

NOTES AND NEWS St. Paul Lutheran Church, Caro, MI – 3/24/2024

A warm welcome to all worshipers here on Palm Sunday. 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.

	3/24 8:30 AM	3/24 11:00 AM	TH 3/28 7:00 PM	FRI 3/29 1:30 PM
Elder	Dave Hoard	Bob Smith	John Weidman	John Weidman
Lay Reader	Cathy Erla	Zach Voss		
Greeters	Dave Hoard	Bob Smith	John Weidman	John Weidman
Usher	Singers & Larry M.	Enders	Linda M & Robyn B	Linda M & Robyn B

Attendance last week: 72 + 92 + 59 = 223

Offering: \$6,486.00 **Needed \$8,642.37**

- **SPECIAL VOTERS ASSEMBLY:** There will be a special Voters’ Assembly today, **March 24, at 9:45 am**, to discuss moving forward with a call for the position of Minister of Family Life.
- **SPRING WORK BEE:** *SAVE THE DATE!* The Spring Work Bee will be on **April 20** this year, starting at 9:00. Any and all help is appreciated. Keep your eye on the April newsletter and upcoming bulletins for more information.
- **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@csle.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.
- **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 anytime. The theme this year will be "In the Garden." More information will come later for those that would like to attend as a guest.
- **RECYCLING:** The LWML will be hosting a Recycling Event on April 6 from 9:00 – 12:00 in the parking lot. See the flyer on the door next to the bulletin board for information on some of the items that are and are not accepted.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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
- **BAY SHORE B.L.A.S.T. (Building Lives Around Spiritual Truths):** Blast is a one-day event on **April 7th, 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 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.
- **PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY...** You're invited to attend the 2024 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: 12-Time All-American Swimmer Riley Gaines, Mollie Hemingway of Fox News, Mark Hemingway of RealClear Investigations, Pastor Chris Rosebrough of "Fighting for the Faith," Aaron Renn of The American Conservative, Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller of "Has American Christianity Failed?," and Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. The early bird registration fee is \$140 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.
- **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 24 – March 31

<p align="center">Sunday, March 24 1 Chron. 2:7, Joshua 7-9</p>	<p>Palm Sunday 8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Comm. <u>NO</u> Sunday School or Bible Class 9:45 AM Special Voters' Assembly 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship with Comm. 11:00 AM SS Kids sing 12:15 PM 1st and 2nd Year Confirmation</p>
<p align="center">Monday, March 25 Joshua 10-12:6</p>	<p>5:30 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM Handbells Practice</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday, March 26 Joshua 12:7-15:19</p>	<p>8:30 AM Quilters 5:30 PM Contemporary Rehearsal</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday, March 27 Joshua 15:20-17:18</p>	
<p align="center">Thursday, March 28 Joshua 18-19:48</p>	<p>7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship Service</p>
<p align="center">Friday, March 29 Joshua 19:49-21:45, 1 Chron. 6:54-81</p>	<p>Office Closed 1:30 PM Good Friday Worship Service</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, March 30 Joshua 22-24</p>	
<p align="center">Sunday, March 31 Judges 1-3:30</p>	<p>Easter Sunday Fifth Sunday Door Offering 7:30 AM Sunrise Trad. Worship with Comm. <u>NO</u> Sunday School or Bible Class 11:00 AM Traditional Worship with Comm. 12:15 PM 1st and 2nd Year Confirmation</p>

NEXT WEEK...

	3/31 7:30 AM	3/31 11 AM	Wed 4/3 7:00 PM
Elder		Garrett Tetil	Bill McQueen
Lay Reader			Bill McQueen
Greeters			Bill & Linda McQueen
Usher	Singers & Larry M.	Enders	