

ST. PAUL VISITOR MARCH 2025

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WELCOME
HERE ♥

ASH WEDNESDAY



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March 5

Noon in the chapel

7:00pm in the sanctuary

Worship with Imposition of Ashes

Open My Life, Lord

March 12	Open My Eyes, Lord
March 19	Open My Hands, Lord
March 26	Open My Ears, Lord
April 2	Open, My Heart, Lord
April 9	Open My Life, Lord

Join us each Wednesday during Lent. We will serve a light meal beginning at 6:00pm in the fellowship Hall. Worship will begin at 7:00pm in the sanctuary.

At the conclusion of the prayers each midweek we will do an action prayer:

- Open my eyes, Lord **(point toward eyes)**
- Open my hands, Lord **(stretch out your hands)**
- Open my ears, Lord **(point to your ears)**
- Open my heart, Lord **(place your hand on your heart)**
- Open my life, Lord **(raise your arms up to God)**



Pastor's Reflections

One of the many things that we cannot control is the weather (at least not yet). We can predict it. We can use the science of wind and movement, but we cannot for sure 100% tell people what the weather will be like. We can make good, educated guesses but that is about it. This is why I like to tell people when they complain about the weather and how wrong the forecasters were by saying: That is why they call it a prediction. Now let me be clear that does not stop me from complaining.

Lately it seems like I have been complaining a lot and not just about the weather. Most of this is inward and expressed in journaling. I ponder the state of our government. I wonder and complain when I try to control stuff – like the weather which is absurd! Someone once said that control is an illusion. That is true when you think about it. We humans have a predilection for control, don't we? I pray as part of my devotions on Tuesday says it all and speaks to this thing called control:

I let go of my desire for security, for survival. WELCOME.

I let go of my desire for approval and affection. WELCOME.

I let go of my desire for power and control. WELCOME.

I let go of my desire to change (any person, situation, event, feeling, emotion. WELCOME.

As the beginning of Lent approaches, I am going to go away for a silent retreat in Kentucky. I am looking forward to it. My prayer is that I can pray through all the complaining I have been doing to myself and focus once again on the gratefulness of a God who blesses me every day. The silence will help. It is a process. I began a gratefulness journal some time ago and faithfully write in it. It is a way to take stock of the goodness of God to me and to all my neighbors around me.

Lent is the time to remember, to remember and to celebrate the God we know who empowers us and shows us life in his son Jesus. It is a time for self-reflection. It is a time for gathering more than just on Sunday morning with siblings in faith. Once again, on Wednesdays in Lent we will have a fellowship meal followed by worship. Worship will be brief and focused on the theme of openness. See the newsletter for a greater explanation.

One final thought. Our Lent midweek service, I pray, will help us in openness to God's working all around us. Hope to see you at these services.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor KLM <><



Dear St. Paul Congregation,

This newsletter article is going to be short – between the annual report from just a few weeks ago and the start of Lent, it is a relatively calm time. However, the month of March will be busy for me professionally, with a piano solo recital in Charleston at Cavendish Hall on March 1 (7 pm) and two conferences later.

Thankfully, I was able to book travel so that there is only minimal interference with my job at St. Paul. The first conference is in Brownsville, TX, March 6-8 (Thursday through Saturday). I am flying out in the wee hours of Thursday morning from Cincinnati, so that I will only miss the first half day of the conference and can play Ash Wednesday service on March 5/hold choir rehearsal. I will be flying back to Cincinnati late Saturday night (only missing the final recital of the conference) and thus be there at St. Paul for the first Lent Sunday on March 9. It worked out perfectly.

The second conference is the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) annual conference, this year in Minneapolis. It takes place March 15-19 (Saturday to Wednesday). For this, I will need to miss Sunday, March 16 at St. Paul (Lent 2). I will fly back on Wednesday morning and be at St. Paul for midweek Lenten service and choir rehearsal (not much is happening on the last day of the conference, anyways).

Keith Wellman has again generously agreed to fill in for me on Sunday, March 16 – he is truly a saint. Also, thanks to Kathy Mackey for her extra work accommodating and changing the liturgy setting in the bulletin specifically for this Sunday to Setting 10 (which does not need a cantor).

Speaking of liturgy settings: Like last year, in Lent, starting March 9, we will switch to Setting 5 in the Blue Hymnal (With One Voice – WOV) and then on Easter Sunday to Setting 1 in the Red Hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship – ELW).

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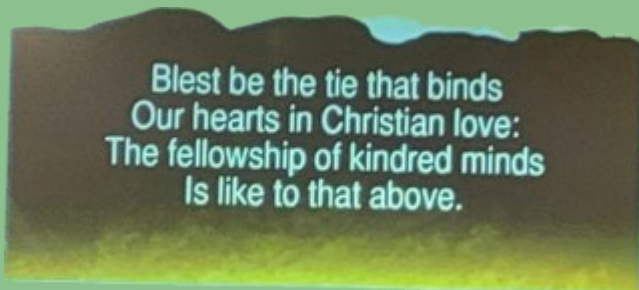


Dear St. Paul Congregation,

February began with the groundhog seeing its shadow, so 6 more weeks of winter. This held true as we had snow, rain, flooding, more snow and ice and bitter temperatures. Our families got to spend a little more time together on these cold days, since school and youth activities were cancelled due to the weather. These are the moments I cherish as I get to be home in the warmth of the love and laughter of my children and family. I hope others were able to be still and listen to God and enjoy family time as well. In moments like these, we are called to help shovel snow, clean up from flooding, to help others in need in any way we can. We come together in God's love to make a difference, remedy problems and help our neighbors out.

We have focused on God's love and how God is always with us in times of joy, sorrow, and fear. God is always with us and we can always pray and talk to God. We are blessed to have the ability to freely pray to God every second, minute and hour of each and every day! The youth discussed their joys and fears and illustrated them. They made origami hearts to illustrate God's love is always with us. We are also focusing on how we can be disciples in the world. The youth love having breakfast for dinner. We made homemade waffles, eggs, bacon & fruit to celebrate God's love in February. The youth prepared for the Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner, otherwise known as the Shrove Pancake Dinner. The youth made masks to celebrate and parade in Mardi Gras style at the Fat Tuesday Celebration. It is a festive time filled with wonderful pancakes, fun, fellowship, dancing, and games. We even enjoy King Cake and crown a new King & Queen each year. It is a great way to come together as our church family as we begin our Lenten journey. All our welcome to join in the Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, March 4th at 6pm. If you would like to help out in anyway, please let me know. The youth will decorate and bring items to assist with the meal. The older youth will help serve. We hope to see you there.

The youth will be preparing a song for Mother's Day, "Psalm 23- Still Waters". They will be practicing on Wednesdays during Lent and Sundays after worship. The older youth will be attending Winter Jam in Charleston, WV on Friday, March 7th. They will get to experience many genres of Christian music. Let their spirits be lifted high and rejoice, sing, praise and dance in the presence of the Holy Spirit. There is power in the Glory of His word! We have lots of wonderful things to look forward to as we enter Lent. Let the 40 day journey be one that is ever changing, that we serve as we are called.



Let us go in peace and serve the Lord!
Your Loving sister in Christ,
Jill



Congratulations to Katie Dowis for placing 3rd in Robotics and Intelligent Machines in the Science Fair at SVHS.



ST PAUL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
FAT TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER



TUESDAY
March 4
2025
6 PM - 8 PM

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PANCAKE SUPPER, KING CAKE, MUSIC, GAMES

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Noisy Offering
Fill the bucket...feed a child
First Sunday of each month



Keep collecting your change!
Money will help fund our Backpack program.



This photo, submitted by Carolyn Becker, shows the confirmation class from May 28, 1939. David Becker, age 13, is in the second row on the far right. The Pastor at the time was Carl R. Plack.



I would like to thank all of my St. Paul friends for the delicious meals, phone calls, cards, and especially prayers for Hayman and I. I feel a little better each day but unfortunately it's not a quick recovery! Thanks Everyone!

Creigh Pemberton



If you would like an end of year Giving Statement please contact Linda Schneider, Annette DuVall or the church office.



The next Book Club meeting will be March 12 at 10:00am in the parlor. We will be discussing "The Midwife of Auschwitz" by Anna Stuart. Please join us!

We pray for:

LaDonna, Helen, Cindy, Judi, Judy, Nancy, Opal, Creigh, Francesca, Stephen, and Dale.

Can't remember what date you're helping with worship? All worship helpers for the month are listed on our website stpaulhuntington.org. Click on "Worship Helpers" in the menu.

WORSHIP HELPERS FOR MARCH

March 2

Reader: Barbara Garnett
Assisting Minister: Linda Schneider
Communion Deacon: Creigh Pemberton
Acolyte: Willow May
Crucifer: Daniel Kist
Ushers: Andrew Wellman/KV Chin
Bread Provider: Debbie Perkins
Children's Sermon: Pastor Mackey

March 5 Ash Wednesday

Reader: Steve Golder
Assisting Minister: David Stuart
Communion Deacon: Bernadette Wellman
Acolyte: Kennady Kist
Crucifer: Daniel Kist
Ushers: Andrew Wellman
Bread Provider:

March 9

Reader: Jenny Murray
Assisting Minister: Steve Golder
Communion Deacon: Jenny Murray
Acolyte: Jaylyn Garnett
Crucifer: Daniel Kist
Ushers: Andrew Wellman/KV Chin
Bread Provider: Debbie Perkins
Children's Sermon: Jill May

March 16

Reader: Norma Gensler
Assisting Minister: Norma Gensler
Communion Deacon: Cheryl Conzett
Acolyte: Jackson Wellman
Crucifer: Daniel Kist
Ushers: Andrew Wellman/KV Chin
Bread Provider: Debbie Perkins
Children's Sermon: Annette DuVall

March 23

Reader: Annette DuVall
Assisting Minister: Keith Wellman
Communion Deacon: Steve Golder
Acolyte: Willow May
Crucifer: Daniel Kist
Ushers: Mary Lou Pratt
Bread Provider: Debbie Perkins
Children's Sermon: Pastor Mackey

March 30

Reader: Barbara Garnett
Assisting Minister: Linda Schneider
Communion Deacon: David Stuart
Acolyte: Kennady Kist
Crucifer: Daniel Kist
Ushers: Mary Lou Pratt
Bread Provider: Ruthann Arneson
Children's Sermon: Emma Kist

Altar Guild

Bernadette and Keith Wellman

Sanctuary Lamp: Susan and Dale Kelz

Chapel Lamp: Susan and Dale Kelz

Greeter: Ethan Arneson





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.



Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry

For the month of March we will be collecting boxes of cereal for Cridlin.

Please leave your donations in containers in the narthex.



Please continue to bring in your used ink cartridges. We receive \$2.00 for each cartridge at Office Depot. You can leave them in the church office or give to Kathy.

RUTH CIRCLE



Attention ladies....high school and up!

Ruth Circle has been postponed. Please watch the bulletins for the new date. All ladies in High School and up are invited to join us for an uplifting scripture based program and great fellowship. Please bring your own drink.



We are always in need of supplies for our Backpack Program. If you donate any of the following items it would be very helpful:

pop tarts
single serving ravioli
ramen noodles
single serving soup
single serving mac and cheese

fruit cups
individually wrapped beef sticks
single serving applesauce
single serving beef-a-roni
individual shelf stable milk drink boxes

Important

We cannot use items that contain peanuts or items that are expired. Please check ingredients and expiration dates before donating items.

Adult Forum

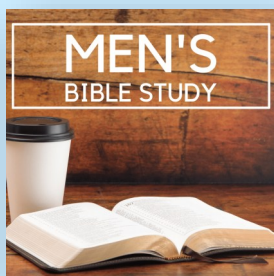
Sunday mornings at 11:15am.

In the parlor. All are Welcome to join us.



Join us for Bible study on Thursdays at noon. Feel free to bring your lunch!

Please check the calendar for schedule.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday evenings at 6:00pm

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.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL IN YOUR INBOX



Feb. 24-28: Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99, 2Corinthians 3:12--4:2, Luke 9:28-43
March 3-7: Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13
March 10-14: Genesis 15:1-2, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17--4:1, Luke 13:31-35
March 17-21: Isaiah 55:1-0, Psalm 63:1-8, I Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9
March 24-28: Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



COMMUNION RECORD

Please fill out a communion card each time you take communion. Cards are in the pews in the same section as the offering envelopes. Cards can be placed in the offering plate. If you are in the choir, cards are available in the choir room to be placed in the basket along with your offering.

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10:00am Worship 11:15am Sunday School/Adult Forum	1:00pm Woman's Club 6:00pm Men's Bible Study	9:30am Quilting	Ash Wednesday 7:00pm Worship 8:00pm Choir	Noon Bible Study		10:00am Staff Meeting
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	Mackey family on vacation					
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ST. PAUL MINISTRIES



Quilting



School Backpack Program



Christmas Baskets



Cool to be a Christian Club



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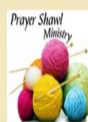
Lutheran Youth Organization



Worship in the Park



Trunk or Treat



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Blessing of the Animals



Christmas in August



Vacation Bible School

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