



# ST. PAUL VISITOR MARCH 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, Stephen, Bonnie, and Jill

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. Amen.

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.

## NEW MEMBERS

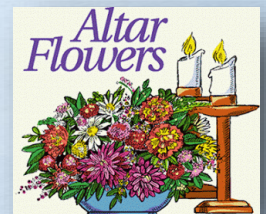
Please welcome our new members:

Dan and Edie Beals  
Kenny and Jan Kirby  
Mikah Utley  
Mary Lou Pratt  
KV and Leng Chin

**WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!**



Beginning in March the cost of altar flowers will increase to \$40.00. This will pay for two vases of flowers which you are welcome to take home after worship. If you would like to sponsor flowers you may sign up in the narthex. Church council has decided that we can have flowers on the altar during Lent.



## 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](http://www.stpaulhuntington.org). It will be posted on the home page. Check it out!



## Pastor's Reflections

At our Council meeting this past Saturday we looked at a couple of articles that I had copied for the members. We had some great discussion about these articles as we were seeking to plan for the upcoming calendar year of ministry. This is a chance for us to build consensus and the leadership group.

One article was written by a Carey Nieuwhof. The article is entitled "The Coming Church Split (it's not what you think)" The article primarily deals with helping pastors and leaders come out of all the COVID restrictions. He writes about the use of video and how to move forward with those capabilities in a local parish. One paragraph that I really appreciated was under the heading: ideologically driven versus gospel- driven. He writes about Jesus:

"Both Jesus and the first – century church were paradoxically apolitical while being deeply subversive. They were apolitical in the sense that they were deeply non- partisan (Herod was a tyrant, but Jesus wasn't a part of a group interested in removing him, and his Zealot friends soon found another agenda), yet subversive in that they turned the world upside down through an ethic of truth and love that made the existing politics pale by comparison."

During Lent in the church, we followers of Jesus do things different than many other people around us. We give up something in order to focus on our walk with God and that keeps us from growing deeper in our faith with God – Father/ Son and Holy Spirit. During Lent we take up something, a new activity that again deepens our faith. We meet for worship on Wednesday. Some parishes have an everyday Wednesday worship. That Wednesday worship is in the middle of the week to help us continue our journey during Lent. We hear the Word one more time and join together in fellowship and community enabling us all to offer support and strength to one another.

I wonder is all of this "extra" stuff during Lent subversive? Something to think and pray about. It all seems so normal and regular to many of us lifelong followers of Jesus. In Lent we do extra stuff. As I said above, I think this "extra" stuff is to help us deepen our faith. It would be interesting if on Easter Sunday we could have a time of how Lent may have impacted you this year. Was it different than other Lents? Maybe this Easter take some time to speak this difference to a person around you. Maybe this is what Nieuwhof meant by being subversive.

Blessings and peace on your journey of faith this Lent.

Your pastor,  
Pastor Mackey <><



Dear St. Paul Congregation,

On Monday of this week, I had to submit midterm grades at Marshall – yes, it is almost March!

In this newsletter, I would like to focus on one item: The concert of the Huntington Symphony Chorus at St. Paul on Sunday, March 19 at 5 pm. The centerpiece of the concert will be Gabriel Fauré's Requiem. It is a magnificent sacred choral work. You will recognize parts of our own liturgy, like the Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sanctus*) and the Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*). There will also be a selection of shorter works on the program, including a Ukrainian piece. The featured soloists are Sarah Riddle, soprano and Eric Brown, baritone. Sarah used to be a student at Marshall University before she continued her studies at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey and earned her master's degree in 2017.

I am so happy that we will host this event and share our beautiful church with the community. Thank you to Pastor Kevin and the Church Council for your support!

Tickets for the concert are \$20 General Admission (for all seating) and can be purchased at

[www.HuntingtonSymphony.org](http://www.HuntingtonSymphony.org)


Henning

The poster features a green background with a landscape of rolling hills. The title "Fauré's Requiem" is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below the title, it says "Featuring The Huntington Symphony Chorus" and "Jacob Smith, Director". On the right side, there is a logo for the Huntington Symphony Orchestra, which consists of a stylized treble clef and the text "HUNTINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA". In the center, there are two black and white portrait photos: one of Sarah Riddle, a woman with long dark hair, and one of Eric Brown, a man with a shaved head. Below each photo is their name and role: "Sarah Riddle soprano" and "Eric Brown baritone". At the bottom of the poster, there is a red banner with white text that reads "Sunday March 19, 5pm - St. Paul Lutheran Church".

**FROM CAROLYN BECKER:**

On Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 5:00pm, The Huntington Symphony Chorus, directed by Jacob Smith, organist David Donathan, soloist, Sarah Riddle, soprano, Eric Brown, Baritone, will be performing in the sanctuary at St. Paul Lutheran Church on 721 12th Avenue. The first selection will be, "Ukrainian Alleluia," a portrayal of a quiet voice of faith, praise and hope in the midst of suffering and tragedy, by Craig Courtney. Then the emotional and beautiful Gabriel Faure Requiem. This will be the third Requiem in which I have been part of the chorus! The first time was the Verdi Requiem in 1957 while attending Marshall College Then in 2002 I sang in The Mozart Requiem, Choral Union, Director David Castleberry with orchestra.. My husband, David Becker, violist was part of the orchestra. I am excited to be part of The Symphony Chorus, and to be singing at my home church in the beautiful sanctuary. The closing selection will be "Going Home," the familiar tune from Dvoraks, New World Symphony, combined with the Traditional Spiritual, "Deep River." Please come and enjoy a dedicated Choral ensemble offering musical experiences to singers, and audiences in our community.

# March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			6:00pm Meal 7:00pm Mid-Week Worship in Sanctuary			
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The family of Arlene Hoeft has donated a jigsaw puzzle to St. Paul. This beautiful puzzle was assembled by Arlene. It measures approximately 6'X10' and has been framed and mounted on the wall just outside the church office. It is a depiction of a famous painting from the 1400's. According to Wikipedia "The Saint Columbia Altarpiece is a large c. 1450-1455 oil on oak wood panel altarpiece by Early Netherlandish painter Rogier van der Weyden. It was commissioned for the church of St. Columbia in Cologne, and is now in the Alte Pinakothek, Munich. The panels depict scenes from the early life of Jesus. From left to right: the Annunciation, the Adoration of the Magi, and the Presentation".

Please stop by and see this amazing puzzle. Thank you to the Hoeft family for this generous gift.



Our sympathy to the family of Michael Hoeft who passed away in February. Michael was the son of the late Arlene Hoeft.





## CRIDLIN FOOD PANTRY

For the Month of March we will be collecting cans of spaghetti's for Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry. Please place your items in the bin in the narthex.

How much



does it cost?

Every week we provide 25 children from Southside Elementary with food for the week-end.

Here is what it would cost if we had to purchase this food:

The cost for one child is approximately \$5 a week.

For 25 children it is approximately \$125 a week.

To provide for 25 children for one year it is \$4,250.

*You donations of food and money are necessary to provide meals for these children who do not always have enough to eat on the weekends. Please help if you are able!*

**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

## 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



The Fellowship committee will be serving a light meal each Wednesday evening during Lent at 6:00pm.

March 1: Ham, turkey, and peanut butter sandwiches, chips

March 8: Chili, cornbread and chicken nuggets

March 15: Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad

March 22: Beans and cornbread, chicken nuggets, fries

March 29: Grilled Chicken salad



## WORSHIP HELPERS

### March 5

Assisting Minister: Keith Wellman  
Reader: Owen Murray  
Communion Deacon: Cheryl Konzett  
Bread: Ruthann Arneson  
Crucifer: Jacob Hale  
Acolyte: Daniel Kist  
Ushers: Pembertons  
Flowers: Kelz

### March 12

Assisting Minister: Ruthann Arneson  
Reader: Linda Schneider  
Communion Deacon: Norma Gensler  
Bread:  
Crucifer: Ethan Arneson  
Acolyte: DeLaney Utley  
Ushers: Pembertons  
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### March 19

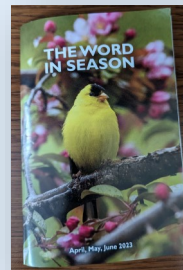
Assisting Minister: Linda Schneider  
Reader: David Stuart  
Communion Deacon: Jenny Murray  
Bread:  
Crucifer: Alex Mackey  
Acolyte: Daniel Kist  
Ushers: Mary Lou Pratt  
Flowers:

### March 26

Assisting Minister: Linda Schneider  
Reader: Bernadette Wellman  
Communion Deacon: Steve Golder  
Bread:  
Crucifer: Katie Dowis  
Acolyte: DeLaney Utley  
Ushers: Mary Lou Pratt  
Flowers:

**ALTAR GUILD:** Keith and Bernadette Wellman

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:**



The free devotional "The Word in Season" for April, May and June, is available in the Narthex. Please take one.

## BOOK CLUB

Wednesday March 8 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](mailto:secretary@stpaulhuntington.org) with your email address.

February 27—March 3: Genesis 12:1-4, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17

March 6—10: Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

March 13—17: I Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

March 20-24: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45





- 3 Ben Jones
- 6 Amy Borowski
- 10 Larry Kendall
- 12 John Scott
- 14 Arlan Hesse
- 15 Riley Burmfield
- 16 Kevin Vickers
- 19 Bonnie Conger; Bernadette Wellman
- 22 Ashley Brown
- 27 James Case
- 31 Katie Dowis



- 21 Custer and Wilda Maynor
- 26 Tom and Starla Kisling

### Worship Attendance for February

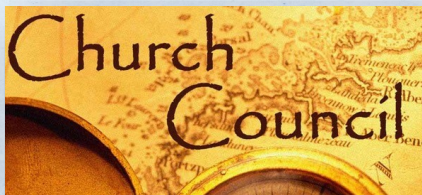
Date	in person	Facebook(closed)	Facebook (open)	YouTube
2/5	42	47	76	7
2/12	35	32	45	9
2/19	51	49	67	12
2/22	42	70	87	
2/26	53	47	47	



We are in need of volunteers for various tasks that make our worship more meaningful. Please check out the sign up sheets in the narthex. We currently need people to sponsor flowers and candles and provide communion bread each week.



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—Julie Huron and Everyone

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





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## CHURCH COUNCIL 2023

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Financial Secretary, Linda Schneider

Assistant Financial Secretary, Annette DuVall

Jenny Murray

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