

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church & School



“I am the
good
shepherd.”

John 10:11

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 20th & 21st, 2024**

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TUNE IN TO “THE LUTHERAN HOUR” TODAY

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler ~ “More Than He Bargained For”

Whatever we ask of Jesus is probably too small,
because Jesus provides more than we expect. (Acts 3:6)

Sundays on: KSUM - 11 am • WCCO - 6 am • KBEW - 8:30 am

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS with today’s order of service and LSB Large Print Hymnals are available on the ushers’ cabinets (or ask an usher for assistance). Please return the LSB Hymnals to the ushers’ cabinets or an usher after the service.

THIS MONTH’S BIBLE REFERENCES are sponsored by John & Angela Preuss in honor of Justin & Melanie’s 10th wedding anniversary on April 26th. **Now accepting sponsors.** Available months: **Aug. 2024**; Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., June, July, Aug., Oct., Nov., and Dec. 2025. Cost is \$40, payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Contact the church office at splcoffice@splfairmont.org or 238-9491, ext. 101.

OUR SUNDAY BROADCAST at 10:00 a.m. over KSUM is sponsored by Roger & Pam Carlson in memory of Pam’s mom, Arlene Behrens, whose 100th birthday would have been April 23rd. **Sponsors needed!** Contact the church office to reserve a broadcast date at splcoffice@splfairmont.org or 238-9491, ext. 101. **2024 dates are:** Aug. 18; Sept. 1; Nov. 3, 24. The cost is \$40, payable to LWML.

THE LORD’S SUPPER is being celebrated in our service today. In love, we ask anyone who is not a communicant member in good standing of an LCMS congregation to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord’s Supper. [Attendance/communion registration forms](#) are available in the pews. Complete the Member or Visitor side of the form and put it in the collection plate when it is passed by you. [Check the box next to your name if you are communing.](#)

IN OUR PRAYERS: hospitalized—Shirley Weber (Jim Utermarck’s mom), Sharon Bassett; **ill**—Eunice Ziemann, Terry Rippentrop, Duane Petrowiak (Eileen Boesch’s father), Richard Johnson, Linda Bicknase, Marianne Hagen, Richard Wolner, Beth Malo, Steph Johnson (daughter-in-law of Richard & Shirley Johnson), Esther Lund, Nicholas Moeller, Roger & Helen Lueck, Larissa Hagen & Angela Leiding (Dennis & Marianne Hagen’s daughters), Gerald Meyer; **recovering**—Kenneth Matthews, Gregg Lemke, Roger Fritz; **having/recovering from surgery**—April Tordsen, Deloris Lutz, John Hovick, LaVon Rippentrop, Dolores Baarts; the family of Velma Wilson (Larry Behrens’ aunt) at her death; DJ & Cindy Johnson as they celebrate their 39th anniversary on April 20th; our area law enforcement, firefighters and first responders; those serving our country in the military—Dalton Hurn, Jared Wedel, Duane Cox (grandson of Larry Krenz), and Zane Holmen (Pastor Holmen’s nephew).

THE MLHS CALL COMMITTEE has extended a Call to David Stuckwisch of Sierra Lutheran High School in Carson City, NV to be the principal. Please keep David and the MLHS Ministry in your daily prayers as he considers this position.

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Confession and Absolution — Page 151

Bells—Pre-Service Music: “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

Hymn of Invocation: I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb

LSB 740

Stand

Invocation, Confession and Absolution: Page 151

Service of the Word — Page 152

Introit: Psalm 23



P: The LORD is my | shepherd;*
I | shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green | pastures.*

He leads me beside still | waters.

C: He re- | stores my soul.*

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are | with me;*

your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies;*

you anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,*

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.

C: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Kyrie: Page 152

Hymn of Praise (This Is the Feast): Page 155

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading: Acts 4:1-12

As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse: Page 156

Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.** (*sung*)

[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.** (*sung*)

Sit

Hymn of the Day: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709

**Sermon: “The Good Shepherd Lays Down
His Life for the Sheep” (John 10:11-18)**

Stand

Nicene Creed: Page 158

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering—Bells: “As the Deer”

Stand

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Sit

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Shepherd of Tender Youth *LSB 864*
The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want *LSB 710*
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing (*Or Closing Hymn*) *LSB 475*

Stand

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Benediction

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Liturgist: Rev. Michael Holmen
Organists: Elaine Lieder (Sat.); Lori Schock (Sun.)
Special Music: Bell Choir

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PASTOR BERTRAM'S EMAIL, abertram@splpastor.org, can receive email from everyone but is not able to reply to any email from @frontiernet.net or @yahoo.com senders. If you have an email with those providers, please send your email to my alternate SPL School email address: pbertram@splfairmont.org.

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED to attend our quarterly Congregational Assembly meeting on Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00 p.m. Agendas are available at the Welcome Center. **Chairman/Secretary of Boards:** a synopsis is needed for January, February, and March. Please bring to the church office in time for copies to be made for the meeting.

CAMP OMEGA CAMPERSHIPS: The St. Paul Lutheran LWML is offering \$50.00 toward the cost of summer camp at Camp Omega. This is available to any child who is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church or who attends St. Paul Lutheran School and has not previously received a campership. Applications are available at the Welcome Center or from the school office and must be returned by May 1st.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR have been placed by Barb Bremer in memory of husband Charles, whose birthday was April 18th.

FLOWERS BY THE ALTAR are from the funeral of Marlen Bents, which was held April 15, 2024 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Ceylon, MN.

MINUTES from the Council of Deacons meeting are available today at the Welcome Center.

IN HONOR OF BETTY SCHEFF'S 97TH BIRTHDAY, a celebration will be held on Saturday, April 27th from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Fairmont American Legion, 300 Downtown Plaza. The congregation is welcome to join family and friends to greet and wish Betty a happy birthday.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: LCEF *Take Heart Scholarship* is developed for high school seniors who will soon be entering higher education. Students who have an LCEF Young Investors Steward Account have the opportunity of financial support through the scholarship. Three awards of \$3,000, \$1,000, and \$500 will be granted. The application window closes May 1, 2024 and winners will be announced May 31, 2024. Read more about it at www.lcef.org/scholarship.

"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. I know my own and my own know me." (John 10:14) What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him, and in knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord's grace.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL is having a shredding event on Monday & Tuesday, April 29th & 30th, at 301 Downtown Plaza from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Thrivent is happy to provide this service for our community, and ask that you limit your shredding to two paper grocery bags or one "banker's box" per person. You can bring your shredding into their office and empty into the containers provided. If you need help, please call the office at 235-9877 and they will be happy to help or answer any questions.

Lutheran Witness Annual Subscription Orders Being Taken

Orders are now being taken for the Lutheran Witness magazine. The cost is \$24.97/yr (\$2.08 per issue) — this price does include your District News insert, and starts with the August 2024 issue. There are eleven magazines through the subscription year because the June/July issue is combined. Please complete the information below if you would like to begin or renew your subscription.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Check # _____ for \$24.97, payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church, is enclosed.

*Please return to the church office, or put in the offering plate. **Deadline: May 31, 2024***

LISTENING OPPORTUNITIES: Broadcast Sunday mornings on KSUM — Issues, Etc., 9:00 a.m.; St. Paul Lutheran Church weekly church services, 10:00 a.m.; The Lutheran Hour, 11:00 a.m. Issues, Etc. is also available on demand anytime that is convenient for you at www.issuesetc.org.

ISSUES, ETC. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

UPCOMING ISSUES, ETC. TOPICS: April 21—Your Unanswered Bible Questions, Bryan Wolfmueller and Brian Kachelmeier; April 28—Answering Arguments Against Christianity: Jesus Didn't Physically Rise from the Dead, Rev. John Warwick Montgomery; May 5—Evening Hymn: "Christ, Mighty Savior," Pastor Will Weedon; May 12—The Ascension of Jesus, Rev. Dr. Arthur Just; May 19—The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel, Part 1, Pastor Will Weedon; May 26—The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel Part 2, Pastor Will Weedon.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP provide financial aid for families that need assistance with the tuition cost of attending St. Paul Lutheran School, please consider making a donation to the Anna Keck Student Aid Fund. Any amount would be gladly received and appreciated.

CREST WILL BE HOSTING the Carlson Pillow Cleaning Service on Thursday, May 2nd from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the upper level of the Evangelical Covenant Church, 901 Woodland Ave., Fairmont. Pillows will be fluffed, cleaned, deodorized and sanitized while you wait, or you may come back to pick them up later in the day. All proceeds from this event will go to benefit CREST as they strive to enhance the quality of life for those they serve in Martin County. If you would like more information about CREST or this fundraiser, please call 235-3833.

MLHS NEWS:

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; **Phone:** 507-436-5249.

The National Honor Society of MLHS will be holding a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, April 22nd from 12:30-5:30 p.m. Call 507-436-5249 to schedule an appointment.

Summer Camps for elementary students will be held at MLHS. The Art Camp runs the week of June 10th. A Science Rocket Camp will be held the week of June 17th. Registrations are due June 1st and can be done at www.martinlutherhs.com.

This is Most Certainly Brew Gourmet Coffee is available at MLHS or in the SPL church office. For more information, call MLHS.

Our Faithful Servants: May 2024

You may also view the volunteer schedules on our website at www.spfairmont.org

Altar Guild

May 4-5	Kristi Behrens, Renee Benschoter, Kathy Wedel
May 11-12	Jan Bremer, Kathy Eyerly, Barb Matthees, Sandy Kopeschka
May 18-19	Deb Eversman, Lori Chirpich
May 25-26	Deb Eversman, Lori Chirpich

Ushers

YEAR-ROUND: Saturdays, 5:30 p.m.—Dan Maday, Lee Stewart. **MAY: Sundays, 9:00 a.m.**—Dylan Kallemeyn, Joe Kallemeyn, Doug Abel, Tadd Abel, Charles Maday, Jackson Utermarck, Jim Utermarck, Kent Milbrandt, Jon Eversman, Dan Driscoll, Jeff Eversman, Nicholas Eversman, Jacob Taylor, Tom Taylor

Worship Service Assistants

Sat., May 4, 5:30 p.m.	Matthew Northwick, Chuck Northwick
Sun., May 5, 9:00 a.m.	Josh Laven
Thurs., May 9, 6:30 p.m.	Matt Northwick
Sat., May 11, 5:30 p.m.	Rob True, Larry Behrens
Sun., May 12, 9:00 a.m.	Justin Jobe
Sat., May 18, 5:30 p.m.	Jim Harley, Jeff Eversman
Sun., May 19, 9:00 a.m.	Merle Boesch
Sat., May 25, 5:30 p.m.	Jon Eversman, Dave Kumm
Sun., May 26, 9:00 a.m.	Joe Kallemeyn

Acolytes

May Alexis Sundeen, Ella Wubbena, Ady Laven

Sunday Greeters

May 5	Bonnie Taplin, Lowell Spee, David Johnson
May 12	Rod & Peggy Elbert, Marv Goebel
May 19	Russ & Joan Luedtke, Connie Garrison
May 26	Norm & Vi Gratz, Amy Brinkman

Fun Bags

Refill bags anytime during the week after Sunday listed below

1st Sunday/Mo.	Sarah Becker	2nd Sunday/Mo.	April Tordsen
3rd Sunday/Mo.	Chris Engelby	4th Sunday/Mo.	Angela Preuss
5th Sunday/Mo.	Joan Abel or Lisa Rosburg (School Year); Ruth Engelby (Summer)		

Attendance Cards/Pencils

Refill cards & sharpen pencils at least monthly (or as needed)

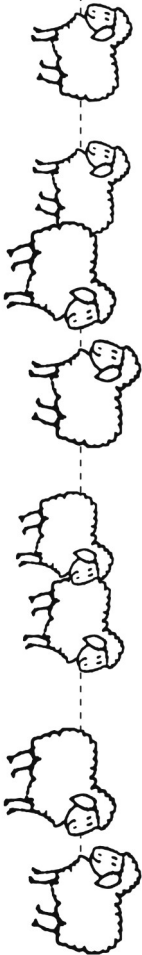
Deb Eversman and Amy Anders ~ Subs: Ruth Engelby, Richard Schultz



Puzzle!



Starting at the capital A and ending at the period, find the words to Isaiah 53:6 in the letter maze below. Words can appear forward, backward, up or down. Not all letters will be used, and some words may be split. But you won't need to lift your pencil off the page!



All we like sheep have gone astray, we have all turned
 because we have heard no voice, for we have
 been as sheep that are dumb, so we have
 not opened our mouths, for we have heard no
 voice. For we were as sheep that are
 dumb, so we have not opened our mouths,
 for we have heard no voice. For we were
 as sheep that are dumb, so we have not
 opened our mouths, for we have heard no
 voice.

Answer: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to
 our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
 Isaiah 53:6, NRSV

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for This Week

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the catechism and Hymn of the Week.

INVOCATION: "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Let all say, "AMEN!"

CONFESS the Apostles' Creed

RECITE the Verse of the Week: Psalm 23:1—The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

PRAY the Psalm of the Week: Psalm 23

READ from Small Catechism: The Lord's Prayer:

The Second Petition and its meaning—(Pre+)

Thy kingdom come. (1st+) *What does this mean?*

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also. (2nd+) *How does God's kingdom come?* God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

READ from God's Word:

Mon 1 Samuel 16:14-23

Tues 1 Samuel 17:1-18

Wed 1 Samuel 17:19-30

Thurs 1 Samuel 17:31-54

Fri 1 Samuel 18:6-16

Sat Acts 4:1-12

Sun John 10:11-18

THE COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER

Pray for...

S: the joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and the faithful preaching and hearing of God's

Word.

M: faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; your calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.

T: deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; and those struggling with besetting sins.

W: marriage and family, living together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; those adults who must rear their children alone; and godly schools, especially St. Paul Lutheran and Martin Luther.

Th: the church and her pastors; for missionaries; fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood.

F: the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; its spread throughout the whole world and our community; the persecuted.

S: faithfulness to the end; the dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.

OUR PRAYERS at St. Paul's (see bulletin).

PRAY the Lord's Prayer.

PRAY Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer from the Small Catechism.

SPEAK OR SING the Hymn of the Week:

LSB 467

Awake, my heart, with gladness,
See what today is done;

Now, after gloom and sadness,
Comes forth the glorious sun.

My Savior there was laid

Where our bed must be made

When to the realms of light

Our spirit wings its flight.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:	Amount Needed Monthly for Budget... \$105,857.92
Last Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Svc: 89	Amount Needed Weekly for Budget..... \$24,428.75
Last Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Svc: 160	March 31, 2024 Deficit..... \$73,302.81
	Children's Noisy Offering (Last weekend)..... \$6.93

MEMORIALS: Dr. Howard Schroeder—\$100.00, Church Endowment Fund.
Sandra Petrowiak—\$25.00, Church Endowment Fund; \$60.00, SPL School; \$35.00, School Endowment Fund. **Marlen Bents**—\$20.00, Church Endowment Fund. **Bev Brinkman**—\$20.00, Handbells; \$30.00, Anna Keck Fund; \$20.00, School Endowment Fund; \$260.00, Church Endowment Fund; \$350.00, SPL School; \$915.00, Undesignated (General Fund); \$25.00, Livestreaming. **Maryl Lemke**—\$50.00, Church Endowment Fund; \$20.00, Undesignated.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PART OF GOD'S KINGDOM
 (Subject to change)

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service broadcast on KSUM
	10:15 a.m.	SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS
	3:00 p.m.	<i>SPLS Puzzle Race & Snack Potluck</i>
Monday:	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel Pastors' Day Off
	12:30-5:00 p.m.	<i>MLHS Red Cross Blood Drive</i>
Tuesday:	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
Wednesday:	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
	3:30 p.m.	Weekday Catechism
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Assembly Meeting, Ch. Basement <i>No Choir</i>
Thursday:	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Messenger Deadline
Friday:	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
	3:00 p.m.	LMHCC
Saturday:	12:00 p.m.	Worship Service on Local Cable Access Channel 12 <i>MLHS Prom</i>
	5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service broadcast on KSUM
	10:15 a.m.	SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS
	6:30 p.m.	High School Youth, FR