



Sunday School News!

April 23 rd	Lazarus
April 30 th	The Holy Spirit
May 7 th	Fruit of the Spirit
May 14 th	Last Day of Sunday School: Love is....



Come and join in for SMOKE fun!

Join Us June 12-15th at the Pharm Property for some camping fun at our Vacation Bible Studies.

There will be activities, games, songs, crafts and of course some good campfire snacks.

Please register



We have had a lot of things going on here at St. Pauls:

In the Month of April, we..

- Served a pancake/sausage breakfast after the Palm Sunday worship
- Had 10 Kids take their 1st communion Thank you Kathy

Cordes for teaching!

- Had a lot of festive music for our Easter services HUGE THANK YOU to Karen Seaberg, Judy Safe, Zashata Burton, Jim Borden and The St. Paul's Choir!
- Hosted the Pierce County Ecumenical Choir
- Had two children baptized.
- Had 6 young adults confirmed. Thank you Richard and Dustin Bru and Jenny Jacobson for helping teach.
- Hosted the Foundations Quarterly meeting



Paul's Disciples youth group has been very active over the past couple months. Most recently, we have served soup prior to Lenten Services and served nearly one hundred people for the Palm Sunday Pancake and Sausage breakfast. All proceeds from the "free-will" donations are going into a special account for the 2024 Youth Gathering in New Orleans. I would like to thank all the children and adults that assisted during this busy time.

The youth gathering will be held in July, 2024 in New Orleans. We are hopeful that we will have 6-8 youth from 8th grade - 12th grade that will attend the gathering representing St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Fundraising efforts are well underway, but our active youths have very busy schedules. It's sometimes difficult to meet all the requests for yard clean-up and other jobs for the youth due to their busy schedules and proper supervision. Please be understanding as we do our best to meet needs.

We are also in need of a Youth COmmittee Coordinator for our Paul's Disciples. This is a council position and is needed to fulfill our Church Bylaws. For now, I am volunteering with the assistance of Jaime Holt and Amy & Braham Gadiant. If you are interested, please let a council member know.

Lastly, we are planning a youth "fun Night". Please stay tuned as we plan an evening of fun and relaxation! More information is coming soon.

Again, thank you all for your generosity and continued support.

Steve Albarado

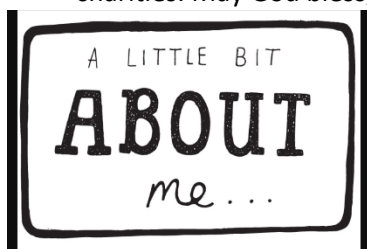


Thank you to everyone who helped support the youth group during the Lenten meals. It is a great start to their journey to the youth gathering! ~Steve

Thank you to everyone that donated money or food to the Red Wing Food Shelf, it is greatly appreciated! ~ Red Wing Food Shelf

Thank you for all the prayers for my nephew Andrew. He is in Remission! The prayers have meant the world to our family ~ Jaimie Holt

Dear Friends at St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
Thank you for hosting our 2023 concert, "50" years Later- It's that Same Good News. In appreciation please accept a tithe of the generous free-will giving. A portion of the offering will be donated to local charities. May God bless, Friends in Christ, Pierce County Ecumenical Choir



Hi, I'm Joyce Nelson, serving the third year of my term as St. Paul's treasurer this year. I've been a member of St. Paul's since Pastor Hasselquist married us in 1985. My husband Dave is a lifelong member of St. Paul's. I've been an active volunteer at St. Paul's since I started helping Emy Burt with 6th grade Sunday School way back in 1994 and have taught Sunday School and Confirmation, served two terms as treasurer and one term on the council representing the Study Team. I work at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Hastings as Administrator, responsible for the business side of the church including financial administration, overseeing the administrative and maintenance staff, technology, insurance and accounting. In our spare time, my husband and I enjoy boating on the Mississippi River and spending time with our two kids and their families, including our two grandkids. I'm honored to serve on the Leadership Team of St. Paul's and appreciate the staff and all the wonderful volunteers of St. Paul's.

Thanks! Joyce



Lectionary Readings

May 7 th	Acts 7:55-60	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2: 2-10	John 14:1-14
May 14 th	Acts 17:22-31	Psalm 66:8-20	1 Peter 3: 13-22	John 14: 15-21
May 21 st	Acts 1: 6-14	Psalm 68:1-10,32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
May 28 th	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	1 Cor. 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23

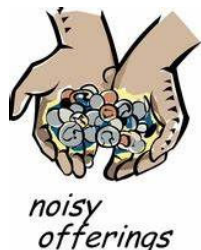


Next Blood Drive will be held May 11th

Sign up on RedCrossBlood.org

Thank you for donating!

It



was decided that when the Noisy Offering reaches \$500.00 it will be donated to a local or national charitable organization from a list compiled by the Study Team. The latest noisy offering of \$500 was donated to the ELCA World Relief for Turkey and Syria in light of the earthquake. The next noisy offering of \$500.00 will be divided between Habitat for Humanity and the Goodhue County Humane Society.

Christian Based Grief Recovery Program

Mondays from 6:30-8:00pm

At First Covenant Church in Red Wing MN



Register at www.griefshare.org or call Doris 651-380-3402 or Cathey 651-300 9616

Financial Update



Thank you for your continued financial support of St. Paul's Lutheran Church!

Giving to start the year in 2023 is up slightly compared to last year (+5.4%) but expenses are also up mainly due to the carryover of some 2022 expenses paid in January. The increase in expenses is from a payment to our benefits provider for 2022, the final payment on the boiler and increased costs for snow removal and utilities this year. We've been able to manage our cash flow because of the surplus carried over from the Covid period when our expenses were drastically reduced.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Giving	\$ 89,309	\$84,736	+\$ 4,573
Expenses	<u>\$128,267</u>	<u>\$66,234</u>	<u>+\$62,034</u>
Difference	-\$ 38,958	\$18,502	-\$57,461

We look forward to increased opportunities for programming and worship this year, including expanded opportunities for our children, youth and small groups. We were able to worship together this year through Lent and Easter led by our awesome choir and fed on Wednesday evenings by our youth group. The children of St. Paul's were busy during Lent with First Communion instruction, confirmation and youth group activities. Thank you to the Invite Committee as they recognized the work of our quilters and as they prepare to honor this year's high school graduates and bring back the special anniversary

celebrations. The call committee has been busy gathering information from the congregation and working towards calling our new pastor. Thank you to Pastor Bill Klavetter for leading St. Paul's through this time of transition! Thanks to your generous support, the ministry of St. Paul's continues.



On Thursday May 11 at 1:00pm the **Ruth Anna WELCA Study Circle** concludes our discussion of Stations of the Cross by Henri Nouwen. We will enjoy a light lunch, fellowship and a visit to our friends at St. Joseph's Church to view the Stations of the Cross which adorn their sanctuary.

We will discuss suggestions for continued study: "Belonging - 5 Keys to Unlock Your Potential as a Disciple" by Karoline M.

Lewis; "Making Sense of the Bible - Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today" by Adam Hamilton are two books for us to consider. Feel free to invite a friend.



Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!

We have so much to be thankful for besides beautiful Spring weather and our Church family.

First, we want to thank everyone who had a part in creating a new storage area for us in the basement. Thank you to Steve Albarado and his crew for clearing out all the miscellaneous items that had accumulated in that room through the years. Then Lois Hesford and her crew who painted the room and shampooed the carpet. Big Thank You to George and Margie Thoma for all their work in acquiring and put up shelving and for all of Margie's organizational skills. Thank you to the members of the Serve Team for all their help with this project. Stop down and check the room out (just across the hall from the old "youth room") – you won't believe how much a little cleaning and a new paint job can brighten up a room.

Then Thank You to everyone who has so generously been donated fabrics, sheets, etc. We're working hard to turn all those donations into quilts for the less fortunate. We made a trip to the Lutheran World Relief Warehouse on March 21 and delivered 68 quilts for distribution by them. We also donated 10 quilts to Pierce County Child Welfare System.

We also want to thank you for honoring us with a party after the church service on March 19th for National Quilting Month.

We will continue to meet every Tuesday from 9 to 11:30. If you find yourself with some time available on Tuesday mornings, give some thought to joining us. Any questions can be directed to Maggie Sprick (715)594-3944 or Elaine Scharpen (651)388-9512.

The Merry Martha Quilters



St. Paul's is a cool church! You can help it be an even cooler place! Join others in helping us install a new air conditioning unit for the sanitary/fellowship hall.

Thank you for Being **COOL!**

Please note a/c fund on donation.



Parker Jacobson

Baptized: 09/27/2008

Sponsors: Eric and Maggie Hawkenson

Parents: Nick and Jenny Jacobson

Confirmation Verse: "Father forgive them for they know not what they do" ~ Luke 23:24



Eli Grand

Baptized: 10/05/2008

Sponsors: Josh and Megan Albarado

Parents: Susan Albarado Grand and Saah Grand

Confirmation Verse: When you go through deep waters, I will be with you ~ Isaiah 43:2



Britton Kinney

Baptized: 12/21/2008

Sponsors: Luke Haugen and Meghan Bourget

Parents: Travis and Danelle Kinney

Confirmation Verse: "I hereby command you: Be Strong and Courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the lord you God is with you wherever you go." ~ Joshua 1:9



Owen Halvorson

Baptized: 02/22/2009

Sponsors: Carrie Cordes and Michael Sundberg

Parents: Jaimie Holt and Jeffery Halvorson

Confirmation Verse: If my people, who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heave, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land ~2 Chronicles 7:14



Trae Christiansen

Baptized: 01/11/2009

Sponsors: Leon Matthews and Mellissa Siepelmeyer

Parents: Chris and Karalynn Christiansen

Confirmation Verse: From there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find him if you search after him with all your heart and soul ~Deuteronomy 4:29



Madison Hanson

Baptized: 10/26/2008

Sponsors: Joshua Hanson, and Abby Halverson

Parents: Kori(Jacob)Diercks
Mitchell(Karissa) Hanson

Confirmation Verse: He makes me as surefooted as a deer enabling me to stand on mountain heights. ~ Psalm 18:33

Confirmation