



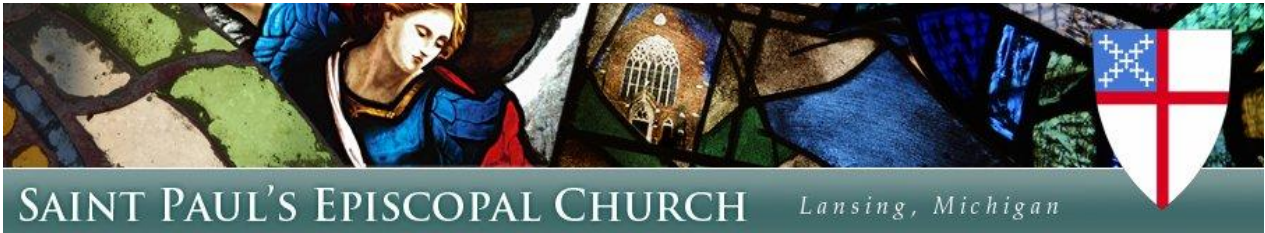
“Our Welcome”

In the light of God’s unconditional love, we respect the dignity of every human being by welcoming and supporting all persons whatever their race, color, gender, age, sexual orientation, health status, marital status or stage of spiritual journeying. We invite you to explore, investigate, and grow in your faith and become a part of our shared journey with God.

The Second Sunday of Easter -- April 12, 2026 Holy Eucharist

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – HOLY EUCHARIST
APRIL 12, 2026

PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Creator, you made all people of every land. Today, we honor the ancestral and traditional Lands of the Anishinaabeg, the Three Fires Confederacy of Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi people, whose home this land was for hundreds of years, and who are still here today. As we make this land acknowledgement, we confess to our part in the sin of traumatic, systemic racism and oppression in the history of this nation and in the Church-
-a history we are only beginning to understand. With humility, we commit ourselves to acknowledging the wrongs of the past and to building relationships with the Anishinaabeg. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

HYMN 205

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The people standing, the Officiant says

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The people sing together

GLORIA

S278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
God the Fa-ther. A - - - - - men.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The people are invited to sit for the readings and the psalm

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 2:14a, 22-32

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;*
 I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,*
 upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods*
 shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer,*
 nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;*
 it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;*
 indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,*
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me,*
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;*
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave,*
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life;*
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

SECOND LESSON

1 PETER 1:3-9

Reader A reading from the first letter of Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through Faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

Love's redeeming work is done

HYMN 188



- 1 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; where, O death, is now thy sting?
3 Soar we now where Christ has led, fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head;



Death in vain for - bids him rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once he died our souls to save, where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Savannah*, from *Harmonia Sacra*, ca. 1760.

Then, all standing, the clergyperson reads the Gospel, first saying

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening of the day of Resurrection, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us who have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection pray for the church, the world, and all in need, saying: Lord, hear us in your mercy.

For a new birth of peace on the earth among all human families and nations especially in the Ukraine and the Middle East, that hatred and violence and war may cease, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For the whole body of Christ and all who bear his holy name remembering Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our presiding bishop, Bonnie our bishop, and for bishops, clergy, and all who offer ministries, especially those caring for the hungry and the forgotten, that we may serve Christ with glad and generous hearts, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For this nation and all nations of the world, that those who lead may know truth and practice integrity, that all peoples may grow together in concord, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For all suffering from illness especially those on our parish prayer list, and those we now name either silently or aloud _____, and for those whose faith is racked by doubt, that they may be led with Thomas the apostle to cry out, "My Lord and my God," we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For all gathered out of love for Christ, that we may know the gospel as an inheritance which is imperishable and unfading, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For those having died in faith and for all the dying, that they may know the love of God who has raised Christ up, having loosed the pangs of death, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For the worshiping community of St. Paul's and its ministries, that our lives may bear witness to the love of God, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

The Officiant concludes the prayers saying

Bind us in love to those for whom we pray this day, and to one another in genuineness of faith, more precious than gold, that Christ may be present in all we do and say. So may your life be praised, today and all days. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor unto the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *This Joyful Eastertide* arr. Vernon Hoyle

OFFERTORY HYMN *We walk by faith* HYMN 209

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra-cious words we hear from him who spoke as
fol-low where he trod; but in his prom-ise
may our faith a-bound, to call on you when
realms of clear-er light we may be-hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be-lieve him near.
we re-joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near, and seek where you are found;
as you are, with full and end-less sight.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed.**
Officiant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Officiant Let us give thanks to God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Glorious God, we give you thanks and praise, for on this day creation sings, Christ is risen from the dead! He has burst forth from the tomb to break the tangles of despair and death. You brought your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land, and you brought your Son from the depth of death to the glory of resurrection life. Love is come again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

Officiant and People sing together

SANCTUS

S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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All embracing God, we give thanks for Jesus, the risen Lord of life, who rose victorious from the grave and made the whole creation new. He broke bread with sinners, fed the hungry, and healed the oppressed, then he poured out his life in death that we might live in love. Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for in your conquest of death, we see the destiny of every hope in you.

Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

Recalling his life, death, and glorious resurrection, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine, and our lives in thanks and praise. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Breathe your Spirit upon the whole earth, that we may proclaim the good news to all the world and rise together as children of your new creation.

Then bring us to that new heaven here on earth, O God, where death and pain are no more and you dwell with us forever. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you eternally in songs of pure unbounded praise. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

S155

The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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INVITATION

Officiant The gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Gifts for Holy People.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

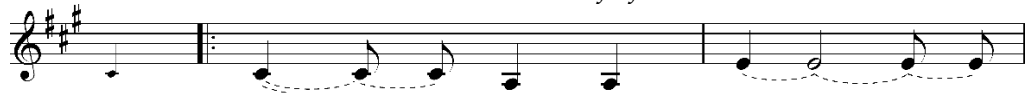
All God's people are cordially invited to God's table, including children. Gluten-free wafers are available; please indicate to the priest that you require this alternative. We will be offering wine from the common cup to those who wish to receive in this manner. The chalice bearer will thoroughly wipe the space from which you drank prior to offering the cup to the next communicant.

Another alternative to receiving the wine from the common cup is through intinction. The priest will place the wafer in your hand; the chalice bearer will pick up the wafer, dip it into the wine, and replace it on your palm. No one is allowed to intinct with their own hand/fingers. This safe guards all who use the common cup. If you wish to receive communion in only one kind (bread), know that you have received full communion.

Those who are not baptized or those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. The ushers will guide you. If you are unable to come forward and wish to receive communion in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *My God, Thy Table Now is Spread* Hal Hopson

COMMUNION HYMN *I am the bread of life* HYMN 335



1 I am the bread of life; — they who
 2 (The) Bread that — I will give — is my
 3 (Un-) less — you eat — of the
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion, —
 5 (Yes,) Lord, — we be - lieve — that —



1 come to me shall not — hun - ger; they who be -
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, — and they who
 3 Flesh of the Son of — Man — and —
 4 I — am the — life. — They who be -
 5 you — are the — Christ, — the —



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 2 eat — of this bread, they shall — live for
 3 drink — of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
 4 lieve — in me, e - ven — if they
 5 Son — of God who — has



1 me — un - less the — Fa - ther draw them.
 2 ev - er. — they shall — live for ev - er.
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.
 4 die, — they shall — live for ev - er.
 5 come — in - to — the — world. —

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

1-4 *Final Ending*

last day. _____

2 The
3 Un- day.
4 —
5 Yes,
(?)

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POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The Officiant and People say together:

Almighty God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life. As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, that all we do may proclaim to the world, "He is risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Receive the good news: Christ is risen from the dead.

Tell the good news: the power of death shall no more oppress us.

Live the good news: we are free to love as he has loved us.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

That Easter day with joy was bright

HYMN 193

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
 2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his
 3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
 4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in
 5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
 2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
 3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
 4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon
 5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther

1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
 2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
 3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
 4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
 5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

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DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

Assisting in today's service

Crucifer	Jen Humphries
Subdeacon	Leslie Hall
Lector	Graham Crabtree
Prayers of the People	Larry Clark
Chalice Bearers	Jen Humphries, Greg Wortley
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Nancy Merriman (chair), Jane Bryce, Theresa Milne, Lyn Zynda
Ushers	Joe Lehning, Josh Freeman, Michael Hart, Mark Rudd
Counters	Martha McKee, Margaret Schulte
Coffee Hour	
Greeters	Ardell Burns
Blessing Box	Jeff & Patty Irwin
Recycling Team	
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany, Justin Alexander
Vestry Person of the Day	

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

Assisting Next Sunday, April 19, 2026

Crucifer	Greg Wortley
Subdeacon	Amy Wortley
Lector	Susan Kendall
Prayers of the People	AJ Walilko
Chalice Bearers	Justin Alexander, Debbie Parks
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Bobbi Tisdale (chair), Marilyn Earley, Steven Kandow, Maria Wawro
Ushers	John Nevin, Jack Baker, Jamal Dillman-Hasso, Bob Merriman
Counters	Larry Clark, Leslie Hall
Coffee Hour	Martha McKee
Greeters	Jane Bryce
Blessing Box	Susan Henderson
Recycling Team	
Sunday School Mentors	Isaac Francisco, Susan Henderson
Vestry Person of the Day	Bobbi Tisdale

**Opportunities for Prayer
April 12, 2026**

We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Melissa, Julie, Everett, Kris, Pat, Jim, Mike, Peter, Caroline, Jennifer, Howard, Jon, and Maria. **Due to privacy concerns, we will now be posting first names only on our prayer list.*

We pray this week for the following St. Paul's members: David, Debbie, Henrie & Liam Parks and Randy Rasch.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: Ingham County Veterans Affairs, 5303 S Cedar St #2, Lansing 48911

We pray for our downtown church community: Cathedral Church of St. Mary; Central United Methodist Church; Christ Community Church; and First Presbyterian Church.

We pray for our worshipping communities: St. Katherine's, Williamston; Nativity Church; Bloomfield Township.

We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Diocese of Wandí - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

We pray for: Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie A. Perry, our bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; Karen C. Lewis, our rector; Dick Hamlin and Gail Shafer, our priest associates; our worship ministers, St. Paul's staff and our diocesan household.

Announcements for The Week
April 12, 2026 - April 19, 2026

Parish Office Hours Monday - Thursday: 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Closed on Fridays.

Phone: 517-482-9454 E-mail: office@stpaulslansing.org

Visit our website: www.stpaulslansing.org

For Parish activities and information please check the information table in the Merrifield Room.

Senior Recital: Hannah Bancroft will be giving her senior voice recital this afternoon at 3pm at St. Paul's. Works by Clara Schumann, Richard Strauss, Giacomo Puccini to name a few! Hannah is a voice/choral education major at MSU. We have been so fortunate to have her sing with us at St. Paul's. Please come out to support her.

Noisy Offering Recipient for April-June 2026: Ele's Place provides a safe space for children and families to find healing through shared experiences. Ele's Place's mission is built around compassion and community, helping children, teens, and families navigate their grief.

Faith & Film is Friday, April 24th at 6pm: *Akeelah and the Bee*. A film about a young girl who loves spelling and ends up uniting a community in her quest to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. A great film for school aged kids. The movie is 112 minutes starting at 6:15pm. Snacks provided, requests encouraged! Thank you. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room.

Anniversary Luncheon with John David & Christi Hawkins on Sunday, April 26th: The Hawkins' will be holding a celebratory luncheon in lieu of coffee hour following the worship service. All are invited. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room so they have a count for the caterers.

Deanery Confirmation at St. Paul's on Saturday, May 9th: Bishop Perry will be at St. Paul's for Deanery confirmation. Anyone who would like to be baptized at that time, confirmed, or would like to reaffirm your faith, please let Karen+ know so she can put a class schedule together.

Recycle ink cartridges & batteries: Bring your used ink cartridges and single use batteries into the parish office for recycling and help reduce our paper costs. We get discounts on office supplies and paper through the Staples recycling program.

St. Paul's Recycling: Please sign up in the Merrifield Room to take some of the recycling either to your home bin or to a recycling drop off center. We are committed to reduce, reuse, and recycle at St. Paul's. See one of the Milnes or Borons for more information.

Baby formula for Advent House: We continue to collect baby formula and baby food for Advent House for their baby/family pantry. Your help could make a difference in the lives of young working families trying to make ends meet. Please place items in the shopping cart by the back door if you would like to help with this ministry. If you have questions, please see Katie Alexander johns21k@gmail.com.

Bulletin: Please submit information by noon on Tuesday, in writing or by e-mail, to office@stpaulslansing.org to ensure accuracy.

Blessing Box: Sign up in the Merrifield Room to fill the Blessing Box for a week.

Evening Meeting Times & Parking Ramp Hours: All evening meetings and classes should begin no earlier than 6:15pm and end by 8:45pm for access to the parking ramp. regular parking ramp availability M-Th 6:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday & Sunday 7:30am-6:00pm.

Coffee Hour sign up: We need two family units per week to bring treats, serve & provide cleanup for coffee hour following the 10:00am services. There are signup sheets in the Merrifield Room. Sign up with a friend or extended family. If no one signs up, we will not have coffee hour.

The service of Compline is offered Wednesday evenings at 9 pm on Zoom with The Very Rev. Dr. Gail Shafer, our priest associate. The current liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer. A recording of the service will be posted to St. Paul's Facebook page. Please feel free to either join the Zoom meeting, or the service posted on Facebook. The Zoom link will be listed in the weekly email.

Reminder: Please schedule all meetings (in-person and online) with the office in advance. We want to assure you that there is space for you to meet and that someone will be available to open the building. For online meetings, we want meetings to be available to all parishioners. **Please** notify the office if you have a **cancellation** to ensure building and staff security.

Altar flower requests: There are openings for the upcoming Sundays for altar flower dedications. Flowers are always given to the glory of God, and then in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a person or occasion. Dedications and **\$120** payment must be received in the church office no later than the Monday before the date of the dedication. **More than one dedication can be made if you and a friend want to share the cost of the flowers.** Altar Flower forms available on the signup table, or you can email your dedication to office@stpaulslansing.org.

Please sign up to be a Greeter: One of the faith outreaches we have at St. Paul's is the Sunday morning greeters. We can extend our faith by welcoming our fellow parishioners and visitors each week. Remember that you are the first face they will see as they enter the church. A welcoming hand and face always lift our spirit, what a way to start a day and you play an important part in that.

- **Signup sheets are in the Merrifield Room** – Need two greeters at the back door.
- Be at the back door 20 minutes before the service.
- Greeters should remind parishioners to pick up their nametags and ask visitors to fill out the guest book located in the cloister outside the chapel and to join the parish after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Merrifield Room.

Contributions Last Week: For the week of April 5, 2026, St. Paul's received **\$5,959** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	\$2,565
NonPledge Income	\$2,000
Easter	\$1065
Noisy Offering	\$129
Memorial Restricted	\$200

<p>This Week at St. Paul's April 12, 2026 - April 19, 2026</p>

- Sunday, 4/12:
 - 9:00am Choir Rehearsal
 - 9:45am Sunday School
 - 10:00am Worship & Holy Communion
 - 11:15am Coffee Hour
 - 12:00pm Drumming Session - Sanctuary
 - 3:00pm Hannah Bancroft Senior Recital

- Monday 4/13:
 - Barb Heany Away
 - 2:30pm Staff Meeting
 - 6:00pm Mission & Outreach Meeting - VanAtta Room

- Tuesday, 4/14:
 - Barb Heany Away
 - 7:00pm Bible Study - Zoom

- Wednesday, 4/15:
 - Barb Heany Away
 - 12:00pm Noon Book Study - Zoom
 - 9:00pm Compline - Zoom

- Thursday, 4/16:
 - Barb Heany Away
 - 7:00am Men's Breakfast @ FlapJack Restaurant
 - 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

- Friday, 4/17:
 - Barb Heany Away
 - Office Closed

- Saturday, 4/18:
 - Barb Heany Away

- Sunday, 4/19:
 - Barb Heany Away
 - 9:15am Choir Rehearsal
 - 10:00am Children's Chapel w/Karen+ - Merrifield Room
 - 10:00am Worship & Holy Communion
 - 11:15am Coffee Hour
 - 11:15am Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch

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