

# THE TOWER TALK

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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April  
2024

**The church office will be closed  
on Monday, April 1st.**

## Annual Garage Sale Fundraiser, April 26th & 27th

We are excited for our annual sale on  
Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and on  
Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. with

the proceeds going to our high school mission trip.  
Please help support our youth by donating items or  
by helping organize items before or during the  
sale. You can drop off household and clothing items  
beginning on Saturday, April 20th at 12:00 p.m.  
through Wednesday, April 24th in the fellowship  
hall. Furniture, bigger items and outdoor items can  
be dropped off on Thursday, April 25th outside on  
the south side of the church. We do not accept  
chunky TV's, encyclopedias, old computers, old  
printers, or items that are not in working order.

Thank you! If you have any questions,  
please contact Denise Wilson.

## Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study will resume on Sunday, April 7th. We  
will begin a study called, Witness at the Cross, by  
Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. This study, rather than focusing  
immediately and directly on Jesus, invites us to see the  
crucifixion and its significance through the eyes and  
ears of those who watched it happen. It also takes a  
look at what was said by those around Jesus according  
to the four Gospel accounts.

When we consider Jesus' death from these people's  
unique and diverse points of view, we may discover it  
means not less but even more than Christians often  
consider. AJ invites us to consider the crucifixion's  
power to shape preconceptions about who we are,  
who God is, and the shape our  
life in God's presence takes.

**Bethany Worship on Sundays in April**  
Our church has been asked to lead the worship  
services on Sundays in April at 4:00 p.m. We would  
like our families to be involved in this time of  
serving the Bethany residents. Please contact  
Denise if your family can help on April 7th, and  
contact Pastor Emily if your family can  
help on April 14th or 21st.  
Wedded Band will lead on April 28th.

## Recognizing our Graduating Seniors, Sunday, April 28th

We will honor our graduating seniors on Sunday,  
April 28th during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Our  
graduates are Rhylee Casey, Emmalyn Hansen,  
Camille Karr, Ava McGreevy, Brock Poland, Charlie  
Schrage, Nolan Waterman and Levi Young. If you  
would like to give them a card or gift, but will not be at  
church that day, you can place it in the basket that will  
be on the green bench outside the church office the  
week before the service.

## Scholarships for Treynor Seniors Now Available

St. Paul Lutheran Church is thankful for the opportunity to  
offer scholarships to graduating high school members  
looking to further their education. St. Paul Lutheran Church is  
committed to fostering a supportive relationship by investing  
in the lives of our youth as they move forward toward their  
future goals. This has come about by a special committee of  
Kevin Pingel, Cory Young, Doug Wehring and Jennifer  
Vorthmann and the Church Council. It's been many years  
since much, if any, of the funds available has been used. We  
decided to make available a small portion of those available  
funds to be used for our graduating seniors in the form of  
scholarships.

*If anyone has any questions, please call  
Kevin @402-661-9087*

**“Knowing Jesus, Telling about Jesus, Loving as Jesus Loves”**

## Wedded Band News

Wedded Band will be conducting the worship service at Bethany Lutheran Home on April 28th. For those of you who would like to carpool, we will meet at church at 3:00 p.m. The worship service starts at 4:00 p.m., and we need to arrive around 3:30 p.m. to help transport residents and set up for the service.

We will go to Pizza King for dinner following the worship service.



## STEWARDSHIP FOCUS: LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

**Our Mission:** Inviting students more deeply into Jesus Christ and the community that bears His name, so they can discover and fulfill their vocation as disciples. We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ. We are an agency of the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Our ministry sites are located among 10 colleges and universities all across Nebraska! Our campuses include Chadron State College, University of Nebraska Lincoln, Southeast Community College Beatrice, Peru State College, Northeast Community College Norfolk, Wayne State College, Creighton University and the University of Nebraska Omaha.



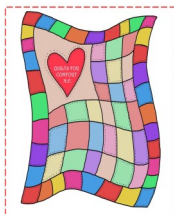
Congratulations to Bayler Ann Blankenship who was baptized on Sunday, February, 25th! Bayler's parents are Dylan and Madison Blankenship. Bayler's sponsors are Brady Blankenship and Jamison Keysor.

God's Blessing on Bayler as she grows in her faith!

## Calling all quilters!

Can you tie a knot? Can you make a stitch with a needle? You are needed! St. Paul quilters continue to look for more people to help finish the quilts that will be treasured by people here at home and around the world. We hope you will come and join us on

**Tuesday, April 30th from  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**



## Lent Appreciation

The Companion Congregation Team would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to all of the teams that provided soups, rolls and breads, and desserts for the Lenten soup suppers this year. They were a great success as usual. The thank you also goes to all of the people who came to enjoy the soups and companionship. I think almost everyone stayed for the Lenten church service afterwards. We have had the soup suppers for at least 9 years, missing half of 2020 and all of 2021 due to COVID.

The teams were the Companion Congregation, Church Council, Praise Team, Preschool and Governing Board, SPY, and Wedded Band. There were probably about 100 people who were part of providing for the events. It was wonderful that all of the teams were willing to wash the soup bowls, silverware, and coffee cup rather than put more paper and plastic in the landfill. What a fantastic effort by so many of our members.

The teams made about 80 gallons of soup. This served approximately 470 people with 600 bowls of soup during the 6 events. In addition there were about 60 bowls of soup for take-out or delivered to people who were not able to attend but were able to enjoy some of the great soups. If you missed out on the "stone soup," you missed out on a great surprise.

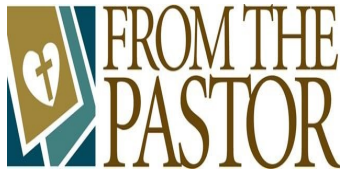
The free will offerings totaled \$2405.00 for the 6 events. The money will go to Tanzania to our companion congregation in Kidugala. One third of the money will be designated to go to the local SACCOS (Savings and Credit Cooperative Society) and another third to go to the local AMSOS (Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Societies). The remaining third will go to the Igumbilo Girls School for scholarships. I hope you took time to read some of the information about these groups that was on each of the tables.



Thank you to everyone who helped with Holy Week services. Multiple services are a lot of work for musicians, welcome team, tellers, and readers. Thank you for serving so that people might experience Christ.



We would like to thank all those who prayed, sent cards, emails, texts, and expressed their kind words of condolences at the passing of my Dad.



## Pastor's Tower Talk Article For April 2024

Thank you to everyone who attended a visioning session. I really enjoyed the conversations that we had and look forward to the next steps. If you weren't able to attend a session, please know that the council is working on next steps. There will be more ways for you to offer feedback, continue to pray, and continue to dream about how God is moving within, and around, St. Paul's.

I took some time after the session to compile the data that we received and want to share so things that struck me.

We began by sharing stories. These included stories of strong leaders, strong community, embracing each other, and keeping God as the center rose to the top. Many people lifted up the strength of having many young people involved in the congregation and the ways we care for people in need. At the same time, there were questions of: how do we grow deeper in understanding of God and the Bible; how do we keep church a priority with all the competing things in our world; what does it mean to be a healthy congregation. People wondering how we move forward. They said we're at a crossroads. How do we learn from the past, but also move forward as a church? How is the church, and St. Paul's specifically, relevant in today's world?

Many of these stories were echoed in the values people listed. Groups chose youth/young adults/ children, caring, serving, discipleships, engaging neighbors, and intergenerational as *some* of the present values. They hoped to focus on inclusivity, diversity, raising leaders, evangelism, and innovation as *some* of the future values. One thing that came up over and over was a desire for intergenerational ministry. I have loved how the congregation has embraced intentional, intergenerational things we've done this past year, and I look forward to how God might continue to call us into this work.

We closed our visioning sessions, but asking people to write down the things of this world that tug at their hearts. When our youth participated in a visioning session, they also wrote down items and I was struck by their deep care and concern for the world. They see so many struggles and want to find ways to bring about help and healing. Many of the items listed had to do with hurting people and broken relationships. There was concern for people who lack basic needs such as housing. Many people listed loneliness, political strain, or mental health.

And so, I wonder, how do we move forward from here? What would you choose as important values for St. Paul's? What stories would you share of God showing up in the church and the world? How is God calling you to make a difference in the world? Feel free to reach out to me or the council to share your thoughts. Join me in praying for the next steps of this process and how God might lead us.



The BLHS Auxiliary purpose is “to promote love in action, to assist with leisure time activities and projects, and to promote volunteer services at the Home and the Heights by serving in areas that otherwise would require paid staff.” The Auxiliary meets four times a year on the second Monday of the month in January, April, July, and October. Eight supporting churches help with monthly birthday parties and twice a month bingo at the Home and provide treats for these events. The July meeting is at the Heights with pie and bingo. Churches have also contributed items for the General Store and the Christmas Store and candy for Halloween. The Auxiliary organized an Ice Cream Social on July 30 and provided pies, cakes and ice cream for residents, staff, and families. Women from the churches are making dignity bags for the residents. The beginning balance January 2023 was \$8,632.45. There were deposits of \$2,524.62 and disbursements of \$1779.32. Giving a balance at the end of 2023 of \$9,377.75.

Respectively submitted, Norma Vorthmann,  
Auxiliary Treasurer.



**Prayers:** Norma Storm; Robert Meier II; Lyn Suglia; Jeri Schnepel; Ava Steeve; Ed Whitehill; Brenda Riley; Roger Grant; Peggy Engel; Beth Lucy; Logan Young (Military).

**Prayers for those grieving the loss of loved ones:** The family of Kenny Strohbahn.



*We Pray for You!*

**Contact: Church Office at 888-487-3880 or  
lutheranchurchspl@gmail.com**

**PRAYER LIST OR PRAYER CHAIN?**

The prayer chain is activated when a situation arises in which immediate prayer support is requested. A request made to the prayer chain is kept in absolute confidentiality and is not published. Individuals may be on both the prayer chain and the prayer list if desired.

**Annual Meeting Notes 2024**

The annual meeting of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Treynor, Iowa, was held in the fellowship hall at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, March 17, 2024. Pastor Emily opened the meeting with a prayer and President Tracy Flathers called the meeting to order.

Amber Schaaf read the secretary’s report from the semi-annual meeting in October of 2022.

The treasurer’s report was then given by Dave Keay. There were no major issues to report for the 2024 budget. Dave then opened the floor for questions.

Roger Vorthmann motioned to approve both the secretary’s report and the treasurer’s report. Kirk Vorthmann seconded this and the motion carried.

The nominating team shared the following members on the ballot:

**Church Council-** Carrie Schweer (vice president, 2 years), Derek Floerchinger (treasurer, 2 years), Amber Schaaf (secretary, 2 years), Kevin Pingel (council at large, 2 years)

**Preschool-** Helga Calkins, Karen Swalwell, Shirley Chambers, Christina Caruso (all governing board, 2 years)

**Audit-** Brandon Vorthmann (3 years)

**Cemetery-** Ron Thomas (4 years)

**Western Iowa Synod-** Berni Bichel and Glenrose Meier (1 year)

Ken Andersen made a motion to verbally accept the ballot. Marsha Andersen seconded and the motion passed.

President Tracy expressed her gratitude to the nominating team for their efforts, including Brandon Vorthmann, Alissa Hough, Dave Keay, Carrie Schweer and Pastor Emily.

Tracy led a discussion on the proposed Constitutional amendment. The proposal was to remove the stipulation in the constitution that requires communion to be given only after 4th graders have completed the class. Discussion was opened to members and many opinions were shared. This was voted on at the semi-annual meeting and passed. Tracy asked for a second vote. The amendment passed with several opposing the change.

The pastor’s report was then given by Pastor Emily. She reflected on the year and all of the activities held at St. Paul, including confirmation, baptisms, and Lent. Pastor was excited about the cross-generational events and looks forward to more in the coming year.

Denise shared a written report about youth activities.

Kirk Vorthmann shared a thank you to the congregation for their support in updating/remodeling the church, as well as to the team in charge of making those decisions.

The president’s report was then given by Tracy Flathers. Tracy reflected on her first year as council president. She thanked everyone for their willingness to adapt and grow, and is looking forward to the future and our visioning process.

With all business completed, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bob Meier and Frank Maguire seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting closed with The Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amber Schaaf, Secretary



## High School Cell Group

Wednesday, April 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th: Cell Group will meet in the youth center at 7:00 p.m. for a light meal, game and bible discussion/prayer.

**Wednesday, May 1st will be our last Cell Group gathering for the school year and a special event is being planned.**

## Sunday School

Sunday, April 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th: 9:15 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.:

Preschool through 5th grade gather in the upstairs classrooms and 6th - 8th grade gather in the downstairs room across the hall from the church office. If you can help teach, please sign up on the downstairs bulletin board.

**Our last Sunday School for this school year will be on Sunday, May 5th where we will have some special activities.**

## Get Signed up for VBS!

**Registration forms for 4-year-olds through 6th grade are out for our week of VBS on June 3rd - 7th, and can be found at church and on our website. Also, please consider how you can help with VBS by volunteering to help during VBS week, helping with decoration prep on Sunday, April 14th at 11:30 a.m. or Sunday, May 5th at 11:30 a.m., or in other ways. See the volunteer sign-up poster hanging up outside the church office.**

## Okoboji Bible Camp Opportunities

Recharge weekends for middle school students will be held on April 14th -16th and 19th - 21st. The theme is "Step by Step" where they will explore what life as a Christ follower can look like. These weekends are packed with games, fellowship and growing in faith for a fun-filled getaway for our youth! Contact Denise if you have youth that are interested in attending one of these weekends. Summer camp info can also be found on the welcome team table in the upstairs library.

## Junior Lutherans & WOW

Wednesday, April 17th,

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Junior Lutherans is for 2nd through 4th grade students and WOW (Walk one Way) is for 5th and 6th grade students. We will meet for the last time this school year on April 17th. We hope you will come for some fun learning about God with bible stories and games!

*This will be our last gathering for the school year.*

## SPY Can Kennel

**SPY has the can kennel beginning from August 5th - September 1st. We appreciate any cans and bottles you can save to help support our can kennel!**

## SPY High School Mission Trip in June

Our high school mission trip this year will be June 22nd - 29th where we will head to Rapid City, South Dakota to serve others! More information is being sent to parents and students to help decide commitment to this week of serving. Sign ups are due. Talk to Denise if interested.

## Confirmation Schedule

April 3rd, 10th and 17th will be Learning Event nights: Meal at 6:15 p.m.; Learning Event at 6:45 p.m.; Small group time at 7:45 p.m. Students can be picked up at 8:00 p.m.

April 24th will be our last gathering, and we will have a Progressive Dinner event with more info to come.

Meals are being provided by: April 3rd - Joslyn Chambers family; April 10th - Easton Kenny family; April 17th - Kale Eitmann family; April 24th - Keira Ragland, Ava Chambers, and Creed Hough families.



Matthew White	April 2	Jan Meis	April 15
Sharon Clausen	April 3	Kim Gravett	April 16
Lane Flathers	April 6	Scott Molde	April 17
Colton Clemens	April 8	Wendy Vorthmann	April 20
Wendy Andersen	April 7	Kris Eitmann	April 21
Reagan Darrah	April 8	Diane Clausen	April 22
Ava Chambers	April 9	Norma Voss	April 24
Keith Husz	April 9	Kellen Floerchinger	April 25
Bob Meier	April 12	Miciah Martin	April 27
Gretchen Swalwell	April 12	Sarah Duysen	April 28
Jan Darrah	April 13		
Alice Falk	April 13		
Rich Andersen	April 13		

## March Church Council Minutes

St. Paul Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, March 13th at 6:00 p.m. All members were present.

Pastor Emily opened the meeting using the devotional *Wandering Hearts, with a passage titled "Open Hands"*.

President Tracy called the meeting to order.

Consent items were shared. Dave reviewed financials for February.

Pastor Emily gave an update for February. Things have been busy with the Lent season. Pastor shared her appreciation for the volunteers who have shared their faith stories as well as those preparing and donating food for the Lenten soup suppers. She is looking forward to continuing the visioning process with the congregation and gathering more input from members.

Denise shared a written report on the children and youth activities at St. Paul. VBS planning has begun and will be held June 3-7th. Sunday School, Jr. Lutherans, WOW and HS cell groups have all been busy with activities. The HS cell group is planning a Holy Week activity. Youth attending the mission trip will be serving breakfast at Palm Sunday Pancakes on March 24th.

Amber motioned to approve the consent items and Dave seconded. The motion carried.

Council did final preparation for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 17th.

Kevin shared an update on the scholarship for graduating high school seniors. Information will be rolled out to seniors soon. Scholarship recipients will be recognized on Senior Sunday, April 28th.

The next council meeting will be Monday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m.

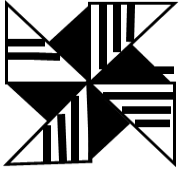
With all business complete, Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Amber seconded. The motion passed.

The council closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amber Schaaf, secretary



## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL



### The PINWHEEL

**April 2024**

Our mission is:  
*Love the children, teach  
God's wonders and discover  
the love of learning.*

**MARCH ACTIVITIES:** The month was packed with fun, learning events and activities! The students took pleasure in studying the various signs of spring and the teachers were creative in bringing letters, numbers and concepts into that study. A walking field trip to Moore's allowed the students to learn about caring and benefits in raising chickens. KinderNature visited for a final time this school year to present an educational program about Frogs. The older students participated in a program called Speak Up, Be Safe which promotes personal safety skills. This program is from a national organization called Childhelp.

Easter was the Biblical focus for the month of March. The students heard Bible stories about Jesus and His resurrection during Chapel Time and through various art projects and classroom activities. Every day they repeated their Bible verse "It is true. The Lord has risen." Luke 24:34. The monthly service project consisted of the preschoolers delivering their cross door hangers, which they made during class time to the neighbors. As they walked through the neighborhood they celebrated Easter by waving palm leaves.

**ACTIVITIES:** The Preschool Staff has spent time creating an outline in each curriculum area as a focus for the month. The April classroom activities include the following:

**Theme:** Plants/Keeping the Earth Clean

**Bible Verse:** With God everything is possible.  
Matthew 19:26

**Bible Truth:** We can pray to God anywhere,  
anytime and about anything.

**Bible Stories:** Daniel and the Lion's Den/Joshua and the battle when the sun and moon stood still/ Jesus heals a blind man/ Jesus calms the storm/ The Lord's Prayer

**Character Trait:** Perseverance/Responsibility

**Concepts:** Rhyming/Graphing/Planting/  
Growing /Reducing/Reusing/Recycling

**Fine Motor:** Pencil & Scissor Grip/Make grass  
people/Plant Seeds

**Gross Motor:** Kicking/Bouncing/Throwing/  
Catching Balls/Planting/Digging/Yoga

**Color:** Blue                    **Shape:** Diamond

**Numbers:** 19/20

**Nursery Rhyme:** This Old Man/Hickory, Dickory  
Dock/Mary, Mary Quite Contrary

**Cooking:** Empty tomb snack

**Service Project:** Collecting items to donate to  
the SPL Garage Sale

**Resource/Field Trip:** Kindergarten Visit (MWF & M-F)

**Special Event:** Hearing Screenings/Week of the  
Young Child

If anyone has some means of supporting the April themes, subjects or various concepts, please tell one of the Preschool Governing Board or a Preschool Staff member.

We are thankful for the many years of dedicated service from Linda Eitmann at the Preschool. She will assist with handbooks, the quality rating system, and provide continued guidance. Carrie Radford is now in the role of Director.

**Preschool Staff**—Tiffany Anderson, Rhylee Casey, Judy Cryer, Linda Eitmann, Chloe Ferneau, Brynna Huffman, Alyssa Johnson, Jo Peters, Gabby Pote, Carrie Radford, Christine Sutherland, Stephanie Vogt.

**Governing Board**—Shirley Chambers, Brooke Flathers, Ann Pingel, Pegs Sornson, Paige Temeyer, Annie Vorthmann and Sharon Weis.

#### **2024-2025 Preschool Registration**

The Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year. If you know of a parent with a preschool-aged child, give them our contact information: Phone (712)796-1177

Website: [www.treynorpreschool.com](http://www.treynorpreschool.com)

Email: [admin@treynorpreschool.com](mailto:admin@treynorpreschool.com)



# 2024

Mission: Lutheran Campus Ministry

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 *CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	2	3 6:15 p.m. Confirm. 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. SPY Cell Grp.	4 8:30 a.m. Maint. Team Day 7:00 p.m. AA upstairs	5	6
7 8:00a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Fellowship 9:15a.m. Adult Bible Study/SS 10:30a.m. Worship 4:00-6:00 p.m. Silver Keg 4H F-hall 4:00 p.m. Worship @ Bethany	8 7:00 p.m. P.E.O.	9	10 6:15 p.m. Confirm. 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. SPY Cell Grp.	11 7:00 p.m. AA upstairs	12	13
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21 8:00a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Fellowship 9:15a.m. Adult Bible Study/SS 10:30a.m. Worship 4:00-6:00 p.m. Silver Creek 4-H library 4:00 p.m. Worship @ Bethany	22 *F-hall Garage Sale Prep all week	23	24 6:15 p.m. Final Conf. Class 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. SPY Cell Grp.	25 7:00 p.m. AA upstairs	26 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. SPY Garage Sale F-hall	27 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. SPY Garage Sale F-hall
28 8:00a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Fellowship 9:15a.m. Adult Bible Study/SS 10:30a.m. Worship/ Recognizing Graduates 4:00p.m. Wedded Band/Worship @ Bethany	29	30 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Quilting				





**Volunteer Schedule**  
**for Worship Services for**  
**2024**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Tellers</u>	<u>Welcome Team</u>
4/7/24	8:00 a.m.	Ruby Bentley	Patty Walter	Grace Schroeder		Roger & Ann Vorthmann/ Dalton Miller
4/7/24	10:30 a.m.	<b>Megan Dreyer</b>	<b>None needed</b>	<b>Sam Wise</b>	<b>Roger &amp; Ann Vorthmann</b>	<b>The Wise Family</b>
4/14/24	8:00 a.m.	Megan Dreyer	Jess Pote	Addison Caruso		Amber Schaaf & Kristi Kenny
4/14/24	10:30 a.m.	<b>Megan Dreyer</b>	<b>None needed</b>	<b>Griffin Melby</b>	<b>Gene Young &amp; B.J. Dreyer</b>	<b>Amanda Garrison Family</b>
4/21/24	8:00 a.m.	Ruby Bentley	Frank Maguire	Dalton Miller		Patty Walter
4/21/24	10:30 a.m.	<b>Megan Dreyer</b>	<b>None needed</b>	<b>Cade Radford</b>	<b>Tracy Flathers &amp; B.J. Dreyer</b>	<b>TBD</b>
4/28/24	8:00 a.m.	Deb Schmidt	Sheryl Henderson	Keira Ragland		Doug & LaJean Wehring
4/28/24	10:30 a.m.	<b>Megan Dreyer</b>	<b>None needed</b>	<b>Addi Pedersen</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Stephanie Melby Family</b>

**Flowers needed for worship:**



Please consider signing up on the flower chart in the church entryway to provide flowers for a Sunday. They can be in honor of a birthday, anniversary or a special occasion. You can take them home after the service. Shirley Chambers has offered to provide the flowers for worship for you for a donation to the preschool. Please contact her if interested.

**Acolyte Reminder:**

*Be sure to check the calendar above for dates and services you are scheduled to acolyte. If you are unable to acolyte, be sure to find a substitute, and let the church office know of the change.  
Thank you!*

## St. Paul Workday March 7, 2024

*There were 6 people who helped with the scheduled work day.  
LaJean and Doug Wehring, Coretta and Ken Andersen,  
Mike Sukup, and Roger Andersen.*



- † Checked the AED and oxygen tank – both good.
- † Put water in the SPY shower drains.
- † The water softener salt to the preschool softener was good for now.
- † Added 50 lbs. of softener salt to the church water softener.
- † Put a concrete screw in some office raceway because it was not sticking with the tape.
- † Installed 4 door stops to protect the walls from door handle damage.
- † Ken re-stained some of the pews in the sanctuary, plans to do more.
- † Ken glued some to the laminate coming loose under the altar flower bases.
- † Put the US and Christian flags back on the standards after they were dry cleaned.
- † Raked the leaves away from the back fence and mulched them with the riding mower.
- † Picked up those leaves and some along the preschool fence with the lawn sweep.
- † Put them all in a big 4 ft X 4 ft X 4 ft bag, and Mike took them home to his burn area.
- † Picked up sticks that were scattered around the lawn after some bad winds.
- † Put poison worms in many of the mole runs in hopes to control them.
- † Cleaned the heat pump fins even though they were not very dirty.

We schedule the work day for the first Thursday of every month so join us April 4th for some “fun” and probably homemade cookie and brownies. We often try new recipes also. They are always good.

Other tasks performed since the last Tower Talk update includes:

- † Ken and Coretta have been taking the recycle cardboard, paper, and plastic to the recycle center. There seems to be a lot lately which says we are doing a good job of keeping recyclables out of the landfill.
- † Cleared some of the snow from sidewalks and part of the parking lot before preschool started one morning.
- † Have been unlocking the sanctuary every morning before 7:00 a.m. in case the painters come to paint the trim.
- † Replace the fill valve in upstairs bathroom toilet. It was taking a long time to fill.
- † Tightened the bolts holding the women’s bathroom west toilet to keep it from moving on the floor.
- † Put a paper “shade” on the north entry motion light switch to allow it to turn on when it is bright outside.
- † Changed some of the clocks to daylight savings time. Some change themselves.
- † Burned the sticks in the burn ring.
- † Removed the posts that were supporting the new trees planted several years ago.
- † Spread crabgrass preventer/fertilizer on all of the church property except the preschool ground.
- † Fixed the lid on the dumpster that we tried to fix several other times. Jerry Lustgraaf did the welding.
- † Kirk spent 6 hours in the entry attic attaching chicken wire to the ceiling joist to hold up old insulation.
- † Doug set the door lock timer to daylight savings time.
- † Kirk is checking on the painting progress daily to make sure they are doing some of the things we asked them to do.
- † Ken re-stained more of the pews in the sanctuary, plans to do even more.

The OMG (Old Maintenance Group)



**Next workday:  
Thursday, April 4th at 8:30 a.m.  
All are welcome to come and help!**

**TOWER TALK**

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**Sunday Morning Worship Schedule**

**8:00 a.m. Sunday Worship**

**9:00 a.m. Fellowship**

**9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/Sunday School**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship**

