

THE MESSENGER

MAY, 2022

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! The Lord has Risen Indeed!

Easter Greetings to one and all,

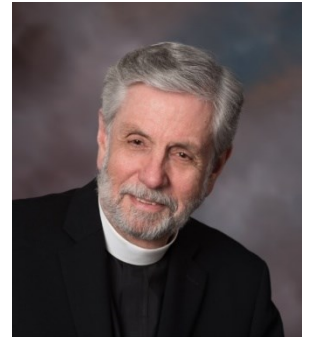
I continue to reflect with great joy and a certain degree of amazement at the wonderful liturgies and fellowship we shared over Holy Week. It was so wonderful to see so many participate, especially the younger members and even the very young among the congregation. I cannot thank everyone enough who helped put together these worship services. The one group in any congregation who never gets enough credit for our worship is the Altar Guild. This is especially true of the Altar Guild of St. Paul's. They are truly the foundation of the preparation and execution of our liturgies, and I cannot thank them enough for all of their work and supervision during this wonderful time of worship and praise. There were dozens of others, of course, who help prepare the wonderful music, the food, the decorations, and a hundred other small, but not insignificant, contributions to a wonderful celebration of Holy Week.

There is a certain amount of "ironic" symbolism in this year's celebration of the Resurrection as we begin to "resurrect" ourselves as the Body of Christ from both a terrible pandemic and a time of stress and transition with the accompanying uncertainty inherent in these situations. Like the disciples, we may find it difficult to believe and understand all that is taking place. There is a certain amount of fear and trepidation about our future. However, if we are vigilant and open we will hear and recognize and follow that "still small voice" of the Spirit which will lead us forward with Grace and Peace into a new and wonderful future.

The process of moving together out of the recent uncertain past into a vibrant future will seem slow but must be purposeful. Some old practices may be re-imagined and reborn into new ways of discipleship and worship. Some "old" ways will be "resurrected" in new ways and given new life.

You will begin to notice (and already have noticed, I believe) some of the restrictions of Covid being relaxed at St. Paul's. This process will continue in a very intentional and careful

manner to insure the safety of everyone. I ask everyone to continue to keep, not only their safety and health, but just as importantly the safety and health of their neighbor in mind when making any of the many individual choices that we all have to make regarding mitigation practices. I think that the more cautious we are in taking the steps to re-open the safer we will be. Patience will truly be a virtue for this time in our life together. Our lives will always be changed because of the ordeal we have weathered together.



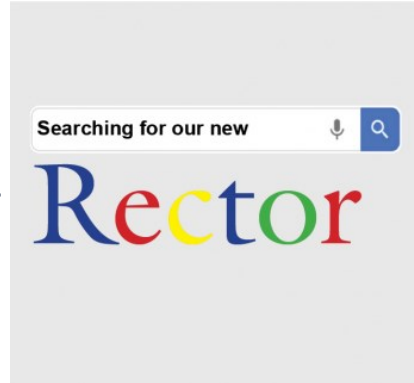
There are significant events of "resurrection" that will be planned and taking place over the next few months. The Wardens and Vestry are working hard to develop and rebuild vibrant faith formation opportunities for young and old alike. The Worship Committee is planning to institute ways that we can safely receive Communion in both bread and wine. The acolytes are back! And their roles in the liturgy and the conduct of our services will be strengthened and increased. And, the choir is being reconstituted. What wonderful joyous music we have heard and sung throughout the past weeks, but especially on Palm Sunday, at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday! We will welcome a new Music Director by June 1. The process of moving from Australia has been much more difficult and challenging than any of us imagined. But we will shortly welcome Brian Copple as a new and very important part and leader of this community of faith.

Finally, as we look to the future and the "rebirth" we are experiencing, we, like the disciples, must always remember that we work together in all of our efforts for the Greater Glory of God.

Faithfully,
The Rev. Rick Swenson

From Your Rector Search Committee

At last! We will interview candidates by Zoom this week. We'll conduct second Zoom interviews as needed. From those interviews, and written answers to follow-up questions or second Zoom interviews, we will invite two candidates for in-person interviews in June. Watch for details on candidate visits and plan to participate. Please continue to pray for the candidates as they discern, and for our parish, "that we will



receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries."

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Dragich

*On behalf of: Paul Almirall, Mark Brown,
Rebecca Butler, Nat Constance, Ryan
Erspamer, Kathy Leonard, Terry Roberts,
Amber Sadowski, Angie Shambour,
and Nelson Thomas*

Rummage Sale

Our St. Paul's Rummage Sale is back!

Saturday, June 4

8 am - 1 pm

After two years of not being able to have a sale, the garage is overflowing and it's time to clear it out and share the "wealth" with the community. New donations will also be accepted; keep an eye on the Announcements from Rita for details about drop-off times.

The Rummage Sale is a wonderful opportunity to build community at St. Paul's, an outreach to our neighbors and wider community, and a vehicle to raise money for St. Paul's outreach efforts.

There will be lots of opportunities to help before the sale, during the sale and clean-up after. If you'd like to volunteer to help, send an email to Susan Anderson at anderblodg4@msn.com or call 218-724-3732.

NOTE ON DONATIONS: No clothes, No computers, No electronics, and No TVs

PS—There are two rubber dinghies that were used in vacation bible school many years ago. If you would like one or both of them returned to you, please contact Susan Anderson 218-724-3732.



Submitted by Susan Anderson

From Your Vestry



Greetings from your wardens and Vestry. Eirik asked me to write the article for this month's Messenger which I am happy to do. First and foremost, I want to send out a big shout of thanks to all the volunteers, and to Fr. Rick and Deacon Pat, for our successful Holy Week. What is important to note here is all the

smiles and laughter throughout the church during preparation for all the services. There were several who showed up to make palm crosses; more to make the flower bouquets for the cross; the kitchen was busy preparing for the agape meal for Maundy Thursday; there was organ music for the 8:00 Easter service; and 178 people attended our Easter Sunday service with several others viewing services online.

At this month's Vestry meeting, our treasurer, Becky Ballou-Buck, reported that to date St. Paul's is doing well financially. Fr. Rick reported interest in moving forward with the reestablishment of a Wednesday service with light meal followed by faith formation for the youth. This will take some time but it is being discussed and efforts are being looked into to get this going.

Eirik reported that the nursery was open for the Easter Sunday service. Discussion followed concerning finding volunteers to staff the nursery on Sundays and making this more attractive by awarding certificates for volunteer hours which several of our older youth need to meet school requirements which looks good on their resumes for college applications. Again, this will take some follow up effort which is moving forward.

Next, there was discussion and approval to open the Carriage House to organizations who previously used it and are now getting back to in-person meetings.

Christian formation update is that the Vestry, along with a committee of parishioners who have generously agreed to help, is evaluating the possibility of hiring a part-time director. At the present time, we will be seeking input into the qualifications, duties and responsibilities for this position that will best serve St. Paul's. As our church restructures and resurrects some of the standing committees (worship, pastoral care, Christian formation, ad-

ministration, stewardship, outreach, buildings and grounds, and evangelism/fellowship) Carol Andrews is working on assigning Vestry members to each committee. The church will be seeking parishioners who are interested in volunteering on any of these committees so please read the Messenger for updated information.

Fr. Rick updated us on our music director, Brian, and the revised time frame as to when he will be here. Due to a lot of logistics, most of which were unpredictable, it appears that Brian will be here June 1, 2022. This date also coincides with the temporary housing availability. Fr. Rick brought up the fact that this actually was the most realistic timeframe given all the events necessary and required to process for this move. It is important to recognize all the parishioners who stepped forward with temporary housing options for Brian and his spouse to use as they look for a house to buy. It is very much appreciated and speaks highly of our congregation.

The rector search committee, under the direction of Mary Dragich, has been working hard reviewing applications and will be conducting first interviews with potential candidates the first week of May via Zoom.

Susan Anderson announced that St. Paul's will have a rummage sale on June 4, 2022. Please watch the May Messenger for more details.

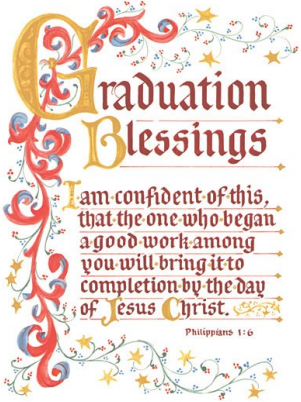
The last item on the agenda at our April meeting was discussion of an Event Sexton position. This will be followed up at our next meeting.

It is with much gratitude that we look forward to spring as we move out of Lent and into our 50 days of the Easter season celebrating Pentecost on the seventh Sunday after Easter. As you can see from the above meeting notes, St. Paul's is moving forward with energy and enthusiasm.

Peace,

*Kathy Leonard,
Junior Warden*

Graduation Sunday



Please mark your calendar for Sunday, May 22, when we celebrate our parishioners who are graduating from high school! They have been invited to share a few words at the 10:00 am service that day. We will have a card prepared for each of them, and we would like everyone at church to sign the cards. We will also have a special treat at coffee hour that day. This is a wonderful tradition at St. Paul's and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Submitted by Rita Rosenberger

**Mark your calendars now! CHUM
Rhubarb Fest is Saturday, June 25 at
Holy Rosary School.**



Faith Formation

Summer Plans for the Middle Schoolers and the Confirmation Kids

We plan on gathering St. Paul's kids, St. Andrew's by the Lake kids, Trinity kids and any of the other churches that can make it down from Hibbing, Grand Rapids, Virginia, Ely.



We will gather two Wednesday evenings a month. Parents, siblings, friends, and neighbors are welcome to come.

We will repeat some of the activities that we did last summer, such as frisbee golf at UMD, frisbee golf at Lincoln Park, ice cream at Enger Park, and visiting some of our parishioners' yards.

This year we will add an event at St. Andrews on the Lake, and perhaps an event at Trinity. We also want to do a fun Monarch Butterfly Garden project at a site in Duluth.

What can you do?

You, from months old to decades old, can join us, because we all qualify as friends of these kids. You can offer your yard as a space for us on a Wednesday evening this summer. Just call or email one of the Faith Guides listed below.

Submitted by Jason Butcher, Carol Andrews, Natalie Constance, Amber Sadowski



FESTIVAL OF NORDIC MUSIC

A NORDIC EXPERIENCE OF CONCERTS AND WORKSHOPS
Three Days and Three Ways to Celebrate Nordic Organ Music

MAY 13-15, 2022

Co-Sponsored By: First Lutheran Church
Arrowhead Chapter of The American Guild of Organists
and Friends of the Felgemaker

FRIDAY, MAY 13

7:00 PM

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

1100 E SUPERIOR ST, DULUTH, MN

CONCERT ORGANIST
JAMES D. HICKS
PERFORMS A SOLO RECITAL ON
THE JAECKEL PIPE ORGAN

FREE WILL DONATION FOR EVENT
MASKS REQUIRED

SATURDAY, MAY 14

10:00 AM WORKSHOP 9:30 AM CHECK-IN

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

1100 E SUPERIOR ST, DULUTH, MN

JAMES D. HICKS
LEADS A WORKSHOP ON
ACCESSIBLE NORDIC ORGAN MUSIC

FREE EVENT
\$10 FEE FOR LUNCH
MASKS REQUIRED

REGISTER FOR LUNCH BY MAY 1, 2022 AT
info@arrowheadago.com
(LIMITED TO 50 ATTENDEES)



JAMES D. HICKS

SUNDAY, MAY 15

3:00 PM

SACRED HEART MUSIC CENTER

201 W 4TH ST, DULUTH, MN

AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC FROM NORDIC LANDS

FEATURING ORGANISTS JAMES D. HICKS
AND MELANIE OHNSTAD, VIOLINIST KRISTINA LANTZ,
VOCALIST ERIKA LANTZ, FOLK MUSICIAN ARNA RENNAN, AND
THE HISTORIC 1898 FELGEMAKER PIPE ORGAN

\$20 SUGGESTED DONATION FOR EVENT
PROOF OF COVID 19 VACCINATION AND MASKS REQUIRED

Lost Treasures from the Archives

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. —John 16:13

World War I

Porter Alexander

Charles A. Campbell

Carl Haire

Clyde E. Prudden

Lloyd E. LeDuc

David G. Wisted
(choir member)

Below is part of the newspaper article from 1918 about those from Saint Paul's killed in action.

"Our patriotic soldiery, our self-sacrificing nurses, our singers in God's services, our pillars in the church who accomplish so much, are guides to us and examples to us of the important and honorable part we can play in life. And here and now we should consecrate ourselves to such loving ministries for good as shall honor them and preserve our country and make the name of man not a by-word, but an inspiration for right, for love and for helpfulness, until God shall call us too unto His gracious and eternal kingdom."

World War II

Russell M. Amondson

John J. Boland

Robert Burns

Terry Cash

Robert Heimbach

James Leithead

Thomas Merritt

Clifford V. Munslow

Merritt King

George Robinson Jr.

Missing in Action

Donal Radford

William Rodney

If any names have been omitted, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Silverness

From Your Bookkeeper

Dear Parishioners,

March 2022 financials were presented at the April 19, 2022, Vestry meeting. Here is a summary of the March **General Fund** Statement of Activities.



MONTHLY FIGURES:		
March	MONTHLY	Year to date
Total Pledges collected	\$25,813.00	\$110,575.41
Prior year pledges	\$0.00	\$1,339.57
Total non-pledged collection	\$931.40	\$2,554.98
Investment support	\$8,277.18	\$24,824.22
Total Collected	\$35,021.58	\$139,294.18
Monthly expenses	\$28,707.84	\$95,394.73
amount over/(short)	\$6,313.74	\$43,899.45

The pledge collection amount for March is \$4000 under budget; however, the Year-to-Date pledges are over budget by \$5000.

Expenses are \$10,000 under budget for the month and \$24,000 under budget Year-to-Date due to staffing issues.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please call my office or email me at bookkeeper@stpaulsduluth.org.

Christine Melone,
Bookkeeper

United Thank Offering

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. At St. Paul's, our UTO coordinator used to be Mary H. Lewis. She graciously led our ingathering efforts every fall. Would you be interested in leading this effort at St. Paul's in 2022? Call Fr. Rick 218-724-3535.



Deadline for submissions to the June issue of *The Messenger* is
8:00 am, Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Please email items to:

office@stpaulsduluth.org

The Deacon's Stoop



It's snowing in the growing twilight of Easter Sunday. My heart is full after this extraordinary week, my first full experience of the Triduum with you at St. Paul's. It has been a feast for the senses!

- In sight and scent, with the Altar Guild leading us through the final days of Lenten violet into the red of Holy Week followed by resurrection white; darkness becoming light; the church filled with the aroma bursting forth in the blossoms on the altar and the cross.
- In taste, as Buffy created a delicious Agape Meal on Maundy Thursday, and Fr. Rick helped us imagine that First Eucharist around the table with Jesus; we shared wine for the first time since the pandemic began.
- In sound, as musicians and choir filled the sanctuary with hymns and melodies to share stories and worship. The sounds of prayer and liturgy, of fellowship and laughter, children's voices; of the joy of our St. Paul's family gathering once again.
- And in touch, as we shared the Peace with each other, with handshakes and hugs, with greetings of love.

You've all touched my heart. I'm still a newcomer to this family, and this was my first in-person Easter experience with you. I don't know if you realize just how wonderful you are! This week has filled me up, and I find images and melodies returning to me again and again, especially from the Easter Vigil. I'm deeply grateful to you, for you have blessed me beyond measure.

I've heard so many stories of what St. Paul's "used to be like", often spoken with a bit of wistfulness over something lost with staff or clergy who are no longer here. While I'm quite certain they had amazing gifts and skills to share, it is *you* who brought out what has been meaningful at St. Paul's and crafted it as shared liturgy to mark this most holy of weeks. Always remember there are four orders of ministry in the Episcopal Church: **laity**, bishops, priests and deacons.

Even as we ask the Spirit to guide us to the priest God has prepared to become rector of St. Paul's, **remember who you are as ministers of God in the church and in the world.**

I want to share with you the struggles of a front-line worker in the pandemic who I'll call Sam. Most of the health and social services sectors across the nation are operating with a skeleton staff, and our local community is no different. People are exhausted, and when Sam's mom died, he could barely cope. Then his dad's health took a turn and Sam had to move him into a care center. Sam made the very wise choice to practice self-care and took a month off to take care of all the details for his parents, and sought some therapy for himself as well. He is now back to work, but the loss of income set him behind on bills. He came up 50% short on April's rent and was facing eviction when he called St. Paul's for help.

I take several calls a week from folks looking for assistance, and this has increased since the Warming Center closed on April 1. It's so cold outside! People are looking for gear to help them survive living unsheltered. Those who have cars or friends with cars are calling for gas cards, either to heat a car that is their primary residence, or to pay for gas to get to work or to appointments. I've had calls from people who can only use a cell phone when they have access to Wi-Fi, as they try to maintain contact with family, friends, or case workers but can't afford a monthly bill. I've had calls from people needing something as simple as diapers, hygiene products, and toilet paper; and calls from people needing help with transportation or rent.

St. Paul's has long been a participant in the Gabriel Project, a pooled discretionary fund among several congregations working together to better serve our neighbors who fall through the cracks of existing community assistance programs. It is designed to help people like Sam, who makes too much to qualify for social programs. Now that we've helped Sam with rent, he has capacity to stay caught up. The Gabriel Project is for a situation like his, where a little help has a huge return benefit for that person. We also use the fund for gift cards for gasoline

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and propane, for folks living in their vehicles or heating a tent, and to help with transportation.

The Outreach Committee at St. Paul's is exploring what it means to serve our community – look for Leslie Brunfelt's article on page 10.



CHUM has partnered with Loaves and Fishes, Lutheran Social Services, Life House, AICHO, Salvation Army, Safe Haven, and HDC on a five-year plan

(SteppingOnUpDuluth.org) to assist the growing number of people

who are homeless in Duluth. The existing shelter system cannot absorb them, and we need creative solutions.

Mayor Larsen has Authorized Outdoor Living Zones (AOLZ) on land owned by individuals, churches, institutions, or businesses. We need your help to identify several locations where we can host small clusters of tents (10) and provide services like garbage removal, hygiene and toileting facilities, and capacity for social workers to meet with residents to assist them into more stable housing. This is temporary land use while the Warming Center is closed, and until we can get individual, secure Shelter-Next units constructed for a more secure and stable solution.



What can the people of St. Paul's do, as God's ministers in the community? Connect with the Outreach Committee, with Leslie or me, and let's explore together!

Visit the website SteppingOnUpDuluth.org and complete the form to let CHUM know your thoughts; offer your wisdom and creativity; let us know if you or someone you know might have land available; "adopt" a campsite and provide regular hospitality or support (hygiene kits, coffee and muffins, meals, gear, etc.).

Join us on May 17 at 6:30 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church for the CHUM Assembly, and join the conversation with delegates and clergy from the community and from CHUM member congregations.

Dale Rogers invited me to share this message as the dismissal on Easter, and I share it again here today:

Our worship service has ended; our work of service has begun. Go forth in the name of the Risen Christ to love and serve the world. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessings,

Deacon Pat

Email: Deacon@stpaulsduluth.org

Phone: 218-724-3535

A Note of Thanks

St. Paul's,

Thank you so much for helping make my new apartment feel like a home. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are a testimony of Christ's Presence at St. Paul's. As a newer member, I feel welcomed.

Peace,

Todd Christlieb



Outreach Ministry



Do what you can, with what you have, from where you are. Over the past couple of months, I have heard this a lot in regard to helping those suffering from the perils of war in Ukraine. Examples of people having benefit concerts or selling their art and sending funds raised to the relief efforts.

As we have been discerning how to move forward on the Outreach Committee, we have been using this concept of “do what you can, with what you have, from where you are”. Where the “you” is our broader community. The “do what” are the talents and gifts our community possesses. And the “with what” are the physical, monetary, and institutional assets that exist in our community.

We began down this path after several of us attended an ECMN training on Asset Based Community Development (ABCD). We learned to think of “outreach” not as development of projects from within our congregation, but to create change and prosperity in our community using the existing gifts and capacities of people in that community. To be clear, when I speak of our congregation, I am referring to the members of St. Paul’s, but when I speak of community, I am thinking of our broader community including all those in our neighborhood, and perhaps beyond.

ABCD fits our theology as Episcopalians:

- We all have God-given gifts
- We are called to be in relationship
- We are about empowering and building capacity
- We don’t do things alone, we develop partnerships

If we are to continue down this path of Asset Based Community Development, we will continue to discern what defines our community; what are the community’s strengths, gifts and talents; what is the area where our local assets meet local needs?

Our next steps in this discernment:

1. Conduct a walking tour of our building on Wednesday April 27 at 6:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to join us.
2. Conduct a walking tour through the neighborhood to identify stakeholders, leaders, and key people within the neighborhood.
3. Utilize the information gathered on the walking tours to begin executing One-to-One meetings with key people.
4. Create Gifts assessments – what gifts do the members of our community possess? How can the gifts be used in community?
5. Community Asset-mapping – what assets do we have in our neighborhood? In our building? What are the gifts of our community members?

As we discern a larger focus for Outreach at St. Paul’s, many great things continue to happen:

- We have resumed the ministry of serving meals at Damiano (in a limited capacity)
- Jane Jarnis and Nat Constance continue their work as delegates on behalf of St. Paul’s for CHUM.
- Deacon Pat has been assisting with work related to the Gabriel project; helping with emergency needs that aren’t provided through other organizations.
- We have been speaking with Loaves and Fishes about joint events later in the summer.
- There are several ongoing ministries continuing to support us and our community. If you are involved in something, WE WANT TO KNOW! Please reach out to me or Deacon Pat.

Matthew 15: 33-37

33 The disciples said to him, “Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?”

34 Jesus asked them, “How many loaves have you?” They said, “Seven, and a few small fish.”

35 Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground,

36 he took the seven loaves and the fish; and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

37 And all of them ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Brunfelt

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE –MAY 2022

Please find a sub if you are unavailable for your scheduled date.

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
ALTAR GUILD	K LEONARD	C CONRAD	J MARINAC	J JARNIS	K LEONARD
	S Cox	S Anderson	A Gustafson	R Ballou-Buck	S Cox
	J Harvey	S Hall	L Hultkrantz	D Kolquist	J Harvey
		A Sadowski	C Miller	A Schliep	
LECTOR 8:00 am	J Pastor	A MacKenzie	M Gustafson	N Diener	J Pastor
LECTOR 10:00 am	S Stromquist	J Pastor	Z Stodola	D Rogers	S Stromquist
ACOLYTES	A Barthel	S Morin-Swanson	B Austin	A Miller	E Fellman
	E Barthel	O Morin-Swanson	E Erspamer	A Dodge	L Fellman
		A Rennan	L Gustafson	M Butler	G French
LIVESTREAM	R Lyle	J Austin	D Clanaugh	R Lyle	J Austin
COFFEE HOST	S M Anderson	Fait & Rennan	J Erspamer	A & D Sadowski	C & M Bauer
USHERS	M & S Brown	R Lyle	D Morin	C & B Dinan	M & S Brown
	D Kolquist	P Waite	D Barthel	G Olson	D Kolquist
		M Gustafson	P Waite	P Enenbach	
LOCK UP	D Pederson	J Austin	J Austin	M Brown	C Fellman

Altar Guild Other Duties for May:

May Linens:

C Conrad, S Hall

Sub: C Miller

May/June Brass Cleaning—Date TBD:

C Conrad, S Anderson, P Markert, J Marinac

Sub: C Miller

Weekly Team Subs:

G Bouschor, E Killen

Are you interested in a lay ministry?

Would you be willing to assist in our Sunday worship as a lector, usher, choir member?

Would you like to serve coffee at the coffee hour?

Would you like to help the Altar Guild set up?

There are many ways to get involved, and St. Paul's could use more help!

Youth can earn service hours by serving as Acolytes or volunteer Nursery Attendants.

Just call the Parish Office 218-724-3535 and Rita will help you contact the right person.





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