



St. Paul Lutheran

May 2023 NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our season of Easter comes to its conclusion this month as we look ahead to the next celebrations of the church. This isn't to say that we are done with Easter. Far from it! Easter is the basis for all that we do on Sunday. This was the original intent of Christians gathering on Sunday (the *first day* of the week).

Every Sunday was meant to be a mini- Easter: a celebration of the Lord's resurrection and his victory over the grave. Our season of Easter is to remind us that our Lord's resurrection is the basis for all we say and do in the church and even in life. It's the fuel and foundation for our mission as the Church.

Yet, I don't want us to think about the church as any one individual congregation. The Church is the whole of all believers on earth and in heaven. For think about it in these words from St. Paul, **"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another," Romans 12:4-5.** Each congregation is a member of the larger body, which is meant to function as a whole.

Upcoming this month, we have a unique opportunity to join with the broader Church here in Madison. We, here at St. Paul, will be hosting our first ever Ascension Day service on May 18 in partnership with Immanuel Lutheran Church and Our Savior Deaf Lutheran Church. Our three congregations will join together for this special service that we all may grow together in faith and charity in our mission to the greater Madison community. For the Ascension of our Lord reminds us that Jesus didn't leave us as orphans but continues to rule over our hearts and minds for the good of His Body, the Church. I greatly encourage you to attend this special service.

But our month doesn't end there. Just ten days later, the Church celebrates Pentecost. As Jesus ascends into heaven, he gives his disciples and the Church this promise, that he will send the "Helper" to us. On Pentecost, we celebrate that Jesus does send us a helper, the Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts and work faith in us that leads to eternal life. For the Holy Spirit will bind together the whole Christian Church on earth by His work.

As Easter gives way to Pentecost and the season of the Church, let us remember always that the Church is not divided by location or language. For the Church is one in Christ. We are members of Christ and his death and resurrection that we may join with the whole Church in the glory of God and life everlasting!

Pastor Sorenson




Happy Birthday!



Tahji Jackson– 5/3
 Linda Hopfensperger– 5/9
 Jane Sopko– 5/18
 Berta Nelson– 5/20
 Charlie Tackett– 5/24

Altar Flowers



May 7– Julianne McGill in loving memory of Florence Deese.

May 14– Richard Beal in loving memory of Martin Beal.

May 21– (None)

May 28– (None)

St Paul Online:

Visit our website: www.stpaulmadison.org



Facebook– @StPaulMadisonLCMS

YouTube– St Paul Lutheran Church (services and sermons online)



Note: You do NOT have to have an account in order to view these pages.

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Serving in May

Altar Guild

Luanne Rommel, Mary Butler,
& Bonnie Kaschinske

Tellers

Jill Hellmer & Bonnie Kaschinske

Ushers

May 7-

Rick Van Dusen, Ray Hellmer, Leo Lakpa

May 14-

Jerry Meise, Jamie Meise, Dan Dierks

May 21-

Richard Beal, Randy Buss, Tom Niemczyk

May 28-

Rick Van Dusen, Ray Hellmer, Leo Lakpa

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 18– Ascension Service @6pm

May 21– Voter's Meeting

May 30– Vets Connect

Matching Funds Offering: Update

I am pleased to announce that as of April 30, we have reached our goal of \$5000! We are blessed with many generous members who make the work and ministry possible here at St Paul. Half of the funds raised will go towards paying down our mortgage, while the other half will aid deficits in the General Fund.

Thank you to all who have contributed!

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ASCENSION DAY



WHEN JESUS STARTED
WORKING FROM HOME

Call Update

On April 30, I announced that I have **declined** the call to serve St Mark Lutheran Church in Belgium, WI. I will remain as pastor here at St Paul in Madison. I greatly appreciated all the prayers and support I received during my deliberation. *Please continue praying with me for the saints of St. Mark as they continue their search for a faithful worker from the Lord.*

Pastor Sorenson

Joint Ascension Service

Mark your calendars and join with us this Ascension day to worship together with the broader Church!

Thursday, May 18 at 6:00pm

Held at **St Paul Lutheran Church**

St Paul will be joining with the saints of
Immanuel Lutheran Church
and

Our Savior Deaf Lutheran Church
in a first ever joint Ascension service.

Voter's Meeting

If you haven't already done so, pick up a copy of the agenda and budget for our meeting on May 21. Both are available for you in the Welcome area.

St Paul Financial Update

GENERAL FUND INCOME AND EXPENSES

March 2023 Actual Income	\$14,949.03
March 2023 Actual Expenses	\$18,144.06
March 2023 Net	-\$3,195.03

DEBT

Unpaid Balance on Mortgage Loan (3/31/2023)	\$175,700.64
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Note

Please send any items you'd like mentioned in our monthly newsletter to the office at office@stpaulmadison.org, or please call the office at 608-244-8077.

ALL NEWSLETTER ITEMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE LAST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Thank you for your help!