

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

MAY 2026

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Facts & Figures

Date	Attendance	Offering
3/29 & 4/2 & 4/3	$52 + 81 + 63 + 74 = 270$	\$6,185.00
4/5 & 4/8	$156 + 88 + 17 = 261$	\$10,061.00
4/12 & 4/15	$44 + 70 + 15 = 129$	\$7,623.00
4/19 & 4/22	$53 + 79 + 17 = 149$	\$4,125.00

Needed each week: \$8,844.88

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the
June 2026 issue
of The Messenger is:

**Monday, May 11
at 12:00 (noon)**

(Second Monday of the 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!

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN DRAWING

The winners for the Children's Bulletin Drawing for March are - **Addison V, Nolan, Stella, and 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 winners for April will be announced in the June 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.

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

Scripture Readings: May

3	FR: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60 PS: Psalm 146 EP: 1 Peter 2:2-10 GO: John 14:1-14
10	FR: Acts 17:16-31 PS: Psalm 66:8-20 EP: 1 Peter 3:13-22 GO: John 14:15-21
17	FR: Acts 1:12-26 PS: Psalm 68:1-10 EP: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11 GO: John 17:1-11
24	FR: Numbers 11:24-30 PS: Psalm 25:1-15 EP: Acts 2:1-21 GO: John 7:37-39
31	FR: Genesis 1:1-2:4a PS: Psalm 8 EP: Acts :14a, 22-36 GO: Matthew 28:16-20

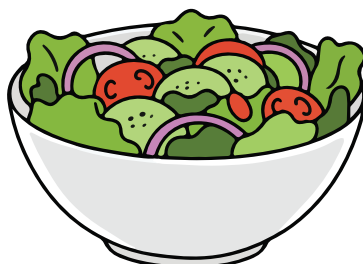


Our sympathy to the family and friends of **Donavon Benjamin Gaudett**. Don was born on December 3, 1949 to Frank and Jean (Towns) Gaudett. He died on January 28, 2026 at age 76.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of **Thomas Lee Culbert**. Tom was born on March 2, 1951 to Clayton and Marie (Brinkman) Culbert. He died on April 12, 2026 at age 75.

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, May 19**. Join us for our **Annual Salad Bar Supper**. Bring your favorite salad or dessert to pass if you wish.



Thursday, May 7th, 2026

GLORIFY GOD AMONG THE NATIONS -
SEEKING HIM IN ALL GENERATIONS

**NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER**



*Tell of His glory among the nations,
His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.*

1 Chronicles 16:24

CONFIRMATION

The following youth will be confirmed
on May 3 at the 11:00 service.

Dara Del Real: “And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.” *1 Peter 5:10*

Parker Gaudett: “And the Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.” *Isaiah 58:11*



Olivia Creutz: “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,”

Colossians 3:23



CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

Honoring Medal of Honor Recipient

Terry Richardson

Sunday, June 14, 2026 | 12:00 - 3:00PM

St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

503 S. State St., Caro, MI 48723

\$15.00

Tickets are available at:
Tuscola County Advertiser and
St. Paul Lutheran Church

There will be a Silent Auction
and a 50/50 Raffle

You must present your ticket at the door.

No ticket sales at the door.

THE YEAR-ROUND GIVING TREE

St. Paul Lutheran Church is excited to introduce a new community outreach initiative – The Year-Round Giving Tree. The St. Paul Lutheran Evangelism Team is extremely grateful for those who were a part of bringing this vision to life.

This ministry is designed to support both our congregation and the greater community by helping meet every day needs and barriers. Opportunities for assistance may include transportation, meals, home or yard maintenance, and more.

Located on the entrance wall as you enter the church, the Giving Tree will hold envelopes, each representing a need. Inside each envelope, you will find details on how you can help through your time, talents, or financial support.

If you feel called to give, simply take an envelope and follow the instructions provided. Once your gift is complete, Zane Simon, who is leading this ministry, will help log and celebrate these acts of service.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please see Zane Simon.

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.”
– Galatians 6:2

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.

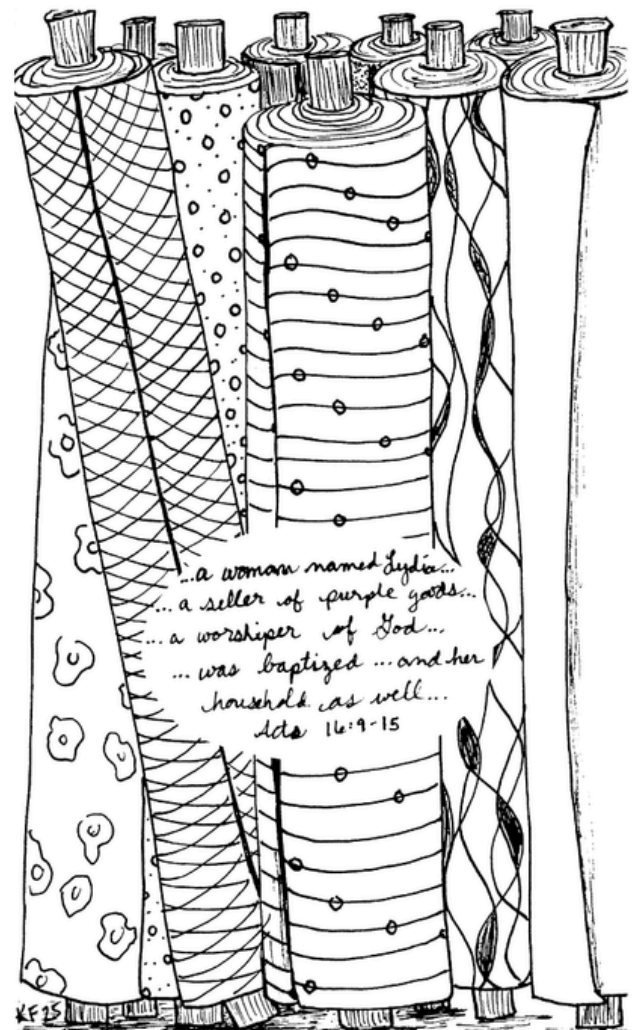
Bible Writing Plan

May 2025

Women of God

- 1 - Genesis 4:1
- 2 - Genesis 21:17
- 3 - Exodus 2:1-3
- 4 - Exodus 15:20-21
- 5 - Joshua 2:11b
- 6 - Judges 4:4
- 7 - Judges 13:22-23
- 8 - 1 Samuel 2:1
- 9 - 1 Samuel 19:11-12
- 10 - 1 Samuel 25:32
- 11 - 1 Kings 17:24
- 12 - 2 Kings 4:1
- 13 - 2 Kings 22:19
- 14 - Esther 4:12-16
- 15 - Matthew 8:14-15
- 16 - Matthew 27:19
- 17 - Mark 7:26-30
- 18 - Luke 1:24-25
- 19 - Luke 1:30-31; 38
- 20 - Luke 2:36-38
- 21 - Luke 7:47
- 22 - Luke 10:39, 42b
- 23 - Luke 13:12-13
- 24 - John 4:25-26; 39
- 25 - John 19:18

- 26 - John 19:25
- 27 - Acts 9:36-40
- 28 - Acts 16:14-15
- 29 - Romans 16:1-2
- 30 - Romans 16:3-5a
- 31 - Hebrews 11:11



May 24 - Today we remember Queen Esther



Esther, or Hadassah as she was originally named, is the central figure in the biblical book that bears her name. She was an orphan raised by her relative Mordecai. When King Ahasuerus, or Xerxes, became displeased with his queen, a search was made for a suitable replacement among the beautiful women of the kingdom. Esther was chosen.

Mordecai became a chief minister of the king and lived in the Persian capital Susa. He overheard a plot to kill the king and informed on the would-be assassins. This was recorded in the royal archives. When the high official Haman the Agagite commanded Mordecai to kneel before him, Mordecai refused. This convinced Haman that Mordecai and his people were rebellious and needed to be purged from the empire. If the king promised him the power to do this, he promised to pay ten thousand silver talents into the treasury. The king then issued a proclamation that the Jewish people be wiped out and their property taken. He did not realize that his wife was among those affected by the decree.

When Mordecai heard of the decree, he sought to get a message to Queen Esther. He reminded her that she would not escape just because she was in the king's harem.

He said, "Who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14). Though the name of God does not appear in the Hebrew version of the book, Mordecai was clearly referring to God arranging for the queen at this time to be the instrument of salvation for His people.

Esther took her life in hand; it was forbidden for anyone to approach the king without his leave and bore the death penalty if he did not graciously extend his scepter. He did extend the scepter to his beloved queen. She finally obtained the exact reversal of Haman's decree of destruction. Instead of the Jewish people being slain and their property confiscated, they were given a period of time to do this to their enemies. And in a great ironic twist, Haman was actually hanged on the very gallows that he himself had readied for hanging Mordecai. This astonishing reversal of fortunes for the Jewish people is still celebrated in their yearly Feast of Purim.

Queen Esther is remembered as a brave and faithful intercessor and ruler who risked her life to save her people.

*Who trusts in God
A strong abode
In heav'n and earth possesses;
Who looks in love
To Christ above,
No fear that heart oppresses.
In You alone,
Dear Lord, we own
Sweet hope and consolation,
Our shield from foes,
Our balm for woes,
Our great and sure salvation.
(LSB 714:1)*

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 5

Robert Scheil
Jacob Davis

May 6

Kathy Meyer
Sarah Lester

May 7

Travis Cryderman
Nancy Binder

May 9

Bob Smith

May 10

Troy Johnson
Alekszander Lipar

May 13

Jordan Decker

May 14

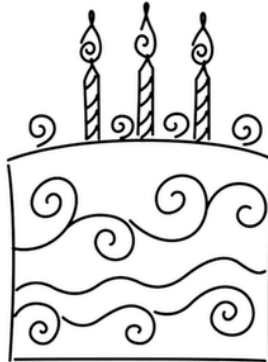
Dennis Winter
Kristen Waskiewicz

May 15

Kayla Sturm

May 17

Kennedy Decker
Elizabeth Holzwart



May 18

Kevin Lockwood

May 19

Ruth Steele

May 20

Amy Spaulding
Connor Peasley
Emerson LaBelle

May 21

Michael LaJoie

May 22

Cindy Morley

May 23

Domanic Novelli
Ayla Thayer

May 24

Addison Vaughan

May 25

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
3 Confirmation Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Trad. with Confirmation and Comm.	4 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells	5 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:30 Board of Elders	6 7:00 Worship Service	7	1	2
10 Mother's Day Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion	11 12:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells	12 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	13 3:00 Forge 7:00 Worship Service	14 10:00 - 11:30 Women's Bible Study 1:30 Evang.	15	16
17 Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion	18 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells	19 8:30 Quilters 6:00 LWML - Salad Bar Supper	20 7:00 Worship Service	21	22	23
24 The Day of Pentecost 9:30 Traditional with Holy Communion	25 Memorial Day Office Closed	26 8:30 Quilters	27 3:00 Forge 7:00 Worship Service	28 10:00 - 11:30 Women's Bible Study	29	30

31 The Holy Trinity
 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion
 9:45 Bible Class
 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion

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