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The newsletter of
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Father, forgive them, for they know
not what they do. Verily, I say
unto you today, you shall be with
me in paradise. • Woman, behold
thy son. (Jesus to disciple) Behold
thy mother. • My God, My
God, why have you forsaken me? •
I thirst. It is finished. Father,
into thy hands I commit my spirit.*

In-Person Church & Holy Week Services

As you all know by now, ECMN requires both state and county positivity rates to be at or below 5% for in-person worship. We were there for a few weeks, but during the third week of March, Steele County shot back up to 8%. We are hopeful that this is just a blip and that we will be back below 5% by Easter. Nevertheless, the vestry has made plans for both in-person and virtual worship. The state releases its data on Thursday, and we will let you know then how we will celebrate Easter.

Maundy Thursday

Video Meditation; Share photos if you make your own stew at home. Drive up distribution of communion at 6 p.m.

Good Friday

Video Meditation on the last words of Christ; If conditions permit, in-person Good Friday service at 6:00 in the evening. Registration will be necessary. Evening service at 6:00 p.m. Please use this [Sign-Up Genius link](#) or call Kris at 507-363-2462.

Holy Saturday

Online only. Easter Vigil service on video in preparation for Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday.

There will be an Easter Festival Eucharist recorded in Church and broadcast later in the day, with or without a congregation. If conditions allow a congregation (we will know by Thursday evening) then we are planning for 2 services, at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Registration is necessary.

[9:30 Service Sign Up Genius Link](#)

[11:00 Service Sign Up Genius Link](#)

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Lenten Lunches

Did you catch Fr. Tom's face the first week the luncheons went over 100? A real mix of delight and "Oh dear, am I up to the Fishes & Loaves to feed this multitude?" What a marvelous experience.

Vestry News

Treasurer's Update

We are thankful for your continued stewardship and gifts! We did not receive the latest CARES grant, and we have had to withdraw \$10,000 from PIF so far this year. Even once we return to in-person worship, we expect the financial recovery to be slow. Jody is working with ECMN to reduce our MMS payment (our "dues" to the diocese) so that they reflect our current financial situation. This requires a lot of procedural work, and we are thankful for Jody's perseverance!

New Vestry Members

We are happy to announce the appointment of three new vestry members: Jenni Brittain, Julianna Skluzachek, and Nikki Erickson. Additionally, Nikki will serve as junior warden. Your vestry members are:

Kristin Warehime, *Senior Warden*

Nikki Erickson, *Junior Warden*

Jody Boisen, *Treasurer*

Andy Simon

Maria Dodd

Judy Erck

Jenni Brittain

Julianna Skluzachek

***Kari Gigstead, Clerk
(non-voting appointment)***

Annual Meeting

May 2, 2021
Gainey Park

We will hold our regular worship at 11:00 in the pavilion. The annual meeting will immediately follow worship. The annual report will be emailed out to members the week before.

If you would like to donate lilies for the Easter service, please call Betty at 507-451-3006.



In memory of

**Bernie
Reisenauer**

**September 19, 1927
to March 7, 2021**



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