# The Messenger May 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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#### I Said a Mother's Day Prayer for You

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you to thank the Lord above for blessing me with a lifetime of your tenderhearted love. I thanked God for the caring you've shown me through the years, for the closeness we've enjoyed in time of laughter and of tears. And so, I thank you from the heart for all you've done for me and I bless the Lord for giving me the best mother there could be!

– Anonymous

The May issue of The Messenger is sponsored by **Doug & Donna Rieck** in celebration of their 65th anniversary.

## FACTS & FIGURES

| DATE                  | SERVICE          | ATTENDANCE                 | OFFERING   |
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| 3/24, 3/28, &<br>3/29 | Worship Services | 77 + 81 + 73 + 72 =<br>303 | \$6,406.00 |
| 3/31 & 4/3            | Worship Services | 122 + 107 + 19<br>= 248    | \$7,867.00 |
| 4/7 & 4/10            | Worship Services | 65 + 80 + 22 = 167         | \$8,939.00 |
| 4/14 & 4/17           | Worship Services | 65 + 81 + 22 = 168         | \$6,937.00 |
| 4/21 & 4/24           | Worship Services | 95 + 94 + 20 = 209         | \$4,609.00 |
|                       |                  | Needed each week           | \$8,642.37 |

### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The deadline for the June 2024 issue of *The Messenger* is: Monday, May 20 at 12:00 (noon)

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

#### 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.



Our sympathy to the family and friends of **Mary Jane Phillips**. Mary was born on April 11, 1941 to Frank and Cora (Newton) Johnson. She died on April 15, 2024 at age 83.

#### CHILDREN'S BULLETIN DRAWING

The winners for the Children's Bulletin Drawing for March are **everyone who turned one in!** *Nolan & Penelope, Stella & Cora, and Grant* - 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 April will be announced in the first Sunday bulletin in May and in the June newsletter.





## **BLOOD DRIVE** MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Monday, May 13, 2024

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.

12 - 5:45 PM

- Save time with RapidPass<sup>®</sup>.  $\succ$ Complete your pre-donation reading and health history at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or with the Blood Donor App before your appointment.
- Eligibility questions? Call 1-800-RED  $\succ$ CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org.
  - Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and or platelets.
  - Approximately 29,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U.S.
  - One donation can help save more than one life.
  - Nearly 5,000 units of platelets and 6.500 units of plasma are needed daily in the U.S.
  - Blood and platelets cannot be manufactured; they can only come from volunteer donors.



## J.O.Y. TRIP ~ FRIDAY, MAY 17th, 2024

Just Older Youth will meet at the church at 11:30 AM on Friday, May 17th, and go to Nick's Country Oven in Cass City for lunch. Then, as it is spring planting season, go south of Cass City to the End of the Lane Greenhouse to see their wide selection of flowers and vegetable plants, as well as 9 alpacas on their grounds. There will also be products displayed made from the alpaca fibers. On our return trip to Caro, we will stop at **Dairy Queen** for treats.

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.

### MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

### Week of May 5, 2024

Matthew 6:9–13 Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

### Week of May 12, 2024

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

#### Week of May 19, 2024

Acts 2:38–39 "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

#### <u>Week of May 26, 2024</u> Numbers 6:24–26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.



### GREAT LAKES BAY REGION LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S PRODUCTION Presents ROALD DAHL'S Matilda Jr.

### **AT Bethlehem Lutheran School**

ROALD DAHL'S Matilda Jr. plays at Bethlehem Lutheran from Friday, May 10-11, at 7 PM and Sunday, May 12, at 2 pm. The spectacular 60-minute musical is based on Roald Dahl's novel Matilda and adapted from the award-winning full-length musical Roald Dahl's Matilda. It tells the story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, dares to take a stand and change her destiny.

The LuthMusicals cast includes 26 students from eight Lutheran schools in the area. Rebecca Smith (Bethlehem), Annelise Holcomb (Bethlehem), and Mark Brenner (Immanuel) are the production staff. You may purchase \$8 tickets at the door starting at 6:30 pm on May 10-11 and 1:30 pm on May 12.

Bethlehem Lutheran School - 808 Weiss St., Saginaw, MI 48602 The Frankenmuth and Saginaw Circuits of the LCMS Michigan District join to invite you to our

## **CIRCUIT CONVOCATION**

June 8, 2024, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Trinity Lutheran Church Reese, Michigan

#### "His Church, His Mission Our churches, His Mission"

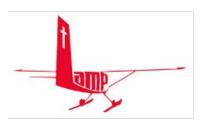
How is our Lord at work in His Church in our congregations? You can find out and you'll be uplifted and inspired. Michigan District Circuits #9 and #10, Frankenmuth and Saginaw Circuits present a Convocation where all of us can gather together to see just how many places the Holy Spirit is at work among us. Join us Saturday, June 8 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Reese for our Convocation titled: "His Church, His Mission. Our churches, His Mission." We begin at 9:00 am.

When you arrive, meet your brothers and sisters from our two circuits. Take some time to browse Mission displays. See what your sister congregations are doing in their local communities. You'll be surprised to find out all the various ways Our churches serve His Mission!



After we worship together, we'll hear from a Missionary Couple who have connections to our area. Adam and Christine Lehman serve the Lord with their four children as Missionaries in Puerto Rico. Hear their stories of the Lord's blessings and learn how the Mission Work of the LCMS is organized. You can be a part of this! *Rev. Adam and Christine Lehman and family.* 

In the afternoon you can attend two sectionals about ministries that offer us opportunities to participate in His mission. Each of these is led by an organization based right here in Michigan! These include: *LAMP, Orphan Grain Train, Lutheran Heritage Foundation, MOST Ministries and Sleep in Heavenly Peace*. How will you choose which sectionals to attend? Below is some information on each of the ministries to help you.



LAMP (Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots) LAMP Ministry has been taking the light of Jesus Christ to the people in remote areas of northern Canada for over 50 years. Meet the Executive Director of LAMP and year about LAMP's exciting Missionary Endeavors.



**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN** In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near. We have wonderful opportunities to participate in this Mission.



**MOST MINISTRIES (Mission Opportunities Short Term)** How would you like to work alongside your neighbor in the mission field sharing God's love with others who either do not know Him or know very little about Him? You can start the journey today on a MOST Ministries short term mission team.



**LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION** Through the mission gifts of people like you, LHF translates, publishes, distributes, and introduces books that are

Bible-based, Christ-centered and Reformation-driven. Help guide unbelievers to Jesus Christ.



**SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE (a close-to-home opportunity)** Sleep in Heavenly Peace: Helping Kids Rest Easy — Help a child get a great night's **sleep** in their own bed. No child should ever have to

**sleep** on the floor. We're here to help during difficult times. What a fulfilling way to serve His Mission.

## CONFIRMATION

The following youth will be confirmed at the 11:00 service on May 5.



Eric Peasley

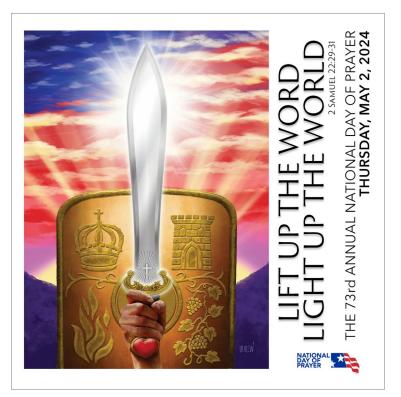
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## LIFT UP THE WORD -LIGHT UP THE WORLD

For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him. 2 Samuel 22:29-31



### **Equipping: How to Pray for America**

#### WHY PRAY FOR AMERICA?

God is sovereign and nothing comes as a surprise to Him. Whether we face fluctuating economics, threats from abroad, unrest at home, or other troubling circumstances, our Heavenly Father is not caught unaware. Through prayer, we are able to tap into His wisdom, strength, protection, and peace. He stands ready to respond to our needs when we humbly ask for divine intervention in the affairs of men.

As we Pray for America whose pledge of allegiance recounts that we are "one nation under God," and whose currency states that it is "in God we trust," we want Americans to encounter the God who rules over their country. "He who forms the mountains, creates the wind, and reveals His thoughts to man, He who turns dawn to darkness, and treads the high places of the earth—the LORD God Almighty is His name." —Amos 4:13 NIV

He is the One who gave us this promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." As we humbly and diligently seek Him, we'll be changed, and we'll see transformation in America through prayer!

HOW TO PRAY FOR AMERICA - BY PRAYING INTO SEVEN CENTERS OF INFLUENCE IN OUR NATION

#### GOVERNMENT MILITARY MEDIA BUSINESS EDUCATION CHURCH FAMILY

#### GOVERNMENT

- Pray for your leaders, as well as the judges in our courts. Ask God to grant them wisdom to act with integrity.
- (I Kings 3:28; I Timothy 2:1-2; Exodus 18:21; Proverbs 11:3; Romans 13:1-2)

#### MILITARY

- "He appointed military officers over the people and assembled them...and encouraged them with these words: 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him. With him only is the arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles..." (2 Chronicles 32:6-8)
- Perseverance to endure hardship (Isaiah 43:2; Deuteronomy 31:6)
- Wise leaders who inspire respect from those under their command (Romans 13:1)
- Protection and support for the families they have left behind (Romans 1:8-10)

#### MEDIA

- "...Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things." (Philippians 4:8)
- The decision makers within the media to realize they can make a profit by producing uplifting projects (Proverbs 8:10-11)
- Christians in media to find favor and be filled with creative ideas that bring kingdom principles and life-giving messages to the public (Proverbs 2:1-15)

#### BUSINESS

- "I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts. He is a master craftsman, expert in working..." (Exodus 31:3-4)
- Impartation of ideas and resources to open principled businesses, especially in areas that need an economic boost (Psalm 132:15)
- Christian workers to display Christ-like humility and service to their co-workers (Philippians 2:3)

#### EDUCATION

- "If you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." (Proverbs 2:3-6)
- A safe atmosphere conducive to learning
- Excellence in educators (Exodus 18:20-21)
- Equal opportunities for every student to achieve their full potential (Philippians 1:9)

#### CHURCH

- "So then, just as you received Jesus Christ as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ." (Colossians 2:6-8)
- The church would find a new zeal and commitment to the mission and purpose of Jesus Christ (Matt 22:37)
- Unity with and among churches that reveal God's love to the world (John 17:23)
- Integrity–that God's people look and act differently from the world (I Peter 2:11; 1 Corinthians 13:6)

#### FAMILY

- "If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand." (Mark 3:25)
- Unity and love in individual families that reach out in hospitality toward others (Romans 12:9-13)
- Establish healthy relationships between parents and children (Malachi 4:5-6)

On the National Day of Prayer, we invite your family to join Christians across the nation in the National Day of Prayer service at 8:00 pm ET. <u>https://www.facebook.com/natlprayer/</u>

## Friedrich Conrad Dietrich Wyneken

BORN: MAY 13, 1810 Verden, Hannover, Germany DIED: MAY 4, 1876 San Francisco, CA

F.C.D. Wyneken arrived in America in July 1838, knowing little about the place and people. Moved by what he heard about the spiritual situation of German immigrants in America, he had come to bring them the Gospel. Already trained and ordained, he was welcomed by Lutherans in the eastern United States and then sent to the frontier located in the Midwest, including places like Fort Wayne, Indiana.

There, Wyneken found a congregation without a pastor and agreed to serve them, but insisted also on carrying out extensive forays into surrounding areas to find and then minister to Germans without pastors. There were many of them and more were coming.

Wyneken began writing up accounts of his work in America and sending them back to Germany in order to stir up support for the American mission. He was quite successful. His reports were colorful accounts of a colorful ministry. "Just imagine," he wrote, "German heathen!" Without pastors, many German settlers were slipping away from the faith. So more help was needed.

Many of those who later participated in establishing The Lutheran Church– Missouri Synod responded to Wyneken's appeal when they first read it or even heard it from the man himself.

After Wyneken returned to Fort Wayne in 1843, he accepted a position as



pastor in Baltimore. There he came into contact with Lutheran leaders who weren't really Lutheran. Some denied the real presence of the body and blood of Jesus in the Lord's Supper, others just thought it unimportant. This led Wyneken and men like C.F.W. Walther to form a new church body, committed to Lutheran doctrine and resolved to practice it. This was the LCMS.

The first president of the Synod was Walther, but after three years he yielded the post to Wyneken who served in this office from 1850 to 1864. It was a period of tremendous growth and therefore of enormous work since the Synod as a whole was carrying out the task that Wyneken had begun: to establish the Lutheran Church in America. In 1864, Wyneken accepted a call to Cleveland to serve once again as a parish pastor. He died in 1876 while visiting his daughter in California.

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### The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry – *lcms.org/stewardship* Newsletter Article – May 2024

### More Than a Negative

Even if you've never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie?

Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without technically lying. You tell just enough of the truth to skate on by.

We often play the game of seeing how close we can get to sinning without technically going over the line.

But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when He gave us the commandments. He's not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just barely stay away from this or that. There is much more to each commandment than a prohibition. We shouldn't just avoid murdering people — we should be of service to our neighbor.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In the Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our relationship with him:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), the other members of your congregation, your coworkers and your friends is one of the most precious gifts you have been given. You need to exercise good stewardship with this gift just as much as you need to exercise good stewardship with your life, resources, time and income. This is an especially fragile gift because it's easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone's back.

But speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a beloved child of God for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.

## The New Gift of the Spirit



Pentecost is often considered the birthday of the church. We celebrate it as the time in which the Spirit is given to the disciples and the church is born. But is this gift fresh and new, or is it recycled?

God did not start out as one at the creation, then subdivide as necessary, first splitting off a piece of the holy for Jesus and then a piece for the Spirit. The Trinity has been as long as God has been, and yet the Holy Spirit as given on Pentecost is fresh and new. How can this be?

Consider some of the references to the Spirit in the Old Testament. Genesis begins by saying that while the earth was a formless void, a wind from God, or as some translations say, the Spirit of God, swept over the face of the waters. It is an image of God's presence at the time of creation (Genesis 1:1). In Numbers, as Moses gathers 70 elders to help him with his work, god says, "I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them" (Numbers 11:17). The Spirit that empowered Moses was to be shared, just as the work to be done was to be shared.

In Judges and Samuel there are many examples of the Spirit of God coming to strengthen famous and not-so-famous individuals for the task ahead. The Spirit came upon obscure characters such as Othniel, who led the people in a victorious battle (Judges 3:10) and upon more well-known people such as Gideon (Judges 6:34). The Spirit of the Lord "rushed" upon Samson, who then tore apart a lion bare-handed (Judges 14:6) and it "possessed" Samuel who fell into a prophetic frenzy (1 Samuel 10:10). In the prophets, the Spirit came upon Ezekiel with the words to speak (Ezekiel 11:5).

The Spirit of God had been given before Pentecost. It was given individuals, to rest upon them, to help them with the task of crisis at hand. This is different from what happened when the Spirit appeared like the sound of wind. Now the Spirit was not for individuals only, but for all; now the Spirit did not rest upon people, but rather filled them. Now the Spirit was not to meet an immediate crisis, but to empower disciples to respond to God's call.

First, on Pentecost, the Spirit was given to all who were present. Peter interprets this in his sermon by quoting Joel that the Spirit would be poured out upon sons and daughters, young men and old men, and male and female slaves. The Spirit was no longer reserved for judges, prophets, and leaders, but freely given to all. (cont.) Second, the gift of the Spirit is new on Pentecost because it fills people, rather than just resting upon people. Previously, when the Spirit of God came to God's servants, it rested upon them and did so long enough for them to accomplish what needed to be done. On Pentecost, the Spirit filled people. It is the difference between hearing a symphony through one old speaker and hearing it with high-tech surround sound.

Finally, the Spirit was a new gift on the day of Pentecost because it came for a different reason. Previously, the Spirit came upon people to heal them or to meet immediate needs. Samson had a lion facing him. Gideon had a battle before him. Ezekiel was called to speak. Each had something to do that was beyond their power. On Pentecost there was no immediate crisis. There were no battles pending. The disciples had been praying and waiting, and then the Spirit came. Why? It was not a danger they faced but a challenge-the challenge to go make disciples of all nations.

Pentecost is the birthday of the church, for God's Holy Spirit is given in a fresh, new way. May that same Spirit continue to inspire each of us, each day.

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How many of you remember this song from Sunday School?

(Either scan the QR Code or type in the address below.)

bit.ly/DryBonesYouTube



## Dem Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14, one of the lectionary readings for Pentecost (May 19, 2024), is a powerful text on its own; reading it in the context of Pentecost brings a whole new richness.

The prophet happens upon a valley of dried bones - not just dead limbs, but bones that are dehydrated beyond comprehension. Asked, "can they live?" the prophet replies rather flippantly, "only you know the answer to that one, God." In other words, "of course not! Yet...you, God, hae more answers than I have."

God challenges the prophet to confront the people. "These bones are the house of Israel," God says, "and they believe that they are lifeless, dead, gone. Tell them otherwise."

This is what Pentecost is all about: tell the dead, the hopeless, the forgotten, and the ones who see no future that there is a future. Tell them that as long as God is around, there is hope - hope that will take lifeless bones and bring them to dancing once again.

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| 5<br>1 Chr. 29:1-22<br>1 Kings 1           | 6<br>1 Kings 2:1-12<br>2 Sam. 23:1-7<br>1 Chr. 29:26-30<br>Psalm 4-6, 8-9, 11         | 7<br>Psalm 12-17,<br>19-21                            | 8<br>Psalm 22-26                                  | 9<br>Psalm 27-32  | 10<br>Psalm 35-38                       | 11<br>Psalm 39-41,<br>53, 55, 58                                |
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| 19<br>Psalm 79-82                          | 20 Psalm 83,<br>1 Chr. 29:23-25<br>2 Chr. 1:1-13<br>1 Kings 2:13-46<br>1 Kings 3:1-15 | 21<br>1 Kings 3:16-28<br>1 Kings 5-6<br>2 Chr. 2-3:14 | 22<br>1 Kings 7<br>2 Chr. 3:15-4:22<br>2 Chr. 5-6 | 23<br>1 Kings 8:1-53<br>2 Chr. 5-6                        | 24<br>1 Kings 8:54-<br>9:14<br>2 Chr. 7 | 25<br>2 Chr. 8-9:28<br>1 Kings 9:15-<br>10:29<br>2 Chr. 1:14-17 |
| 26<br>1 Kings 4,<br>Psalm 72,<br>Psalm 127 | 27<br>Proverbs 1-4  | 28<br>Pro. 5-7  | 29<br>Pro. 8-10                                   | 30<br>Pro. 11-13  | 31<br>Pro. 14-16                        | STATE NAME  |

A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey they had an argument and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, he wrote in the sand; "Today my best friend slapped me in the face."

They kept on walking until they found an oasis where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but his friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone; "Today my best friend saved my life."

The friend, who had slapped and saved his best friend, asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand, and now you write on a stone. Why?" The other friend replied: "When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where the winds of forgiveness can erase it away; but when someone does something good for us we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."

-Bobbie Palmer

A teacher had just given her second-grade class a lesson on magnets. Now came the question session, and she asked a little boy, "My name starts with an M and I pick up things. What am I?" The boy replied instantly, "A Mother." -*Illustrations Unlimited*, edited by James S. Hewett ©1988. Used by permission of Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

## St. Paul Youth in the News



### VIOLET TETIL Kingston Track & Field

Member of the Kingston 3,200-Relay team that set a new school record time of 10 minutes, 48.72 seconds at Brown City on April 9. **MAY BIRTHDAYS** 

<u>May 1</u> Olivia Creutz

<u>May 2</u> Meadow Campbell Zachary Souva

<u>May 3</u> Gerald Sattelberg Jill Mitchell Lucas Gaudett John Katz

> <u>May 4</u> Nolan Joyce

<u>May 5</u> Robert Scheil Jacob Davis

<u>May 6</u> Kathy Meyer Sarah Lester

<u>May 7</u> Travis Cryderman Nancy Binder

> <u>May 8</u> Isaac Miners

<u>May 9</u> Clara Schultheis Bob Smith

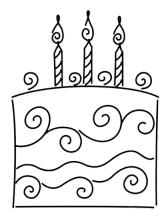
<u>May 10</u> Troy Johnson Alekzander Lipar God's Blessings as you celebrate your special day!

<u>May 13</u> Jordan Decker Rachel Turner

<u>May 14</u> Kristen Waskiewicz

> <u>May 15</u> Kayla Sturm

<u>May 17</u> Kennedy Decker Elizabeth Holzwart Allyson Joyce



<u>May 18</u> Kevin Lockwood

> <u>May 19</u> Ruth Steele

<u>May 20</u> Amy Spaulding Julie Thompson Connor Peasley

<u>May 21</u> Michael LaJoie <u>May 22</u> Cindy Morley

<u>May 23</u> Ayla Thayer Domanic Novelli

<u>May 24</u> Addison Vaughan

<u>May 25</u> Patrick Bishop Cathy Erla

<u>May 26</u> Walter Bickel Sue Gage

<u>May 27</u> Casey Hadaway Caden Temerowski Ruth Berry

> <u>May 28</u> Della Del Real

<u>May 29</u> Jonathan McLeod

<u>May 30</u> Nick McCreedy James Tomlinson Hunter Voss

<u>May 31</u> Lu Ann Brown Duane Will

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| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday                            | Thursday                                 | Friday  | Saturday   |
| Ushers:<br>Ed Mozden Larry Neuman<br>Karen Mozden Tim Bates<br>Ann & Dennis Doug DeRocco<br>Sattelberg Ray Stec   | <b>Prayer Chain: Fl</b><br>Church Office: B∈<br>673-4214<br>Iynn@stpaulcaro.org                 | <b>Flower Chair:</b><br>Becki Bates<br>.org  | <b>1</b><br>7:00 Worship<br>Service  | <b>2</b><br>National<br>Day of<br>Prayer | 3   | 4  |
| 5 Confirmation Sunday<br>Sixth Sunday of Easter<br>8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion<br>9:45 Sunday School / Bible Class<br>11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion<br>and Confirmation                             | <b>6</b><br>5:30 Choir Practice<br>6:30 Handbell<br>Practice                                    | <b>7</b> 8:30 Quilters<br>5:30<br>Contemporary<br>Rehearsal<br>6:00 Board of Elders                        | <b>8</b><br>7:00 Worship<br>Service  | <b>9</b> The<br>Ascension<br>of Our Lord | 10  | 11   |
| <b>12 Mother's Day</b><br><b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b><br>8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion<br>9:45 Sunday School / Bible Class<br>11:00 Contemporary with Holy<br>Communion                                    | <b>13</b><br>12:00 Red Cross<br>Blood Drive<br>5:30 Choir Practice<br>6:30 Handbell<br>Practice | <b>14</b><br>8:30 Quilters<br>5:30<br>Contemporary<br>Rehearsal  | <b>15</b><br>7:00 Worship<br>Service | 16                                       | <b>17</b><br>11:30 JOY<br>Group   | 18   |
| <b>19 The Day of Pentecost</b><br>8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion<br>9:45 Last day of Sunday School<br>9:45 Bible Class<br>11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion<br>11:00 Sunday School/ Congregation<br>Picnic | <b>20</b><br>5:30 Choir Practice<br>6:30 Handbell<br>Practice                                   | <b>21</b><br>8:30 Quilters<br>6:00 LWML - Salad<br>Bar Supper<br>7:00 Altar Guild<br>7:00 Stephen Ministry | <b>22</b><br>7:00 Worship<br>Service | 23                                       | 24  | 25   |
| 26 The Holy Trinity<br>9:30 Traditional with Holy Communion   | <b>27</b> Memorial<br>Day<br>5:30 Choir Practice<br>6:30 Handbell<br>Practice                   | <b>28</b><br>8:30 Quilters<br>5:30<br>Contemporary<br>Rehearsal  | <b>29</b><br>7:00 Worship<br>Service | 30                                       | 31  |  |