

St. Paul Lutheran Church

March 2021 Newsletter





Greetings and His peace to you!

We recently had our Ash Wednesday worship service which marks the first day of the Lenten season. Ash Wednesday gets its name from a tradition of blessing the ashes of last year's Palm Sunday palm branches and placing those ashes, which are often mixed with oil, on the foreheads of those that attend an Ash Wednesday worship service. You have maybe seen someone with an ashen cross drawn on their forehead on past Ash Wednesdays. Often, as a priest or pastor draws the cross on a person's forehead, he calls for the person to repent and believe in the Gospel of Jesus the Christ, and a reminder that we are from the dust and will return to dust at this life's end. The cross shape that is 'drawn' is to remind us that our salvation once hung from a cross. Ash Wednesday isn't celebrated by everyone, but God stills calls us all to repent and this is only right as the season of Lent has as one of its focal points the repentance of one's sins. In many places of worship, the color purple is very common and it is often associated with penitence. It helps us to get in the mindset of being penitent.

What is 'being penitent'? Being penitent means being truly sorry for your sins and asking God for help to do better. This means you **really are** sorry for your sins. **Not just** sorry that you were caught in your sin, or **not only** sorry that you received punishment, but truly sorry. The kind of sorry you feel down in the pit of your stomach that makes you feel sick or like crying.

Another way we are often helped to get in the mindset of being penitent is to **NOT** sing 'alleluias' during worship service during the season of Lent. 'Alleluia' is a joyful expression meaning "Praise the Lord!" Not singing 'alleluia' until Easter helps us set apart the Lenten season as penitential and different than all other seasons.

The main focus of Lent is for us to consider, read about, and meditate on the passion of Jesus the Christ. Our one reason for being children of God, for being blessed with the graciousness of God through His Son as our Redeemer, over the weeks following Ash Wednesday, is about to be persecuted to the fullest extent and then crucified on a cross. In the time over the Lenten weeks, we are to meditate on the suffering and impending death of God's Son Jesus as our focus for Lent and being sorry for ones sins is a view we **need to have** to truly be able to better understand just how much God gave for us and how much He loves each of us.

Jesus suffered for everyone. God's Son suffered for the sins of everyone that ever was and ever will be. Everyone means everyone. Serial killers, mass murderers, tyrants, dictators, abusers, etc.... **EVERYONE**. God loves **ALL** of us. *Gracious Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son Jesus to suffer and die on a cross to forgive all of us of all our sins and make us Yours. In Your Son's name we pray. Amen.*

God's richest blessings to you
and your family!
in His name,
Pastor Mike Metzler

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IT'S NOT MOURNING WHEN YOUR SACKCLOTH HAS A FLUFFY COTTON LINER, MESH SIDES FOR BREATHABILITY, AND A SNACK POUCH

2021 LENT WORSHIP SERIES

As sinners, we have turned away from the Savior, who gives forgiveness and salvation. This promise of salvation is fulfilled through God's Son, Jesus Christ, and His death at Calvary. He paves a way for His people to turn away from sin and repent, coming back to the one who is "gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love"
(Joel 2:13)

(March 3rd) Midweek 2: "Return from Betrayal" (John 18: 1-11)

(March 10th) Midweek 3: "Return from False Witness" (Matthew 26: 57-68)

(March 17th) Midweek 4: "Return from Denial" (Luke 22: 54-62)

(March 24th) Midweek 5: "Return to the Kingdom of God" (John 18: 28-38)

Holy Thursday: "Return to the Table" (Mark 14: 12-26)

Good Friday: "Return to Truth" (John 19: 28-37)

Easter Vigil: "Return to the Church" (John 19: 28-37)

Easter Sunday: "Return and See" (Matthew 28: 1-10)



EASTER SCHEDULE

April 1st: Maundy Thursday at 7pm

April 2nd: Good Friday at 7pm

Easter Day: 6:30am Sunrise and 9am service



EASTER LILY'S

If you would like to purchase one for the upcoming Easter season, you can fill out the bottom half of this page and put it in the offering plate or call the office to place your order. We already placed our order of 20, so the sign-up sheet will be up until filled. The Easter Lily are \$13.00 each. Thanks!!



Easter Lily

Name_____

In Loving Memory of_____

In Honor of_____

Acolyte Schedule:

Wednesday March 3rd: Hannah

March 7th: Ethan

Wednesday March 10th: McKenna

March 14th: Nik

Wednesday March 17th: Zander

March 21st: Grady

Wednesday March 24th: McKenna

March 28th: Grace



Indoor/Outdoor Worship: We are still having Worship inside and outside at the same time. You can come inside to worship, or stay in the parking lot and tune in 88.1 FM. If you are staying in your car, please park in the southwest corner of the parking lot facing the church. This way the Usher's will know to bring out your bulletin and communion.

Bible Study on Wednesday's is going well. Everyone is welcome for coffee, treats and conversation at **10am**.

Contact Info:

We are updating the church directory. If your phone number changes, or you would like to share your email address with us, please let us know by email or telephone. Thank you!!

Daylight Savings on Sunday March 14th, spring ahead one hour

Confirmation Update:

Hello everyone! Welcome back to the Confirmation Corner!

The first-year students have made it through Commandments and have now moved on the Articles of the Apostles' Creed. We continue to have very good questions and discussions as well as studying how the Apostles' Creed can be used to witness to others as well as remind us of who 3 persons of the Trinity are and what they do for us.

The second-year students have worked their way through the Petitions of the Lord's Prayer and are now in the Daily Prayers. We've tackled, and tried to come-to-grips with some of God's will that isn't always what we want, and discussions that help to further increase our understanding of what God's will is for us as His people.

Please keep these 9 students in your prayers.

YOUTH GROUP

St. Paul Youth Group is hosting a Food and Fund Drive to benefit Family Pathways Food shelves during Minnesota FoodShare Campaign which runs March 1 – April 11.

We hope you will join us to gather donations that will be helpful to individuals and families in our area. We will have collections bins available inside and outside the church before and after services starting March 7th. Just for fun, we have created donation theme weeks – however any type of donation is welcome at any time. If you would like to donate but are unable to get your items to church, feel free to contact us to schedule a donation pick up. (Rebecca 612-247-9319)

Week of:

March 7 – Pastas, grains, rice, peanut butter

March 14 – Canned meats and Hearty Soups (tuna, chicken, salmon, chunky soups, stews, cream soups)

March 21 – Baking and cooking items (vegetable oil, flour, sugar, spices)

March 28 – Personal hygiene and household cleaning products

April 4 – Fresh, frozen, or canned fruits and vegetables (apples, oranges, mixed fruit, pears, green beans, corn, mixed veggies) bags of potatoes, carrots, or onions

FAMILY PATHWAYS Food & Fund Drive

FamilyPathways.org

FOOD SHELF WISH LIST

We encourage food donors to give the most nutritious items whenever possible to ensure we are contributing to the good health of our communities.

Please use this list as a guide for your organization's Food & Fund Drive.

Want to give financially?
Every \$1 turns into \$7 with our buying power!

- **Fresh, frozen, or canned fruit**
apples, oranges, mixed fruit, pears
- **Fresh, frozen, or canned vegetables**
green beans, corn, mixed vegetables
- **Bags of potatoes, carrots, or onions**
- **Whole grain pasta, rice**
- **Baking and cooking items**
vegetable oil, flour, sugar, spices
- **Canned meats**
tuna, chicken, salmon
- **Hearty soups**
chunky soups, stews, cream of mushroom soup

- **Peanut Butter**
- **Personal hygiene and household cleaning products**

FOOD ACCESS | DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER & ADVOCACY | AGING SERVICES



CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Pastor

Rev. Mike Metzler

Church Secretary

Jennifer Kubesh

Church Newsletter

Jennifer Kubesh
Cydelle Klände

Organists

Sue Hickle
Connie Odendahl

Church Council

Meets 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm

Randy Hickle, *Chairman*

Matt Maser, *Vice Chairman*

Tracy Peterson, *Treasurer*

Tonette Peterson, *Secretary*

Cydelle Klände, *Financial Secretary*

Elders

Robbie Robinson

Toby Hickle

Aaron Peterson

Isaac Maser

Trustees

Rick Williams

Carol Robinson

Tony Nelson

Newsletter Deadline:

Please email anything for the newsletter to the church email

by the

3rd Friday of the Month.

Thank you!!

Stewardship for 02/01/21 to 02/28/21

General Fund\$20,629.60

Altar Flowers\$113.00

Missions\$5.00

Sunday School\$5.00

Furnace Donation\$1,000.00

TOTAL\$21,752.60





March 2021

2nd: Tim Davis
3rd: Lindsay Klar
4th: Grady Ausmus
 McKenna Rabe
5th: Michelle White
7th: Janice Ladd
15th: JoAnne Hopkins
16th: Grace Peterson
17th: Robbie and Carol Robinson
18th: Lynette Maser
19th: Juventino and Aubrey Zamora
20th: Cason Wimmer
21st: Christeva Perrotti
23rd: Randy and Sue Hickle
24th: Tess Maser
26th: Matt and Pam Zabrok
27th; Linda Marotz
28th: Wendy Kottke
29th; Toby and Yonna Hickle

*If we are missing anyone, please let
Jennifer or Cydelle know!*

Thank you.

Flower Chart:

March 7th: Gloria Maser Bjerke...
 in loving memory of her sister, Vernetta
Christensen

March 14th: Robbie and Carol Robinson....
 in honor of their wedding anniversary

March 21st: Randy and Sue Hickle....
 in honor of their wedding anniversary

March 28th: Toby and Yonna Hickle...
 in honor of their wedding anniversary



PROVERBS 3:5-6 NIV

Trust in the Lord with
all your heart
and lean not
on your own understanding;
in all your ways
acknowledge him,
and he will make
your paths straight.

Prayer List:

Prayers for *Krist Graber, Mary Jarvis, Brenda Chaffee* and all who are recovering from COVID and other illnesses.

LITTLE LAMBS

Valentine activities were a big part of our February. We made paper doily valentines, painted pink hearts, made decorations with heart stickers and cut hearts in pink play dough. It was fun to bring and deliver valentines to each of our friends. We had special treat day. Pink and hearts were our colored shape and we read many valentine stories. The kids worked with letters M, N, O, P and numbers through 10. Our bible stories were Miracles of Jesus- healing the paralyzed man, stopping the storm and feeding the 5,000.

Mrs. Sharon and kids



COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.

YOUTH CIRCUIT

Hello and blessings to you! Our February event was fantastic! Brad (our sleigh driver) did such an amazing job bringing everyone on the sleigh ride who wanted to go. He also provided all of the snacks for everyone! I also led a Bible study on gossip and the meaning of "spill the tea". We had about 20-25 youth come! It was a great turn out.

Our next event is Sunday March 21st and I will send out the time when it gets closer. The event will be hosted by Peace Lutheran Church in Finlayson.

Thank you and stay healthy!

LeAnn Gregoire

Circuit Youth Worker/Deaconess Intern

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Unapproved council minutes
2-8-2021

Present: Tonette Peterson, Randy Hickle, Tony Nelson, Robbie Robinson, Matt Maser, Jennifer Kubesh, Tracy Peterson, Toby Hickle, Cydelle Klande, Rick Williams

Meeting was **called to order** by Randy at 7:05pm. Toby opened with a prayer.

Secretary's report was accepted as read.

Treasurer's report accepted as read. Motion Cydelle second Rick

Income: \$7,842.06 Checking \$22,203.51 Expense \$16,092.92 Savings \$59,017.32
Net Income \$-8,250.86 (noted that the Savings total includes the \$20,000 loan for Pastor as well as all memorial funds, and the checking acct includes the \$15,000 PPP loan and \$3660 CARES Act grant)

Pastor's report: home visits, office visits, LL lessons, confirmation classes, newspaper articles, weekly meditation posted online, Bible studies, 1 Baptism, celebration of life, new member welcomed, altar guild meeting, elder meeting

Old Business

*Roof ~ was inspected using a lift. Many fissures and green growth was found, in addition to some wear from the age. A partial insurance payment has been sent. We are awaiting completing work until weather is better.

*Little Lambs has contributed \$3,000.00 for lawn care equipment. Motion by Robbie and second by Tracy, we will purchase a John Deere Z530R 60" for \$5190.00 from Moose Lake Implement. We will purchase a variable speed assist push mower and an electric Stihl weed whip from Quality Home Center.

* A telephone/address directory is in the works. Please contact Jennifer with questions.

New Business

*Motion by Toby and second by Tracy to approve both LCMS and the MN North District sexual misconduct report templates, adding a registered sex offender attendance line to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. This will be sent to Grinnell Insurance, and we will add this to our constitution at a later date, and have on file in SPLC office.

*We will review all background checks and make sure all are up to date.

We adjourned at 8:52pm closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tonette Peterson, St. Paul Lutheran Church council secretary



March 2021

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| | 1 10am Quilting | 2 3pm Msg & Meditation online | 3 10am Bible Study 2:20pm Confirmation (2 nd Yr Students only) 7pm Lenten Service | 4 | 5 3pm Msg & Meditation online | 6 |
| 7 9am Indoor/Outdoor Worship 10am Confirmation (1 st yr Students only) 10am Sunday School | 8 10am Quilting 7pm Council Mtg | 9 3pm Msg & Meditation online | 10 10am Bible Study 2:20pm Confirmation (2 nd Yr Students only) 7pm Lenten Service | 11 | 12 3pm Msg & Meditation online | 13 |
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| 28 9am Indoor/Outdoor Worship w/ Communion 10am Confirmation (1 st yr students) 10am Sunday School | 29 | 30 3pm Msg & Meditation online | 31 No bible study No confirmation | APRIL 1 7pm Worship Service MAUNDY THURS | 2 7pm Worship Service GOOD FRIDAY | 3 4 6:30am & 9am EASTER Service |
| HOLY WEEK | | | | | | |



COME JOIN OUR WORSHIPPING FAMILY

March 2021

For God so Loved the World



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