

NOTES AND NEWS St. Paul Lutheran Church, Caro, MI – 5/12/2024

A warm welcome to all worshipers here on this Sixth Sunday of Easter.

Empowered by our Lord's Spirit, we continue to run the race of faith! This is an important "training stop" along the way as together we grow in faith and worship our loving Lord Jesus. We thank the Lord for each of you being with us today.

FELLOWSHIP PAD: Visitors & Members - please sign the Fellowship Pad, ***KIDS TOO!*** Visitors, please include your address. If you have no church home, are interested in becoming part of our church family, or would like information about St. Paul, please talk with an usher, elder, or Pastor Steele, who will be happy to speak with you.

COMMUNION IN THE PEW: If it has become necessary for you to have communion brought to you in the pew, please notify the pastor or an elder. We are pleased to assist you to receive this great blessing on a regular basis.

	5/12 8:30 am	5/12 11 am	Wed 5/15 7:00 pm
Elder	Jamie LeBlanc	John Weidman	Bill McQueen
Lay Reader	Jamie LeBlanc	Zach Voss	Bill McQueen
Greeters	Jamie & Lynn	John Weidman	Bill & Linda
Usher	Mozdens	Doug DeRocco & Tim Bates	Larry Neuman

Attendance last week: 72 + 95 + 17 = 184

Offering: \$7,588.00

Needed \$8,642.37

- **THE BOOK OF REVELATION** is Pastor Steele's Sunday Morning Bible Class. Everyone is invited to attend.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL/CONGREGATION PICNIC:** Don't forget May 19 is the last day of Sunday School and we will be celebrating with a picnic for the entire congregation following late service. It is a potluck with hot dogs and brats provided. There will be games and fun for all ages. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.
- **HELPING HANDS:** Our Helping Hands food supply is once again wiped out. If you can find it in your heart to bring in some items, it would be appreciated. Just put them in the blue tub under the table in the Narthex. **Items most needed:** canned food, cereal, mac & cheese, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, etc. (*Things that require no other, or very few common ingredients.*) Thank you so much.

- **J.O.Y. TRIP ~ FRIDAY, MAY 17th, 2024:** Just Older Youth will meet at the church at **11:30 am on Friday, May 17th**, and go to **Nick's Country Oven** in Cass City for lunch. Then, as it is spring planting season, go south of Cass City to the **End of the Lane Greenhouse** to see their wide selection of flowers and vegetable plants, as well as **9 alpacas** on their grounds. There will also be products displayed made from the alpaca fibers. On our return trip to Caro, we will stop at **Dairy Queen** for treats. PLEASE JOIN US for Christian fun and fellowship!! Just Older Youth includes everyone 50 and older. If you can come, please sign the sheet posted on the board in the narthex.

• **HOW IS OUR LORD AT WORK IN HIS CHURCH IN OUR**

CONGREGATIONS? You can find out and you'll be uplifted and inspired. Our **Circuit Convocation** will be a time for all of us can gather together to see just how many places the Holy Spirit is at work among us. Join us **Saturday, June 8** at **Trinity Lutheran Church in Reese** for our Convocation titled: "His Church, His Mission. Our churches, His Mission." We begin at 9:00 am. Five ministries which are based right here in Michigan will be there to offer sectionals, in which you can attend two. Stay tuned for the next five weeks to learn about each one. Here is some information about **MOST Ministries**.



MOST MINISTRIES (Mission Opportunities Short Term)

How would you like to work alongside your neighbor in the mission field sharing God's love with others who either do not know Him or know very little about Him? You can start the journey today on a MOST Ministries short term mission team.

- **ENDOWMENT FUND:** Fund Request Forms are now out, on the table in the Narthex. They are due by June 1, 2024, for both restricted and unrestricted funds. What does the Endowment Committee do? How is the money given out? What are restricted and unrestricted funds? The answers to all of these questions are on the back of the Request Form. Look for the yellow paper.
- **CONCORDIA SEMINARY Adopt-a-Student:** St. Paul has "adopted" Mr. Joshua Marlatt as a Seminary Student. Initially, our congregation voted to support him with \$1,000 for this year. But you can support him too, in so many ways. Please Pray for Joshua, write notes of encouragement to him, support him financially with your own gifts. We will get to know him better throughout the year. Here is his contact information:
Mr. Joshua Marlatt, Campus P.O. Box, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105, marlattj@csl.edu.

- **QUALITY, QUANTITY, QUALIFIED...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Movie "Civil War," Brokenness Theology, Pascal's Wager, The Hymn "O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth" and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod or your favorite podcast provider.
- **CEF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATOR SOUGHT:** Church Extension Fund, a ministry-based financial institution located in Ann Arbor, Michigan, seeks qualified candidates for the position of IT Administrator. This position, which serves both CEF and the Michigan District LCMS, performs a range of network and workstation duties for a combined office of 30-35 on-site and remote users. The position reports to and assists the CEF Assistant VP-Systems Manager in three main areas: network management, cyber-security management, and software administration. Opportunities for advancement exist. A complete position description is available on CEF's website: mi-cef.org/news. Applicants should mail or email a cover letter and resume no later than May 31, 2024 to: Ms. Kris Nowak – Executive Assistant, Church Extension Fund, 3773 Geddes Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105, kris.nowak@mi-cef.org. Interviews and hiring expected in June.
- **READERS WANTED:** I could sure use more readers. If you would like to be placed on my list of readers, please let me know. You can even specify if you have a preference of **8:30, 11:00, or WEDNESDAY**. I will even give you a large printout at least a week in advance so you can practice if you want.
- **WE ARE NO LONGER COLLECTING VGs RECEIPTS!**
- **DIRECT YOUR LABELS:** Please save your *Our Family* brand barcodes. You only need to turn in the barcode. You can put them in the box above the card case. There is a slot labeled for them. What a fun way to earn money for the missions we support.
- **NEWSLETTER SPONSORS FOR 2024:** If you would like to sponsor the newsletter for a month, please see or call Lynn in the office at 989-673-4214. **The cost is only \$25 per month.** You can sponsor in honor of someone, in celebration of an event, or whatever reason you want.

May 12-19

<p align="center">Sunday, May 12 Psalm 61, 62, 64-67</p>	<p>Mother's Day 8:30 am Traditional Worship with Communion 9:45 am Sunday School & Bible Class 11:00 am Contemporary Worship with Communion</p>
<p align="center">Monday, May 13 1 Kings 2:1-12, 2 Sam. 23:1-7, 1 Chr. 29:26-30, Psalm 4-6, 8-9, 11</p>	<p>12:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday, May 14 Psalm 12-17, 19-21</p>	<p>8:30 am Quilters 5:30 pm Contemporary Rehearsal</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday, May 15 Psalm 22-26</p>	<p>7:00 pm Worship Service</p>
<p align="center">Thursday, May 16 Psalm 27-32</p>	
<p align="center">Friday, May 17 Psalm 35-38</p>	<p>11:30 am JOY Group</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, May 18 Psalm 39-41, 53, 55, 58</p>	
<p align="center">Sunday, May 19 Psalm 61, 62, 64-67</p>	<p>8:30 am Contemporary Worship with Communion 9:45 am Last Day of Sunday School 9:45 am Bible Class 11:00 am Traditional Worship with Communion 12:00 pm Sunday School / Congregation Picnic</p>

NEXT WEEK...

	5/19 8:30 am	5/19 11 am	Wed 5/22 7:00 pm
Elder	Jamie LeBlanc	Kent Graf	Bob Eremia
Lay Reader	Jamie LeBlanc	Kent Graf	Bob Eremia
Greeters	Jamie & Lynn	Kent Graf	Bob Eremia
Usher	Sattelbergs	Doug DeRocco & Tim Bates	Mozdens