

The Messenger

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
AT 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE
CLASSES AT 9:45 A.M.
WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT
7:00 P.M.

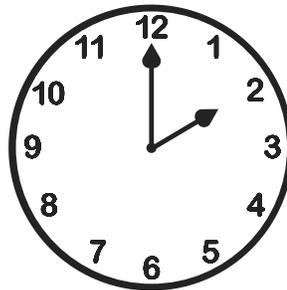
OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

STUDY the Word
SEEK the lost
SERVE all people
SHARE our gifts
In JESUS' name.

...St. Paul Lutheran Church

March 2026

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Don't forget to
Spring Ahead
Sunday, March 8



I am the resurrection and the life

Facts & Figures

| Date | Attendance | Offering |
|-------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1/25 & 1/28 | $54 + 58 + 20 = 132$ | \$4,890.00 |
| 2/1 & 2/4 | $x + 41 + 22 + x$ | \$4,490.00 |
| 2/8 & 2/11 | $58 + 66 + 14 + 138$ | \$7,769.01 |
| 2/15 & 2/18 | $61 + 55 + 60 + 176$ | \$5,398.00 |

Needed each week: \$8,844.88

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the April 2026 issue of The Messenger is:
**Monday, March 9
at 12:00 (noon)**

(2nd Monday each month)

Articles may be emailed to
lynn@stpaulcaro.org
or put in Secretary mailbox.

**To ensure that I get
all information correct,
please only submit by email
or in my mailbox.**

**No phone calls please.
Thank you!**

**For after church office hours
communications, PLEASE use my EMAIL,
lynn@stpaulcaro.org, rather than my
personal number.**

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN DRAWING

The winners for the Children's Bulletin Drawing for January are - **Cora and Stella**. If you haven't yet, you can either pick up your prize at the church office M-F, 8:30-4:30, or you can tell myself (Lynn), or Pastor, or the Elder on any Sunday and they can let you choose a prize from the prize box. The winners for February will be announced in the April newsletter.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS FOR 2026

If you would like to sponsor the newsletter for a month, please see or call Lynn in the office at 989-673-4214. The cost is only \$25 for a month.

Scripture Readings: March

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| 1 | OT: Genesis 12:1-9 PS: Psalm 121 EP: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17 GO: John 3:1-17 |
| 8 | OT: Exodus 17:1-7 PS: Psalm 95:1-9 EP: Romans 5:1-8 GO: John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42) |
| 15 | OT: Isaiah 42:14-21 PS: Psalm 142 EP: Ephesians 5:8-14 GO: John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 |
| 22 | OT: Ezekiel 37:1-14 PS: Psalm 130 EP: Romans 8:1-11 GO: John 11:1-45 (46-53) |
| 29 | OT: Isaiah 50:4-9a PS: Psalm 118:19-29 EP: Philippians 2:5-11 GO: Matthew 26:1-27:66 |



**American
Red Cross**



Our next blood drive will be held on Monday, March 9, from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule your appointment.

Save time with RapidPass®. Complete your pre-donation reading and health history at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or with the Blood Donor App before your appointment.

LWML

Ladies - did you know that if you are a confirmed member of the church, you are automatically a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)? Join us on the **3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall**. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 17**. Our program will be Lisa Graf with *Fragrances from God*.

JOY

Just Older Youth will meet at church **at noon on Sunday, March 22, 2026**, and go have lunch at Grandpa Tony's in Bay City. After lunch, we will go to the State Theater on Washington Avenue to see the Easter Magic Show. Sixteen Early Bird tickets have been purchased, so the first sixteen people to sign up will have a cheaper ticket - \$12.92, payable to Karen. Price of ticket the day of the show will be \$15 if seats are available. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

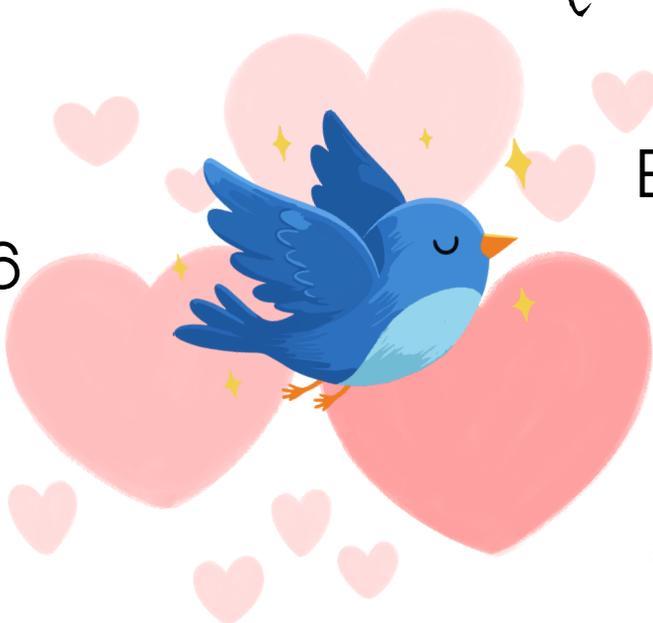


LWML Spring Tea



"Birds, Flowers, and Hearts"

Monday,
April 20, 2026
7:00 PM
(Doors open
at 6:30)



Entertainment
will be
Tammy
Kosters
and her harp

Admission is FREE, but you must sign up by April 12
to save yourself a seat.

Sign up April 5 and 12 after each service.

Hostesses Wanted: If you would like to be a Hostess,
please let Lisa Graf, Cathy Erla, or Lynn know.

A free will donation will be accepted for mites.





Palm Sunday
Sunday, 3/29/26:
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

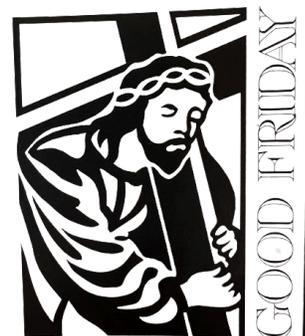
Wednesday, 2/18/2026:
5:30 PM - Meal sponsored by
Choirs
7:00 PM - Ash Wednesday Service



Midweek of Lent 1
Wednesday, 2/25/2026:
5:30 PM - Meal sponsored by
LWML
7:00 PM - Lenten Service

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, 4/2/26:
7:00 PM

Midweek of Lent 2
Wednesday, 3/04/2026:
5:30 PM - Meal sponsored by
Ushers
7:00 PM - Lenten Service



Good Friday
Friday, 4/3/26:
1:30 PM

Midweek of Lent 3
Wednesday, 3/11/2026:
5:30 PM - Meal sponsored by
Youth
7:00 PM - Lenten Service

Midweek of Lent 4
Wednesday, 3/18/2026:
5:30 PM - Meal sponsored by
LWML
7:00 PM - Lenten Service



Easter Sunday
Sunday, 4/5/26:
7:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Midweek of Lent 5
Wednesday, 3/25/2026:
5:30 PM - Meal sponsored by
Altar Guild
7:00 PM - Lenten Service

Hymn of the Month: "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

As we continue our Lenten journey this March, our worship takes on a quieter, more deliberate tone. We find ourselves following the footsteps of Christ toward the cross. Few hymns capture the mystery of this journey as powerfully as "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" (LSB 438).

A Dialogue of Love

This hymn is unique because it presents a "conversation" within the Holy Trinity. In the second and third stanzas, we overhear the Father speaking to the Son, and the Son's willing response.

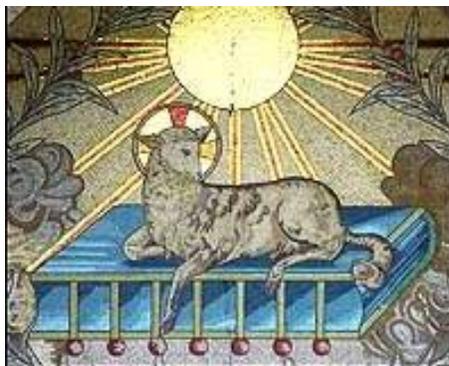
The Father says, "Go forth, My Son, and free My children from their dread..." To which the Son replies, "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly; I'll bear what You command Me." This isn't just a historical account; it is a glimpse into the heart of God—a heart that was determined to save you at any cost.

The Patient Lamb

Written by the great Lutheran poet Paul Gerhardt, this text emphasizes the "uncomplaining" nature of Christ. In a world where we often demand our rights and complain about our burdens, we see our Savior doing the opposite. He goes "patient on," bearing the stripes, the wounds, and the lies—not because He has to, but because He wants to.

As Gerhardt writes:

"He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies, the mockery, and yet replies, 'All this I gladly suffer.'"



"He was oppressed and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth."

Isaiah 53:7

Reflection for Our Lenten Walk

This March, as we see the purple paraments on the altar and hear the minor keys of our Lenten music, let this hymn be your prayer. It reminds us that our salvation was not an accident of history, but a deliberate act of "wondrous love."

When you feel the weight of your own "dread of guilt," look to the Lamb who went uncomplaining in your place. His "spotless life" is now your own through Holy Baptism, and His victory is your peace.

Quick Facts **Author:** Paul Gerhardt (1607–1676)

Fun Fact: This hymn was originally 10 stanzas long! In our Lutheran Service Book, it is condensed to 4 powerful stanzas that focus on the heart of the Gospel.

438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,

The guilt of sinners bearing
And, laden with the sins of earth,
None else the burden sharing;
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer,
He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,
The mockery, and yet replies,
"All this I gladly suffer."

2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend,

The Lamb of God, our Savior,
Whom God the Father chose to send
To gain for us His favor.
"Go forth, My Son," the Father said,
"And free My children from their dread
Of guilt and condemnation.
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by Your passion they will share
The fruit of Your salvation."

3 "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly

I'll bear what You command Me.
My will conforms to Your decree,
I'll do what You have asked Me."
O wondrous Love, what have You done!
The Father offers up His Son,
Desiring our salvation.
O Love, how strong You are to save!
You lay the One into the grave
Who built the earth's foundation.

4 Lord, when Your glory I shall see

And taste Your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be,
My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before Your throne,
Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
As Your own bride shall we be brought
To stand in joy beside You.

THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

The application process is now open and will stay open until June 1, 2026. Please contact anyone on the committee with questions. The endowment committee members are Doug DeRocco, Jeremy Creutz, Kristen Ender, Marci LaValley, Mitzi LaValley, Linda Matuszak, and Cindy Morley.

Donations are accepted at any time from anyone for the Endowment Fund. Memorials and special occasions such as baptisms, weddings, and anniversaries are great opportunities to honor someone with a donation.

WHAT DOES THIS COMMITTEE DO?

- We manage the funds we receive.
- We invest the money into our Thrivent accounts.
- We give 3-5% of what we make for the year to applicants.

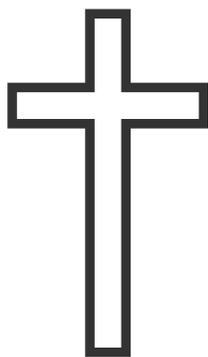
HOW IS THE MONEY GIVEN OUT?

- We accept applications for restricted and unrestricted funds.
- Fill out the application found on the table in the Narthex (purple paper).
- Return the application to Doug DeRocco's mailbox.
- Deadline is June 1st.

WHAT ARE RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FUNDS?

- Restricted- members of St. Paul who are attending a Lutheran school, preschool through college can receive funds.
- New church building projects, renovations, or property acquisitions.
- Unrestricted- other church projects and programs.
- Further growth of your church mission and ministry.

Please fill out an application today. We are honored to serve your requests. Please verify with the endowment team that we received your application prior to the deadline. Thank you.



EASTER CAROLING

Please join us for
Easter Caroling
on Saturday, March 28th
from 1:30 - 5:00 PM
Fellowship to follow at the church.
Please sign up on Pastor's door.



THANK YOU!

A special thank you to our Evangelism team members, Kathy and Bob Smith, for designing and creating our new Welcome Nook! This wonderful nook will be used to provide refreshments, a time for fellowship and church information, for years to come. Before heading home, please stop by to say hello, enjoy a cup of java and snacks, on us. It will be available between services on Sunday's and after the late services. Come and enjoy this awesome gift to St. Paul members.

-Cindy Morley

HAPPY
Birthday



God's Blessings as you celebrate your special day!

March 1

Grant Koehler
Jacqueline Hergenreder
Adam Donald Singer
Adam Fisch
Haydin Johnson

March 2

Gary King
Tom Culbert

March 3

Callie Katz
Mitzi LaValley

March 6

Donna Rieck
Robert TerBush
Cora McCreedy

March 7

Donald Berry

March 8

Julianna Hecht

March 9

Kristina Corradi

March 10

Harlee Koehler
Dan Hergenreder
Chariti Hill

March 11

Rhonda Sattelberg
Mary Carter
Willa Owen

March 13

Edwina Lockwood
Jared Koehler
Julia LaJoie

March 14

Melanie Boylan
James Burnison
Bob DeBoer

March 15

Brian Holmes
Jan Wenzel

March 17

Larry Scott

March 18

Patti Gaudett
Emeril Brinkman
Angela Olson

March 19

Trina Hall
Jae Steffen

March 20

Kent Graf

March 23

Nolan Lynch

March 24

Kristel Ziemba

March 25

Averie Stefanovsky

March 27

Joy Scherzer

March 28

Mark Temerowski

March 29

Harper Decker
Gavin Owen

March 31

Thomas Nault
Logan Wark

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Spiritual Growth

1 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
2 - Ephesians 4:22-24
3 - 1 Corinthians 10:23
4 - Philippians 3:16-17
5 - Colossians 1:9-10
6 - James 1:5
7 - Colossians 3:12-15
8 - Ezekiel 44:23
9 - Matthew 5:44
10 - Romans 12:1-2
11 - John 13:14-15
12 - 2 Timothy 2:20-21
13 - 1 Peter 2:1-3
14 - 2 Corinthians 5:17
15 - Ephesians 5:8-11
16 - Matthew 5:6

17 - Ephesians 4:14-15
18 - 2 Timothy 2:15
19 - Romans 16:17-18
20 - Proverbs 10:32
21 - Romans 6:4-6
22 - Deuteronomy 13:1-4
23 - Acts 17:11
24 - Ezekiel 36:25-27
25 - 1 Peter 1:22
26 - Hebrews 5:12-14
27 - Titus 2:3
28 - James 1:8
29 - Psalm 1:1-3
30 - 1 Corinthians 3:18-19
31 - 2 Peter 3:17-18



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 Second Sunday in Lent 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:15 Confirmation Class | 2 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells | 3 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:30 Board of Elders | 4 Midweek of Lent 2 5:30 Lenten Meal - Ushers 7:00 Lenten Worship Service | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins Third Sunday In Lent 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion 12:15 Confirmation Class | 9 12:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells | 10 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal | 11 Midweek of Lent 3 3:00 Forge 5:30 Lenten Meal - Youth 7:00 Lenten Worship Service | 12 10:00 - 11:30 Women's Bible Study 1:30 Evangelism | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Fourth Sunday In Lent 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:15 Confirmation Class | 16 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells | 17 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:00 LWML | 18 Midweek of Lent 4 5:30 Lenten Meal - LWML 7:00 Lenten Worship Service | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Fifth Sunday In Lent 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion 11:00 SS kids sing Song of the Month 12:00 JOY Group 12:15 Confirmation Class | 23 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells | 24 8:30 Quilters | 25 Midweek of Lent 5 3:00 Forge 5:30 Lenten Meal - Altar Guild 7:00 Lenten Worship Service | 26 10:00 - 11:30 Women's Bible Study | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Palm Sunday Fifth Sunday Door Offering for Helping Hands 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:15 Confirmation Class | 30 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells | 31 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal | Ushers: Singers Larry McCreedy Enders Linda Matuszak Robyn Blasius | Prayer Chain: Church Office: 673-4214 lynn@stpaulcaro.org | Flower Chair: Carol Haag | |