



The Mission Bell



May 2026

Holy Week & Easter Services 2026

Holy Week at St. Paul's began Sunday, March 29th with Palm Sunday as we started with the Liturgy of Palms which were passed out to the congregation by the children after being blessed by Pastor Mary. The entire congregation participated in the reading of the Passion Gospel of Matthew (26:14 – 27:66).



Pastor Mary with the children blessing the Palms

Holy Week continued on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd at 6:00 p.m. where we ate a light supper in the Parish Hall commemorating the Last Supper, then moved to the church for scripture readings, Holy Eucharist followed by the Stripping of the Altar as we read Psalm 22 and departed in silence.

Good Friday, April 3rd began at St. Paul's at 3:00 p.m. with Stations of the Cross led by David Hoffman and Greg Berndt as they led the congregation through the nave of the church through the 14 stations of the cross.



Good Friday continued at 7 p.m. with the proper Liturgy for Good Friday led by Pastor Mary and included the reading of the Passion Gospel of John (18:1 – 19:42) by David and Greg followed by the Solemn Collects after which our cross was brought in topped by a crown of thorns and then all venerated the cross before we all departed in silence.

On Easter Sunday, April 5th we celebrated the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ after the children found our hidden "Alleluia" banner with Pastor Mary who was our preacher and celebrant at our 9:00 a.m. worship service.



Our Altar on Easter Sunday

Bible Study

"Bible Study" is listed in many congregation's bulletin, newsletter, and announcements. Just what is a Bible Study? One description is "A Bible Study is like a "Book Club" except in a Bible Study the members read the book." Here at St. Paul that is exactly what happens on **Wednesdays** at **10:00 am**. The appointed texts from the Bible for the future Sunday worship are read verse by verse. After each member has heard the text there is conversation about what has been read, questions and comments are given.

Pastor Mary

Prayer List For May

John, Lynn, John Jr. & Luke Hardell
David & Robin Hoffman
Betty Jenkins-Donahue & Jack Donahue

Alisha, Matt, Killian & Alistar Knox
Debbi & Wayne Langlois
Karen Amanda & Alyssa Lanphear

Bobby LeMay
Lyndi LeMay
Liz & Aiden Lemieux

Cynthia & Richard Lewis
Kim, Roger, Jeff & Samantha Maxson
Philip Maxson

Anne & Larry Ouillette
Melinda & Walter Parcinski
Rosemarie & Roger Pussinen

ALMIGHTY GOD, WHO TRULY TO KNOW IS EVERLASTING LIFE: GRANT US SO PERFECTLY TO KNOW YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST TO BE THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE, THAT WE MAY STEADFASTLY FOLLOW HIS STEPS IN THE WAY THAT LEADS TO ETERNAL LIFE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST YOUR SON OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU, IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN+

Project P.I.N.

Reminder that Sunday, May 10th is Project P.I.N. Sunday. The P.I.N. pantry is always in need of Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Beef Stew, Canned Meats, Canned Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Coffee, Tuna Fish, Canned fruit. Items can be placed in the P.I.N. box in the Narthex.

Spring Clean Up



Spring Clean Up at St. Paul's this year has been scheduled for **Saturday, May 16th** with a **Rain Date of Saturday, May 23rd**. We have some leaves from last fall that need to be raked and some minor tidying

up to do. We plan to start at **9:00 a.m.** so come early & be done early. Please mark this date on your calendars and we hope to see you there.

Vestry Meeting

Reminder: The next scheduled **Vestry Meeting** is on **Sunday, May 17th** following our worship service.

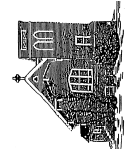
Sanctuary Repair



Our Sanctuary before cleaning, repairs and painting were performed.

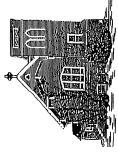
In December 2025, the Vestry authorized the cleaning, repair of cracks and painting in our Sanctuary as well as in the area where the organ is. This also included painting the ceiling, spraying the acoustic tiles with a clear acrylic spray and then painting them white. The Sanctuary walls had become sooty from the burning of the candles as well as dirty since the last painting in 1995 as shown in the above picture.


The work was performed in March by E&H Contracting Services, who had also previously repaired and painted all the trim work to the exterior of the church, and completed in 3 days. The work turned out fantastic as seen in the picture on the front page. To prevent future build up of soot, we are using flameless LED candles which flicker and are so realistic parishioners did not notice until informed.



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05/17 GREG BERNDT
05/24 KATHY DUBOIS
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