



## ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DEB NOLL, MINISTER

*We celebrate God's love and forgiveness by living the Word and sharing the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

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### ST. PAUL "MESSENGER"

MAY ~ 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am using my article this month to present an opportunity I am very excited to bring to St. Paul. Many of you have seen my two Chalk Art pieces hanging in the parsonage; Elva Hurst, the artist, is coming to Ohio! St. Paul's WELCA and Outreach team are helping to co-sponsor her visit here on the evening of Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Some details are still being worked out, but we want you to be the first to get the date on your calendar.

St. Paul Welcomes "Chalk Talk" Artist ~ Elva Hurst

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

for an evening of food, fellowship, and ART

Tuesday, August 15, 2023



The Women of St. Paul and the Outreach team are co-sponsoring "Chalk Talk" artist Elva Hurst for an evening at St. Paul. Elva will illustrate, "*Lessons from the Birds!*" Elva grew up in an Old Order Mennonite community on her family's dairy farm. Her inspirational and faith-filled stories tell of her artistic and spiritual journey from childhood on the farm to her departure from the Mennonite community to her Christian faith and successful art career. Elva is married and a mother of four children. She is a successful writer, artist, and owner of "Barnyard Art" studio in Lancaster County Pennsylvania. When asked about her success, Elva replies, "*I give all the credit to God. He opens the doors and makes the way.*"

Elva's visit with us will be part of a three-day trip to Ohio where she will be doing "Chalk Talk" presentations in Morrow and Marion Counties. Her final performance will be here at St. Paul. She will be accompanied by her daughter, and they will be hosted overnight at the parsonage.

St. Paul's portion of hosting Elva is \$500, and there will be other varying costs for the meal (menu to be determined) and unexpected expenses. If you would like to help support this event, please do so by making a donation through St. Paul WELCA, noting it is for "Chalk Talk".

We want to open the opportunity to meet Elva first to our members, and then to local churches and community. Elva's presentation is suitable for people of any age, and would be inspiring to anyone with an interest in Art. I am keeping a list of individuals interested in attending this event, so please stop by my office or give me a call to let me know of your attendance.

Watch for updates and details in the News of the Flock and future newsletters.

In Christ's Love, Minister Deb

**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023 – 7:00PM**

**Attendance:** Tom Carey, Mary Coldren, Jane Follas, Amy Gibson, Laurie Laird, Natalie McClelland, Jake Orwick, Mike Stoltz, Minister Deb Noll

**CALL TO ORDER** – Laurie Laird

Chairperson, Laurie Laird, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm, and opened with a review of our 2023 Book Study, “Grounded in Prayer” (Week 2 – Days 1–3). Written by Brent W. Dahlseng.

The March 14, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes approved as written.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Checking account balances as of March 31, 2023

Current	\$134,649.23
Building	\$457.50
Improvement	\$255.00
Missions	\$6,113.00
<u>Special Projects</u>	<u>\$37,656.73</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$179,131.46</b>

Savings – General Memorial      \$8,852.18

- Account balances for March 2023 and current profit & loss statement comparing budget vs. actual were reported along with March checks written. Contributions to the Current Fund as of March 31, 2023, totaled \$65,589.02 vs. a budgeted \$49,819.08. Expenses for the same period totaled \$66,765.82 vs. a budgeted \$42,564.10.

**TRUSTEES REPORT**

- Andrew Follas had the fire extinguishers inspected and updated.
- The church insurance has been switched to Mennonite Mutual with an automatic payment set up. Natalie received a copy of the policy in the mail and will work with Jane Wilch as to where this should be filed. A new entrance door along with a new overhead door to the barn still need to be replaced in order for the contents in the barn to be insured.
- A water leak in the main church entrance was discovered which was fixed by Jake Orwick and Tom Marquart.
- Twelve new wood-framed, cloth chairs will be ordered for the sanctuary from Friends Office Supply. Trustees also investigated recovering the existing chairs, however, the cost would be about the same and since the existing frames were to be used, there was the potential for them to weaken faster. The existing chairs that are still in good condition will be placed in some of the Sunday school rooms. (See Addendum)
- John Musgrave, Brian Welly’s business partner, will continue to farm the rented land at St. Paul. This was a three-year contract for the 2022, 2023, and 2024 farming seasons with rent due every April.
- Bart Welte reported that the metal framework for the 2 railings to go on the sanctuary stairs are done and painted. Tom may have found someone to complete the woodwork for the tops of the railings. These railings will be removable and placed on the far ends of the steps on each side.
- Tom Marquart ordered the rope lighting for the outdoor cross on the church.
- Ed von Stein has volunteered to mow again this year, with trustees filling in if needed.
- A piece of fascia blew off the side of the pavilion and was replaced and fixed by Jake and Tom.

- Some indoor tables were left out in the pavilion from summer, which a few blew over and got water damaged and started to rust. A notice will be going in the bulletin to remind members to return tables to indoors when used outside.
- The flickering light in the sanctuary chandelier has been replaced.
- Deb brought it to the trustees' attention that there is a light in the upstairs of the parsonage still flickering.

**MINISTER'S REPORT** - Respectfully Submitted, Deb Noll, Synod Authorized Minister

**Word for Thought:**

<sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead. . . (Matthew 28:5-7a)

The angel delivered the message to the women, "He is not there, for he has been raised, as he said." Then the angel told them to go tell the disciples. The disciples then were sent to go tell everyone, making disciples, and baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. It is our calling through our baptism to be disciples, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ crucified and risen to all who will listen. How are you living up to your Baptismal calling?

**Activity Since the March Council Meeting:**

**Worship and Church Functions**

- Worship: (3 Mid-week, 7 Sunday morning, 1 Maundy Thursday, 2 Good Friday)
- 2 Funeral Services
- Bible Study "Lord, Teach Us to Pray" Wednesday evenings (x3)
- Staff Support (x1)
- Women of the ELCA at St. Paul
- Soup Suppers (x3)
- Confirmation Class (x2)
- Outreach Committee Meeting (x1)
- Choir Practice (x2)
- First Communion Training (x2) – 3 youth took first communion on Maundy Thursday
- Youth Easter Egg Hunt

**Member Contacts Outside of Worship**

- Ministry Care Consultations (x6)
- Hospital Visits (x2)
- Funeral Visitations (x3)
- Funeral Planning (x1)
- Thursday Evening Card Playing Group "The Jokers" (x3)

**Pericope (Text) Study – Marion Area Clergy Group**

- Zoom gatherings (x2)

**Related Church Activities**

- Synod Authorized Minister Cohort Zoom gathering (x1) Leader: Bishop Daniel Beaudoin topic: Prayer Practice Visio Divina (Divine Vision/Seeing)
- Central Conference Ministerial Group Gathering at Trinity Lutheran, Findlay

- Chrism Mass/Affirmation of Vows at Community of Christ Lutheran Church, Whitehouse, Ohio (Worship Service for all Rostered Leaders of Northwestern Ohio Synod + Synod Authorized Minister breakfast with the Bishop)
- Worship Service at Good Samaritan (x1)

### **Writings**

- Sermons (x9)
- April Newsletter Article
- April Council Report

### **Continuing Education (upcoming)**

- May 2, 2023 Prepare/Enrich (Premarital and Marriage Enrichment Assessment, taught by Pastor Mark Bogen at Grace Lutheran, Huron, Ohio / Instruction is free, book cost: \$85)
- Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) for SAMs (Dates to be announced) Cost: \$125 from student, \$125 from the congregation, and \$250 from Synod Candidacy Fund

### **Vacation (upcoming)**

- Wednesday and Thursday April 12 and 13, 2023

### **Looking Ahead**

- April 29, 2023 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Northwestern Ohio Synod Council meeting, here at St. Paul.
- August 15, 2023 – 6:00 to 8:30 pm – Artist Elva Hurst will present Chalk Talk Art: *Lessons from the Birds* (meal and Elva’s Art presentation). Being coordinated with WELCA and Outreach team
- September 17, 2023 – Shipwreck Sunday
- 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of current Church Building

### **Concerns**

- Potential Wedding, Request

### **YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR REPORT – Amy Gibson**

- The Easter egg tree for the area schools lunch program currently raised \$253, with some last-minute additions to be accounted for.
- Soup suppers raised \$965.
- The youth will be going to Urban Air and Odd Fodder on Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> the youth are to go to the Kemerley house for the annual outdoor clean up.
- Currently planning for the 2024 Youth Gathering located in New Orleans. A fundraiser will be planned every other month beginning in April 2023, kicking off with the chicken BBQ.

### **PARISH EDUCATION – Amy Gibson reporting for Amanda Price**

- The Easter egg hunt was held indoors due to the weather. The younger children stayed in fellowship hall, while the older children hunted in the education wing. Approximately 75 kids with a total of 160 attended, which included the adults.
- Vacation Bible School is in the planning stages and the theme this year will be “High Seas”.

### **OUTREACH**

- Outreach will be hosting Muffins for Mom (May 14) and Donuts for Dad (June 18) again this year in honor of all the mothers and fathers of the congregation.

## **OPERATIONAL ISSUES –**

### **Old Business**

- Congregational directory pictures will be taken in the conference room on Sundays, April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, and May 14<sup>th</sup>. Walk-ins will be welcomed during the Sunday school hours on these dates, no appointments required. There will be forms available to fill out to update everyone's information.
- A new software program for the church membership/roster is still being discussed and researched.
- It was brought to the attention of Laurie Laird, Council Chair, that the LYO financials have not been audited in several years and some of the information has been misplaced. Jane Follas can get the beginning and ending balances from the bank. A motion was made by Mike Stoltz, to have the auditing committee move forward with the information they have and continue with the audits, the motion was seconded by Jacob Orwick and approved by Council.

### **New Business**

- Crates educational memorial fund application needs to be published. Natalie will be in touch with Jane Wilch to get this done.
- Semi-Annual Meeting will be held Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> during the Sunday school hour.
- During last year's Council book study, the idea of having "Campfire Meetings" was brought forth as something we could do at St. Paul. The idea of a campfire meeting is to have round table discussions with a couple leads from each church committee to share ideas, offer joint assistance, and collaborate new ideas. Laurie will be planning this for the future.

## **ADJOURN**

- Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:26pm.

*Tammy von Stein, Recording Secretary*

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## **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES [ADDENDUM] SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023 – 10:15AM**

**Attendance:** Nathan Cowen, Jane Follas, Jan Grieser, Natalie McClelland, Tom Marquart, Jake Orwick, Minister Deb Noll, Amanda Price, Aaron Smith, Mike Stoltz, Tammy von Stein

Vice Chair, Jan Grieser called the Special Meeting to order at 10:12am.

Natalie McCelland recommended the purchasing of twelve new chairs from Friends Office to replace the worn padded chairs in the sanctuary. The chairs will have wood frames and cloth upholstery that should last longer than vinyl. The total cost is \$4,354 which reflects \$342 per chair plus delivery and set up charges. Jake Orwick made the motion to approve, Tom Marquart seconded, council approved.

Meeting adjourned 10:20am.

*Tammy von Stein, Recording Secretary*

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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR MAY 2023

**SENIOR CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Lisa Gossman  
**PRAISE TEAM DIRECTOR:** Jan Grieser  
**HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Tammy Robinson  
**AUDIO VIDEO:** Jacob Orwick and Marty Grieser  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Janet Carey  
**WEBSITE COORDINATOR:** Chelsea Boehm

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### PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS

Nadine Boehm — nadineb@thewavz.com or 419-722-6370  
Pam Hoffman — pkhoffman87@gmail.com or 419-358-1682

### HOSPITAL STAYS

It is important to the church that we support you through illness and hospitalizations. If you are admitted to Blanchard Valley Hospital for an overnight stay we would like to know.

If you are planning an admission to any hospital, please call the church office at 419-326-3535 to let us know the date you are entering and how long you anticipate staying.

At admission to BVH, *planned or unplanned*, you (or your spokesperson) will be asked several questions,

1. Religion: this may be asked at pre-registration or at admission along with your address, phone number, etc. Please give our denomination.
2. If you wish to be on the Hospital Directory and the Religion List. These questions will be asked of you (or your spokesperson) during the “Consent to Treatment” process. Please answer “yes” to both.

In order to protect your privacy the hospital does not routinely call the church to tell us you have been admitted, unless you specifically ask them to call us. We depend on you or your family to let us know if you have been admitted.

If you have been in the hospital for a day or two and have not been visited, please ask your family or nurse to contact the church office.

A new federal law greatly restricts the disclosure of patient information by hospitals. As a result, the pastors and church office may not know that a member of the church has been admitted to the hospital. If you are hospitalized and would like to notify the pastor, it is important that you or a member of your family inform the church office as soon as possible at 419-326-3535 and the secretary will contact the pastor.

**PERSONS ST. PAUL HAS PRAYED FOR DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023:** Joe Acton & Paul Acton (*brother & father of a friend of Tammy vonStein*); family and friends of Evalyn Bauman; Chad Beagle; Morgan Beachler (*friend of Christine Kemerley*); family and friends of Karl Best (*Lee’s brother*); Jana Bosse (*wife of Gary*); Harold Bower; Keith Bower; family and friends of Jim Cook (*Janet Carey’s niece’s ex-husband*); Mary Cowan; Joseph Drier (*Amy Gibson’s father*); Hailey Essinger (*friend of Kelly Settlege*); Chloe Gibson; Jan Grieser; Lyle Harvitt; Allison Hermann (*granddaughter of Bob & Evelyn Robison*); Mark Hoffman (*Mike’s brother*); Mike Inbody; Daryl Ingram & Steve Ingram (*Mike’s brothers*); Beth Kimmel; Jim Maas (*friend of Marcia Russell*); Bill Marquart; Kyle McDowell; Lisa McDowell; Lynn Rossman (*great nephew of Paul & Sharon Hartman*); Larry Schaller; Sherri & Sandy (*niece/cousin of Ron & Judy McDowell*); Dixie Stump (*sister of Jane Wilch*); Marcella Utendorff (*friend of Marcia Russell*); family and friends of Brian Welly; all military personnel including — Griffin Hartman, Lance Leisure, Justin Riegle, Nate Sheets, Colin Tobin, and Alex vonStein — Songambebe Lutheran Church; Navajo Lutheran Mission School, Rock Point, AZ; Hancock County Religious Education; and Mission Possible for Haiti.

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# Our Christian Sympathy is extended to ~ ~

**Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Evalyn Bauman.** Evalyn, 92, passed away on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. Her funeral was held at Concordia Lutheran Church, Findlay on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. May the family and friends of Evalyn feel God holding them close and fill them with resurrection hope.

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## Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ ~

**Thanks to everyone who helped** clean the Worship Space / Sacristy [Committee #1] on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. The willing workers made the job get finished quickly. Thank you to the members for their help. It was very much appreciated.  
*Marty and Marsha Grieser and Mark Bower*

**Thank you for the many people who helped** clean the Fellowship Hall/Kitchen/Conference Room [#3] on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Many workers made the task so much easier. Thank you again for all your help.

*Keith and Loretta Bower and Roger and Judy Rettig*

**Thank you** for the many prayers, cards, and concerns for my health issues and for my continuing healing. They were all very much appreciated.  
*Bill Marquart*

**May the Lord Bless You ~ A card with a donation** was received from Paula Kibele. She is a friend of Judy Rettig and has been on our prayer list. The card is on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space.

**Dear friends and family of St Paul, We Sincerely Thank You** for the support while we celebrated the life of our dad, brother, and friend, Brian Welly. The comfort and love we felt helped during this difficult time. A special thanks to the women and men who provided the delicious meal for us on Thursday and for the food on Wednesday. Also, thanks to Minister Deb for her support and willingness to work with Pastor Tom for a very meaningful service.

*Stephen and Ann Welly and family, Sarah and Todd Lucius and family  
Beth and Rick Bracy and family, Bernice Welly, Jon and Bianca Musgrave and family*

**THANK YOU!!!..A sincere thank you** to Andrew Follas for coordinating the inspection of and updating all the tags on fire extinguishers throughout the church building. Your time and talent in this area is greatly appreciated!

**Thank you to those who donated food or money for the Salvation Army Dinner on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.** We served 53 people. They did it different this year by doing a drive thru, so we only saw a young couple who came inside to eat. Thank you to Christine Kemerley for doing the planning and buying of things we needed. Thank you also to Marcia Russell, Ilene Parke, Mary Coldren, Natalie McClelland, Deb Clevenger, and Pam Hoffman for helping cook and serve the meal. The Majors of the Salvation Army were so appreciative of our willingness to provide a food for those who don't always get a hot meal. We also left cookies, fruit and bread for their after school program.

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### **Congratulations to Dru and Shiuli Sidle on the birth of their daughter, Liana Amel.**

Liana was born on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. She weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces and was 20½ inches long. She is welcomed by her big brother, Kian. Kay Sidle is Liana's proud grandmother.

**Minister Deb's Office Hours:**

Monday – Day Off

Tuesday – Work from Home, Evenings at Church, as necessary

Wednesday – 9:00AM — 5:00PM

Thursday – 9:00AM — 5:00PM [afternoons reserved for scheduling home visits]

Friday – 9:00AM — 5:00PM

Saturday – 8:00AM — NOON

Sunday – Worship / Visitations / Catechism

\* \* All are subject to member's needs and emergencies.

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**NOTICE: The St. Paul Semi-Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:15AM**

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**CAN YOU HELP ME OUT?** I try to keep the church records up to date with names, addresses, phone numbers, marriages, separations, births, and any other member events. If you have any information regarding your family that needs to be updated please provide me with that information. You can either leave a note on the church office desk or call the office at 419-326-3535.

Thanking you in advance, Jane Wilch

**THE MAY SEWING DAYS WILL BE ON TUESDAYS, MAY 9<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00AM – 2:00PM.** Come all of the time or part of the time. We assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. If you can tie a knot, use scissors or pin material together, we'd love your help with this important ministry! Please bring a dish to share for lunch. [There were 13 ladies at the Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> sewing day and 8 quilts were assembled making the total of 39 quilts completed. Thanks to all who attended. WELCA]

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**ST. PAUL YOUTH RECYCLES** — St. Paul youth has put a container in the Welcome Space to collect USED print cartridges from your printers. So, don't throw those cartridges away anymore, put them in the container and we will recycle them and make a few bucks in the process. Everyone wins! Anyone is welcome to place cartridges in the container.



**HIGH SEAS ADVENTURE ~ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** — Summer is quickly approaching and the parish board is working hard to plan this year's vacation bible school. It will be held Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30PM – 8:00PM. We are looking for any volunteers who would be willing to help with stations and lead the kids around. If you are interested, please sign the sign-up sheet on the entry table. Shirts will be provided again this year so please mark down your shirt size. We are so thankful for such a great congregation that always helps out and makes our VBS so great! Thank you! Amanda Price

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**CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE FOR MAY**

Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class — 5:00PM – 6:00PM  
Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class — 8<sup>th</sup> Graders ONLY — 5:00PM – 6:00PM  
Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> Confirmation Sunday

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR MAY**

Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> Service Opportunity at Hopewoods TBD  
Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> ReFUEL 6:00PM – 8:00PM  
Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> ReFUEL 6:00PM – 8:00PM

**FYI!! – Due to a scheduling conflict, the Youth ReFUEL BBQ Fundraiser has been re-scheduled for Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:30AM – 1:00PM. More information will be coming soon regarding purchasing of tickets and other information.**

**Church Photo Directory**



There is a group of church members who will be co-ordinating pictures and information to create a new up-dated picture directory. Amy Gibson will be taking pictures between services in the conference room on Sundays, May 7<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, and May 28<sup>th</sup>. They will not be taking pictures on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> because of the scheduled Semi-Annual Meeting and Confirmation Sunday. More information will be coming soon! Thank you!

**If you are interested in reserving the Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary or Pavilion for a wedding, reception, family reunion, graduation, or other event, please contact the church office at 419-326-3535. If the date is available, you will be given a rental agreement to read and sign. Council is requesting that this be completed by all members and non-members prior to using the church facilities.**

**St. Paul Outreach Committee Focus Statement for 2023**

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Galatians 6:9-10

The St. Paul Outreach Committee will be using this Bible verse in 2023 to focus our efforts on needs closer to home. As a body of believers in Jesus we want to come alongside people in our community who are in need. That way we can do what Paul calls “carrying each other’s burdens.” (Galatians 6:2) Relying on God’s strength, we listen, we empathize, we help where we can, and we can also pray for them. We can look for ways to “do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Paul says that when we do so, we fulfill the law of Christ: to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. The burdens of life can be heavy, but praise God, he’s given us our church family to lighten the load. If you know of a “neighbor” who could use some help, please let us know and we’ll prayerfully consider what we as a church family can do to help.

## 2023 Daily Bible Readings

*The Year of Story* is the Northwestern Ohio Synod's theme for 2023. Each year, Bishop Daniel Beaudoin encourages Church leaders and congregations to engage in daily Bible reading. The readings this year will walk readers through "The Story of Jesus." Together, let us read His story and ponder what God's Word reveals to us. The list of readings for the entire year may be found at:

<http://nwos-elca.church/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-Bible-Reading-Guide.pdf>

### The readings for May are:

May 1	<i>Jesus Is Anointed by a Woman</i>	Matthew 26:6–13; Mark 14:3–9; Luke 7:36–50; John 12:1–8
May 2	<i>Some Women Accompany Jesus</i>	Luke 8:1–3
May 3	<i>Is Jesus Out of His Mind</i>	Mark 3:20–21
May 4	<i>Jesus and Beelzebul</i>	Matthew 12:22–30; Mark 3:22–27; Luke 11:14–23
May 5	<i>Sin Against the Holy Spirit</i>	Matthew 12:31–32; Mark 3:28–30; Luke 12:10
May 6	<i>A Tree and Its Fruit</i>	Matthew 12:33–37
May 7	<i>The Sign of Jonah</i>	Matthew 12:38–42; Luke 11:29–32
May 8	<i>The Return of the Unclean Spirit</i>	Matthew 12:43–45; Luke 11:24–26
May 9	<i>The True Kindred of Jesus</i>	Matthew 12:46–50; Mark 3:31–35; Luke 8:19–21
May 10	<i>The Parable of the Sower</i>	Matthew 13:1–9; Mark 4:1–9; Luke 8:4–8
May 11	<i>The Purpose of the Parables</i>	Matthew 13:10–17; Mark 4:10–12; Luke 8:9–10
May 12	<i>The Parable of the Sower Explained</i>	Matthew 13:18–23; Mark 4:13–20; Luke 8:11–15
May 13	<i>A Lamp Under a Bushel Basket</i>	Mark 4:21–25; Luke 8:16–18
May 14	<i>The Parable of the Growing Seed</i>	Mark 4:26–29
May 15	<i>The Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat</i>	Matthew 13:24–30
May 16	<i>The Parable of the Mustard Seed</i>	Matthew 13:31–32; Mark 4:30–32; Luke 13:18–19
May 17	<i>The Parable of the Yeast</i>	Matthew 13:33; Luke 13:20–21
May 18	<i>The Use of Parables</i>	Matthew 13:34–35; Mark 4:33–34
May 19	<i>The Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat Explained</i>	Matthew 13:36–43
May 20	<i>The Parable of the Hidden Treasure</i>	Matthew 13:44
May 21	<i>The Parable of the Pearl of Great Value</i>	Matthew 13:45–46
May 22	<i>The Parable of the Net</i>	Matthew 13:47–50
May 23	<i>Treasures New and Old</i>	Matthew 13:51–52
May 24	<i>Jesus Is Rejected at Nazareth</i>	Matthew 13:53–58; Mark 6:1–6; Luke 4:16–30
May 25	<i>Jesus Heals on the Sabbath</i>	John 5:1–18
May 26	<i>The Authority of the Son</i>	John 5:19–29
May 27	<i>Witnesses to Jesus</i>	John 5:30–47
May 28	<i>Reports about Jesus</i>	Matthew 14:1–2; Mark 6:14–16; Luke 9:7–9
May 29	<i>The Death of John the Baptist</i>	Matthew 14:3–12; Mark 6:17–29
May 30	<i>Feeding the Five Thousand</i>	Matthew 14:13–21; Mark 6:30–44; Luke 9:10–17; John 6:1–15
May 31	<i>Walking on the Water</i>	Matthew 14:22–33; Mark 6:45–52; John 6:16–21

## May 2023 Birthdays

Monday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	April Smith
Monday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Chad Snyder
Tuesday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kendall Bayliff
Tuesday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brock Galloway
Wednesday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Benjamin Hirt
Wednesday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cohen Leu
Wednesday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kalin Smith
Wednesday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Erin Tobin
Wednesday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jada Todd
Sunday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Cowan
Monday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Kylee Geissinger
Monday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Chad Grieser
Tuesday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Briahna May
Tuesday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Greyson Welly
Wednesday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sherry Grieser
Saturday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Crooks
Sunday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ella Panfil
Tuesday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Teresa Medvec
Tuesday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Dan Settlege
Tuesday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Michelle Tarnay
Thursday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sydney Depuy
Friday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ralph Anderson
Friday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Bower
Friday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon Grieser
Friday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Laird
Friday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	David Laird
Friday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Anthony Wolford
Saturday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Rindy Crates
Saturday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Frommer
Saturday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Daryl Reichley
Monday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Natalie Clark
Monday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Amy Rettig
Tuesday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lexi Rader
Wednesday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mitchell Bayer
Wednesday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Heather Walters
Thursday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Krosnosky
Thursday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Courtney Stoltz
Friday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Jayne Inbody
Friday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Rettig
Saturday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Jeffrey Bosse
Sunday, May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Jocelyn Ward
Monday, May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Shiley Hartman
Wednesday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Austin Welly



## May 2023 Anniversaries

Monday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Keith and Loretta Bower – 58
Thursday, May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mike and Jayme Inbody – 32
Friday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ken and Jessica Depuy – 22
Friday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Steve and Heather Smith – 22
Saturday, May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bart and Jenny Welte – 23
Tuesday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Scott and Sherry Grieser – 31
Wednesday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mike and Patty Orwick – 26
Saturday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Cameron and Adrienne Huss – 6
Wednesday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wes and Patricia Loetz – 26
Friday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Matt and Carole Luke – 33
Friday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Adam and Renee Rammel – 11
Saturday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Stephen and Mary Cowan – 51
Thursday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tim and Deb Bower – 31
Saturday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Roger and Judy Rettig – 46
Saturday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Pete and Linda Wilson – 56
Tuesday, May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Nathan and Tina Cowan – 25



# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ MAY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><b>** The Church Picture Directory Committee will be taking pictures in the Conference Room between services on Sundays, May 7<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, and May 28<sup>th</sup>. They will not be taking pictures on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> because of the scheduled Semi-Annual Meeting and Confirmation Sunday.</b></p>	<b>1</b>	<p><b>2</b> 6:30PM Conference Room reserved by Lion's Club 7:00PM Worship Committee Meeting</p>	<b>3</b>	<p><b>4</b> 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers"</p>	<b>5</b>	<p><b>6</b> 2:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved for Rock N Roll 4H meeting TBD YOUTH / Service Opportunity – Hopewoods</p>
<p><b>7 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 9:00AM Traditional Worship Service / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 10:15AM Outreach Committee Meeting 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL</p>	<b>8</b>	<p><b>9</b> 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day 7:00PM Congregational Council Meeting</p>	<b>10</b>	<p><b>11</b> 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers"</p>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<p><b>14 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 9:00AM Traditional Worship Service / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class</p>	<b>15</b>	<p><b>16</b> 7:00PM WELCA Meeting</p>	<p><b>17</b> 7:00PM Senior Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>18</b> 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers"</p>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<p><b>21 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING – 10:15AM</b> <b>CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</b> 9:00AM Traditional Worship Service / Communion 10:15AM Semi-Annual Meeting 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 12:30PM – 3:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved by Ann Wolford / Bridal Shower 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL</p>	<b>22</b>	<p><b>23</b> 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day</p>	<p><b>24</b> 7:00PM Senior Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>25</b> 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers"</p>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<p><b>28 THE DAY OF PENTECOST</b> 9:00AM Traditional Worship Service / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 10:15AM Youth Board Committee Meeting 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion</p>	<p><b>29 MEMORIAL DAY</b> Church Office Closed</p>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<p><b>LECTOR:</b> Natalie McClelland <b>ALTAR GUILD:</b> Janet Carey <b>ORGANIST:</b> May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>: Lisa Gossman</p>		