

## Announcements for the week of April 19, 2026

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR Sunday, April 26, 2026

Acts 2:42-47; Psalms 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

### Local Events

- Today – Crow River Singers Winds & Waves Songs of the Sea Concert 2:00pm at Peace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson (See poster on bulletin board)
- Church Council Meeting - Today
- April 22 – Plato Lions Blood Drive
- April 25 – St. John's Lutheran Church of Hollywood Salad Luncheon 11:00a – 1:00p
- May 1 – St. Paul's UCC Salad Luncheon; 11:00a – 1:00p  
Quilt Show 10:30a – 1:30p

### \* Cemetery Clean Up Day (TBD)

A date for cemetery cleanup is being scheduled. In the meantime, please remove any items that may be of value prior. Volunteers are welcome on cleanup day, and a sign-up sheet will be posted.

### • Our Members Living in Long Term Care:

(Please keep them in your prayers. Addresses are posted on the bulletin board.)

Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson:	Olive Pinske
The Haven in Norwood Young America:	Mavis Schuette.
Broadwell Senior Living, Plymouth:	Jim Jensen, Apt 228
Orchard Estates:	Donna Schmidt, Room 115
Cokato Manor:	Orville Schrupp, Rm 151

### Please be here 30 minutes before worship:

April 19 – Open -

April 26 – Bob & Leslie Doolittle

May 3 - John & Ann Graupmann

May 10 - James Leith & Paul Good

May 17 - VeeAnn Wood

### Fellowship Time

April 12 - Tim & Lisa and Tom & Marlo Lepel

April 26 - Dave & Dawn Prehn, Denise Scharpe

May 10 - Marjorie Stockmann, Orville & Betty Wilkens

May 24 - Dale & Diane Anderson, Chris Siverhus & Peg Flusemann

**Communion for April – Dawn Prehn**

# St. Paul's United Church of Christ Plato, MN

Sunday, April 19, 2026  
9:00 a.m.



Third Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Brian Brosz

Organist: Diane Anderson

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*I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me; therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord; "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"*

– Psalms 116

April 12, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Organist: Diane Anderson

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn # 372 *“Our God Reigns”*

*How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him, who brings good news, good news  
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness. Our God reigns, our God  
reigns! Our God reigns, our God reigns! Our God reigns, our God reigns!*

\*Passing the Peace

+Announcements – Joys – Concerns

**Call to Worship (Responsively)**

Pastor: God has called us together for this time of worship. God is listening to our thoughts and to our speaking.

Congregation: *God inclines an ear to us and hears us. God knows us better than we know ourselves.*

Pastor: Let us open our hearts to the One who gives us life. Let us set our faith and hope in God.

Congregation: *In one another’s presence, we renew our vows. Together we offer our thanksgiving sacrifice.*

Pastor: God’s promises to us are ancient and ever new. God is with us here and on all the roads we travel.

Congregation: *Together we lift our voices in songs of praise. Together we recognize we are precious in God’s sight.*

**Prayer of Invocation (In Unison):** Wondrous God, present with us when we do not know it, valuing us when we do not care for ourselves, planting in us the seed of your word even when the soil of our hearts is hard and unyielding, open our eyes to recognize you here. May we sense your presence next to us. May we hear your voice. May we know your touch. May we see you in one another and in the beauty all around us. May your reality emerge deep inside each life, transforming our thoughts and deeds and our relationship with one another. Amen.

Hymn: #361 *“Worship Christ, the Risen King”*

**Prayer of Confession (In Unison):** O God, we confess that we rush through our days without recognizing your presence with us. We follow our busy diversions without reference to your will for us. We strive for financial success and personal recognition, while you call for obedience to truth and genuine mutual love. Purify our souls, we pray, and redirect our priorities. May we be born anew through your living and enduring word. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-25

Reader: Peg Flusemann

Message: *“Look Who’s Coming to Dinner”*

Pastor Brosz

UCC Statement of Faith – 1981 Version - In Unison (inside cover of hymnal)

Prayer Hymn: #633 *“Open Our Eyes, Lord”*

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Offering (as you have given upon entering or as you leave)

Doxology #815

**Offertory Prayer (In Unison):** Thank you, God for the privilege of joining with Christ in the proclamation of your love for all people. May the ministries we support serve to unite people across all differences, building up the body of Christ and reaching out to the world with healing energy. Bless these gifts and all who give in any way to make your love known. Amen.

Response: #816 *“We Give Thee But Thine Own”*

Hymn: #368 *“He Lives”*

Benediction

Ringling of the Bell