

The Monthly Herald

May 2024



Dear friends in Christ,

April showers bring May flowers. What a wonder to see God's creation rise from the death of winter and show signs of renewed life which reflects the glory of our God. When we were in Salzburg, Austria, they had just planted all kinds of flowers in one of the gardens in the city. It was absolutely stunning! It's a sign of God's creative glory. Spring comes each year because of God's faithfulness. "God causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous." (Matt. 5:45).

I love this time of year in God's creation. Yet, May is a wonderful time in the church as well. As the earth springs to life, we continue to rejoice that Jesus has risen from death to life again. April showers also brings "Flower Power" to St. Paul's, as we join in our anniversary and farewell celebration on May 5. We will be recognizing significant wedding anniversaries, staff anniversaries, and saying "Farewell" to Kirsten Nickel, our art teacher for the past two decades who is retiring.

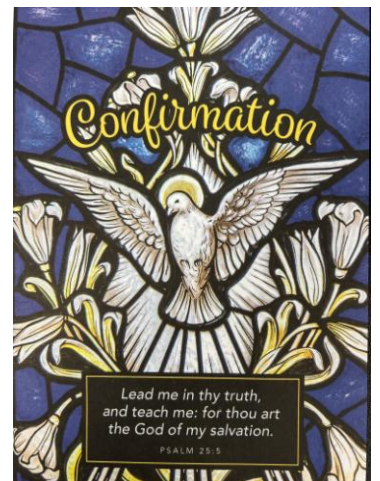
Mother's Day weekend, May 11-12, is also a big weekend. Our students will assist with worship that weekend and we will have gifts for mothers. ***We will only have one service on Sunday, May 12, at 9am, followed by a continental breakfast in the fellowship hall.*** We also have our ***St. Paul's Youth dinner and auction*** on Saturday night, May 11 following the service. Get your tickets soon!

May is also the month where our young people are confirmed in the faith. They have studied God's holy Word. They will be examined on confirmation questioning night. They will publicly profess their faith before God's people and God Himself on May 19. Pray for our young people, that as Jesus said, they would "**Seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things (needful for life) will be given to you as well.**" (Matt. 6:33-34a) Pray that they continue to grow in Christ, to walk with Him daily, remain faithful in worship and being involved in Christ's church, and live in His grace.

May is a wonderful month in God's plan for the seasons of the year that come each year by His faithfulness. As new life comes forth in Spring, pray that the new life in Christ would come forth, as we continue to embrace one another in Christ's love. Rise to live for Jesus each day, for Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

In Christ's Love,

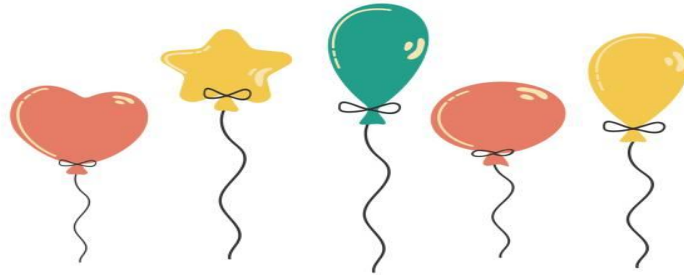
Pastor Bender



St. Paul's Annual Anniversary & Farewell Celebration

May 5, 2024

11:45am in our Gym



We will recognize couples with milestone anniversaries, celebrate staff anniversaries, and say farewell to staff members who are moving on in life or retiring.

Menu: Grilled Bratwurst and Italian Sausages

Roasted Parmesan Red Potatoes

Strawberry Spinach Salad with Poppyseed Dressing

Relish Tray

Fudge Brownies

Kids Meal: (Pre ordered) Hotdogs & Chips

To sign up, please call the church office at 414-541-6250,
or sign up at the Welcome Center or in the elevator room.

National Day of Prayer

Tuesday May 2



Stop by church between 3:00 -6:00pm and pray with us.

Mother's Day Weekend

May 11-12, 2024

2nd Annual Event

St. Paul's Students Assisting in Worship

Special Recognition of Mothers

Only Two Services: Saturday @ 5pm and Sunday at 9am

Saturday Night Auction Event

Sunday Morning Continental Breakfast



YOUTH AUCTION MAY 11 AT 6:15PM

THEME: APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWER POWER

FLASHBACK TO THE 70's

MENU: ASSORTED APPETIZERS

DINNER: SWEDISH MEATBALLS OVER NOODLES

HONEY GLAZED ROASTED CARROTS

DINNER ROLLS W/ BUTTER

DESSERT: LEMON CREME PIE

LEMONADE PINEAPPLE PUNCH, COFFEE



TICKETS ON SALE AFTER EACH WORSHIP SERVICE (\$15 PER ADULT, \$5 KIDS AGE 4-12, UNDER 3 FREE) CONTACT STACEY KUKOR OR PASTOR JOSH WITH QUESTIONS.

DONATIONS OF GIFT BASKETS TO BE AUCTIONED OFF AND GIFT CARDS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED. PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BEFORE MAY 8TH.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT OUR ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP.

Blessings to our Junior Confirmands

John Louis Bingenheimer IV

Jackson James Cruz

Helena Kikue Keen

Mario Luis Martinez Jr

Noah Elias Segura

Jaxon Peter Veit

Claire Christine Zimmer



Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Confirmation Questioning ~ Thursday May 16 at 6:00pm

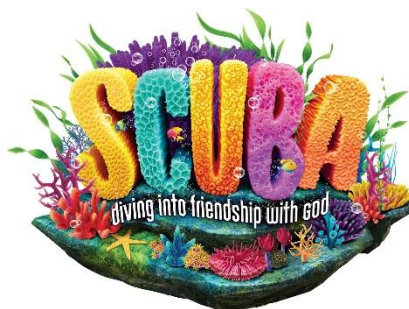
Confirmation Sunday ~ May 19 at 10:30am

Dive into the fun of Vacation Bible School on June 10th-14th.

Children entering Kindergarten-5th grade are invited to join us for

SCUBA-Vacation Bible School here at St. Paul's from 9am-12pm.

Go to vbspro.events/p/86f8e5 to register today!



The Altar Flower Calendar is now located in the entry level of the narthex next to the Food Pantry board.

Each bouquet costs \$30.

Please make checks payable to:

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bible Studies

Thursday Morning Bible Class - Thursday 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

The first letter of Peter is truly a great book for us to study today. It speaks to a people who recognize this world is not their home, there is something greater. As Christians we are this people, and we recognize that we are different from those who only see life through the lenses of this world. This book will show how we can remain faithful as people of the promise, while also being a witness to others so that they too can see this true home that God gives. Chapters 1-3 will discuss who we are as God's people, and how we become different from the rest of the world. Chapters 4-6 then teach us how we ought to live having received this new identity as God's people. The new life Christ calls us to through Peter is not easy, but Peter also makes sure we understand that it will be worth it and that God will be there with us every step of the way.



May 2nd

May 9th 4:1-11

May 16th 4:12-19

May 23rd 5:1-14

8th Grade Trip - *No Class*

Living with the End in mind.

The persecution of Christians.

Christ gives what we need to remain part of the flock.

Men's Bible Breakfast - May 11 & 25 at 7:00AM in the Fellowship Hall

Ten Men of the Bible: The men depicted in the Bible were not perfect by any means. The amazing thing is that our God used these flawed, sinful men to accomplish many wonderful things, to further His purposes for mankind. They endured trials and tribulation, and they continued to trust in the Lord, and follow Him. We are flawed men as well, every single one of us. God, our Father, desires to use *us* and is with us wherever we go. For the month of May, we will be looking at Joseph, who faced "Questions and Challenges as Jesus' Earthly Father":

May 11: Introduction, Days 1 & 2 in the workbook, pp. 117-126

May 25: Days 3, 4, and 5. pp. 127-141

On these Saturdays, a bunch of flawed but dedicated Christian men gather together. We have some wonderful fellowship, we eat a good breakfast prepared by one of the guys, and then we study the Word of God. It's a great time to grow in faith and fellowship. We gather shortly before 7am; 79th street doors are unlocked. All men are welcome!! Come join us as we eat, pray, and then study God's Word. We end about 8:15-8:30am.

Adult & High School Sunday School

No classes on May 12 or 26

Adult Bible Class: May 5 - Spiritual Lessons From a Trip to Germany

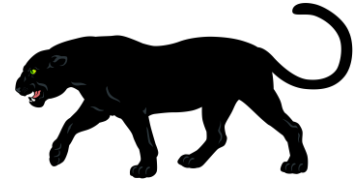
Pastor Bender will share some pictures and Biblical truth as it relates to his recent trip to Germany.



Ladies Groups

Widows Lunch

All widows in the congregation are invited to lunch at Panther Pub – 5651 Broad Street in Greendale on May 8th at 11:00am.



Quilter's Patch

I am so happy to report that Jean Fortner has joined our little band of quilters. There are now about six ladies working on Monday mornings, yet always room for a few more. Our closet is starting to show the progress of our work with 30 completed quilts on the shelves. We meet in the fellowship hall at 9am to 11:30 on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays.

Below is the schedule for May through July.

May - 6th and 20th

June - 3rd and 17th NOTE: The 17th is the correct date, NOT the 24th as printed last month.

July - 1st and 15th

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Ziolecki via phone or text at 414-841-6097 or email at dzwolf2012@gmail.com.

Ladies Guild



Thank you to all that purchased goodies from the bake sale. A total of \$486.25 was collected for Victor's, our Guatemalan student, tuition.

On April 22nd we held our second servant activity event, making bracelets for missional community to pass out at one of their events.

Monday, May 20th at 6:30 pm will be our next meeting and potluck.

For additional information you can contact Dawn Ziolecki at cell, text, 414-841-6097 or dzwolf2012@gmail.com OR Toni Dunn at cell, text, 414-335-3553 or tdunnusa@outlook.co

Emergency Pastoral Care: 217-779-7985 or 608-290-9837

Youth News

KORN Scholarship Fund

College Students Preparing for Church Work

The Korn Scholarship Fund at St. Paul's Lutheran Church assists students financially who are preparing for full-time church work in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Applications are available in the church office. Please return applications to the church office **by June 1st**.

Thank you to everyone who purchased Detergent from our fundraiser. It will be arriving soon.

Sharing God's Bounty

Keeping Our Eyes on the Prize

If a runner in a race takes his eyes off his goal for even a fleeting moment, he risks losing his focus and, along with that, the race. So it is with the Christian who must be diligent to keep his focus on his stewardship. If he takes his eyes off his heavenly goal and directs them toward his possessions, his worldly aspirations, or his temporal difficulties, he loses his focus and risks losing the race. The words of Paul provide encouragement for us: *"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:13). Focusing on our Earthly circumstances can lead us in two directions – both of them deadly! We may either find things of the world to be so attractive, they become the prize toward which we strain, or we find things to be so dismal that we despair.

Our Chief Steward, Jesus, our Savior, focused on the prize. We are exhorted to follow his example: *"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God"* (Hebrews 12:2). Talk about keeping focus! *"Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart"* (Hebrews 12:3). Talk about running a race! And he did it for us, *"so that [we] will not grow weary and lose heart."*

And look at the prize he won! He ascended into Heaven and now sits *"at the right hand of the throne of God."* Heaven is our prize, too – a prize beyond compare. Christ's promise is this: *"Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life"* (Revelation 2:10b). Should we falter, as we are certain to do, we claim another of his promises: *"The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it"* (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

*"I have learned to manage on whatever I have. I know how to be poor and how to be rich...
There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength."*

St. Paul

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The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the plans of His heart to all generations.
Psalm 33:11

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Music Notes



As the school year winds down, so do musical groups.

Thanks to all the people, adult and children, that have taken the time and effort to add to our worship services through singing, ringing bells and chimes, or playing brass or other instruments!

*Our Praise Team will continue through the summer,
so anyone who is interested can still join us.*

*Anyone interested in singing or playing in church, whether as a solo or in an ensemble,
please let Deaconess Carole know.*

We would love to hear you!

Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE – SWD Family Life Conference, June 8 at CUW

In an effort to strengthen family bonds and instill lasting values, the South Wisconsin District's upcoming Family Life Conference under the theme "**Passing on the Faith**" aims to provide attendees with invaluable insights and resources. Scheduled to take place on **June 8, 2024 at Concordia University Wisconsin**, the conference will feature keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Todd Biermann and several break-out sessions geared towards equipping families with the tools needed to navigate life's challenges while staying grounded in their faith. Whether you're a parent, grandparent, or guardian, this event offers a unique opportunity to connect with fellow believers and reaffirm your commitment to fostering a strong faith-based foundation within your family. **Learn more about the conference and register to attend at www.swd.lcms.org/FLC before May 20.** (The conference fee is \$5/person. But church and school groups are invited to take advantage of a group discount, so please be prepared to enter the name and email address of each registrant.)