

St. Paul's  
Lutheran  
Church ELCA

401 Mill Street



March April, 2024  
Bi-Monthly Newsletter

## Christ's Calling Card

From the December 17, 2023 Bulletin:

**"St. Paul's has entered into a covenant with Pastor Karen Sparling to serve as a Synod Authorized Minister on a part-time basis ...."**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's resurrection at Easter.

Like most people, I enjoy celebrating Easter. However, I have been considering it a distant second to Christmas. As I thought about that, it bothered me that I enjoyed Christmas more than Easter.

At Christmas, there are presents and fun traditions, and lots of good treats and food. It's all about God sending His Son. But think about Easter...that's about me, my sins and guilt, angry mobs against Jesus, a brutal crucifixion, and then the empty tomb.

When we look at Easter, we need to embrace the true meaning of it. If Christ wasn't willing to go to the cross, I would still be dead in my sins. If not for his resurrection, I'd have no hope of eternal life.

This is the very reason for observing Lent...to come before the Lord and prepare our hearts for renewal. It's a way of identifying with Christ, who endured the cross for the joy that was set before Him, according to Hebrews 12:2

We need to learn to focus on Jesus' passion during Lent and the time prior to Easter Sunday. When we do, we can truly proclaim "He is Risen!" He is risen indeed!"

Blessings,

Pastor Karen



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**The Photo is by Pam Brandau. It is of Pastor Karen and Bishop Malpica at the Pot Luck dinner following her Installation as Pastor of St. Paul's**

**CHICKEN DINNER  
FUNDRAISER  
FOR STEPS  
REPLACEMENT  
PROJECT**

While we aren't sure exactly what replacing the steps and the installation of a lift will cost, we do know we do not want to exhaust our funds on hand, so it's chicken dinner time, AGAIN!!

Same old, same old, Sunday after Easter (April 7, 2024). Barbeque chicken, beans, potato salad, and a dinner roll. Jamie Thomas will again be grilling the chicken.

We have increased the meal to \$15.00/plate. We have sold 608 tickets each of the past two dinners and we are hoping to achieve that number once again.

Please contact me with the number of tickets you wish to sell and I will get them to you.. Start practicing your sales pitch!!

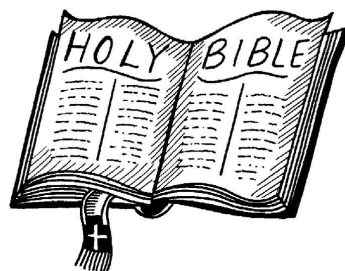
Nalani Bever, Co-Chair





## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY ELOISE EVANS**

Come April 24<sup>th</sup> we will have a centenarian on our church roster. Eloise Evans was born to Ferdinand and Blondena Steuck on April 24, 1924, baptized on June 8, 1924 and confirmed on July 3, 1938. We have a photo of the confirmation class and it's pretty obvious which of the girls is Eloise!! See if you can pick her out. Eloise lives at 708 Arrowhead Blvd here in Wilton.



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



### MARCH

SA	2 <sup>nd</sup> Movie @ Elroy Theater	2:30 PM	
SU	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday School		9:00 AM
	Worship		10:15 AM
W	6 <sup>th</sup> Supper	5:00 PM	
	Lenten Service	6:00 PM	
SU	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday School		9:00 AM
	Worship		10:15 AM
	Church Council		11:15 AM
W	13 <sup>th</sup> Supper	5:00 PM	
	Lenten Service	6:00 PM	
SU	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday School		9:00 AM
	Worship		10:15 AM
W	20 <sup>th</sup> Supper	5:00 PM	
	Lenten Service	6:00 PM	
SU	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday School		9:00 AM
	Worship		10:15 AM
	Maundy		
TR	28 <sup>th</sup> Thursday		7:00 PM
FR	29 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday		7:00 PM
	Prayer Vigil		8:00 PM
SA	30 <sup>th</sup> Prayer Vigil		6:30 AM
	Sunrise Ser-		
SU	31 <sup>st</sup> vice	6:00 AM	
	Breakfast	7:00 -	
		8:45 AM	
	Sunday School	9:00 AM	
	Worship	10:15 AM	

### MARCH

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Patty Von Haden
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Krista Cook
	Dennis Dougherty
5 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Bever
	Katie Pagel
9 <sup>th</sup>	James Brandau
11 <sup>th</sup>	Darren Gruen
15 <sup>th</sup>	Callie Fleming
16 <sup>th</sup>	Vanessa Ornes
17 <sup>th</sup>	Don & Gail Riedesel
19 <sup>th</sup>	MaKenzie Powell
20 <sup>th</sup>	Joel Arndt
21 <sup>st</sup>	Curt Dougherty
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dean Brandau
	Phyllis & Jan Brandau
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bria Gruen
	Lila Speicher
24 <sup>th</sup>	David Stanek
28 <sup>th</sup>	Kaylin Gruen

The Bishop explains his staff:



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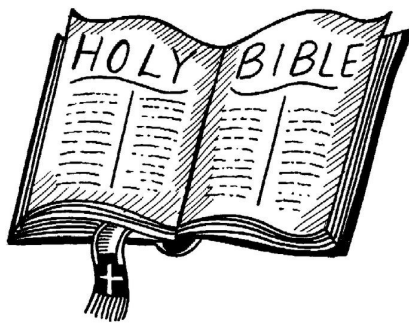


**APRIL**

SU	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Chicken Dinner	11:30 AM
SU	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
		11:15 AM
	Church Council	AM
SA	20 <sup>th</sup> W-ELCA Spring Convention	
SU	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Children Sing	
	Noisy Offering	
SU	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM

**APRIL**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Caitlyn Stanek
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vicky Weiner
5 <sup>th</sup>	Pam Brandau
	Kimberly Buchholz
9 <sup>th</sup>	Madalyn Dougherty
11 <sup>th</sup>	Rich & Kathy Cale
12 <sup>th</sup>	Jack & Mary Ann Arndt
16 <sup>th</sup>	Louise Buchholz
17 <sup>th</sup>	Julie Acker
	Logan Buchholz
18 <sup>th</sup>	Rick Brueggen
	Jared Gruen
	Ron Savall
	Jennifer & David Gruen
21 <sup>st</sup>	April Kroeger
	Katie Gruen
24 <sup>th</sup>	Eloise Evans
	Tanya & Scott Niedfeldt
26 <sup>th</sup>	Riley Brueggen
28 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Brandau
	Matt Ornes



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**Newsletters, past and present, are on the Church Website in Color.**

## W-ELCA NEWSLETTER

March April 2024



Our group has dwindled so there will be no scheduled General Meetings for 2024. Any meetings planned will be listed in the Worship Bulletin.

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief is continuing. We have assembled several quilts and have more tops to finish. Anyone who is interested in helping assemble quilts for LWR is invited to join. You do not have to be a sewing “expert” to contribute. Dates will be announced in the bulletin or by e-mail. For any questions, please contact Arlis Ballwahn (608 435-6406), Louise Buchholz (608 435-6435) or Carolyn Dougherty (608 435-6265).

### **SERVING COMMITTEE GUIDELINES**

The Funeral Committees have been combined due to declining participation. You may be called on a rotating basis to provide cake or bars. There will no longer be calls for donations, but if you wish to donate, contact Louise Buchholz or Arlis Ballwahn.

You may be asked to help in the dining area on the day of the funeral, for either set up or clean up after the meal. Post-funeral luncheons are very much appreciated by our families and we hope to continue this tradition.

We all help others; we may be in need of similar assistance someday. Our task is based on the Biblical principle of loving others as Christ first loved us.

If you are asked to bring cake or bars – a 9 x 13 pan.

Donations of \$5 can help to purchase any needed food or kitchen items.

**All women of St. Paul’s are members of W-ELCA and new faces are always welcome at any and all events.**

### **PERSONAL CARE KITS**

We will collect items for Lutheran World Relief personal care kits during the months of March and April. Here are the items that make-up a kit:

- One light-weight bath-size towel
- Two bath-size soap bars
- One adult size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb—remove packaging
- One metal nail clippers—remove packaging

You may also donate to the cause and we’ll do the shopping. Just mark your offering envelope or a plan envelope of your donation. Thank you for supporting this cause. The refugee camps throughout the world are filled with folks in need.



## WORSHIP NOTES FOR

### March, April

The following are the Scripture readings we will be sharing in worship during the months of March and April 2024.

#### ***Third Sunday in Lent - March 3***

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

#### ***Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 10***

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22;  
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

#### ***Fifth Sunday in Lent - March 17***

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12;  
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

#### ***Palm Sunday - March 24***

Isiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;  
Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1—15:47

#### ***Easter Sunday – March 31***

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24;  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

#### ***Second Sunday of Easter - April 7***

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133;  
1 John 1:1—2:2; John 20:19-31

#### ***Third Sunday of Easter - April 14***

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4;  
1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

#### ***Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 21***

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23;  
1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

#### ***Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 28***

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31;  
1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

### **THOSE SERVING IN MARCH**

**ALTAR:** Barb Bever & Karen Arzt

**READERS:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Barb Bever  
10<sup>th</sup> Greg Bever  
17<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Dougherty  
24<sup>th</sup> Arlis Ballwahn  
31<sup>st</sup> 6:00 Dan Buchholz  
10:15 Ava Gruen

**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Kirstin & Justin Arndt

### **THOSE SERVING IN APRIL**

**ALTAR:** Lori Brueggen & Barb Ornes

**READERS:**

7<sup>th</sup> Ayawyn Conner  
14<sup>th</sup> Barb Ornes  
21<sup>st</sup> Kirstin Arndt  
28<sup>th</sup> Miranda Arndt

**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Ayawyn & Rachel Conner

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