



# The Messenger

Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ May 12, 2024

## Stewardship Moments for the Easter Season - by Rev. Paul Grime

We've all heard the comforting words of a Christian friend who for one reason or another has said, "I'll be praying for you." To know that a fellow believer is lifting up our needs before our Father in heaven can bring peace to the most troubled soul.

How often do we fail to remember that our ascended Lord Jesus is always interceding for us before the Father. He prays for our protection from the devil. Through his saving work he has overcome that evil foe. His victory is now our victory, and his promise to guard and keep us in the faith is certain and sure.

Just like individual Christians, congregations often face challenges in this sinful world. Different opinions can sometimes devolve into major disagreements. Jesus reminds us, however, that though this world will bring trials, he will never abandon his church. That is true wherever God's Word is faithfully proclaimed.

And that certainly includes our own congregation. Thanks be to God that Jesus keeps his promises, blessing our faithful service in his name. Even as he prays for us, join in praying daily for St. Paul's, for our pastors, teachers, and staff; for the children in our school and their families; for all those who volunteer to assist in carrying out the work set before us. Pray for his blessing as we now embark on a major building campaign. And finally, rejoice that God continues to make us holy through his Word so that we may know him for all eternity.

### Bible Study Opportunities

#### Early Bible Study—Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

Dr. Naomichi Masaki is teaching this class on CTSFW's Service to Fellow Lutherans Abroad. Meet in the south transept of the sanctuary.

#### Sunday School—Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

Youth ages 2 through high school—No Sunday School today. Join us outside in front of the church for a brief reception to welcome our new members.

Next week, the children will meet over at the school gym for the End-of-the-Year Sunday School Party!

#### Adult Bible Study—Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

No Bible Study today. Join us outside in front of the church for a brief reception to welcome our new members.

#### Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study—2:00 p.m.

Join Pastor Cage in the church library for the final class of Epistle to the Hebrews. Check back in the Fall for when this class resumes.

#### Thursday Morning Bible Study—9:00 a.m.

Dr. Geoffrey Robinson teaches on Psalms at the District Office (1145 Barr Street).

### Altar/Chancel Flowers

*The Altar flowers have been given to the glory of God by Dale and Bonnie Doerffler, in memory of Bonnie's brother, Brian Kruse.*

### Our Giving For May 5

Budget Envelopes	\$12,647.55
Missions/Lutheran Heritage	\$154.73
Plate Offerings	\$419.00
Seasonal Envelopes	\$10.00
School Income	\$433.25
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$13,664.53</b>
Livestreaming	\$34.25
Ladies Aid	\$34.25
PEF/Student Assistance	\$100.00
Memorials	\$75.00
Gathering In Christ	\$4,055.22
<b>Total of All Donations</b>	<b>\$17,963.25</b>

### Attendance Last Week

**Sunday, May 5 ~ 9:30 a.m.** **293**

### Serving This Week and Next

**Sunday, May 12~**

**Altar Guild:** *Jamine Edwards and Kathy Morse*

**Elder:** *John Hrehov*

**Ushers:** *David Vandre, Tony Lardydel, Dale Doerffler, Dean Doerffler, Kurt Gutman, Dave Hawk, Mike Hawk, Chris Hawk*

**Sunday, May 19 ~**

**Altar Guild:** *Wendy Mader and Sue Geller*

**Elder:** *Neill Germann*

**Ushers:** *Dan Wietfeldt, Joshuwa Richman, Karl Davis, Kevan Davis, Barry Mezger, David Vandre, Joshua Vandre, Mark Vandre*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### **New Member Sunday—Today**

Join us in welcoming our newest members to St. Paul's! We are officially welcoming them during the Divine Service, with a brief reception to follow outside (weather permitting) in front of the church. Please see the insert in your bulletin for more information and the names of those who have become members. May God be praised that he continues to bless St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

### **Quarterly Voters' Meeting—Next Week**

Join us for our regularly scheduled Voters' Meeting on Sunday, May 19, immediately following the Divine Service. We will meet in the sanctuary.

### **Altar Guild Books**

Ladies, be sure to pick up your 2024-2025 Altar Guild books. You will find them on top of the glass case in the narthex.

### **New Location—Altar Guild Flower Book**

Now located on top of the glass case in the narthex and will remain there during the renovation. The following dates are available: June 16, 30, July 14, 28, and throughout 2024. Reserve a date of your choice in honor of an occasion or in memory of a loved one. Payment of \$40.00 is due when you reserve a date. Please make your check out to St. Paul's Altar Guild and include the date that you reserved on your check. You may put your payment in the Altar Guild locked mail box in the office area or mail it to the church at 1126 S. Barr Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. **Please note: be sure to pick up your flowers immediately after the service. Once the renovation begins, we will not be able to hold them through the week. Any flowers not picked up on Sunday, will go to our shut-ins.**

### **St. Paul's Supper Club—5:30p.m. Wednesday**

**May 15**—B. Antonio's Pizzeria (5417 Meijer Dr.)

**May 22**—China Place (5810 Bluffton Rd.)

**May 29**—Salvatori's Italian Eatery

(717 W. Washington Cntr Rd.)

**June 5**—Hoppy Gnome (203 E. Berry St.)

Please call the church office (423-2496) by noon the day of so we can make reservations.

### **Livestream**

Please note that due to changes with Facebook and YouTube all of our services may not be posted. As we move through this transition we are looking into more permanent solutions.

## **ALL HANDS ON DECK!**

With our May 28 deadline for completely moving out of Heritage Hall quickly approaching, we need your help to move remaining items to the sanctuary basement. Many items have already been or are in the process of being boxed up for temporary storage. Other items, such as choir chairs, the white tables and chairs, and some of the Pre-K items will also need to be moved to the sanctuary basement. Our final push to clean out the building and move items to the basement will be **Saturday, May 18**. We need able bodied men and women (young adults too!) who can lift and move boxes and other items. Please remember there is no direct elevator access to the sanctuary basement. We will begin at 8:00 a.m. and many hands will make this a much easier task so please plan to help for even just a few hours if possible. If you can help at all that day, please email Dan Ernst at dan@earthsourceinc.net.

### **Heritage Hall Renovation**

Beginning May 28, Heritage Hall will be under construction. While the church office staff will be relocated, the church phone number and staff emails will remain the same. To contact the church office, please call 260-423-2496 and listen for the prompts to connect you to the individual you are looking for. Member access to the church office staff will be very limited and on an appointment basis only in order to minimize disruption to the IN District Office during this time. Restrooms will remain available during the entire construction process for use during services. Access will be through the west cloister hallway. No other access will be available during construction. The elevator and east cloister entrances will be closed. Lastly, the west 1/2 of the parking lot will be unavailable for parking as it will be used for construction material storage and project staging. Please plan to park on the street, at the District office, or the remaining parking spaces in the north lot. Handicap accessible parking will be on the south side of church at the circle drive where the ramp is located.

### **Lutheran Night at the TinCaps**

Tuesday, June 18 at 7:05 p.m. at Parkview Field in downtown Fort Wayne. Order tickets online at: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Lutherannight6>. Only ticket orders received prior to Tuesday, June 4 will receive the Lutheran Night discount offer.

### **May 12—Easter 7**

The world ridicules motherhood as hindrance. It complains that children get in the way of education, career, income, gratification, and even climate. But the testimony of God is greater than the testimony of men (1 John 5:9). Real life and full life come in Christ Jesus, His Son, who shows us the joy of loving and keeping every daughter and son the Holy Father gives (John 17:11-12).

# May 2024

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			<p><b>1</b> <u>St. Philip &amp; St. James.</u> <u>Apostles</u></p> <p>8:45am - School Chapel 9-10am - SCRIP Sales 2pm - Bible Study church library</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>7am - Men's Bible Study—Church Library (final class before summer break) 9am—Bible Study—IN District Office</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b> <u>Confirmation Sunday</u> 8:30am - Bible Study 9:30am - Divine Service 10:45am - SCRIP Sales 10:45am—Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>6:30pm—Women's Bible Study (Final class before summer break)</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>8:45am - School Chapel 9-10am - SCRIP Sales 2pm - Bible Study church library 6:30pm—Spring Concert in School Gym</p>	<p><b>9</b> <u>Ascension</u></p> <p>9am—Bible Study—IN District Office 7pm - Divine Service</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
<p><b>12</b> <u>Mother's Day</u> 8:30am - Bible Study 9:30am - Divine Service 10:45am - SCRIP Sales <b>No Bible Study or Sunday School after the service. Join us for a New Member Reception in front of church!</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>8th Grade to D.C.</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>8th Grade to D.C.</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>8:45am - School Chapel 9-10am - SCRIP Sales 2pm - Bible Study church library 8th Grade to D.C.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9am—Bible Study—IN District Office 7pm—Council Mtg 8th Grade to D.C.</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Last Day of Pre-K 8th Grade to D.C.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>8am—Heritage Hall Renovation Prep (Move boxes to storage)</p>
<p><b>19</b> <u>Pentecost</u> 8:30am - Bible Study 9:30am - Divine Service 10:45am - SCRIP Sales <b>10:45am - VOTERS' MTG IN THE SANCTUARY</b> Sunday School End-of-the-Year Party!</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>8:45am - School Chapel <b>NO SCRIP SALES TODAY</b> Church offices relocated to prepare for Heritage Hall renovation. 6pm—BOEE</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9am—Bible Study—IN District Office 5:30—Elders Mtg</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>26</b> <u>Holy Trinity</u> 8:30am - Bible Study 9:30am - Divine Service 10:45am - SCRIP Sales 10:45am—Adult Bible Study</p>	<p><b>27</b> <u>Memorial Day</u> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Heritage Hall Renovation Begins</b> 7pm—8th Grade Graduation—Sanctuary (Reception in gym)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><u>Last Day of School</u> 8:45am— Final Chapel and Awards in the Sanctuary 9:10—SCRIP Sales Noon—Dismissal</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9am—Bible Study—IN District Office</p>	<p><b>31</b> <u>Visitation</u></p>	

# PRAY

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1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

## St. Paul's Students & Their Families:

† Ryleigh, Mariah, Ranalle

## Intercessions & Thanksgivings:

† For all mothers who have received the gift of children,  
and for those mothers who have lost children, miscarried,  
or are barren.

## Gathering In Christ:

† God's continued blessing of our "Gathering In Christ"  
building project.

## Ongoing Chronic Concerns:

† Susan Balsamo-Furniss	† Ron Rastl
† Harris Beck	† Andrew Scholes
† Bob Demaree	† Wanda Schweyer
† Carolyn Falkenstern	† Fred Scott
† Gloria Hamer	† Amanda Seeger
† Dennis Harmeyer	† Sam Suarez
† Mary Hathaway	† Denise Trentadue
† Lonni Helmchen	† Mark von der Lage
† Jerry Huitt	
† John Huitt	
† Roy Huitt	
† Ruth Huitt	
† Juanita Jefferson	
† Karen Johnson	
† Mark Knoblauch	
† Kelly Kochensparger	
† Jodi Kreiger	
† Lorene Langsdale	
† Jan Leffel	
† Diane Lewis	
† Gail Ludvigson	
† John Mader	
† James Maier	
† Leah Maier	
† Joan Messmann	
† Mary Mundt	
† Barbara Nelson	
† Sara Nordling	
† Juan Perez	

## Comfort, Health, and Recovery:

† Eugene Falkenstern  
† Pam Johnson  
† Dennis Lloyd  
† Michael McWilliams  
† Todd Moore

## Our Homebound Members:

† Neva Aldridge  
† Joan Badders  
† Marilyn Berning  
† Myra Carrier  
† Mary Ann Cordes  
† Phoebe Fett  
† Rodney Hall  
† Lois Meyer  
† Ernestine Morrison  
† Larry Murphy  
† Esther Pinnow  
† Leona Puff  
† Carolyn Reincke  
† Walter Schroeder  
† Rev. Ralph Seilaff  
† Dorothy Taylor  
† Mary Weick  
† Sharon Williams

## Serving in the Armed Forces:

† KiVuan Edwards  
† Cierra Germann  
† Rev. Brian Hamer  
† Zachary Harmeyer  
† Jasmine Jackson  
† Austin Kerr  
† Courtney Linnemeier  
† Sharia Macon  
† Jamara Moore-Chambers  
† Rev. Joshua Schiff  
† Brandon Sreeton  
† John Sheaffer Jr.  
† Ryan Sheaffer  
† Brandon Skalicky

## Happy Birthday This Week:

† Patricia Kerr ~ May 14

\* Pray for these saints throughout the week.

Please submit prayer requests by calling the church office at 260.423.2496 ext. 310