

SAVING A SEAT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

ST. PAUL'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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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 FEBRUARY:

3:16 Group will meet Feb. 7th at 6:00

Ash Wednesday Service
Feb. 14th at 6:30pm

Wednesday Lenten
Services:

Stations of the Cross

Devotions 5:45pm

Lenten Supper 6pm

Lenten Service 6:30pm



Alek Murphy and Rashelle Wohlers were made members of St. Paul's

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR PAUL

The month of February is often referred to as the month of love, and it provides us with an opportunity to reflect on God's great love for us. The Bible is clear - love is not just something God does or shows. Love is who God is! It is a part of His very essence. One of my favorite hymns performed by the Gaither Vocal Band is "The Love of God." There is quite a unique story behind how that hymn originated. *The following article comes from Christian Information Radio:*

Through some financial reverses and some tough times, Frederick Lehman, a German-born writer, publisher, and minister (who spent most of his childhood in Iowa) found himself working in a produce packing plant. This was obviously not a very conducive environment for writing a Gospel song, but, the day before, Lehman had been at church, and the pastor had preached such a wonderful message on the love of God that it really impacted him. Throughout this particular day God was working in his heart, and he started jotting down some ideas that would eventually turn into a song. Working with those crates in the packing plant, pieces of wood would break off, so he would grab a piece, write down an idea, and put it in his pocket. At the end of the day, he went home to his organ and started composing verses to a song from all those little pieces of wood. When he was done, he had two verses and a chorus, but, in those days, you needed three verses and a chorus. He then remembered a wonderful poem he had been given years before about the love of God. He had kept the poem on a card, which he used as a bookmark. So, he found it and started filling in his composition. It fit wonderfully and the meter was perfect! When he got to the bottom of the card, it said, "These words were found written on a cell wall in a prison some two hundred years ago..." That poem had actually been written around the year 1000 AD by a Jewish rabbi who had not accepted Christ as Messiah but was able to graphically portray what the love of God was all about. Later, a prisoner had written the words on his cell wall. After the prisoner died, a man went in to repaint the cell, found the writing, realized it was something special, jotted it down, and preserved it. Thus, the hymn, "The Love of God," was born. -vcy.org

These are the words that were written on the cell wall:

*"Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade:
To write the love of God above, Would drain the ocean dry,
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky."*

FEBRUARY NEWS

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

February 4: Epiphany 5

Reader: Rashelle Wohlers

Isaiah 40: 21-31, Psalm 147: 1-11, 1 Corinthians 9: 16-27

February 11: Transfiguration

Reader: Emily McKern

Exodus 34: 29-35, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 3: 12-13, 14-18, 4: 1-6

February 18: Lent 1

Reader: Julie Jenson

Genesis 22: 1-18, Psalm 25: 1-10, James 1: 12-18

February 25:

Reader: Harriette Andersen

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22: 23-31, Romans 5: 1-11



Our annual church meeting was held 1/28, two new council members were added. A potluck dinner followed.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

PAUL CHRISTOFFERSEN- 2/4

BOB GREGORY- 2/5

KRISTEN BRACKER- 2/6

KILEY JENSON- 2/12

AUDREY WOHLERS- 2/16

ELOIE JONES- 2/24

ANNETTE BRACKER- 2/25

1 John 4:7-8

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

February 11: "Don't be afraid. Take courage. I am here!"



We had a great group gather for the paint and sip activity held in the church basement!

