

# THE MESSENGER

APRIL 2026

## Help Us to Erase Medical Debts this Easter



Dear Friends in Christ,  
Each Holy Week and Easter, we remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus. Easter is a joyful festival after a difficult week of meeting evil face to face. It is a promise that God's love cannot be killed or damaged beyond repair—even when crucified. Because of this, Christians

are empowered to live in the world as if new life is truly possible, as if evil and death have indeed been vanquished.

**I believe that this story matters not only because we tell it, but because of how lives are changed when we live it.** When we follow Jesus in this path, we both experience new lives ourselves, and we bring resurrection into the world as he did. Easter matters because of how Christians live it in the world.

This year, we are taking on an ambitious project which will make resurrection real in the lives of our neighbors in need. **We are trying to erase medical debt here in Duluth.**

As many of you know, we had a profoundly successful capital campaign here at church this fall. We raised 1.8 million dollars to support the structure of our spiritual home. During this campaign many of you rightly asked how we could serve others at the same time as we helped ourselves. As the founders of St. Luke's, we've always served the community even as we expanded and built our own buildings.

In honor of that legacy, the Vestry and I have decided to partner with an organization called **Undue Medi-**

**cal Debt**, which works to abolish crippling medical debt all across the country. On **Easter Sunday, April 5, we will be giving all non-pledge offerings** to Undue in order to abolish medical debt in Duluth.

### How It Works

Defaulted debt is often sold by hospitals to debt collectors for pennies on the dollar. Undue uses donations to purchase this debt on the market, and rather than collecting the debt, they erase it. On average, \$10 given to Undue can abolish \$1000 of debt. Undue can help us purchase and erase debt here in St. Louis County. In this county alone, we can erase \$2.36 million of medical debt for \$16,700—less than 1% of what was pledged to repair our own building.

In divisive and difficult times, when it is unclear where to start, how to help, or how to find common ground, I look to Jesus' ministry to understand where to begin. Jesus often did not take on "the powers that be" directly. He looked to healing people, helping people, and setting them free from what crushed them. No one chooses to go into medical debt, and it is an enormous burden, effecting people across age, race, ethnicity, politics, immigration status, and gender. It frequently leads to homelessness and compounding health crises, as people stop seeking care. You and I have the opportunity to honor the legacy of St. Luke's by helping families who need critical relief right now.



**Medical Debt**

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I hope you will join us on Easter Sunday to participate. We raised 1.8 million dollars for ourselves, and with just 1% of that, we can change thousands of lives across our city. If you would like to give ahead of time, you can do so online at [www.stpaulsduluth.org/give](http://www.stpaulsduluth.org/give). You're also welcome to share this with friends or family who may find this opportunity compelling. You can learn more about Undue at their website [undued-medicaldebt.org](http://undued-medicaldebt.org).

As one former Vestry member said, when we first began this discussion, "This could be our moment!"

On Easter Sunday, let us not only speak about resurrection, but give generously to make it real in the lives of our neighbors.

Peace,  
Maggie



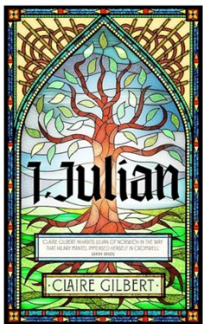
This QR code will connect you to the St. Paul's Episcopal website donation page to give electronically.

## April and May Forums 6:30 pm, Wednesdays, Parish Hall

No Eucharist, Supper or Forum on April 1 due to Holy Week.

### April 15: Learn About Habitat for Humanity

St. Paul's is delighted to welcome Atle Rennan, the Deputy Executive Director of Western Lake Superior Habitat for Humanity, to present at this forum. He is the son of St. Paul's parishioners Beth Fait and Eirik Rennan.



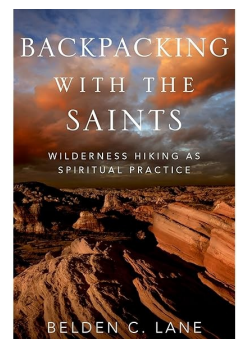
### May 6: Julian of Norwich through Fiction

Julian of Norwich was a 14<sup>th</sup> century reclusive mystic in England. She had powerful visions of God's love, and dared to write it down in English, making her the first female author of a book in English. She was an anchoress, a kind of medieval religious life where a person is sealed into one room to live out a life of prayer. On May 6 we will explore her story through a powerful novel written by Claire Gilbert, *I Julian*. This novel helps a modern person explore the faith, curiosity, grief, and courage of this powerful woman who lived in a very different way to us. Please join us to discuss Julian and the novel. A limited number of used copies can be purchased from the Parish Office.

### May 20: Backpacking with the Saints

#### Wilderness Hiking as a Spiritual Practice *Selected Chapters*

To wrap up our series on the saints and to prepare to enjoy the outdoors this summer, we take a look at a spiritual memoir by an author who brought the saints along on his wilderness adventures. We'll share a PDF copy of the chapter we'd like to discuss ahead of time. Participants can purchase the book and continue reading over the summer.



## From Your Minister of Music

Dear friends in Christ,

Since returning to St. Paul's in 2022, I hope that I have been clear in my gratitude for this opportunity to serve again as musician in this place. When I returned to Duluth after having lived in Germany and the Chicago area, the last thing I expected was that I would find myself at St. Paul's once again. That was not rooted in malice or hard feelings, but I thought we had all moved on. It turns out that the Holy Spirit had other plans for both of us. Once again, I need to express the depth of my gratitude for this opportunity. I feel so blessed to have such an amazing community in which to lead God's people in song, and the staff team is a group of gifted and faithful folks with whom it is an honor to serve.

There are times, however, when even the best of circumstances can cause one to feel empty inside. The well of creativity and energy dries up, and one's calling becomes a routine in the worst of ways. I began feeling this with some intensity last fall. These are new feelings for me as I have always been energized by the challenge of finding the right thing to sing in order to draw people into community and into God's story. Energizing the song of God's people is my passion, and I'm so fortunate that my passion and my career intersect so well. When that passion is gone, it is difficult to see where to lead or find the energy to keep things fresh. I found myself in that place last fall. In conversation with Rev. Maggie, I requested a sabbatical for this summer. She, along with the Personnel Committee, have generously grant-

ed me ten weeks of leave (which includes my vacation time). Not surprisingly, I will spend most of this time in Europe in order to renew my energy and passion for making music. (In Hamburg alone, there are weekly concerts in churches all over the city.) I will also check out the Anglican church in Hamburg in order to stay tied to some kind of community. This will also afford Alex and me time to be together to be with and for each other in loving and supportive ways.

So, I am once again filled with gratitude at the love and support this community has shown. While I'm away, the Sunday leadership responsibilities will be covered by Charles Sundquist and David Tryggestad who many of you know as he shared organist responsibilities when St. Paul's re-opened after COVID. Both of these fine musicians will serve you well. I will return August 18 with renewed energy and focus for ministry. At some point, I hope to share more of what I learned about sabbath renewal.

Peace,

*Tom Hamilton,  
Minister of Music*




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## Floral Cross Bouquet Workshop



**Saturday, April 4,  
10:00 am, Parish Hall**

Learn how to create the small floral bouquets that will be used on Easter Sunday. The flowering cross is a treasured custom of St. Paul's. We encourage anyone who would like to be a part of this tradition to join the volunteers of the Altar Guild to make them. No experience necessary. Coffee and snacks provided.

**All ages welcome!**

# From Your Bookkeeper



Dear Parishioners,

Thank you all for your incredible generosity to St. Paul’s Church! Your contributions allow St. Paul’s to be a vital part of the community and keep our programming alive.

Special Note: When making your contribution to either the Capital Campaign or Annual Pledge, please note on the memo line of your check to which of those Funds the contribution is to be credited. When making Capital Campaign gifts through our online system, please make sure to select the “Capital Campaign” button to ensure that your contribution does not go to General Operating.

February 2026 financials were presented to the Finance Committee and Vestry at their March meetings. Below is a summary of the February General Operating Fund results.

MONTHLY FIGURES: February	This Month	Year-to-Date
Total Pledges collected	\$22,459.55	\$100,984.00
Total non-pledged collection	\$2,913.80	\$7,115.65
Investment support	\$7,037.58	\$13,783.08
Total Income	\$32,410.93	\$121,882.73
Total Expenses	\$48,931.45	\$107,637.43
Amount over/(short)	(\$16,520.52)	\$14,245.30

Of note: Both pledge and non-pledge income were less than budgeted for the month, but ahead of budget year-to-date. Expenses were under budget for February, as well as year to date.

If you have any questions, please call my office or email me at [bookkeeper@stpaulsduluth.org](mailto:bookkeeper@stpaulsduluth.org).

*Christine Melone, Bookkeeper*



## Rummage Sale: Saturday, May 2, 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 26**, after the 10 am service, we move the treasures from the garage and elsewhere to the Parish Hall.

**Monday, April 27 through Friday, May 1**, please come help us sort and price items to sell: drop in anytime between **8:30 am-3:00 pm**. *If you wish to volunteer at other times, contact Susan Anderson.*

**Saturday, May 2, 8:00 am-1:00 pm**, please help at the sale, you can greet shoppers, help add up sales at checkout, help customers carry out their purchases, then box up the leftovers at 1:00 pm and transport stuff to Savers.

There is an online sign up to help coordinate volunteers: [www.stpaulsduluth.org/sign-up](http://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. Please hold on to your rummage donations until the week of 4/27/26 — 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!**

# Thank Goodness for Easter

Greetings!

I hope this update finds you well. It's still March and I started to write about Lent, but quickly realized that this issue will find you very close to Easter. Thank goodness for Easter! It feels good to imagine the coming weeks, enjoying the light changing, the lifting of some of this slushy weight, grass growing, flowers, and the unfettered joy and energy of Easter. I'm definitely looking forward to it this year. I had a wonderful time helping with the art activities at the Lenten retreat, and have been feeling so glad that my friends who are a part of the Transforming Hearts cell from St. Paul's have been sharing their learnings with others in the congregation. It's exciting to see those seeds spreading. There's a bustle of activity happening in the next few months, hopefully you can be here for some or all of it!

Godly Play happenings for the coming weeks are:

- March 29 — Jesus the King (Palm Sunday)
- April 2, Maundy Thursday, will feature a communal dinner at 6 pm, washing of the feet, prayer stations, and a Godly Play Lesson about the last supper, and song before we process upstairs to observe the bare altar in silence.
- April 4 — The Great Vigil — this totally counts as “going to church at Easter!” This is a kid-friendly service at 6 pm featuring a soundscape of bones, rattles, and drums. And there's fire!
- April 5— No Children's Church on Easter Sunday. Please join us in the Parish Hall after the service for a light brunch, hot cross buns, and an Easter Egg hunt.
- April 12 — Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene.
- April 19 — Jesus Appears to Thomas.
- April 26 — On the Road to Emmaus.
- May 3 — The Great Commission.

The next kids coffee hour in the Children's room will be: April 19, from after church until noon: Snack & Music Jam Session.

Middle School Meetups are offered after the 10 am service to 12 in the Faith Formation Office on first floor. The next time we'll try this will be April 12. There are always snacks!

Also, the next Pre-YE is happening on April 25-26 at St. John the Evangelist in St. Paul. Registration is still open. This is an overnight event hosted by ECMN for kids in grades 6-8 from around the state, and it sounds really fun! Please visit the events page on [episcopalmn.org](http://episcopalmn.org) to register.

**I'm excited about the Art Show that the Confirmands are hosting on May 17!** Hopefully by now the word has reached you: they are busy painting a series of murals

around the themes of Faith, Love and Community. Their works will be unveiled after the 10 am Confirmation service. The students are curating an all-ages art show/reception with works from the congregation. See page 9 more information if you'd like to submit a piece. You can also email me ([kids@stpaulsduluth.org](mailto:kids@stpaulsduluth.org)) if you have questions.

These kids are amazing, and it's been a privilege to get to spend time with them this year. They are smart, snarky, sweet, arty, and curious. They all show up prepared and willing to share.

If you would like to help with hospitality during Holy Week, (Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday in particular) please visit the signup link on the St. Paul's website. There are slots for food contributions, kitchen help, Easter egg stuffing and sneaking, and cleanup.

Thanks for reading! See you soon, and peace be with you.

*Sophie Gray,  
Faith Formation Coordinator*



# From Your Senior Warden



Happy Easter!

The season of Lent was busy for the business of the Parish and the Vestry.

At its recent monthly meeting, the Vestry discussed several objectives to be pursued during 2026 that included

1. Overseeing the capital projects as well as property maintenance in collaboration with the Property Committee,
2. Considering potential installation of door video-monitoring cameras to improve security, and
3. Strengthening social, emotional, and relational connections within the congregation for people of all ages.

The Sexton search is underway with interviews of applicants in process. Hopefully a new Sexton will be hired soon.

The elevator modernization project will be done during April after Easter and likely require about two to three

weeks of work that will occur during normal working hours on weekdays. The heating system modernization project proposal, contract, and bid has been received from Jamar Company and will be acted on at the Vestry meeting March 24. Most likely this project will be done during the summer when heating is not needed.

Undue medical debt project was approved by the Vestry with a goal to raise \$15,000 to \$20,000, which could forgive \$1.5 to \$2.0 millions of medical debt among neighbors in our area.

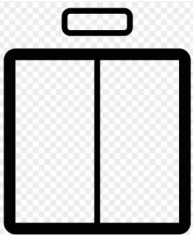
During the Lenten Retreat the Vestry held a workshop to get to know one another better. We also participated in a survey to learn each member's leadership gifts and talents. Through this process we may be able to collaborate better and enhance our effectiveness as a leadership and governance team.

I hope you and your family have a joyous and meaningful Easter!

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas Elliott, Senior Warden*

## Elevator Construction Starting Soon



The work on the church elevator is scheduled to begin Monday, April 13, and is expected to take approximately three weeks.



Please note that the elevator will be out of service during construction.

We hope the modernized elevator

will be back in service by Monday, May 4.

## Join a Bible Study about the Biblical Prophets

### Thursdays, 10 am, Olcott Room

The Old Testament gives us a wealth of prophetic voices, all of whom spoke words not their own to leaders who did not want to hear it.

What was their historical/political/economic context? What was their message, and how do their calls for a return to righteousness and hope speak to us, uniquely, today?

All are welcome. No questions are ever off the table. Bring your favorite Bible. Rev. Sue will be using the NRSV.

*No registration required, just show up.*

Respectfully submitted,

*The Rev. Sue Sommer*

## From Deacon Pat

The Outreach Committee met on Sunday, and a plant sale was again on our agenda. I brought my garden journal and seed collection along to the Lenten retreat and used pretzel rising time to sort and plan and dwell on the return of warmth and light. Gardeners pick up seed catalogues in January and dream of growing things. There are lots of questions to consider. Do the seeds need to be started indoors? When should I start them? What kind of growing medium is best? What varieties will do best in our cool climate? I write these words on the eve of the first day of spring, and even with a foot of snow still covering the ground, my heart is looking ahead to the change of season. Seeds are amazing, watching what such tiny things can become. Here at St. Paul's we took the seed of an idea, a raffle quilt made of donated fabrics based on beautiful art created by Jordan Sundberg, and watched it grow. It took vision, some skills we didn't have and plenty of ripped out stitches as we practiced new techniques. It took faith and trust that we could create something beautiful, even while we were still just looking through piles of fabric pieces searching for just the right one. We each took home some pieces and put them together, but alone they weren't striking. A stunning quilt grew out of hundreds of hours and thousands of stitches, taking the same patience and blend of circumstances that are necessary to turn a seed into a beautiful blossom.

And a blossom bears fruit to fulfill it's purpose. Our St. Paul's quilt was the basis for a raffle to raise funds for Chum with the goal of raising \$10,000. When we first identified this goal at an Assembly, you could almost see the delegates shoulders slump as they imagined an insurmountable goal. But we did the math: 2000 tickets at \$5 each shared among 42 congregations comes out to less than 50

tickets per church. And we did it! We sold every ticket and even had folks standing in line at the event in the hope of buying more when we ran out. As quilters, we are in our season of rest now. Gathering ideas. Noticing fabrics. Collecting scraps. We know after the summer is gone we will be back to start a new cycle.

When Maggie shared Undue Medical Debt with us and announced a goal of erasing medical debt for all of St. Louis County, it sounded like an overwhelming goal. But she did the math, and with the Easter collection still weeks away you have already committed to over half the goal. Like a tiny seed growing into something huge, our collective patience and contribution can be a miracle for hundreds of families in St. Louis County. Medical debt is the leading cause of bankruptcy. The fastest growing demographic of people becoming homeless are senior citizens. Erasing medical debt can help these folks stay in their homes and recover some stability. You are making that happen.

I'm looking forward to a change of season as I retire from full time employment during Holy Week. I'm also taking a sabbatical from St. Paul's from May 10 through August 9. I need a bit of rest and rejuvenation as I transition into this new season, and but I'll be back this fall refreshed and ready to serve as your deacon!

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Deacon Pat Benson



### Planning a Future Plant Sale



St. Paul's Outreach Committee will hold a plant sale to support Laundry Love on Saturday, May 24, from 10 am-2 pm, on the sidewalk in front of the church, along Superior Street.

Deadline to submit items for the May issue  
of *The Messenger* is  
8:00 am, Thursday, April 23, 2026.  
Please email items to:  
[office@stpaulsduluth.org](mailto:office@stpaulsduluth.org)

## Issuing a Call for Acolytes

Our acolyte teens are an integral part of church service at St. Paul's and we thank them for giving back to the church that has helped shape them. We ask families of 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders to consider this service as the church is in need of participants in this ministry. Acolytes must be able to light and extinguish candles before and after services, and hold sizable candles (not necessarily heavy) and walk down the aisle at church, while the head acolytes will carry the tall (and heavier) cross. During the summer we have one acolyte on Sundays and during the school year we have three acolytes serve on Sundays. They are trained in and are mentored by older acolytes and further develop their St. Paul's network of support. Please consider and if your student is interested in getting involved in this important service, please contact Holly Hansen for more information and to get signed up [hlhansen13@gmail.com](mailto:hlhansen13@gmail.com) or 218-310-1674.



## Appreciating Our Acolytes

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 3, from Noon – 1:30 pm, we will have an Acolyte Appreciation event at Incline Bowling at 601 West Superior Street with bowling, pizza, and games for our acolytes. Holly will send the info to acolytes and parents.

Thank you to this school year's St. Paul's Acolytes: Anna Keto, Caitlin Gustafson, Eliana Erspamer, Jack Shambour, Jupiter Sadowski, Matthew Devich, Riley Wall, Quinn Wall, Sara Keto, Hazel Buck, Sig Peterson, Matilda Spehar, Silje Sundberg and Tanis Halverson!

## Confirmation Sunday May 17



Please mark your calendars! The Rt. Rev. Craig Loya, X Bishop of ECMN, will celebrate Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation with St. Paul's, Duluth, on Sunday, May 17 at the 10 am service.

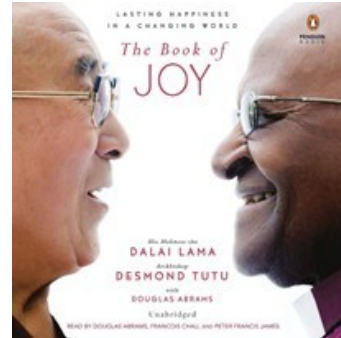
If you are an adult who wishes to be Confirmed, Received, or Reaffirmed, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

## Spring Cleaning?

Damiano is looking for donations! They need men's and women's clothing and shoes, household items, small appliances, and hygiene and cleaning supplies. Bring items to room 212 of the Damiano Center, 206 W 4th St, Duluth, on Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3 pm.



## Join the Friday Book Group



Beginning April 24, the Friday Book Group will begin our next session with two of the world's greatest spiritual leaders, good friends His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu. In The Book of Joy, they share their wisdom about living with joy even in the face of adversity. Both the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Tutu have been tested by great personal and national adversity. How can joy can be transformed from a fleeting emotion into an enduring way of life?

All are welcome. Fridays at 10 am in the Olcott Room

Submitted by,

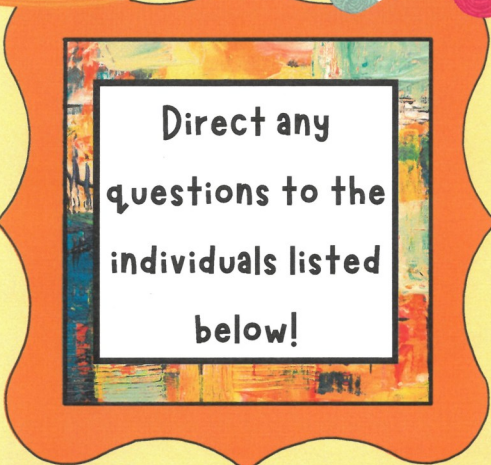
*The Rev. Dr. Barb Elliott and the Rev. Marta Maddy*




# Art Show

## What/When/Where

As this year's Confirmation class' final faith project, we'll be hosting an Art Show in the Parish Hall on May 17th following the conclusion of the morning service. (Our class will be presenting the mural we've been working on, stations will be set up as displays for participants, and snacks and drinks will be provided).



Direct any questions to the individuals listed below!



All ages and art types welcome!

## How To Participate

All you have to do to participate is to bring your art piece(s) to the church by May 1<sup>st</sup> either before/after a Sunday service or during open office hours (8:30-1:30) Monday through Friday. \*\*\* Art will be kept in Sophie's office to ensure safe keeping, so feel free to bring it right there or to enlist the help of either Sophie herself (on Sundays) or one of our fellow church members (on weekdays) in order to ensure it arrives where it needs to go.

## What Kind Of Art Will Be Accepted?

Any and all art is welcome, from painting to poetry—and everything in between. However, this art show is for all ages, so please keep pieces family friendly :)

\*\*\*When dropping off, please accompany your artwork with a note detailing the name of the artist, the title of the piece, the mediums used in the work, the date/year the piece was completed, and the artist's contact info should the need arise.

## Contacts

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Action!

# Lost Treasures From the Archives

From our Easter Vigil Bulletin,  
Saturday, April 15, 2006

Many familiar names here — some have passed away or moved on, but several of these folks are still here 20 years later!

**Serving Today:**

Celebrant and Preacher  
Interim Rector  
Deacon  
Organist  
Cantor  
Storytellers

Musician  
Lector  
Chalice Bearers  
Acolytes

Ushers

Rev. Marta Maddy  
Rev. Peggy Tuttle  
Rev. Barb Hauck  
William Percy  
William Bastien  
Laura Amendola and Ian Buck  
Joie Acheson (written by Rebecca Thelen)  
Katie Dwan and Ken Buck  
Brad Brunfelt  
Scott Golden  
Joie Acheson, Scott Golden, Anita Pollock  
Geordie Diener, John Acheson, Nora Maddy,  
Andres Witrak  
Steve Hauck, BJ Bennett, Diane Kolquist

## The Paschal Candle

A large candle that is first lighted at the Great Vigil on Easter Eve burns in a prominent place in the church at every service during the season. It was the custom of the Jewish synagogue to begin services in the evening with the lighting of candles—originally for the purpose of giving light but almost immediately invested with the symbolic meaning of light: the revelation of God’s love. Early Christians continued that use of light, seeing in the bringing of light into a dark place a symbol of the Resurrection. As early as the fourth century, the celebration of the Resurrection in Jerusalem began with a candle lighted in the Holy Sepulcher and brought out during the night of Easter Eve to the words, “The light of Christ.” That ceremony spread throughout the Christian church many ages ago.

The *paschal candle* (from the Latin and Greek word *pascha*, which means “Passover”) is often decorated with nails representing the wounds from the crucifixion which the risen Lord’s body still bore.

In the ancient Christian basilicas, some of which still exist in Italy, the stand for the paschal candle was built into the pulpit as a permanent feature of the building’s architecture. In the Middle Ages, Winchester Cathedral had a paschal candle that was sixty feet tall! In many places it is kept near the baptismal font and relighted at other times of the year, especially for Baptisms and funerals.

## LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE – Holy Week 2026

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

<p><b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>April 2</b> <b>6:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Good Friday</b> <b>April 3</b> <b>12:00 noon</b></p>	<p><b>Easter Vigil</b> <b>April 4</b> <b>6:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>April 5</b> <b>8:00 am</b></p>
<p>Lector:/Chalice: M Spencer, K Baumgarten Altar Guild: Teams 3 &amp; 4 Acolyte: J Shambour Lock Up: S Gray</p>	<p>Lector/Chalice: J Pastor Altar Guild: Teams 3 &amp; 4 Acolytes: none Lock Up: R Rosenberger</p>	<p>Lector: N Diener &amp; others Chalice: N Diener, S M Anderson Prayer Leader: L Brunfelt Altar Guild: Teams 3 &amp; 4 Acolytes: E Erspamer, M Spehar, H Buck Livestream: C Meehan Lock Up: T Diener</p>	<p>Lectors: J Pastor, S Sommer Chalice: J Pastor, S Sommer Prayer Leader: J Pastor Altar Guild: Teams 3 &amp; 4 Cross Bearer: J Pastor</p>

# LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE – APRIL 2026

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

	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26	May 3
ALTAR GUILD	K Leonard	C Conrad	C Miller	D Kolquist	K Leonard
	S Cox	S Hall	L Hultkrantz	S M Anderson	S Cox
	M Malone	A Sadowski		S Sommer	M Malone
		K Timmerman		T Jansen	
		L Kania			
LECTOR 8 am	S Sommer	F Witt	A Mackenzie	M Gustafson	F Witt
LECTORS 10 am	K Smith	J Pastor	N Constance	N Diener	J Pastor
	O Morin-Swanson	N Constance	S Sommer	K Smith	O Morin-Swanson
PRAYER LEADER	J Groth	A Sundberg	A Harrington	A Sundberg	P Peterson
VERGER	K Smith	K Smith	S Sommer	K Smith	K Smith
LEM	K Smith	K Baumgarten	S Sommer	N Diener	O Morin-Swanson
CHALICE	O Morin-Swanson	N Constance	M Spencer	K Smith	J Pastor
BEARERS	J Pastor	S M Anderson	N Constance	J Pastor	S Sommer
	M Gustafson				
ACOLYTES	C Gustafson	J Shambour	E Erspamer	A Keto	C Gustafson
	S Sundberg	R Wall	S Peterson	S Keto	S Peterson
	S Keto	Q Wall	H Buck	M Spehar	T Halverson
	A Keto (kite)				
LIVESTREAM	J Austin	D Barthel	C Meehan	N French	J Austin
NURSERY	∅	A Rennan	A Rennan	A Rennan	A Rennan
		Y Quinn-Sikorski	J Schreck	E Erspamer	E Erspamer
COFFEE HOST	C Meehan & E Jundt	SM Anderson and N Constance	L & B Brunfelt	J & R Erspamer	H & J Schreck
USHERS	M Brown	D Morin	G Olson	N Schuldt	M Brown
	S Brown	K Swanson	M Gustafson	J Wall	S Brown
	D Kolquist	J Sontag	P Waite	R Finkel	D Kolquist
	R Silverness	H Schreck			R Silverness
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**Sign up to help serve a  
Wednesday Night Meal or  
help with a potluck!  
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## Other Altar Guild Duties for April

### April Linens:

C Miller, A Sadowski

### Bread-Baking:

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# Holy Week Schedule

Easter is April 5. The services during Holy Week are:

- Palm Sunday, 10:00 am service only, March 29
- Clergy Renewal of Vows, March 30 - Clergy only
- Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 6:00 pm Dinner Church with Godly Play - *Potluck with a Mediterranean theme*; find the sign up on [www.stpaulsduluth.org/sign-up](http://www.stpaulsduluth.org/sign-up)
- Good Friday, April 3 at 12:00 pm, St. Andrews will be worshipping with us, and the Rev. Wanda Copeland will preach.
- Easter Vigil, April 4 at 6:00 pm
- Easter Sunday, April 5 at 8:00 am and 10:00 am (Both services in the Church) *Potluck Easter brunch to follow the 10 am service*; sign up on [www.stpaulsduluth.org/sign-up](http://www.stpaulsduluth.org/sign-up)

