

# THE

# SPIRIT



**APRIL 2024**



Let me tell you how the Holy Spirit works.

I was just sitting down gathering some quotes and ideas for the April Spirit because I didn't want to write about stepping back and letting a New Pastor take over Saint Paul's, without hearing first that Pastor Sharon had accepted the call. Then Louise Diamond called me and said Pastor Sharon has accepted the position. Funny how that works.

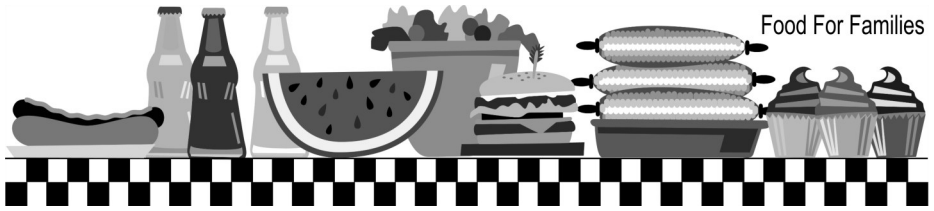
So with that being said, I am looking forward to taking a step back and relaxing a little, taking a vacation and then seeing how I can enhance Pastor Sharon's ministry here at Saint Paul's. I plan on continuing with Food for Families, and possibly teaching a class, depending how Pastor Sharon feels. One thing I don't want to do is step on her toes.

Friends, I trust that the Holy Spirit guided the call committee, the Council, and Pastor Sharon and I trust His guidance in the future of Saint Paul's.

It has been a pleasure serving here at Saint Paul's and I would not trade that experience for anything in the world. I am now looking forward to what ever God has next for me, for with without Him I am nothing.

Wes Davis

Licensed Lay Minister



Ah, finely the weather is getting warmer, and to me that means gardens will be going in soon. I look forward to the fresh tomatoes I get from my garden and appreciate all those farmers out there that think of our food pantry as the harvest comes in.

We are so blessed by so many people that don't even attend church here at Saint Paul's but open their hearts and pocketbooks and donate to the cause of feeding the hungry. People like Bill and Teresa Seidell, that donated 20 dozen eggs. Four County Community Foundation that donated 100 pounds of hamburger in March and will give us another 100 pounds both in April, and in May.

We serve close to 500 people every month with close to two hundred people going through our pantry. I am honored to be a servant of Christ, feeding the hungry. I pray as you sit down to have your meal every day, that you are thankful for what you have and you take a moment to pray for those less fortunate, and I pray that when you bring in the harvest from your garden this year that your harvest is so plentiful that you have a little to share with those that have none.

Wes Davis

FFF Coordinator



March 20, 2024  
Youth Minister's Report  
Weekly/Monthly Business

- Weekly meetings with Wes—Tuesdays
- Children's Sermons
- Youth Group Planning for both age brackets
- Weekly Chapel for Faith Garden: Thursday
- Special Event Planning/Prepping
- Communications/Reminder App to Families
- Monthly Spirit updates
- Facebook Posts/Updates
- Website: Continuing to purchase URL domain and Website annually
  - Trevor helps keep it updated
- Homily—Covering Wes this week, as he asked me to for our Lenten Service
- Youth:
  - Youth Gathering July 2024: Flights Booked
  - Youth Group on Wednesdays—LENT; YG resumes normally on April 3rd
  - Changed for Lent
    - YSPY—No YG, requested they come for soup suppers with families and Homily
    - SPY—soup suppers, homily, and YG to follow until 8:30
    - ◆ We were able to enjoy the great outdoors last week
    - Volunteer Opportunity
    - Chamber of Commerce requested our Youth to assist with Summer Fest 8/9 & 8/10
    - ◆ They were pleased with our response to the Live Nativity Scene and would like our help
    - Youth Lock-in
      - Scheduled for 6/7-6/8 from 8pm-7am
      - Summer Event Planning
      - Working on youth summer event calendar and will have it out to our family in a couple of weeks
      - High School Sunday Morning Coffee Hour
      - High school students meet Sunday mornings in the Nursery with Niki Louwsma

- HS youth stay connected with the church and each other
  - Confirmation
  - Meet w/ other ELCA Confirmations students for a “Come Together” session four times yearly from 5-7pm.
  - Last one is: 4/21
  - I filled in for Nichole this past week in her absence and taught the story of Esther
  - Sunday School
  - Easter Extravaganza was this past Sunday—Easter bags given and Easter Story read to kids
  - Teacher Appreciation 5/5 (St. Paul’s SS Teachers & Faith Garden)
  - SS Teacher’s Meeting: First Tuesday of every month at 7pm
  - Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 2nd
  - Graduation Sunday 6/2
  - 3rd Annual BBQ Revival is July 28th— 5-8pm
  - Call Committee duties continue, as needed
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**Important Updates:**

- No Sunday School/Confirmation/HS Coffee Hour on March 24th OR March 31st**
- Vacations:
  - **Week#1 Spring Break:** March 24th-31st.  
Two Sundays, due to travel—This will be comp time from SpringHill in February 24/7 with kids. (No SS either week)
  - Week #2: May 20th-27th
  - Week #3: November 17th-24th
  - Week #4: December 23rd-29th

Thankful in Christ,  
 Kaylee Kaeding  
 Youth Minister  
 St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, IC





# Council Minutes

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council  
Minutes for March 19, 2024

**Council Members Present :** Krystal Nasouri, Judy Bublitz, Leta Culver, Linda Looper, Lorna Warner, Jim Smith, Chuck Diamond, Jean Bonior, Larry Lewis, Sandie Smith, Diane Fahnestock

**Excused:** Nancy Schiller

**Others Present:** Don Looper, Wes Davis, Kaylee Kaeding  
Meeting called to order at 6:59 pm by President Krystal Nasouri

**Devotions & Opening Prayer:** Judy Bublitz & Wes Davis

**Public Time:** None

**Previous Minutes Read:** Change Congressional to read Congregational in two instances on the Special Meeting Minutes held on March 3, 2024. Change on February 20, 2024 Treasurer's Report – the Difference from +2,533.62 to +1,685.62. A motion made by Diane Fahnestock to accept the previous minutes with noted changes. Motion was seconded by Judy Bublitz. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Income:** \$19247.00, **Expenses:** \$23,257.51, **Difference:** \$-4,010.51

**Ministry Reports:**

**Youth Ministry:** Kaylee Kaeding report attached

**Lay Minister:** Wes Davis report attached

**Faith Garden:** report attached

**Fellowship Committee:** report attached

Diane Fahnestock made a motion to accept reports. Motion was seconded by Jean Bonior. Motion carried.

**Facility Use/Fundraisers:** November 2, 2024 for marriage vows renewal for use

of the sanctuary by Russ Lewis in the afternoon. Judy Bublitz made a motion to accept. Motion was seconded by Diane Fahnestock. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

a. Church Credit Card – Don Looper explained we can keep the same credit card (Chase) just need to change custodian ship from Patti McCabe to Don Looper.

b. Faith Garden Board – Kristen Hummel has volunteered along with Rick Pietrzak. Still need 1 more for board. Council recommended the existing board start working with the 2 new board members.

c. Sidewalk and South Steps of Fellowship Hall – need 3 concrete quotes.

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- d. Carpet – Romeo Floors - \$13,411.16 plus \$1,176.00 to rip out existing carpet; The Carpet Guys \$16,467.00 including rip out existing carpet; The Carpet Store Lapeer - \$15,625.68 does not include rip out existing carpeting. For vinyl flooring \$29,895.56
- e. Insurance – Jean Bonier will contact insurance company to find out why the church now has a \$10,000 water deductible.
- f. QuickBooks – Faith Garden Board has agreed to continue to split the cost.
- g. Camera – moving camera into secretary's office is being worked on by Ken DeYonker.
- h. Audit committee – has met and started working on the audit.

**New Business:**

- a. In order to teach a bible study or class at St. Paul's they must be a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church Imlay City or fill out a facility use form. Sandie Smith made a motion to accept. Motion was seconded by Jean Bonior. Motion carried.
- b. Outside yard spring cleaning – a list will be posted for volunteers to help.
- c. There is a need to upgrade bathrooms downstairs.
- d. Exterior wooden doors need re-stained. Judy Bublitz has volunteered.
- e. Church cleaning- need volunteers to fill in while custodian is on vacation. Several church council members have volunteered (March 24-March 31)
- f. Organ Repair – 2 of the 4 power amps are not working properly, therefore the balance is off. To replace amps will cost \$4,250.00. As of now the organ is usable and balanced as best as it can be. Checking with Sheryl Laidlaw on her thoughts. Don Looper will contact Sarah to email Organ Company – Dennis Verner to let him know we are not going to repair organ at this time.
- g. Lawn Care – Rock Steady Lawn Care will be our new lawn care service. \$60.00 per mowing. Chuck Diamond made a motion to accept. Motion was seconded by Judy Bublitz. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: April 16, 2024

Devotions: Lorna Warner

Judy Bublitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm. Motion was seconded by Diane Fahnstock. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Looper

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENT**

**APRIL 20TH, 2024**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30**

**TOURNAMENT STARTS AT 7:00**

**\$5 PER PERSON**

**BRING QUARTERS AS IT'S STICK  
THE DEALER**

Annual Garage Sale- May 2nd & 3rd  
Set aside your donations  
(No clothing or electronics)



MS walk in Frankenmuth is Sat. May 11th.  
TeamCursh always has room for more  
participants, as a walker or virtual walker. Sign  
up now, even if you were registered last year.

Google Walk MS 2024 then go to find your  
walk.



**April 2024 Worship Schedule**  
**10:00am**

<b>Ministers Assistant</b>	Kaylee Kaeding
<b>Lectors</b>	
<b>April 7th</b>	Louise Diamond
<b>April 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Larry Lewis
<b>April 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Kathy Eschenburg
<b>April 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Diane Fahnestock
<b>Ushers</b>	
<b>April 7th</b>	Barry Fahnestock, Dale Pflanzner, Ken DeYonker, Paul Wheeler
<b>April 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Jeremy Chandler, Rick Pietrzak
<b>April 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Don & Linda Looper, Rick Pietrzak, Louise Diamond
<b>April 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Jim & Patti McCabe
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	
<b>April 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Linda Lewis, Kay Hendricksen
<b>April 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Sandy Smith, Sandy Schmitz
<b>Acolytes</b>	
<b>April 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Abigail & Olivia Malecki
<b>April 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Gage Pietrzak, Autumn Case
<b>April 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Claribel & Will Thompson
<b>April 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Reed Pietrzak & Joslyn Chandler

If you are unable to serve where scheduled, please switch with someone and let the office know. Thank you for serving St. Paul's.



# *IN Our Prayers*

*Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024*

*Members of St. Paul's in Our Prayers*

*Ewald Bargen, Alan Casillas, Carson Hawley,  
Judy Hillman, Ann Hintz, Kaylee Kaeding, Rita Make-  
donsky, John Millar, Linda Moan, Dave & Marilyn Pattyn,  
Ed Pauly, Matt Peltier, Fred Radelt, Larry Schalau,  
Doug Smith, Doug Steckly, Lorna Warner*

*Friends of St. Paul's in Our Prayers*

*David Aikman, Josh Casillas, Dan Catanzaro & children,  
Sandra Culver, Hazel Davis, Dominick DeYonker, Lisa  
Dickey, Pat Dodge, Gabby Ezell, Jameson Flowers, Nancy  
Fulgenzi, Cynthia Frank, Julie Hedrick, Angie Hill, Bob  
Kern, Vicky Kozak, Kyle Kramer, John McLeod, Harper  
Nicholson, Marcia Pietrzak, Kathryn Radelt, Rick Smith,  
Tracy Smith, Jim Sutphin, Jason Tikkenan, Brian Verhelle,  
Dan Walton, Ron, Weemaes, Anna West, Evan Young, Shri*



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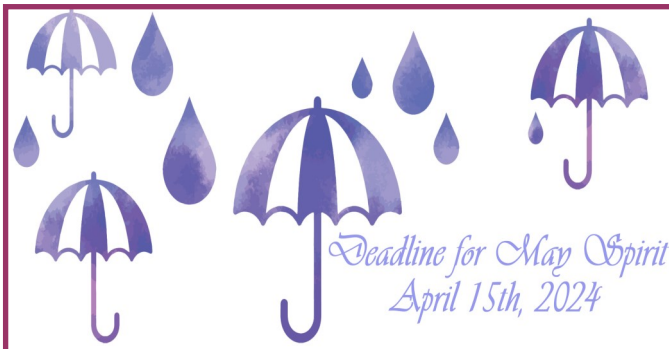
## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 2. Jacob Tietz
- 5. Dortha Burns
- 5. John Ruhlman
- 7. Marilyn Pattyn
- 12. Lorna Warner
- 13. Larry Schalaus
- 14. Sandra Dougherty
- 19. Carol Deppong
- 21. Dale Pflanzner
- 22. Sawyer Pietrzak
- 26. Tom Herman

- 10. Wayne & Kathy Andersen
- 10. Glenn & Lois Meek
- 17. Edward & Dail Schmidt
- 30. Dean & Julie Berry
- 30. Dale & Pat Pflanzner

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(St. Paul's Lutheran Church, ELCA).  
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If a birthday or anniversary is missing, or you have a relative in the service and would like protective prayer for them, please contact the church office. Please give their name, rank, branch of service and where stationed.



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FB: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, ELCA

**Worship Service Schedule:**

Sunday: 10am (Sanctuary)

Christian Education 8:45am– 9:45am

Parking Lot Broadcast (89.5FM)

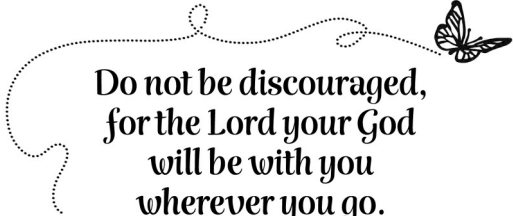
FB Live

**Office Hours:**

Mon-Fri 10AM– 2PM

**St. Paul's Mission Statement**

"Growing in Christ together,  
serving a world in need."



**Do not be discouraged,  
for the Lord your God  
will be with you  
wherever you go.**

Joshua 1:9

