



St. Paul's

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Most congregations hold Confirmation sometime in the spring. With the blossoming of the trees and the flowers comes our younger ones blossoming into maturity in the faith. They will receive the Lord's Supper for the first time. They will vow to remain faithful to the one true faith until they die. These are big things and are not only a reason to celebrate but also a reason to pray for these younger ones. To receive the Lord's Supper is to receive the body and blood of Jesus which is a powerful medicine. The body and blood of Jesus received at the altar is so powerful that it removes sin and grants salvation to all who believe it and have faith in these words, "given and shed for you" (Small Catechism). The Lord's giving of Himself at the altar is so powerful that if received wrongly it can even have detrimental effects on a person - like someone taking a prescription drug incorrectly. St. Paul says, "Anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died" (1 Corinthians 11:29-30). Whoa! Indeed, this must be serious business and to be approached with prayers of support.

This serious business is why our confirmands learn the words of Jesus by heart, "This is my body; this is my blood," and confess that what our heavenly Physician has prescribed is really there - His actual body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We are making sure they are receiving the medicine correctly and to their benefit. What a glorious thing to witness and reason to give thanks to God!

There are some veins of Christianity that don't believe Jesus is really giving out His body and blood in the Lord's Supper. While we aren't making a judgement on their faith in Christ, we do have the responsibility if they visit us to keep them from harm by receiving the medicine apart from how it is prescribed. This is the loving thing to do. We're not being mean when we tell someone they have to wait to commune at our altar, we're actually caring enough to say the hard thing - "We believe what Jesus says, so let's wait, talk, and see if you agree with what He says concerning what He gives at the altar." It would be uncaring to simply let people come into potential harm as St. Paul warns.

And so we teach our children (or adults) the Lord's words and hear their public confession of the faith. This is beautiful and binds us together in one body, in unity, around the words and gifts of Jesus. We all agree on what our Lord is giving and so eat in unity at the same altar. God be praised when the Lord's Word has free course and brings more into fellowship at the altar. Pray for our young ones who are being brought to the altar to be fed with the Bread of Life Himself - our Lord Jesus!

In Christ,
Pastor Suggitt



The regular monthly meeting of St. Paul Ladies Aid was called to order by President Ruth Fluegge on Sunday, April 6, 2025, immediately following our worship service.

The devotion for the day was from the *Portals of Prayer* entitled "Return to Me". When people have strayed from going to church, hearing the Word – it gets easier & easier to stay away. Satan has won. God grieves when he sees that our priorities have been displaced. He wants us to be in His presence. He wants us to cherish and love the time we spend in His house.

The Mission Statement of St. Paul Lutheran Ladies Aid Society was recited by all. Twelve ladies answered roll call. The Ladies Aid secretary read the minutes of the March meeting; approved.

Old Business:

1. LWML Mite Boxes

Joyce will take the money from the Mite boxes to a lady from Immanuel to send in with theirs. Discussion was held. Melissa Deming made a motion to send \$250 to LWML; supported by Joyce Metzger; carried.

2. The check for our donation to Orphan Grain Train will be re-issued and the first one was lost.

3. Joyce mentioned that we are short on purificator cloths. Sandy will talk to Pastor about this matter to see if he will order more.

New Business:

1. Discussion was held concerning how many Easter lilies we would supply for the altar on Easter Sunday. Sandy said we had 8 last year. Ruth Fluegge will go to a local business and purchase that number.
2. Information was presented about attendance at the LWML Spring Rally on April 22nd. The cost is \$8 per person.
3. The members of Ladies Aid will share the responsibility of keeping the kitchen in good order. This will be done quarterly or as needed.
4. Since a good number of Ladies Aid members are getting older, we discussed the idea of recruiting some younger members. If you're talking with any such ladies feel free to ask them if they are willing to join.

A motion was made by Janet Truemner; supported by Shirley Fritz to adjourn. Carried.

The meeting closed with the doxology and praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Salcido

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Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Youth Catechism: 1:30 p.m.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 10 @ Noon

Ladies Aid will provide broasted chicken and beverages. Bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to share as we celebrate all of the ladies in our lives.

Giving Back - we will be collecting smaller-sized laundry items (detergent & fabric softener sheets) for the Suds for Success Program run by Alayna Guza. You can also donate cash as she partners with laundromats to buy vouchers with money donations. Please bring your donations that day.

FYI – We'll be planting flowers so you might get dirty!



We are so thankful to everyone who helped make this Easter season special! Our Easter breakfast had a wonderful turnout with around 75 people attending. A big thank you to Wendy Ewald for her excellent organization, and to our Sunday School children who did an outstanding job setting up, serving, and cleaning up. It was a beautiful example of service in action!

Mark your calendars—our last day of Sunday School and Recognition Sunday will be **May 11th**. We look forward to celebrating another great year and recognizing our students and teachers for their dedication and growth in faith.



Thank you to everyone who helped make the Easter breakfast a beautiful success. To all who helped with their cooking skills, doing dishes, serving, cleaning up, donating and supporting each other, your help did not go unnoticed. And thank you to all who came and enjoyed fellowship and delicious food while celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord.

Wendy Ewald

We're also excited to announce a **Sunday School field trip** on **May 25th** at **Club 24** right after church. Kids are invited to come eat and enjoy some mini golf fun. There will be a sign up on who would like to attend in the narthex of the church. All families are welcome to come.

Looking ahead to summer, **Vacation Bible School** will be held **June 23-26** from **5:00 to 7:00 PM**. Dinner will be provided each night. VBS is open to children entering **Kindergarten through 6th grade**. Students entering **7th grade** will have the opportunity to serve as helpers this year—a great step in growing their faith and leadership.

We're grateful for all the families and volunteers who make our Sunday School program so special. God's blessings to you all as we wrap up a joyful and faith-filled school year!

In Christ's Love,
The Sunday School Committee; Lisa Sprague,
Michelle Reibling, Amy Haag, Paula Holland,
Wendy Ewald



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NewsLetter DEADLine

The deadline for articles for the June issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" is Sunday, May 18, 2025. You can email them to Sandy at salcido.sandy8@gmail.com.

Thanks for keeping the congregation informed about what's going at St. Paul.



The 2025 flower calendar has been posted in the church office.

Flowers may be placed on the altar for lots of reasons, or for no reason at all. If you would like to furnish flowers for the altar for a specific date just sign your name on the line next to the date.

You can order and pick up the flowers yourself or contact the people on the flower committee to do it for you. The names of the ladies on the Flower Committee are posted in the bulletin and/or newsletter. Give them a call and they'll be happy to take care of it for you.

Grandkids Make Life Grand



Kinslee Grace Ricker was born to Derek and Emily Ricker on March 27, 2025. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 inches long.

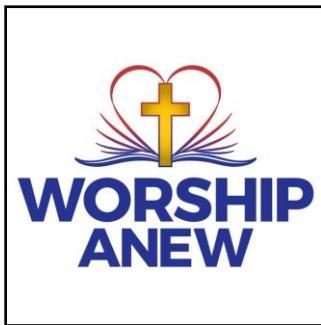
Kinslee was lovingly welcomed by big sister, Callie, grandparents Matt & Kari Ricker as well as great-grandma, Janet Truemner.

GRADUATE SUNDAY



College graduations are almost here. High School Graduations are right after that! Help us celebrate your graduates at St. Paul on **Sunday, June 1st**. Graduates are invited to attend church (in their cap and gown if they so chose) as we recognize their accomplishments. A reception will be held in the fellowship hall immediately after service for everyone.

Please submit a photograph of your graduate, a headshot (black & white if possible) and include: full name; school they are graduating from; degree earned (college); and future plans (college, technical school, trades, employment). Info can be dropped off on the secretary's desk or submitted via email to: salcido.sandy8@gmail.com BY MAY 18th please.



Lutheran Service on Television:

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DirectTV Channel 377 - Sundays 11:30am
Antenna Channel 49
Comcast Channel 8



Positive Alternatives is a Christ-Centered, Pro-Life ministry working to reach the hearts and minds of abortion minded and abortion vulnerable women to encourage and empower them toward life for their unborn child. The love they have extends beyond the birth of the baby. Families are assisted with parenting help and encouraged to follow Jesus.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

For a number of years members of St. Paul who are deeply committed to the Sanctity of Human Life have taken one of the Boomerang bottles home on Mother's Day. They have prayed for the people served by Positive Alternatives, filled their bottle with loose change, bills or even checks, and returned them on Father's Day.



The pregnancy center volunteers focus on being living examples of Jesus to the women they work with each week. You can too! Watch for the bottles at either door. They will be available on Mother's Day, May 11th.

LIFE QUOTE

As Christians, we know that God's commitment to upholding life started long ago—before photos—before the beginning of time even. From His ordered creation of the world to His ordered creation of you in your mother's womb, God's work has always been life-affirming. Grafted into His family through Baptism, we have become children of God and inheritors of eternal life.

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •
lutheransforlife.org

BIRTHDAYS!

May 3 - Cory Fritz
6 - Wendy Tabar
8 - Mark Sticken
9 - Tonya Parrish
10 - Mindy Zmierski
12 - Susan Errer
Kayla Parrish
13 - Nevaeh Parrish
14 - Ruth Kumaus
16 - Gabriel Rogers
18 - Onalee Carlisle
19 - Michelle Gayari
Susan Dubs
21 - Melissa Deming
Ken Errer, Jr.
Dawn Rosenthal
Rebecca Wright
22 - Loren Stein II
25 - Daniel Dubs
26 - Manuel Thies
28 - Jaime Harmer
29 - Ava Gies
31 - Julie Kreh
Chloe Collon



May 7 - Marc & Jodi Reinhardt
8 - Chad & Jennifer Timmons
10 - Joe & Sandy Salcido
11 - Todd & Michelle Murphy
17 - Pastor & Sheryl Wenskay
21 - Rich & Heidi Perkins
26 - Branden & Jessica Albrecht
29 - Jeff & Erin Shuboy

IN HIS SERVICE

Elders

May 4 - Ron Tabar & Josh Sprague
11 - Ken Haley & Joe Salcido
18 - Robert Haag & Matt Reibling
25 - Ron Tabar & Josh Sprague
29 - Joe Salcido
(7:00 p.m. Ascension Service)

Acolytes

May 4 - Jackson Rosenthal
11 - Lincoln Ewald
18 - Harold Haag
25 - Emma Reibling

Greeters

May 4 - Annette Prich
11 - Jyl Shope
18 - Jason & Patti Reinhardt
25 - Ron & Wendy Tabar

Tithe Counters

May 11 - Jyl Shope
25 - Liz Reehl & Kim Krohn

May Altar Guild

Lucille Welchner
Kristen Suggitt

May Altar Flowers

Sandy Salcido (989) 444-9751
Brandy Gunsell (989) 672-9495



May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3
4 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS/Coffee Hour Voters' Mtg. 1:30 PM Catechism	5	6 6:15 PM Elders 7:00 PM Council	7 6:30 PM Bible Study	8	9	10 Noon Mother Daughter Luncheon
11 8:30 AM Service Sunday School Recognition Day with Reception	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 8:30 AM Service Youth Confirmation	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 8:30 AM Service Sunday School Field Trip	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29 7:00 PM Ascension of Our Lord Service	30	31

**Don't forget to plant some extra
produce in your garden to can or
sell at the bazaar.**

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