



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

March 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,

Christ was born. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

It seems like only a few weeks ago we were celebrating Christmas and the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Throughout January and early February, we heard how Jesus revealed Himself in many ways. Now, here in March, we will follow Jesus to Jerusalem for the final time where He will be betrayed, tried, convicted, and sentenced to death on a cross. All the while, He is continuing to teach and heal.

And yet, by the end of March, we will be celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the grave and His victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil. Forty days later, Jesus gathers His disciples for the last time, He gives them the commission to baptize and teach all people in the Triune God's name, and then ascends to the right hand of the Father. "From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead". (Apostles' Creed)

A lot takes place in a relatively short period of time on our Church calendar. But the Church has been waiting for "Christ to come again" for about 2,000 years.

The waiting is often the hard part for us. We know the ending to the story, both our story and the human story. We know Christ will come again and we will be there with Him, along with all believers from every time and place. Yet, the time we spend in the waiting is fraught with success and failure, excitement and disappointment, doubt and faith, temptation and forgiveness.

It's why we "relive" the earthly life of Jesus every year. His birth. His death. His resurrection. His coming again in glory. It grounds and centers us as we wait. It gives us hope, peace, and comfort.

I pray you take every opportunity to join us in worshiping our Savior, Jesus Christ, this Lenten Season. Make time to come to the additional services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, as they are integral to our Lord's life and our salvation. Celebrate with us on Easter as we recall the empty tomb and Jesus' victory over death. Then, continue this pattern for the rest of the Church year until we start again in December.

We dare not lose this rhythm to our Church calendar, lest we forget or downplay Christ's work in our lives today.

Christ was born. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

It's a simple way to summarize what Jesus has done for us, and what He will yet do. I encourage you to use this framework to tell others about Jesus. Invite them to one of our worship services in March. Share with them your Easter joy. For Christ was born, has died, and has risen for them also. That way, they'll be faithfully ready when He comes again.

In Christ,

Pastor Tim Martinal
Build. Equip. Grow. Together.
Ephesians 4:11-16

To sponsor the Messenger for a month in 2024, please call the church office.

Months available: March, April, November.

The cost is \$75.00 per month.

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

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.



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.

Scripture Readings

March 3rd

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

John 2:13-22

March 10th

Numbers 21:4-9

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

March 17th

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

March 24th

Zechariah 9:9-12

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

March 31st

Isaiah 25:6-9

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8



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

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.

First Day of Spring

March 19th

hello
SPRING

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., March 2nd at 8AM in the Library.
Next month: April 6th

Euchre

Sat., March 2nd and 16th
430-7PM in the Parish Hall

Scrapbooking

Sat., March 9th from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall.
\$6.00 per person. Bring a dish to pass.
Call the school office to RSVP.

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sun., March 10th.

Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour before heading to bed Saturday evening.



Young at Heart

Thursday, March 14th 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!

Spring Break

St. Paul is on break March 25 - April 1st.
Classes will resume April 2nd.

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.

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.

Meetings

Council

Wed., March 6th at 7:15PM in the Library

Social Concerns

Tues., Mar. 12th at 6:30PM in the Council Room

Dorcas

Tues., March 19th at 6PM in the Parish Hall

Elders

Wed., March 27th at 7:30PM in the Gathering Room

Area News

Looking for something to do? **Family Night** at the Millington Arbela District Library the third Thursday of the month (March 21st) from 5:30-7:30PM. Activities for Pre-K through 5th grade. Your family can move from station to station completing a few or all of the activities. New activities each month.

Trivia Night Sat., March 9th at 7PM at Valley Lutheran High School. Join us for a fun night of trivia to support the Mexico Mission Trip Team as they raise money to build a house for a family in Baja, Mexico. RSVP 989-372-2096 or email rbrenner@vlhs.com If you RSVP, the cost is \$70 for a table of 8 or \$10 per person. At the door \$15 per person. Bring your own beverage and snacks. Some will be available for purchase.

23rd Annual Living Passion Drama Fri., Mar. 22nd at 6 & 7:30PM, Sat., Mar. 23rd at 4:30, 6 & 7:30PM at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Richville.

St. Paul Lutheran School



March 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.

Welcome to March! Everyone sees green and clovers this month. What a wonderful way to explain our triune God...3 in 1. Like the clover, our God is filled with love, shown by each of the three heart shaped lobes of the clover. Also, the clover is always green representing the everlasting life that we receive through Christ Jesus' life, death, and resurrection!

This is also a great way to remember how our church and school's mission continues to grow, flourish, and stay CONNECTED to Christ as we celebrate Lutheran Schools Week, March 3-8. This year our focus is on how CONNECTED to Christ in the past, present and future. We invite you and your family to keep the school, faculty, and students in your prayers this week and throughout the rest of the year as well.

Here is a list of the special activities for **LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK**:

- Sunday: Students sing during each service
- Monday: Pancake Breakfast/ Pajama & Crazy Hair Day
- Tuesday: Decade Day/Teachers Read their favorite books
- Wednesday: Chapel /Dress Your Best Day; Scholastic Book Fair; Bible Bowl Day
- Thursday: Dress for 2050/ Wacky Olympic
- Friday: Dress like a missionary/ Movie Day

Throughout the week, each class will be collecting supplies for special bags for first responders and deliverers. Information was sent home with the students or is in the School Newsletter.

Here is a list of the up-coming school activities for March.



- March 1 ½ day of classes, dismissal at 11:15 a.m. with busses & Spirit Day
- March 3-8 Lutheran Schools Week
- March 6 Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m. & Empty Bowls from 5-7 p.m.
- March 11 Spring School pictures
- March 13 Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m.
- March 17 Preschool & Kindergarten Round-up 12-6 p.m. & Book Fair
- March 20 Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m.
- March 21 Rock your Socks for Downs-Syndrome
- March 22 ½ day of classes, end of quarter: dismissal at 11:15 a.m. with busses; PTL Movie Night
- March 23-April 1 Easter Vacation

Here is the church streaming link: [St. Paul Lutheran Church Services Live-Stream](#)

School Musical Opportunities

March 3	All Students (K-8)	Choice of service
March 13	Joyful Noise Choir (K-3)	6:30 p.m.
March 24	All Students (K-8)	Choice of service

March Sports: Our C-Team continues this month. Thank you to all the fans, parents and coaches for your support and guidance throughout this season.



C-team basketball



Mar. 2	at Bethlehem, Saginaw	10 a.m.
Mar. 9	at Holy Cross, Saginaw (boys ONLY)	10 a.m.
Mar. 16	at Trinity, Frankentrost	10 a.m.



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

Memorials / Financial / Trust & Investment

January 2024 Revenue & Expenditure Summary

January General Fund Revenue:	\$81,892.20
January General Fund Expenditures:	\$90,753.30
January surplus (deficit)	\$(8,861.10)
Overall surplus (deficit) to date	\$(8,861.10)
Gen Fund Balance	\$401,972.87

RESTRICTED Cash Accounts Summary

School Designated Accounts balance:	\$138,500.43
Facility & Property Improvements Fund balance:	\$348,317.17
Other Church Designated Accounts balance:	\$72,882.78
All Memorials balance:	\$18,708.25
** This money is RESTRICTED**	\$578,408.63

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contributions to Grantparent Fund	\$1,416.20
Contributions to Facility/Property Impr. Fund	\$33,583.77
8th grade DC trip Lasagna dinner fundraiser	\$1,531.78

Trust & Investment Applications

Trust & Investment is currently accepting applications for disbursement of available earnings in the amount of \$62,069.48. Applications are available on line, or you can pick one up at the church office. Deadline for submitting applications is April 1, 2024. You can return the application in person to the church office or email to tdglady@yahoo.com.

Richard Glady-Chairman
Sue Fabbro-Secretary
Sandy Fackler
Ed Keinath
Mike Kern-Treasurer
Gloria LaPointe
Cory Stange

Members of St. Paul, Millington

A Quick Update on our Sanctuary Repair Project--

The architect is creating blueprints that will be submitted soon to contractors for bids. A project of this size, even though it does not include any new construction, requires blueprints.

Fundraising is underway. Many gifts have been received--some are one-time gifts and others are monthly offerings. Every dollar raised will lower our future loan debt. Thanks to our great God for blessing you with a giving spirit enabling you to help meet these needs. Please be sure to continue to support our General Fund during the restoration to the Sanctuary.

Breakdown of "Sanctuary Repairs" funds:

Total Expenses -- \$653,200

Funds Received -- \$348,317 **

Additional Pledged -- \$122,852

**Savings of \$285,000 in interest if these funds would have been borrowed

This is an **awesome start!** Please continue to pray for this project and for God to show you how you can be a part of this important gift to future generations.

Updates are available at any time-
St. Paul website at stpaul-millington.org
at top of the page, select "More"
select "Sanctuary Repairs"

To Make Offerings Toward this Project

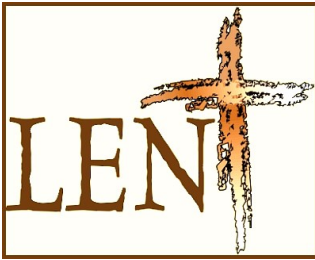
- Mark your regular offering envelope - "Sanctuary Repairs"
 - Mark a plain envelope "Sanctuary Repairs"
- Special envelopes available in the narthex or church office
 - Donate on the project update page (see above)

May God continue to bless you and your family as well as our congregation.
St. Paul Church Council

Special Services 2024

Midweek Lenten Services at 6:30PM

Dinners at 5PM when noted



Lent 4 (March 6)

The Miracle of the Splitting Rocks (Matthew 27:51c)
Empty Bowls Dinner

Lent 5 (March 13)

The Miraculous Raising of the Saints from Death (Matthew 27:52-53)
Dinner: Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Cole Slaw
Hosted by PTL

Lent 6 (March 20)

The Miraculous Faith of the Roman Soldiers (Matthew 27:54)
Dinner: Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans, Salad, Bread, and Dessert - Hosted by Dorcas

Holy Week

Palm Sunday (March 24)

Sat. 7PM, Sun 8:30 & 11AM with Communion

Maundy Thursday (March 28)

7PM with Communion



Good Friday (March 29)

1:30PM



Good Friday Tenebrae (March 29)

7PM

Easter (March 31)

Sunrise at 6:30AM
8:30 & 11AM both with Communion

The Time of Easter - Holy Week



HOLY WEEK

The week before Easter is called Holy Week. Our Lenten preparation and repentance deepens as we focus on the events of Jesus' life from His entrance into Jerusalem until His death on the cross and burial in the garden tomb.

Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week, commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11). Because the complete account of the Lord's Passion from Matthew, Mark, or Luke is often read, this Sunday is also called the Sunday of the Passion.

On Holy (Maundy) Thursday, the Church gives thanks to Jesus for the institution of His Supper. This is a feast day, and the color used to decorate the church is white. The Holy Thursday service closes with the stripping of the altar. This reminds us of how our Lord stripped to the waist to wash His disciples' feet - and how He was stripped and beaten before His crucifixion.

Good Friday is the most solemn of all days in the Christian Church; yet a note of joy remains, as the title of the day indicates. On Good Friday, as we remember that on account of our sin the Lord was crucified and died, we give joyful thanks to God that all sin and God's wrath over sin falls on Jesus and not on us, and that by His grace we receive the benefit of this most sacrificial act.

**During Holy Week, we worship our Lord,
who gave His life for us.**

Matthew 26-27 Mark 14-15 Luke 22-23 John 18-19

Holy Week Practices and Traditions

- ◆ In many churches, the color for Holy Week continues to be violet. In others, the color is scarlet, a deep blood red. Scarlet reminds us of Jesus' blood shed as He suffered and died for our sins.
- ◆ Many congregations read the Passion narrative during special midweek services of Lent. But on each day of Holy Week, the whole story of the events leading to Jesus' death and burial is read from a single Gospel.
- ◆ While in Lent, we forego using the joyous Alleluia response, and we do not sing the Gloria in Excelsis. In Holy Week, we go a step further as we give up singing the Gloria Patri - our joyous praise to the Trinity at the end of all the Psalms we use in worship. Omitting these joyous words makes our worship even more reserved and somber.
- ◆ Many churches observe Holy Week by gathering for special services throughout the week.

What is Worship?

Gathered Around the Word

Welcome to worship, where things look and sound different from much of what you experience in your everyday life. You will use some difficult-to-pronounce words, and parts of the service will have unique names.

Before we dig into the details, let's start with the big picture.

The primary movement of worship is from God to us. We do not gather to do something for God. We don't worship to stroke God's ego or as slaves obligated to show up for an oppressive overlord.

It's quite the opposite. Our God knows the depth of our sin, the deadening reality of our transgressions. He endured this sin on the cross. When we gather in worship around His Word, He serves us with His forgiveness. Worship is the place heaven touches earth and God delivers to us forgiveness that renews and strengthens our faith.

In the Divine Service, God serves us by speaking to us His Word. Wherever Christians gather, God's Word is at the center and gathering point. By that Word, God speaks to us; in the service, He fills us with His Word in His own body and blood. The heart of the Divine Service is the Word of God.

To reflect this, the service is split in two parts (along with a short preparation). The first part is the Service of the Word; the second is the Service of the Sacrament. Both services grow out of God's speaking to us. In the first, God speaks to us from the Bible. In the second, God puts His Word into physical elements (bread and wine) and places that Word into the mouths of His people.

In the **Confession and Absolution**, we confess our unworthiness to stand in God's presence. He forgives our sins and welcomes us into His presence.

In the **Service of the Word**, we first hear from the prophets who foretold of Christ's coming, looking for the fulfillment of God's promise to save the world. Then we tune our ears to the apostles and their epistles (letters) teaching the Gospel to the Early Church. Finally, we see the full picture of God's work in the world through the Gospel

reading: the teachings and life of Jesus.

After the readings, we speak together with all Christians the words of the Nicene Creed. Then the pastor preaches on the texts, applying them to this particular congregation. He proclaims to God's people that, though they are sinful, God has made them His own in the blood of Christ.

After we respond in thanksgiving (offering) and prayer, we continue to receive God's Word in the **Service of the Sacrament**. In the Lord's Supper, God comes to us in a way He is not present anywhere else. Heaven touches earth in this gift. Jesus—true God and true man—gives His body for us to eat and His blood for us to drink. What a profound mystery.

We testify to this in song and acclamation, fixing our attention on His gifts (Prefaces), joining in eternity's song (Sanctus) and proclaiming His sacrificial death (Agnus Dei) until He comes. The Lord's Supper is the most intimate expression of Christian unity. Only those who have been instructed, examined and absolved in a shared confession participate.

The service ends in the way it began: in His name, which sends us out in love for our neighbor. The entire service revolves around God giving to us His Word. This Word Equips, Builds, and Grows our faith. Having received it, we go forth with it into the world, living and serving with sacrificial love.

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

In the coming months, we will break down each part of the service and learn the rich meaning of the worship in which we participate.

Church Extension Fund Opportunities

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.

In the next two months, our congregation will have two opportunities to learn more about Church Extension Fund and what it has to offer. On **March 17th**, Julie Burgess will be here to educate how you can leave a legacy by considering Church Extension Fund as a part of your estate planning. 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.

Lifetime Plan for Giving Workshop **Sun., March 17th at 9:45AM in the Parish Hall**

The Blessings of Creating a Gift Plan:

Would you like to learn more about how you can create a gift to your family and ministry? As your gift planning counselor in Michigan, I welcome the opportunity to assist you with Christian counsel and encouragement to help you plan and direct your passion to give blessings to the people you love. You'll also find that God has given you an opportunity to bless the ministries you care about in the most effective way.

What is a gift plan? Many people don't believe they have the wealth to leave a significant bequest or to set up an endowment to benefit a favorite ministry. However, in today's world, most of our assets are "non-cash." Whether it's retirement accounts, life insurance or our home, when we leave this earth, we often had greater blessings than we realized.

A gift plan structures how you'll leave those assets to your loved ones in a way that often minimizes the taxes on your estate, providing an opportunity to do more with the blessings God has provided. More specifically, using charitable vehicles such as charitable remainder trusts, a gift plan often provides the same level of inheritance to your heirs while also allowing you to make a substantial gift to the ministry or charity of your choice. Gift plans are for everyone, as we all possess gifts from God, and even the humblest gifts can make a positive impact.

What if I already have a Will or Trust? If you have a plan in place, I can review it to make sure that assets to your loved ones and to the ministries you care about are in proper order. This will ensure that what you leave behind when you are called home to heaven will be a blessing to family and ministries well into the future.

Gain peace of mind - A gift plan is designed to help you provide for those you love, protect you and your family, and support the ministries you've cared about during your lifetime. As I have been working with Lutheran members throughout Michigan, I have had the opportunity to see gifts put in place to local, state and national and international ministries that would not have happened before walking through this process.

Make the most of your gifts - The gift planning process can be complex, and unexpected taxes can reduce what you're able to leave to your heirs or give to charity. With a well-designed gift plan, you may be able to reduce the taxes you or your heirs pay and accomplish more with your assets. As your gift planning counselor, I am able to help you avoid unnecessary taxes so you can leave more to your family and to the ministries you hold dear.

Provide for the future - There's no better way to assure the future of your faith than through gift planning. LCMS Congregations, schools and other Lutheran ministries and charities could have more funds to continue their mission. Gifts you detail in a gift plan benefit the ministry of your choice directly. It's your way to help ensure those ministries have the resources they need for generations to come.

Is there a cost to create a gift plan? There is no fee to go through our gift planning process. This is due to the partnership of the Michigan CEF, Michigan District and the LCMS Foundation. There is a potential cost if you require the specialized knowledge of an attorney for your estate plan. I can provide you with a list of attorneys in your area and will accompany you, at no charge, to meet with your attorney and be available to answer any questions you or your attorney may have.

How do I get started? I would be happy to meet with you and begin the discussion for your gift plan. I can review your current plan and see if there are any areas that might need a review. If you don't have a plan in place let's meet and prepare you to get your estate and gift plan in place.

But just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 2 Corinthians 8:7

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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. We're encouraging you to dive into the book of **Psalms** during this month. We've suggested 30 psalms below, but you are welcome to read even more, or different ones than are listed here! As we prepare our hearts for Easter, spend some time in prayer in the Psalms. We love to see you reading the Word of God!

March's book Psalms

Day	Reading	Day	Reading	Day	Reading
1	Psalm 37	11	Psalm 77	21	Psalm 126
2	Psalm 32	12	Psalm 42	22	Psalm 131
3	Psalm 52	13	Psalm 92	23	Psalm 143
4	Psalm 48	14	Psalm 136	24	Psalm 137
5	Psalm 50	15	Psalm 89	25	Psalm 36
6	Psalm 139	16	Psalm 101	26	Psalm 71
7	Psalm 56	17	Psalm 73	27	Psalm 70
8	Psalm 62	18	Psalm 107	28	Psalm 116
9	Psalm 72	19	Psalm 108	29	Psalm 22
10	Psalm 23	20	Psalm 35	30	Psalm 31
				31	Psalm 150

Additional Devotional Resources: Devotions for each psalm above - <http://tinyurl.com/2wrnk337>
<https://www.biblereadingplan.org/psalms/> <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/psalms/>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Easter Ex. 14:10-31 Heb. 7:23-8:13		April Daily Lectionary			1 Gen. 24:32-52, 61-67 Mk. 8:1-21	2 Gen. 27:1-29 Mk. 8:22-38
3 Gen. 27:30-45; 28:10-20 Mk. 9:1-13	4 Gen. 29:1-30 Mk. 9:14-32	5 Gen. 35:1-29 Mk. 9:33-50	6 Gen. 37:1-36 Mk. 10:1-12	7 Gen. 39:1-23 Mk. 10:13-31	8 Gen. 40:1-23 Mk. 10:32-52	9 Gen. 41:1-27 Mk. 11:1-19
10 Gen. 41:28-57 Mk. 11:20-33	11 Gen. 42:1-34, 38 Mk. 12:1-12	12 Gen. 43:1-28 Mk. 12:13-27	13 Gen. 44:1-18, 32-34 Mk. 12:28-44	14 Gen. 45:1-20, 24-28 Mk. 13:1-23	15 Gen. 47:1-31 Mk. 13:24-37	16 Gen. 49:29-50:7, 14-26 Mk. 14:1-11
17 Ex. 1:1-22 Mk. 14:12-31	18 Ex. 2:1-22 Mk. 14:32-52	19 Ex. 2:23-3:22 Mk. 14:53-72	20 Ex. 4:1-18 Mk. 15:1-15	21 Ex. 4:19-31 Mk. 15:16-32	22 Ex. 5:1-6:1 Mk. 15:33-47	23 Ex. 7:1-25 Mk. 16:1-20
24 Palm Sunday Ex. 8:1-32 Heb. 1:1-14	25 Ex. 9:1-28 Heb. 2:1-18	26 Ex. 9:29-10:20 Heb. 3:1-19	27 Ex. 10:21- 11:10 Heb. 4:1-16	28 Maundy Thurs. Ex. 12:1-28 Heb. 5:1-14	29 Good Fri. Ex. 12:29- 32, 13:1-16 Heb. 6:1-20	30 Ex. 13:17-14:9 Heb. 7:1-22

Serve & Volunteer / Miscellaneous

Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer and Donate Empty Bowls

The 3rd graders are busy making their bowls for our annual event. We are looking for **teacups and saucers, dessert makers and donations** for our silent auction. If you have a cup and saucer to donate, please bring to one of the offices. Contact Patti Martinal at 402-672-8673 for donations and desserts. Don't forget to mark your calendars for March 6th!

Easter Breakfast

This year's **Easter Breakfast** is supporting the Facility & Property Improvement Fund. Please join us March 31st from 7:30-10:15AM in the Parish Hall for this free will donation event. A sign-up sheet for **donation items** is on the glass case in the narthex. Items will be needed by Fri., March 29th. Any questions, please reach out to Angie Ayotte 989-225-4220.

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., March 8th 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.

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 on-going 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.
Please only bring in small ink cartridges.

Easter Flowers

The **Easter Flower sign-up sheet** is on the glass case in the narthex. Order by Sun., March 24th. Add your name, bulletin wording, choice of plant, and payment. Plants are \$20 each - we will do our best to have spring plants.

Messenger Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor the Messenger for a month in 2024, please call the church office. The cost is \$75.00 per month. Months available: March, April, Nov.

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.

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.

Concordia University

The Michigan District was recently informed of serious financial difficulties at Concordia University in Ann Arbor. In an effort to provide the university with time and space to work more collaboratively and creatively on solutions, the Michigan District is looking to raise \$5,000,000 to support CUAA's operations for the 2024-2025 academic year. Please prayerfully consider supporting the mission of Concordia Ann Arbor. Their mission is a vital part of spreading the Word of Christ to all. Many of our current and past teachers here at St. Paul have graduated from a Concordia. Visit michigandistrict.org and click on the banner at the top of the page for more information and to pledge your support.



March Birthdays

A Time to Celebrate

Shelby Dues	1	Lexie Bommarito	13	Braeden Dalrymple	22
Haydin Johnson	1	AJ Fyke-Jolly	13	Kenton Gleason	23
Eleanor Ayotte	2	Anthony Huber	13	Jacquelyn Petzold	23
Melissa Detgen	2	Ebin Petiprin	13	Lorine Petzold	24
Courtney Porter	2	Pete Daenzer	14	Thomas Schiefer	24
Gretchen Tolbert	2	Sue Fabbro	14	Cindy Waterman	24
Ben Boerneke	3	Ed Keinath	14	Lyla Wagner	24
Christian Kennedy	4	Dorothy Simmons	14	Christian Coleman	24
Daniel Wagle	4	Max Petzold	14	Vicki Petzold	24
Kristen Schultz	4	Timothy Schultz	14	David Bouck	25
Jamie Brandle	5	Leo Sandusky	14	Brian Gladly	25
Jason Germain	5	Jeremy A. Petzold	14	Barbara Sergeant	25
Brinley McClelland	5	Garrison Hecht	15	James Legue	25
Jan Snyder	6	Malachi Hecht	15	Cameron Dues	25
Yvonne Bishop	6	ReAnna Hecht	15	Randy Graham	25
Zachary Aulbert	6	Olivia Bailey	15	Deborah O'Brien	25
Diane Kujat	7	Lucas Babcock	15	Connie Hoard	26
Emily Albert	7	Alexander Babcock	15	Murray Kinney	26
Ryan Petzold	7	Katelynn Brady	16	Jeffrey Raymond	26
Kelly Stevens	7	Alicia Ide	16	Anessa Todd	26
Andrew Hoard	8	Shane Pease	16	Sheila Hebner	27
Emil Higgins	8	Garen Stewart	16	Bill Weber	27
Teri Petzold	8	Gloria Rodammer	17	Caleb Allard	27
Ryan Roth	8	Brynn Burrows	17	Cindy Davis	27
Anthony Sherman	8	Claire Burrows	17	Marion Detgen	27
Samantha Smith	8	Evan Thayer	17	Caleb Frahm	27
Woody Wates	8	Gauge Woelzlein	17	Debra Hodge	27
Ashley Jensen	9	Dorothy Platt	18	Ava Leach	27
Sandy Myers	9	Matthew Reinert	18	Zachary Petzold	28
Vickie Albert	10	Robert Aulbert	18	Peggy Maschke	29
Mike Hoard	10	James, Jr. Henderson	18	Mitch Ehrhardt	29
Patricia O'Dell	10	Jacob Martinal	18	Jason Loomis	29
Serena Petzold	10	Sid Werner, Jr.	18	Derek Bassett	30
Kristy Sherman	10	Russ ILL	19	Susan Jensen	30
Todd Keinath	10	Misty Sutton	19	Megan Edler	30
Hendrix Watchpocket	10	Chase Howay	19	Karlie Sherman	30
Barbara Bassett	11	Charlie Ferrier	19	Nicole Swink	30
Karen Graham	11	Jeffrey E. Hecht	19	Olivia Zeck	30
Anjanette Kemp	11	Kim Reinert	20	Mary Haines	31
Mildred Keinath	11	Sonja Russell	21	Daniel Pobocik	31
Jim Force	11	Mike Schreiber	21	Shannon Bonadurer	31
Brooklyn Merriam	11	Carla Jackson	21	Nicole Brown	31
Kandie Sherman/Perez	12	Brooklyn Bickel	22	Cynthia Huber	31
James Smith	12	Xachary Carlyon	22		



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

Eph. 4:11-16



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