

SAINT PAUL'S SWORD

“TAKE UP THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT ✠ WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD” EPH 6



Dearest Saints of Saint Paul,

We said on this past Sunday of the Transfiguration that the only thing that stays the same is that everything changes. We heard about Christ going up on the mount of transfiguration and there being Transfigured before their eyes. Though Christ did not change. He only showed them (and us) what sin prevented from our sight. Christ does not change. Everything else does. He does not. Instead, we know that it is *we* who need to change to Him and not *Him* to us. Saint Peter had a long road to apostleship. He was not a fan of changing his plans. Even one time taking Jesus aside and rebuking Him! We are called to change ourselves according to God's word and conform our lives to His. This is not easy.

I know that in the recent months, there has been a lot of change and there may still continue to be some. Pastor Dunaway's retirement, the closing of Immanuel, the dissolution of the partnership, my resignation from Zion, etc. But I hope that you know that in the midst of this change, I am with you and I love you. It is a joy and a privilege to serve as your Pastor.



EVERYTHING CHANGES

Pastor Kinney

Among that change comes with it just one more. We have updated the newsletters in a way that I hope you enjoy and find informative. I have taken the liberty of separating the newsletters of Saint Paul and Sabetha. They will have their own and you will have your own. Due to our namesake, I have titled the work “Saint Paul’s Sword”. This is from Ephesians chapter 6 where Saint Paul says to “take up the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God.

In this newsletter, we will have much of what we have had in the past: announcements about birthdays, the goings-on of our pre-school, articles, updates on special services or events, what is happening in the LWML, and things like that. But we will also have some new features that—though they are a change—I hope you will enjoy.

One of those updates will be a note about our namesake: Saint Paul. Every month, we will have some information about this great Apostle after whom our church is named. We will also include a monthly section called *why we do what we do* with information about why we have certain practices or teachings in the LCMS. We will have a monthly quote from our Lutheran Confessions as well as a list of the Church’s festivals and commemorations (which you can find a full listing of in the hymnal on LSB xi-xiii).

As always send any pictures or notes to Sue that you would like to be included in the newsletter and we will be sure to get them in. Thank you for your faithfulness to God’s word and your trust in His promises even in the midst of change and uncertainty. One of the prayers I pray every night before bed is this: Be present, merciful God and protect us through these hours of night. That we who are wearied by the changes and changes in life may find our rest in You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. He is faithful and no matter what happens, He is working all things for the good of you who love Him. May we ever be found in Him.

In Christ

Pastor Kinney





SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT SAINT PAUL

This portion of the newsletter will seek to acquaint us with our church's name-sake: Saint Paul. Every month we will have a short snippet about him and what Jesus did through him.

Who was he?

Saint Paul was born as "Saul of Tarsus".

He was a severe persecutor of the Church

He was converted to Christianity by Jesus on the road to Damascus

He became one of the greatest apostles of the Church

He authored 14 books of the Bible

He was martyred for the name of Jesus on June 29, AD 69

WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO?

This portion of our newsletter will get us better acquainted with the wonderful history, traditions, and practices of the Lutheran Church and why we do what we do.

First and foremost: *Why do we go to church?*

Why do we go to church? First, because Jesus says so. The third commandment is to "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy". We know that means that "we should fear, love, and trust in God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it".

But not just because He says so but also because it is the very place where God saves us! It is the place where God has chosen to come and serve us in the Divine Service. Where He forgives our sins, gives us His Word, and feeds us His Sacrament. We go to church because that is the place where heaven comes down to earth. This is the place where Jesus comes to be with us, save us, forgive us, and love us.

THIS MONTH AT SAINT PAUL

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, EVENTS, AND OCCASIONS

Bible Class Opportunities

During Lent, midweek bible studies will be postponed until Easter

Services and Events

Lenten Suppers and Lenten Services

Suppers at 6; Service at 7

March 1 – Saint Paul, Fairview

March 8 – First, Sabetha

March 15—Saint Paul, Fairview

March 22—First, Sabetha

March 29—Saint Paul, Fairview

Holy Week

Palm Sunday Movie, First Sabetha

Passion of the Christ 6-8pm

Youth providing movie Snacks

Maundy Thursday at First Sabetha, 7pm

Good Friday Chief Service at Saint Paul, 3pm

Good Friday at Saint Paul, 7pm

Easter vigil @ Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,
Mound City MO

Easter Sunday Divine Service —8:30

Youth Group

There will be no youth night this month

High school youth group will be covering the meals for the midweek services

They will also be hosting a showing of “The Passion

of the Christ” on Palm Sunday in the basement of First. Snacks provided

Birthdays and Anniversaries

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mar 3-Joyce Brockhoff, **Mar 5**-Linda Duesing,

Mar 6-Bob Smith, **Mar 7**-Bill Rand,

Mar 10-Galen Bauman,

Mar 13-Johanna Brockhoff,

Mar 14-Malerie Manche,

Mar 17-Kamden Kleopfer,

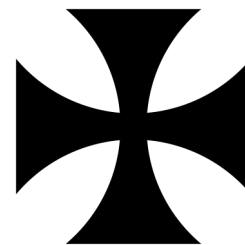
Mar 18-Dean Spellmeier, **Mar 27**-Angie Bass,

Mar 27-Wes Duesing

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 6-Tom & Hannah Gavin,

Mar 13-Andrew & Jessica Kleopfer



Dorcas

The St. Paul Dorcas Society held their February meeting Sunday, February 12, 2023 after the church service. There were 13 members and 4 guests present. President Nancy Manche led the 2023 LWML Prayer Service, "My Soul Rejoices," by Rev. Dr. Mitchel Schuessler. Kathy Heiniger and Cindy

Manche were readers and Sharon Meyer played the piano. An offering was taken for the Herrington Partnership Agreement Fund.

President Nancy made the following announcements. Please keep our sister in Christ Helen Bauerle in your prayers for the loss of her brother. Also keep Deb Bailey in our prayers. Our Food Gathering of love will go to the Sabetha Food Pantry. There will be refreshments on February 26 if interested in helping Nancy please let her know.

Kathy Heiniger announced all of the mission grants for the national LWML have been paid. The Kansas District has paid four of the grants and close to paying the 5th and 6th mission grants. Eden Keefe from the LWML Kansas District is running for the national LWML president.

Refreshments were served by Evan and Leslie Brockoff.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Manche

Pre-School

The students have been having alot of fun learning all about the Arctic and Antarctica. We have had so much fun learning how they live and what they look like.

We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss the last part of February and the first part of March.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of our program.

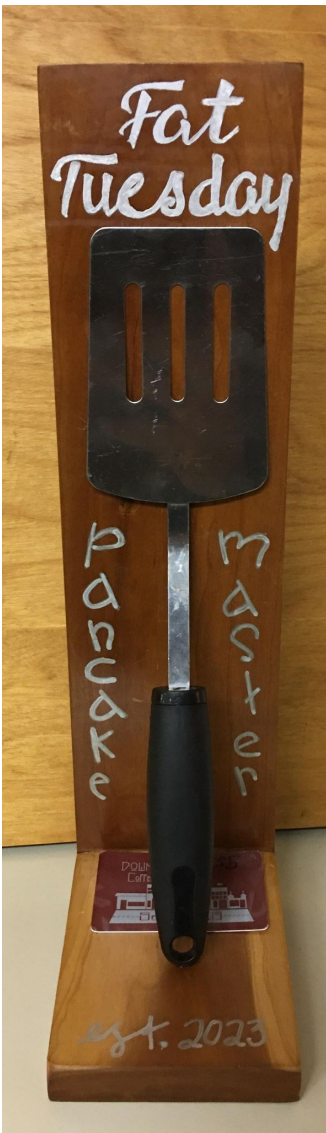
We have a few openings for the upcoming school year if you know anyone that is interested have them contact me.

Regina Rygaard,
Preschool Teacher

FAT TUESDAY WAS A SUCCESS!

As we prepare for the time of fasting, there was a time of feasting!

The youth made pancakes for a fundraiser, there was king cake imported from the bay-ou, and a traveling “Pancake Master” Trophy won by Tabor Bachelor. Now we enter into Lent!



A Thought from Our Confessions



"Thank God a child 7 years old knows what the Church is. Namely, the holy believers and lambs who hear the voice of their Shepherd. For the children pray thus: I believe in One Holy Christian Church"
Book of Concord
Smalcald Articles, III. XII



Saints' Days and Commemorations This Month

7—Perpetua and Felicity, martyres
17—Saint Patrick, missionary to Ireland
19—Saint Joseph, Guardian of Jesus
25—The Annunciation of our Lord
31—Joseph, Old Testament patriarch

*Saints, see the cloud of witnesses surround us;
Their lives of faith encourage and astound us.
Hear how the Master praised their faith so fervent:
"Well done, My servant!"*

*They call to us, "Your timid footsteps lengthen;
Throw off sin's weight, your halting weakness
strengthen. We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were
martyred; Our lives we bartered." LSB 667*

For whom shall we pray?

Care Facilities & Shut-Ins: Betty Allen, Carol Bauer

Mothers with unborn and newborn children:
Jessica Kleopfer

Also in our prayers: Wanda Barrett, Wes Duesing, Chris Torrey, the Bailey Family, the Bauerle Family

The Persecuted Church in: Afghanistan, North Korea, Somalia, Yemen, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sudan, Iran, India

Serving This Month

(Please trade if you have a date conflict)

Mar 5th: **Greeters**– Dennis & Kim Kleopfer

Mar 12th: **Greeters**– Andrew & Jessica Kleopfer

Mar 19th: **Greeters**– Galen & Sharon Meyer

Mar 26th: **Greeters**– Eldon & Rosalie Mellenbruch

Altar Committee for March: Kim Kleopfer, Becky Meyer, Darryl Hoppe

MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 LYF Meal @St. Paul 7:00 Lenten Service	2	3	4 8:30 Confirmation
5 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Dorcas 6:30 "The Chosen"	6	7 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	8 6:00 LYF Meal @First 7:00 Lenten Service @ First & Zion	9 6:15 AHG Troop Mtg.	10	11 8:30 Confirmation
12 3rd Sunday in Lent Daylight Saving Begins 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 "The Chosen"	13	14 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	15 6:00 LYF Meal @St. Paul 7:00 Lenten Service	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 8:30 Confirmation
19 4th Sunday in Lent 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 "The Chosen"	20 Articles Due for Newsletter	21 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	22 6:00 LYF Meal @First 7:00 Lenten Service @ First & Zion	23 6:15 AHG Troop Mtg.	24	25 8:30 Confirmation
26 5th Sunday in Lent 9:30 Bible Study & Fellowship 6:30 "The Chosen"	27	28 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	29 6:00 LYF Meal @St. Paul 7:00 Lenten Service	30	31	