

# The Messenger

April 2024

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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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The April issue of  
*The Messenger* is sponsored by  
**Ken & Juliana Hecht**  
in celebration of  
their 1st Anniversary!

# FACTS & FIGURES

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
2/25 & 2/28	Worship Services	81 + 73 + 40 = 194	\$6,316.00
3/3 & 3/6	Worship Services	57 + 90 + 57 = 204	\$7,978.00
3/10 & 3/13	Worship Services	45 + 62 + 50 = 157	\$4,740.00
3/17 & 3/20	Worship Services	72 + 92 + 59 = 223	\$6,486.00
Needed each week			<b>\$8,642.37</b>

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the May 2024 issue of *The Messenger* is:  
**Monday, April 22 at 12:00 (noon)**

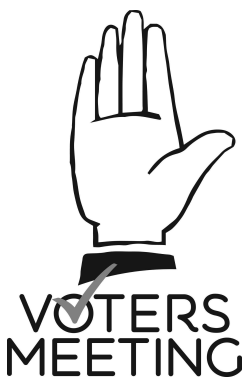
Articles may be emailed to [lynn@stpaulcaro.org](mailto:lynn@stpaulcaro.org) or put in Secretary mailbox




Congratulations to Jared Koehler & Haley and big brother Jensen on the birth of **Harlee Mae**, born on March 10. Pray for continued good health for the family.

## CHILDREN'S BULLETIN DRAWING

The winners for the Children's Bulletin Drawing for February are - **everyone who turned one in!** Maci & Grant, Adam & Connor, and Cora & 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 winner for March will be announced in the first Sunday bulletin in April and in the May newsletter.



**Our next Voter's Assembly is April 21 at 7:00 PM. Please join us if you are a voting member or if you wish to become a voting member.**



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## MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

### Week of April 7, 2024

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

### Week of April 14, 2024


**John 14:19** Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

### Week of April 21, 2024

**John 14:27** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

### Week of April 28, 2024

**John 16:33** I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."



*My heartfelt thanks  
to my church family for  
your prayers, cards, and well  
wishes during my recent hip  
surgery.*

*Thank you Pastor Steele  
for your visit at the  
hospital. I am so blessed  
to have such a wonderful  
and caring church family.*

*God bless all of you.*

*~Ruth Gusko*

## 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.



*teach me, teach me  
to walk in His light*



## SPRING WORK BEE



Would you like to help out this year by volunteering at the Spring Work Bee on Saturday, April 20. We will be starting at 9:00 AM. Some of the things on the list to do are: trim shrubs, lay fresh mulch, clean eaves along with some inside maintenance jobs. If you are able to, please bring a rake, wheelbarrow, and shovel.



### THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

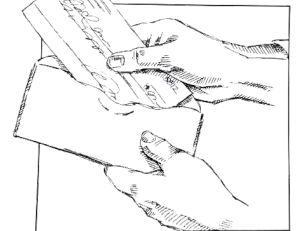
The application process is now open and will stay open until June 1, 2024. Please contact anyone on the committee with questions. The endowment committee members are Liz Zuercher, Jeremy Creutz, Doug DeRocco, Mitzi LaValley, Linda Matuszak, Kathy Smith, and Cindy Morley.

Donations are accepted 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.

*Endowment Fund*



#### 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.
- Deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### 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.

# SPRING TEA

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



Theme: *In The Garden*

Program: *Misty Cramer, "New Beginning Through Forgiveness"*

*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 ~ SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

*joy*

Just Older Youth will meet at the church at **Noon on Saturday, April 20th**, and go to **Andy's Country Chef** restaurant in Clio for lunch, then across the road to the **Clio Senior Center** to see and hear the **Flint Concert Band** perform with the **Show To Go Singers**. Our own **Andrew Weidman** is a member of this band. This is a free concert, with donations accepted to be donated to a non-profit organization.

**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.



# TRUSTEE WISH LIST

Sometimes the Trustees receive suggestions that would improve our facility and better serve our members. While most of these suggestions are very worthwhile, we do not feel they warrant additional debt or fundraising events.

Our special projects budget is currently \$2,500 which we like to save for "must do" projects. Sometimes a family or group have chosen to make one of these projects their own. If by chance your heart and checkbook are looking for a special cause, this might be for you. A wish list item could also be completed as a memorial to honor a loved one. If you have an interest or questions, please feel free to ask Matt Braun, Dwain Ewald, Robyn Blasius, or Ray Stec.

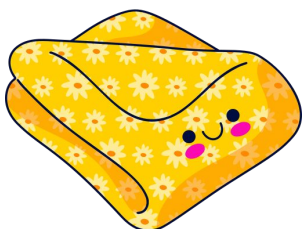
## CURRENT WISH LIST INCLUDES: New Guest Chairs in Pastor's Office

The guest chairs in Pastor's office are quite worn and should be replaced. With many visiting or potential new members meeting in Pastor's office we feel it's important to make a good first impression. The cost of the chairs is approximately \$300.00. If you would like to make a donation for this project, please mark your donation with "New Chairs."

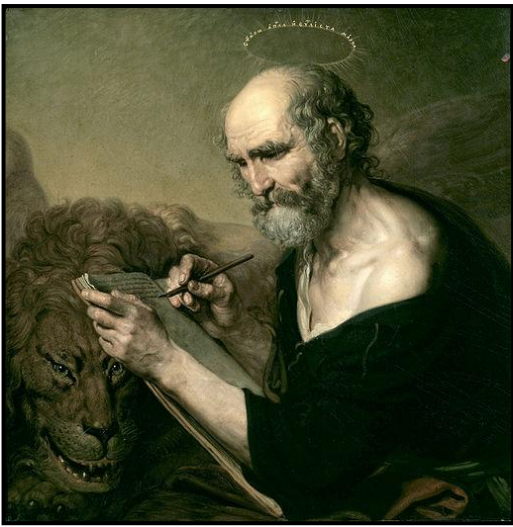
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## LWML ~ CONGREGATION BLESSING BOX

During the month of April, the LWML will be collecting for **Positive Alternatives**. Positive Alternatives is a pregnancy resource center with locations in Caro and Bad Axe. Items that are currently most needed are diapers (size 4 and up), wipes, baby blankets, and clothes sizes 18 months, 2T, and 3T (new or very gently used). The collection box for these items is under the second coat rack.



# ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST



On April 25, the church celebrates St. Mark the Evangelist. He was not one of the 12 Apostles, but he was a disciple of Jesus and it was he who first put into writing the eye witness accounts of the life and times of Jesus, sometime around 65 AD.

St. Peter refers to Mark as his "son." Peter may have used this term to show his love for Mark, or he may have used it because he was the one who baptized Mark. It is believed that Peter was the primary source for Mark's Gospel.

Mark traveled with Sts. Paul and Barnabas to spread the Good News about Jesus. During his imprisonment in Rome, Paul mentions Mark's concern for him and writes about how helpful Mark is in the ministry of helping others to believe in Jesus (Colossians. 4:10; 2 Timothy 4:11).

After serving with Peter in Rome, Mark founded the Church in Egypt and he became bishop of Alexandria. He died there sometime between the years 68-74 AD as a martyr for his belief in Jesus. His relics were eventually taken to Venice where they lie in the Basilica of St. Mark. He is the Patron Saint of the city.

Mark's Gospel is a lasting treasure for all believers. He wrote his Gospel to help people know that Jesus was the Son of God who suffered and died to save us from sin and death. When we read Mark's Gospel, we learn that to be a follower of Jesus, we, too, must be willing to make sacrifices, to "take up our cross and follow" (Mark 8:34) Jesus as he asks us to do.

The symbol for Mark is a lion with wings. That is because his Gospel begins with the story of John the Baptist, a "voice crying in the wilderness" (Mark 1:3), like the roaring of a lion. Mark's Gospel tells us about Jesus' royalty as God's Son, a kingship we share through our Baptism.

The Gospel of Mark concludes with the Lord's final greeting: *"Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel"* (Mk 16:15). Mark sees that Christian faith is something to be shared with others and never to be kept to ourselves. His life and Gospel remind us to share the Good News about Jesus with others.

Taken from: <http://saintsresource.com/mark-the-evangelist>  
and <https://www.stmarkschurch.com/SaintMark>



## Whose Is It Anyway?

If you have ever bought or sold a house, you are acquainted with the concept of a “title search.” Before you can sell your house, and before anyone else will feel comfortable putting down the money to buy it, you have to prove that you really own it. So a title company looks through the public records to ensure that you bought it from the person who really owned it, who bought it from the person who really owned it before that, all the way back to the earliest records of your state, including when your state was only a territory or colony of England.

Peak into a preschool classroom during playtime and you’ll see a simplified version of this. A child starts playing with a ball, but another child says, “That’s mine: I had it first.”

You can’t understand the Seventh Commandment without understanding this concept of ownership or title. As the Small Catechism puts it:

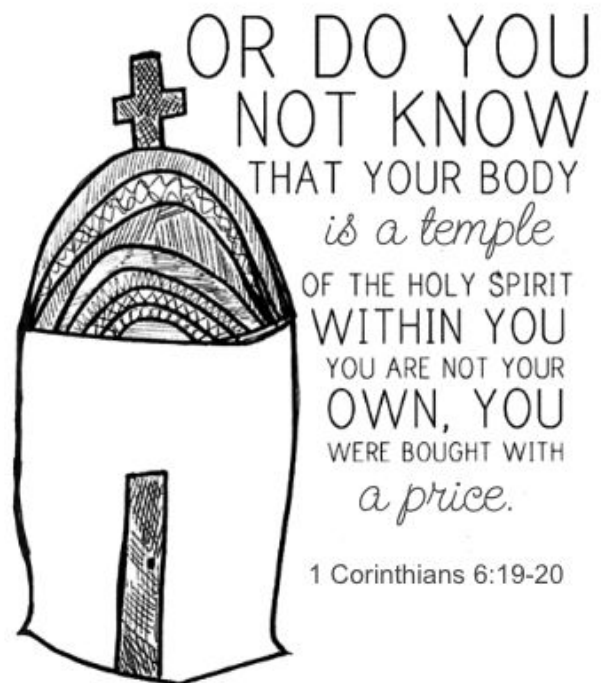
You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Your neighbor’s possessions are his: you don’t have a right to take them. And likewise, your possessions are yours. Ownership and property rights are foundational to any functioning society.

But there is something deeper to know about ownership, and that is the question of who has the title and ownership to you? Paul says, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

If you yourself are owned by God, then of course everything that you own, you really only possess by God’s leave: all of it, at bottom, belongs to Him since you belong to Him. For you were bought with the blood of Christ.

This notion is the foundation of all Christian stewardship. It all belongs to God. It should all be used for things that bring honor to His name, blessings to our neighbors and the extension of His kingdom.





# St. Paul Youth in the News



## HOME & FAMILY

### THE LAST BOOK OF THE BIBLE

The Bible is an amazing book. Well, actually it is a collection of 66 amazing books. The Old Testament has 39 books and the New Testament has 27. Think about the longest book you have ever read. The Bible has 1189 chapters - if you read one chapter a day, it would take more than three years to read!

Sometimes people think of the Bible as a book they should start reading at the beginning, so many people have read Genesis, the first book of the Bible. They learn that God created the world and filled it with good things, but that the first humans couldn't follow the rules. So God's perfect creation was damaged and all things began to experience suffering and death.

The last book of the Bible tells a very different story. It records the visions of a man named John, who was living alone on the Island of Patmos. He talks about many things; some are troubling, but others are very beautiful. John describes a new kind of creation - a time when people will no longer feel pain or sorrow because they would be in God's presence.

Imagine for a moment what a perfect world would be like. The things that terrify us the most will be gone. The idea of a perfect world is what John was trying to describe in Revelation, where a new heaven and a new earth includes more than just people. It is not simply a spiritual world. It is this world, transformed, with all the good things kept. Read some verses from Revelation to explore some of John's visions. Read **Revelation 1:8**. It is saying God is our "A and Z," our beginning and end of all things - always has been and always will be.

Read **Revelation 5:11-12**. John says that many angels, living creatures, and elders are gathered around God's throne, all singing praises. Think of a time when you have heard a large group of people singing. How is it different from hearing just one person sing? What are some songs you would like to hear the angels sing around God's throne?




The Bible records more than 1200 promises and Revelation records many of them. Read **Revelation 7:16-17**. This promise is sometimes read at funerals or in other sad times. John is telling us about a time when we will no longer get hurt or become ill or feel sad or even experience death. Jesus will be our shepherd, guiding us, keeping us safe, and caring for our needs. Jobs today that are like shepherds might include parents, nurses, police, or maybe even pet owners. What can you do to be a caregiver for others?

**Let's read through the entire Bible in one year!**

**Here is the plan for April.**

Are you keeping up OK? If you accidentally miss a day, just double up the next day.

## April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jud. = Judges Sam. = Samuel	1 Jud. 3:31-6:40	2 Jud. 7-9:21	3 Jud. 9:22-11:28	4 Jud. 11:29-15:20	5 Jud. 16-18	6 Jud. 19-21
7 Ruth 1-4:12	8 Ruth 4:13-22, 1Chr. 2:9-55, 1Chr. 4:1-23, 1 Samuel 1:1-8	9 1 Sam. 1:9-4:11	10 1 Sam. 4:12-8:22	11 1 Sam. 9-12	12 1 Chr. 9:35-39, 1 Sam. 13-14	13 1 Sam. 15-17:31
14 1 Sam. 17:32-19:24, Psalm 59	15 1 Sam. 20-21, Psalm 34	16 1 Sam. 22:1-23:12, Psalm 57, 142, 1 Chr. 12:8-18, Psalm 52	17 1 Sam. 23:13-25:44, Psalm 54	18 1 Sam. 26-29:11, 1 Chr. 12:1-7, 1 Chr. 12:19, Psalm 56	19 1 Sam. 30-31, 2 Sam. 4:4, 2 Sam. 1, 1 Chr. 12:20-22, 10, 9:40-44	20 2 Sam. 2-3:5, 1 Chr. 3:1-4, 2 Sam. 23:8-39, 1 Chr. 11:10-47
21 2 Sam 3:6-4:12	22 2 Sam. 5:1-13, 5:17-25, 6:1-11 1 Chr. 11:1-9, 12:23-40, 13:1-14 14:1-2, 14:8-17	23 2 Sam. 6:12-23, 1 Chr. 15-16	24 2 Sam. 7-8:14, 1 Chr. 17-18:13, Psalm 60	25 2 Sam. 8:15-10:19, 1 Chr. 18:14-19:19, 1 Chr. 6:16-48, 1 Chr. 6:50-53	26 1 Chr. 20:1, 2 Sam 11-12:25, Psalm 51, 2 Sam 5:14-16, 1 Chr. 14:3-7, 1 Chr. 3:5-9	27. 2 Sam. 12:26-14:33 1 Chr. 20:2-3
28 2 Sam. 15-17:14	29 2 Sam. 17:15-19:30 Psalm 3, 63	30 2 Sam. 19:31-21:22 Psalm 7 1 Chr. 20:4-8				<i>God looks into the heart</i> 1 SAMUEL 9:7



God's Blessings as you celebrate your special day!

**April 1**

Deb Culbert

**April 3**

Mitchell Holmes  
Christine Sattelberg  
Edna Sattelberg  
Finnlie Sattelberg

**April 5**

Kristen Ender  
Gwendolyn Lynch

**April 6**

Michael Sattelberg  
Rowen Sprague

**April 7**

Ray Bates  
Dawn Ewald  
Arnold Sattelberg

**April 8**

Matt Braun  
Pam LaFave

**April 9**

Mike Reinbold  
Tom LaJoie

**April 10**

Gary Cryderman

**April 11**

Mary Jane Phillips

**April 13**

Matt Campbell  
Sean Will

**April 14**

Mel Witkovsky  
Griffin Flintoft

**April 15**

Dawn Bickel  
Sawyer Cuthrell  
Sayge Cuthrell

**April 16**

Mark Krzewinski  
Richard Woichan

**April 18**

John Amend  
Kathy Smith

**April 21**

Brenda Bauer  
Pauline Dupras  
Caden Enos

**April 23**

Kristin McCreedy

**April 24**

Kimberly Braun  
Christine Trisch

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**April 25**

Ralph Braun  
Lyle Ensign  
Larry Neuman  
Tanner Peasley  
Sara Russell

**April 26**

Betty Gettel  
Tiffani Johnson  
Linda Langley  
Nikki Ewald

**April 27**

Daniel Temerowski  
Kathy Elizando  
Elanor Gaiser

**April 28**

Tara Bernthal

**April 30**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Prayer Chain:</b> Church Office: 673-4214 lynn@stpaulcaro.org	<b>1</b> 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	<b>2</b> 8:30 Quilters 6:30 Elders Meeting	<b>3</b> 7:00 Worship Service	<b>Elders:</b> Eric Bitzer 550-0297 Bob Eremia 810-691-1302 Kent Graf 673-5496 David Hoard 550-2969 Jamie LeBlanc 545-2131 Bill McQueen 598-0444 Bob Smith 325-1038 Garrett Tetil 670-6221 Brian Voss 286-1461 John Weidman 550-4764		<b>6</b> 9-12 Recycling Event
<b>7 Second Sunday of Easter</b> 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Sunday School / Bible Class 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	<b>8</b> 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	<b>9</b> 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 5:30 Board of Worship 6:30 Church Council	<b>10</b> 7:00 Worship Service			<b>13</b>
<b>14 Third Sunday of Easter</b> 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Sunday School / Bible Class 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	<b>15</b> 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	<b>16</b> 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:00 LWML 6:30 Church Council 7:00 Altar Guild 7:00 Stephen Ministry	<b>17</b> 7:00 Worship Service	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00 Spring Work Bee 12:00 JOY Group
<b>21 Fourth Sunday of Easter</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 7:00 Voters' Assembly	<b>22</b> 7:00 Spring Tea	<b>23</b> 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	<b>24</b> 7:00 Worship Service	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> LCMS Birthday	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Sunday School / Bible Class 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion 11:00 SS kids sing April Song of the Month 12:15 Confirmation Questioning	<b>29</b> 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	<b>30</b> 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	<b>Flower Chair:</b> Karen Mozden	<b>Ushers:</b> Brian Holmes Marci LaValley Koehlers Gary Zick	Jay Hecht Brian Rickwalt Zeke Rickwalt	