

ST. PAUL VISITOR MARCH 2024

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY
AT 10:00AM FOR
IN PERSON WORSHIP
OR ON FACEBOOK

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Evangelical Lutheran
Church Is To Celebrate
And Proclaim To All The
Saving Grace Of Jesus
Christ In Word And
Deed.

ALL ARE
WELCOME
HERE 

LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Wednesday Evenings
6:00pm Light Meal in the Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Worship in the sanctuary

Pastor Mackey, Pastor
Richardson and Pastor
Biondi will be rotating
between the three
congregations.
The focus will be on
Prayer: Contemplative
Prayer, Praying with
Music, Praying with Our
Bodies, Image of God,
and Praying with
Scripture.



Prayer REQUESTS

Pastor Carl Ames is dealing with some very serious health issues. If you would like to send a card or an email the information is below:

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Northfield, MN 55057

email: carlwames1@gmail.com

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. Please try to purchase one or more 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

So, I am a bit frustrated. I have been on the phone for over an hour with a real person from the pharmacy that fills an especially important prescription for Alex. The lady on the phone has been excellent. She has listened and really worked at trying to resolve the issue. For this I am very appreciative. You know I wish it would just be different, dare I say "perfect."

But you and I do not live in a perfect world. We live in an imperfect world. I sometimes forget this fact. I frequently want things to be "perfect." I must admit that sometimes I want everything to work out and work out in my way. I want a phone call to pharmacies to go smoothly and not take AN HOUR! I want people to come every Sunday to worship. I want my 14-year-old to do what I request of her to do when I ask her to do it. But again, life does not work this way. The world is "imperfect."

This past month I took an online course from the web site where we get the Word for the Day that is attached to the daily devotional the secretary sends out. The web site is: grateful.org. The reason I signed up for the workshop was because of the title: Embrace imperfection: A Five-Day Pathway. The day that struck me the most was about "practices that help to appreciate the imperfections in life that offer surprising meaning, beauty and joy." WOW – imperfections that offer SUPRISING meaning, beauty and joy. Really? Meaning? Beauty? Joy in imperfections? It has been true for me. I am seeing "imperfections" in a unique way. The author of the workshop also wrote these remarkably interesting words: "When we cling too tightly to a vision of how things/ life should be, we miss opportunities in life as it is." Also, these words: "Embracing imperfection is not about relinquishing excellence. Instead, it is learning that living well in work and relationships and with ourselves includes imperfections." Pretty thought provoking.

I cannot help thinking about Jesus and the original twelve disciples. Talk about imperfections. Talk about an odd group of guys and gals. These were people who saw something in Jesus that filled them up. These were people that saw something in Jesus that gave them hope. They were confused and bewildered and frustrated with Jesus. Just as I am sure Jesus was frustrated with them. Read the gospel narratives of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John for evidence of this. But they did not let that strain break up the relationship and intimacy they had with this Son of God – Messiah.

This March we will once again celebrate resurrection and new life. On March 31 we will learn that the tomb is empty. What will we do? Will we run away in fear? Will we embrace this new thing that is like nothing we have ever experienced? There is still time in March to ponder these questions. Time before Easter and a celebration of the Resurrection on March 31.

Blessings and Peace on your continued journey

Pastor KLM <><

Dear St. Paul Congregation:

This newsletter article is going to be brief, since you already received my annual report this month. I would like to echo a sentiment I expressed in the report: Gratitude for everyone who participated in the music ministry this past year, and everyone who will do so in the future. Also, gratitude for everyone who sings in the pews – loud or soft, it doesn't matter. Lent is a good time to be grateful.

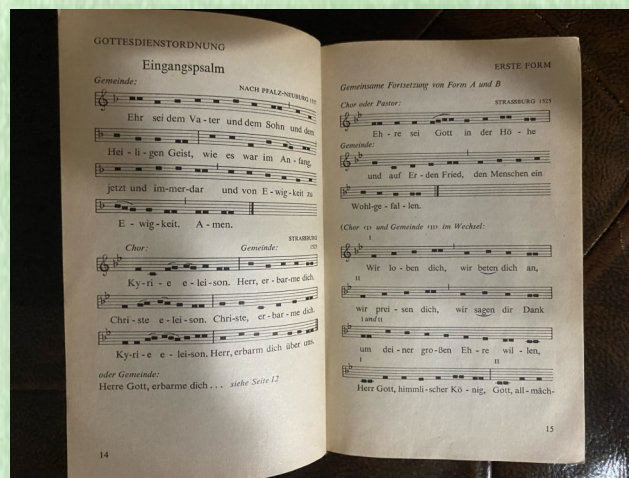
Please do not be shy – if you have a musical interest, of any sort, I'll be happy to accommodate you in any way you feel comfortable. I have mentioned this before, but it bears repeating: Making music is an inherently joyful activity and therefore so appropriate as a supportive element in our Worship celebration.

March will be a busy month for me: Lent is upon us and Easter not far away. Next Saturday I will perform a guest artist recital at Morehead State University with clarinetist Ixi Chen from the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, and later in March I will present a lecture on musicians health and wellness at the Music Teachers National Association conference in Atlanta, GA.

I also thought you might be interested in what is going on at Marshall's School of Music. Dr. Elizabeth Reed Smith will be retiring as professor of violin and conductor of the orchestra. We are very glad to have received permission from the university to search for a successor. A national search is currently underway. You might also know that we just don't have enough church musicians in the area. I just received yet another inquest about filling a vacancy at an Episcopal church in Charleston. We are currently exploring the possibility of adding a degree or at least a certificate in sacred music to our curriculum in the School of Music to fill this need.

The picture is just a little relic from Germany. It's from the hymnal I used as a confirmand between the ages of 12 and 14 and shows the Kyrie and the Song of Praise from the liturgy.

Henning



Dear St. Paul Congregation,

Spring has sprung according to the Groundhog. The youth have been preparing for the beginning of our Lenten journey with the Shrove Pancake Supper event. The youth decorated and made tambourines and festive masks for the Mardis Gras parade. All of our youth helped set up and serve refreshments and king cake. It was a wonderful event full of fun, pancakes, and fellowship. We crowned Dan Beals as King and Caitlin Railey as Queen, since they both found a baby in their king cake. The King and Queen led the parade of youth to the joyous song "Oh When the Saints Go Marching In". We had pancake races with the youth and the crowd cheered them on. Afterwards, the youth led line dancing to the Cupid Shuffle. This was an amazing way to share in fellowship, love and spirit. What a great way to enter into Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season.

Our older youth and younger youth have been joining one another for Sunday School. The older youth took the lead to teach and train new acolytes. Kennady Kist, Jaylyn Garnett, Jackson Wellman and Willow May are our new acolytes. We made lanterns in efforts to share the message, "Jesus is the light" with others. Youth made one to keep and one to share in the community. We are always trying to think of new ways to share the Good News with others.

The undercroft has been filling up with youth, members, new faces and families and Girl Scouts. We had a Girl Scout World Thinking Day event where girls come together to learn about other countries, fill out passports and collect s.w.a.p.s.

Girls decorate and set up displays of countries. They also make foods from each country to sample and share. Girl Scouts and families came together to share in interesting facts, food, clothing, animals and games about the Phillipines, Australia, Germany, and China. It was a great afternoon full of fun and fellowship and service. The Girl Scouts collected food for our Backpack program at St. Paul.

I find great comfort in the words, "Go in peace and serve the Lord".

So, this lent, do just that.... Go in peace and serve the Lord!

Your Loving Sister in Christ,

Jill





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!

Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry

For the month of March we will be collecting cans of mixed vegetables for Cridlin. Please leave your donations in containers in the narthex.



BOOK CLUB
March 6 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.





Poppy Cartee with photos of her grandchildren.

Photo submitted by Katherine Mansouri



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

WE PRAY FOR:



LaDonna, Helen,
 Stephen, Barbara, Mike,
 Mandy, Becky, Dan,
 Frank, Tom, John,
 Darlene, April, Barb,
 Clarice, Bill, and Nolan.

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



March Anniversaries

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



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.

- February 26-March 1: Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, I Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22
- March 4-8: Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm: 107:1-3, 17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21
- March 11-15: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33
- March 18-22: Isaiah 50:4-9, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 15:1-47
- March 25-29: Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Acts 10:34-43, Mark 16:1-8

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday, March 24

10:00am Worship with Holy Communion



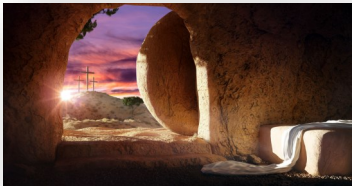
Maundy Thursday, March 28

7:00pm Worship with Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar



Good Friday, March 29

7:00pm Worship



Easter Sunday, March 31

7:00am Sunrise Service

8:00am Breakfast in undercroft

9:15am Resurrection Easter Egg Hunt

10:00am Worship with Holy Communion

I offer much heartfelt appreciation to my St. Paul family for your expressions of support and sympathy through Al's extended illness and death. I can hardly say how important you all are in my life; I truly think of you as family. Thank you for your cards, hugs, good wishes, and the wonderful meal you prepared and served! Everyone was impressed by the dinner – it was delicious and nicely presented. I am grateful for each and every one of you. May God bless and keep us all!

With love,
Linda

Hyacinth



ORDER FORM FOR EASTER FLOWERS TO DECORATE OUR CHANCEL

WE MUST HAVE AT LEAST 25 ORDERS

_____ White Lilies @ \$15.00 each

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

By _____

Please make checks out to St. Paul and write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line.

Deadline for ordering is March 17



SHROVE TUESDAY



WORSHIP HELPERS FOR MARCH

March 3

Reader: Mary Lou Fricke
Assisting Minister: Ruthann Arneson
Communion Deacon: Norma Gensler
Acolyte: Jackson Wellman
Flowers: Katherine Mansouri
Bread: Linda Schneider
Ushers: Mary Lou Pratt

March 10

Reader:
Assisting Minister: Linda Schneider
Communion Deacon: Bernadette Wellman
Acolyte: Willow May
Flowers:
Bread: Ruthann Arneson
Ushers:

March 17

Reader: Bernadette Wellman
Assisting Minister: David Stuart
Communion Deacon: Creigh Pemberton
Acolyte: Kennady Kist
Flowers:
Bread: Ruthann Arneson
Ushers:

March 24 Palm Sunday

Reader: Owen Murray
Assisting Minister: Bernadette Wellman
Communion Deacon: Jenny Murray
Acolyte: Jaylyn
Flowers: Palms
Bread: Ruthann Arneson
Ushers:

March 28 Maundy Thursday

Reader:
Assisting Minister: Ruthann Arneson
Communion Deacon: Cheryl Conzett
Acolyte: Daniel Kist
Flowers: Palms
Bread: Ruthann Arneson
Ushers:

March 29 Good Friday

Reader:

March 31 Sunrise Service

Reader
Assisting Minister:
Communion Deacon:
Bread: Ruthann Arneson
Ushers:

March 31 Easter 10:00am

Reader: Norma Gensler
Assisting Minister: Norma Gensler
Communion Deacon: Bernadette Wellman
Acolyte: Daniel Kist
Flowers: Wellmans
Bread: Ruthann Arneson
Ushers:



Sanctuary Lamp
Susan and Dale Kelz

Chapel Lamp
Susan and Dale Kelz

ALTAR GUILD

Bernadette and Keith
Wellman



Adult Forum

Sundays at 11:15am in the parlor.

Join us for great discussions led by
Pastor Mackey.

For the next few months we will be
discussing the weekly scripture readings.

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Join Our Bible
Study Group

THURSDAYS AT NOON
BRING YOUR LUNCH
ALL ARE WELCOME



March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:00am Worship 11:15am Children's Sunday School/No Adult Forum 11:15am Council Meeting	1:00pm Woman's Club 12:00pm Pastor at QRT	9:30am Quilting	10:00am Book Club 6:00pm Meal 7:00pm Mid-Week Worship 7:30pm Choir			
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31						
EASTER SUNDAY 7:00am Sunrise Service 8:00am Breakfast 9:15am Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am Worship		9:30am Quilting				



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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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