

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA

# The Messenger

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## **Easter Sunday Worship**

March 31, 2024

**9:00am**

## God Talk

*Editor's Note: Due to our pastoral vacancy, the God Talk article will be written by members of St. Paul's. Thank you to those who agreed! This month's article is written by Matt Prahlow.*



## Trains

I have always loved trains! In 1958, several months before I was born, my mother was traveling on a train with my brother and sister from Chicago to Milwaukee. The Milwaukee Road derailed in Oak Creek. Amazingly, only one injury occurred. My mother was fine and so was I. God was there! Thus began my love of trains.

My grandfather took to my brother and me to see trains whenever my family visited him in the Chicago area. He lived one block from a freight train line and two blocks from the South Shore line. He knew all the train schedules. We would walk up the block and a train would appear. As a kid, these were magical, exciting moments for me. Once he took us to a switch tower at a rail yard. My brother and I were so happy. This is how he showed his love for his grandchildren. I didn't realize until later how lucky I was to be enveloped in love by caring grandparents. God was there!

Every Christmas my dad would help my brother and me put up our electric train set and my dad's 1930s era set. Jane and I use that same 1930s train when we decorate for

Christmas. Setting it up brings back lots of great memories and reminds me of the blessing of family. God was there.

Jane and I have been on several train trips over the years and have enjoyed watching the changing scenery of meadows, forests, towering mountains, and roaring streams.

There were always connections to make on the trips. Amidst the beauty and changes, God was there.

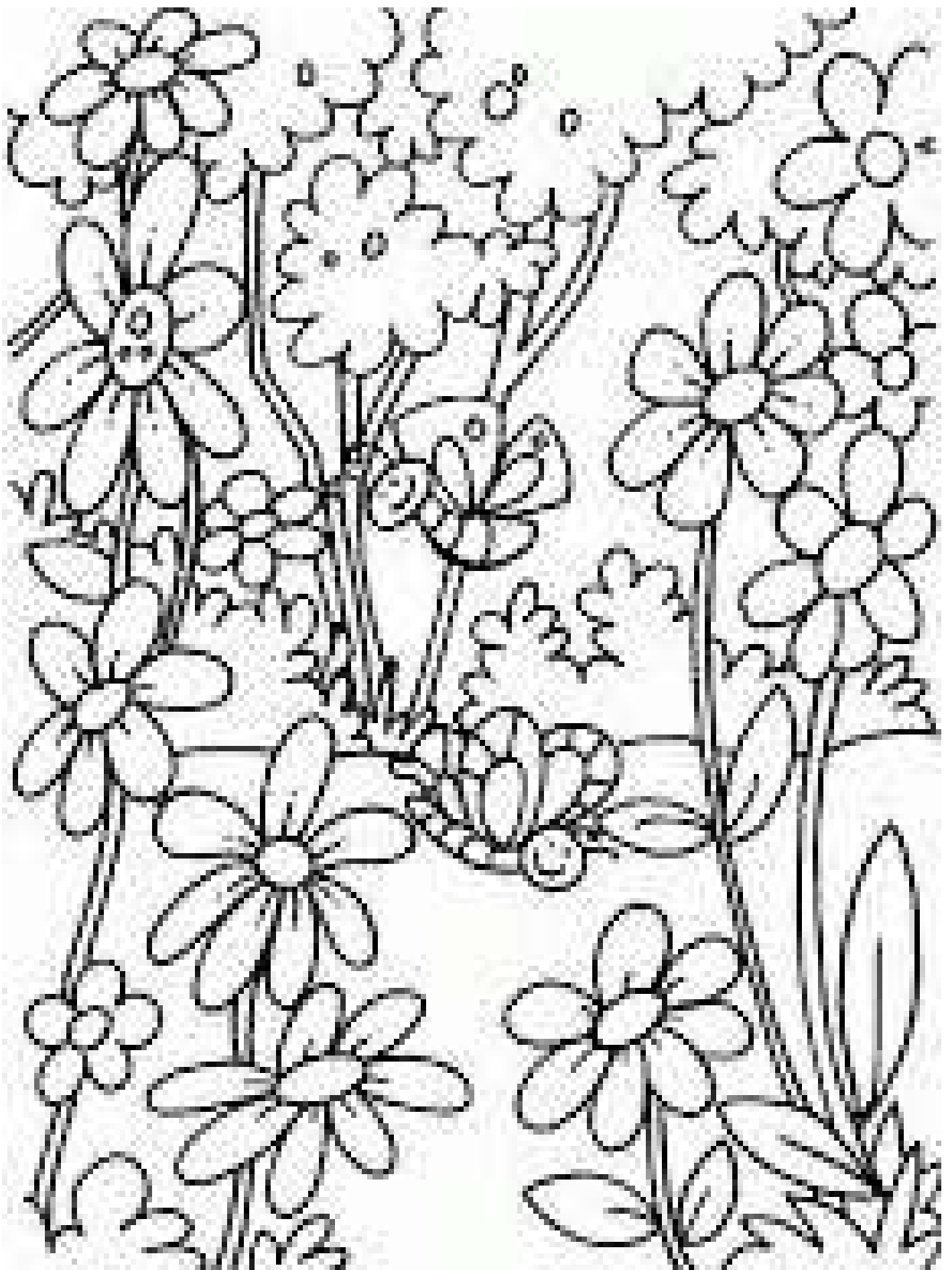
Here at St. Paul's, we have made many connections inside and outside of our church. We are a family and God is here.

- Matt Prahlow



**March is Woman's "Herstory" Month**

International Women's Day is March 8<sup>th</sup>.



Picture found at <http://clipart-library.com/flower-garden-coloring-pages.html>



## Mission Exploration Team Members Needed!

The first step in calling a new pastor for St. Paul's is to fill out the Mission Site Profile (MSP). This form is to be filled out by a team of St. Paul's members. The MSP covers topics such as neighbor characteristics, trends, and our involvement in the neighborhood. There are also sections about our mission programs, our goals, and our partnerships.

If you are interested in lending a hand and sharing some insight on the future of St. Paul's, please join our Mission Exploration Team (MET) as we fill out the MSP and help us move forward in our search for a new pastor.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer for this important task, please contact Michael Polinske at 414-326-8492 or [mpolinske@oescgroup.com](mailto:mpolinske@oescgroup.com) .

## Birthdays

1 <sup>st</sup> Howard Voelz	20 <sup>th</sup> Mark Voelz
17 <sup>th</sup> William Carter	28 <sup>th</sup> Mike Moylan
19 <sup>th</sup> Sue Milhans	31 <sup>st</sup> Matt Prahlow





**Thank you,  
thank you!**

*Thank you from Penfield Children's Center!* The books collected for the lending library at Penfield's Children Center, 833 N. 26 Street, Milwaukee, 53233, were finally

delivered in late January. Lauren Groth and Colleen Bruce send their thanks to all of you for the wonderful donation for the Penfield families!

## **Outreach for Hope's annual Super Bowl Food Drive**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the OFH annual Super Bowl Food Drive. Our food and monetary donations was delivered to All People's Gathering Church to support their food pantry. Brian Bolling, Interim Food Minister, will be visiting us in worship this month to personally thank us and tell us more about their food pantry.





## **NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION**

*Bring your loose change for special offering collection at the Worship Service every first Sunday of the month.*

*Street Angels, Inc. – Milwaukee*

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday evening, 156-nights per year, our two outreach buses are loaded with hot meals, bag lunches, clothing, blankets and other basic supplies to meet the needs of individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Milwaukee County. Each bus is operated by 1-staff member and 2-3 volunteers, and each team travels a specific 4 to 5-hour route through Milwaukee County. One route focuses on the Southern part of the County and the other on the Northern and Downtown area of the city. The routes stay consistent, so people know where and when to find Street Angels. There is an average of 35-40 stops per route which include homeless encampments, park & ride lots, beneath bridges and public meeting spots.

Through providing consistency, hot meals made with love and other basic survival needs, Street Angels is able to gain trust and develop a partnership with individuals to assist them in developing strategies to obtain shelter, housing, treatment and other vital services.

Street Angels partners with Milwaukee County Housing Division, 2-1-1, and other providers to coordinate efforts and ensure that every available resource is utilized to get



people into permanent housing. The time between the first night of homelessness and the first night in shelter/permanent housing needs to be a time of support and hope, that is Street Angels mission.

Mobile Outreach:

“Showers of Hope” Hygiene Program

*In partnership with the Kohler Company, Street Angels will be unveiling a mobile shower trailer in Spring of 2024. The unit will provide (3)- shower stalls, (1)- ADA compliant & accessible, and will initially operate two days per week. The intent is to combine the shower program and the community collaborative outreach to offer easy access to basic needs and to make huge strides in getting people connected to vital services. **LOVE AND DIGNITY ON WHEELS!***

*\*The above information has been pulled directly from their website. Please visit <https://www.streetangelsmke.org/donate>*





## **RIC Corner**

Billy Jean King, also known as BJK is an American former world No. 1 tennis Player. BJK won 39 Grand Slam titles:

12 in singles, 16 in women's doubles and 11 in mixed doubles. King was a member of the U.S. team in 7 Federation Cups and 9 Wightman Cups. Her win over Bobby Riggs in the 1973 Battle of the Sexes, is one of the greatest moments in sports history.

King founded the Women's Sports Foundation in 1974. Named one of the "100 Most Important Americans of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century" by Life magazine and the first female athlete to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and part owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

For more fascinating tidbits and facts about BJK please visit <https://www.billiejeanking.com/>

**No March  
Anniversaries**



# March

# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3 Lent 3</b>  <b>No Bible Study</b> 10am Worship w/ Pr. Maren Hooper	4	5  	6	7	1 8 Int'l Women's Day 3/8	2 9
<b>10 Lent 4</b> 8:30am Bible Study & Zoom 10am Worship w/ Pr. Maren Hooper	11	12  7pm Council	13	14  	15	16
<b>17 Lent 5</b> 8:30am Bible Study & Zoom 10am Worship w/Pr. Maren Hooper	18  	19	20  10am April Messenger Deadline	21	22	23  
<b>24 Palm Sun</b> 8:30am Bible Study & Zoom 10am Worship w/Pr. David Rebey	25	26	27  	28  GMS Maundy Thursday @ Cross Lutheran	29  Good Friday Worship	30  Holy Saturday 9am Flower Delivery
<b>31 Easter</b> 9am Worship w/ Pr. Chris Manke						

# SUNDAY GOSPEL AND PSALM READINGS

## March 3 – 31, 2024

<p><u>March 3</u></p> <p>Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22</p>	<p><u>March 10</u></p> <p>Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21</p>
<p><u>March 17</u></p> <p>Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33</p>	<p><u>March 24</u></p> <p>Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1--15:47</p>

### March 31 Easter

Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Mark 16:1-8



*Quote -*

“The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don’t have any.”

— Alice Walker



**Easter Flowers Orders** – Easter potted plants have been ordered and will be delivered on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to pick up your order following the Easter worship service. A reminder of what was ordered will be on the welcome table in the narthex.

Thank you.

*Quote –*

“If they don’t give you a seat at the table,  
bring a folding chair.”

— *Shirley Chisholm*

## **Bible Study Schedule in March**

March 3<sup>rd</sup> - none

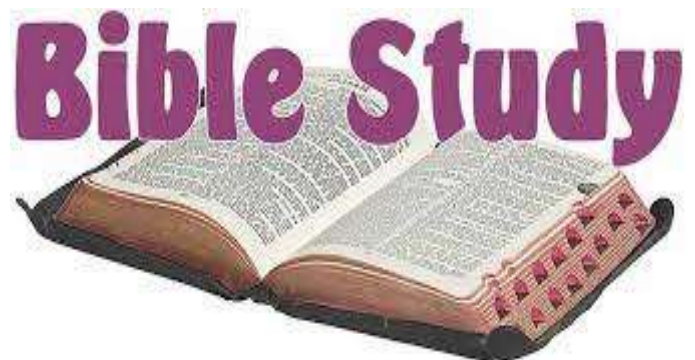
March 10<sup>th</sup> – 8:30am

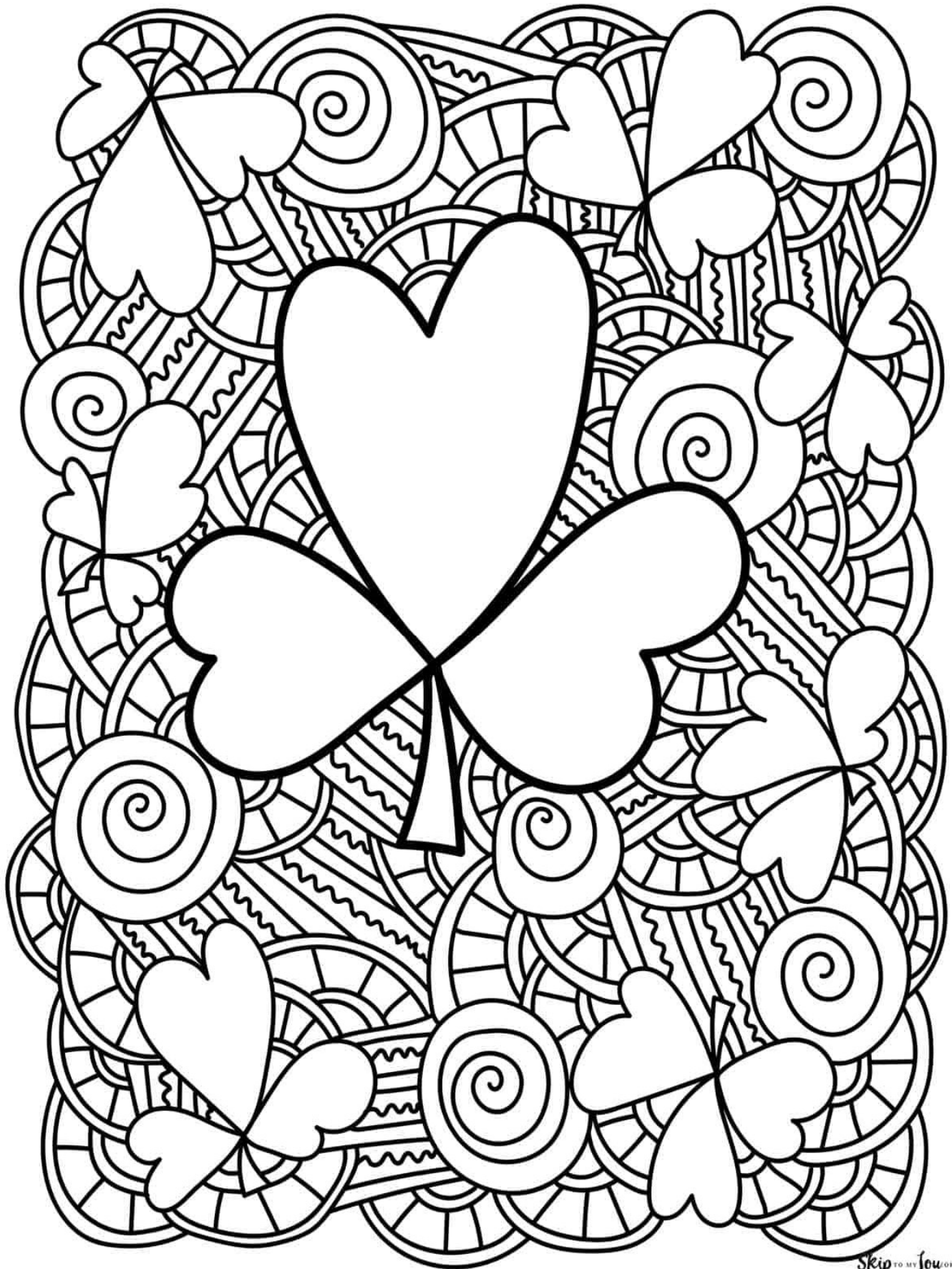
March 17<sup>th</sup> – 8:30am

March 24<sup>th</sup> – 8:30am

March 31<sup>st</sup> – none

All are welcome to join us in the Memorial Suite for some wonderful conversation!





Skip to my Lou<sup>ORG</sup>

Picture can be found at <https://i3.wp.com/www.skiptomylou.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/shamrock-with-detailed-background-coloring-page-1.jpg>



# WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY TEAM: March 2024

	March 3 Lent 3	March 10 Lent 4	March 17 Lent 5	March 24 Palm Sunday	March 29 Good Friday	March 31 Easter Sunday
Assisting Minister	Nancy Day	Bob Bromberek	Jeri Jende	Nancy Day	Bob Bromberek	Sarah Micheel
Usher Team	4	1	2	3	1	2
Altar Guild	Kurt and Judy Ruehrmund	Micheel Family	J Gilbertson Marcia Mikich	Jane Prahlow	Nancy Day M Van Engen	Micheel Family
Greeter(s)	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek
Communion Assistant	MaryEllen Voelz	Bob Bromberek	Kurt Ruehrmund	Judy Gilbertson	Mary Klug	Matt Prahlow
Communion Type	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous
Open	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel	Mark Van Engen	Bob Bromberek	Mark Van Engen	Bob Bromberek
Close	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel	Mark Voelz	Bob Bromberek	Mark Voelz	Bob Bromberek
Counting Team	4	1	2	3	1	2

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