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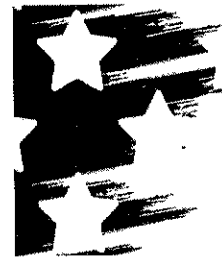
Worship Schedule

Sunday 9 am

Sunday School 10 am

Coffee Hour 10 am

(Facebook or YouTube after 1 pm)



**MEMORIAL  
DAY**  
*Remember & Honor*

**May 25 - 31  
Edition**

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Holstein, Iowa

Phone: (712) 368-2228; fax: (712) 368-4584

**Sunday Worship Service: 9 AM**

Sunday School at 10 AM

Coffee Hour at 10 AM

Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month  
or as noted

The 9 am service is recorded and posted by  
1 pm Sunday afternoon on our YouTube channel:

St Paul Lutheran Holstein IA

(link also on our church Facebook page)

**Office Hours**

Tuesday - Thursday 1 pm to 5 pm;

Fridays 9 am to 1 pm

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**Wee Wisdom Director:**

Kathy Mohr

**Wee Wisdom staff:**

Savanna Prell, Connie Snyder,  
Jane Breyfogle, Emily Todd

Worship Schedule & Participants

May 28 - The Day of Pentecost

Scripture Readings:

**First reading:** Acts 2:1-21

**Psalm:** 104:24-34, 35b

**Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

**Gospel:** John 20:19-23

Worship Participants:

**LECTOR:**

Jerry Sindt

**DEACONS:**

Braden Else and Andrew Butcher

**GREETER:**

Jerry & Kathy Sindt

**ACOLYTES:**

Leo Nedved and Brock Bisenius

**SOUND & VIDEO:**

Doug Wessling and Tyler Gebers

**COFFEE HOSTS:**

Jerry & Kathy Sindt

Jan Grell

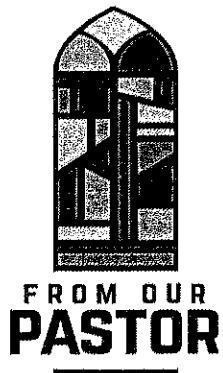


*Our Sincere  
Sympathy*

*Sympathy and prayers ...*

**Bonnie Wallace** died May 12th  
Visitation is at Jensen Funeral Home  
from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM on  
Thursday, May 25th

Funeral will be here at St. Paul at 2:00 PM  
on Friday, May 26th



### The Visitation

This is the week of Pentecost, the day which is the last Sunday of the Easter season and the first Sunday of the Pentecost season. In the Pentecost season we make a transition from stories of the risen Jesus and his sending of the Holy Spirit upon his followers, to Bible stories of the teaching and preaching of Jesus (which occurred, yes, *before* the events of his Passion). The Pentecost season is when we

consider what it means to be followers of Jesus now that he has sent his Spirit to be our Advocate and guide.

But Wednesday, May 31 is a day which pulls us back to the Advent and Christmas cycle of readings about Jesus. This day is called "The Visitation," and it is when the church traditionally has marked the time when Mary, Jesus' mother, visited Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, while both were pregnant.

The Scripture reading assigned for The Visitation is Luke 1:39-47, which describes Mary's visit to Elizabeth, and Elizabeth's reaction to Mary showing up.

But it's the second part of that reading (and, actually, we *should* read all the way to verse 55) to which we should pay the most attention. This is the *Magnificat*, Mary's song of praise to God for all that is about to happen to her.

Usually we receive these verses on the third or fourth Sunday in Advent, which is a busy time. We are deep in preparation for Christmas, even having our Sunday School Christmas program in worship; so we may well miss this Word for us.

Having the *Magnificat* as our Scripture reading as we enter the Pentecost season can give us fresh meaning and purpose in our considerations of what it means to follow Jesus.

The *Magnificat* reminds us that God's ways in Jesus are not always ways that "go" in the world. Mary sings about how the proud will be "brought down a notch," the powerful will be taken down from their thrones, and the hungry will be filled.

Following Jesus in the way of his Cross means we will sometimes be called to make difficult choices in life. Remembering the Visitation, and reading the *Magnificat*, can help us in those times by reminding us of Mary's difficult choice – to bear Jesus in a place and time where that could bring great hardship to her. Yet she begins with the words of faith and trust, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

Peace  
Pr Bob



**!Save the Date!**

**June 4, 2023**

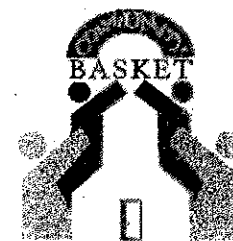
**9 AM Holy Communion Worship and  
Service Project and lunch at the  
Holstein City Park**

### May Community Basket needs:

Paper items: Paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, garbage bags, etc.

*Please bring to the bin in the narthex.*

Cash donations are always welcome!



HAPPY  
*Birthdays!*  
 —TO YOU—

- 5/25 *Jerry Sindt*  
 5/27 *Shari Feliciano - Niemeier*  
 5/27 *Tom Hirschman*  
 5/27 *Kyle Krager*  
 5/27 *Macy Rodriguez*  
 5/27 *Leo Schimmer*  
 5/29 *Betty Paulsen*  
 5/30 *Huxley Gebers*



**Holy Baptism  
 Anniversaries**

- 5/26 *Steven Kay*  
 5/30 *Hillary Walsh*

Worship Service Attendance

May 21, 2023: 9 am - 93

Financial Secretary's report  
 for the week of May 21, 2023

**LOCAL**

Ingham / Okoboji Bible Camp	\$	55.00
Sioux City Gospel Mission	\$	25.00

**IOWA**

ELCA Western Iowa Synod	\$	25.00
Lutheran Services in IA/Bremwood	\$	10.00

**GLOBAL**

ELCA Hunger Appeal	\$	135.00
ELCA Disaster Relief	\$	100.00

**CURRENT**

General Fund	\$	4,718.00
Loose Plate	\$	45.49
LOGOS - donations - Lutheran	\$	20.00
LOGOS - scholarships	\$	200.00
Building	\$	130.00
Sunday School	\$	5.00

**Total** \$ **5,468.49**

*Electronic giving for the week totaled \$2,686.*

*St. Paul Church Calendar*

**THURSDAY, May 25**

**4:00 - 7:00 PM** Visitation for Bonnie Wallace at  
Jensen Funeral Home

**FRIDAY, May 26**

**2:00 PM** Funeral for Bonnie Wallace here at St. Paul

**SUNDAY, May 28 - The Day of Pentecost**

**9:00 AM** Worship / Holy Communion  
**10:00 AM** Coffee fellowship

**MONDAY, May 29 - Memorial Day**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**WEDNESDAY, May 31**

**12:00 PM** Brown Bag Bible Study

**FRIDAY, June 2**

**6:00 PM** Brinkman / Warren Wedding Rehearsal

**SATURDAY, June 3**

**4:00 PM** Brinkman / Warren Wedding

**VBS**

**Daycamp 2023!**

Day camper registrants and many volunteers are needed to make our week the best it can be. We have more volunteer forms and student registration forms in the office. Please consider how you might give your time to VBS and indicate any possibilities on the volunteer form. Returning these forms to the church office by May 26 is appreciated. Thank you!

*For the complete church calendar, visit our church web site:  
[www.holsteinstpaullutheran.com](http://www.holsteinstpaullutheran.com)*

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT for April 2023

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>12 noon</u>	<u>7:00 am /7:00/7:30 pm</u>	<u>Online</u>
April 2, 2023	187			72
April 6, 2023		30	52	
April 7, 2023		27		
April 9, 2023	212		51	224
April 16, 2023	111			96
April 23, 2023	170			96
April 30, 2023	107			76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>564</b>

### AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR April 2023

Sunday 9:00 am Worship Service: 157

Online Worship (six services recorded): 94

**DEATHS:** Karen Ludvigson (nm) burial at Holstein Cemetery April 15, 2023

**MARRIAGES:**

**BAPTISMS:**

**BIRTHS:**

**CONFIRMANDS:**

**1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION:** Brayden Bisenius April 6, 2023









Kreed Krager, Indy Stevenson April 9, 2023

**NEW MEMBERS:**

**TRANSFERS OUT:** John and Teresa Georg to Kent Memorial Lutheran Church ELCA, Sunrise Beach, MO  
April 15, 2023

### Congregation Council meeting, May 18, 2023:

- St Paul is in a year to date giving-to-expenses deficit of \$15133. Please consider your financial stewardship to the mission and ministry of St Paul, thank you!
- Sunday Worship and Service project at City Park coming June 4 - Watch Midweek for announcements.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28  9:00am Worship with Holy Communion 10:00am Coffee fellowship	29  Memorial Day	30	31 12:00pm Brown Bag Bible Study	1	2 6:00pm Brinkman / Warren wedding rehearsal	3 4:00pm Brinkman / Warren wedding
4  9:00am Worship with Holy Communion in the City Park 10:00am Mulch playground at City Park 11:00am Potluck lunch	5 7:00pm Mutual Ministry committee mtg	6 2:00pm Worship at Holstein Sr Living	7 12:00pm Brown Bag Bible Study	8 7:00pm Theology Pub @ Cornerhaus 101	9	10
11 9:00am Worship 10:00am Coffee fellowship 1:30pm Worship at Good Samaritan Center	12  9:00am Vacation Bible School	13  9:00am Vacation Bible School 7:00pm Trustees meeting	14  9:00am Vacation Bible School	15  9:00am Vacation Bible School 7:00pm Task Forces meet 8:00pm Congregation Council	16	17
18 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion 10:00am Coffee fellowship	19	20  9:00am Sewing Day	21	22	23	24
25 9:00am Worship 10:00am Coffee fellowship	26	27	28	29	30	1