

The Messenger

MAY 2025

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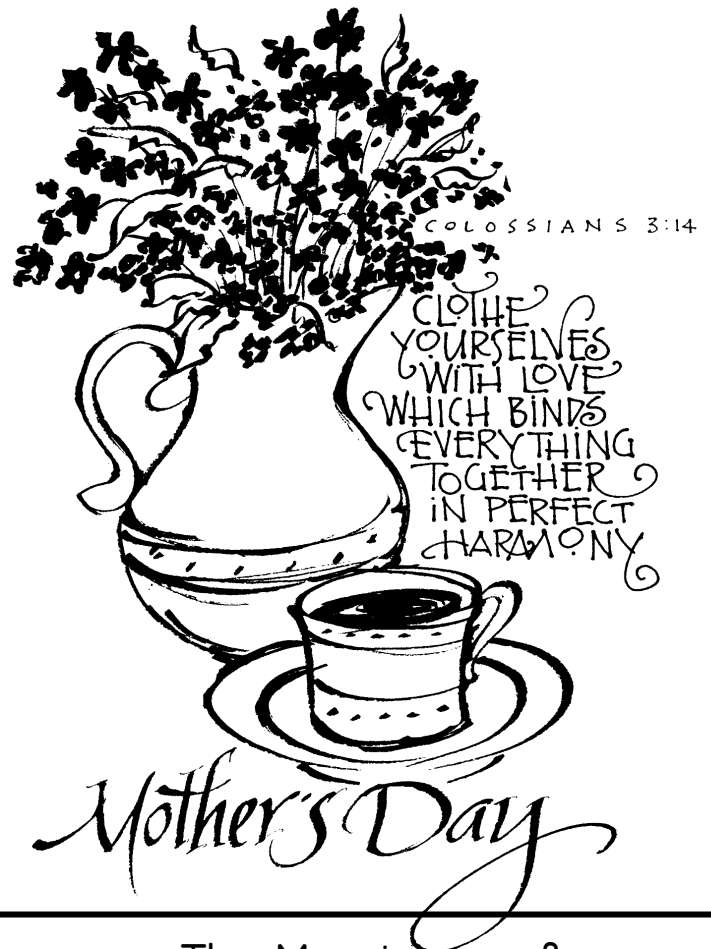
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
AT 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE
CLASSES AT 9:45 A.M.
WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
AT 7:00 P.M.

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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Dave & Diana Mattlin,
and Tim & Becki Bates.

FACTS & FIGURES

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
3/30 & 4/2	Worship Services	73 + 78 + 46 = 197	\$6,659.50
4/6 & 4/9	Worship Services	52 + 62 + 65 = 179	\$7,003.00
4/13 & 4/17 & 4/18	Worship Services	91 + 98 + 84 + 76 = 349	\$7,778.80
4/20 & 4/23	Worship Services	191 + 90 + 22 = 303	\$6,398.10
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!**

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.

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN DRAWING

The winners for the Children's Bulletin Drawing for March are - **Nolan, Penelope, Gwen, Connor, 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 April will be announced in the June newsletter.

Confirmation 2025-2026 Informational Meeting

There will be an informational meeting on May 18, at noon for parents and youth who will be in Confirmation in the fall of this year. Come learn about upcoming opportunities for your youth and the expectations for our confirmation program.

Scripture Readings: May

4	FR: Acts 9:1-22 PS: Psalm 30 EP: Revelation 5:(1-7) 8-14 GO: John 21:1-14 (15-19)
11	FR: Acts 20:17-35 PS: Psalm 23 EP: Revelation 7:9-17 GO: John 10:22-30
18	FR: Acts 11:1-18 PS: Psalm 148 EP: Revelation 21:1-7 GO: John 16:12-22
25	FR: Acts 16:9-15 PS: Psalm 67 EP: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27 GO: John 16:23-33

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**. We take summer and December off. This month, join us for a Salad Bar Supper on **May 20**. Bring a dish to share. We will also be installing our new Co-Presidents - Lisa Graf & Cathy Erla and Interim Secretary - Lynn LeBlanc. This will be our last meeting until September.

We give thanks to God
for Faith, Family, Friends,
and Country.

We give thanks for more
than 58 years of marriage
through thick and thin.

We look forward to
continuing to serve in
whatever capacity we can.

God has a plan!!

Dave & Diana Mattlin

In Memory of
Norma Bates
-Tim & Becki

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone for your words of sympathy, cards, and prayers on Norma's passing. And thank you Pastor, for the many visits to Norma while she was in the hospital and when she went to Bay View - and especially during her passing days.

-Tim and Becki Bates

Gratitude for 30 Years in the Handbell Choir

A Heartfelt Appreciation for faith members of St. Paul's Handbell Choir.

This year marks the 30th year of our Handbell choir. Four individuals have been members of this group for its entire history.



Linda Bates

Cathy Erla

Marilyn Hinderer

Dianna Mattlin

Dear Linda, Cathy, Marilyn, and Dianna,

For the past three decades, we have been incredibly fortunate to have you as a cherished member of our Handbell

Choir. Your unwavering dedication and musical talent have made a profound impact on our ensemble and the community we serve.

A Journey of Musical Excellence

Your journey with the Handbell Choir began thirty years ago, when our handbell group first began with the purchase of the bells themselves, and since then, you have been a faithful members of the group. Through countless rehearsals, performances, and celebrations, and even different directors, your presence has brought joy and harmony to everyone around you. Your ability to bring life to each note, and to inspire those around you, is a gift that we hold dear.

As we celebrate this remarkable milestone, we look forward to many more years of musical collaboration and camaraderie. Your continued involvement in the Handbell Choir promises to bring even more beautiful moments and shared successes.

Thank you for your incredible commitment and the endless joy you have brought to our ensemble. We are profoundly grateful for your thirty years of service and look forward to continuing this musical journey with you.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Pastor Steele on behalf of the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church

CONFIRMATION

The following youth will be confirmed
at the 11:00 service on May 4.

Lucas Gaudett : *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.*

Joshua 1:9



Nolan Joyce : *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.*

Joshua 1:9

Zeke Rickwalt :

Blake Robinson : *Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

Revelation 2:10b

Klara Tenbusch : *Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.*

Proverbs 16:3

Rylan Tenbusch : *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:16



Joselyn Tetil : *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

Psalms 119:105

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 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.



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J.O.Y. TRIP ~ MAY 21, 2025

Just Older Youth will meet at the church at **8:00 AM on Wednesday, May 21**, and go to Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad for their special **Senior Power Day** from **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, celebrating Older Americans Month. Special advance **\$5 tickets** include admission to Crossroads Village, a train ride, lunch, activities, information on Health & Seniors Services, meet legislators, enjoy park rides, music, and entertainment. We need to get our tickets in advance, so **please sign up as soon as you can**. Reimbursement for your ticket 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 wall in the narthex.

Attention Seniors - Class of 2025

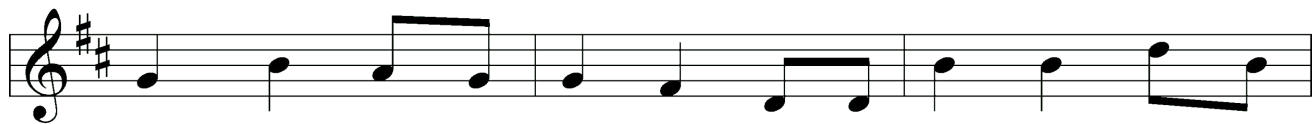
Senior Sunday will be June 1, 2025.
Keep your eye out for more information.



Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Carolina Wilhelmina Sandell (Lina Sandell) was born on October 3, 1832, in the vicarage of Fröderyd, Småland, where her father served as the parish minister. She grew up with three sisters and one brother.

When Lina was 26, she took a trip with her father to Gothenburg. While en route, he fell overboard and drowned right before her eyes. She turned to her Savior and wrote many hymns during this time of grief. Songs such as "Children of the Heavenly Father" and "Day by Day" were born from her suffering, testifying to a faith that endures through the darkest of times. Although she wrote over 650

hymns, only 14 were published. Oskar Ahnfelt composed or arranged the music for all of Lina's hymns. Lina remarked that Oskar "sang my songs into the hearts of the people."

In 1867, at the age of 35, Lina married Oscar Berg, a Stockholm merchant, but she continued to sign her hymns with the initials "L.S."

Jenny Lind, the "Swedish Nightingale," financed the first edition of Ahnfelt's Songs, which consisted mostly of Lina's hymns. This led to her hymns becoming popular in America and elsewhere.

Bible Writing Plan

May 2025

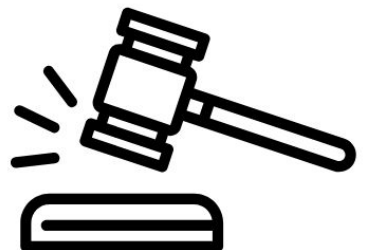
Judge Not

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| 1 - Matthew 7:1-2 | 17 - Proverbs 31:9 |
| 2 - Luke 6:37 | 18 - James 2:12-13 |
| 3 - James 4:11-12 | 19 - Colossians 3:12-13 |
| 4 - Romans 14:1 | 20 - James 1:26 |
| 5 - Romans 2:1-3 | 21 - 1 Peter 2:1 |
| 6 - Matthew 7:3-5 | 22 - Proverbs 24:23-25 |
| 7 - John 7:24 | 23 - 2 Corinthians 5:10 |
| 8 - Romans 14:4 | 24 - Romans 12:16-18 |
| 9 - 1 Corinthians 4:5 | 25 - 1 Timothy 5:21 |
| 10 - 1 Corinthians 5:12 | 26 - Philippians 2:3 |
| 11 - Matthew 7:12 | 27 - Proverbs 19:17 |
| 12 - Romans 2:11-16 | 28 - Proverbs 21:13 |
| 13 - Romans 14:10-13 | 29 - Proverbs 22:2 |
| 14 - Galatians 6:1 | 30 - Proverbs 28:21 |
| 15 - Titus 3:2 | 31 - 1 Samuel 16:7 |
| 16 - Ephesians 4:29 | |



Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

James 4:11-12



FAMILY DEVOTION CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER CATECHISM: CREED ARTICLE 2 AND FULL EXPLANATION	2 PRAY FOR UNBELIEVERS READ GENESIS 14	3 PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS MEMORIZE THE APOSTLES CREED
4 PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 30	5 PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECITE THE NICENE CREED	6 PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS READ GENESIS 15	7 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3	8 PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER CATECHISM: CREED ARTICLE 3 AND EXPLANATION PARAGRAPH 1	9 PRAY FOR THE CHURCH READ GENESIS 16	10 PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS MEMORIZE THE APOSTLES CREED
11 PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 23	12 PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECITE THE APOSTLES CREED	13 PRAY FOR THE UNBORN READ GENESIS 17	14 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE ROMANS 10:17	15 PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER CATECHISM: CREED ARTICLE 3 AND EXPLANATION PARAGRAPH 2	16 PRAY FOR UNBELIEVERS READ GENESIS 18	17 PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS MEMORIZE THE APOSTLES CREED
18 PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 148	19 PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECITE THE NICENE CREED	20 PRAY FOR TEACHERS READ GENESIS 19	21 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE PSALM 51:10	22 PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER CATECHISM: CREED ARTICLE 3 AND FULL EXPLANATION	23 PRAY FOR THE CHURCH READ GENESIS 20	24 PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS MEMORIZE THE APOSTLES CREED
25 PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 67	26 PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECITE THE APOSTLES CREED	27 PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES READ GENESIS 21	28 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE 1 JOHN 3:1	29	30	31

MAY BIRTHDAYS

God's Blessings as you celebrate your special day!

May 1

**Olivia Creutz
Bill Gielow**

May 2

**Meadow Campbell
Zachary Souva**

May 3

**Gerald Sattelberg
Jill Mitchell
Lucas Gaudett
John Katz**

May 4

Nolan Joyce

May 5

**Robert Scheil
Jacob Davis**

May 6

**Kathy Meyer
Sarah Lester**

May 7

**Travis Cryderman
Nancy Binder**

May 9

**Clara Schultheis
Bob Smith**

May 10

**Troy Johnson
Alekszander Lipar**

May 13

Jordan Decker

May 14

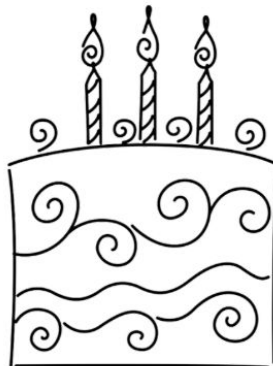
**Dennis Winter
Kristen Waskiewicz**

May 15

Kayla Sturm

May 17

**Kennedy Decker
Elizabeth Holzwart
Allyson Joyce**



May 18

Kevin Lockwood

May 19

Ruth Steele

May 20

**Amy Spaulding
Julie Thompson
Connor Peasley**

May 21

Michael LaJoie

May 22

Cindy Morley

May 23

**Ayla Thayer
Domanic Novelli**

May 24

Addison Vaughan

May 25

**Patrick Bishop
Cathy Erla**

May 26

**Walter Bickel
Sue Gage**

May 27

**Casey Hadaway
Caden Temerowski
Ruth Berry**

May 28

Della Del Real

May 29

Jonathan McLeod

May 30

**Nick McCreedy
James Tomlinson**

May 31

**Lu Ann Brown
Duane Will**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
Prayer Chain: Church Office: 673-4214 lynn@stpaulcaro.org	Flower Chair: Becki Bates	Ushers: Ed Mozden Karen Mozden Ann & Dennis Sattelberg	Larry Neuman Tim Bates Doug DeRocco Ray Stec	1	2	3		
4 Confirmation Sunday Third Sunday of Easter 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Trad. with Confirmation and Comm.	5 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice 7:00 Spring Tea	6 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:30 Board of Elders	7 7:00 Worship Service	8	Elders: Eric Bitzer Anthony Del Real Kent Graf David Hoard Jamie LeBlanc Nick McCreedy Bob Smith John Weidman Gary Zick	550-0297 670-1741 673-5496 550-2969 545-2131 325-1017 325-1038 550-4764 673-7449		
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11 Mother's Day Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion	12 12:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	13 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	14 7:00 Worship Service	15				
18 Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Family Sunday School 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion	19 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	20 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:00 LWML - Salad Bar Supper	21 8:00 JOY Event 7:00 Worship Service	22	23	24		
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25 Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:30 Traditional with Holy Communion	26 Memorial Day Office Closed	27 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	28 7:00 Worship Service	29	30	31		