



THE MESSENGER

St. Paul Lutheran Church

A Message from Pastor Mathew

Where do you see God?

As the weather warms up I've noticed trees in bloom and animals on the move. As the psalmist cries out The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork. (Psalm 19)

But not everyone finds spiritual connection in nature. Recently I heard someone say something like this: *Everyone says they see God in nature. Well, you know what? I have allergies and I would like to go inside.*

The truth is God comes to us in many ways, and we can connect with God indoors or outdoors. Some of us may find that reading devotional material helps us feel connected to God, others may not. Some of us may love to praise God with a song, others may prefer something quieter, like a walk through Humiston Woods.

God is so vast that God will speak to each of us in various ways, through music, language, and nature. I encourage you to take a few moments this month and notice where God is at work and how you feel connected with God.

Where have you seen God at work in the world?

A rainbow (Genesis 9:13)	Healing the sick (1 Corinthians 12:9)	Showing love (Galatians 5:22)	A light in a dark place (John 1:5)	Justice for the oppressed (Psalm 9:9)
Showing mercy (Zechariah 7:9)	Rejoicing with those who rejoice (Romans 12:15)	Showing gentleness (Galatians 5:22)	Showing self-control (Galatians 5:22)	Showing humility (Philippians 2:3)
Good news for the poor (Luke 4:18)	Showing generosity (Galatians 5:22)	 A bird (Luke 12:6)	Caring for enemies (Matthew 5:44)	Food for the hungry (Psalm 107:9)
Welcoming a stranger (Matthew 25:35)	A sign of forgiveness (Luke 24:47)	Showing patience (Romans 8:25)	Making peace (James 3:18)	A sign of hope (Psalm 9:18)
Showing kindness (Micah 6:8)	Welcoming a child (Matthew 18:5)	Teaching (1 Corinthians 12:8)	Showing compassion (Colossians 3:12)	Weeping with those who weep (Romans 12:15)

Communion Set-up

We are in need of more folks who are willing to help with communion set-up. Step by step instructions are posted in the sacristy. Are you interested in serving? Contact Pastor Mathew or Angie in the church office.

Ministry Update

[Jesus said] "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." *John 13:34b-35*

During the season of Lent, we had a goal to collect 400 personal care items for the Livingston County Food Pantry and items to assemble 50 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. We worked together to be on the SPOT as St. Paul's One Team and we exceeded our goal!

More than 400 personal care items were taken to the Livingston County Food Pantry to be distributed to people in our community.

57 Personal Care Kits were assembled and sent to LWR to be distributed to people who need them. Thank you to everyone who contributed, assembled, and transported these gifts!

Let us pray:

God of Let compassion, we thank you for your Son and the abundant love he has shown us. By your Spirit, give us generous hearts that we might serve and care for others in obedience to his command. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**In Christ,
Pastor Matthew**

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

May 7 – Marvin Miller
May 18 – Erik Solberg
May 19 – Frank Curtiss
May 23 – Mark Mackinson
May 26 – Anna Schmidt
May 27 – Ted Bauknecht
May 29 – Sara Solberg
May 1 – Doug & Peggie Schneeman (1971)
May 1 – Jim & Amanda Walsberg (1994)
May 28 – Marvin & Darlene Miller (2011)

Flower Donations

We will once again order fresh flowers for worship from County Market. Please sign up on the flower chart if you are interested in donating for a two-week span. Please write your check for \$25 to St. Paul Lutheran and put “flowers” on the memo line. We thank you in advance for helping to make our worship space beautiful to bring honor and glory to God.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Graduate Recognition will be held on Sunday, May 16. Please contact the office if your graduate plans to attend.

The people of St. Paul gather to worship, reach out, and serve the Lord.

Prayer Chain Requests

If you would like someone added to our prayer chain, please contact Pastor Mathew, Julie Mehlberg, or Angie in the office. Please let them know when names should be removed from the prayer list as well.

Community Closet at St. Paul August 17, 2021 8 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Beginning the first of July, we will collect gently used and clean clothing for all ages. Please encourage your friends and family members to donate to the Community Closet. Items can be dropped off at church and placed in the south-east classroom. We will also need many volunteers to help! This is another great way to be the hands and feet of Jesus for those in our community who are in need! Please see Mary Leach or e-mail the church office if you are interested in helping!

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Easter Sunday at St. Paul



Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kit Assembly

