



ST. PAUL VISITOR FEBRUARY 2023

The mission of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is to CELEBRATE and PROCLAIM to all the saving grace of JESUS CHRIST in word and deed.

We pray for...

LaDonna, Al, Helen, Ernie,
Myles, John, Jackie, Charles
and Kenny Lee.

Shepherding God, you are the source of life and health. Surround those who struggle with illness or other difficulties of life and bring them to wholeness and healing.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or have a "prayer email" sent out please call Kathy at 304-525-9630.



Part two of our Annual Meeting will be held on February 12 after worship. During this time we will be receiving Committee reports and celebrating the ministry of St. Paul. Please plan to join us!

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

with imposition of ashes

Wednesday, February 22

7:00pm



Pastor KLM Blog

Pastor Mackey has started a Blog on our website. He will be posting a new entry each week. You can view the blog by going to our church website: www.stpaulhuntington.org. It will be posted on the home page. Check it out!

Pastor's Reflections

I have a cross stitch wall hanging that Kathy made for me that is hanging in my study here at church. The pattern/ saying is a familiar one: ***"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference."*** Many people call this the Serenity Prayer. It was attributed to an American theologian named Reinhold Niebuhr. The fuller version of the prayer continues: ***Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at the time, accepting hardship as the pathway to peace; taking as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with him forever in the next.***

The full version of the prayer is one of the seven prayers I use during the week during my daily devotions. I find the term serenity title an interesting one. Serenity to me means peace and calm and the absence of conflict. That of course is not the case in life for any of us. All of us have had times as Niebuhr writes: accepting hardship as the path to peace. So many times I want to try to fix the hardships I encounter and have everything be all better. My experience has taught me that hardships help us to grow and mature. I have also learned that those hardships teach us about life, love, and God.

As we near Lent on February 22 we are reminded in the imposition of ashes liturgy on Ash Wednesday: Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. This is a reminder of the end all of us face. The Good News of the Gospel is that we do not face any of life alone. God has promised to be with us. The community of faithful servants in this church and others like it are with us throughout those struggles through their prayers and support.

The operative words in the first part of the prayer are ones that I haven't quite mastered, and probably never will. Those words of course are: **Accept** the things I cannot change – **Courage** to change the things I can – **Wisdom** to know the difference. Much of what I have learned from the prayer is accepting the things I cannot change and courage to change those I can. The courage to change things most always needs others in order to be accomplished. I have also found that more often than not lately I have had to accept the things I cannot change and move on.

Accept, Courage and wisdom of those three the last seems to me to be the hardest – Wisdom. Wisdom is such an elusive gift. Even Solomon who initially was gifted wisdom by God could not claim it in the end. Wisdom though it seems to me means waiting and listening. Wisdom needs patience to happen.

This Lent midweek we will be celebrating community each week. Every Wednesday in Lent we will seek to have the wisdom to discern community in different places and people. I pray you will gain some insight into wisdom.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mackey <><

Dear St. Paul Congregation,

I am happy to share two items of good news with you. The first one is that the new digital rehearsal piano for the choir room has finally arrived (the old Clavinova had stopped working; once digital pianos are 15 years or older, it is very difficult to find parts or even a repair person willing to come out). The new instrument is from the Yamaha Arius series and we purchased it from Music & Arts on Route 60, formerly Kerr's Music. (I have an Arius at home, too, so I can practice at night with a headset and not disturb the neighbors. It's a quality instrument.) The Music & Arts store manager Gary Wooten was very helpful and made us a good deal. It will be good to have a relationship with a local music store, in case we have need for repairs and/or musical purchases in the future. The new digital piano is portable and will be affixed to a dolly so that wheeling it around for outside services should be easier.

The second piece of good news is the announcement of a musical performance at St. Paul. If you are available and interested, please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 19, 2023, 5 pm for the spring concert of the Huntington Symphony Chorus. Jacob Smith, a Marshall music grad and Theatre, Choral, and Music Teacher at Spring Valley High School will conduct the ensemble in a mixed program featuring the Requiem by Gabriel Fauré, in addition to other choral works and art songs. The soloists will be Sarah Riddle (soprano) and Eric Brown (baritone). Jacob has told me repeatedly in the past that he thinks St. Paul has the most beautiful sanctuary in Huntington. I think this is a wonderful opportunity to connect with the Huntington community. The centerpiece of the program, Fauré's Requiem, is sacred, and you will recognize musical items that reflect our liturgy, like the Kyrie (Lord Have Mercy), Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy), and the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God).

Henning



Dear St. Paul Congregation,

January started off with a kickoff to CCC, LYO and Confirmation with a pizza party, learning about Jesus' baptism, reflecting on our own baptisms and playing bible bingo! We decorated large seashells with hearts, crosses and a dove on the outside and a picture of John the Baptist baptizing Jesus with a dove on the inside. We discussed the importance of water and how shells were used since they were readily available by the river or seashore. These kids get it! They have all been baptized and whether they remember their actual baptism or not, they know they were cleansed with water and that Jesus is in their heart and they must continue us to attend church and praise God daily. The Dove is a reminder of the Holy Spirit that moves through all of us to share in the Good News of our lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We continue to learn about discipleship and how to be fishers of men.

Creigh Pemberton showed a fine example of discipleship by joining our group and teaching us how to make play-doh. She was wonderful with the CCC group and it helped them to understand the importance of sharing our gifts with one another. The kids made the symbols of baptism that we had learned about- water, heart, cross, seashell and dove. They also enjoyed using nativity cookie cutters to make Mary, Joseph, angels, stars, donkeys, camels, sheep, shepherds and the wisemen. We discussed the importance of being a disciple and being a child of God. We are meant to share our gifts and share God's word and love with others.

How can we all be fishers of men? We must share more. We must share love with one another. We must share our gifts. We must share in kindness and show God's love and grace with others by helping one another. We made fishing poles with three fish attached. Each fish represented someone the kids would share Jesus with through the next week. They could help someone, pray for someone, show someone love or just simply tell someone that Jesus loves them. If we could all do this a little bit more each day, wouldn't we share Jesus' love and message just a little bit more? These kids are praying freely and from their hearts. We are focusing on action and showing love to all we meet. The timing seems appropriate since February is the month celebrating love. We will continue to learn stories of the bible and share God's love by taking action in our world. Our LYO group will participate in community service, cooking & serving at the Ronald McDonald House and a social activity of bowling soon. We look forward to sowing the seeds of love with one another.

"May the God of Hope, fill you with joy and peace as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope by power of the Holy Spirit.


-Romans 15:13

God's Blessings Always!
Your Loving Sister in Christ,
Jill





February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			6:00pm CCC 7:00pm Choir			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:00am Worship 11:15am Adult Forum 11:15am Sunday School	12:00pm Pastor at QRT	9:30am Quilting	6:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:00am Worship 11:15am Annual Meeting 11:15am Sunday School	7:00pm Writer's Group	9:30am Quilting 	10:00am Book Club 6:00pm CCC 7:00pm Choir			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:00am Worship 11:15am Adult Forum 11:15am Sunday School		9:30am Quilting	Ash Wednesday 7:00pm Worship with Imposition of Ashes 7:30pm Choir			9:00am-12:00pm Council Meeting
26	27	28				
10:00am Worship 11:15am Adult Forum 11:15am Sunday School	1:00pm Woman's Club	9:30am Quilting 12:00pm Pastor at QRT				



CRIDLIN FOOD PANTRY

For the Month of February we will be collecting cans of tuna for Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry. Please place your items in the bin in the narthex.

A huge thank you to everyone who purchased a gift from our "Good Gifts" tree in 2022. Thanks to your generosity we raised over \$600.00 which will be used to help those less fortunate to lead fuller lives and be more independent. For more information on the Good Gifts program go to www.goodgifts.elca.org.



Thank you to everyone who donated items for Branches Domestic Violence Shelter in December. Thanks to your generosity and a grant from Thrivent Financial we donated 30 sweatshirts, 10 hoodies and jackets, 34 pairs of pants, 8 pairs of shoes, 12 pairs of socks, 6 hair brushes, and 6 quilts.

**YOU
CAN
HELP**



Do you wish you could help with the School Backpacks but can't do the shopping yourself? We have members who are willing to do the shopping, but we need funds. You can help by making a monetary donation. Please make checks out to St. Paul and write "Backpacks" on the memo line. Cash can be put in an envelope with "Backpacks" written on the outside.

School Backpack Program

We are running low on items for our backpacks. If you can help purchase any of the items below it would be appreciated.

The following items are needed:

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| fruit cups | applesauce |
| Mac and Cheese | Beef-a-Roni |
| Beef sticks | Cereal |
| Pop Tarts | Fruit snacks |
| Drink boxes | Shelf stable milk |



All items need to be individual sizes and not contain peanuts.

Please leave your items in the container in the narthex or bring to the church office.

LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

with imposition of ashes

Wednesday, February 22

7:00pm



40 DAYS, 40 QUARTERS

During Lent we are often asked to “give something up”. Instead of giving something up this year, consider giving “to”:

This Lenten season you are given the opportunity to increase your giving to St. Paul. Traditional Lenten Folders are available for you to collect quarters each day during the time of Lent. By Easter Sunday you will have collected \$10.00 to help in the ministries of St. Paul. Please consider taking up this “giving to” challenge. The folders will be available in the narthex beginning February 26.



MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

7:00pm in the Sanctuary

“Created for Community”

March 1: In Community with Creation

March 8: In Community with All the Saints

March 15: In Community with Our Neighbor

March 22: In Community with Those on the Margins

March 29: In Community with Christ

WORSHIP HELPERS

February 5

Assisting Minister: Ruthann Arneson
Reader: Annette DuVall
Communion Deacon: Steve Golder
Bread:
Crucifer: Ethan Arneson
Acolyte: Daniel Kist
Ushers: Poppy Cartee and Tom McGill
Flowers:

February 12

Assisting Minister: Linda Schneider
Reader: Mary Lou Fricke
Communion Deacon: Creigh Pemberton
Bread:
Crucifer: Alex Mackey
Acolyte: DeLaney Utley
Ushers: Poppy Cartee and Tom McGill
Flowers: David Stuart

February 19

Assisting Minister: David Stuart
Reader: Steve Golder
Communion Deacon: B. Wellman
Bread: Ruthann Arneson
Crucifer: Katie Dowis
Acolyte: Daniel Kist
Ushers: Poppy Cartee and Tom McGill
Flowers: Barb Garnett

February 22 Ash Wednesday

Assisting Minister: Norma Gensler
Reader: Norma Gensler
Communion Deacon: David Stuart
Bread:

February 26

Assisting Minister: B. Wellman
Reader: Doug Korstanje
Communion Deacon: Keith Wellman
Bread:
Crucifer: Jacob Hale
Acolyte: DeLaney Utley
Ushers: Poppy Cartee and Tom McGill
Flowers: Starla Kisling

ALTAR GUILD: Bonnie Conger, Debbie Perkins

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Betty Church

CHAPEL CANDLE:

BOOK CLUB

Wednesday February 15 at 10:00am
in the Parlor

We will be discussing "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver
All are welcome to join us!

Please see Kathy Mackey if you have any questions.



The readings listed below are sent to the congregation each day (Monday-Friday) by email. If you are not currently receiving the Daily Devotional and would like to please contact the church at secretary@stpaulhuntington.org with your email address.

January 30-February 3: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 112:1-9; I Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

February 6-10: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; I Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

February 13-17: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

February 20-24: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11



- 2 Tyler Tucker; Debra Perkins
- 3 Susan Korstanje
- 4 Pastor Kevin Mackey; Al Tillers
- 8 Patricia Stolze
- 9 Olivia Bell; Helen Stuart; Beulah Doss
- 10 Linda Schneider
- 11 Rex Hale
- 18 Sarah Mariani; Willow May
- 19 Cindy Bakely; Shannon Walker
- 20 Tiffany Williams
- 22 Dale Kelz; Jerome Yancey
- 23 Kennady Kist
- 24 Dennis Andrus
- 25 Alice Fricke
- 26 Linda Hay
- 28 Bill Grimes; Jacki Humphreys

Worship Attendance for January

Date	in person	Facebook(closed)	Facebook (open)	YouTube
1/1	36	Not recorded	not recorded	not record.
1/8	46	81	65	8
1/15	65	65	48	4
1/22	58	Not Recorded	36	3
1/29	58	44	62	1

Sunday School

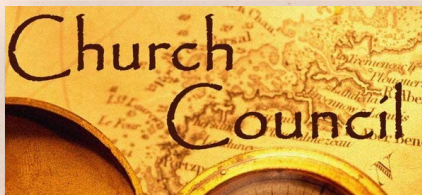
1/1	No Sunday School		
1/8	Adult Forum: 23	Children: 6	
1/15	Adult Forum: 17	Children: 13	
1/22	Adult Forum: 17	Children: 9	
1/29	Adult Forum 13	Children: 11	



Our sympathy to the family of Judy Pease. Judy passed away on January 4.



Please contact Linda Schneider or the church office if you would like an end of giving statement.



The 2023 Church Council members and their respective committees are:

- Property—Ron Pease
- Stewardship and Finance—Julie Huron
- Social Ministry—Bernadette Wellman and Creigh Pemberton
- Christian Education—Kevin Knowles and Emma Kist
- Worship and Music—Barbara Garnett
- Fellowship—Debbie Perkins and Jenny Murray
- Evangelism—Everyone

The next council meeting will be on February 25 from 9:00am—noon.



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