

# THE MESSENGER

HOLY WEEK AND APRIL, 2024

## Observing Holy Week in Unstable Times

As I reflect on Holy Week coming up, I can't help but think about the difference in weather patterns that we are experiencing. Though Easter is a few weeks earlier this year than it was last year, it seems as though, weather-wise, we are already far, far ahead in the "great melting process." Of course, as you all know, this year has been a record-setting warm year, with nearly no snowfall, no lake ice, and more mud than not. It couldn't be more different from March last year, when it seemed like we had to cancel every other church program due to excessive snowfall.

What are we to make of all this? It seems as though the new normal is a lack of stability, a swinging pendulum with a greater and greater arch. As we approach Holy Week, I find hope and stability in the routine of the story itself. From Palm Sunday to Easter, we move from triumphal entry to antagonistic authorities, from the culminating moment of Jesus' ministry in the Last Supper to utter disintegration of his followers later that night. In the story of Jesus' first disciples, what seems trustworthy is totally disrupted and all sense of stability is taken away—Peter, for instance, cannot even trust his own convictions. Their leader dies a horrific death at the hands of the empire, and all seems lost.

However: this is not the end of the story, as we all know. God has decided that death is not the final word: that disintegration and destruction will not be the end. The final word will be life, and this is what Easter promises to us. For me, this promise is deeply necessary to living a meaningful life in our increasingly unstable world. Whether our sense of instability comes from politics, or the painful wars taking place

throughout the world, or the instability of long-trusted seasonal patterns, God promises that *life* will have the final word. God does not promise that everything will be the same as before the disintegration, but in raising Jesus from the dead, God does promise that death does not win. It will require many of us to change our hearts and minds—which is why we observe a holy Lent in preparation for Easter—but we are not out to sea on our own.

As we prepare to go into our most sacred observance of the year, I pray that you may feel the power of this story as a promise to us in unstable times. I pray that you join us for services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter. Each of these services will have a unique character, meant to ground us in the power of God's saving actions both long ago and today. I hope you can drink deeply from the well of strength that this story offers, because I know that inhabiting it truly matters in our increasingly unstable world.



Peace,  
Maggie

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## A Big Thanks

**From:** Bruce Mars

**Sent:** Monday, February 19, 2024 4:03 PM

**To:** Rita Rosenberger <[office@stpaulsduluth.org](mailto:office@stpaulsduluth.org)>

**Subject:** A Big Thanks

Rita,

The Mars Family would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to St. Paul's Church. You all did a great job putting together and holding such a nice funeral for my Mom. I had a lot of people give me compliments on the service. It was a day of mixed emotions for our family. It brought us all together but it left us feeling all a bit empty, too. We are going to miss my Mom....Nana.

Please pass on our appreciation to Maggie and Rick. They did a great job running the service and we appreciated the fact that they let the little ones get involved.

Sincerely, Bruce Mars and the whole Mars Family

Deadline for submissions to the next issue of *The Messenger* is  
8:00 am, Thursday, April 25 2024.

Please email items to:

[office@stpaulsduluth.org](mailto:office@stpaulsduluth.org)

## Maundy Thursday Vigil

Maundy Thursday is the day during Holy Week during which we commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with his Apostles. It initiates the Pascal Triduum, the period which through our liturgies we commemorate the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This period includes Good Friday and Holy Saturday and ends on the evening of Easter Sunday.

The Agape Meal that we celebrate on the evening of Maundy Thursday is when Good Friday begins according to Jewish tradition which begins each day at sundown of the day before. In this meal, we are commemorating the Last Supper which was held on the feast of Passover (a Friday), according to the three Synoptic Gospels.

After this Agape Meal, we process to the main altar in the sanctuary where a brief liturgy is said while the altar is stripped and all “evidence” and symbols of our Savior are removed (or covered in black), symbolically representing the death and absence of Jesus in this world; and all consecrated host and wine are ceremonially removed to the “altar of repose” in the Chapel where they remain to be brought back to the sanctuary for administration of communion at the Good Friday service during the day. No new hosts are consecrated on Good Friday because through our liturgies we live on Good Friday as if Jesus is dead. One way we do this is through using only reserved hosts for communion on Good Friday.

The tradition developed of keeping vigil through the night on Maundy Thursday with the Blessed Sacrament. This tradition comes from the story of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus goes off to pray and asks his disciples to pray with him as he agonizes about his coming Passion and death, but they fall asleep. Jesus is exasperated, and when he finds them sleeping asks Peter, “Couldn’t you keep watch with me for one hour?” (*Mathew 26:40*).

The Sacrament resting on the Altar of Repose during the night of Maundy Thursday is intended to encourage us to

spend some time in prayer and reflection with Jesus. Just as the three disciples were invited to watch and pray for an hour, so too, Jesus invites all of us His disciples to watch and pray (*Matthew 26:36-45*).

The Maundy Thursday vigil commemorates that night when the disciples were unable to heed His request. Will we watch and pray not to be put to the test? This is a most holy and solemn night, and it needs to be treated with all the dignity that we can muster.

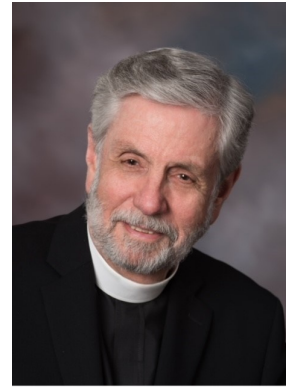
While sitting before the altar of repose, you may choose to meditate on Matthew 26:36-45. This Gospel text will be available at the back of the Chapel as you enter. Read it several times and ponder what sticks out to you; what did you notice that maybe you hadn’t noticed before?

It is also common during the hour of sitting vigil to do an examen or reflection on your own life. Examen are not judgment; they are a way to see where our growth edges are, and to repent of those things which we ought not to have done or failed to do.

On the morning of Good Friday, Jesus is arrested and taken before Pilate. On this day, Pilate can release one prisoner, but rather than releasing Jesus, the crowd becomes riled up shouting for Pilate to crucify Jesus. He is stripped of his clothing and dressed in a purple robe, and a crown of thorns. He is beaten and forced to carry his own cross. He is nailed to the cross, and at “the ninth hour,” he breathes his last.

This is why we meditate and spend the night in vigil knowing it is his last night. Try to imagine you are disciples sitting up with him, and not knowing he will rise again, and see what that feels like. It is a way to prepare ourselves for Good Friday.

The Chapel will remain open for one hour following the liturgy of the stripping of the altar. You are invited to spend time in the Chapel with Jesus in meditation and prayer and thanksgiving for God’s gift to us of life and unmerited and unconditional love.



Faithfully,

Fr. Rick

# The Significance of Maundy Thursday

Greetings!

Well, I can't believe it... but it's the middle of March already! I'm not going to get into how weird it is when spring starts after a winter without snow, but here we are. Regardless, I'm still happy to see those buds and bits of green!

Maybe it's because things have been so out of the ordinary lately with big and unsettling events happening around the world and with our natural surroundings, that I feel it's important to talk about my personal favorite day of the liturgical year: Maundy Thursday. You read that right. Maundy Thursday is my favorite day to be at Church, followed closely by Christmas Eve. Now more than ever, with all this head scratching, disagreement, and worry going on in the world, we need to remember the importance of Maundy Thursday. We need to remember what Christ left with us during his last supper on Earth with his loved ones.

Maundy Thursday has roots in Passover. Jesus, being a faithful Jew, gathered with friends just as he might have every year to celebrate and remember Passover. Best guesses put the flight of the Jews from Egypt at about 1300 BC, so by the time Jesus's last supper happened, the practice had already been long established. It's a night of remembering difficulties that have passed, and remembering that the way forward is love.

That night must have been intense. Gathering with Jesus, hearing the news about what he knew was about to happen to him, and the instructions he leaves us with must have been a lot. I would have been overwhelmed if I had been there. But then, after the celebration, drama, doubt and remembering, Jesus tells the Disciples what they need to do as they go on without him. This was the night of the first Eucharist, where Jesus reassures us that we will always be united by his body and blood, and that he's giving it to us freely. He shows us how to share that with each other. He washes the feet of his disciples, and tells them that they need to continue caring for each other with gentle humility. He tells them about his impending betrayal, and tells Peter he loves him anyway, and always will. Then, he shares the last commandment: "Love one another, as I have Loved you." Jesus is leaving us with our instructions, and like a good teacher,

shows us how to do it before he goes.

Maundy Thursday is a crash course. Imagine you are about to leave your loved ones, never to see them again. What would you want them to know? The events of the evening are reenacted every week when we share communion. So much of what we celebrate all year long happened at the Last Supper. Eucharist, forgiveness, sacrifice, humility, service, and unending love: it's all there.

We remember the journey and suffering of the Jews as they fled from Egypt, and we remember Jesus and his instructions as we wash each other's feet and hands, pray for one another, bless each other, mourning the loss and suffering of God's begotten son. Maundy Thursday is an ending and a beginning: a wonderful opportunity to sit and share food, care, and vulnerability. We practice. I hope that as we come closer to Holy Week, the apex of the Liturgical year, that you consider attending on Maundy Thursday. At St. Paul's,



our Holy Thursday includes a Mediterranean/Middle Eastern menu: foods that might resemble the Passover Seder: vegetables, wine (grape juice), roasted meat, fish, eggs and bitter herbs.

Maundy Thursday has been special to me since I was a little girl, and I'm thankful that I get to be a part of it at St. Paul's. I'm looking forward to sharing it with you and your family.

Sophie Gray Spehar  
Faith Formation Coordinator

## Maundy Thursday Potluck Signup

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845A8AA29ABFFC07-48544942-maundy>

**Easter brunch Signup** Please consider signing up to help make some delicious fun on Easter Sunday! Slots available include brunch contributors, clean up crew, and egg hunt helpers. Thank you! <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.manageSignUp#/48561317/share/>

## Notes of a Different Kind...

I am on several Facebook pages dedicated to being a church musician; some are more serious than others. I was struck during the Advent and Christmas season how many folks posted comments bemoaning how much work the seasons was, and, more importantly, how much they hated the season. The same kinds of comments are on the rise again for Holy Week and Easter, and I find myself at odds with that idea. These are the seasons which give our life together focus and joy for the rest of the year. Yes, it's a lot of work. Yes, it's a lot of church. Yes, it's a lot of planning. Yes, it requires a lot of patience explaining how and why we do things the way we do, especially as Episcopalians. However, it's also a lot of beauty. It's also a lot of wonder. It's also a lot of joy. It's also the retelling of the story of God's love for God's people throughout the ages, and to respond to God's great acts of mercy and love requires us to gather in community and sing.

So, join us for worship in Holy Week. Hear Bishop Loya's words in the context of Palm/Passion Sunday. Return on Thursday (6:00 pm in the Parish Hall) for dinner worship to hear the story of Jesus' institution of the Eucharist and the stripping of the altar. Come on Friday at noon to hear the story of Jesus' crucifixion and death through the eyes of the Gospel of John. On Friday evening (7:00 pm), some of our

choir members and I will once again be performing J. S. Bach's Passion according to St. John, an elaborate musical setting of that important story. Most especially, plan on

attending the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening (6:00 pm). This is when we light the new paschal candle, hear the stories of God's salvation throughout history, remember our baptism, and proclaim that Christ is risen once again. Alleluias resound for the first time since Transfiguration. Our children will be a huge part of the liturgy, bringing their faith and energy to share with the entire community. It's full of mystery and is very engaging for all ages. Of course, the alleluias continue on Easter Sunday morning with bells and brass and singing and celebration. I know you will be drawn into God's story by participating in worship during these most busy but holy days.



See you in church,  
Tom Hamilton,  
Minister of Music

## New to St. Paul's: Verger Ministry

A Verger is a church member who works under the direction of their rector to assist with the organization and operation of worship services. (*from Verger.org*) The history of the Verger dates back to the Middle Ages when the Verger was the "Protector of the Procession." The Verger would lead the way, making room for the procession to enter the church from the town square, and with the verge (*mace*) in hand would literally clear the way if necessary.

Rev. Maggie is introducing this ministry to St. Paul's. She envisions our Vergers being a "Master of Ceremonies" for our worship service. They will help with the choreography of the Sunday service and for special Festival services. The Vergers will support and guide new Lay Ministers in their chosen roles whether it is a "behind the scenes role" such as Altar Guild or a more visible role such as an Acolyte. We all have different gifts and there are plenty of parts to play. As Maggie said in her letter last week, liturgy is the "work of the people."

I love the rhythm of our liturgy and the fellowship with oth-

ers. The predictable nature of a liturgical worship service helps me to center myself and prepare for the week to come. Worship becomes meditative and I feel immersed in the music, prayers and praise patterns of the service. Sharing this in fellowship with my friends thins the veil between God and me. As our Verger ministry grows, I hope to "do liturgy" well so that the congregation can experience a deeper closeness with God, His grace and blessings.

If you are interested in this new Verger Ministry or you would like more information, please contact me directly.

[77kathleensmith@gmail.com](mailto:77kathleensmith@gmail.com)



Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Smith,  
Head Verger

# Holy Week at St. Paul's

## **Palm Cross Workshop | Saturday, March 23**

10 am | Parish Hall

*Join the altar guild for a workshop on palm crosses. Learn to make them and share your work with the 10 am service on Sunday.*



## **Palm Sunday and Bishop's Visitation | Sunday, March 24**

8 am – No service

10 am – Rite II with Palm Procession

*On Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The service switches abruptly from joy to sorrow as we read the story of his arrest and death from the Gospel of Mark. Bishop Loya will be with us for this service, and a forum will be held in the parish hall after the 10 am service.*

## **Maundy Thursday | March 28**

6:00 pm – Dinner Church in the Parish Hall <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845A8AA29ABFFC07-48544942-maundy>

*This will be a potluck dinner in the parish hall with a simple remembrance of Jesus' last supper with his friends. Family friendly and informal, this service will use simple chants, dwelling in the word, and participatory prayer stations. At the end of the service, we will process to the sanctuary to keep vigil, remove all the holy things from the altar, and prepare for Good Friday. Those who wish may stay and keep vigil with the sacrament in the chapel.*

## **Good Friday | March 29**

12:00 pm – Prayer Book Liturgy

*We will hold a simple Good Friday service from the prayer book at noon. On Good Friday we read of Jesus' crucifixion from the Gospel of John and grieve with the women at the cross.*

7:00 pm – The Passion According to St. John at First Lutheran

*Members of St. Paul's Choir will participate in a special choral offering on Good Friday at First Lutheran. Experience the emotions of the death of Jesus through Bach's masterpiece, with opportunities for reflection and prayer. Freewill offering.*

## **Holy Saturday | March 30**

10 am | Flower Bouquet Workshop with the Altar Guild, Parish Hall

6:00 pm | The Great Vigil of Easter

*This service starts in the dark, as we light the new fire and hear the stories of God's saving works throughout history. This is a children's service with our young people participating in all aspects of the service.*



## **Easter Sunday | March 31**

8 am – Rite II

10 am – Rite II with Potluck Brunch

*Both Easter Services will be Rite II with choir. Join us as we celebrate the empty tomb and pronounce that Christ is Alive. After the 10 am service, we will have a potluck brunch. The church will provide a few large egg bakes, and you are invited to bring other items to share.*

Easter brunch Signup- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845A8AA29ABFFC07-48561317-easter>

*Please consider signing up to help make some delicious fun on Easter Sunday! Slots available include brunch contributors, clean up crew, and Egg Hunt helpers. Thank you!*

# RUMMAGE

The word "SALE" is written in large, bold, white letters on four colorful tags (red, yellow, green, blue) that are hanging from the top of the word "RUMMAGE".

**Annual St. Paul's Rummage Sale**

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

**8:00 am—1:00 pm**

## **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP**

**Sunday, April 21:** Move items from the church garage to the Parish Hall after church

**Monday through Friday, April 22-26:** Help sort, arrange, and price items

**Saturday, April 27:** Sale Day! — Greet shoppers, cashier table, help customers, clean-up after sale, provide snacks for workers, transport leftover items

**Sign up individually or as a family**

Let's make this truly a St. Paul's Rummage Sale!

Contact Susan Anderson if you can help: 218-724-3732

We need you to find items that you would like to donate.

Donate April 22-25, or call to schedule a time for volunteers to pick up your donations:

Jim: 908-239-5596

We are seeking new or good-condition items. Here are some ideas:

Furniture, Kitchenware, Small Appliances, Outdoor items, Linens, Accessory items, Jewelry (all kinds)

*No clothing accepted*

A portion of the money raised will be donated to Safe Haven Shelter & Resource Center toward their shelter remodel project.

*If questions, please contact Co-Chairs: Susan M Anderson and Jim Sontag. Thanks!*

# Lost Treasures From the Archives

From the Duluth News-Tribune of February 18, 1903

## DATE FOR SACRED CONCERT IS SET

Annual Event of High School Musical  
Society and St. Paul's  
Choir.

The annual sacred concert of the Central High School Musical society and St. Paul's church choir, under the direction of A. F. M. Custance, will be given in the assembly hall of the high school on Sunday, March 2.

This event, which has always attracted the attention of local musical circles since the first one of its kind was given several years ago, promises this year to be of even greater interest than any of its predecessors.

Solo parts will be sung by members of St. Paul's choir well known here for their vocal talents. These parts have not been assigned as yet, but Mr. Custance expects to have his program completed soon. No members of the High School Musical society will be heard in solos.

Work on the choruses, to which the fifty voices of the Musical society are admirably adapted, is under way, and in many of the selections, a degree of perfection has already been attained. Rehearsals are held every afternoon at the school.

Selections from Rossini's Oratio, "Moses In Egypt," and also from Handel's "Messiah," will be perhaps the most important features of the chorus work in supplementing the renditions of the leading musicians who will be heard. To these and others, considerable time must be devoted, owing to the difficult nature of the productions.

Several compositions by A. F. M. Custance will also be sung. Mr. Custance's original work has in the past formed a pleasing feature of these annual concerts.

Admission will as usual be by ticket issued gratis by the Musical society and members of St. Paul's church choir.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Silverness



# The Deacon's Stoop

## The quilters are back!

We are crafting a pattern called Vortex, made completely from scraps, and will be hand quilting it on the stage in April. Interested but don't know how? We'll teach you! The finished quilt will be raffled at the Rhubarb Festival on June 29, and pre-event ticket sales will be available. Our last quilt brought in \$6,925 at the Golden Gala to support Chum ministries.

## Small group scripture study

Bishop Loya has invited congregations throughout the diocese to study the Book of Acts, which opens with the discovery of Jesus' resurrection. We'll journey with the disciples as they hide in fear following the crucifixion to the discovery of the empty tomb, seeing the resurrected Jesus, and being transformed into fearless followers of Christ. N.T. Wright's Acts for Everyone, Part I (chapters 1-12) will be provided for the group facilitator, and we'll go through Part I this spring and start up again with Part II in the fall. I'm looking both for folks interested in facilitating a group and folks interested in joining a group. Shared leadership is welcome as well! I have discussion questions you can use if it's helpful, but we found the stories usually brought questions to mind for discussion.

Contact me if you'd like to learn more! What some of our participants in the groups studying the Gospel of Luke had to say:

*Our Wednesday night bible study gives me a chance to center and reflect in the middle of the week. Our discussions are thought-provoking and give me new perspectives to consider. Reading and reflecting on Scripture supports and guides me through the rest of my week.*

*Kathleen Smith*

*Bible Study group has opened a whole new world of Scripture for me! It's a gentle yet deep dive into the Word, where we listen and learn from the readings and from each other as the Spirit expresses itself in our group conscious. If I arrive with an open mind, I often hear just what I need to apply to my life today. Being a part of the Bible Study group nourishes and grows my relationship with myself, God, and neighbor.*

*Laurie Kania*

## Outreach Team Update

St. Paul's Outreach team has been a large group that is invited to meet on a quarterly basis to check-in, discuss needs, and conduct business related to serving the community beyond our red doors. We have been using an email poll to determine how to respond to requests for assistance or to offer funding to community partners.

We met on Sunday, March 10, and discussed the need for a more formal committee in keeping with the ministry structure of St. Paul's. We are looking for a leadership team to call the quarterly meetings, take minutes, share reports on the various ministries we are engaged in, conduct business, report back to the vestry. We are very good at doing the actual work, but not as good at coming together to discuss it!

I invite anyone interested in Outreach to consider serving on this committee. Time commitment is minimal, probably not more than a couple of hours a quarter. Please contact Deacon Pat if you feel this is a way you can participate in the Outreach ministry of St. Paul's.



*Blessings,  
Deacon Pat*



## Altar Guild Invites You to Help

Please come join members of the Altar Guild as we prepare for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services this year. On March 23, we will gather to create palm crosses from fronds, which will be given to all during the Palm Sunday services. On March 30, we will be assembling small flower bouquets, which will be used to adorn the beautiful floral cross on Easter Sunday. Bring an extra pair of scissors or floral snips for either event if you are able.



### Palm Cross Workshop

**Saturday, March 23, 10:00 am in the Parish Hall**

### Floral Cross Bouquet Workshop

**Saturday, March 30, 10:00 am  
in the Parish Kitchen**

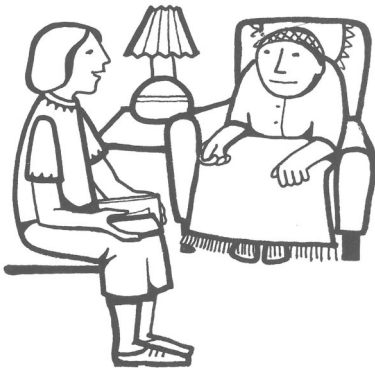
Both activities are treasured customs of the Altar Guild. We encourage anyone who would like to be a part of these traditions to join us. No experience necessary. Coffee and snacks provided.

**All are welcome!**



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## Lay Visitor Ministry

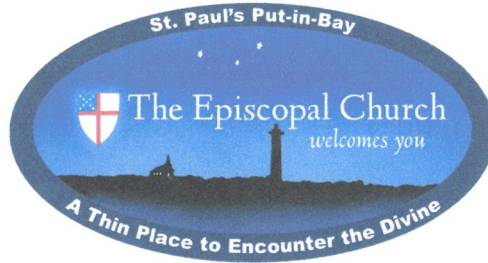


Some of our beloved parishioners are not able to be present in our pews. St Paul's would like to bring our presence to them. We know people are busy with building careers, holding multiple jobs, raising families and filling the retirement years. Do you have a caring hour to share? We realize how an hour may feel like a lot; but that same hour helps fill a homebound parishioner's life.

Could you visit with some of our members who are not able to come to church? Discern carefully your interests and your skills. Please contact Rev. Maggie ([rector@stpaulsduluth.org](mailto:rector@stpaulsduluth.org)) or Rev. Rick ([associate@stpaulsduluth.org](mailto:associate@stpaulsduluth.org)) by email or in person.

—Natalie Constance

# From St. Paul's of Put-In-Bay, Ohio



WHEREAS, St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Duluth, in the Diocese of Minnesota, was founded in 1869 with the assistnace of Mr. Jay Cooke, who also founded St. Paul's Put-in-Bay and St. Paul's Elkins Park, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, St. Paul's Put-in-Bay wishes to strengthen the bonds of unity and friendship between us three sister churches who share the same Founder;

Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Annual Meeting of St. Paul's Put-in-Bay extends our warmest greetings and our continued weekly prayers to the people and clergy of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Duluth, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024 A.D.

*Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the ministry of St. Paul's Duluth: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in that place, and we pray that all who seek you there may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

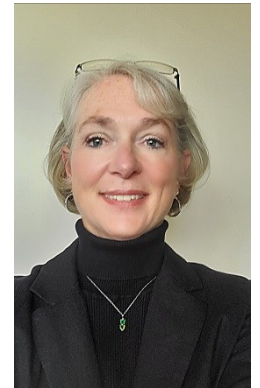
  
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# From Your Bookkeeper



Dear Parishioners,

As you prepare your 2023 tax returns, just a reminder that 2023 year-end giving statements were sent out in mid-January, primarily via email. Please check your spam/junk folder. If you cannot find your statement, please contact me for a new copy.

January 2023 financials were presented to the Finance Committee and Vestry at their February 2024 meetings. Here is a summary of the January **General Fund** results.

<b>MONTHLY FIGURES: January</b>	This Month	Year to date
Total Pledges collected	\$64,396.59	\$64,396.59
Total non-pledged collection	\$4,785.30	\$4,785.30
Investment support	\$7,434.89	\$7,434.89
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$76,616.78</b>	<b>\$76,616.78</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$51,700.38</b>	<b>\$51,700.38</b>
amount over/(short)	\$24,916.40	\$24,916.40

\*The pledge collection amount for January was over the budgeted amount due to 2024 pledge contributions made in 2023 being recognized for 2024.

\*Expenses were under budget for the month of January.

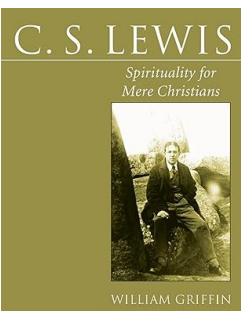
\*Our bottom line, income over expenses, for January was \$24,916.40.

If you have any questions, please call me at Church (218-724-3535) or email me at [bookkeeper@stpaulsduluth.org](mailto:bookkeeper@stpaulsduluth.org).

Christine Melone, Bookkeeper

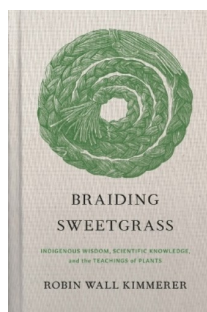
## Find a New Read in the Olcott Library

Here are brief summaries of just a few of the books that have been added to the Olcott Library recently. Feel free to borrow these books anytime. Each book includes a library card to sign and deposit in the basket. Thanks.



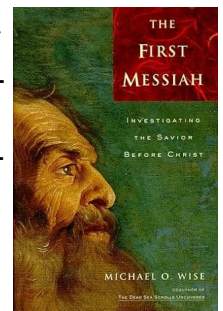
“C.S. Lewis Spirituality for Mere Christians” by William Griffin. C. S. Lewis laid down a spirituality that the “mere Christian” can live with, Monday through Saturday. In this book, William Griffin captures the spirituality of Lewis’ work.

“Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants” by Robin Wall Kimmerer is about botany and the relationship to land in Native American traditions. Kimmerer, who is an enrolled member of the Citizen



Potawatomi Nation, writes about her personal experiences working with plants and reuniting with her people’s cultural traditions. She also presents the history of the plants from a scientific perspective.

“The First Messiah: Investigating the Savior Before Christ” by Michael O. Wise. A century before Christ, a man came to Jerusalem who became known as the Teacher of Righteousness. This book provides a detailed examination of Judah, a figure whose life and prophecies helped lay the foundation for the acceptance of Jesus as the savior.



Respectfully submitted,  
Faye Witt



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## LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE – HOLY WEEK 2024

Please find a sub if you are unavailable for your scheduled date.

	<b>Palm Sunday March 24</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Good Friday 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Easter Vigil 6:00 pm</b>	<b>March 31 8:00 am</b>	<b>March 31 10:00 am</b>
ALTAR GUILD	S M Anderson	K Leonard	C Conrad	Teams 3 & 4	K Leonard	K Leonard
	D Kolquist	S Cox	S Hall		S Cox	S Cox
	S Sommer	J Harvey	A Sadowski		J Harvey	J Harvey
LECTORS	M Chilson	∅	A Mackenzie	N Diener	R Butler	J Pastor
	M Gustafson				A Mackenzie	M Gustafson
PRAYER LEADER	K Smith	∅	∅	youth	N Diener	J Pastor
CHALICE	M Chilson	N Constance	∅	N Diener	R Butler	J Pastor
BEARERS	M Gustafson	K Smith		J Pastor	A Mackenzie	M Gustafson
	S M Anderson					N Diener
	K Baumgarten					K Smith
ACOLYTES	G French	C Butcher	∅	E Barthel	M Butler	A Rennan
	A Keto	O Morin-Swanson		J Shambour	L Gustafson	L Fellman
	J Bauer			I Denney	C Gustafson	G French
LIVESTREAM	E Barthel	∅	∅		∅	D Barthel
COFFEE HOST	Gustafson Family	∅	∅	∅	∅	Gray-Spehar Family
USHERS	M Brown	G Olson	G Olson	D Kolquist	R Lyle	D Morin
	S Brown			G Olson	B Dinan	K Swanson
	D Kolquist				C Dinan	G Olson
						R Lyle
LOCK UP	J Austin	D Pederson	B Stapp	C Fellman	∅	M Brown

### Other Altar Guild Duties for March

#### March Linens:

C Miller, E Killen

#### March/April Brass Cleaning:

D Kolquist, A Abraham, A Slattery

#### Bread-Baking:

A Rouse, M Dragich

Prayer for the good of the soul  
Fasting for the good of the body  
Almsgiving for the good of our neighbor



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# LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE – APRIL 2024

Please find a sub if you are unavailable for your scheduled date.

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28	May 5
ALTAR GUILD	K Leonard	C Conrad	C Miller	S M Anderson	K Leonard
	S Cox	S Hall	L Hultkrantz	D Kolquist	S Cox
	J Harvey	A Sadowski	C McConnell	S Sommer	J Harvey
LECTOR 8 am	A Mackenzie	J Pastor	M Gustafson	A Mackenzie	J Pastor
LECTORS 10 am	N Constance	M Chilson	J Pastor	Z Stodola	K Smith
	J Stromquist	M Gustafson	R Butler	D Rogers	N Diener
PRAYER LEADER	C Miller	O Morin-Swanson	J Groth	M Gustafson	
CHALICE	N Constance	M Chilson	J Pastor	Z Stodola	K Smith
BEARERS	J Stromquist	M Gustafson	R Butler	D Rogers	N Diener
	K Smith	P Enenbach	K Baumgarten	S M Anderson	K Baumgarten
ACOLYTES	A Dodge	G French	M Butler	L Fellman	A Dodge
	E Barthel	L Gustafson	C Gustafson	J Bauer	E Barthel
	T Halverson	E Erspamer	J Shambour	C Butcher	E Erspamer
LIVESTREAM	J Austin	D Barthel	R Lyle	E Barthel	J Austin
COFFEE HOST	J & V Groth	M Chilson & W Copeland	M & S Brown	Erspamer Family	M & B Minter
USHERS	M Brown	D Barthel	G Olson	B Dinan	M Brown
	S Brown	D Morin	P Waite	C Dinan	S Brown
	D Kolquist	K Swanson	M Gustafson	N Schuldts	D Kolquist
			R Lyle		
LOCK UP	T Diener	J Austin	D Pederson	B Stapp	C Fellman

## Other Altar Guild Duties for April

### April Linens:

C Miller, A Sadowski

### March/April Brass Cleaning:

D Kolquist, A Abraham, A Slattery

### Bread-Baking:

A Rouse, M Dragich





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## Holy Week Services

- Palm Sunday, March 24, 10 am service only, celebrated by The Rt. Rev. Craig Loya, X Bishop of ECMN
- Maundy Thursday, March 28, 6:00 pm — dinner church in the Parish Hall
- Good Friday, March 29, 12:00 pm
- Great Vigil of Easter, March 30, 6:00 pm
- Easter Sunday, March 31, 8 am and 10 am —potluck brunch to follow the 10 am service

See page 6 for more information  
about Holy Week

*Please note that we do not have  
Wednesday meal or program in Holy Week*