Ogle County 6:00pm Liturgical Worship w/Communion
19 Monthly Mission Offering - Hope of Ogle County 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:00am Bible Class	20 6:00pm Church Council	21 NO Parish Nurse Office Hours 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise	22 8:40am Chapel 9:45am Women's Bible Studies	23 2:15pm Thursday Fellowship Worship	24 OK Club @ Butterfly RSVP to Evelyn 815-562-4668	25 6:00pm Contemporary Worship w/Communion
26 9:00am Worship w/Communion 10:00am Bible Class	27	28 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise 6:30pm WOW Bible Study	29 8:40am Chapel 9:45am Women's Bible Studies	30	1 10:00am Senior Special - Debby Fyke - Ebay	2 6:00pm Contemporary Worship w/Communion

Prayer Chain Requests: Glennie Eyster 815-761-2782
Pastor Gudge: 815-562-2744 After hours emergency: 708-253-5761
Parish Nurse – Marcy Schnorr Office 815-562-2744 Home 815-562-6823
 Office Hours M-F 8:30 – 11:30



Registration Form

St. Paul Lutheran Church VBS

June 1st- 5th 9-11:30 am

Entering Grade *Pre-K 4 through 5th Grade

Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade Entering: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

(name & phone number)

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

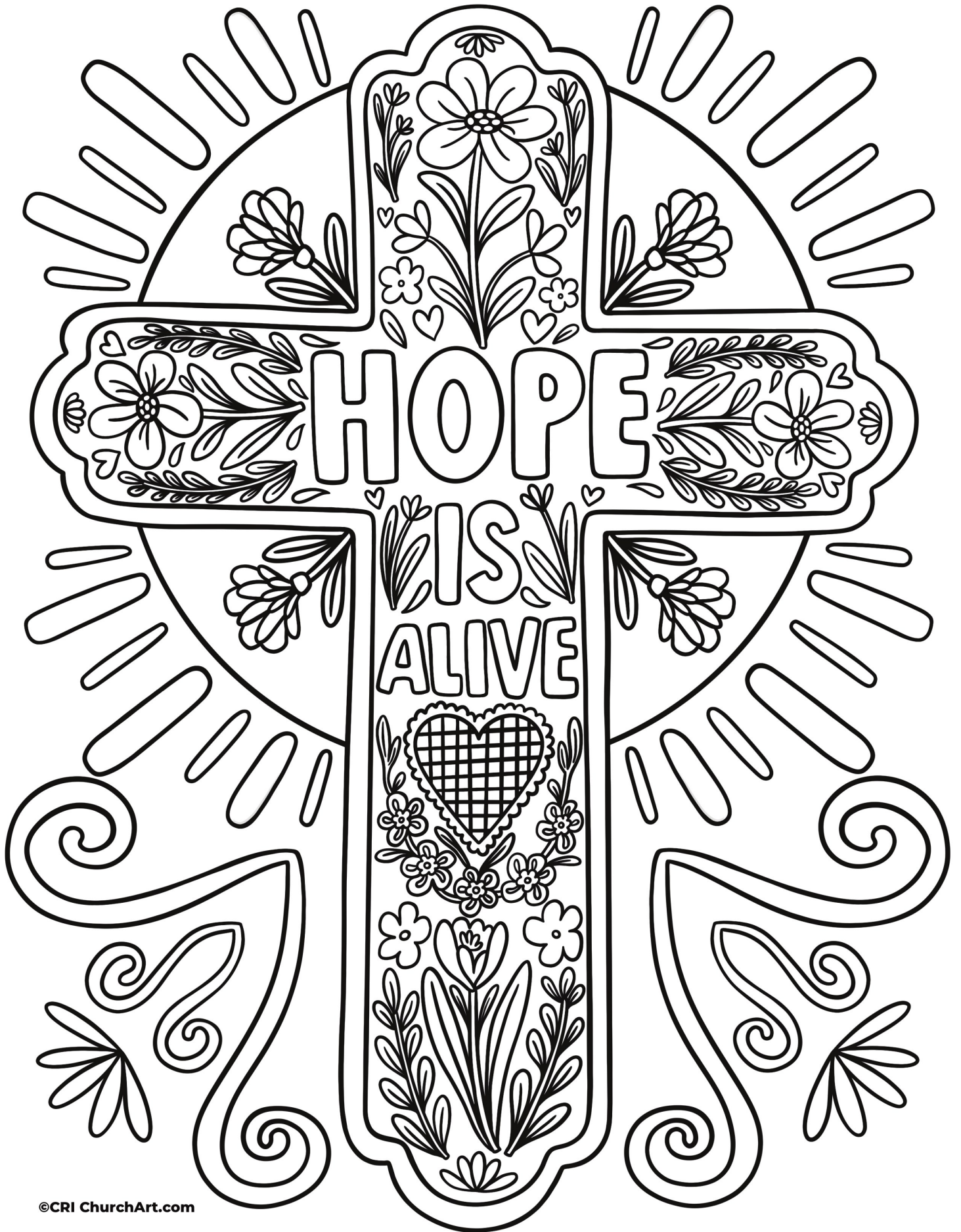


Scan for
Donation
List!

Turn into Church/School Office or Students Classroom Teacher

*Must be fully potty trained

Questions? Email Toni Rowley at tonijrowley@gmail.com



ST PAUL EV LUTHERAN CHURCH
1415 Tenth Avenue
Rochelle IL 61068

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

U.S. POSTAGE PAID
ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS 61068
PERMIT NUMBER 93

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

The mission of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church:
Building relationships in Christ now and forever.

JOIN US!

Live in person on Saturday at 6:00pm or Sunday at 9:00am



OR

9:00 am Facebook Live - St. Paul Lutheran Church Page

OR

10:00 am on WRHL Radio 1060AM or 93.5 FM

Pastor Michael Gudgel, Pastor 562-2744
Marcia Schnorr, Parish Nurse 562-6823
Steve Hall, Principal 562-6323



Church Office 562-2744, School Office 562-6323,
Church Office E-Mail Address: churchoffice@stpaulrochelleil.org Website: stpaullev.org

THE
PROMISE OF



Easter

NEVER FADES.