

# The Messenger

## February 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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### 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.

# FACTS & FIGURES

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
12/29/24	Worship Services	58 + 45 = x	\$7,963.00
12/31/24	New Years Eve	43	\$1,107.00
1/5 & 1/8/25	Worship Services	63 + 77 + 22 = 162	\$0.00?
1/12 & 1/15	Worship Services	68 + 77 + 20 = 165	\$0.00?
1/19 & 1/22	Worship Services	59 + 60 + 12 = 131	\$5,634.85
Needed each week			\$8,508.39

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the February 2025 issue of *The Messenger* is:  
**Monday, February 17 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!**

## CHILDREN'S BULLETIN DRAWING

The winners for the Children's Bulletin Drawing for December are **Piper, Cole, & 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 January will be announced in the first Sunday bulletin in February and in the March newsletter.

## Gluten-free Communion:

We are happy to be able to provide Gluten-free communion wafers. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform Pastor and/or the Elder on duty before service. If a gluten-free wafer is not offered to you while you receive communion, quietly ask for one.

## Thank You!

Whoever gave me the lovely card and generous gift, I thank you very much.

~Lynn



**Wednesday, 3/05/25:**  
5:30 PM - Meal sponsored by  
LWML  
7:00 PM - Ash Wednesday Service

**Midweek of Lent 1**  
**Wednesday, 3/12/25:**  
5:30 PM - Meal sponsored by  
X  
7:00 PM - Lenten Service

**Midweek of Lent 2**  
**Wednesday, 3/19/25:**  
5:30 PM - Meal sponsored by  
X  
7:00 PM - Lenten Service

**Midweek of Lent 3**  
**Wednesday, 3/26/25:**  
5:30 PM - Meal sponsored by  
X  
7:00 PM - Lenten Service

**Midweek of Lent 4**  
**Wednesday, 4/02/25:**  
5:30 PM - Meal sponsored by  
X  
7:00 PM - Lenten Service

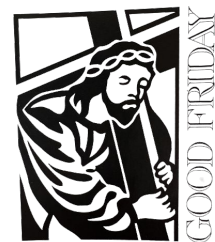
**Midweek of Lent 5**  
**Wednesday, 4/09/25:**  
5:30 PM - Meal sponsored by  
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7:00 PM - Lenten Service



**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**

# NEW MEMBER RECEPTION



**Sunday, February 2**

We welcome 10 new members to St. Paul.

Join us for the “official” welcome in church in either service.

Come and meet them all at 9:45 am  
in the fellowship hall.

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## **\* \* \* LENTEN MEALS \* \* \***

There are 6 dates for Lenten Meals this year:

March 5 - LWML

March 12

March 19

March 26

April 2

April 9

**Let me know which date your group or family would like.** (Choirs, Council, Elders, Quilters, Altar Guild, Youth, families, etc.) The sooner you let me know, the better chance you have of getting your preferred date.

# LEVELS OF KINDNESS

By Ryan Doud

01/21/2025

It seems to me that there should be explicit "levels" of kindness.

Since I couldn't find any I liked, I made my own:

## **LEVEL 1 - Someone is kind to you, so you're kind back.**

Repaying kindness for kindness is easy.

It is quite common. In fact, many scholars argue convincingly that reciprocity is the foundation of culture and civilization.

## **LEVEL 2 - You are kind to someone who has not been kind to you, but they could in the future.**

It's not that hard to be kind to people who can help you later, and it pays off well.

## **LEVEL 3 - You are kind to someone that can likely never help you.**

Are you kind to the busboy at a restaurant? What about a stranger in line at the grocery store?

Many people never make it to Level 3 kindness.

## **LEVEL 4 - You are kind to someone you will never meet.**

If you're in a restaurant bathroom and there are paper towels on the ground near the trashcan, do you use your paper towel to pick up the ones on the ground? If so, you just made a minimum-wage stranger's life 0.01% better and it cost you nothing.

Level 4 kindness is quite rare.

## **LEVEL 5 - You are kind to someone, and it will cost you.**

A lot of cultures have special words for outcasts: "Untouchables," "Least of These," "The Disinherited."

Helping those who have been cast out is hard work, and doesn't increase your social status. Often it decreases it.

Level 5 kindness is very rare.

It is the bedrock of the work to make a better world.

## **LEVEL 6 - You are kind to someone who has harmed you.**

The highest form of kindness is to repay cruelty with kindness.

*Important: To be clear, Level 6 kindness is NOT a call to allow someone to continue abusing you or others. It is primarily about how you treat someone that has previously harmed you but no longer can.*

Level 6 kindness is exceptionally rare.

Occasionally it changes the trajectory of the entire world.

Before you go to sleep tonight, try to do one act of kindness at a level that makes you uncomfortable.

"Level up" your kindness, so to speak.

If you aren't ready for Level 5 or 6, I recommend Level 3 or 4.

Have a great week!

Ryan Doud

*(Reprinted from Ryan Doud's e-mail newsletter, HomelessTraining.com)*

## **J.O.Y. EVENT - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

Just Older Youth will meet at the church at **Noon on Friday, February 21st, 2025**, for a potluck lunch, after which we will watch a movie.

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 in the narthex, indicating what food you plan to bring.



Reminder: We have a food collection box all year long. Most of it stays right here to help people that come in. Sometimes, if we have a lot, we share with the Food Pantry at the Methodist Church. The items that are most needed are canned or boxed items that require no or minimal ingredients and/or preparation. A lot of the people in need are homeless and do not have a way to cook things or even a can opener so flip top cans are a big bonus.

### **Scripture Readings: February**

2	OT: Jeremiah 1:4-10 (17-19) PS: Psalm 71:1-6 (7-11) EP: 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 GO: Luke 4:31-44
9	OT: Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13) PS: Psalm 138 EP: 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20 GO: Luke 5:1-11
16	OT: Jeremiah 17:5-8 PS: Psalm 1 EP: 1 Corinthians 15:(1-11) 12-20 GO: Luke 6:17-26
23	OT: 45:3-15 PS: Psalm 103:1-13 EP: 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42 GO: Luke 6:27-38

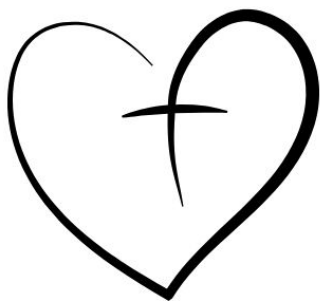
**THANK YOU** from the Good Samaritan Food Pantry volunteers for the congregation's participation in selling the paper ornaments in November and December. \$828 was collected and will go into our account at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan for this year. We've been receiving an average of 60-80 families twice a week. Your donations will really help. For more information, contact Vicki Reinbold.

# February 2025

## Heart Reflections

If you missed last month's newsletter, we are writing some Bible verses this year. If you dislike writing, you can type them (or at least read them). Each month will have a theme. As you can see, the theme for February is "Heart Reflections." Each of the verses for this month will have something to do with heart reflections. I looked one of the verses up for you - look at the bottom of the page.

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| 1 - Proverbs 4:23    | 15 - Psalm 34:18        |
| 2 - Psalm 51:10      | 16 - 1 Samuel 16:7      |
| 3 - Matthew 5:8      | 17 - Ephesians 6:6      |
| 4 - Psalm 73:26      | 18 - Colossians 3:23    |
| 5 - Proverbs 3:5-6   | 19 - Psalm 119:11       |
| 6 - Jeremiah 17:9    | 20 - 1 Peter 3:4        |
| 7 - Psalm 27:14      | 21 - Proverbs 14:30     |
| 8 - Matthew 22:37    | 22 - Psalm 112:7        |
| 9 - Proverbs 16:9    | 23 - 1 Chronicles 29:17 |
| 10 - Psalm 19:14     | 24 - Isaiah 57:15       |
| 11 - Psalm 139:23-24 | 25 - Psalm 51:17        |
| 12 - Mark 12:30      | 26 - Psalm 33:21        |
| 13 - Proverbs 23:26  | 27 - Psalm 119:2        |
| 14 - Romans 10:10    | 28 - Psalm 143:8        |



For our heart is glad in him,  
because we trust in his holy name.

*Psalm 33:21*

# FAMILY DEVOTION CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS  MEMORIZE THE 10 COMMANDMENTS
2  PRAY FOR PASTORS  READ PSALM 84	3  PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS  RECITE THE APOSTLES CREED	4  PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES  READ JOHN 10	5  PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER  MEMORIZE MATTHEW 19:4-6	6  PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER  CATECHISM: THE 6TH COMMANDMENT	7  PRAY FOR UNBELIEVERS  READ JOHN 11	8  PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS  MEMORIZE THE 10 COMMANDMENTS
9  PRAY FOR PASTORS  READ PSALM 138	10  PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS  RECITE THE NICENE CREED	11  PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS  READ JOHN 12	12  PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER  MEMORIZE 1 JOHN 3:17	13  PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER  CATECHISM: THE 7TH COMMANDMENT	14  PRAY FOR THE CHURCH  READ JOHN 13	15  PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS  MEMORIZE THE 10 COMMANDMENTS
16  PRAY FOR PASTORS  READ PSALM 1	17  PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS  RECITE THE APOSTLES CREED	18  PRAY FOR THE UNBORN  READ JOHN 14	19  PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER  MEMORIZE EPHESIANS 4:15	20  PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER  CATECHISM: THE 8TH COMMANDMENT	21  PRAY FOR UNBELIEVERS  READ JOHN 15	22  PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS  MEMORIZE THE 10 COMMANDMENTS
23  PRAY FOR PASTORS  READ PSALM 103:1-13	24  PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS  RECITE THE NICENE CREED	25  PRAY FOR TEACHERS  READ JOHN 16	26  PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER  MEMORIZE LUKE 12:15	27  PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER  CATECHISM: THE 9TH COMMANDMENT	28  PRAY FOR THE CHURCH  READ JOHN 17	



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

## **February 1**

David Carpenter  
Trent Grice  
Griffin Lester

## **February 2**

Linda Bates  
Greg Morris  
Bill Gage

## **February 3**

Vicky Ewald  
Michele Singer  
Jolene Teeple

## **February 4**

Jay T. Hecht

## **February 5**

Margaret LaValley  
Doris DeRocco  
Brice Temerowski

## **February 6**

Penny Adams

## **February 7**

Penny Curtis  
Marjorie Duncanson  
Darcy Tenbusch

## **February 9**

James Miller  
Heather Sprague

## **February 10**

Mimi Galsterer  
Lisa Graf  
Lora McKellar

## **February 11**

Jamie LeBlanc  
Ann Sattelberg  
Marissa Stec

## **February 12**

Nathaniel Turner  
Cara Fisch

## **February 13**

Eric Bitzer  
Mike Flintoft  
Klara Tenbusch

## **February 16**

Robert Eremia Jr.  
Keith Ewald  
Madelyn Neuman

## **February 17**

Judy Mohr

## **February 19**

Faith Lorf  
Ashley Wilson

## **February 20**

Trinity Souva

## **February 22**

Maureen King  
Thomas Meyer  
Savannah Retzler

## **February 25**

Fred Yonke  
Garth Vaughan  
Shannon Hecht

## **February 27**

Jason Daniels  
Troy Hiser

## **February 28**

Barb Carter  
Dwain Ewald  
Alexis Novelli



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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<b>2 Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany</b> 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	<b>3</b> 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	<b>4</b> 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:30 Board of Elders	<b>5</b> 7:00 Worship Service	<b>6</b>	<b>Elders:</b> 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		
<b>9 Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany</b> 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	<b>10</b> 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	<b>11</b> 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:00 Endowment	<b>12</b> 7:00 Worship Service	<b>13</b>			
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<b>23Seventh Sunday After The Epiphany</b> 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion 11:00 <b>SS kids sing Song of the Month</b> 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	<b>24</b> 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	<b>25</b> 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 7:00 Worship Service	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	