



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

April 2024

"We are God's servants, saved by grace, through faith, commissioned to share the Word of Christ to all."

A Message from Pastor

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Worship Services

Saturday 7PM
Sunday 8:30 & 11AM
(11AM also live-streamed)

Bible Study/Sunday School

10AM

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are a quarter of the way through the year. It is strange that we are entering April and Easter is already past. That does not mean that we forget about this event and move on to other events in our schedule. There is nothing more important to our Christian faith than the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter.

"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21). We carry the resurrection of Jesus with us every day. We wake up to a new day here, but someday we will wake up to the eternal day in Heaven. Each day offers great promise as a Christian. We can use it for God's glory and to serve our fellow man, or we can squander it on trivial pursuits that only serve ourselves.

We are resurrection people. Our old sinful self has been crucified with Christ, and we no longer live in the past. We start each day with the goal to put away the old sinful life and to live a new day in Christ. Remember, the old Adam in you was drowned in Baptism. A new person arises to live each day as a representative of Jesus Christ. I encourage you to live out the rest of this year and the rest of your life with Easter as your foundation. The old life of sin is left behind and we seek to live now as we will live in heaven. Take to heart the words of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 3:

*I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to Him in His death, **11**and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. **12**Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. **13**Brothers, I*

*do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, **14**I press on toward the goal to win the prize of God's heavenly calling in Christ Jesus. **15**All of us who are mature should embrace this point of view. And if you think differently about some issue, God will reveal this to you as well. **16**Nevertheless, we must live up to what we have already attained.*

***17**Join one another in following my example, brothers, and carefully observe those who walk according to the pattern we set for you. **18**For as I have often told you before, and now say again even with tears: Many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. **19**Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and their glory is in their shame. Their minds are set on earthly things.*

***20**But our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, **21**who, by the power that enables Him to subject all things to Himself, will transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body.*

We live life now as Easter people. One day when we die, we will live the best as Easter resurrection people.

Remember - you matter to God and you matter to me,

Pastor Jim Bruner
1 John 4:10-11

*The March Messenger was sponsored in appreciation for our Pastors and Teresa Walter, from Norma Taylor, Shelli & Mason Lugg.
The April Messenger is sponsored in celebration of Jim Bickel's 75th birthday on February 25th.*

Worship Times / Scripture

St. Paul Worship Times

Saturdays at 7PM, Sundays at 8:30 & 11AM
Livestream at 11AM
Bible Study/Sunday School
Sundays at 10AM

*Contemporary 1st & 3rd Sundays

*Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays at 8:30AM

2nd & 4th Sundays at 11AM &

Sat. eve of that weekend

*Matins 5th Sunday Weekend

FAITH
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Sundays at 10AM

Preschool–Grade 2 Faith

Spark: Daycare Room

Grades 3-5 Faith Flare:

Projects Room

Grades 6-12 Faith Ignite/

Flame: Youth Room

Adults Faith Blaze: Parish Hall

We will also offer adult supervised toddler care in the nursery for children too young to attend the early childhood program.

Coffee Hour between services in the Parish Hall. Grab a cup of coffee and a snack before heading to "Faith on Fire." Volunteers needed to keep Coffee Hour going. Sign up in the Parish Hall.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday from 10AM-3PM

Contact Information

If you need to speak to one of the pastors or someone in the church office outside of office hours call 871-4581 #1 and leave a message or email church.office@spmill.org. We will reply as soon as we can. In case of emergency, call Pastor Bruner 989-233-1994 or Pastor Martinal 402-672-9817.

Children's Bulletin Drawing

If your **child completes and turns in their children's bulletin** in the marked box in the lobby, they are entered into a drawing for a gift to strengthen and encourage their faith. Once a month, one (1) bulletin will be drawn at random for the gift. Please include a name and contact information. Every week is another opportunity to enter. This is a great way to encourage your child to participate in worship.



Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

Sundays at 11:30AM on
TCT Net. (DirecTV 377)
Sundays at 11:30AM on WAQP 49

The Lutheran Hour Radio

1400 AM Sunday at 8:30AM

Scripture Readings

April 7th

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

April 14th

Acts 3:11-21

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36-49

April 21st

Acts 4:1-12

1 John 3:16-24

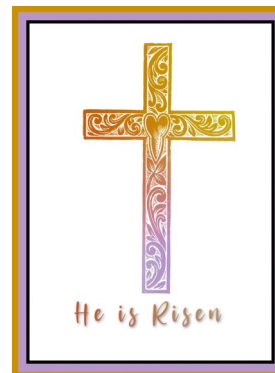
John 10:11-18

April 28th

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:1-11

John 15:1-8



Special Thanks!!

Thank you to the Dorcas ladies for the nice card letting me know that I am thought about and prayed for. I would also like to thank Pastor Bruner for the visit.

-Mildred Keinath

What a wonderful church family. So many prayers and well wishes. So many offers of help. So many offers for food. So many calls and texts of concern. Also, thanks to Pastor Bruner for his contact and concern. Shirley is home and recovering well. We wish to say **thanks for everything** that our church family did for us.

-Jan and Shirley Snyder

Upcoming Events

Quilting

Tuesdays from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall
Newcomers are always welcome. No skills necessary - we have something to do for everyone. Come and see how God can use your talents to help those in need.

Men's Bible Study

Sat., April 6th at 8AM in the Library.
Next month: April 6th

Young at Heart

Thursday, April 11th at 1PM in the Gathering Room
It is our dream to build relationships across the generations. All ages from young adult on up are welcome. We will enjoy food and getting to know one another better. We will spend time discussing God's Word and other topics. Bring a friend and discover how good it is to be young at heart!

Scrapbooking

Sat., April 13th from 9AM-7PM in the Projects Room.
\$6.00 per person. Bring a dish to pass.
Call the school office to RSVP.

Chrismon Informational Meeting

The **Chrismons** we use to decorate the Christmas trees are over 50 years old and need to be replaced or fixed. There will be an **Informational Meeting** on Sat., April 13th at 9AM in the Projects Room and from there we will set up times to make new ones. Please call Marie Ross 989-871-3512 if you would like to help out in any way.

Luck & Laughter

St. Paul PTL Presents...



Can you solve the mysteries of the Seven Seas and unlock the Treasure Chest?

Join us for **Dinner and an Escape Room**
Adventure with a Live Auction.

Sat., April 13th at 5PM in the Parish Hall
Tickets are \$25 per person. Buy your tickets in the church or school office before April 5th.

Church Extension Fund

Church Extension Fund (CEF) is a long-trusted ministry of churches and schools in the Michigan District since 1901. CEF provides a way for individuals to invest in the building of new Lutheran Schools and churches in Michigan.

While CEF helps congregations with affordable construction and renovation loans, they also earn a return for investors. When investing a portion of your savings with Church Extension Fund, your money has a double purpose. Your investment earns you interest and it builds churches and schools throughout Michigan.

On **April 14th**, Rodney Barodte will be at St. Paul to educate and answer any questions about investing money with Church Extension Fund.

If you have any questions about Church Extension Fund or if you would like more information, feel free to contact Diane Ackerman at 989-325-0851.

Voters' Assembly Meeting

Sun., April 14th at 1:30PM in the Church
Everyone is encouraged to attend and be part of the decision making at St. Paul.

LWML Spring Rally

St Paul Dorcas/LWML ladies are invited to the LWML Spring Rally. It will be held at Immanuel, Frankentrost on April 27. More details to follow.

Confirmation Rehearsal Secret Angel Luncheon

Sun., April 28th
8th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal at 12PM in the church.
Luncheon following in the Parish Hall

Mark Your May Calendars!

Art & Music Fair

Thurs., May 2nd 5-6:30PM

Derby Party

Sat., May 4th from 1-3PM
More details to come.

Bus Trip to Dow Gardens

Wed., June 19th - Sponsored by Dorcas LWML.
\$65.00 per person includes a guided tour of Dow Gardens, concert at the Gardens, Lunch in Midland, transportation, taxes, tips & gratuities. Bus will leave St. Paul at 8:30AM and return at about 4PM. Sign up early by calling Eileen Ziegler 989-871-2329 or Connie Keinath 989-871-4125.

St. Paul Lutheran School



April 2024

St. Paul Lutheran School is committed to engaging students with a comprehensive education grounded in God's Word to prepare them for a life in Christ.

As our month begins, we have just celebrated Easter, and we remember all the wonderful news that our risen Savior has for us all. Let's remember that as we see new life being renewed, warmer weather and plants begin to show their new growth we too need to be renewed and grow in the celebration of the risen Lord and live each day as His Easter people! Dear Lord, help us to show the joy and blessings we receive each day through Your Son, Jesus Christ! Amen.

Thank you to all that helped make Lutheran Schools Week a success in March! Your help and especially your prayers and support are greatly appreciated!

Here is a list of the up-coming school activities for the month of April. All these dates are subject to change:



- Apr. 2 Classes resume: CHRIST is Risen, He's risen indeed! Halleluiah!!!!
- Apr. 5 Spirit Day
- Apr. 13 PTL Luck & Laughter
- Apr. 24 Donuts & Grown-ups
- Apr. 24-26 7-8th Grade Trip to Kentucky & Tennessee
- Apr. 28 Confirmation - Secret Angel Luncheon

Spartan Sports

Our basketball season for boys and girls on the C-teams has come to an end. Thank you to all who were able to be fans, parents, and coaches for a season of learning and growth. Now we start our Spring Sports schedules with boys & girls track. Please check the school website or Facebook page for updated information.

April 27 St. Michael's Invitational in Reese at the High School

We have many programs going on throughout the school year that earn money for St. Paul: Box-Tops for Education (upload the app), Our Family labels, can tabs, ink cartridges, Meijer and Kroger programs. See the school office for more information.

Remember...
He is risen...He is risen INDEED!



Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. I Corinthians 10:31

Memorials / Financial / Trust & Investment

February 2024 Revenue & Expenditure Summary

February General Fund Revenue:	\$83,820.98
February General Fund Expenditures:	\$109,595.69
February surplus (deficit)	\$ (25,774.71)
2024 surplus (deficit) YTD	\$ (34,635.81)
Gen Fund Balance	\$376,198.16

RESTRICTED Cash Accounts Summary

School Designated Accounts balance:	\$136,494.92
Facility & Property Improvements Fund balance:	\$353,343.14
Other Church Designated Accounts balance:	\$68,466.38
All Memorials balance:	\$18,708.25
** This money is RESTRICTED**	\$577,012.69

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contributions to Grantparent Fund	\$160.00
Contributions to Facility/Property Impr. Fund	\$8,325.97
Lenten Dinner-Evangelism/Fellowship	\$394.38
Lenten Dinner-Social Concerns	317.96
Lenten Dinner-Saginaw Rescue Mission	549.57

Memorials & Special Gifts

In Memory of Val Peche	
General Fund	\$30.00
School Fund	\$10.00
In Memory of Wanda Edler	
School Fund	\$135.00
In Memory of Mary Jane Shreve	
General Fund	\$25.00
In Memory of Betty Valentine	
General Fund	\$130.00
School Fund	\$100.00
In Memory of Myron Schiefer	
General Fund	\$20.00
In Honor of Ed White's Birthday	
General Fund	\$105.00
In Memory of Lloyd Walz	
General Fund	\$1885.00

The Time of Easter -Easter and Its Season

Easter is not merely a one-day celebration; it is a fifty-day season from the Day of the Resurrection of Our Lord to the Day of Pentecost. This extended season-one seventh of the year-is a victory celebration, a time for all Christians to proclaim boldly their faith in a risen and victorious Savior.

The first celebration of Easter is the Easter Vigil, the evening of Holy Saturday. The Vigil includes a service of light, in which fire symbolizes Jesus as the light of the world. The service is designed to take the Christian from the solemnity of Good Friday to the predawn joy of Easter.

Easter is the richest and most lavishly celebrated festival of the Church Year. Congregations may hold a sunrise service, commemorating the surprise of the women visiting the empty tomb of Christ, as well as services that celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. While not as lavish, this joyous and celebratory tone echoes down through the Sundays of the Easter season.

Forty days after Easter, the Church celebrates the Ascension of Our Lord, who ascended into heaven not only as God, but also as man. The final Sunday of the Easter season, celebrated as Pentecost, was adopted by early Christians to commemorate the first great harvest of believers for Christ. Thus, Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church, as the Holy spirit came upon the disciples and they gave their compelling witness about the resurrected Lord. The color for the Day of Pentecost is red, representing fire and blood. Red recalls the tongues of fire received on the first Pentecost and the martyrs who shed their blood for the faith.

During Easter, we rejoice in our salvation.

Matthew 28 * Luke 24 * John 12:24-25; 20:1-29;
21:1-14 * Acts 1:6-11; 2:1-4

Easter Practices and Traditions

- ◆ The colors of Easter are white and gold. White, the color of our Lord's holiness, is everywhere on Easter, from the paraments and vestments, to the traditional Easter lilies. Gold decorations remind us that our resurrection life in Christ is precious and eternal.
- ◆ After a long absence in Lent, *Alleluia* returns at Easter and is heard everywhere in the propers appointed for the weeks after Easter. Also, the joyous Hymn of Praise and the Gloria Patri return and are sung as part of the liturgy once again.
- ◆ During the Easter season, we greet one another with a special Easter Greeting and response: "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

HE IS RISEN!

Worship by the Word

In worship, we do not use random "Bible-y" words selected by ancient Christians to give us the feeling of ancient and old things. Rather, in its historical and ongoing development, the worship service leads Christians into and through God's Word. It literally delivers God's Word to us.

Confession and Absolution

Invocation: God gives us His Triune name in His command to baptize (Matt. 28:19). Jesus sent His apostles to baptize "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The church invokes God's name because Jesus promised that "where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them" (Matt. 18:20). God delights to be present among us to bestow on us His gifts.

Confessional Address: This address leads into the rite of Confession and Absolution. The pastor addresses the congregation in preparation for confessing their sins so that they may "draw near with a true heart" (Heb. 10:22). We draw near not because of the blood of bulls and goats, but because of the blood of Christ, shed for us (Heb. 9:11-14).

Versicles: These short responses grow from the Psalms. The first is a song of ascent, sung by the Hebrews as they ascended the Temple Mount for worship. With these words, we join with 3,000 years of worshipers. The second versicle comes from Psalm 32:5 and prepares us in heart and mind for the Confession. It is a reminder that God has forgiven the iniquity of our sin.

Confession: We confess that we are poor, miserable sinners. God knows the perpetually evil intentions of our hearts (Gen. 6:5), that out of our hearts come "evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immortality, theft, false witness, slander" (Matt. 15:19). We know this also

and confess it before God.

Absolution: Having heard our confession, the pastor, Christ's under-shepherd, pronounces God's Grace and Absolution upon us. When the Pharisees complained about Jesus forgiving sins, He demonstrated His authority to forgive sins (Matt. 9:1-8). After His death and resurrection, Jesus bestowed this authority upon the apostles and the pastors who follow in their train (John 20:22). Pastors therefore forgive not by their own authority but His.

The Confession and Absolution answers the accusation frequently made of Christians: "Aren't you all hypocrites?" From the outset, we are honest before God and one another, confessing our sins and receiving forgiveness from Him.

Martin Luther writes: "Everything, therefore, in the Christian Church is ordered toward this goal: we shall daily receive in the Church nothing but the forgiveness of sin through the Word and signs (Sacraments), to comfort and encourage our consciences as long as we live here."

Next Month: We will look at the richness of the Service of the Word.

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Parts of
The Service

Confession and Absolution

- Invocation
- Confession
- Absolution

Service of the Word

- Introit
- Kyrie
- Gloria in Excelsis
- Salutation
- Readings
 - Old Testament
 - Epistles
 - Holy Gospel
- Creed
- Sermon
- Offertory
- Offering
- Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

- Preface
- Sanctus
- Lord's Prayer
- Words of Institution
- Pax Domini
- Agnus Dei
- Distribution

Post Communion

- Nunc Dimittis
- Thanksgiving
- Salutation and Benedicamus
- Benediction

April Altar Guild Schedule

Chancel Cleaning: Beth & Kristen Skouson
Vestments/Linens: Fay Carmona
Gift Case: Saturday-Lillian Sergent; 8:30AM-Marie Ross; 11AM-Ruth Petzold
Communion: Saturday-Amy Yorke; 8:30AM-Vicki Albert; 11AM-Open
If you have any questions, please call Fay at 248-210-3673.

Meetings

Council

Wed., April 3rd at 6:30PM in the Library

Social Concerns

Tues., April 9th at 6:30PM in the Council Room

Dorcas

Tues., April 16th at 6PM in the Parish Hall

Elders

Wed., April 24th at 7:30PM in the Gathering Room

Bible Challenge / Daily Lectionary

Read the Bible with us!

We hope you are having fun and learning a lot by reading the Bible together with your family! Whenever you are done reading a book of the Bible, you can fill out a form and turn it into the office or your child's teacher. Extra forms can be found in both offices and the narthex. This month, we are studying the book of **Acts**. Having just celebrated Easter, we thought it would be good to next look at the growing early Christian church. Remember that everyone who completes at least one book is invited to a gathering at the end of the year and will be put into a drawing for a study Bible. It's not too late to join in! We love to see you reading the Word of God!

April's Book: Acts

Day	Reading	Day	Reading	Day	Reading
1	Acts 1:1-26	10	Acts 10:1-48	19	Acts 19:1-41
2	Acts 2:1-47	11	Acts 11:1-30	20	Acts 20:1-38
3	Acts 3:1-26	12	Acts 12:1-25	21	Acts 21:1-36
4	Acts 4:1-37	13	Acts 13:1-52	22	Acts 21:36-22:29
5	Acts 5:1-42	14	Acts 14:1-28	23	Acts 22:30-23:35
6	Acts 6:1-7:29	15	Acts 15:1-41	24	Acts 24:1-27
7	Acts 7:30-60	16	Acts 16:1-40	25	Acts 25:1-27
8	Acts 8:1-40	17	Acts 17:1-34	26	Acts 26:1-32
9	Acts 9:1-43	18	Acts 18:1-28	27	Acts 27:1-44
				28	Acts 28:1-30

Additional Devotional Resources: <https://www.biblereadingplan.org/acts/>; <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/acts/>; In-depth video study from an LCMS pastor: <https://tinyurl.com/acts-study>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April Daily Lectionary	1 Ex. 15:1-18 Heb. 9:1-28	2 Ex. 15:19-16:12 Heb. 10:1-18	3 Ex. 16:13-35 Heb. 10:19-39	4 Ex. 17:1-16 Heb. 11:1-29	5 Ex. 18:5-27 Heb. 12:1-24	6 Ex. 19:1-25 Heb. 13:1-21
7 Ex. 20:1-24 Lk. 4:1-15	8 Ex. 22:20-23:13 Lk. 4:16-30	9 Ex. 23:14-33 Lk. 4:31-44	10 Ex. 24:1-18 Lk. 5:1-16	11 Ex. 25:1-22 Lk. 5:17-39	12 Ex. 31:1-18 Lk. 6:1-19	13 Ex. 32:1-14 Lk. 6:20-38
14 Ex. 32:15-35 Lk. 6:39-49	15 Ex. 33:1-23 Lk. 7:1-17	16 Ex. 34:1-28 Lk. 7:18-35	17 Ex. 34:29-35:21 Lk. 7:36-50	18 Ex. 38:21-39:8 Lk. 8:1-21	19 Ex. 39:32-40:16 Lk. 8:22-39	20 Ex. 40:17-38 Lk. 8:40-56
21 Lev. 8:1-13, 30-36 Lk. 9:1-17	22 Lev. 9:1-24 Lk. 9:18-36	23 Lev. 10:1-20 Lk. 9:37-62	24 Lev. 16:1-24 Lk. 10:1-22	25 Lev. 17:1-16 Lk. 10:23-42	26 Lev. 18:1-7; 18:20-19:8 Lk. 11:1-13	27 Lev. 19:9-18, 26-37 Lk. 11:14-36
28 Lev. 20:1-16, 22-27 Lk. 11:37-54	29 Lev. 21:1-24 Lk. 12:1-12	30 Lev. 23:1-22 Lk. 12:13-34				

Serve & Volunteer / Miscellaneous

Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer and Donate

Communion Set-Up

Help is needed to **set up communion** for the church services. We have quite a few months with openings and you can choose which service you prefer. If you can help in any way – even just a couple of Sundays, that would be appreciated. Please call the church office 989-871-4581 #1 or Fay Carmona 248-210-3673.

JAWS Laundry Detergent

PTL is taking orders for **JAWS Laundry Detergent** to raise money for our Preschool and Childcare rooms. The detergent comes in a 5-gallon bucket with a pump, washes up to 640 loads of laundry, and comes in 6 different options. Good for all washing machines. \$50 per 5-gallon bucket – approximately 8 cents per load. Order form is on the glass case in the narthex or the offices. Order by April 14th and make checks payable to St. Paul.

Women's Shelter

Dorcas is collecting items for the **Women's Shelter**. **Items needed:** Hand towels, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste. Place items in the cabinet in the narthex. Thank you!

Mission Lunch Prep

Fri., April 12th at 1:30PM in the School Kitchen. All are welcome to help prepare the lunches which will then be delivered to the Saginaw Rescue Mission. Monetary donations are welcomed and needed for the lunches. Contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help.

St Paul is entering the tenth year of partnership in ministry with the **City Rescue Mission of Saginaw**. A heartfelt **thank-you** is extended to those who have prepared lunches, worked in the Mission's kitchen, made quilts, donated food, pillows, clothing, decorated/ placed Bible verses on lunch bags, provided monetary assistance to this ministry. You have truly been a blessing as you carry out the words of our Lord (Matt. 25:34-40). The need continues. Presently, the Mission is in need of **canned vegetables** (corn, green beans, yellow or wax beans, mixed vegetables, peas, carrots). Donations may be placed in the box in the narthex or near the school office by April 11th.

Grantparent Program

Consider opening your hearts to families who want their children to receive a St. Paul Christian education, but perhaps cannot afford the rising costs. The **"Grantparent" Program** is designed to ease the financial burden for struggling parents, but it needs ongoing funds. If you are able to help continue St. Paul's long-standing heritage of supporting this important mission to our families, please contact the school office. You may donate for general tuition funding or to a specific student. Thank-you in advance for blessing our children with your prayers and support.

Support St. Paul and Bring in Your Used Ink Cartridges



Please keep bringing in your
ink
cartridges and turn
them to cash!

Drop Off in the box on the
wooden cabinet outside of the Church Office or
in the cabinet in the narthex.

Large Laser cartridges are no longer accepted.

Altar Flowers

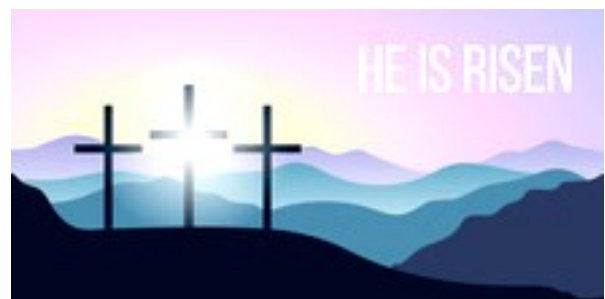
There are still many dates available to sign up for **Altar Flowers**. The sign up sheet is hanging in the hallway between the church mailboxes. To sign up please write your name, phone number, and if center or side vases. You are responsible for calling the florist of your choice and the church office with your bulletin article.

What is Orphan Grain Train?

Orphan Grain Train is a Nonprofit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and to 71 countries around the world. Orphan Grain Train—Michigan in Sebawaing is the operational center of this network in our state. A secondary processing center is in Flint. Volunteers gather and process donations of clothing, medical supplies, quilts, and other aid to meet real needs. Orphan Grain Train is a recognized service organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us. Learn more at ogt.org or contact the Michigan Branch Manager, Pastor David Reed, 989-600-2264. Drop off barrels are located in the hallway outside the pastors' offices and outside the church office.

St. Paul Cookbooks

We have some **St. Paul Brown Cookbooks from 1997** available to purchase for \$10 each in the glass case in the narthex or the church office. Proceeds will go to the Property & Facility Improvement Fund.



April Birthdays

A Time to Celebrate

David Reinert	1	Dakota Bouck	10	Kourtnei Petzold	21
Amelia Wagner	1	Brody Norman	10	Shelley Shollack	22
Alex Lee	1	Anika Sykes	11	Jim Weber	22
Jeffrey Kennard	1	Avery Mays	11	Bryan Bonadurer	22
Hailey McPherson	1	Sheila Haynes	12	Timothy Jolly	22
Bob Wager	2	Valerie Dennis	12	Pastor Jim Bruner	23
Keagan Butterfield	2	Marla Coggins	12	Ruth Ann Petzold	23
William Bassett	2	John Osborn	12	Brookelyn Finatri	23
Kierrah Butterfield	2	Alexis France	12	Alyssa Frahm	23
Bonnie Draper	2	Kayden Stratton	12	MaKella Opperman	23
Erin Schwab	2	Sophia Gleason	13	Isaac Petzold	23
Tobin Keinath	3	Eric Hoard	13	Owen Vollweiler	23
Jack Reinert	3	Zachery White	14	Bette Chambal	24
Angel Gorsuch	3	Noah Laude	14	Heather Weber	24
Brendan Johnson	3	Fay Carmona	15	Noah Reinbold	24
Seth Mittler	4	Tamara Schultz	15	Joshua Torrey	24
Janet Reinert	4	Faith Stratton	15	Bruce Harris	24
Duane Switzer	4	Shellie Watchpocket	15	Ellianna Simon	24
Harper Mills	4	Jacob Adamic	15	Claire Erlenbeck	25
Martin Kujat	4	Donald Coleman	16	Debbie Galant	25
Ethan Hoard	5	Leah Denome	16	Joseph Johnson	25
Ryan Keinath	5	Sidney Werner, Sr	16	Delores Damm	26
Steven, Jr. Holmes	5	Ryan Goodhue	16	Morgaine Anderson	26
Kelsi McAlister	5	Kolten O'Neil	17	Zachary Cunningham	26
Kimberly Phelps	5	Sarah Thayer	17	Amanda Hergenreder	26
Jacob Myers	6	Armand Carmona	18	Owen Reinig	26
Carlee Allard	6	Mandy Skinner	18	Brian Rondo	27
Jim Dues	6	Gavin Blue	18	William Badgley	28
Beth Todd	6	Sawyer Keinath	18	John Petzold	28
Therese Dobis	6	Tamera Smith	18	Madison ILL	28
Lisa Bentley	7	Virginia Reinert	19	Stephanie Deavey	29
Sharon Jensen	7	Bridgett Greenan	19	Edwyn Maschke	29
David Ackerman	8	Philip Erlenbeck	20	Nicholas Yorke	29
Matthew Johnston	8	Nicole Stiff	20	Bradley Bonadurer	29
Mark Merriam	8	Leonard Ross	20	Kyle Clark	30
Angie Ayotte	9	Howard Wells	20	Reese Ehrhardt	30
Hunter Dennis	9	Wesley Bakewell	20	Diana Allard	30
Olivia Hibner	9	Ian Stiff	21	Terence Frixen	30
Dylan Herrick	9	Angela Burton	21	Mason Ley	30
Clinton Schwab	9	Bryan Horning	21	Hudson Ruppel	30
Jenna Albrecht	10	Zi'Kaira Koch	21	Cali Stadler-Anderson	30





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**Equip. Build.
Grow. Together.**

Eph. 4:11-16

Love one another.
Is that so hard?
-God

Dear friends, let us love one another, for
love comes from God.
1 John 4:7