

SAVING A SEAT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

ST. PAUL'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH

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OUR MISSION

Share the good news of Jesus Christ and to make disciples of all nations. Therefore with God's help, we will:

- Proclaim Christ in word and deed;
- Invite the unchurched to "Come and See Jesus"
- Commit ourselves to discipleship through bible study, worship, prayer, Christlike servanthood and fellowship;
- Open ourselves to the Holy Spirit's leading, so that whatever we do, we do in Jesus' name

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

- JOIN US FOR WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM
- BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY MORNING AT 8:15
- MEN'S PRAYER GROUP SATURDAY MORNING AT 7:30
- LIVE STREAMED SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

WHAT'S COMING IN MARCH:

Installation of Officers during service on March 3.

The Council will meet on March 12th at 6:30 pm.

Paint and Sip March 16

Wednesday Lenten Services:

Stations of the Cross

Devotions 5:45 pm

Lenten Supper 6 pm

Lenten Service 6:30 pm

Easter Service will be March 31st at 7:00 am.



Galaxy S20 FE 5G

We welcomed Heaven Bound in concert and enjoyed great music!

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR PAUL

Lá Fhéile Pádraig Sona Duit

(Happy St. Patrick's Day to You)

Believe it or not St. Patty's Day is about more than corned-beef, cabbage, and Guinness. It is a day set aside to commemorate Bishop Patrick, a fifth century missionary credited with bringing Christianity to Emerald Isle (Ireland). Born in Britain in A.D. 390, Patrick was raised in a Christian family. However, Patrick had little interest in God or religion in his early years. When he was 16 years old, Patrick was kidnapped and forced into slave labor in Ireland.

Alone and afraid in a foreign land with no hope of escape, Patrick remembered his Christian upbringing and cried out to God for deliverance. Patrick eventually escaped and traveled 200 miles where he found a ship and set sail for England. After six years, Patrick was reunited with his family in Britain. In response to God's faithfulness, Patrick decided to become a priest, and after 12 years of study and being elevated to a bishop, God called Patrick to carry the good news of the Gospel back to Ireland. Despite the danger of being pulled once again into slavery, Patrick decided to obey the call of God to return to Ireland in 432 A.D., bearing the light of the Gospel. He recorded his sentiments on the decision: "I am ready to be murdered, betrayed, enslaved – whatever may come my way." Bishop Patrick's mission was not easy. He faced danger, not only from the pagans and warlords, but also by the Irish nobility who saw him as a foreign threat. He endured public mockery and scorn. He was beaten and harassed. Yet his faith pushed him to persevere in the face of persecution.

Patrick built the first Irish Christian church on the site of the present-day St. Patrick's Memorial Church in Saul. It is considered the birthplace of Irish Christianity. In nearly 30 years of ministry, Patrick baptized more than 100,000 Irish citizens and planted some 300 churches.

As St. Patrick traveled throughout Ireland, sharing the Gospel with old and young, rich and poor, powerful and weak, Patrick prayed this prayer, which is now famous throughout the world: "Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me."

So, on March 17th, before we enjoy participating in some of the delicious traditional Irish fare and festivities, let's pause for a moment and perhaps recite the prayer of St. Patrick and remember to thank God for all the faithful men and women, like St. Patrick, who devoted themselves to being a faithful witness for Christ who shared the Gospel to the lost, and pray that we will be as faithful in our Christian witness.

The Grace of God on you,
Pastor Paul

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS

March 3: Lent 3 Reader: Chris Segrell

Exodus 20:1-7, Psalm 19: 1-14, John 2:13-22, 23-25

March 10: Lent 4 Reader: Monte Bracker

Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107: 1-9, Ephesians 2:1-10

March 17: Lent 5 Reader: Julie Jenson

Jeremiah 31: 31-34, Psalm 119:9-16, Hebrews 5:1-10

March 24: Palm Sunday Reader: Bruce Bracker

Zechariah 9:9-12, Psalm 118: 19-29, Philippians 2: 5-11

March 31: Easter Sunday Reader: Steve Anderson

Exodus 15:1-11, Psalm 118: 15-29, 1 Corinthians 5: 6-8



The 316 Group gathered for food, fellowship, and sharing the word of God with area youth!

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." ~ Ephesians 4:32



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

RUBY TILLEY- 3/4

MAURA JENSON- 3/5

MICK RING- 3/13

DAVE BARTELTT- 3/16

RUBEN VALDEZ- 3/18

HAZLEY LARSON- 3/24



Sunday School

this month:

March 10th:

"You are a God of forgiveness."

A Prayer for

Easter

Heavenly and Almighty Father, I give thanks this day for your great gift of Jesus Christ, that you would love me so much you'd send your only Son to live and die for my sins. I celebrate in his glorious resurrection, claiming victory over death and sin. May I daily die to my sin, ever stepping closer to you and your path for my life. Forgive my sins, Lord, and let me live fully in the joy of Christ. Amen.

