

# The Messenger

## APRIL 2025

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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

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# FACTS & FIGURES

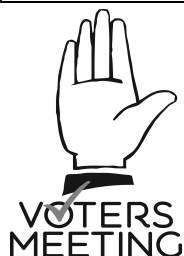
DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
2/23 & 2/26	Worship Services	57 + 82 + 16 = 155	\$0.00
3/2 & 3/5	Worship Services	65 + 67 + 89 = 221	\$6,721.00
3/9 & 3/12	Worship Services	52 + 98 + 59 = 209	\$6,776.00
3/16 & 3/19	Worship Services	62 + 55 + 39 = 156	\$9,739.00
3/23 & 3/26	Worship Services	120 + 50 + 44 = 214	\$7,355.00
Needed each week			\$8,642.37

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the  
May 2025 issue  
of *The Messenger* is:  
**Monday, April 21  
at 12:00 (noon)**

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!**



**Our next Voter's  
Assembly is April 27  
at 7:00 PM. Please  
join us if you are a  
voter or if you wish to  
become a voter.**



Our sympathy to the family  
and friends of **Willis (Bill)  
McQueen**. Bill was born on  
August 26, 1942 to Erwin and  
Laurine (Clark) McQueen. He  
was married to Linda Clements  
on June 30, 1962. He died on  
January 1, 2025 at age 82.

Our sympathy to the family  
and friends of **Jeannine Blaz**.  
Jeannine was born on June 11,  
1948. She died on February  
14, 2025 at age 76.

Our sympathy to the family  
and friends of **Norma Jean  
Bates**. Norma was born on  
January 7, 1930 to Arnold and  
Esther (Baur) Gremel. She  
died on February 20, 2025 at  
age 95.

## NEWSLETTER SPONSORS FOR 2025

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.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Ben and Lyssa Lynch on the birth of their son, Waylon John, born Tuesday, March 18.

## THANK YOU!

Dan Sattelberg and his family would like to thank everyone for all of your prayers as they have helped heal him.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you for the flowers, cards, texts, emails, and calls during my recent surgery and recovery. I am so fortunate to have such a loving church family. I appreciate it more than you know. My oncologist said the surgery got it all. Praise the Lord! -Lynn

## THANK YOU!

A sincere thank you for Pastor Steele's visit at the hospital, for all the prayers, cards, calls, and the visit and flower from the LWML in support of my recent surgery. All are very much appreciated. -Lois Spaulding

## Scripture Readings: April

6	OT: Isaiah 43:16-21 PS: Psalm 126 EP: Philippians 3:(4b-7) 8-14 GO: Luke 20:9-20
13	OT: Deuteronomy 32:36-39 PS: Psalm 118:19-29 EP: Philippians 2:5-11 GO: Luke 22:1-23:56
20	OT: Isaiah 65:17-25 PS: Psalm 16 EP: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 GO: Luke 24:1-12
27	FR: Acts 5:12-20 (21-32) PS: Psalm 148 EP: Revelation 1:4-18 GO: John 20:19-31

## CHILDREN'S BULLETIN DRAWING

The winners for the Children's Bulletin Drawing for February are - **Penelope, Nolan, Stella, & Cora**. 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 winner for March will be announced in the May newsletter.

### Easter Family Event

**Sunday, April 13**

**12:00 - 1:30 PM**

**Crafts, family devotion, lunch,  
and an Easter egg hunt.**

**Let Zane know if you are coming.**

## My Prayer

Hello God, I called tonight  
To talk a little while  
I need a friend who'll listen  
To my anxiety and trial.

You see, I can't quite make it  
Through a day just on my own...  
I need your love to guide me,  
So I'll never feel alone.

I want to ask you please to keep  
My family safe and sound.  
Come and fill their lives with confidence  
For whatever fate they're bound.

Give me faith, dear God, to face  
Each hour throughout the day,  
And not to worry over things  
I can't change in any way.

I thank you God for being home  
And listening to my call,  
For giving me such good advice  
When I stumble and fall.

Your number, God, is the only one  
That answers every time.  
I never get a busy signal,  
Never had to pay a dime.

So thank you, God, for listening  
To my troubles and my sorrow.  
Good night, God, I love You too,  
And I'll call again tomorrow!

-shared by  
Delores Fiebig

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## J.O.Y. TRIP SATURDAY, April 26, 2025

Just Older Youth will meet at the church at **Noon on Saturday, April 26th**, and go to Krzysiak's Restaurant in Bay City for lunch, then to Bay City Players Theater to see the musical play **Oklahoma!** We have 25 good seats reserved, as tickets were purchased a year ahead at a cost of \$17 each. Reimbursement for your tickets can be given to Karen Elmy.

PLEASE JOIN US for Christian fun and fellowship!! Just Older Youth includes everyone 50 and older.

If you can come, please sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board on the wall in the narthex as soon as possible.



# THANK YOU!

- THANK YOU to the soup makers and deliveries to our shut-in and other members:  
Eric & Linda Bitzer  
Kent & Lisa Graf  
Dennis & Ann Sattelberg  
Margaret LaValley
- THANK YOU to:  
Archie Ferguson for painting in the Fellowship Hall
- THANK YOU to:  
Jamie LeBlanc, Matt Braun, Ray Stec, & Dennis Sattelberg for all the hours spent putting up & wiring our new monitors in the Narthex.
- THANK YOU to:  
Our members who donate food items to the food pantry.

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## SPRING TEA

Monday, May 5, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.  
(Doors open at 5:30)

Theme: Themes of Our Past

Program: TBA



Admission is FREE but you must put your name on the list  
by April 27 to save yourself a seat.

You can sign up April 20 and 27 after each service,  
OR contact Lynn in the office between April 21 - 25.

A donation will be accepted for mites at the event.

## What does "Maundy" mean?

Maundy comes from the Latin word "mandatum," which means "command." During His last supper with His disciples, Jesus commanded them to *'Love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another' (John 13:34)*. That same evening, Jesus commanded His disciples to continue to celebrate Holy Communion: *'Do this in remembrance of Me' (Luke 22:19-20)*. So on Maundy Thursday, we remember the commands of Jesus, celebrate the Holy Supper that He commanded, and anticipate the love He demonstrated for us on the cross.

## How could Good Friday ever be considered "good?"

It may seem ironic to label this day "good," as we reflect on the death of Jesus. Worship songs and readings seem "heavy," and the tone of a Good Friday service is often sorrowful. However, "good" describes the incredible gift of forgiveness that is ours only because of Jesus' death on that Roman cross. He paid the price for all who believe. Ephesians 1:7 reminds us that *'In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.'* Good news for us, thanks be to God!



### Midweek of Lent 5 Wednesday, 4/02/25

5:30 PM - Meal - Potato Bar  
sponsored by the Youth  
7:00 PM - Lenten Service

### Midweek of Lent 6 Wednesday, 4/9/25

5:30 PM - Meal - Ham  
sponsored by the Ushers  
7:00 PM - Lenten Service

### Palm Sunday Sunday, 4/13/25 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

### Maundy Thursday Thursday, 4/17/25 7:00 PM

### Good Friday Friday, 4/18/25 1:30 PM

### Easter Sunday Sunday, 4/20/25 7:30 AM & 11:00 AM





## SPRING WORK BEE



Would you like to help out this year by volunteering at the Spring Work Bee on Saturday, April 12. We will be starting at 9:00 AM. Some of the things on the list to do are: trim shrubs, lay fresh mulch, clean eaves along with some inside maintenance jobs. If you are able to, please bring a rake, wheelbarrow, and shovel.



### THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

The application process is now open and will stay open until June 1, 2025. Please contact anyone on the committee with questions. The endowment committee members are Liz Zuercher, Jeremy Creutz, Doug DeRocco, Mitzi LaValley, Linda Matuszak, Kathy Smith, 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 back table in the Narthex.
- Return the application to Liz Zuercher's mailbox or the church office.
- The deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### WHAT ARE RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FUNDS?

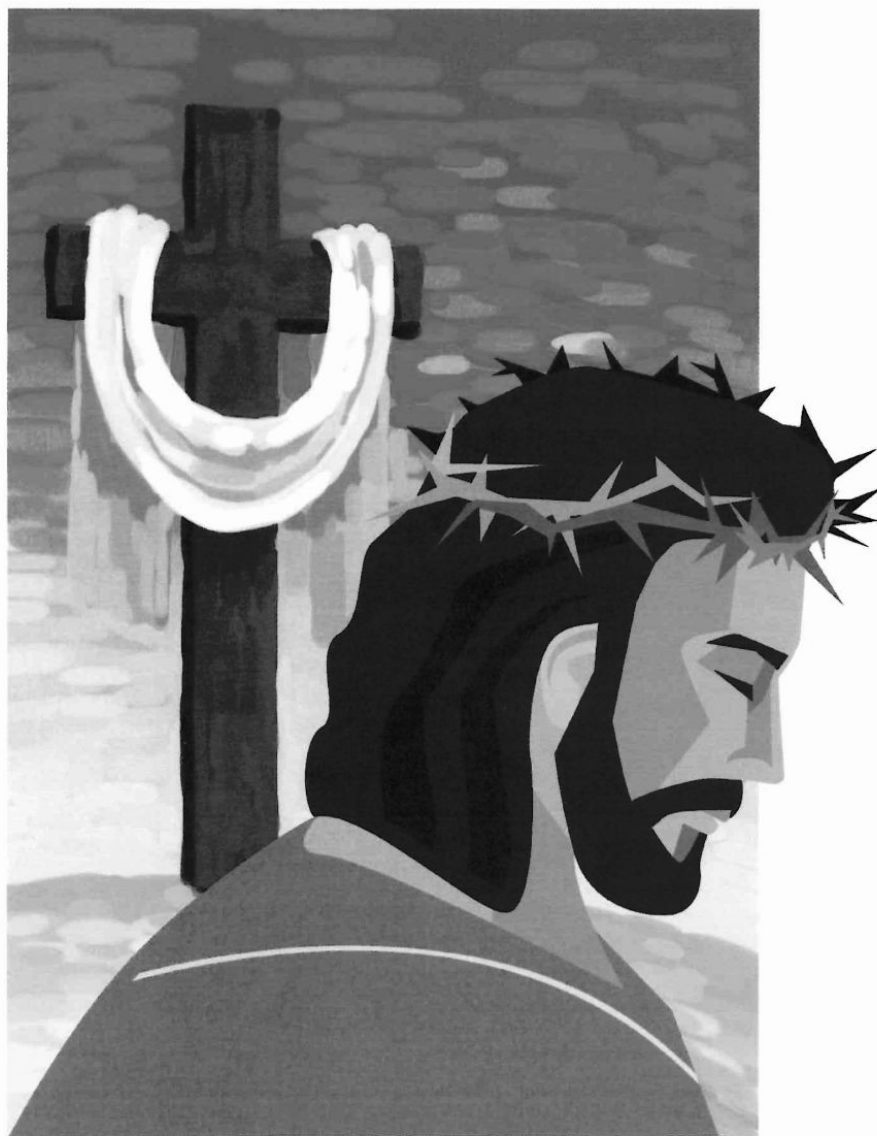
- **Restricted**- members of St. Paul who are attending a Lutheran school, preschool through college can receive funds.
- New church building projects, renovations, or property acquisitions.
- **Unrestricted**- other church projects and programs.
- Further growth of your church mission and ministry.

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.

**St. Michael's Lutheran Church of Richville presents their**

# **24th Annual Living Passion Drama**



You are invited to St. Michael's Church to learn about Christ's last hours on earth. You'll "watch the path of Jesus Christ" and see and hear live action scenes of what our Lord endured before He gave His Life for us on the cross. Because of His sacrifice, we have the promise of eternal life with Him in heaven.

3455 S. Van Buren Road,  
near the intersection of  
M-46 and M-15

For more information  
call 989-868-4791 or  
visit our website at  
[stmichaelsrichville.com](http://stmichaelsrichville.com)

**April 11 & April 12, 2025**

**Friday, April 11: 6:00 & 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 12: 4:30, 6:00, & 7:30 p.m.**



## Bible Writing Plan

# April 2025

## *Prayer Power*

1 - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

2 - Philippians 4:6-7

3 - Matthew 6:9-13

4 - James 5:16

5 - Ephesians 6:18

6 - Jeremiah 29:12

7 - Matthew 18:20

8 - Luke 11:1

9 - Mark 11:24

10 - Psalm 17:1

11 - 1 John 5:14-15

12 - 2 Chronicles 7:14

13 - Romans 12:12

14 - Colossians 4:2

15 - Psalm 145:18

16 - 1 Timothy 2:1-2

17 - John 15:7

18 - Proverbs 15:29

19 - Acts 2:42

20 - Psalm 102:17

21 - James 1:5

22 - Matthew 21:22

23 - Luke 18:1

24 - Psalm 32:6

25 - Hebrews 4:16

26 - Daniel 9:18

27 - Mark 1:35

28 - Acts 1:14

29 - Psalm 141:2

30 - 1 Kings 8:28

'Therefore, confess your sins to one another and  
pray for one another, that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous person has great  
power as it is working. '

James 5:16



# FAMILY DEVOTION CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES READ GENESIS 5	2 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE PSALM 145:15-16	3 PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER CATECHISM: CREED ARTICLE 1 AND 2ND PARAGRAPH OF EXPLANATION	4 PRAY FOR UNBELIEVERS READ GENESIS 6	5 PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS MEMORIZE THE APOSTLES CREED
6 PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 126	7 PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECITE THE NICENE CREED	8 PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS READ GENESIS 7	9 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE PSALM 19:1	10 PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER CATECHISM: CREED ARTICLE 1 AND WHOLE EXPLANATION	11 PRAY FOR THE CHURCH READ GENESIS 8	12 PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS MEMORIZE THE APOSTLES CREED
13 PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 31	14 PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECITE THE APOSTLES CREED	15 PRAY FOR THE UNBORN READ GENESIS 9	16 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE ROMANS 5:8	17 PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER CATECHISM: CREED ARTICLE 2 AND 1ST PARAGRAPH OF EXPLANATION	18 PRAY FOR UNBELIEVERS READ GENESIS 10	19 PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS MEMORIZE THE APOSTLES CREED
20 PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 118	21 PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECITE THE NICENE CREED	22 PRAY FOR TEACHERS READ GENESIS 11	23 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE ROMANS 10:9-10	24 PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER CATECHISM: CREED ARTICLE 2 AND 2ND PARAGRAPH OF EXPLANATION	25 PRAY FOR THE CHURCH READ GENESIS 12	26 PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS MEMORIZE THE APOSTLES CREED
27 PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 148	28 PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECITE THE APOSTLES CREED	29 PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES READ GENESIS 13	30 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE ACTS 4:11-12			



# April Birthdays!

*God's Blessings as you celebrate your special day!*

**April 1**

Deb Culbert

**April 3**

Mitchell Holmes  
Christine Sattelberg  
Edna Sattelberg  
Finnlie Sattelberg

**April 5**

Kristen Ender  
Gwendolyn Lynch

**April 6**

Mike Sattelberg  
Rowen Sprague

**April 7**

Dawn Ewald  
Arnold Sattelberg

**April 8**

Matt Braun  
Pam LaFave

**April 9**

Mike Reinbold  
Tom LaJoie

**April 10**

Pete Cryderman

**April 13**

Matt Campbell  
Sean Will

**April 14**

Mel Witkovsky  
Griffin Flintoft

**April 15**

Dawn Bickel  
Sawyer Cuthrell  
Sayge Cuthrell

**April 16**

Mark Krzewinski  
Richard Woichan

**April 17**

Kathy Smith

**April 18**

John Amend

**April 21**

Brenda Bauer  
Pauline Dupras  
Caden Enos

**April 23**

Kristin McCreedy

**April 24**

Kimberly Braun  
Christine Trisch

**April 25**

Ralph Braun  
Lyle Ensign  
Larry Neuman  
Tanner Peasley  
Sara Russell

**April 26**

Betty Gettel  
Linda Langley  
Tiffani Johnson

**April 27**

Daniel Temerowski  
Kathy Elizando  
Elanor Gaiser

**April 28**

Tara Bernthal

**April 30**

Ray Stec



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Prayer Chain: Church Office: 673-4214 lynn@stpaulcaro.org	Flower Chair: Carol Haag 673-7187	1 8:30 Quilters 6:30 Board of Elders	2 Midweek of Lent 5 5:30 Lenten Meal - Youth - Potato Bar 7:00 Lenten Worship Service	3	4  Elders: Eric Bitzer 550-0297 Anthony Del Real 670-1741 Kent Graf 673-5496 David Hoard 550-2969 Jamie LeBlanc 545-2131 Nick McCreedy 325-1017 Bob Smith 325-1038 John Weidman 550-4764 Gary Zick 673-7449	5
				6 Fifth Sunday In Lent 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation		
13 Palm Sunday 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	14 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	15 8:30 Quilters 6:00 LWML	16 No Wednesday Service	17 7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship Service	18 1:30 Good Friday Worship Service	19
20 Easter 7:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	21 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	22 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	23 7:00 Worship Service	24	25	26 8:30 LWML Franc. Zone Spring Rally 12:00 JOY Event
27 Second Sunday of Easter 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation 7:00 Voters' Assembly	28 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	29 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	30 7:00 Worship Service	Ushers: Brian Holmes LaValleys Gary Zick  Brian Rickwalt Dave Holder Jay Hecht		



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March 24, 2025

Dear Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church,

**Please read this important message.**

Today, we discovered that a low level cyber incident occurred within the confines of our congregation's digital footprint. A bad actor used social engineering techniques to obtain information via email from the church. We have filed a police report and are in the process of updating our email policies to prevent such issues going forward. **Please note that all church email correspondence will come from an address ending in @stpaulcaro.org.**

**Here is what happened:**

We received a request for a PDF copy of the church directory from an individual masquerading as a member of the congregation. Unfortunately, it went unnoticed at the time that the email address connected to the name was incorrect. Subsequently, the official church directory was sent to this false email.

The church directory shared contains names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of our members. If your name is listed in our church directory, your information was shared. ***However, please rest assured that no church or personal financial information was compromised.***

**Here is what we should all beware of:**

- If you receive an ***unexpected call, text or email*** that appears or states it is from the church staff: Pastor Steele, Zane Simon, Lynn LeBlanc or anyone else named on our website with some association to St. Paul Lutheran Church in the Name field, you should **check the source email address**. To do this, click your cursor or tap your finger on the sender's

*"In Christ God Reconciled the World to Himself" (2 Corinthians 5:19)*



address to be sure you recognize it is from (*name*)@stpaulcaro.org. If you are skeptical call the church office (989) 673-4214.

- If you receive an unexpected **call, text or email** that appears or states it is from other members of the congregation, please be vigilant to protect yourself. Carefully inspect the actual sender's address as mentioned above. If you are unsure or skeptical, do not open the email, do not respond to the text and certainly do not click any links. You can contact them in another way or email them at the address you know to be legitimate. **Do not simply "reply" to their email.**
- You will continue to receive our E-Bulletin each week from St. Paul. You may safely open that email and the attachment, just verify it is from lynn@stpaulcaro.org.
- St. Paul Lutheran Church will **NEVER SEND** you an email with an external link embedded, nor would you be asked to click the link. So if you ever see such an email from St. Paul Lutheran Church, or our staff, or the church office, **DO NOT click on the link.** Instead, call the church office and check to be sure (989) 673-4214.
- Please contact the church office if you need more information. (989) 673-4214.

Again, please be vigilant. Familiarize yourself with cyber safety and the indicators of social engineering which include but are not limited to: strangely composed emails or texts with poor or improper grammar (i.e. "Dear User, Please kindly do the requested..."), emphasizing a sense of urgency (i.e. "You **MUST** respond **TODAY**") or making claims meant to induce emotional responses ("Your dear friend, <familiar name> asked me to call, text or email you because he/she is in the hospital and needs money for the medical treatment...").

We are sincerely sorry for the mistake that caused this information leak. Through the police department we found out that several local churches were targeted in this scam.

Sincerely,

Pastor Steele

PS. Please note that my email is now changed to Pastor.Steele@stpaulcaro.org.