

THE MESSENGER

APRIL 2025

What Is At Stake?



Beloved in Christ,

Over the last month, your church has been full of good news. We met our pledge goal for 2025. We raised \$9,445 to for Bishop Loya's Migrant Support Fund. We started a new member class with five new households, and we're preparing to make room for a concert-quality grand piano in our

sanctuary. People have been attending small groups, going on retreat, learning and deepening their faith and their sense of call. Each week I am thrilled to place communion bread in the hands of eager kids, many of whom come to the rail gleefully in groups of friends. There is a lot to be thankful for in our community.

In April, we will be gathering to hear the story that unites and defines our community: the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. All that we do together is shaped and formed by this story. All of the joy and celebration that bond us together comes from Jesus' death and resurrection.

Lately I have been reflecting on what is at stake when we say we believe in this. What is at stake when we remember Jesus' last supper, his death on the cross, the empty tomb? What are we really putting out into the world when we tell these stories?

For me, it feels like hope itself is at stake. We are all able to identify with characters in the story, perhaps as Mary who watches helplessly, or Peter who denies him when he is afraid, or Caiaphas who believes it is better for one man to die than to start a war, or Joseph of

Arimathea who quietly attends to the mourning behind the scenes. We are all faced daily with a world that crucifies. When we say that death is not the end, we wager a wild, irrational hope in a world that desperately needs a better story. We say that we believe that lost causes are worth pursuing, that lost people are worth finding, that broken relationships are worth tending to, that great injustice is worth addressing. We say that our God will stop at nothing to work these things in us.

We claim that we still have good news to share, when it seems like there is nothing but bad news out there.

This month, please walk with us from Palm Sunday (April 13) to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter (April 20). When you do, I hope you'll ask yourself this question as well: *What is at stake for me, when I say that these stories are my own?*

I pray that on this journey, you may find companionship in difficult times, space to grieve your losses, a way to let go of your failures, and an impossible hope when all seems lost. May God bless you and keep you during this sacred time.

Peace,
Maggie

Save the Date: Events Coming Up



- Wednesday, April 2:** Small Group on Prayer Practice
Friday, April 4: Praying the Stations
Wednesday, April 9: Holy Week Forum
Friday, April 11: Praying the Stations
Sunday, April 13: Palm Sunday
Wednesday, April 16: Small Group on Prayer Practice
Thursday, April 17: Maundy Thursday
Friday, April 18: Good Friday
Saturday, April 19: Easter Vigil Service
Sunday, April 20: Easter Sunday
Thursday, April 24: Messenger deadline
Sunday, April 27: United Thank Offering (UTO) Sunday
Monday, April 28-Friday, May 2: Rummage Sale Set-up
Wednesday, April 30: Guest speaker: Brittany Lind Libby, Safe Haven Community Engagement Coordinator; Youth Formation groups meet



- Thursday, May 1:** Messenger bulk mailing (Olcott Room)
Saturday, May 3: Rummage Sale
Sunday, May 11: Children's Faith Formation group hosts coffee hour
Wednesday, May 14: "The Spirituality of Travel;" Youth Formation groups meet
Sunday, May 18: Graduation Sunday
Sunday, May 18: Acolyte Appreciation Event
Thursday, May 22: Messenger deadline
Thursday, May 29: Messenger bulk mailing

Lost Treasures From the Archives

Local newspapers used to report on the worship services at St. Paul's Episcopal. This one is from the Duluth News Tribune on May 1, 1916:

WARNING IS SOUNDED AGAINST INDULGENCE

Rev. A. W. Ryan Tells Hearers to Beware of After-Easter Reaction.

That those who have practiced abstinence and self denial before Easter, are liable to go to the other extreme, if they do not carefully guard themselves, was the warning sounded by Rev. A. W. Ryan, at the St. Paul Episcopal church yesterday morning in his sermon on "Reaction."

"After school or college, there is liable to be a cessation of mental effort," he said, "so is there a tendency to be a reaction after occasional religious efforts and enthusiasm.

"Religion is one of the most positive influences in the world. It is strictly in line with the doctrine of evolution, with modern notions of development. It is something added to life.

"Like nature abhors a vacuum likewise does the soul abhor a vacuum. We must have a God, whether yards of cloth, or pile of lumber, or tons of ore, or pleasure or ease. Take away what we love and leave no substitute and in no time, we are back where we were, only in a worse condition.

"A great love is a tremendous expeller of evil. If there is love, there should be willing service.

"Spiritual love comes not from spasmodic effort, but from patient continuance in well-doing. It is following out St. Paul's notion. He did not feel that he had apprehended, had gained his point in life, but says, 'forgetting these things which are behind and reaching forth into these things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God, in Christ Jesus.'"

Respectfully submitted by,
Bob Silverness, Archivist

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday | April 13

No 8 o'clock service this day

10 am – Rite II with Palm Procession

On Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The service switches abruptly from joy to sorrow as we read the Gospel story of his arrest and death.

Maundy Thursday | April 17

6:00 pm – Dinner Church in the Parish Hall www.stpaulsduluth.org/sign-up

This will be a potluck dinner in the parish hall with a simple remembrance of Jesus' last supper with his friends. Family friendly and informal, this service will use simple chants, dwelling in the word, and participatory prayer stations. At the end of the service, we process to the sanctuary to keep vigil, remove all the holy things from the altar, and prepare for Good Friday. Those who wish may stay and keep vigil with the sacrament in the Chapel.

Good Friday | April 18

12:00 pm – Prayer Book Liturgy

We will hold a simple Good Friday service from the prayer book at noon. On Good Friday we read of Jesus' crucifixion from the Gospel of John and grieve with the women at the cross.

7:00 pm – *Simon Bore The Cross* at First Lutheran, 1100 East Superior Street, Duluth

Members of St. Paul's Choir will participate in a special choral offering on Good Friday at First Lutheran. Experience the emotions of the death of Jesus through the regional premiere of this powerful twentieth-century piece. Freewill offering. Read article on page 8.

Holy Saturday | April 19

10 am | Flower Bouquet Workshop with the Altar Guild, Parish Hall

6:00 pm | The Great Vigil of Easter

This service starts in the dark, as we light the new fire and hear the stories of God's saving works throughout history. This is a children's service with our young people participating in all aspects of the service.



Easter Sunday | March 31

8 am – Rite II

10 am – Rite II with Festive Potluck Coffee Hour

Both Easter Services will be Rite II with choir. Join us as we celebrate the empty tomb and pronounce that Christ is Alive. After the 10 am service, we will have a potluck coffee hour. You are invited to bring food to share, such as quiche, rolls, fruit platter, salads.

Easter Signup —

Please consider signing up to help on Easter Sunday! Slots available include brunch contributors, clean up crew, and Egg Hunt helpers. Thank you! www.stpaulsduluth.org/sign-up

St. Paul's Rummage Sale



Saturday May 3
8:00 am—1:00 pm

The Rummage Sale is just around the corner, and there are lots of opportunities to pitch in and help!

Saturday, April 27, after the 10 am service, we move the treasures from the garage and other storage spaces to the Parish Hall

Monday, April 28 through Friday, May 2, please come help us sort and price items to sell, drop in anytime between **8:30 am-4:00 pm**. *If you wish to volunteer at other times, contact Susan Anderson.*

Saturday, May 3, 8:00 am-1:00 pm, please help at the sale, you can greet shoppers, help add up sales at checkout, help customers carryout their purchases, then box up the leftovers and transport to Savers.

We will set up an online sign up to help coordinate volunteers: www.stpaulsduluth.org/sign-up

We appreciate donations of **lunch and snacks** to serve our volunteers throughout the week. Just write a note explaining what it is and drop it off in the Parish Kitchen that week.

A portion of the money raised will go to Outreach. Look in the Sunday bulletin for more details. Please hold on to your rummage donations until the week of 4/27/25 — the Church is running out of space for everything. *Also, please remember that this sale does not include clothing.*

Questions? Contact Jim Sontag 908-239-5596 or Susan Anderson 218-724-3732

Thank you for supporting the ministries of St. Paul's Episcopal Church!



A Call to Follow Jesus

"Practicing the Way" is designed to help us explore the rhythms of life that Jesus modeled and taught, and the first small group wrapped up the course in early February. Now members are taking what they found intriguing and taking it further. Rothko has taken the lead in offering a mini-series on prayer, Janice and Harley got us started on Sabbath Suppers, and others are planning walks on Park Point or teaching us more about fasting as spiritual practice. We even have a berry foraging expedition planned, followed by a pie bake-off at the church and sharing the sweetness by taking it outside and serving up a free piece of pie to our neighbors. We've bonded as a community and want to keep gathering and sharing our faith journey together.

Everyone is welcome to join us for these mini-series practices, and I'll start another course cohort for the foundation course in September. Through engaging teachings, discussions, and practical applications, we learn how to embody the way of Jesus in our modern world. The course focused on various spiritual disciplines, such as prayer, fasting, Sabbath, and community engagement, encouraging us to live out our faith authentically. This transformative journey deepened our understanding of what it means to follow Jesus in our everyday lives, emphasizing the importance of spiritual practices that shape our faith and character.

In our increasingly complex world, the call to justice and mercy is more urgent than ever. As followers of Christ, we are called to love our neighbors, stand up for the oppressed, and extend compassion to those in need. Engaging in this work is not just a duty; it is a reflection of our faith and commitment to living out the teachings of Jesus.

Opportunities for Engagement

Here are a few ways you can get involved:

Volunteer Programs:

- ★ St. Paul's has almost a half century history of volunteer teams serving meals at the **Damiano Center**. Contact Zabelle Stodola at kzstodola@ualr.edu if you are interested in joining a team.
- ★ **Safe Bay** offers a safe place to park with access to hygiene services to people who are living in their vehicles. Located at the Vineyard Church on Arrowhead Road, we are in need of volunteers to offer hospitality evenings and

mornings, and offer community meals out of the church's commercial kitchen. We lost funding for this program this year, so please consider making a donation so we can open in May.

Contact me *deacon* @stpaulsduluth.org for details and watch for a dinner concert fundraiser coming soon!



- ★ St. Paul's **Laundry Love** team needs volunteers on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 8:30-noon. Please contact Carol Andrews at carol_andrews@hotmail.com if you can help!
- ★ **Become Informed:** Participate in workshops, study groups, strive to understand social justice issues, seek diverse perspectives, explore issues like racial equity, poverty alleviation, and environmental stewardship..
- ★ **Advocacy Efforts:** Engage in advocacy initiatives that speak out for those whose voices are often unheard. Together, we can influence policies and promote systemic change.
- ★ **Prayer and Reflection:** Join us in prayer as we seek guidance and strength in our efforts to embody justice and mercy.
- ★ **Join the Outreach Committee:** We support many local organizations doing good work in our community with our time and donations. Our budget is limited and the requests for help are growing, so please consider making a donation or participate in fundraising events to support our neighbors.

I encourage you to bring your ideas, passions, and skills to the table as we work together to create a more just and merciful world. Your unique gifts and talents are valuable in this collective effort. Let's come together as a congregation to embody the love and compassion of Christ in our actions. If you have questions or would like to learn more about how to get involved, please reach out to me.

Deacon Pat

Deadline to submit items for the May issue of *The Messenger* is
8:00 am, Thursday, April 24, 2025.

Please email items to:

office@stpaulsduluth.org

Talking About Lent With Children

Dear All,

I'd like to offer some ideas about how to cultivate spiritual practices in your home. Lent is a season to turn inward, listening to the voice of your heart. We practice quiet in order to dampen the external that might distract us from what we know to be true. We limit the festivity, the extra stuff, the mindless entertainment, in an effort to emulate the experience that Jesus endured during his time in the wilderness. It's time to make peace with what you've been meaning to, and a time to remember that your spirit needs care just as much as your body. It's about cultivating the inner strength you'll need to tend the seeds you're planting now. Getting ready to do the work you know is ahead of you, and thinking about what that work is. During Lent we work to get closer to God, to rely on the promises we know to be true, and depart from worldly clutter.



Here are some simple and impactful ways to encourage thoughtful observation of Lent in your home:

Observe Quiet: Have a daily hour of device free time to sit, free of distraction, without chores or work. Looking outside while focusing on one specific thing, like a tree, is a great way to prompt yourself. Do this until your mind slows down.

Serve: Help a neighbor, friend, or organization. Pick up the beach for an hour. Walk a dog for someone. Call someone you haven't talked to lately just to say "hi" and let them know you've been thinking of them.

Share: Instead of buying something extra for yourself, save that money during Lent, and donate it to a cause that helps people facing adversity.

Bless: Put a bowl of water outside your home. Every time you enter, make the sign of the cross landing finally on your stomach. This is a powerful tactile reminder that your home is a holy inner realm, even if we forget that sometimes. Be intentional in your interactions with others, remembering that everyone you meet is a child of God.

Rest: Take time to care for yourself by resting. Give your body and mind time to digest the spiritual work you've been doing, remembering that tending to your spirit is indeed work that you need and deserve.

I look forward to the coming weeks here at St. Paul's. The meetings, Holy Week, visits, gatherings, and planning for growth. I hope you are taking time to tend the seeds you want to grow during this Lent.

I am thankful to be here with you.

Peace,

*Sophie Gray Spehar,
Faith Formation Coordinator*

Annual Giving Update: WE DID IT!



On behalf of a grateful committee, I want to extend a HUGE thank you to you, our congregation, and CONGRATULATIONS on exceeding our 2025 goal. As of March 13, we surpassed our goal of \$385,000 and reached \$389,596. These pledge dollars are vital in our ability to accomplish the mission and vision of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Your financial support ensures that St. Paul's continues to thrive in its ministry to its congregation, neighbors, and greater community. THANK YOU!

*Kathy Leonard, chair
Annual Giving Campaign*

From Your Bookkeeper

Dear Parishioners,

A reminder that 2024 Year-End Giving Statements were emailed to you at the end of January. Please check through your inbox and spam folders carefully to locate your statement.

February 2025 financials were presented to the Finance Committee and Vestry in February. Here is a summary of the February General Operating Fund results.



MONTHLY FIGURES: February	This Month	Year-to-Date
Total Pledges collected	\$26,403.52	\$116,525.37
Total non-pledged collection	\$2,068.90	\$16,969.06
Investment support	\$7,201.37	\$14,432.64
Total Income	\$35,673.79	\$147,927.07
Total Expenses	\$49,095.52	\$101,683.43
Amount over/(short)	\$13,421.73	\$46,243.64

*The pledge collection amount for February was under the budgeted amount.

*Expenses were slightly under budget for the month of February.

*Our bottom line, income over expenses, for February was a deficit of \$13,421.73.

Currently, we have pledge commitments of \$389,500 for 2025. We exceeded our goal! 144 people/families have pledged.

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

Christine Melone, Bookkeeper

Palm Cross Workshop

Saturday, April 12, at 10:00 am

All are welcome to assist the Altar Guild in creating palm crosses from fresh fronds. These will be given to everyone who attends church on Palm Sunday. It is very easy to do, and Altar Guild members will teach you how to make them. All ages welcome! Meet in the Parish Hall. Refreshments provided.



(Bring an extra pair of scissors or floral snips for either event if you can.)

Floral Bouquet Workshop

Saturday, April 19, at 10:00 am

Please assist the Altar Guild in assembling small flower bouquets, which will be used to adorn the beautiful floral cross on Easter Sunday. It is very easy to do, and Altar Guild members will teach you how to make them. Meet in the Parish Hall. Refreshments provided.



First Lutheran Church presents “Simon Bore the Cross” on Good Friday

Reprinted from Northeastern Minnesota Synod website:

First Lutheran Church-Duluth (1100 E. Superior St.) invites you to their Good Friday service at 7:00 pm on April 18, featuring Margaret Bonds' passion cantata *Simon Bore the Cross*, set to words by Langston Hughes. First Lutheran's choir will be joined by other singers from the Twin Ports, as well as Jennifer Lien, soprano, and Jeff Madison, baritone, with instrumentalists from the DSSO.

Simon Bore the Cross tells the Passion story with particular emphasis on Simon of Cyrene, the man who carried the cross for Jesus (Matthew 27:32, Mark 15:21, and Luke 23:26). Cyrene was a city in North Africa, and therefore many traditions hold that Simon was black. Both Hughes and Bonds both believed in using the arts to build pride and excitement in African American identity, heritage, and community. Simon is at the center of the story and the African American spiritual *He Never Said a Mumblin' Word* is incorporated throughout the composition.

Although written in 1963, the piece was considered lost

until 2014 and performance editions have only been available for a few years. The Good Friday performance will be the regional premiere of this powerful music, featuring an accompaniment for strings, harp, and organ created by Malcom J. Merriweather. Please join us on Good Friday for this important and wonderful music. As a community, now more than ever, we need powerful music in our lives that affirms our shared values of diversity, empathy, and love.



NOTE: Several members of the St. Paul's Chancel Choir are participating in this concert; everyone is encouraged to attend. Freewill offering.

Good News for Migrant Support Fund

I want to share some exceptionally good news with you. As you know, we answered Bishop Loya's call to take a special collection on Sunday, March 2, for a new Migrant Support Fund that he has established. This fund is designed to respond to the many needs facing ECMN ministries serving immigrants and migrant workers in Minnesota. Episcopal churches in Minnesota are offering food and legal services, advocacy, and support to families in many and varied ways, and the needs are increasing rapidly.

You responded with astounding generosity to this ask. On one Sunday alone, we raised \$9445 for the Migrant Support Fund. Thank you. I am amazed and grateful for your commitment to this cause. Just the cash in the plate added up to \$1500. I am especially grateful to the Altar Guild, who made a generous contribution of \$1500 from their committee.. As promised, I also contributed \$1500 from my discretionary fund.

Throughout scripture, one of the clearest moral

imperatives is to welcome the stranger and to serve those in need. We heard it from Isaiah on Ash Wednesday, and heard how Jesus healed a sick child on Sunday. There is so much weighing on us now, so much chaos in the world around us. But, when we come together and take on a common project, we are surprisingly strong.

This Lent, when so much is swirling around us, I hope you will find strength and power in gathering with your church. It's easy to feel powerless and stuck, but that is when we need each other the most. We are stronger together, and stronger when we are rooted in our God.



In times like these, we need each other and we need our God. Your amazing response to this special offering shows us just how much power we have when we choose to come together.

Peace,
Maggie

New Additions to the Olcott Library

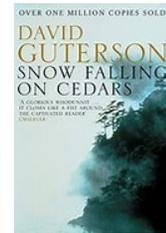
The Russian Girl by Kingsley Amis. This is the story of a respected scholar falling in love with a beautiful Russian poet causing his “beautiful but unspeakably monstrous wife” to seek revenge.



A Small Bit of Bread and Butter: Letters from the Dakota Territory 1832-1869 edited by Maida Leonard Riggs. In over 250 letters, Mary Ann Clark Longley Riggs, an educated, pioneer missionary chronicles her life among the Native American tribes living in the Dakota territory that later became Minnesota.

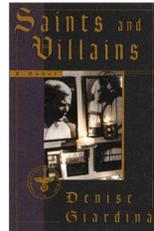


Safe Haven by Nicholas Sparks. When a mysterious young woman named Katie appears in the small North Carolina town of Southport, her sudden arrival raises questions about her past.

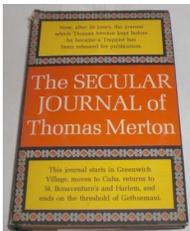


Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson. San Pedro Island, north of Puget Sound, is a place so isolated that no one who lives there can afford to make enemies. But in 1954 a local fisherman is found suspiciously drowned, and a Japanese American is charged with is murder.

Saints and Villains by Denise Giardina. A novel about Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German theologian and Nazi resister who risked his life through his participation in a failed plot to assassinate Hitler and topple his regime.



Respectfully Submitted,
Faye Witt



The Secular Journal of Thomas Merton by Thomas Merton. This is the journal he kept from the ages of 24 to 26 immediately before becoming a Trappist monk.

Pedals, Pipes & Pizza

Saturday, April 26, 10 am-Noon
First Lutheran Church
1100 E Superior St, Duluth

Join us for an interactive day of physics, sound, and music as we explore the largest and oldest keyboard instrument, the Pipe Organ. Hosted by the Arrowhead AGO, families with 2nd grade-6th graders on Saturday, April 26 from 10-12 pm will spend the morning in interactive stations learning about, playing, and exploring pipe organs. There will be a mini-concert at 11:00 am with youth performers and a free pizza lunch at 11:30 am for the participants and their grownups.

To register: Contact info@arrowheadago.com
Please Register by April 22, 2025

THE 2025 ARROWHEAD AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

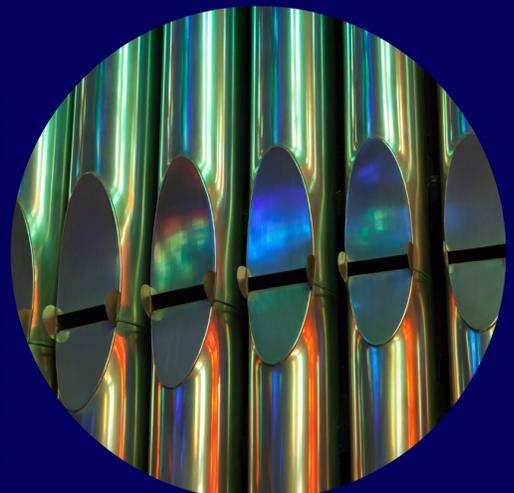
PEDALS, PIPES & PIZZA

SATURDAY,
APRIL 26, 2025

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

FIRST LUTHERAN
CHURCH

1100 E. Superior St.,
Duluth, MN 55802



Did You Know?

Notes from our Capital Campaign Discernment Team

1.

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church's organ was installed in 1956, and we gave it a 60th birthday in 2016.

2.

We still have pipes from our church's very first organ that were taken out of service in 1956!

3.

Our 30-year-old elevator only goes from the lower level to 2nd floor and is reaching the end of its lifespan. Without modern upgrades, it will soon become impossible to repair, greatly impacting those who rely on it.

4.

Prior to 2020, our main sanctuary had severe water leakage. We successfully repaired our bell tower and stopped "the indoor water feature," and the Duluth Preservation Alliance recognized us for this achievement.

5.

St. Paul's was designed by New York architect Bertram Goodhue, who also designed the Kitchi Gammi Club and Hartley Building—which are both on the National Register of Historic Places.

Festive Coffee Hour for Easter

Easter Sunday, April 20

Please join us after the 10 am service on Easter for a light brunch, which we are calling a Festive Coffee Hour. It will be a pot luck.

If you can bring something to share, please drop it off in the kitchen before the 10 am service. You can bring quiche, salad, muffins, fruit, pasta salad, cheese plate, Easter candy or whatever you like to eat.

Bring something ready to serve, bars already cut, fruit pre-washed, etc. It is also recommended that you put your name on the serving dish. Everyone is welcome!



Enriching Our Music

On Sunday, March 16, we read a story about Abram, our ancient patriarch, encountering God and receiving an assurance of God's presence. Many of the texts we will read during Lent are stories of encountering God, from Abraham to Moses to Jesus. God comes to us in many ways, and this Lenten season, we are being invited to notice where God meets us in our lives.

For many people, they meet God in the beauty and joy of sacred music. People have made music to glorify God and to experience God's presence since humanity was born. Many of you at St. Paul's have identified music as the part of church that most speaks to you, from singing during worship, to the beautiful and diverse work done by our ensembles, to the powerful music of our organ.

In the March issue of the Messenger Tom Hamilton shared some exciting news with us. **A new member of our community, Dr. Robert Thomas, has offered us the opportunity to be the caretakers of a concert-quality grand piano.** We will be able to use the piano for worship, and it will make our sanctuary an attractive venue for musical groups that require this kind of instrument. Students who study piano here may also be able to host recitals in the church, welcoming in the wider community. It is also a surprising Godsend, since we know we will need major organ repairs in the future, and a piano like this can lead us in worship while these repairs take place.

In the fall, Tom and I took this matter to the Vestry to discuss the opportunity. The Vestry deliberated, weighed the concerns and benefits, and unanimously agreed to move forward.

To place the piano in the sanctuary, however, we do need to make some modifications. We will need to remove some pews on the pulpit side of the church. The removal of pews will both create space for the piano and will reduce congestion when we serve communion at the Standing Station. These seats have poor sight lines during worship and often remain empty. Rest assured, the pews will remain intact and will be stored so that we can return them if we choose.

I am very excited about the opportunity that this offer gives us to share sacred music in new ways. If you have questions about this, please reach out to me, Dr. Tom Hamilton, Nancy Diener, our Senior Warden, or John Pastor, who has been the vestry leader on this project. You will also hear a bit from John in worship on Sunday.

Peace,
Maggie

*"If I am to play my best,
there is no way but
Steinway."*

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*"When one plays a
Steinway, there is a
warmth and nobility
in the sound that is
unequaled by any
other instrument."*

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Wednesday Night Schedule for 2025

St. Paul's has an excellent lineup of events for Wednesday nights. Some events happen every week, such as Eucharist and Choir practice, while other programs follow a bi-weekly schedule.

Every Single Week

Unless Canceled

5:15 pm Eucharist
6:15 pm Choir Practice
7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

Location of Wednesday Gatherings

5:15 pm Eucharist – Sanctuary
6:00 pm Meal – Parish Hall
6:15 pm Choir Practice – Sanctuary
6:30 pm Adult Formation – Parish Hall
6:30 pm Confirmation – 4th Floor Youth Room A
6:30 pm Middle School Group – 4th Floor Youth Room B
7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice – Sanctuary

Every Other Week

On Dates Listed Below

5:15 pm Eucharist
6:00 pm Meal
6:15 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Formation:
6:30 pm Adult Forum
6:30 pm Confirmation
6:30 pm Middle School Youth Group
7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice



Bi-Weekly Wednesday Program Nights

April 9—Holy Week Forum

April 13—April 20 (Holy Week, No Wednesday)

April 30—Brittany Lind Libby from Safe Haven

May 14—The Spirituality of Travel

Practicing the Way: Prayer

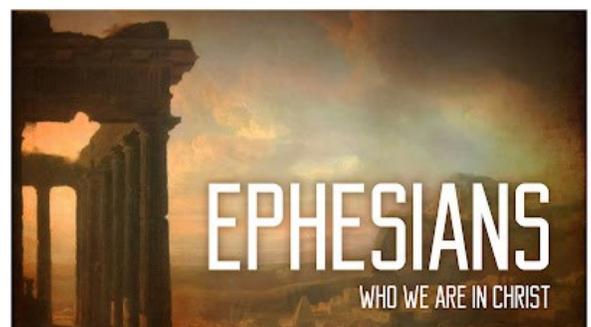
Our next two meetings in this series will be April 2 and April 16 in the Olcott Room. Soup and bread will be served beforehand at 6:00 pm in the kitchenette, and the meetings will start at 6:30 pm. The meetings consist of short videos with discussion. Contact Rothko Hauschildt at 512-484-6622 with any questions.

Carrying on the Journey with Paul - Letter to the Ephesians

How can we live as Christians in difficult circumstances? How do families live as Christians? Paul encourages the Christian community at Ephesus with how to walk Jesus' good road.

Join us (Lara Hill, Barbara Elliott and Marta Maddy) for three Friday mornings in April, in the Olcott Room, at 10:00 am. We study, wrestle with, and imagine the implications for our lives, with God's help.

- April 4— chapters 1-2
- April 11— chapters 3-4
- April 25—chapters 5-6



Remember Someone Special This Easter



If you would like to remember someone in a special way at Easter, please consider requesting an Altar Flower Memorial in their honor. Your contribution will help purchase the altar flowers and plants we will use to

decorate St. Paul's this Easter season. And the recipient of your memorial will have their name added to our Easter Memorial list, which will be included in the Easter Sunday service programs. All new memorials will need to be submitted by April 9.

The suggested minimum contribution for an Altar Flower Memorial is \$25. You may request either a one-time or annual memorial. All memorials are continued from year to year unless you indicate otherwise.

There are three ways to make your donation:

1. Send your check payment to St Paul's by mail. Checks must be made out to "St Paul's Episcopal Church".

Please note "Easter 2025 altar flower memorial" on the memo line. Be sure also to note who the memorial is for.

2. Donate online at www.stpaulsduluth.org/give click Donate Now, and choose the "Altar Guild" panel. Next, add your donation information including "Easter 2025 altar flower memorial" and who the memorial is for in the Note section.
3. Bring your cash or check donation to church in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Easter 2025 altar flower memorial" and place it on the offering plate during Sunday services. Be sure to also note who the memorial is for on or inside the envelope.

Please contact me directly via email at carmil4@msn.com to leave your new request and information. Or you may leave a message for me with the church office.

I look forward to hearing from you.

*Carrie Miller,
Altar Flowers Coordinator*

United Thank Offering

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NOTICE
THE GOOD THINGS THAT HAPPEN EACH DAY

GIVE
THANKS TO GOD FOR YOUR BLESSINGS

MAKE
AN OFFERING FOR EACH BLESSING

BLESS
YOUR BLESSING BECOMES A BLESSING FOR OTHERS

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St. Paul's UTO Ingathering is Sunday, April 27

Please pick up brochures and UTO boxes by the church doors, and bring your box back on April 27. More information about United Thank Offering can be found on the bulletin board in the stairwell.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carlyle Conrad

Ask the Verger



Who or what is a lay minister?
 In my first article last month, I referred to lay ministers. Someone asked me “who is a lay minister?”

You are, it is you.

In the Episcopal church, all baptized people are ministers. We are called to “... represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him

wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ’s work of reconciliation in the world...” (Catechism) Lay ministers are distinct from people ordained to the ministry (deacons, priests, bishops). Lay ministers are called to minister in their daily lives to God’s people wherever they may be - in the grocery store, at the park, at work.

In our worship service, lay ministers are integral to the liturgy. We are welcomed by Ushers. Readers proclaim God’s holy word. The musicians and choir lead us in praise

to God. Our prayers to God are led by a lay minister. Acolytes and Lay Eucharistic Ministers serve at His Table. The Altar Guild prepares and clears His table (and much more!). Our youngest are instructed and guided by faith-filled teachers.

We are the body of Christ in our worship services and in the world. We are the Laity and have been given a mission to “...take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.” (finishing the statement from above taken from the Catechism, The Book of Common Prayer).

Go forth as lay ministers of God to the people of God.

Send your questions to 77kathleensmith@gmail.com.

Kathleen Smith, Verger

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE – Holy Week 2025

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

Maundy Thursday April 17 6:00 pm	Good Friday April 18 12:00 noon	Easter Vigil April 19 6:00 pm	Easter Sunday April 20 8:00 am
Lector:/Chalice: K Smith Altar Guild: Teams 1 & 2 Acolyte: L Sadowski Lock Up: D Pederson	Lector/Chalice: N Diener Altar Guild: Teams 1 & 2 Acolytes: none Lock Up: B Stapp	Lector: N Constance & others Chalice: J Pastor & N Constance Altar Guild: Teams 1 & 2 Acolytes: E Barthel, C Gustafson, J Shambour Livestream: Lock Up: S Gray Spehar	Lectors: R Butler, J Pastor Chalice: R Butler, S Anderson Prayer Leader: J Pastor Altar Guild: Teams 1 & 2 Acolyte: M Butler

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE – APRIL 2025

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	April 6	April 13	EASTER April 20	April 27	May 4
ALTAR GUILD	K Leonard	S Hall	Teams 1 & 2	D Kolquist	K Leonard
	S Cox	A Sadowski		S M Anderson	S Cox
	M Malone	K Timmerman		S Sommer	M Malone
	C Day	L Kania		T Jansen	C Day
LECTOR 8 am	F Witt	J Pastor	R Butler, J Pastor	A Mackenzie	F Witt
LECTORS 10 am	N Constance	M Gustafson	M Gustafson	N Diener	N Constance
	A Harrington		J Pastor	Z Stodola	K Smith
PRAYER LEADER	J Groth	H Hansen	C Miller	A Sundberg	O Morin-Swanson
VERGER	K Smith	K Smith	K Smith	K Smith	K Smith
CHALICE	N Constance	M Gustafson	M Gustafson	N Diener	N Constance
BEARERS	S Anderson	S Sommer	S Sommer	Z Stodola	K Smith
	Z Stodola	N Diener	Z Stodola	S Anderson	J Pastor
		K Baumgarten	J Pastor		
ACOLYTES	E Erspamer	E Barthel	A Keto	C Gustafson	A Keto
	M Devich	J Sadowski	E Erspamer	J Shambour	S Keto
	T Halverson	S Keto	R Wall	T Halverson	M Devich
		L Sadowski (kite)	C Butcher (kite)		
NURSERY	Ch Gustafson	B Fait	J Schreck, Ch Gustafson		Ch Gustafson
LIVESTREAM	J Austin	D Barthel	R Lyle	E Barthel	J Austin
COFFEE HOST	C Meehan & E Jundt	B & M Minter	Sophie Spehar, J & M French	SM Anderson and N Constance	
USHERS	M Brown	D Barthel	G Olson	N Schuldt	M Brown
	S Brown	D Morin	P Waite	J Ransom	S Brown
	D Kolquist	K Swanson	M Gustafson	W Tabory	D Kolquist
		J Sontag	R Lyle		
LOCK UP	T Diener	J Austin	M Brown	T Diener	J Austin

Other Altar Guild Duties for April

April Linens:

C Miller, A Sadowski

Brass Cleaning:

S Hall, D Kolquist, P Markert

Bread-Baking:

A Rouse, M Dragich



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Holy Week Services

- Palm Sunday, April 13, 10 am only
- Maundy Thursday, April 17, 6:00 pm — dinner church in the Parish Hall
- Good Friday, April 18, Noon
- Great Vigil of Easter, April 19, 6:00 pm
- Easter Sunday, April 20, 8 am and 10 am

See page 7 for details about making palm crosses and floral bouquets for Holy Week

please note that we do not have Wednesday service in Holy Week

