

# The Parish Word

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**May – June 2025**

## ***Season of the Resurrection***

It is easy to forget that Easter is more than just a day in the spring. Our minds quickly move on to Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and beyond.

The season of the resurrection runs for seven weeks following Easter Day and culminates on Pentecost (June 8<sup>th</sup> this year). And it is easy to miss that festival 40-days after the Day of Resurrection that never lands on a Sunday... Ascension.

We'll keep on singing the Easter hymns. The readings will turn our attention to Christ's final teaching of His disciples, the events of the early Church (from the book of Acts), and readings from the New Testament prophetic book, Revelation.

## ***News from St. Matthew LC***

We enjoyed hosting the midweek vespers service (& soup suppers!) during Lent. We continue Monday afternoon Bible study and Friendship Ministry events.

## ***LWML Spring Rally: May 17***

The Land of Lakes Zones of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League will meet for their Spring Rally at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in Grayling on May 17, 2025. Registration begins at 9am and closing prayer will be after lunch.

The theme verse is Luke 3:11, from John the Baptizer's preaching on the fruit of repentance: ***Whoever has food is to share with him who has none.*** The "ingathering" will include "any non-perishable foods and cash donations."

## ***Learn by heart...***

*<sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted [Jesus] and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,*

*<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Philippians 2:9-11 ESV

## ***Diaper drive***

From Mother's Day, May 11 through Father's Day, June 15, we (St. Matthews) will be gathering diapers for the Antrim County Baby Pantry in Mancelona. All sizes needed would like wipes also. Contributions may be placed in the box at St. Matthews, or the box in the narthex at St. Paul's.

After June 15 we will deliver the donations to the Baby Panty.

## ***May 4<sup>th</sup> Luncheon @ SPL (week before Mother's Day)***

As we give thanks for the women in our life, the Men of St. Paul's invite everyone to fellowship & food on May 4<sup>th</sup>. We hope to begin serving around 12:15. Men in attendance are asked to bring a dish to pass. The Elders of St.

Paul will provide sandwiches.

## ***A Good Evening: Ladies Night Out***

*(from Sheila Volz)*

On Saturday, April 4, twelve ladies from St. Paul and St. Matthew attended a beautiful ballet performance of "The Sleeping Beauty," performed by students of the Northwest Michigan Ballet Theater at Denno's Auditorium in Traverse City. Everyone had a wonderful time and are looking forward to our next ladies' trip (which hasn't been decided yet).

## ***News from St. Paul LC***

We voted to officially close the preschool we operated for over 20 years. Now we are sorting the equipment and finding homes for it all. The Ladies Guild hosted an out to see the Sleeping Beauty ballet at Denno's Museum.

For the time being, please send your items for the July 2025 "Parish Word"  
**No later than June 15<sup>th</sup> to: [Rev.Phillips.STL91@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.Phillips.STL91@gmail.com)**

### ***From Martin Luther's Small Catechism...***

A "catechism" is a book for teaching, usually in the form of questions and answers. We study the catechism (and the Scriptures!) all during our life.

#### ***The Apostles' Creed, The Third Article:***

[I believe] in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*What does this mean?* I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

### ***What is the Lutheran Witness magazine?***

The Lutheran Witness is an official magazine of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Every issue is chock full of great articles on interesting topics of our day and what our Synod teaches on those topics. Sample issues are available for you to read.

Soon we will set up a subscription through the congregation @ \$20 per year (\$4 off). Each issue is well worth the cost!

### ***The Parish Word***

Thank you to all contributors for this edition of The Parish Word! Our goals: 1) To share information between the members of both St. Matthew & St. Paul; 2) to promote fellowship among our members.

If you have a report, story, memory, recipe, or a short classified (available/needed), please submit it to the church office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publishing (June next!)

### ***All Ages Attend Sunday School***

Sunday school helps parents teach their children about God's love for us in Jesus. It also helps people of all ages become more familiar with the Holy Scriptures and how the teachings of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod are drawn from the Scriptures (and not from history or human reason).

#### ***On your radar... planning ahead***

- Adult instruction/new member classes are underway – Contact pastor if you or someone you know is interested
- Junior Confirmation (grades 6-8) will begin in August or September
- Looking for ideas for to encourage our young families & our working age folks
- Every Household Visits – Have you invited Pastor to your home?
- Vacation Bible School August 5-7 (@SPL)

EVERYONE should be involved in Bible Study with their fellow church members. We have Sunday afternoon adult Bible study at St. Paul. The same topic is presented at St. Matthew on Mondays.

It is high time for a children's Sunday school at St. Paul (St. Matthew already has some instruction time on Sundays). *If you have ideas or can help, please speak with Pastor.*

### ***Everyday Morning Prayer***

You can join Christians worldwide for "Morning Prayer" weekdays at 8am. On your computer or smartphone, go to [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and click the play button.

KFUO in St. Louis, MO is the oldest Christian (operated by our own LC-MS) radio station in the United States. Every day KFUO streams several different programs, including children's programming on Saturday mornings. Check out [KFUO.org](http://KFUO.org)!

### ***The Recipe Corner: Eclair Dessert Squares***

*(Cinda Knight, family favorite)*

Ingredients:

3 pkg French Vanilla Instant Pudding

4½ c. Milk

Graham crackers

9 Oz. Cool Whip and ½ of another 9 oz. Carton

Line bottom of buttered 9x13-inch pan with whole graham crackers. Make pudding using 4½ cups milk.

Fold in Cool Whip. Pour half over crackers; lay another layer of crackers and pour remaining pudding over crackers. Put a layer of crackers on top.

Spread with Chocolate Icing:

2 sq. Baker's chocolate, melted

2 Tbs butter, melted

2 Tbs corn syrup

1 tsp vanilla

1 ½ cups powdered sugar

3 Tbs milk

It's STILL all about  
**JESUS!**

## ***For Your Weekly Devotions...The readings for Sunday worship***

*(and the Psalm for our weekly Bible Study)*

*Try to read the lessons before the date listed (then you will be familiar with the weekly theme!)*

May 4

Acts 9:1-22  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:1-14  
John 21:1-19

May 25

Acts 16:9-15  
Psalm 67  
Revelations 21:9-14, 21-27  
John 16:23-33

June 15

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
Psalm 8  
Acts 2:14a, 22-36  
John 8:48-59

May 11

Acts 20:17-35  
Psalm 23  
Revelations 7:9-17  
John 10:22-33

June 1

Acts 1:12-26  
Psalm 133  
Revelation 22:1-20  
John 17:20-26

June 22

Isaiah 65:1-9  
Psalm 3  
Galatians 3:23-4:7  
Luke 8:26-39

May 18

Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1-7  
John 16:12-22

June 8

Genesis 11:1-9  
Psalm 143  
Acts 2:1-21  
John 14:23-31

June 29

1 Kings 19:9b-21  
Psalm 16  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62

### ***St. Matthew's Officers***

Chairman – Dennis Schlak  
Vice Chairman – Joan Tewes  
Treasurer – Patty Atkinson  
Recording Secretary – Edith Plumb & Louise Hinds  
Financial Secretary – Ed Sell  
Elders – Don Hinds (Head Elder), Ed Sell, Chuck Smith  
Trustees – Chuck Smith, Roger Smelker

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Chairman – Bud Burns  
Vice Chairman – Adam Kuuttila  
Treasurer – Patti Ritthaler  
Recording Secretary – Pam Burns  
Financial Secretary – Pam Burns  
Elders – Norm Volz (Head Elder), Bud Burns, Adam Kuuttila, Gary Ritthaler, Dennis Quast  
Trustees – Gary Ritthaler (Head Trustee), Bud Burns, Scott Risinger

### **The Parish Classifieds / Idea Corner**

Available: Office Chair – Free – Brenda Bellinger (231-564-3249)

Wanted: folks to co-op on bulk food purchases. Maybe make purchases through Azure Standard or similar. Speak with Pastor P.

Needed: Greeters to welcome those who come to worship and give them a bulletin. If it was your first time visiting our congregation, how would you like to be welcomed?

Old T-Shirts Wanted. Beverly makes rugs from old T-shirts. Drop them off at Pastor's office

Starting in May: Plant exchange (weekly). If you have a few extra plants started, why not share some? Add them to the table at church.

***St. Matthew's Bulletin notes:*** Send your item for the weekly bulletin, no later than Wednesday morning, to:  
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***St. Paul's Bulletin notes:*** Send your item for the weekly bulletin, no later than Wednesday morning, to:  
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## **Area LCMS Congregations within 50 miles... We are not alone!**

(This section is under construction... can you help provide information?)

### **Circuit 31 (our Circuit)**

#### **Boyne City - Christ Lutheran Church**

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**Pastor Chuck Hoffman**

#### **Charlevoix - Bethany Lutheran Church**

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#### **Gaylord - Trinity Lutheran Church**

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**Pastor Kurt Klingbeil**

#### **Grayling - Mount Hope Lutheran Church**

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#### **Kalkaska - St. Paul Lutheran Church**

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#### **Lewiston - Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

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#### **Mancelona - St. Matthew Lutheran Church**

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#### **Petoskey - Zion Lutheran Church**

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**Pastor Matt Peters**

#### **Emeritus (Retired Pastors)**

**Pastor Ken Bernthal (Gaylord)**

**Pastor Paul Schneider (Gaylord)**

**Pastor Daniel McVey (Kalkaska)**

**Pastor Don Nemec (Gaylord)**

### **Congregations in neighboring circuits**

**Bellaire** – Hope Lutheran Church (English District)

**Cadillac** – Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Cedar** – St. Paul Lutheran Church

**Elk Rapids** – Grace Lutheran Church

**Houghton Lake** – St. John Lutheran Church

**Interlochen** – Redeemer Lutheran Church

**Leland** – Immanuel Lutheran Church

**Mesick** – Faith Lutheran Church

#### **Traverse City**

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

# The Parish Word – Calendar

## May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>SPL</b> = St. Paul – Kalkaska	<b>SML</b> = St. Matthew – Mancelona		1 10am Council (SPL)	2 Pastor's day off	3
4 9am Worship (SML) 11am Worship (SPL) Noon Mother's Day Brunch (SPL) 145pm Adult Instr (SPL)	5 4pm Bible Study (SML) 6pm Friendship Ministry (SML)	6 11am Ladies Guild (SML) West Pastor Conference (Traverse City)	7 West Pastor Conference (Traverse City)	8 Pastor's day off	9	10
11 9am Worship (SML) 11am Worship (SPL) Noon Bible Study (SPL)	12 4pm Bible Study (SML) 6pm Friendship Ministry (SML)	13 430pm Elders (SML) 530pm Council (SML)	14	15 Pastor's day off	16	17 LWML Zone Rally @ Mt. Hope - Grayling
18 9am Worship (SML) 11am Worship (SPL) Noon Bible Study (SPL) 145pm Adult Instr (SPL) 5pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Agers (SPL)	19 4pm Bible Study (SML) 6pm Friendship Ministry (SML)	20	21	22 Pastor's day off	23	24
25 9am Worship (SML) 11am Worship (SPL) Noon Bible Study (SPL) 145pm Adult Instr (SPL)	26 4pm Bible Study (SML) 6pm Friendship Ministry (SML)  <b>Memorial Day</b>	27	28 9am Elders (SPL-Big Boy)	29 Pastor's day off	30	31
	<b>SPL Boy Scouts</b> Mondays @ 530pm		<b>SPL Homeschoolers</b> Wednesdays 1:30-5pm	<b>SPL Alcoholics Anonymous</b> Thursdays @ 8pm		

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15 9am Worship (SML) 11am Worship (SPL) Noon Bible Study (SPL) 145pm Adult Instr (SPL) <b>Diaper Drive Deadline!</b>	16 4pm Bible Study (SML) 6pm Friendship Ministry (SML) <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	17	18	19 Pastor's day off	20	21
22 9am Worship (SML) 11am Worship (SPL) Noon Bible Study (SPL) 145pm Adult Instr (SPL)	23 4pm Bible Study (SML) 6pm Friendship Ministry (SML) <b>Michigan District Convention (CUAA)</b>	24 <b>Michigan District Convention (CUAA)</b>	25 9am Elders (SPL-Big Boy)	26 Pastor's day off	27	28
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