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### Worship Opportunities

Please share with friends and family - all are welcome!

Links can also be found on our website here: <https://stpaulsyorkst.org/>.

**Saturday 5:00 pm** in the Lounge

**Sunday 9:30 am** in the Sanctuary and live on Facebook

**Wednesdays 12:13 pm in the Lounge: Mid-week Devotions:** Pastor Dan's brief service consists of prayer, scripture reading and silent meditation. All are welcome to join us.

### Holy Week Worship Services:

April 13 - Palm Sunday 9:30 am (In person & Facebook live)

April 17 - Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm (In person)

April 18 - Good Friday, 8:00 pm (In person & Facebook live)

April 20th -Easter Sunday, 9:30 am In person & Facebook live)

**Bulletins:** <https://stpaulsyorkst.org/sunday-bulletin>

**Contact Pastor Dan at <http://pdyeiser06@gmail.com> or call the church office and ask to speak with him if you:**

- Desire a pastoral visit
- Have a medical concern, procedure or hospitalization and desire a visit or to be added to the prayer list
- Have spiritual questions you wish to discuss

- Wish to schedule a celebration such as baptism or wedding
  - Have suffered a loss in the family and desire funeral planning and grief care
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## Congregation News, Opportunities and Reminders

### Weekly Lenten Devotional

*Thorns and snares are in path of the wicked...* **Proverbs 22:5**

*You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles?* **Matthew 7:16**

*...and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!'* **Matthew 27:29**

The Roman soldiers continued to mock and humiliate Jesus. They took direct aim at his supposed crime: being the King of the Jews. Taking branches from a young rose bush, they twisted them into a crown and placed it on his head. This brought both physical, emotional, and spiritual pain.

Throughout Scriptures, thorns represent the consequences of sin. In Genesis, God told Adam he would have to toil to farm the land filled with thorns because he disobeyed God. Isaiah told how Israel was laid waste and filled with thorns as the Israelites were sent into exile because of their sins.

Although the soldiers meant to mock Jesus, they pointed out his role as Messiah. Christ laid aside his Crown of Glory to become one of us. The crown of thorns symbolized the sinfulness of humanity which Jesus bore. And what did he do with it? He carried that crown of sin and shame to the Cross where he exchanged himself for humanity. He paid the price for our sin.

What sins are you bearing? What thorns are growing in your path because of your choices? Be assured that Christ has taken your burdens and carried them to the Cross.

**Pray: *Jesus, help me to recognize the consequences of my sin. Help me to turn myself over to you. Thank you for paying the price for my salvation. Amen.***

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### **Musician's Needed!**

Do you play an instrument? Would you like to be more active at church? Then we have an opportunity for you! Our Saturday Evening worship service is seeking musicians to play

accompaniment On the first and second Saturdays of the month. ANY instrument is welcome: piano, guitar, flute, trumpet, violin, etc! You can volunteer to play just one Saturday, or as many as you like. NO LONG TERM COMMITMENT REQUIRED! The songs are the same ones we sing on Sundays. Carmen will send you the worship bulletin ahead of time so you can practice. If you are interested, there is a sign up sheet by Pastor Dan's office. If you'd like more information, please speak to Pastor Dan, Russ Kaltreider, Steven Rupright, or Suzanne Butler.

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**We Are Journeying During Lent** toward the blessed holiday of Easter, which has brought hope and joy to billions of people throughout history.

Make Lent and Easter offerings online during these liturgical seasons! It is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many of you already support the congregation with your time, talent and financial contributions. But greater seasonal participation is always welcome. We encourage you to consider our electronic giving program. We accept donations made from your bank account and credit card or debit cards. It takes just a few minutes to set up a recurring giving plan.

An easy way to get started is to simply use the link which takes you directly to our giving page: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YH2M/home>

OR go to our webpage and click GIVE.

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## **March 21st - PAL Team #2**

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### **Open House - Go Check Out Camps!**

Road Trip!!! What a great afternoon of adventure! Whether you are considering camp this summer, want to see how camp has changed since you were last there, or just curious what our youth experience -visit an open house this spring!

You are invited to visit **Kirchenwald** or **Nawakwa** on **April 6**, anytime between 2:00 and 4:30 p.m. Take a tour of camp with members of our summer staff, meet the directors, and discover what camp is all about. As a bonus, every brand-new camper will receive a \$10 gift certificate for the camp store! Register here: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/rsvp/?rsvp=5200>

Everyone is welcome to join us for an afternoon of games, camp tours, snacks, crafts and activities for all ages on **March 23rd at Mar-Lu-Ridge**. Gather at the pavilion 1-4 p.m. This day is for campers

and families, or anyone interested in seeing what we have been up to recently! No RSVP necessary, just come join the fun.

Council has approved camperships for any St. Paul's members and any person(s) sponsored by a member for this summer at any Lutheran Camping Corporation Camp! Check out the summer schedules here: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/> and <https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/> For more information see Laura Silver, our Camp Person.

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### **Additional Opportunities to Serve, Refresh and Enjoy Fellowship:**

Quilting Weekend March 21st at Kirkenwald

Community Retreat March 28-29 at Mar-Lu-Ridge

Lenten Day Apart March 29th at the Wittel Farm

Work Day April 1st and 26th at Nawakwa

High School Service Retreat April 11th -13th at Mar-Lu-Ridge

For details and registration visit: <https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/events/> or <https://www.lutherancamping.org/upcoming-events/>

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### **Faith In Action Lenten Project - Ruth's Harvest**

**Ruth's Harvest** is a free ministry of the Hanover Area Council of Churches adopted in 2013. This outreach effort focuses on child hunger in our community, providing healthy meals and snacks to children to take home for the weekend. For some children, free and reduced breakfast and lunch at school are the only meals they have, and are left without healthy meals, and often no meals over the weekend days when school is not in session. With this program, each Friday participating students receive a bag of food for the weekend which usually includes 2 breakfast entrees, 2 lunch entrees, 3 dinner entrees, several snacks, and disposable drinks.

The program requires single-serve fruit cups and vegetables, single-serve entrees, single-serve snacks, single-serve cereals, and single-serve drinks. Please bring your donations to the church and place them in the boxes found on the pulpit side of the hallway. This project will run during Lent from **Sunday, March 5, 2025-Sunday, April 21, 2025**. All donations will be delivered to the Ruth's Harvest drop off spot at St. Matthews Lutheran Church after Easter. Thank you for taking part in this outreach project again this year. Your generosity is always amazing.

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### **Book Club**

Will meet on **Wednesday, March 26, 2025** at **12:30pm** in the Conference Room. The book we will be discussing is [Return of the Bones](#) by Belinda Vasquez Garcia. This is a thrilling journey of ancestry, love, and forgiveness. Based on the true story of 2,067 skeletons that were stolen from the Ghost Pueblo of Pesos. It was the winner of the Best Historical Fiction New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards. Peg Sennett is the Discussion Leader for this book.

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## **Lenten Book Study**

Join us **Tuesday evenings beginning March 11** as we study the elements of the Crucifixion with the book *He Chose the Nails* by Max Lucado. The book focuses on what Jesus did for us on the Cross by getting us to look at it in a new light, and with a fuller understanding. Please sign up on the sheet by the pastor's office or contact Carmen no later than February 24 so we may order your book.

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## **Coffee Hour**

Will be held in the **lounge** this Sunday. Join us for a time of fellowship.

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## **Still Needed - Coffee Hour Volunteers!**

Fellowship is an important part of our faith community; that's why we hold Coffee Hour after church each Sunday. We are looking for volunteers to help keep our Coffee Hour going! There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge for folks to volunteer as coffee makers or to bring snacks. Coffee makers would start the coffee urn around 9 a.m. (coffee training available on request!) Both volunteers would help with set up and clean up. If you have questions, see Russ Kaltreider. Thank you for your help!

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## **Something's Brewing Bible Study**

All are welcome to join us **Monday evenings at 7 pm** in the church lounge. We will be using "Honoring Our Neighbors Faith, A Lutheran Perspective on Faith Traditions in America" by Robert Buckley Farlee. Hundreds of Christian denominations and dozens of non-Christian traditions have followers in the United States. How do we view this wide variety of beliefs and practices? How does the Lutheran tradition compare with others? Can't commit to every Monday? No problem! Please join us as your schedule allows every Monday!

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## **Daily Discipleship Bible Class**

This class is held following the Worship Service. Grab some coffee and snacks in the lounge and

join us **in the nursery, across from the lounge**, to dive a little deeper into the day's Bible readings. We should finish up by 11:30 am.

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## **Special Designated Giving - Lutheran Disaster Response, California Wild Fires**

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod, Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. They will work with them to provide for immediate needs and recovery amid the widespread destruction. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying recovering communities for months and years to come.

### **Connect:**

To learn more about the situation and the ELCA's response:

- Sign up to receive Lutheran Disaster Response [alerts](#).
  - Check the Lutheran Disaster Response [blog](#).
  - Read the Lutheran Disaster Response [FAQ page](#).
  - "Like" Lutheran Disaster Response on [Facebook](#) and follow @ELCA\_LDR on [Instagram](#).
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## **Breathing in Christ: Fasting & Feasting Lenten Series**

**Please note a Zoom link will be e-mailed to you a few days before the series begins.**

A 3-Part Workshop Exploring Lent as a rhythm of fasting and feasting, releasing and renewing

Are you longing for a deeper, more life-giving Lent? This season isn't just about giving things up—it's an invitation to follow Christ's rhythm of fasting and feasting, releasing what distracts and renewing your heart in God's presence. Together, we will:

- ✓ Follow Jesus' example of fasting—not just from food, but from anything that distracts us from what truly matters.
- ✓ Feast on Christ's presence, drawing near through stillness, trust, and the abundant grace Jesus freely gives
- ✓ Prepare our hearts for Easter, breathing in God's love, and walking in Jesus' rhythms

Come set aside distractions, deepen your relationship with Jesus, and breathe your way through Lent.

## Workshop Series Details

 Three Sessions, 75-90 Minutes Each |  Held Online

Session 2, March 27, 2025, 6:30 p.m. ET: Fasting from Noise, Feasting on Stillness

Session 3, April 10, 2025, 6:30 p.m. ET: Feasting on Resurrection Life

Step away from the noise, breathe in Christ's presence, and align with the sacred rhythms of fasting and feasting as an invitation to draw closer to Jesus. Register

here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7VntQCK1thHHn7BOjPZIQ6-Z7i-DUM5OfFsiQBD-XRuX\\_8A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7VntQCK1thHHn7BOjPZIQ6-Z7i-DUM5OfFsiQBD-XRuX_8A/viewform)

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## This Week's Calendar

### Thursday, March 20th

- 6:00 pm Bell Choir rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Cub & Boy Scouts
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir I rehearsal

### Friday, March 21st PAL Team #2

- 3:00 pm Grocery Ministry Prep

### Saturday, March 22nd

- 9:00 am Grocery Ministry (Help Needed)
- 9:00 am Men in Mission
- 9:00 am Daisy Event
- 5:00 pm Worship Service
- 6:15 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Sunday, March 23rd

- 8:30 am Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
- 9:30 am Worship Service

Immediately following the Children's Sermon Children's Choir rehearsal – Children's Music Room

Immediately following Worship Faith Formation – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Immediately following Worship Coffee Hour - Lounge

Daily Discipleship class – Nursery room (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

Adult Choir II rehearsal - Choir Loft in the Sanctuary

### Monday, March 24th

- 6:30 pm Girl Scouts
- 7:00 pm Something's Brewing Bible Study

## **Tuesday, March 25th**

10:30 am LIU #12 – Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Lenten Book Study

## **Wednesday, March 26th**

12:15 pm Mid-week Lenten Devotions

12:45 pm St. Paul's Book Club

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## **Sponsorships Available**

Please contact Maureen Kaltreider in the church office or at [finance@stpaulsyorkst.org](mailto:finance@stpaulsyorkst.org)

Radio—March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18 & 25 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers—May 4, 18 & 25 (2 vases at \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine— March 30, April 6, 13, May 4, 11, 18 & 25 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins— April 6, 13, 17, 18, 27, May 4, 18 & 25 (\$20 each date)

Eternal flame—May 4, 18 & 25 (\$10 each date)

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## **Links**

Sunday Worship Link: <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsyorkst/videos>

Last Week's Happenings and Reminders: <https://stpaulsyorkst.org/happenings-and-reminders>

Evangel: <https://stpaulsyorkst.org/evangel-newsletter-1>

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## **Reaching Out - To Whom Do We Go?**

**CALL the church office at 717.637.5941 for things like:**

- Scheduling room or building use
- If you've had a change in name, address, phone number or email
- To be added to the church email and communications lists to receive weekly, monthly and special notice communications
- For guidance in contacting ministry team leaders or teams for questions or matters specific to that team



- If there's a building issue and you don't know who to call
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