



The Messenger May 2024 Newsletter

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*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



My Friends in Christ,

It has certainly been an interesting April, at least weather wise. Snow and weather showed up in April as if Mother Nature is not quite willing to let spring come. Yet, spring came, and with it, new birth, new growth, new opportunities, new winds to blow around the warmer air.

May is a time of transition into new things as the northern hemisphere awakes into rebirth and renewal. The sun shines longer and brighter. The warmer wind brings hope for a future of welcoming and beautiful weather. I think that is why I always get excited for Pentecost, which this year happens to fall in May. Pentecost brings hope of something new happening, not just on that day in Jerusalem over 2000 years ago, but here today, if we just open ourselves up to the possibilities.

Acts 2:1-21 tells us that a rush of wind came from heaven, blowing through the house the

disciples were in. Tongues of fire appeared to rest on each of them, filling those in the house with the Holy Spirit and giving them the ability to speak in languages other than their own. It must have felt like creation all over again, with wind and fire, with something new bursting forth. There was the amazing ability to speak in other languages and be understood by people of many different cultures and lands. In that moment, all the people were one in their hearing, even if they could not understand the deeper meaning of what they saw and heard.

Fire...wind...Galileans, speaking in many tongues, dramatic signs that God was doing a new thing that would transform the lives of all those present, as well as those beyond that moment and place. Pentecost is a time of new beginnings, a time, like spring, of new birth and new starts. A time of transformation into something beyond what was, into something that could be, if minds and hearts are open to recognize that Pentecost is not just something that happened that one day, so long ago, but can happen every day.

How can Pentecost become a daily reminder for us that our lives are transformed through the Triune God, and how do we recognize the Holy Spirit at work in us, in others, and in the world? That is such a big question, which can seem challenging, and even seem impossible

to know. And yet, we have a creation that is transforming right now,

- as we watch the grass green, and the flowers and trees bloom,

- as we feel a warmer wind blows across our skin that is not covered by heavy clothes,

- as we smell the scents of rebirth, regeneration, and renewal in our area of the world,

- as we hear birds, farm equipment, and those things that tell us something new is happening,

- and as we move from winter sleep into spring emerging, our world transforming again.

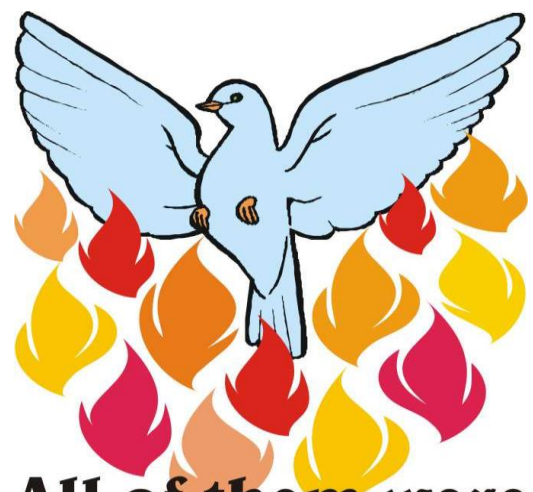
Pentecost allows us to see the world with new eyes, to appreciate what transformation looks like and feels like. Spring into summer allows us to experience transformation in a beautiful way, showing us that transformation takes time, it takes patience, it is not always perfect, and it takes work. Spring, just like Pentecost, can help us better understand who God has transformed us to be, in and through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We are called to be open to new things, open to helping others, growing in our lives of faith, family, and friends. The Holy Spirit guides us in all we are and in all that we do, being present with us in our impatience, in our imperfection, and in helping us in the work we do as God's people on this beautiful planet called Earth. We just have to be willing to open our eyes, our ears, our minds, and our hearts, to the Pentecost God is offering to us every day.

I pray that, as you go through spring into summer, you take time to see, and hear, and feel, and experience, the transformation going on in and around you, and that you take

that moment to give thanks to God, in and through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, for this amazing and beautiful gift.

Peace,
Pastor Traci

PS This year, Pentecost is also a time of Confirmation as three young women in our congregation confirm the baptismal vows said by their parents many years ago and become adult members of this congregation. Congratulations to and may God Bless Paige Olson, Lyla Paiser, and Megan Wendorff.



**All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!**
Acts 2.4

Council: Co – President – Kirstyn Droese, Co – President – Ruthann Cutting, Vice President – John Streblov, Secretary – Jacki Borst, Jana Bachhuber, Eugenie Hildebrandt, Tom Kempf, Pat Williams, Ben Reehl, Barb Casper, and Pastor Traci Maass.

Pastor Pastor Traci Maass
 Organists.....Susie Feucht and Karen Espitia
 Treasurer.....Jana Bachhuber
 Financial Secretary.....Paula Bingen
 Custodian.....Ross Enderle
 Office Secretary.....Brenda Olson

**Estimated Facebook
Service Views**

March 3	114
March 10	109
March 17	118
March 24	134
March 31	126

Sunday Worship Attendance for March

Average Total = 48

	<u>Local Ministry</u>	<u>Wider Ministry</u>
Attendance 2/28	1:30 - 13	6:30 - 21
Attendance 3/2-3	3/2 - 22	3/3 - 58
Offerings 3/3	\$5,802.69	\$44.00
Attendance 3/6	1:30 - 18	6:30 - 23
Attendance 3/9-10	3/9 - 19	3/10 - 41
Offerings 3/9-10	\$8,114.00	\$1,076.00
Attendance 3/13	1:30- 18	6:30 - 19
Attendance 3/16 - 17	3/16 - 22	3/17 - 64
Offerings 3/16 - 17	\$2,485.00	\$75.00
Attendance 3/20	1:30 19	6:30 - no count
Attendance 3/23 - 24	3/23 - 21	3/24 - 55
Offerings 3/23 - 24	\$3,692.68	\$162.00
Attendance 3/28	1:30 - 18	6:30 - 19
Attendance 3/29	1:30 - 50	
Attendance 3/31	7:00 - 36	9:00 - 146
Offerings 3/31	\$5,665.00	\$230.00





The Special offering envelope for May is the Mayville Food Pantry

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Once again, we have the opportunity to help fill the Food Pantry shelves. All during May you can bring non-perishable, easy-to-prepare, kid-friendly items like peanut butter, mac & cheese, and soup to the big grocery cart in the narthex. (Please, no items past the expiration date.) What a great way to start our summer – sharing with our neighbors!



St. Paul Church Council Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2024

Members Present: Ruthann Cutting, Eugenie Hildebrandt, Tom Kempf, Pastor Traci Maass, Barb Casper, Pat Williams, John Streblov Jacki Borst, Jana Bachhuber. Absent – Kirstyn Droese. Ben Reehl phoned into the meeting.

Call to order – By Ruthann at 6:30

Devotions – Ruthann presented devotions. Next Month – Eugenie will present next month.

Visitors: Jim Cutting – Buildings & Grounds Committee

Approval of minutes – A motion was made by John and seconded by Eugenie to approve the minutes from the March meeting. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Barb to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Other Business-

Treasurer’s Report – Discussion and questions regarding a few accounts on the treasurer’s report, which Jana was able to answer and clarify. A motion

was made by Tom, seconded by Jacki to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

Finance Report – Finance did not meet as there was not a quorum.

Building & Grounds – Jim Cutting’s Report-

Maxwell Plumbing moved water pipe in boiler room. Outside water facet was eliminated. Aubrey Electric will re-quote the electrical work in the boiler room and the kitchen.

Estimates will be needed for a few separate issues. Jim presented a desire by a member to have an automatic handicap door installed in the Narthex. Jim has begun investigating what is needed to complete this project.

SureFire will return to work on the Narthex blower motor. The issue is working to be resolved.

Executive Committee Did not meet.

Parish Education: Eugenie reported that Adult Ed is going very well with discussion continuing to center around the ELCA social statements of today. A Sunday School coordinator potential candidate will be contacted by Pastor Traci.

Worship Committee: The committee met this evening. Worship services during the Lent season were discussed. Services were well attended. Members volunteered to assist in the various roles to make the worship services successful. Supply pastors

are being planned for Pastor Traci's upcoming absences during worship services; 5/11-12, 7/20-21, 8/10-11, 8/17-18 10/26-27. Pastor Rich Collier is set for all Saturday services. Pastor Ken will be available for 7/21 & 10/27. A pastor will be needed for 5/12, 8/11, and 8/18. Discussion and suggestions made to potentially record the sermon and display it on the screen. May 19th is confirmation Sunday and High School graduation. We have three confirmands and do not believe the HS graduation will conflict with confirmands.

IT Committee: Did not meet. Brenda noted that Casey visited and went over several issues with her. Computer space was looked at and determined the laptop has plenty of space. Email has been cleaned up and put into yearly folders. Those folders prior to 2020 will be put in an archive folder. Files and folders dated prior to 2020 will also be archived and saved on a thumb drive. Casey suggested the computer, Wi-Fi and digital equipment be on a surge protected electrical strip. Brenda has taken care of this task. Jim Cutting suggested we should also have a battery back-up. The computer for the Ring camera system has discontinued working. The computer has been disconnected and placed in the records room for disposal. The Ring camera system has been installed on Brenda's computer. The antiquated phone and answering machine were discussed. Jana has been contacted to ask if she has a contact at Spectrum to look at updating the phone system and answering machine.

Fun-Raising Committee: Swiss Steak dinner on Sunday. Ticket sales are going well. A record crowd is expected. Thrivent has donated \$250.00 toward the event. Pizza sales discussed as a possible event for July. Many of the resources for pizza making and sales are still on hand from past sales.

Roof Committee – Committee is being formed.

A motion was made by Eugenie and seconded by John to approve the committee reports. Motion carried.

Pastor Traci's Report –

Confirmation – This Saturday confirmation students will be going to Humane Society to deliver the donated items collected by the confirmands and the monthly cart. The students will spend time with the

animals, get a tour and be able to meet dogs and cats that are up for adoption.

ELCA Youth gathering has met its goal. The generosity is humbling to everyone.

The Minglers dinner event was held March 15. A day trip is planned for April 17th to Holy Hill.

Plans for The Carriage Museum tour and lunch in June.

Lenten Services went well. New devotional study was used and received well.

Steve and Karen Erickson met with Pastor Traci and requested membership. Steve and Karen would like to participate with Worship Ministries.

New Member bible class will be started. Instruction book, April 24th for 4 weeks "Baptized, We Live"

Anyone from the congregation is invited.

Pastor Traci has been asked to be Dean in Beaver Dam conference of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin. Pastor Traci agreed to take the position with the understanding that St. Paul is her priority. She will be able to attend the scheduled meetings via Zoom.

Worship Services are at Prairie Ridge on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Per Synod guidelines, Pastor Traci is required to take Racial Identity development training via Zoom meeting. There are 4 mornings in April and May.

Ministry Leaders retreat scheduled 4/28 – 5/1 in northern Wisconsin.

A Motion to approve Pastor Traci's report was made by Tom. and seconded by Pat. Motion carried.

Old Business – Sunday School Coordinator – Pastor Traci will set up a meeting with an interested candidate. There was discussion regarding the curriculum. Discussion regarding what time should Sunday School classes be held and how might future children's worship service look.

New Business – Sunday School Coordinator office – future cleaning and organize with Pastor Traci.

Formation of Roof Fund – moved to next month. Data base church member list was discussed listing

active, inactive, last attended date and last giving date. Clean-up day is April 27th. Discussion about the Memorial Day Saturday Service – Worship numbers were extremely low last year. Discussion included not having a Saturday worship service on Memorial Day Weekend but normal Sunday service.

Other Business

Communion Assistants –

May 4th – Pat Williams

May 18th

June 1st – Jacki

June 2nd -Ruthann

15th – Pat Williams

16th - Tom

Adjournment -

A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Eugenie to adjourn, and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer



Synod Assembly News

The 2023 South Central ELCA Synod Assembly was held at Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mount Horeb on Saturday, May 20, 2023. During our busy day of worshiping and listening to speakers, we had a chance to listen to and later vote on three new resolutions.

This month we are discussing Resolution 2: “Reconciling in Christ Commitments” which expresses a call to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for all people, most particularly those who have historically suffered exclusion or condemnation from the church.

The South-Central Synod of Wisconsin became a “Reconciling in Christ” synod in 2017, with the adopted Welcome Statement: “Following Jesus, who commanded his followers: ‘Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another, and believe that all persons are created in the image of God’. The South-Central Snood of Wisconsin strives to be fully inclusive of all. This synod welcomes people of every race, background, age, political affiliation, economic and social status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and mental and physical ability and strives to enable all people to participate fully in the life and work of the church and its expressions”.

Reconciling Works called for the following updated commitments from congregations Reconciling in Christ congregation, synods, and other partners by 2025:

-to name a commitment to racial equity or antiracism in Welcome Statements

-to be open to calling Black, Brown, Indigenous, Person of Color as rostered leaders

-to facilitate LGBTQIA+ weddings and blessings

-to make a meaningful annual contribution to support the national RIC program.

The synod has and will use 2024 to update our commitments through workshops, conversation, and communications as well as congregations updating their own commitments.

John & Gale Streblov



South-Central Synod
of Wisconsin

Go to South -Central Synod of Wisconsin website to view the complete newsletter, or find a copy in the magazine rack in the Narthex.



Synod Resource List

The Office of the Bishop is compiling a "Synod Resource List" made for congregations, by congregations. The resource list will be made up of vendors your congregation has used before and wants to recommend to others. The hope is to provide a list of trusted vendors for synod congregations to consider when such services are needed. This list will be available on the synod website and will be updated annually. Please make sure to only recommend a vendor or resource that you have used with your congregation and would recommend to others.

Go to the SCSW website to submit your recommendation.

WELCA Spring Gatherings



The 2024 South-Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization conference meetings are coming up in April.

You may also visit the [WELCA page](#) on the synod website to read the latest edition of the Trumpeter and find out more information.



The youth of St. Paul participated in the Youth LTAA Volleyball St. John's Plymouth on April 2nd and previously in a bowling event. Their sportsmanship and kindness during the games have won them the **"William Westphal – Kevin Stippich Memorial Sportsmanship Award"**. We are very proud of our young men and women of St. Paul for their participation and their honorable conduct!!



To St. Paul Congregation,

Many thanks to the members at St. Paul for their generous donations to the March Grocery Cart Project. Your donations will help stock our “Little Food Pantry” and help Church Health Services in their day-to-day activities serving our clients. God Bless you for remembering Church Health Services and helping support our mission.



Most Sincerely,

Thea O'Connor, Executive Director



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Have a Blessed Mother's Day!!

St. Paul Holy Hill Trip Minglers - April 17th



Worship Assistants – May 2024

Acolyte	
William Watkins	May 5
Evan Harmsen	May 12
Ethan Groh	May 19
Megan Wendorff	May 26
Altar Guild	
Paula Ketchum/ Amy Comstock	5/1 – 5/12
Donna Kittel	5/13 – 5/26
Cheryl Luehring	5/27 – 6/9
Lector Saturday	
Ross Enderle	May 4
Darlene Lodahl	May 11
Crystal Wendler	May 18
Joyce Toellner	May 25
Lector Sunday	
Jill Waas	May 5
Colleen Groh	May 12
Ken Schenning	May 19
Pat Frings	May 26
Usher	
Jim & Ruthann Cutting	May 5
Gordie Griepentrog	May 12
Tom Kempf	May 19
Virgil Krueger	May 26



Lawn Cutting Schedule

5/5 –	Ross
5/12 –	Virgil
5/19 –	Todd
5/26 –	Danny

It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God such men lived.
 –George S. Patton



MARCH 2024 TREASURER'S OVERVIEW

	YTD 2024 Totals	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
INCOME	\$ 83,135.06	\$ 27,782.81	\$ 24,266.47	\$ 27,079.26	\$ 17,219.50	\$ 25,827.04
BUDGET	\$ 74,226.00	\$ 18,899.00	\$ 18,899.00	\$ 18,205.00	\$ 19,959.00	\$ 19,752.00
DIFFERENCE	\$ 8,909.06	\$ 8,883.81	\$ 5,367.47	\$ 8,874.26	\$ (2,739.50)	\$ 6,075.04
EXPENSES	\$ 62,166.44	\$ 22,914.56	\$ 17,520.56	\$ 33,615.81	\$ 19,477.90	\$ 20,340.59
BUDGET	\$ 61,645.00	\$ 21,307.00	\$ 21,307.00	\$ 21,017.00	\$ 19,959.00	\$ 19,752.00
DIFFERENCE	\$ 521.44	\$ 1,607.56	\$ (3,786.44)	\$ 12,598.81	\$ (481.10)	\$ 588.59
INCOME	\$ 83,135.06	\$ 27,782.81	\$ 24,266.47	\$ 27,079.26	\$ 17,219.50	\$ 25,827.04
EXPENSES	\$ 62,166.44	\$ 22,914.56	\$ 17,520.56	\$ 33,615.81	\$ 19,477.90	\$ 20,340.59
DIFFERENCE	\$ 20,968.62	\$ 4,868.25	\$ 6,745.91	\$ (6,536.55)	\$ (2,258.40)	\$ 5,486.45

ITEMS TO HIGHLIGHT: As you can see in the first column above, our income year-to-date exceeds our expenses by almost \$21,000. Keep up the good work! This amount includes the money earned by the youth going to the convention this summer, the roof fund and our benevolence donations. Benevolence is money that is not used for our day-to-day expenses, but instead given to other organizations for the betterment of our community, county and/or the Synod. Please keep St. Paul's, the funds listed on our website and the groups with support with benevolence in mind when putting together your offering.

"New" FORWARD IN FAITH

Used to make improvements to our technology and other expenses not covered by building & grounds and our budget

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 4,665.88
INCOME	\$ -
EXPENSES	
TRANSFERS	\$ -
BALANCE	\$ 4,665.88

There is \$13,691.13 in a FIF CD in addition to this amount

NEW ROOF FUND

We will need to replace the roof on the church

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 5,825.00
INCOME	\$ 980.75
EXPENSES	
TRANSFERS	
BALANCE	\$ 6,805.75

YOUTH CONVENTION FUND

Money raised by the youth going to the convention through Fund Raising and Donations

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 7,605.37
INCOME	\$ 1,588.06
EXPENSES	\$ (2,828.70)
TRANSFERS	\$ -
BALANCE	\$ 6,364.73

SPRENGER MEMORIAL FUND

Gift to St. Paul's in May of 2021 - Used a portion for the new windows in the Parsonage

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 3,365.77
INCOME	
EXPENSES	
TRANSFERS	\$ -
BALANCE	\$ 3,365.77

There are 4 CDs - 3@ \$5000 and 1@ \$32,018.89 in addition to this amount



Godly Words for Health and Healing

Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. Proverbs 31:30

Wishing you a Happy Mother's Day. Your Health Ministry Team
Bob Gionet, RN, Parish Nurse



**Sunday Morning
Adult Study**

ADULT ED IN MAY
Learning from the Minor Prophets
May 5, 12 and 19
Sundays in the Fireside Room following the worship service.

We will continue our discussion of the 12 books in the Old Testament written by the “minor prophets.” Martin Luther learned from them that “the just shall live by faith.” Some of the things they tell us about are the ministry of John the Baptist and they warn about the “last days.” What can we learn from them? Come, and let's discuss the lessons from these “minor prophets.”



June MESSENGER DEADLINE:

June 17TH



Please “Like” our Facebook page! Search “St. Paul Lutheran Church” go to the page and click “Like”. Here you will find activities of the church and announcements. Invite your friends to “Like” us too!



*Birthdays
of the Month*



Gretchen Kristola	1	Taylor VanDenBogart	17
Brian Erdmann	1	Noah Wendler	17
Michaela Franke	1	Kylie Schultz	17
Harmony Klatt	2	Zachariah Rosedahl	18
Hadley Schultz	2	Teri McFarlane	19
Jody Duncan	3	Josie Crass	19
Shelly Twardokus	3	Wesley Yolitz	19
Jennifer Harmsen	4	Brian Woik	20
Braylon Nielsen	4	Richard Breikreutz	20
Jamie Kluge	5	Leana Sterr	20
Julie Luehring	5	Cheryl Luehring	21
Brent Schultz	5	Mark Dethardt	22
Terry Brummond	6	Megan Hasch	22
Miranda Beck	6	Walker Strook	22
Paul Hauffe	7	Zora Neitzel	23
Debra Gundrum	7	Timothy Gorman	23
Aaralyn Whitman	7	Conrad Faust Jr	23
Susan Feucht	8	Christine Wendler	24
Alyssa Kempfer	8	Sarah Heideman	25
Kennedy Schultz	8	Kayleigh Franke	25
Desiree Scherr	9	Violet Villwock	25
Marcus Feller	10	Ryleigh Kollath	26
Arlene Hagen	11	Elaine Kollmansberger	27
James Cutting	11	Vicky Gruenwald	27
Kayla Schaefer	12	Steven Eilbes	27
Seanna Bednarek	12	Cody Westimayer	28
Hayden Benedict	12	Elara Strook	28
Adalynn Olig	14	Joseph Magyar	29
Broody Beck-Schepp	15	Ryelynn Strook	29
Kathleen Hartwig	17	Eric Streblow	30
Julie Allison	17	David Batterman	31
Lara Loest	17	Patricia Frings	31

Russell & Patti Wondra	May 1, 1999
Terri & Ashley Duyser	May 1, 2010
Tony & Colleen Groh	May 7, 2005
Brian & Michelle Olson	May 9, 1998
Westly & Lacey Thompson	May 12, 2000
Randall & Lacey Peters	May 13, 1972
Robert & Christa Gentz	May 14, 1994
John & Rebecca Beilke	May 15, 2010
Erik & Cindy Henkel	May 15, 1999
Rick & Jonell Buslaff	May 17, 1975
Ray & Marllorie Clark	May 18, 2013
Linda & Courtney Daniel	May 19, 1990
Tim & Angela Gorman	May 20, 2017
Jeff & Linda Schellpfeffer	May 21, 1983
Travis & Teresa Steger	May 24, 2010
Jay & Gretchen Kristola	May 27, 1978
William & Elizabeth Dahlgren	May 30, 2015
Ken & Nancy Schenning	May 30, 1970
Jay & Casey Patey	May 31, 2008
David & Kathleen Hartwig	May 31, 1980



May Grocery Cart Collection Mayville Food Pantry



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LORD IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYER.



We call your attention to those in need of prayer. Please offer prayers on behalf of these people with your regular prayers. Thank you!

Prayers have been requested for the following members: Kasey Schraufnagel, Alan Marquardt, Jay Clark, Thane Buslaff, Nicole Neitzel, Ervin Butzlaff, Norma Puls, Darlene Sterr, Judy Smith, Jeannie Cooper, Linda Keller, Ed Backhaus, Alyssa Wescott, Kay Marx, Judy Pfalzgraf, Arlen Schellpeffer, Joyce Toellner, Walter Schellpeffer. Terri & Ashley Duyser, Mark Koenig. Bill Linzenmeyer, Laverne Magyar.

We also remember in prayer: Gianna Spittel- *friend of Tonya Manthey*, LeAnn Yaenger - *friend of Brenda Schellin*, Robert Schultz, *friend of Pat Kummerow*, Gail Moehr – *friend of Wendy Bosch*, Ken Wescott – *father of Casey Wescott*, Hayley Schramek – *daughter of a co-worker of Amy Schmid*, Jacob Krutke – *grandson of Beverly Krutke*, Danny Karger – *friend of the Scholz family*, Sharon Wolf – *friend of Shirley Wulff*, Todd Weyerstrauss – *son of Cheryl Weyerstrauss*, Gwen Vander-Galien - *sister of Luann Benedict*.

In this time of world strife, we pray for peace and for these service men and women. Dan Lentz- *brother of Kevin Lentz*, **Ryan & Stephanie Krueger- Virgil & Cindy Krueger's son and daughter-in-law**, Andy & Megan Kluge- *Jamie & Deborah Kluge's son and daughter-in-law*, Sergeant Dylan Arnall - *friend of Lee & Nancy Luehring*, Daniel Hutchinson – *foster grandchild of Cheryl Weyerstrauss*.

Prayer Requests lists are available every Sunday. Check the magazine rack next to the elevator in the narthex and you will find a slot labeled, "Prayer Requests". Please take a sheet home and add these friends and neighbors to your daily prayers.

Last Update – April 15, 2024

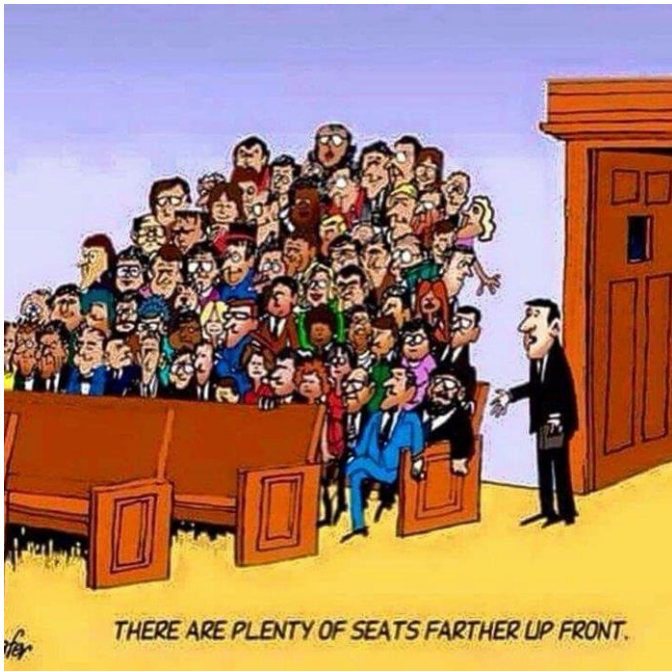


Dear God,
I'm quirky I know. I don't always do things in a traditional way. But I know what's right. I know how to stand my ground for what I believe to be true. Still, I need Your help dear God. You planted the seed. You nourish me. Shelter me now from the elements that stand in my way. Help me grow. Amen



Church Funnies!

Its hard to get in shape spiritually when you only workout on Sunday.



Exercise Your Faith...
Walk With Jesus

BIBLE NAME VOCABULARY

A G Y Q T P E L I J A H N Z Y F B D
 I D J R F J D J D O G K T O R L D A
 T G A Y C U R D Y F A O C X C S I V
 B J C M N D M A O A I T L U S J S I
 S A O U H A Z H H Y N S Z I P C A D
 A X R S K H J O S E P H K P A G A A
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JEREMIAH
 ABRAHAM
 GOLIATH
 SOLOMON
 SAMSON
 BARUCH

ISAAC
 JUDAH
 JACOB
 JESUS
 ADAM

NATHAN
 JOSHUA
 JOSEPH
 DANIEL
 ELIJAH
 DAVID



After fifty years as church organist, you had to admire Gladys' effort to embrace the new worship format.

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The Meanest Mother

We had the meanest mother in the whole world! While other kids ate candy for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs, and toast. When others had a Pepsi and a Twinkie for lunch, we had to eat sandwiches. And you can guess our mother fixed us a dinner that was different from other kids had, too.

Mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were convicts in a prison. She had to know who our friends were, and what we were doing with them. She insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would be gone for an hour or less.

We were ashamed to admit it, but she had the nerve to break the Child Labor Laws by making us work. We had to wash the dishes, make the beds, learn to cook, vacuum the floor, do laundry, and all sorts of cruel jobs. I think she would lie awake at night thinking of more things for us to do. She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

By the time we were teenagers, she could read our minds. Then, life was really tough!

Mother wouldn't let our friends just honk the horn when they drove up. They had to come up to the door so she could meet them. While everyone else could date when they were 12 or 13, we had to wait until we were 16.

Because of our mother, we missed out on lots of things other kids experienced. None of us have ever been caught shoplifting, vandalizing other's property, or ever arrested for any crime. It was all her fault. We never got drunk, took up smoking, stayed out all night, or a million other things, other kids did. Sundays were reserved for church, and we never missed once. We knew better than to ask to spend the night with a friend on Saturdays.

Now that we have left home, we are all God-fearing, educated, honest adults. We are doing our best to be mean parents just like Mom was. I think that's what is wrong with the world today. It just doesn't have enough mean moms anymore.

Source unknown

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Not all healing is based within brokenness. Sometimes, we need a prayer for healing because we have not reached our potential and in some cases, we are the ones standing in front of ourselves. Take time to identify ways you could grow as an individual. Take time to seek out avenues for self-development. Ask the Lord for guidance through your journey and trust that he will be alongside. When you feel stuck, turn to God through prayer and he will bring forth the elements you need to make your goals and aspirations come true.



craft & bake sale

St. Paul Quilters will have a booth at the Spring Craft Fair.

**Mayville Legion –
Saturday May 4th
9am – 3pm.**

The Quilters will also have baked goods for sale. **If you would like to donate to the sale, bring your baked item to the Legion before 9:00am.**

Quilts will also be available for purchase. All proceeds will be used to purchase supplies and material for the Quilters.

St. Paul Family:

Thank you for being a generous soul and a beautiful spirit in a world that could use a million more people just like you. Thank you for taking care of our church, giving so generously, and taking care of each other. You're the best, and you're appreciated more than words can say.

**YOU ARE
LOVED**



Thank you to all that donated to the Dodge County Humane Society for the April Grocery Cart and the Confirmation Class Project. The class delivered the donations to the Humane Society, received a tour and snuggled with the animals waiting for adoption. The Humane Society has volunteer opportunities that include dog walking and cat socialization. Please call the Humane Society for more information and find out how you can volunteer.



SWISS STEAK DINNER A BIG SUCCESS!

The Fun Committee thanks everyone who joined us at the Swiss Steak Dinner last Sunday! 157 people participated in this fun event. A special thank you to the members who contributed food and desserts, those who helped set up and helped serve and clean up at the dinner. Thank you to everyone who said “keep the change” when they bought tickets or contributed to our tip baskets. A special thank you to the residents and staff of Prairie Ridge who joined us. Thank you to Thrivent for supporting this event. We have a few small bills to pay but it looks like we’ll contribute over \$1,500 to the General Fund. This is fun!



Love. Worship. Tell.

St. Paul Minglers



May Gathering –

May 15th

*Mayville Historical Society
Wagon & Carriage Museum
Lunch in Mayville TBD*

May 2024

The Messenger Calendar

*St. Paul
Lutheran
Church*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 28 9am Worship Worship 10am Adult Ed <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Pastor @ Ministry Retreat </div>	April 29 Office Closed Bldg Open	April 30 8am Sewing for Missions Office Closed Bldg Open	1 1:30pm Bible <u>Study</u> 5pm <u>Confirmation</u> Pastor Traci return late am/early pm	2 6pm Executive Committee Mtg	3 Pastor's Day Off <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> City Wide Rummage sale </div>	4 9am Legion Craft & Bake Sale 5pm Worship/HC
5 9am Worship/HC 10am Adult Ed Noisy Offerings	6 9am Staff Mtg 5pm Lectio Divina 7:30pm AA	7 8am Sewing for Missions	8 1:30pm Bible <u>Study</u> 4pm Worship <u>Prairie Ridge</u> 5:30pm Youth Gathering Mtg	9 5pm Worship Meeting 5:30pm Finance Committee Mtg 6:30pm Council Meeting	10 Pastor's Day Off	11 5pm Worship Pastor Collier Pastor Traci Off
12 9am Worship - Pastor Traci Off 10am Adult Ed Mother's Day	13 9am Staff Meeting 5pm Lectio Divina 7:30pm AA	14 8am Sewing for Missions	15 10am <u>Minglers Trip</u> 1:30pm Bible <u>Study</u> 5pm Confirmation	16	17 Pastor's Day Off <u>Messenger</u> <u>Deadline</u>	18 5pm Worship/HC Synod Assembly
19 9am Worship/HC - Pentecost Confirmation	20 9am Staff Meeting 5pm Lectio Divina 7:30pm AA	21 8am Sewing for Missions	22 4pm Worship Prairie Ridge	23	24 Pastor's Day Off	25 No Worship Service
26 9am Worship 10am Adult Ed	27 Memorial Day Church & Office closed	28 8am Sewing for Missions	29	30	31 Pastor's Day Off	June 1 5pm Worship

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Notes: Special Offering Forward in Faith



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