

# NOTES AND NEWS St. Paul Lutheran Church, Caro, MI – 3/17/2024

A warm welcome to all worshipers here on the Fifth Sunday in Lent. Empowered by our Lord’s Spirit, we continue to run the race of faith! This is an important “training stop” along the way as together we grow in faith and worship our loving Lord Jesus. We thank the Lord for each of you being with us today.

**FELLOWSHIP PAD:** Visitors & Members - please sign the Fellowship Pad, ***KIDS TOO!*** Visitors, please include your address. If you have no church home, are interested in becoming part of our church family, or would like information about St. Paul, please talk with an usher, elder, or Pastor Steele, who will be happy to speak with you.

**COMMUNION IN THE PEW:** If it has become necessary for you to have communion brought to you in the pew, please notify the pastor or an elder. We are pleased to assist you to receive this great blessing on a regular basis.

	<b>3/17 8:30 AM</b>	<b>3/17 11:00 PM</b>	<b>WED 3/20 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Elder</b>	Dave Hoard	Garrett Tetil	Bill McQueen
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Ruth Steele	Tammy Ewald	Bill McQueen
<b>Greeters</b>	Dave Hoard	Tammy Ewald	Bill & Linda McQueen
<b>Usher</b>	Singers & Larry McCreedy	Enders	Linda Matuszak & Robyn Blasius

**Attendance last week:** 45 + 62 + 50 = 157

**Offering:** \$4,740.00                      **Needed \$8,642.37**

- **SPECIAL VOTERS ASSEMBLY:** There will be a special Voters’ Assembly on **March 24, at 9:45 am**, to discuss moving forward with a call for the position of Minister of Family Life.
- **CONCORDIA SEMINARY Adopt-a-Student:** St. Paul has “adopted” Mr. Joshua Marlatt as a Seminary Student. Initially, our congregation voted to support him with \$1,000 for this year. But you can support him too, in so many ways. Please Pray for Joshua, write notes of encouragement to him, support him financially with your own gifts. We will get to know him better throughout the year. Here is his contact information:  
Mr. Joshua Marlatt, Campus P.O. Box, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105, [marlatt@csl.edu](mailto:marlatt@csl.edu).
- **THE BOOK OF REVELATION** is Pastor Steele’s Sunday Morning Bible Class. Everyone is invited to attend.
- **LAWN CARE:** The Trustees are looking for someone to mow and take care of the lawn. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact Ray Stec.

- **RECYCLING:** Would you like to learn more about recycling? The LWML invites the entire congregation to their next meeting on **March 19 at 7:00** to hear Beth Hoppe talk about recycling, just in time for our Recycling Day coming up on April 6.
- **ENDOWMENT FUND:** Fund Request Forms are now out, on the table in the Narthex. They are due by June 1, 2024 for both restricted and unrestricted funds. What does the Endowment Committee do? How is the money given out? What are restricted and unrestricted funds? The answers to all of these questions are on the back of the Request Form. Look for the yellow paper.
- **MISSING COAT:** Did you accidentally take the wrong coat home on Feb. 25 (the day of the New Member Reception)? This would be a men's long, navy blue dress coat with leather gloves in the pockets. There was a similar coat left here so it might have accidentally been mistaken for the one that was left. If you have a men's navy dress coat, please check to make sure it is yours and not this one. Thank you!
- **COUNTERS NEEDED:** The finance team is looking for a couple more counters. Let me (Lynn) know if you are interested and I'll pass your name on.
- **LADIES - WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A TABLE?** The LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) will have their annual **Spring Tea on April 22**. If you would like to host a table, please let Lynn know. M-F 8:30-4:30, 989-673-4214 or [lynn@stpaulcaro.org](mailto:lynn@stpaulcaro.org) anytime. The theme this year will be "Garden Flowers" or something to do with flowers. The exact theme is yet to be determined. More information will come later for those that would like to attend as a guest.
- **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)
- **NEWSLETTER SPONSORS NEEDED 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.** You can sponsor in honor of someone, in celebration of an event, or whatever reason you want.

- **BAY SHORE B.L.A.S.T. (Building Lives Around Spiritual Truths):** Blast is a one-day event on **April 7<sup>th</sup>, from 4-7 pm** where **6th-12th graders** from all over can come together for fellowship, play games, worship, talk, get to know each other, and just have a blast! There will be “free time” activities (laser tag, gaga ball, 9-square, table games, etc.), food, a giant group game, and a service. The cost is just \$1 per person, paid at the door when you arrive.
- **ARE YOU A GRADUATE OF CONCORDIA ANN ARBOR?:** Have your children or grandchildren attended CUAA? Recently the new president of Concordia Ann Arbor gave the startling announcement that there would be drastic cuts to the university's budget including selling off of campus property and real estate. These drastic measures are slated for later this year! There was no warning about this to the alumni, the district presidents, or congregations of the districts. This is a surprise because we have heard nothing but glowing reports of higher enrollment and new programs offered. In an effort to give the leadership extra time before selling property, the Michigan District has proposed an emergency fund-raising effort of \$5 Million to keep the Concordia Ann Arbor open until a better solution could be reached. To learn more and especially to pledge support, visit [www.michigandistrict.org](http://www.michigandistrict.org) and see the article on the front page. Please read President Davis’ report about this on the district website. **Please pray for Concordia University Ann Arbor.**
- **WE ARE NO LONGER COLLECTING VGs RECEIPTS!**
- **DIRECT YOUR LABELS:** Please save your *Our Family* brand barcodes. You only need to turn in the barcode. You can put them in the box above the card case. There is a slot labeled for them. What a fun way to earn money for the missions we support.
- **CHILDREN’S BULLETIN DRAWING:** Kids – remember to put your Children’s bulletin in my mailbox (Secretary) when you complete it to be in the Monthly Drawing. You only have to do one of the two pages that you get. Please make sure your name is on it.
- **SET APART TO SERVE:** The need is great for church workers. Learn more about the LCMS church work recruitment initiative. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex, or for even more information, go to the following link: [lcms.org/sas](http://lcms.org/sas)
- **GALATIANS BIBLE STUDY...** The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on the Book of Galatians. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.

- **FAMILY PROMISE THRIFT:** What used to be Michigan House of Hope on Joy Street in town is now Family Promise Thrift. They are still in need of volunteers. For information call Pastor Mike Wester at 989-325-5827.

**March 17 – March 24**

<b>Sunday, March 17</b> Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9	<b>The Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> <b>8:30 AM Contemporary Worship with Comm.</b> <b>9:45 AM Sunday School / Bible Class</b> <b>11:00 AM Traditional Worship with Comm.</b> <b>12:15 PM 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation</b>
<b>Monday, March 18</b> Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19	<b>5:30 PM Choir Practice</b> <b>6:30 PM Handbells Practice</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 19</b> Deuteronomy 26-29:1	<b>8:30 AM Quilters</b> <b>5:30 PM Contemporary Rehearsal</b> <b>6:00 PM LWML</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 20</b> Deuteronomy 29:2-31:29	<b>Midweek of Lent 5</b> <b>5:30 PM Advent Meal – Margaret LaValley</b> <b>7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service</b>
<b>Thursday, March 21</b> Deut. 31:30-32:52, Psalm 90	
<b>Friday, March 22</b> Deut. 33-34, Joshua 1-2	
<b>Saturday, March 23</b> Joshua 3-6	
<b>Sunday, March 24</b> 1 Chron. 2:7, Joshua 7-9	<b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Comm.</b> <b>9:45 AM Sunday School / Bible Class</b> <b>11:00 AM Contemporary Worship with Comm.</b> <b>12:15 PM 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation</b>

**NEXT WEEK...**

	<b>3/24 8:30</b>	<b>3/24 11 AM</b>	<b>TH 3/28 7:00 PM</b>	<b>FRI 3/29 1:30 PM</b>
<b>Elder</b>	Dave Hoard	John W	John Weidman	John Weidman
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Cathy Erla	Zach Voss		
<b>Greeters</b>	Dave Hoard	John W	John Weidman	John Weidman
<b>Usher</b>	Singers & Larry M.	Enders	Linda M & Robyn B	Gary Zick & Tim Bates