



# Monthly Messenger

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

May 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,

What does it mean to be a witness? As a noun, "witness" means, "an individual who, being present, personally sees or perceives a thing; a beholder, spectator, or eyewitness". As a verb, it means, "to see, hear, or know by personal presence and perception; to be present at (an occurrence) as a formal viewer, spectator, bystander, etc." In other words, you have to have "been there" to see something with your own two eyes in order to be a "witness".

What if I told you that you are witnesses of the Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ? "Ridiculous!", you say. "Why, I wasn't alive 2,000 years ago to see Jesus Christ, and neither were you." On the surface, that's true. But you have someone living in you who was there, who did witness the Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. You have the Holy Spirit. As St. Peter confessed before the Jewish council, "we are witnesses to these things [the Crucified and Risen Jesus], and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him" (Acts 5:32 ESV).

Did you catch that? The Holy Spirit witnessed the death and resurrection of Jesus. So, not only did the Apostles witness the resurrected Jesus, the Holy Spirit witnessed the resurrected Jesus. And if that isn't enough, God gives the Holy Spirit to those who obey and believe in Him! That means, by faith, YOU have the Holy Spirit, which ultimately means YOU are a witness of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

And what does a witness do with what they've seen? A witness testifies to what he

or she has seen. And since, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we have seen the death and resurrection of Jesus, we are to testify "and speak to the people all the words of this life" (Acts 5:20 ESV). Now, you don't need to be like Peter and the Apostles, traveling from town to town, and house to house preaching the Gospel. However, you ARE to testify, to witness, what you have seen to those God puts in your life. And what you have seen is the Crucified and Risen Jesus, who gives repentance and forgiveness of sins to those who believe in Him.

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we can be a bold witness to the death and resurrection of Jesus even though we weren't alive to see it with our two eyes. For "we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7 ESV). Yet in faith and by the workings of the Holy Spirit, we clearly see Jesus. God has tapped us on the shoulder to witness to those who do not see Jesus. The Holy Spirit will guide us as we go. After all, He's the actual eyewitness; we are simply His voice testifying to what He has seen, and what, by faith given us by the Holy Spirit, we believe.

In Christ,

Pastor Tim Martinal

*Equip. Build. Grow. Together.*  
*Ephesians 4:11-16*

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# 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

\*Communion 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 8:30AM

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 11AM &

Sat. eve of that weekend

\*Matins 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Weekend



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

### May 5<sup>th</sup>

Acts 10:34-48

1 John 5:1-8

John 15:9-17

### May 12<sup>th</sup>

Acts 1:12-26

1 John 5:9-15

John 17:11b-19

### May 19<sup>th</sup>

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27;16:4b-15

### May 26<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 6:1-8

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

John 3:1-17

## 8th Grade Confirmation and First Communion

Sun., May 5th during the 11AM service

## Circuit Convocation

Sat., June 8<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-3:15PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, Reese. How is our Lord at work in His Church in our congregations? You can find out and you'll be uplifted and inspired. Michigan District Frankenmuth and Saginaw Circuits present a Convocation where we all can gather to see just how many places the Holy Spirit is at work among us. Everyone is invited to learn how you can be a part of His Mission with your congregation. Sign up on the glass case in the narthex if you plan to

# 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.

## End of Year Project Palooza (Art & Music Fair)



Thurs., May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5-6:30PM  
Come and see student projects, 6<sup>th</sup> grade living statues, artwork displayed throughout the building and hear their music in the church. Prepare to be amazed!

## St. Paul Chicken Dinner Take-out

Fri., May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11AM-3PM during the M-15 Garage Sales. It will be held on Center St. in the Baptist Church/ Millington Township parking lot. Cost: \$15.00 for a 1/2 chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll, dessert, and bottled water. Come and enjoy.

## Men's Bible Study

Sat., May 4th at 8AM in the Library.  
Next month: April 6th

## Young at Heart

Thursday, May 9th 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., May 11th from 9AM-7PM in the Projects Room.  
\$6.00 per person. Bring a dish to pass.  
Call the school office to RSVP.

Remember  
your Mother,  
not just on  
Sun., May 12th,  
but every day!



## Music Festival

Fri., May 17th at Valley Lutheran High School

## 8th Grade Graduation

Sun., June 9th at 1PM in the church.



### **\*\*All 2023 Graduates\*\***

(High school, college, trade school, etc.) are invited to wear your caps and gowns and sit together at the worship service on June 9th at 11AM. Call the church office if attending so we can reserve a seat for you.

## Bus Trip to Dow Gardens

Wed., June 19<sup>th</sup> - 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.



KENTUCKY DERBY  
*Party*  
*For Ladies of All Ages!*

Join the Board of Social Concerns for:

- ★ A designer purse auction ★
- ★ Finger foods and desserts ★
- ★ Non-alcoholic drinks ★
- ★ Silliest & fanciest hat awards ★
- ★ Door prizes and more! ★



SATURDAY

MAY 4  
11AM - 1PM

\$10 ADULTS, \$5 CHILDREN



# St. Paul Lutheran School

## May 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.*

God has truly given all of us so much for which to be grateful! Take time to stop and look around at all the wonderful blessings springing up before you.

As the school year starts to wind down, we have several very special events during May to pray for and mark on your calendars.

**NWEA testing will take place throughout this month K-8.**

- May 2 **National Day of Prayer; Project Palooza 5-6:30**
- May 3 **Spirit Day**
- May 5 **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation & 1<sup>st</sup> Communion 11:00 a.m. service**
- May 8 **Athletic Banquet 6 p.m.**
- May 10 **Kindergarten Testing; 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade Gathering**
- May 15 **1 grade Flag presentation by the Lions Club**
- May 17 **Lutheran School Music Festival (VLHS)**
- May 22 **Academic Banquet 6 p.m.**
- May 24 **½ Day of classes with busses; last day to meet yearly AR Goals (K-8)**
- May 27 **NO SCHOOL ~ Memorial Day** The school and church offices will be closed.

### School Musical Opportunities

- |        |  |                          |
|--------|--|--------------------------|
| May 12 | All students K-8   | Choice of Sunday service |
| May 17 | Lutheran School Music Festival @ Valley Lutheran High School |                          |
| May 19 | Free Spirit Choir  | 8:30 a.m.                |
|        | Preschool Choir  | 11:00 a.m.               |

### May Sports

- |        |                                    |     |
|--------|------------------------------------|-----|
| May 4  | Valley Grade School meet at VLHS   | TBA |
| May 11 | Lutheran Invitational meet at VLHS | TBA |
| May 18 | Regionals @ VLHS                   | TBA |
| May 20 | TCLL Relays at Reese               | TBA |

We have many programs going on throughout the school year that earn money for St. Paul: Box-Tops for Education, can tabs, ink cartridges, as well as Meijer and Kroger programs. See the school office for more information.

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

# Memorials / Financial / Trust & Investment

## March 2024 Revenue & Expenditure Summary

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| March General Fund Revenue:      | \$ 118,224.62  |
| March General Fund Expenditures: | \$ 103,846.28  |
| March surplus (deficit)          | \$ 14,378.34   |
| 2024 surplus (deficit) YTD       | \$ (20,457.47) |
| Gen Fund Balance                 | \$ 390,374.70  |

## RESTRICTED Cash Accounts Summary

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| School Designated Accounts balance:            | \$ 145,840.99 |
| Facility & Property Improvements Fund balance: | \$ 365,511.95 |
| Other Church Designated Accounts balance:      | \$ 71,447.75  |
| All Memorials balance:                         | \$ 18,708.25  |
| ** This money is RESTRICTED**                  | \$ 601,508.94 |

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Contributions to Grantparent Fund             | \$ 4,570.00  |
| Contributions to Facility/Property Impr. Fund | \$ 13,881.62 |
| Lenten dinner for Facility/Property Impr Fund | \$ 626.19    |
| Lenten dinner PTL                             | \$ 603.54    |
| Empty Bowls dinner & auction                  | \$ 1,019.70  |

## Memorials & Special Gifts

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| In Memory of Betty Valentine  |          |
| School Fund                   | \$200.00 |
| General Fund                  | \$185.00 |
|                               |          |
| In Memory of Phylis Avery     |          |
| General Fund                  | \$10.00  |
|                               |          |
| In Memory of John Kueffman    |          |
| General Fund                  | \$20.00  |
|                               |          |
| Donation from Shirley Petzold | \$10.00  |



Mon., May 27th  
Honoring those who have died  
while serving in the military.

## The Time of the Church The Season After Pentecost

Begins the day after Pentecost and ends on the Saturday before the First Sunday in Advent.

The Sundays after Pentecost make up the longest portion of the Church Year. This is the Time of the Church - the time we focus on growing together in the life of the Holy Trinity.

On the first Sunday after Pentecost, the Church celebrates Holy Trinity Sunday. We are baptized into only one name, but that name is "of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." there is only one name, only one God - but there are three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. On this Sunday, we confess the great mystery of the Holy Trinity.

The Sundays of this time of the Church Year are known as Sundays after Pentecost (or Sundays after Trinity.) Picking up on Pentecost as the season of growth, they are often referred to as the Green Sundays. The readings focus on the life of Christ in His Church. We hear Jesus teaching His disciples and healing the faithful.

Because the Pentecost season is part of "ordinary" time, congregations may choose to observe some of the lesser festivals of the season.

When saint days or commemorations fall on Sundays, worship leaders could highlight these to offer teaching moments about the breadth of the Church's life and work. These noteworthy days enable Christians to reflect on how we worship "with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven."

On the Last Sunday after Pentecost, the Church gives voice to the joyful hope of the second coming of Jesus for the resurrection of the dead and the last judgment. The end-times focus of the Last Sunday of the Church Year bears themes of hope and preparation that are similar to those of Advent, which soon follows.

### During the Time of the Church, we focus on growing together in the life of the Holy Trinity.

Acts 2:41-47 \* Ephesians 1:15-23 \* Ephesians 3:14-19 \*  
Colossians 3:12-17

### Practices and Traditions

- The church is decorated in green, the color of growing plants. This marks the season of growth in living in our Baptism and receiving the Lord's Word and Sacraments.
- On Trinity Sunday, we confess the Athanasian Creed, which goes into great detail to confess the catholic (universal) faith that must be faithfully and firmly believed to be saved: "that we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity."

# Worship by the Word

## Service of the Word

Introit: Here we "enter" (Introit) the service proper, with the Word of God in our ears. As the pastor moves toward the altar, he brings our attention together as we sing a portion of the Psalms.

Gloria Patri: A common refrain used in various parts of the service, it is usually associated with a Psalm. It echoes the words of Baptism in its use of the full Triune name (Matt. 28:19). It glorifies God in echoes of the song of angels, "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost."

Kyrie: "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David," the Canaanite woman begs (Matt. 15:22). "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David," cried out two blind beggars (Matt. 20:30). "Lord, have mercy on my son," pleaded a nameless man for his son (Matt. 17:15). We also cry out in faith for our Lord to grant us mercy and healing. It is the most basic and comprehensive Christian prayer.

Gloria In Excelsis: The Gloria draws on a number of biblical passages, including Psalm 34:1-3; 105:1-3; Romans 15:6; John 1:29; Revelation 15:4; and other passages indirectly. The song of the angels from Luke 2 leads us into the canticle: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased" (Luke 2:14). Then we confess, in the words of John, that Christ is "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). In the Old Testament, a sacrificial lamb bore the sins of the people. Christ is the final sacrifice who bore the sins of the entire world.

Salutation: This "greeting" comes from Paul's closing words to Timothy: "The Lord be with your spirit" 2 Tim. 4:22). It parallels how Israel asked Moses to speak and act as God's representative. The congregation asks the pastor to serve in a similar special duty. These words spoken just prior to the Collect (Prayer of the Day) implore God's Spirit to be with the pastor as he prays to the Lord.

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Readings: In the readings, God speaks. He speaks through the prophets, men of the Old Testament who wrote of the Christ who was yet to come. Then we hear from the apostles, usually the letters (epistles) of St. Paul. The crown jewel of the Service of the Word is the reading of the Gospel, the very words and earthly actions of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Nicene Creed and Apostles Creed: The creeds of the church grow directly from the teachings of Scripture. We speak this confession of faith together as a reminder of what we believe and confess before the world. In this confession, we encourage one another and renew our understanding of what we believe. If you want to know what Christians believe, this is a great place to start.

Sermon: Based upon the readings for the day, the pastor preaches the Sermon, speaking again what was already said. What the prophets longed to see and hear, what the apostles saw with their own eyes and witnessed to in the Gospels, the pastor now preaches and teaches to us. And we joyfully receive God's Word from this servant of God.

Offertory: The congregation sings a portion of Psalm 51 imploring God to work through the Word just preached to cleanse and purify the heart. We sing "Create in me a clean heart, O God."

Offering: An Early Church father, Tertullian, reported that pagans were amazed at how Christians cared for one another. St. Paul exhorts his congregations to take up offerings for the church, to provide both for church workers and all the brothers in need.

Prayer of the Church: Christians have always prayed according to St. Paul's direction to Timothy: "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for all people" (1 Tim. 2:1-2). Listen for these petitions and thanksgivings, as they relate to the day's readings.

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

Next Month we look  
at the Service of the  
Sacrament.

## May 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-Julie Weiss; **11AM-Open**

If you have any questions,  
please call Fay at 248-210-3673.

## May Acolytes

4th-Blake & Claire Erlenbeckl; 5th-8:30AM-Open; 11AM-Emmit Stiff  
11th-Lucas Dobis; 12th-8:30AM-Open, 11AM-Emma Burns  
18th-Blake Erlenbeck; 19th-8:30AM-Open, 11AM-Gavin Blue  
25th-Masen O'Neil; 26th-8:30AM-Open, 11AM-Jaxson Switzer

## May Screen Techs

4th-Grace Erlenbeck; 5th-8:30AM-Open, 11AM-Grace Hibner  
**11th-Open;** 12th-8:30AM-Abby Skouson, 11AM-Gavin Blue  
18th-Claire Erlenbeck; 19th-8:30AM-Open, **11AM-Open**  
25th-Skylar Wiacek; 26th-8:30AM-Open,  
11AM-Claire Kennedy;Kandie S.

**Thank you** to our volunteers who help enhance our worship services. We still have many dates open. If you can fill in anywhere, please call the church office.

# 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 a book with some of the most well-known stories in the Bible - the book of **Daniel**. Daniel also points us towards the coming of Christ, so we are finishing out the school year by looking ahead to Christ's triumphant second coming. If you've completed at least one book and turned in a form during the year, be on the lookout for an invitation to our celebratory gathering. We hope you continue to read and study the Word of God during the summer and throughout your lives!

### May's Book: Daniel

| Day | Reading        | Day | Reading         |
|-----|----------------|-----|-----------------|
| 1   | Daniel 1:1-21  | 9   | Daniel 7:1-28   |
| 2   | Daniel 2:1-24  | 10  | Daniel 8:1-27   |
| 3   | Daniel 2:25-49 | 11  | Daniel 9:1-27   |
| 4   | Daniel 3:1-30  | 12  | Daniel 10:1-21  |
| 5   | Daniel 4:1-18  | 13  | Daniel 11:1-28  |
| 6   | Daniel 4:19-37 | 14  | Daniel 11:29-45 |
| 7   | Daniel 5:1-31  | 15  | Daniel 12:1-13  |
| 8   | Daniel 6:1-28  |     |                 |

Additional Devotional Resources: <https://www.biblereadingplan.org/daniel/>; <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/daniel/>

| Sunday  | Monday                                 | Tuesday                               | Wednesday                            | Thursday                                   | Friday  | Saturday                                    |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>May Daily Lectionary</b>                   |  |                                       | 1<br>Lev. 23:23-44<br>Lk. 12:35-53   | 2<br>Lev. 24:1-23<br>Lk. 12:54-13:17       | 3<br>Lev. 26:1-20<br>Lk. 13:18-35               | 4<br>Lev. 26:21-33;<br>39-44<br>Lk. 14:1-24 |
| 5<br>Num. 3:1-16;<br>39-48<br>Lk. 14:25-15:10 | 6<br>Num. 8:5-26<br>Lk. 15:11-32       | 7<br>Num. 9:1-23<br>Lk. 16:1-18       | 8<br>Num. 10:11-36<br>Lk. 16:19-31   | 9<br>Num. 11:1-23;<br>31-35<br>Lk. 17:1-19 | 10<br>Num. 11:24-29;<br>12:1-16<br>Lk. 17:20-37 | 11<br>Num. 13:1-3;<br>17-33<br>Lk. 18:1-17  |
| 12<br>Num. 14:1-25<br>Lk. 18:18-34            | 13<br>Num. 14:26-45<br>Lk. 18:35-19:10 | 14<br>Num. 16:1-22<br>Lk. 19:11-28    | 15<br>Num. 16:23-40<br>Lk. 19:29-48  | 16<br>Num. 16:41-17:13<br>Lk. 20:1-18      | 17<br>Num. 20:1-21<br>Lk. 20:19-44              | 18<br>Num. 20:22-21:9<br>Lk. 20:45-21:19    |
| 19<br>Num. 21:10-35<br>Lk. 21:20-38           | 20<br>Num. 22:1-20<br>Lk. 22:1-23      | 21<br>Num. 22:21-23:3<br>Lk. 22:24-46 | 22<br>Num. 23:4-28<br>Lk. 22:47-71   | 23<br>Num. 24:1-25<br>Lk. 23:1-25          | 24<br>Num. 27:12-23<br>Lk. 23:26-56             | 25<br>Num. 32:1-6;<br>16-27<br>Lk. 24:1-27  |
| 26<br>Eccl. 3:1-22<br>John 7:14-31            | 27<br>Eccl. 4:1-16<br>John 7:32-53     | 28<br>Eccl. 5:1-20<br>John 8:1-20     | 29<br>Eccl. 6:1-7:10<br>John 8:21-38 | 30<br>Eccl. 7:11-29<br>John 8:39-59        | 31<br>Eccl. 8:1-17<br>John 9:1-23               |   |

## 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.

#### **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., May 10th 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 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.

### **Area News**

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

**Valley Lutheran Drama Dept.** spring production of 'Little Women' May 2-4 at 7PM in the gym. Tickets are \$7/adults, \$5/students, or \$24/family.

**Valley Lutheran** is excited to host the **Concordia Vocal Jazz Choir** from Nebraska on Mon., May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7PM for the first ever concert in the VL Music Room! The Jazz Choir has earned a reputation for fine singing of jazz/pop influenced choral music, touring throughout the United States performing concerts and school assemblies.

**Mother's Day Dinner** Sun., May 12<sup>th</sup> from 11AM-1:30PM at the Millington Community Center sponsored by the Community Center Board Members. Menu: Roast Beef, Turkey, Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Sides, Salads, and Delicious Desserts. Adults: \$15, 5-10 yrs: \$7, Under 5: Free. Treat mom to dinner and we'll do the dishes too!

**Mother's Day Chicken BBQ** – Sun., May 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:30AM at St. Michael's School, Richville. Drive thru only. \$12.00 includes Grilled Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing, Corn, Coleslaw, & Cupcake.

### **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.**

### **Special Thanks!!**

**Thank you** to everyone who brought in ink cartridges to be recycled. Planet Green Recycle sent us a check for \$134.00. Please keep helping protect the environment and earning money for St. Paul by bringing in your empty cartridges.

### **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.

### **Annual Reports**

The 2023 Annual Reports can be found on our website [stpaul-millington.org](http://stpaul-millington.org). Click on "More", "Church Business", then "Annual Reports". If you would like a printed copy, please call the church office.

### **Meetings**

#### **Council**

Wed., May 1st at 6:30PM in the Library

#### **Social Concerns**

Tues., May 14th at 6:30PM in the Council Room

#### **Dorcas**

Tues., May 21st at 6PM in the Parish Hall

#### **Elders**

Wed., May 22nd at 7PM in the  
Gathering Room



# May Birthdays

A Time to Celebrate

|                    |    |                      |    |                    |    |
|--------------------|----|----------------------|----|--------------------|----|
| Janice Binder      | 1  | Mary Kern            | 10 | Gary Knoll         | 22 |
| Jean Jensen        | 1  | Adam Gross           | 10 | Robin Shaffer      | 22 |
| Koltyn Sebert      | 1  | Sandra Lince         | 10 | Angela Thomason    | 22 |
| Kim Reinig         | 2  | Sarah Mays           | 10 | Bob O'Dell         | 22 |
| Bryan Wilson       | 2  | Savannah Porter      | 10 | Gale Brown         | 23 |
| Jonathan Petzold   | 2  | Betty Bradley        | 11 | Brenda Frahm       | 23 |
| Rachel Burns       | 3  | Cathy Gentry         | 11 | Kelsey Gronowski   | 23 |
| Lori Stratton      | 3  | Cherri Holmes        | 11 | Matthew Sandusky   | 23 |
| Cody Woodward      | 3  | Caleb Reinbold       | 11 | Eunice Peche       | 24 |
| Korbyn Cartner     | 3  | John Walz            | 12 | Emmet Bach         | 24 |
| Hudson Myers       | 3  | Jackie Sabgash       | 13 | Seth Mohr          | 24 |
| Lindsay Paquette   | 3  | Zach Myers           | 13 | Jon Keinath        | 25 |
| Emma Stewart       | 3  | Stephen Schmandt     | 13 | Jamie Blue         | 25 |
| Landon Kern        | 4  | Kieran Ehrhardt      | 13 | Tom Howay          | 25 |
| Michelle Jaruzel   | 4  | Harper Aguirre       | 13 | Edna McLaren       | 25 |
| Holly Jones        | 4  | Troy Bonadurer       | 13 | Andrea Ide         | 25 |
| Gabriella Porter   | 4  | Ashlie Sayles        | 13 | Tammy Kowitz       | 25 |
| Travis Washburn    | 4  | Shalina Stratton     | 13 | Daniel Meacham     | 26 |
| Hudsen O'Neil      | 5  | Larry, III Greer     | 14 | Steve Waterman     | 26 |
| Emma Burns         | 5  | Colin Meacham        | 14 | Lydia Denome       | 26 |
| Haily Kennedy      | 5  | Gina Werner          | 14 | Paul Hibbard       | 26 |
| Weston Erdman      | 5  | Dawn Reinert         | 15 | Logan Morningstar  | 27 |
| Everlee Buckley    | 5  | Anna Jensen          | 15 | Dylin Polzin       | 27 |
| June Bierlein      | 6  | Terri Reinert        | 15 | Matthew Schiefer   | 27 |
| Betty Bleuer       | 6  | Joshua Allen         | 16 | Ricky Reinert      | 27 |
| Madison Hahn       | 6  | Debra Werner         | 16 | Mark Ferrier       | 28 |
| Rosie Horning      | 6  | Nathan Draper        | 16 | Sharon Garrett     | 28 |
| Owen Butterfield   | 6  | Melissa Wagner       | 17 | Rachel Lawrence    | 28 |
| Rian Edler         | 6  | Diane Bishop         | 17 | Katherine Weber    | 28 |
| Adam Johnson       | 6  | Carmin List          | 17 | Jorden Goodhue     | 28 |
| Jodie Lowrey       | 6  | Angela Zeck          | 17 | Carmen Leitz       | 28 |
| Destiny Stevens    | 6  | Skylar Ley           | 17 | Marlene Straub     | 28 |
| Mya Sutton         | 6  | Jean Harsen          | 18 | Flora Weber        | 28 |
| Danielle Hallman   | 6  | Heidi Vande Streek   | 18 | George Ackerman    | 28 |
| Yvonne Burrows     | 7  | Jay Rodammer         | 19 | Joanne Lee         | 29 |
| Barbara Paquette   | 7  | Connie Damm          | 19 | Victor Schwab III  | 29 |
| Timothy Weber      | 7  | Landyn Hibner        | 19 | Chad Cobanovich    | 29 |
| Conor Gentry       | 7  | Wyatt Popham         | 19 | Christian Martinez | 29 |
| Stephanie Long     | 7  | Elliana Vande Streek | 19 | Jennifer Koch      | 29 |
| Jackson Shreve     | 8  | Kelley Opperman      | 20 | Taylor Martinez    | 29 |
| Audrey Brown       | 9  | Jordyn Frahm         | 20 | Steve Schultz      | 30 |
| Joshua Myers       | 9  | Daniel Inman         | 20 | Cheryl Leix        | 30 |
| Lexi Bruner        | 9  | Jacob Jensen         | 20 | Ronald Wittum      | 30 |
| Shane Edler        | 9  | Angi O'Neil          | 22 | Alfred Cunningham  | 31 |
| Matthew Harrington | 9  | April Ehrhardt       | 22 | Doug Hess          | 31 |
| Kristin Hoard      | 10 | Amy Bentley          | 22 |                    |    |



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# May Messenger 2024



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

***Eph. 4:11-16***

You will never look into  
the eyes of someone  
God does not love.

**Always be kind.**