

# 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

March 2024

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There will be no Sunday School  
March 24 & 31



Don't forget to  
*Spring Ahead*  
on March 10.



# FACTS & FIGURES

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
1/29 & 1/31	Worship Services	54 + 79 + 20 = 153	\$4,732.00
2/4 & 2/7	Worship Services	69 + 78 + 21 = 168	\$6,116.00
2/11 & 2/14	Worship Services	52 + 88 + 68 = 208	\$6,849.00
2/18 & 2/21	Worship Services	69 + 69 + 41 = 179	\$6,513.00
Needed each week			\$8,642.37

**DEADLINE**

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the April 2024 issue of *The Messenger* is: **Monday, March 25 at 12:00 (noon)**

Articles may be emailed to **lynn@stpaulcaro.org** or put in Secretary mailbox



Our sympathy to the family and friends of **Daniel Alan Gettel**. Dan was born on March 2, 1951 to Vern Norman and Lydia Amelia (Witzke) Gettel. He was married to Mary Jeanne Pierson on October 20, 1979. He died on February 12, 2024 at age 72.

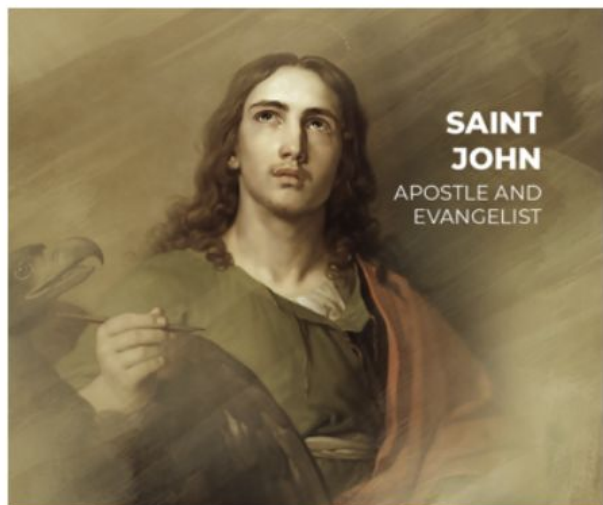
I am reminded that one old saint was asked, "Which is the more important: reading God's Word or praying?" To which he replied, "Which is more important to a bird: the right wing or the left?"

-A.W. Tozer, "Jesus Our Man in Glory,"  
*Christianity Today*

## CHILDREN'S BULLETIN DRAWING

The winner for the Children's Bulletin Drawing for January was **Kahliyah Sprague**. The winner for February will be announced in the first Sunday bulletin in March and in the April newsletter.

## LENTEN MIDWEEK SERIES



### St. John Passion

For this Lenten Season we will be taking our tour through the Gospel of John and focusing on John's presentation of the Passion of our Lord. Here is an overview of the coming Wednesdays in Lent starting on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

1. Ash Wednesday: The Powerless "I Am," (John 18:1-11)
2. Lenten Midweek 2: Two Interrogations, (John 18:12-27)
3. Lenten Midweek 3: What Kind of King is This? (John 18:28-40)
4. Lenten Midweek 4: Whom Do We Follow? (John 19:1-16a)
5. Lenten Midweek 5: Wisdom Has a Friend on the Cross (John 19:16b-27)
6. Lenten Midweek 6: Jesus Finishes the Battle for Your Salvation (John 19:28-42)

#### Midweek of Lent 3

**Wednesday, 3/6/24:**

5:30 PM - Meal sponsored by LWML

7:00 PM - Lenten Service

#### Midweek of Lent 4

**Wednesday, 3/13/24:**

5:30 PM - Meal sponsored by Choir

7:00 PM - Lenten Service

#### Midweek of Lent 5

**Wednesday, 3/20/24:**

5:30 PM - Meal sponsored by

Margaret LaValley

7:00 PM - Lenten Service

#### Palm Sunday

**Sunday, 3/24/24:**

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

#### Maundy Thursday

**Thursday, 3/28/24:**

7:00 PM

#### Good Friday

**Friday, 3/29/24:**

1:30 PM

#### Easter Sunday

**Sunday, 3/31/24:**

7:30 AM & 11:00 AM

# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. The common day of observance is the first Friday of March, March 1, but local WDP activities are held all year long.

The theme of the WDJP 2024, "I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love," is based on Ephesians 4:1-3.

(This information was taken from [worlddayofprayer.net](http://worlddayofprayer.net) Please go there for much more information.)



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## SPRING TEA

*Monday, April 22, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.  
(Doors open at 6:30)*

*Theme: Garden Flowers*

*Program: Misty Cramer, author of "The Every Day God"*



*Admission is FREE but you must obtain a ticket  
by April 14 to save yourself a seat.*

*Tickets will be given out April 7 and 14 after each service  
OR from Lynn in the office between April 7 - 14.*

*A donation will be accepted for mites.*



## J.O.Y. TRIP ~ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

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Just Older Youth will meet at the church at **11:00 AM** on **Wednesday, March 6th**, and go to the Brentwood for lunch, then to the Vassar Theatre to see “*Ordinary Angels*,” a film of drama, inspiration, and faith, scheduled at 1:00. This film is about a fierce but struggling hairdresser who sets out to help a widower and his two daughters. What unfolds is a true-life story of faith, everyday miracles, and hope. Group rate for tickets is \$5. Karen has 18 tickets, and can get more if needed.

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 board in the narthex.



### Living Passion Drama

St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Richville will host their 23rd Annual Living Passion Drama with performances on Friday March 22 at 6:00 PM and 7:30 PM, and Saturday, March 23 at 4:30 PM, 6:00 PM & 7:30 PM. Come to the church to watch this live performance in scenes presented in the sanctuary. You'll see 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. Fellowship and refreshments follow the presentation. 3455 S. Van Buren Road, near the intersection of M-46 and M-15. For more information call 989-868-4791, or visit the church website at [stmichaelsrichville.com](http://stmichaelsrichville.com)

## MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

### Week of March 3, 2024

**1 Peter 5:8-9** Be

sober-minded; be watchful.  
Your adversary the devil prowls  
around like a roaring lion,  
seeking someone to devour.  
Resist him, firm in your faith.

### Week of March 10, 2024

**Luke 9:23** And he said to all, "If  
anyone would come after me,  
let him deny himself and take  
up his cross daily and follow  
me."

### Week of March 17, 2024

**Isaiah 53:5** But he was pierced  
for our transgressions; he was  
crushed for our iniquities; upon  
him was the chastisement that  
brought us peace, and with his  
wounds we are healed.

### Week of March 24, 2024

**Hosea 6:1-2** Come, let us  
return to the Lord; for he has  
torn us, that he may heal us;  
he has struck us down, and he  
will bind us up. After two days  
he will revive us; on the third  
day he will raise us up, that we  
may live before him.

### Week of March 31, 2024

**1 Corinthians 15:55** O death,  
where is your victory? O death,  
where is your sting?

## March 31 Joseph, Patriarch

Joseph was the son of the patriarch Jacob and Rachel. The favorite son of his father, he incurred the jealousy of his older brothers, who sold him into slavery in Egypt and told their father he was dead (Genesis 37). In Egypt he became the chief servant in the home of Potiphar, a military official. Because Joseph refused to commit adultery with his master's wife, he was unjustly accused of attempted rape and thrown into jail (Genesis 39). Years later, he interpreted dreams for Pharaoh, who then freed him from prison and placed him in charge of the entire country. When his brothers came from Canaan to Egypt in search of food, they did not recognize him. He eventually revealed his identity to them, forgave them, and invited both them and his father to live in Egypt. He is especially remembered and honored for his moral uprightness (Genesis 39) and for his willingness to forgive his brothers (Genesis 45 and 50).



## 783 Take My Life and Let It Be



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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This hymn is about dedicating all aspects of a person's life to serving God.

The words were written by English Anglican minister's daughter, religious poet and hymn-writer, Frances Ridley Havergal (1836 - 1879), and the hymn was first published, with 11 verses, in a 1874 appendix to Songs of Grace and Glory ( Charles B. Snapp). More-recent publications usually leave out some of the verses.





**March was first proclaimed Red Cross Month in 1943 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to raise awareness of the organization and its humanitarian mission.**

“Guided by her passionate devotion to humanity, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross in 1881 as a charitable organization to provide services to people in need. After 138 years, her historic legacy of selfless service still inspires hundreds of thousands of Americans to give their time, resources, and energy to help people in the United States and around the world, aiding those facing natural disasters, donating and supplying blood, and serving our military families. During American Red Cross Month, we recognize and honor the lifesaving work of the dedicated employees and volunteers of the American Red Cross, as well as the remarkable kindness of the American people who give so generously to this organization.” ~DONALD J. TRUMP

(Taken from the Presidential Proclamation on American Red Cross Month, issued on March 1, 2019 -

<https://trumpwhitehouse.archives.gov/presidential-actions/presidential-proclamation-american-red-cross-month-2019/>)



**American Red Cross**

**DONATE BLOOD  
SAVE LIVES**



**SHARE YOUR LUCKY CHARM.**  
**Give blood for those in need.**

## **BLOOD DRIVE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Monday, March 11, 2023  
12 - 5:45 PM**

**Call 1-800-RED-CROSS  
(1-800-733-2767)  
or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule  
your appointment.  
Must have photo ID or donor card to  
donate.**

- Save time with RapidPass®. Complete your pre-donation reading and health history at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or with the Blood Donor App before your appointment.
- Eligibility questions? Call **1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)** or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org).





# St. Paul Youth in the News

Congratulations to the Caro Girls Bowling team on winning the conference championship. Bella DuRussel



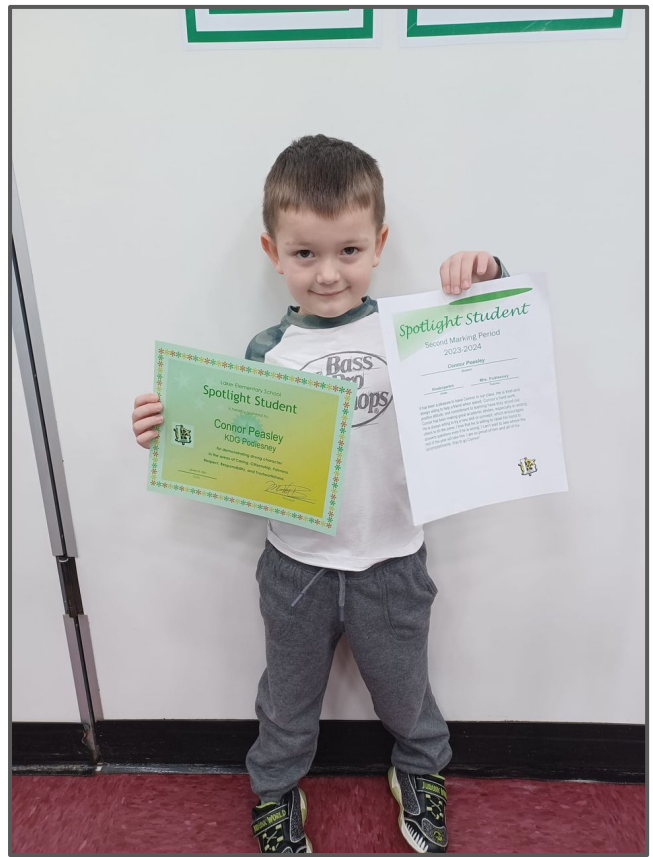
Some students from the Caro High School National Honor Society recently visited the Human Development Commission Community Action Agency. A few of our St. Paul members are pictured. Bella DuRussel, Sandra Williamson, and LuAnn Brown.





Madalyn Tenbusch placed 1st at Regionals for FFA Greenhand Public Speaking held at Delta College. She advances to state competition at MSU later this month. Congratulations Madalyn!

(OK, maybe he's not youth anymore, but I could not resist) Mimi's grandson, Jacob Galsterer, has been named the Varsity Football Head Coach at Caro High School! Congratulations Jacob!



Connor Peasley received an award for being a Spotlight Student at his school in January. Way to go Connor!



Where did those names come from?

### **Maundy Thursday - March 28, 2024**

According to John's gospel, Jesus washed the disciples' feet at the last supper, and the name for this day may come from the Latin word *mundo* which means "wash." However, most scholars think the name comes from the Latin *mandatum* (like the English word *mandate*) referring to John 13:34 where Jesus gave the disciples a new commandment, to love one another.

### **Good Friday - March 29, 2024**

This may seem a rather odd name for the day on which Jesus died. It is probably a contraction of "God's Friday" in a similar way that the word *goodbye* is a contraction of "God be with ye."

### **Easter - March 31, 2024**

The general assumption is that Easter comes from the old English *Eastre* who was a pagan goddess of spring, symbolized by a rabbit; hence the Easter bunny. Some scholars, however, believe that the word comes from the German *eostarun* meaning "dawn," recalling the time of day that the women went to the tomb and the fact that Jesus' resurrection bring a new dawn.

In Eastern churches - Ukrainian, Russian, Greek Orthodox, and others - Easter is referred to as *Pascha*, coming from the Hebrew word for "Passover" because the first Easter occurred at the time of and in the content of the celebration of Passover. Many people see parallels between Passover and Easter, both being times of God's amazing and miraculous intervention in human history.

## **Calendar Notes - A Moveable Feast**

Ever wonder why the date of Easter changes from Year to year? There is a logic to it, and it goes back to ancient times.

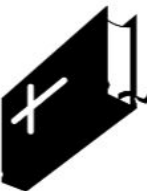


Unlike Christmas, which always falls on a certain date (December 25), Easter by its very nature always falls on a Sunday. And, because the events of Jesus' death and resurrection occurred in the context of the Jewish Passover festival (remember, Jesus and the disciples were Jewish), the date is chosen in conjunction with the lunar calendar, because the Jewish calendar is lunar. So, Easter Sunday is always the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after March 21 - the vernal equinox. Thus, Easter can fall anywhere in between March 22 and April 26. This year, Easter is March 31.

## **NEWSLETTER SPONSORS FOR 2024**

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 per month. The money for the sponsorship will be used for the gifts for the Children's Bulletin Drawing and to supply the youth with the subscription for their quarterly devotion books when our current sponsor is done.

**Let's read through the entire Bible in one year!**  
**Here is the plan for March.**  
**What time do you like to read your Bible?**

# March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Deut. = Deuteronomy Josh. = Joshua	<i>"The LORD BLESS you and KEEP you; the LORD make his face SHINE on you, and be GRACIOUS to you; the LORD turn his face toward you, and give you PEACE." NUMBERS 6:24-26</i>			1 Num. 6-9	2 Num. 10-13
3 Num. 14-15	4 Num. 16-18	5 Num. 19-21	6 Num. 22-24	7 Num. 25-26	8 Num. 27-29	9 Num. 30-31
10 Num. 32-33	11 Num. 34-36	12 Deuteronomy 1-3:20	13 Deut. 3-21-5:33	14 Deut. 6-9	15 Deut. 10-12	16 Deut. 13-16:17
17 Deut. 16:18-21:9	18 Deut. 21:10-25:19	19 Deut. 26-29:1	20 Deut. 29:2-31:29	21 Deut. 31:30-32:52, Psalm 90	22 Deut. 33-34, Joshua 1-2	23 Josh. 3-6
24 1 Chr. 2:7, Josh. 7-9 -----	25 Josh. 10-12:6	26 Josh. 12:7-15:19	27 Josh 15:20-17:18	28 Josh. 18-19:48	29 Josh. 19:49-21:45, 1 Chron. 6:54-81	30 Josh. 22-24
31 Judges 1-3:30						



# HAPPY Birthday

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

## **March 1**

Adam Donald Singer  
Grant Koehler  
Adam Fisch  
Haydin Johnson

## **March 2**

Gary King  
Tom Culbert

## **March 3**

Mitzi LaValley  
Callie Katz

## **March 4**

Jennifer Miners

## **March 6**

Donna Rieck  
Robert TerBush  
Cora McCreedy

## **March 7**

Donald Berry

## **March 8**

Julianna Hecht

## **March 9**

Kristina Corradi

## **March 10**

Chariti Hill

## **March 11**

Rhonda Sattelberg  
Mary Carter

## **March 13**

Edwina Lockwood  
Jared Koehler  
Julia LaJoie

## **March 14**

Melanie Boylan  
Bob DeBoer  
Megan Freeman

## **March 15**

Brian Holmes  
Jan Wenzel

## **March 17**

Larry Scott

## **March 18**

Patti Gaudett  
Emeril Brinkman  
Angela Olson

## **March 19**

Trina Hall  
Jae Steffen

## **March 20**

Kent Graf  
Dale Munson

## **March 23**

Nolan Lynch

## **March 24**

Kristel Ziemba

## **March 25**

Averie Stefanovsky

## **March 27**

Joy Scherzer

## **March 28**

Bradley Foerster  
Mark Temerowski

## **March 29**

Harper Decker  
Gavin Owen

## **March 30**

Nicholas Bishop

## **March 31**

Thomas Nault  
Logan Wark



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<b>St. Paul Lutheran Church</b> 503 S. State St. Caro, MI 48723 Phone: 989-673-4214 Web: www.stpaulcaro.org						
<b>3 Third Sunday in Lent</b> 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Sunday School / Bible Class 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	<b>4</b> 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	<b>5 8:30</b> Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:30 Board of Elders	<b>6 Midweek of Lent 3</b> 11:00 JOY Group 5:30 Lenten Meal - LWML 7:00 Lenten Worship Service	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>1 World Day of Prayer</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Daylight Saving Time Begins</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Sunday School / Bible Class 11:00 Cont. with Holy Communion 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	<b>11</b> 12:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	<b>12</b> 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	<b>13 Midweek of Lent 4</b> 5:30 Lenten Meal - Choirs 7:00 Lenten Worship Service	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17 Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Sunday School / Bible Class 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	<b>18 Spring Begins</b> 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	<b>19</b> 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:00 LWML	<b>20 Midweek of Lent 5</b> 5:30 Lenten Meal - Margaret LaValley 7:00 Lenten Worship Service	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23 The Annunciation of Our Lord</b>
<b>24 Palm Sunday</b> 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Sunday School / Bible Class 11:00 Cont. with Holy Communion 11:00 SS Kids sing March Song of the Month 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	<b>25</b> 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	<b>26</b> 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	<b>27</b>	<b>28 Maundy Thursday</b> <b>Worship Service 7:00</b>	<b>29 Good Friday</b> <b>Worship Service 1:30</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31 Easter Sunday</b> <b>Fifth Sunday Door Offering</b> 7:30 Sunrise Trad. Service with Holy Comm. 9:45 Sunday School / Bible Class 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	<b>Prayer Chain:</b> Church Office: 673-4214 lynn@stpaulcaro.org					