

ST. PAUL VISITOR
FEBRUARY 2024

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And Proclaim To All The
Saving Grace Of Jesus
Christ In Word And
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ALL ARE
WELCOME
HERE 

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

February 13, 2024 at 6pm

Fun for Everyone!
Pancake Races &
Crowning of King & Queen



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Ash Wednesday

WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 14

Worship Services with
imposition of ashes and
Holy Communion
12:00pm in the Chapel
7:00pm in the Sanctuary

MID-WEEK SERVICES
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

6:00PM LIGHT MEAL
WORSHIP AT 7:00PM



The season of Lent commemorates the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. As part of our Lent observance this year we are asking you to "Have a Heart, Help Fill the Cart." We have not been receiving as many donations for our backpack program as we have in the past. We need your help to continue providing food for students at Southside Elementary to eat on the weekends. These are children who have been identified as being at risk of not having enough to eat when not in school. On Sunday, February 11 we will hand out hearts with suggested food items to every one who attends worship. Please try to purchase one or more of these items and place them in the shopping cart in the narthex by Palm Sunday. Monetary gifts are also helpful. Please "Have a heart!"

Have a Heart
Help Fill
the Cart!



Pastor's Reflections

I seem to be saying these words more often: "I remember when". Here are some examples: I remember when school was hardly ever called off (I grew up in northeast Ohio in a place called the "snow belt". Let me just say we got a lot of snow and cold), I remember when everything at school was on paper and the teachers handed things back graded within a couple of days, I remember when the church was full of people, I remember when Sunday school had many children in the classrooms. I could go on. Do you remember when? What do your remembrances look like? Sometimes, probably many times, our memories betray us, don't they? The interesting thing is that if you talk to five people about their remembrances of a specific event there will be five difference accounts of how the event is remembered.

Why do you say those words: I remember when..."? Are they words that bring you back to the past? Are the remembrances good or challenging ones? Do you reflect and say those words to bring joy and happiness to your life today? I wonder.

On February 14 – Ash Wednesday – Valentines Day – we will once again come to worship to remember. As a part of the liturgy the imposition of ashes and the words: "remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return". That can be a frightening thought, can't it? I am dust and I will return to dust! The remembrance is a recognition that God is God, and we are not. The Lenten season is a time to remember and to celebrate our creatureliness. Yes, God is Good and we are not AND God loves us AND God forgives us AND God reminds us of this love daily in life.

So, one of the things I have been trying to do when I find myself saying the words: I remember when... is to be thankful/ grateful for today. That remembrances are good things, but we also live in the here and now – moment by moment and each moment is filled with blessings from God.

So, as you embark on the Lenten journey of remembrances, don't forget to thank God for today and all the possibilities for blessing as the day proceeds.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor KLM <><



PASTOR'S BLOG

I WILL BE BEGINNING A LENTEN EDITION OF MY BLOG IN LENT. THE FIRST POST WILL BE ON SHROVE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 – THE DAY BEFORE ASH WENESDAY. EVERY TUESDAY IN LENT CHECK OUT THE BLOG ON OUR WEB SITE.

Dear St. Paul Congregation,

In January we celebrated the life of two saints at St. Paul, Ernie Golder and Al Schneider, and next Saturday we will celebrate the life of another one, Ingeborg White. Our choir is there for these occasions, and so are people who provide for and help with receptions and more. As someone said in the choir said recently, this speaks volumes about our church.

I'd like to take this opportunity and welcome a new choir member. Sarah Elrod moved to Huntington in the fall and has attended St. Paul for a few months. This past Sunday, she sang for the first time together with us during Worship. Sarah is a recent graduate of Augustana College, a Lutheran college in Illinois with a strong music tradition (affiliated with the ELCA). She studied music education with clarinet as principal instrument and has a beautiful soprano voice. We are very glad to have her. With last year's new members Dr. Dan and Edie Beals and all of our longtime-serving and experienced singers, the choir has a very healthy size. As always, if you are interested, let me know or simply show up to Wednesday night choir rehearsals downstairs in the choir room!

For Lent, we will switch the Setting of the Liturgy to No. 5 in the Blue Hymnal (With One Voice).

Some of you know Dr. Elizabeth Reed Smith, who has been the violin professor at Marshall and concertmaster of the Huntington Symphony Orchestra for many years. She will be retiring at the end of this semester. I feel an especially strong bond to her, because she was the chair of the search committee that brought me to Marshall, and the German piano that resides in my living room used to belong to her parents while they were music professors in South Carolina. She studied at Yale University and received her doctorate from the Eastman School of Music (like me, just a couple of decades earlier – we did not know each other before I came to Huntington). I've been fortunate to play with her throughout my time at Marshall and am looking forward to our "last" duo recital together (at least, while she is still teaching at Marshall).

The recital will take place on Sunday, February 18, at 3 pm in Smith Recital Hall on campus. Among other works, we will be playing sonatas by Swedish composer Amanda Röntgen-Maier and Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges, the "Black Mozart" (the movie "Chevalier" from 2022 is about his life). You are cordially invited. Admission is free.

Henning



Music Recitals at Marshall

Sunday, February 11 at 3:00pm Violin/Piano Recital with Dr. Elizabeth Reed Smith on violin and Dr. Henning Vauth on piano. In Smith Recital Hall

Sunday, February 18 at 3:00pm Faculty Recital with Michael Stroehrer and Dr. Henning Vauth. In the Jomie Jazz Center.

Dear St. Paul Congregation,

The New Year has entertained us with cold, snowy and icy weather with a twist of a couple warm days feeling like spring with beautiful rays of sunshine. We all seemed to enjoy our holidays and times with family and friends. The youth appreciated another week off from school and enjoyed the snowfall as well. Sometimes, God gives us these little breaks to enjoy family time a little bit more or to stay nestled in to enjoy a good book or hobby. I am thankful for these moments and the beautiful snow. No two snowflakes are alike, just like children of God, we are all unique in our own way.

We have started back to Sunday School and CCC. The older youth have started watching the series "The Chosen" and discussing one episode per week. They will use the app on their phone to watch any episode they miss if they are absent. This will help everyone stay on task. Our CCC group has been working on a Valentine's Day bulletin board, "Jesus Is Love". They have looked up bible verses about God's love and listed those verses on homemade hearts. We have been discussing all the ways to see God's love and share His love as well. We speak about the importance of seeking, thanking and praising God. Then, we ponder how we can share the Good News and love of God with others. This week the youth acknowledged smiles, hugs, helping one another and loving one another as witnessing God's love. They absolutely get it! We are starting to prepare for the Shrove Pancake Dinner by making instruments and festive masks. The youth will be decorating and serving drinks and deserts for the event. They get so excited because they love seeing and being with our church family during times of fun and fellowship. It is a great way for our members to enjoy the company of one another. The Shrove Pancake Dinner will be on Tuesday, February 13th at 6pm in the undercroft. We hope to see all of our brothers and sisters there. It is hard to believe Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday are both the same day. God is the perfect Valentine. "You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart."- Jeremiah 29:13.

The St. Paul Girl Scouts held the 2024 Cookie Kickoff in the undercroft. The girls learned about axolotls, how to make lip balm, played bingo and other games and made cookie lanyards. There were about 40 girls and families that attended. It is comforting to watch these girls learn and grow.

We have a few Girl Scouts in our congregation if you are interested in purchasing Girl Scout cookies. It is nice to see Girl Scout troops growing again. I am thankful our church welcomes all the girls in our community to hold events in our building. It is also inspiring to watch girls lead and learn. May we continue to go in peace and serve the Lord!

As we prepare for the Lenten season ahead, I pray you feel the presence of God and His peace as you spend time with Him.

Your Loving Sister in Christ,

Jill





Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry

A reminder to everyone: there are various illnesses going around (COVID, Flu, etc). If you are not feeling well please refrain from coming to worship or other events at the church. If there is anything you need please call Pastor Mackey or the church office. We are happy to help out!

For the month of February we will be collecting cans of tomato soup for Cridlin. Please leave your donations in containers in the narthex.



BOOK CLUB
February 14 at 10:00am
in the parlor

We will be discussing "The Rose Code" by Kate Quinn

Please join us!

What is the Backpack Food Program?

Each week during the school year we put together bags of food for children at Southside Elementary who may not have enough food for the weekend.



How many children do we help?

Each week we provide food for 25 children.

How can I help?

You can purchase items for the backpacks! See the list of suggested items below. Please bring your items to the church and leave them in the container in the narthex.

What can I donate?

- Pop Tarts
- single serving ravioli
- ramen noodles
- single serving soup
- single serving mac and cheese
- tuna and cracker packs
- fruit cups
- individually packaged beef sticks
- single serving applesauce
- single serving beef-a-roni
- individual shelf stable milk drink boxes



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls are available in the narthex if you would like to give one to someone in need of comfort and prayer. Cards are also available to give with the shawls. These shawls are made by members of St. Paul and are offered free of charge.





OUR CONDOLENCES

-to the family of Ingeborg White who passed away January 10. A memorial service for Ingeborg will be held on February 4 at 11:30am

-to the family of Julia Sullivan who passed away on January 14. A memorial service for Julia was held at Reger Funeral Chapel on January 20.



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

Congratulations to Jared and Keely Tucker on the birth of their baby daughter Amelia Beth on January 11. Baby Amelia was welcomed home by big brother Gatlin. Proud grandparents are Bob and Sharon Tucker.



WE PRAY FOR:



- LaDonna, Helen, Stephen, Barbara, Mike, Mandy, Becky, Dan, Gloria, Frank, Marty, Cheryl, Tom, Anne, and John, Darlene and April.

- If you would like to add someone to the prayer list please call the church office.



DAILY DEVOTIONAL IN YOUR INBOX

The readings listed below are emailed to the congregation Monday-Friday along with a suggestion for contemplating the scripture. If you are not currently receiving the daily devotional and would like to please contact the church office.

January 29-Feb. 3: Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11, 20, I Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39
 Feb. 5-9: 2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9
 Feb. 12-16: Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, I Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15
 Feb. 19-23: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38
 Feb. 26-March 1: Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, I Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				Noon Bible Study		11:30am Ingeborg White Memorial Service
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:00am Worship 11:15am Sunday School/Adult Forum	1:00pm Woman's Club	9:30am Quilting	6:00pm CCC 7:00pm Choir	Noon Bible Study 6:00pm Girl Scouts		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:00am Worship 11:15am Sunday School 11:15am Annual Meeting	12:00pm Pastor at QRT	9:30am Quilting 6:00pm Shrove Pancake Supper	Ash Wednesday 10:00am Book Club 12:00pm Worship 7:00pm Worship 7:30pm Choir	Pastor at Conference Meeting		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:00am Worship 11:15am Sunday School/Adult Forum		9:30am Quilting	6:00pm Mid-Week Meal 7:00pm Worship 7:30pm Choir	Noon Bible Study 6:00pm Girl Scouts		1:00-4:00pm Girl Scouts World Thinking Day in Fellowship Hall
25	26	27	28	29		
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GIRL
SCOUTS



WORSHIP HELPERS FOR FEBRUARY

February 4

Reader: Barbara Garnett
Assisting Minister: Linda Schneider
Communion Deacon: David Stuart
Acolyte:
Flowers: Mary Lou Pratt
Bread: Linda Schneider
Ushers: Shannon Walker and Jaylyn Garnett

February 11

Reader: Steve Golder
Assisting Minister: Steve Golder
Communion Deacon: Cheryl Conzett
Acolyte: Daniel Kist
Flowers: Keith Wellman
Bread: Barbara Garnett
Ushers: Shannon Walker and Jaylyn Garnett

February 18

Reader: Norma Gensler
Assisting Minister: Norma Gensler
Communion Deacon: Jan Kirby
Acolyte:
Flowers:
Bread: Dan and Edie Beals
Ushers: Shannon Walker and Jaylyn Garnett

February 25

Reader: Annette DuVall
Assisting Minister: Keith Wellman
Communion Deacon: Cheryl Conzett
Acolyte: Daniel Kist
Flowers:
Bread: Barbara Garnett
Ushers: Shannon Walker and Jaylyn Garnett

Ash Wednesday

February 14

7:00pm

Reader: David Stuart
Assisting Minister: David Stuart
Communion Deacon:



Sanctuary Lamp

Betty Church

Chapel Lamp

Betty Church

ALTAR GUILD

Bonnie Conger and
Debbie Perkins

Adult Forum

Sundays at 11:15am in the parlor.

Join us for great discussions led by Pastor Mackey.

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Join Our Bible Study Group

THURSDAYS AT NOON
BRING YOUR LUNCH
ALL ARE WELCOME



ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11

after worship

Join us as we accept the committee reports for 2023 and celebrate the ministry of St. Paul



If you would like an end of year giving statement please contact Annette DuVall or call the church office.

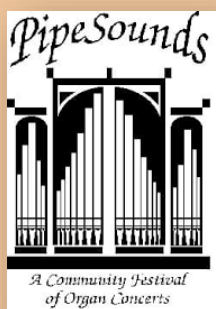


40 DAYS, 40 QUARTERS



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 4.



...A Night at the Silent Movies with guest artist Peter Krasinski on the Harrah Symphonic Organ. **Friday, February 2, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**, Forrest Burdette Memorial UMC. Krasinski will accompany two films: the short film *The Red Balloon* and the comedy *The Cameraman* (starring Buster Keaton). Admission is \$15 at the door; students are free.



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ST. PAUL MINISTRIES



Quilting



School Backpack Program



Christmas Baskets



Cool to be a Christian Club



Camp Luther



Lutheran Youth Organization



Worship in the Park



Trunk or Treat



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Blessing of the Animals



Christmas in August



Vacation Bible School

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