



*St. Paul's*

# *"Epistles"*

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## ***Put on the new self. Ephesians 4:24***

You may get allergies and sneezing and watering eyes, but in the end, it is worth it because it is spring. Mid-summer we may complain about mowing the grass, but that first cut with its smell and lush green blades and no dust is glorious, because it is spring. Things are fresh and new. The trees that stood as skeletons all winter long are being clothed with buds and blooms. Daffodils are some of first to push their way out of their wintery grave to give color to the once bleak landscape. The bird's song fills the air which has stood silent for months and the long dark days of cold are lifted away on the breeze of their joyful tune.

The Christian life can be compared to spring. Seasons come and go but there is always "hope which does not put us to shame because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Rom. 5:5). We are made new. We see life where once death held its sway. We have a Savior. As the trees are adorned new and the flowers spring up to give joy, so do we embrace the new life we have in Christ. The dark, cold, season is gone because Jesus lives. He has swallowed up that which has sought to keep us in perpetual gloom and gives us a new song to sing.

"Put on the new self," St. Paul says in Ephesians 4:24. This new self is the one created by God through His Holy Spirit. As the warm spring breeze makes the slumbering creation around you come alive, so also does the Holy Spirit come and breathe life into you revealing to you your Savior Jesus. The words of life He speaks awakens you to a new season, a new path. "Put off your old self," the apostle says, "which belongs to your former manner of life... and be renewed" (Ephesians 4:22-23). Let go of the dead works and sins that seek to trap you in a perpetual winter of gloom and embrace the Light of the world which has come into your hearts. Sing a new song. The Lord of creation has chosen you to bring hope into a bleak landscape. You were created by Him and for Him. If the trees in their blossoms can captivate and signal to even the hardest of hearts the beauty of spring, then so shall Christians be adorned with blossoms of the new life in Christ that all should see in wonderment how Jesus can make all things new.

Let the gloomy winter of our past be warmed by the blood of our risen Savior and forever be gone no matter what season it is. Put on the new self and rejoice in the hope of God that does not put us to shame. Spring is here. The Lord is faithful. New life is ours!

In Christ,

Pastor Suggitt

# Ladies' Ministry



The monthly meeting of St. Paul's Ladies Aid was called to order by President Ruth Fluegge on Sunday, April 12, 2026, immediately following our worship service. Ten ladies answered roll call. Sandy read a devotion from the *Portals of Prayer* entitled "Thomas: Doubting Faith". When we are tempted to deny our Lord Jesus – his life, his death, and his resurrection, ask Him to open our ears again to His Word and worship Him.

The Mission Statement of the Ladies Aid was read by all in attendance. The minutes of the March meeting were read by the Ladies Aid Secretary and approved. The budget was discussed. We didn't donate to Sunday School & Youth Group last year but said we would whenever there is a need. We were told that right now, they have enough money in their treasury to do what they want to do.

## Old Business:

1. We will have the Fall Cheeseball Fundraiser before Thanksgiving. Patti Reinhardt volunteered to chair this event.
2. Melissa Deming asked if there were any Jared boxes prepared as there is a need. Amy Haag had asked if there were any community service projects that she could have the older Sunday School kids do. This would be perfect. We'll talk to her about it.
3. Joyce Metzger stated that this would be the last year for grave blankets at the bazaar unless someone else wants to take over.
4. Wendy will bring the box that would be used for memorials at funerals to our next meeting. We can decide then if it's suitable.
5. We definitely need **WIDE MOUTH JARS** for canning for the bazaar. We have lots of regular mouth ones.

6. We will use the 2 large turkeys that were left in the freezer to make pot pies. We'll have a member-only sale – first come, first served sale, limit 2 per family. The proceeds from the sale will go to the church's General Fund.

We will prep the ingredients (bone and dice the turkeys, dice the onions, celery and potatoes on Wednesday, April 22 at 4:00 p.m. and put them together on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. at 9:00 a.m. Come & help when you can.

## New Business:

Discussion was held on how we could help Pastor Suggitt as he deals with his mother's illness. Melissa Deming made a motion to give a monetary gift of \$500 to help with travel expenses. Joyce Metzger supported the motion; Carried. Ruth Fluegge will get a greeting card for it.

A motion was made by Wendy Tabar; supported by Melissa Deming to adjourn the meeting. We closed with the Lord's Prayer and sang the doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Salcido, Secretary

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



Thank you so much to everyone who generously donated their time, food items and helped out Sunday morning during breakfast. Thank you to all who joined us for Easter breakfast as we celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord.

Your support, fellowship, and willingness to serve one another made the event truly special. Our church family is incredible, and your efforts are deeply appreciated.

With gratitude,

Wendy Ewald



Come and grow in faith as we continue to read and digest God's Word on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

## ***MOTHER/DAUGHTER EVENT***

SATURDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> 2026  
11:00 A.M.

The event will be potluck style so bring your favorite dish or dessert to pass. Broasted chicken will be provided.

Come and join the fun  
Watch a remake of

*There's a Hole in My Bucket*



Please sign up by May  
3<sup>rd</sup> or text Brenda Kady  
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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 10<sup>th</sup>.



Keep them in your prayers, maybe give them a call and/or visit them.

## NewsLetter DEADLINE

The deadline for articles for the June issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" is Sunday, May 24, 2026. You can email them to Sandy at [salcido.sandy8@gmail.com](mailto:salcido.sandy8@gmail.com).

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

# 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 7th.**

Graduates are invited to attend church (in their cap and gown if they so choose) 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](mailto:salcido.sandy8@gmail.com) BY MAY 24<sup>th</sup> please.

## LIFE QUOTE

If we want to save more Trinitarian-valued lives, then we need to knock a Humpty-Dumpty way of thinking about words off the wall. We need to speak of the reality behind the word 'abortion' and use such a time as this to speak of the reality behind the Word made flesh to dwell among us and in us and for us. You have been called for such a time as this.

*A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •  
[lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

## PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### From the Small Catechism: Confession

#### *What is confession?*

*Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.*

Private, or individual, confession and absolution is available by appointment with Pastor Suggitt. You may call him at 989.551.3976 to set up a time.



## RECOGNITION DAY

Mark your calendars—our last day of Sunday School and Recognition Sunday will be **MAY 3**. We look forward to celebrating another great year and recognizing our students and teachers for their dedication and growth in faith.

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 HIS SERVICE

## ELDERS

May 3 – Josh Sprague & Joe Salcido  
May 10 – Rob Tabar & Matt Reibling  
May 14 – 7:00 p.m. Ascension Day Service  
Ron Tabar  
May 17 – Robert Haag & Ken Haley  
May 24 – Joe Salcido & Josh Sprague  
May 31 – Ron Tabar & Matt Reibling

## GREETERS

May 3 – Annette Prich  
May 10 – Derrick & Paula Holland and Family  
May 17 – Marc & Jodi Reinhardt  
May 24 – Joe & Sandy Salcido  
May 31 – Ron & Wendy Tabar

## ACOLYTES

May 3 – Sadie Swartzendruber  
May 10 – Lincoln Ewald  
May 17 – Harold Haag  
May 24 – Brettly Ewald  
May 31 – Silver Ewald

## MAY ALTAR GUILD

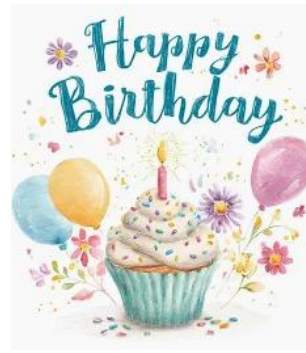
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## MAY ALTAR FLOWERS

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

## TITHE COUNTERS

May 10 – Jylan Shope & Chris Gettel  
May 24 – Jen Timmons & Brandy Gunsell



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 – Blake Renee Flannery  
Loren Stein II  
25 - Daniel Dubs  
26 - Manuel Thies  
28 - Jaime Harmer  
31 - Julie Kreh



May 7 – Marc & Jodi Reinhardt  
8 – Chad & Jennifer Timmons  
10 – Joe & Sandy Salcido  
11 – Todd & Michelle Murphy  
17 – Pastor & Sheryl Wenskay  
23 – Kevin & Sheila Truemner  
26 – Branden & Jessica Albrecht  
29 – Jeff & Erin Shuboy

# May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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<b>3</b> 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM Sunday School Recognition Day with Reception 1:30 PM Catechism	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:15 PM Elders 7:00 PM Council	<b>6</b> 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 11:00 AM Mother Daughter Luncheon
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<b>17</b> 8:30 AM Service Youth Confirmation	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:30 AM Service 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study	<b>25</b> Memorial Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 8:30 AM Service						

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