

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
“Let’s Make a Difference Together”



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Worship Services: Sunday at 9:00 A.M.

Holy Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month & Festivals

Christian Education: Sunday’s at 10:15 A.M.

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# Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** Grounded in faith and growing in grace, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed in our local community and throughout the world.



**Are you visiting St. Paul? Are you interested in membership or just looking to see if St. Paul is a good fit for you and/or your family??**

Please call (570-629-1992) or stop by our office during regular business hours (Mon – Thurs 9:00am – 1:00pm) and speak to our Parish

Administrator, Leanna Wickline, who will be happy to guide you through

the membership process and help you find information on all of the great programs at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

**SILENT MEDITATION.** . . Please note – the silent meditation is a part of the morning worship service. This is a time for individual reflection; a time for communicating with God, as well as a time of preparation for the service of worship. We encourage you to use it in a meaningful way.

*Please respect the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask that you turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you.*

**Pastor:** Reverend Rashion “Woody” Santiago

**Parish Administrator:** Mrs. Leanna D. Wickline

**Choir Director/Organist:** Mr. Robert Jones

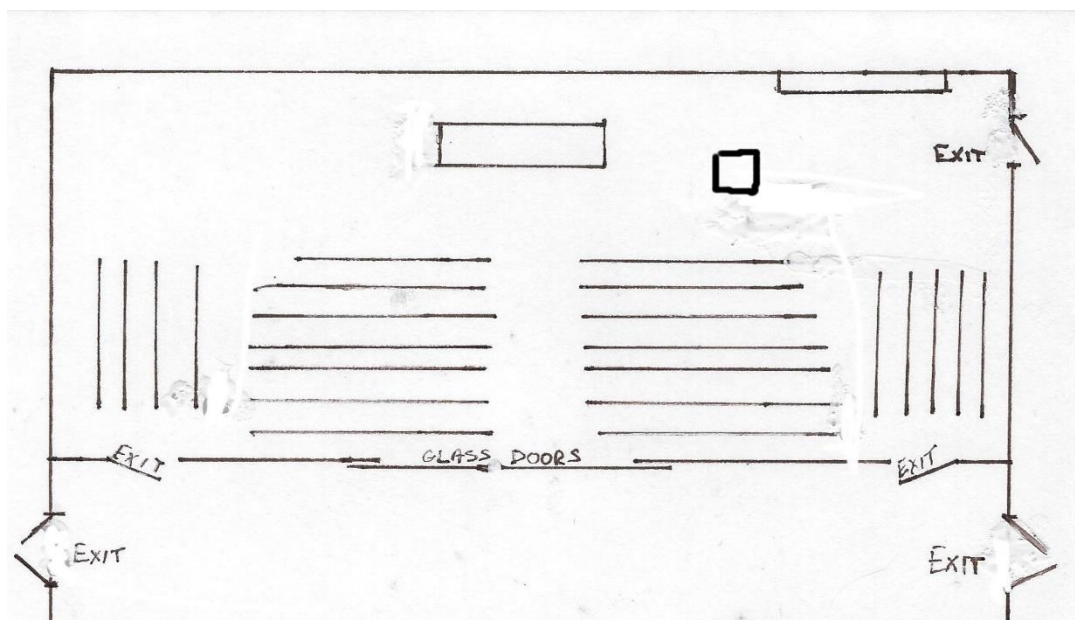
## 2023 Council Members

Grant Allen, Dawn Bartron, Bill Below, Chris Kinsley Sr., Nicole Kresge,  
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# Worship Service

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Sunday, April 30, 2023

*Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.*

*\*Please stand, if able.*

*Words in bold print denote congregational response.*

**Chimes**

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

**\*Confession**

In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**\*Absolution**

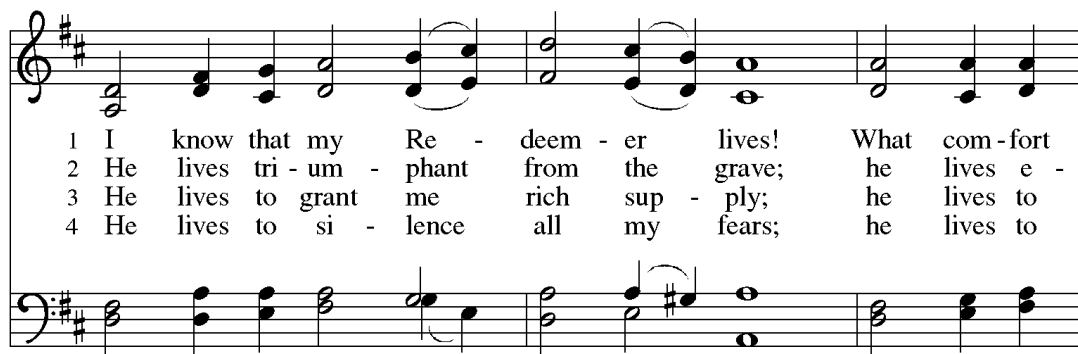
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by

his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn**

## I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;  
he lives to plead for me above;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my mansion to prepare;  
he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
he lives and loves me to the end;  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

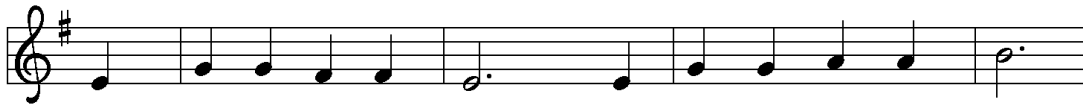
8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

### \*Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### \*Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

### \*Hymn of Praise



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always

**And also with you.** *(Please share a sign of peace with one another from your seat.)*

## \*Prayer of the Day (Lector)

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

*Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.*

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I have what I need.

<sup>2</sup> **He lets me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters.**

<sup>3</sup> He renews my life; he leads me along the right paths for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Even when I go through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> **Only goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.**

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 23:19-25

A reading from 1 Peter.

*Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.*

<sup>19</sup> For it brings favor if, because of a consciousness of God, someone endures grief from suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> For what credit is there if when you do wrong and are beaten, you endure it? But when you do what is good and suffer, if you endure it, this brings favor with God.

<sup>21</sup> For you were called to this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> He did not commit sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth; <sup>23</sup> when he was insulted, he did not insult in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten but entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree; so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were like sheep going astray, but you have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel. (*Lector*)

## \*Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> “Truly I tell you, anyone who doesn’t enter the sheep pen by the gate but climbs in some other way is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought all his own outside, he

goes ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will never follow a stranger; instead they will run away from him, because they don't know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup> Jesus gave them this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said again, "Truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn't listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn of the Day      The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.



**\*The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Prayers of the People** *(Lector)*

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them servant hearts, that they generously seek the good of all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You are the sheepgate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever. Be with those who mourn, and give them hope in the promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

At this time, you are welcomed to share your joys and concerns, either out loud or silently. *Pause.* Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

### Offering Prayer

Generous God,

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### \*The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### \*Blessing

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

### \*Closing Hymn      Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us

1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us;      much we need your ten - der care.  
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us,      be the guard - ian of our way;  
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us,      poor and sin - ful though we be;  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor,      ear - ly let us do your will;

In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us,      for our use your fold pre - pare.  
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us,      seek us when we go a - stray.  
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us,      grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior,      with your love our spir - its fill.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written between the staves. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847  
 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

**\*Choral Benediction**      ***"Go Now and Pass It On"***

May the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ walk be - side us \_\_\_\_\_ as we  
 6 leave \_\_\_\_\_ this qui - et place, \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ will al - ways  
 12 guide us \_\_\_\_\_ if we walk in the light of His grace. \_\_\_\_\_  
 17 \_\_\_\_\_ May we feel God's love a - round us \_\_\_\_\_ as it  
 22 keeps us faith - ful and strong, \_\_\_\_\_ for the peace \_\_\_\_\_  
 27 \_\_\_\_\_ of God sur rounds us, \_\_\_\_\_ and now we must pass it  
 32 on. \_\_\_\_\_ Go now and pass it on. \_\_\_\_\_

## **\*Charge to the People**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**"The worship ends. . .the service begins."**

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## *Prayer Requests*

**Prayers have been requested for the following brothers and sisters in Christ who have concerns needing God's help...**

Specialist William "Blake" Allen; Sr. Master Sargent William F. Allen; Tom Altemose; Mark Anthony; Evelyn Arroyo; Daniel Bartron; Dillon Berenti; Major Matthew Blessing; Captain Katy Blessings; David Brong; Judi Carman; Elaine Cornelus; the family of Chris Finnerty at his passing; Jamie Fisher; Todd & Anna Geil; LilliAnna Daniels; Renee Depuy; Doris Drury; John Drury; Louis Genset; the family of Chris Haley Jr.; Charlie Hemple; T. J. Imhof; Carol Jones; Ian Juica; Robbie Kinsley; Nikolaos Kotretsos; Eleanor Kreuger; Esther Laurito; David Leith; James Meckes; Steven Moore; Ada Morales; Nelson Morales; Donna Myers; Dr. Kenny Pearson; Annabelle Peechatka; Anna Rivera; Jean Ross; Gina Santiago; Claudette Segear; Shirley Singer; Samuel Smith, Jr.; Greg Theadford; Jim Tomedi; Brenda Van Why; Scott Wickline; Jacob Wilson; John Woodling; for the people of Ukraine; for all who are traveling; for all of those struggling with addictions; the members of the Armed Forces of the United States; for the families and victims of the mass shootings, for all those around the world and here at home suffering from the coronavirus pandemic.

**Have your prayers been answered? Or do you still need God's help? Please let us know. Thank you to everyone who prays with us for those in need.**



***Thank you to all who have helped to support St. Paul's Strunk Food Pantry!*** Your commitment to help is a true blessing to those who are struggling to feed their families. The pantry is always in need of basic food supplies, and we need your continued support to keep this program going strong. ***Items of particular need are peanut butter, cereal,***

*pasta/spaghetti, pasta sauce, mac & cheese, soup, canned veggies (potatoes, peas, green beans, corn, carrots, kidney beans), canned fruit, and tuna.*

## **Grocery Tapes**

If you shop at Kinsley's Shoprite or Weis markets we get a percentage of your purchase. Just bring your receipts in and put them in the box on the table in the Narthex. In order for us to receive credit, the receipts must include the date and store number. Please don't tear off the bottom of the receipts.

## **Inside Out Church**

Inside Out Church is held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, in Spies Hall. We join together with a meal and a deep dive into the scriptures. This is an opportunity to grow your faith and increase your knowledge and understanding of God's Word and the Bible.

## **2023 PATHwalk**

Next Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm, is the Annual Karen Nickels Memorial PATHwalk, Pocono Area Transitional Housings largest fundraiser. All funds raised from the walk are used to support PATH operations.

## **Vendor – Craft – Yard Sale July 15<sup>th</sup>**

Spaces are available to sell items at our Vendor, Craft & Yard Sale, Saturday, July 15 from 8:00-2:00pm. Volunteers to help with set up and a bake sale table (as well as goodies to sell at the bake sale) are needed and welcomed.

## **Rummage Sale**

You can bring your donations for the rummage sale this week through Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00am - 2:00pm. The sale runs Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am until 2:00pm.

## **Pastor's Video Game Youth Night**

Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:00pm, Pastor will be hosting a video game night for youth of St Paul and their friends. The night will include hot dogs, chips and beverages.

## **Next Week's Readings:**

**Acts 7:55-60**

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

**1 Peter 2:2-10**

**John 14:1-14**

## Worship Assistant Schedule

	Acolyte	Ushers	Lector	Communion Assistants	Counters	Altar Guild
<b>4/30/2023</b>	Emily Kresge	Donna Warner	Leanna Wickline		Beth Werkheiser	
		Linda Below			Deb Storman	
<b>5/7/2023</b>	Deb Storman	Beth Reindl	Bill Below	Linda Below	Barbara Allen	Barbara Allen
		Carl Reindl		Deb Storman	Deb Storman	Beth Reindl
<b>5/14/2023</b>	Linda Below	Donna Warner	Linda Below		Beth Werkheiser	
<b>Mother's Day</b>		Deb Storman			Donna Warner	
<b>5/21/2023</b>	Barb Allen	Linda Below	Bev Otten	Bev Otten	Barbara Allen	Barbara Allen
		Deb Storman		Dawn Weiss	Beth Werkheiser	Leanna Wickline
<b>5/28/2023</b>	Dawn Weiss	Donna Warner	Joan Rinker		Beth Werkheiser	
		Linda Below			Donna Warner	