



# Our Journey

May 2026

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Years ago, I came across a wonderful story about gratitude. "On a beautiful spring Saturday morning, a pastor and his wife went out to have lunch at one of their favorite Bar-B-Q places. They chose to take a table outside on the patio. Soon, a nice looking family of three were seated at the next table...a mom, dad, and their teenaged son.

The pastor noticed that when this family received their food, they had this fascinating ritual. The dad held his fork in the air and said, "Who eats better?" And then in unison, all three of them said, "Thank You, Lord. Amen."

The pastor asked..."Tell us about your blessing. There must be a story behind it." The dad smiled and said, "We got it from my wife's grandfather. He was so grateful to God for every blessing...so at every meal no matter what they had...it could be turkey and dressing and all the trimmings...or it could be cold pork and beans out of a can...or a baloney sandwich on stale bread...he would always do the same thing. He would hold his fork in the air and say, "Who eats better?" And we would all say, "Thank you Lord...Amen.""

We can choose to live in confidence and we can choose to live in gratitude.

Peace to you

*Pastor Cindy +*

Serving you at  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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St. Paul's Mission Statement:  
*Go in peace, devoted to faith, hope and love.*



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God's work. Our hands.

The April council meeting was held via Zoom on Thursday, April 9. Minutes from the March meeting were approved with a corrected date. The April minutes will be approved at the May meeting.

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter were amazing, and many great comments were received. The ELCA Joint Service had 167 in attendance. Easter weekend attendance was 375, with 160 on Saturday and 215 on Sunday. Thanks to everyone who helped in anyway during the Lenten season.

Outreach Committee reported \$2,530 was collected for the Easter grocery gift cards. Three truck loads of personal items were collected.

Evangelism reported Annual Bike Blessing is May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Soup Lunch and Supper were well attended during Lent.

Sewer Repair was discussed. Two bids were presented to Properties: Sewer Ninjas, quote \$73,150 and Drains R Us, quote \$62,000. The project will take seven working days with one day being no working restrooms in the church. The committee recommended Drains R Us quote would be the better option.

Goals for 2026 were established:

Goal 1 – Christian Education, Evangelism, Worship and Music - Promote and strengthen the collaboration of programs/services between Kenosha ELCA churches.

Goal 2 – Stewardship, Church Council and Outreach – Encourage greater membership involvement in church activities and leadership.

Goal 3 – Property – Review the landscaping around the church. Look into replacing the pneumatic controls for the AC and Heating systems.

Goal 4 – Multi Media – Add third and fourth cameras for video service strategically locating them for privacy purposes.

Goal 5 – Finance – Maintain the security and stability of monetary resources.

Complete council minutes are available in the church office in the binder on the counter.

## Church Council Members

### President/Worship and Music

Ken Wiele, 262-331-3344

### Vice President/Memorials

Marilyn Jensen, 262-445-0809

### Secretary/Staff Support

Dawn Burford, 262-321-8093

### Treasurer/Finance

Lyn Stevens, 262-909-3833

### Christian Ed

Megan Ernst, 262-960-5755

### Property

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### Multi-Media

Cathy Mossman, 262-652-6891

### Evangelism

Judy Jankiewicz, 262-705-3977

### Stewardship

Jim Janda, 262-948-1792

### Outreach

Janet Hogan, 262-652-9415



## Operating Update

March Monthly Income \$ 53,891

March Monthly Expenses \$ 26,543

YTD Income \$121,142

YTD Expenses \$ 45,571



ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL  
BIKE BLESSING

**Corrected Date: Sunday, May 3**

Come and see, come and hear the noise - it is absolutely amazing. Folks begin to gather about noon, motorcycles come from all over, especially the Libertyville area, arriving about 12:30 p.m.

Watch the bulletin board for ways to help, if you'd like.

**KINGFISH GAME CORRECTION**

There was a glitch, so the Kingfish Game originally scheduled for August has a new date: Tuesday, July 21 - same time, same place. IF YOU ALREADY SIGNED UP, please see Olga.

**POLICY IMPLEMENTATION**

St. Paul's is very happy to lend out tables and chairs (from Fellowship Hall.) It has become increasingly important, however, that the office be contacted BEFORE any items are borrowed. You, as the parishioner, are not necessarily going to know what a planned church function is going to need for set up nor are you going to know if someone else is already going to borrow tables/chairs. PLEASE BE SURE to check with the office before you borrow. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

**HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE GRADUATION**

This milestone is just around the corner. St. Paul's would like to recognize our graduates. If you would like to announce your graduation in an upcoming newsletter, please submit your name, including your high school name or college name (including your degree) along with a picture, to the church office. We'd then like to put that in print, in an upcoming newsletter. Congratulations to all who are achieving this milestone!

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## Thank You!

We want to thank all who made this Lenten Season meaningful.

The mid-week Lenten services were Spiritually enlightening and entertaining. We enjoyed them all and they brought light to the stories that we do not often dwell upon. All the not "Ready for Prime Time Players" were ready to deliver their messages on how they were changed by Jesus. The "Last Supper" was excellent and powerful. The Lectors were all Amazing!

We also want to thank all who contributed to the daily Devotionals; you do not know how many lives you touched by your sharing. We speak for many when we say we were touched by them and appreciated your sharing. We were equally touched by the in-service Devotional messages. Thanks for sharing and lending your voice.

Thanks to Pastor and Maggie for making this Lenten season special. The music selections, the readings and the personal touches, once again, made this Lenten season special!

I am confident that we are not the only members that feel this way and want to say "Thanks".

So there! Thank You!

*Dave and Sue Maxey*



Many thanks once again for all those who helped with Lenten soup lunches or suppers - whether it was making soup, helping to set up or clean up, or simply to come and share a meal during Lent with others - whatever you did, thank you so much.

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year once again Vacation Bible School will be intergenerational and will be held Monday thru Thursday, June 15 thru 18, beginning with supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by learning, sharing, crafting - mark your calendars! It will be a fun event!

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## CRAFT DAYS

Mark your calendars with the following Saturdays: May 16, June 20 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

These are open craft days to work on whatever you like. Coffee, water and snacks will be available. Lunch fixings will be available (\$5.00 contribution toward cost appreciated,) or you can bring your own.

Come when you can, leave when you must. It is really a fun time. Hope you can join us. Questions? Contact Lyn Stevens, 262-909-3833, call or text.

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## REMINDER

Now that we are heading into warmer spring weather, please remember to close any windows that you may have opened, either in Fellowship Hall or elsewhere in the building. Sometimes we just need to open the window to get a breath of fresh air – just please remember to close it.

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## GARDENING

Is gardening your go-to fun thing to do? If so, St. Paul's is the place to be. We are always in need of folks who like to fiddle in the flowers - whether it be planting, or weeding, or watering...

Please consider helping out with the flower beds here at church. Contact Deb Vash, 262-496-2782 if you have any questions. Also, you can sign up on the hall bulletin board to let her know you can help.



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Some minds are like concrete -  
thoroughly mixed up and permanently set!

FROM MAGGIE:

Ring-a Ding Ding! I just wanted to take a moment to give a special shout out to our bell choir. Of course all of St Paul's musical ensembles did an outstanding job during Holy Week - brass, choir, and bells really stepped up to make our services extra special.

Two weeks after Easter, however, our bell choir went to Mount Pleasant Lutheran (a.k.a. The Spaceship Church) to play at the second annual South East ELCA Handbell Festival Concert. There were five bell choirs from the area making up a total of over fifty ringers which means there were well over a hundred bells rung. Talk about a joyful noise!!

Besides "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" our "solo" piece which we played so well twice on Good Friday, we learned four others which we played with all the choirs combined. Between all five pieces, I can't think of a handbell technique we didn't use!

So - kudos to our bell ringers: Olga Kowalski, Barb Mason, Gail Milne, Cori Mueller, Marie Persinger, Lyn Stevens, and Deb Vash! They have really been working hard. What a great team to work with every week. And guess what? We have room to add more ringers. Come join us next fall. It's fun!!



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**We are so grateful for your continued support of the ELCA Outreach Center and for the way churches across Kenosha come together to care for our community. Because of your generosity, we are thrilled to share that we met our goal for summer camp and are excited to serve these kids again this year!**

**This spring, we will not be hosting our annual Spring Benefit Dinner as we shift our focus and energy toward new opportunities to connect and engage. We are excited to introduce our first ever Golf Outing, taking place on June 29th at the Kenosha Country Club. We are currently looking for sponsors and golfers, and will also be in need of volunteers as the event approaches.**

**Questions? Want to support?**  
Check out our website or contact Mary at [mzorn@elcaoutreachcenter.org](mailto:mzorn@elcaoutreachcenter.org)



[elcaoutreachcenter.org/1st-annual-golf-outing-sign-up/](http://elcaoutreachcenter.org/1st-annual-golf-outing-sign-up/)

**Stay tuned for details about a new event coming this fall and thank you for the many ways you support this mission. Your generosity allows us to continue living out God's work right here in Kenosha.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
					OFFICE CLOSED	9am - Sleep in Heavenly 5pm - Worship
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00 a.m. Worship 10am - Sunday School 12:30pm - Bike Blessing	3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6:30pm - Choir	9am - Men's Breakfast 10:30am - Staff Meeting	6pm - Bells	8:30am - Men's Bible Study 10am - Bible Study (last for 6:30pm - Council	OFFICE CLOSED	10am - Linda Klemp Funeral 5pm - Worship
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:00 a.m. Worship	3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6:30pm - Choir (last til fall)	12:15 6:00 p.m. Chosen 9:00 a.m. Pastor/Outreach 8am - ELCA Secretaries to 9am - Men's Breakfast 10:30am - Staff Meeting	4:30pm - Hall in use 6pm - Bells (last til fall)	8:30am - Men's Bible Study 9am - Karing Krafters 5:30pm - NAMI	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE OFFICE CLOSED	9am - Craft Day 5pm - Worship
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:00 a.m. Worship 10am - Sunday School (last til	3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 5pm - Worship and Music 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group	9am - Men's Breakfast 10:30am - Staff Meeting 4:45pm - Evangelism 5:30pm - Christian Ed Team	5pm - Ladies Night Out/Brat	Noon, 5:45 p.m. Lunch and 8:30am - Men's Bible Study 6pm - Outreach Committee	OFFICE CLOSED 9am - Visual Enhancement	5pm - Worship
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:00 a.m. Worship	MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED 9am - Visual Enhancement	12:15 6:00 p.m. Chosen (last 9am - Men's Breakfast 10:30am - Staff Meeting	3:00 p.m. Thankful Thursday	8am - Thankful Thurs. add. 8:30am - Men's Bible Study 10:15am - Primrose Worship 12:30pm - Thankful Thurs. 5:30pm - NAMI	OFFICE CLOSED Synod Assembly	Synod Assembly 5pm - Worship

**SERVING SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2025**

	2/3	9/10	16/17	23/24	30/31
<b>Assisting Minister</b>					
5:00 p.m.	Matthew Johnson	Heather Miles		Heather Miles	Matthew Johnson
9:00 a.m.	Gary Olson	Marilyn Jensen	Tim Van Berg	Marilyn Jensen	Tim Van Berg
<b>Lectors</b>					
5:00 p.m.	John Whyte	Rich Miles	John Aasen	John Aasen	Heather Miles
9:00 a.m.	Marie Persinger	Marie Persinger	Carla Van Berg	Marilyn Jensen	Carla Van Berg
<b>Communion Assistants</b>					
5:00 p.m.		Marilyn Jensen			
9:00 a.m.	Dean & Marilyn Jensn	Karen Strangberg Cori Mueller	Cindy/David Mielke		
<b>Greeters</b>					
5:00 p.m.	Lori/Jim Miller	Glenn Family			
9:00 a.m.	Pam Hubbard Kim Cochran	Jon/Barb Mason	Michael/Janet Hogan		David/Cindy Mielke
<b>Ushers</b>					
5:00 p.m.	Steve Aasen John Slye			Dawn Burford MerriLee Unrath	Marty/Pam Whyte
9:00 a.m.	Marty/Pam Whyte			David/Cindy Mielke	
<b>PowerPoint</b>					
5:00 p.m.		Dean Jensen		Rich Miles	
9:00 a.m.	Russ Pearson		Russ Pearson		
<b>Video</b>					
5:00 p.m.	Michael/Janet Hogan	Matt Johnson	Joshua Cook		
9:00 a.m.	John Aasen	John Aasen	John Aasen	John Aasen	John Aasen
<b>Coffee Hour</b>					
5:00 p.m.	John & Dorothy Whyte	Heather & Rich Miles		Stef/Katherine Rhoades	Heather/Rich Miles
9:00 a.m.		Irene Gehm in honor of her 93rd			David/Cindy Mielke
<b>Counters</b>					
	Pam Mitchell Dean Jensen	Lyn Stevens Lori Turner	Matt Johnson Kim Cochran	Pam Mitchell Jean Sevey	Bob DeYoung Kathy Follak

# MAY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND MORE

## Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Gerzel  
Nicole Neubauer
- 2 Cindy Mielke  
Vern Tatge
- 3 Sandra Ferrari
- 6 Wendy Haugstad  
Jerry Plunkett  
Greg Wolf
- 7 Mark Granger
- 9 Gary Allen  
Irene Gehm  
Terry Sorenson
- 11 Dianne Ballard
- 12 Heather Miles
- 14 Jacob Smith
- 17 Georgia Owens
- 19 Madrona Carlberg  
Jodi Erickson  
James Janda  
Thomas Robbins III
- 22 Richard Miles  
Joel Jr. Oechler
- 23 Michael Ristau
- 25 Steven Premeau
- 26 John Whyte
- 27 Alexander Burford  
Lori Miller  
Henry Schmidt
- 28 Lynda Eirich  
Bernie Vash
- 29 Dave Glogovsky
- 31 Susan Fox

## Anniversaries

- 1 Robert & Diane Krueger
- 11 Adrienne & John Hix
- 15 Robert & Christine DeYoung
- 17 Michael & Susan Puett
- 20 Heather & Richard Miles
  
- 23 Pamela & Sean Mitchell
- 26 Lori & Jim Miller
- 28 David & Susan Maxey  
Megan & Robert Ernst
- 29 Vern & Pam Tatge

## Baptized

On Sunday, April 12 Annalee Grace Norris, daughter of Jonathan Norris and LeeAnna Cuna was baptized at St. Paul's. Annalee's sponsors are Bryan Thornburgh and Leezette Ramirez.

## New Members

Jacob and Annalise and Emeron Dorst  
7727 – 55 Avenue  
Kenosha 53142  
262-771-9030

## New Contact Information

Sue Barrett  
262-308-7280

## Ladies Night Out

Now that it stays light longer in the evening, Ladies Night Out is back to going out for supper. The next outing is Wednesday, May 20, 5:00 p.m. at the Brat Stop. Please see the sign up sheet on the hall bulletin board.

### Worship Schedule

5:00 p.m. Saturday  
Worship with Coffee and Fellowship after service

9:00 a.m. Sunday  
Worship with Coffee and Fellowship after service

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Cindy Aasen  
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Pastor's Hours:  
8:00 a.m./Noon  
Monday thru Thursday

Secretary's Office:  
8:00 a.m./Noon  
Monday thru Thursday

**Please notify** the church office:

- When you or a loved one has entered the hospital. The hospitals do not always contact us.
- When you move or have a change in telephone number or email address.

# ST PAUL'S



**PRESENTS:**

**What do I need to know about AI (artificial intelligence)?  
The Good, the Bad, and the UGLY!  
By Heather Miles**

**Thursday, May 21, 2026  
NOON TO 2 PM OR 5:45 TO 7:30 PM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

The innovation is here, but what is it really? How do we move forward? How can we use the tool responsibly? Can not guarantee to have all the answers (I am not an AI), but join us for a presentation and discussion on the potential, challenges, and possible future of that tiny buzz word known as AI.

**Lunch provided (soup and fruit): 12 – 12:30**

**Presentation and Q & A: 12:30 – 2:00**

**OR**

**Refreshments and drinks provided: 5:45 – 6:00**

**Presentation and Q & A: 6:00 – 7:30**

**Registration required; please register on the sign-up sheet on St. Paul's bulletin board or by calling Olga in St. Paul's office.**

All are welcome. Program is freely open to everyone.

# THE BEST PLACE TO PARTY IS AT THE PARK

## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH AT 6:35PM  
(GATES OPEN AT 5:35PM)

**\$31 FOUNDERS TICKET INCLUDES:**

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BALLPARK FOOD  
THROUGH THE 5TH INNING

ALL-YOU-CAN-DRINK SODA AND WATER  
THROUGH THE 8TH INNING

3 TABS FOR BEER, SELTZER, ICE CREAM, OR KIDS GAMES



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# Breaking the Chains Church

## Worshiping Communities Inside:

**The Felmers Chaney Correctional Center  
and  
The Kenosha Correctional Center**

A Ministry of the Greater Milwaukee Synod--ELCA

Pastor David Rebey

## How can you support this ministry?

- Pray for our community with the prayer on the other side, or with one of your own
- Follow us on Facebook at: **Breaking the Chains Church-Greater Milwaukee Synod**  
or

Share your email with us at: [breakingthechainschurch@gmail.com](mailto:breakingthechainschurch@gmail.com)  
to receive updates about this ministry

- Join us for worship via Zoom on Saturday night at Felmers Chaney  
Please email Pastor David at:  
[breakingthechainschurch@gmail.com](mailto:breakingthechainschurch@gmail.com)  
if you would like to join us.

- Make a one-time or recurring donation digitally at:  
<https://milwaukeesynod.org/giving/individual-giving/>

or by mailing a check to:

Greater Milwaukee Synod (Breaking the Chains Church in the memo line)

- Invite Pastor David or another member of our ministry to share our story

## A Prayer for Those Affected by Incarceration



Heavenly Father,

Help us to understand that we are all broken and simultaneously both sinners and saints. None of us wants to be defined by the worst moments in our lives as incarcerated persons are defined. Help us to bring the message of your love and forgiveness to those who are incarcerated.

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. Naked, and you clothed me. I was in prison and you came to visit me.*

**Matthew 25: 35-36**

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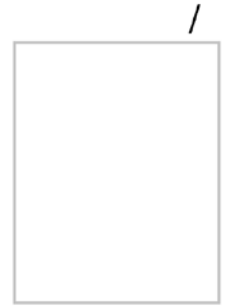
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### **WEATHER-RELATED CANCELLATIONS**

of church activities (choirs and committee meetings) will follow  
Kenosha Unified school closings.

Announcement will appear on Milwaukee channels NBC and ABC.

Worship services will be a separate decision. Decision will be made by 6:00 a.m., or earlier.

Please call the church office when in doubt for worship closings: 262-694-3101.

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Articles or information for the newsletter should be submitted to the church office electronically by the 15th of the month.

(Bulletin deadline is Tuesdays 8:00 a.m.)

The church's e mail address is [stplc.office@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stplc.office@sbcglobal.net) All information may be edited and printed, as space allows.

The home page of our website, [www.stpaulskenosha.org](http://www.stpaulskenosha.org), has a link to the current newsletter as well as to the current calendar.