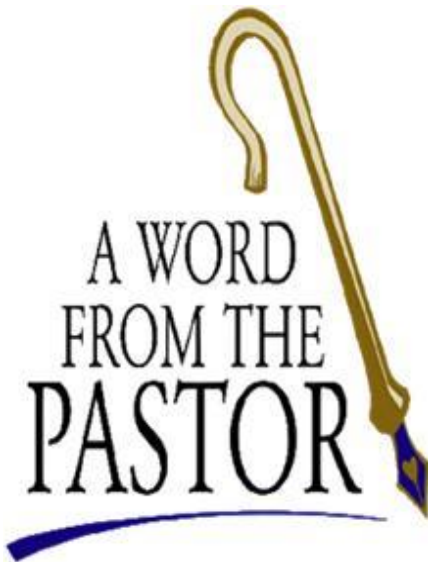


St. Paul Lutheran Church

March 2022 Newsletter



Greetings and His peace to you!

In less than 2 weeks we will be in the Lenten season, and with that our preparation of our hearts and minds to recall the death and resurrection of our Savior, as well as the purpose of His death and resurrection.

There were many witnesses during this time, both well-known and not so well-known. So are well-known but maybe not considered to be witnesses.

We who read God's written word, the Holy Scriptures, know many of these names. They are familiar to us and bring us joy because many of them are the ones God chose to give us His written word through, like Simon-Peter and John. Many of them are often thought of as a side note and overlooked, but they too, bring us some insight on how witnesses can help us with in understanding some of *what* our God does and *why* He does what He does.

Throughout this Lenten season, we will be exploring some of those witnesses of Jesus the Christ's passion and resurrection and learning from them some things we need to know and reminded of things that we forget.

2022 Lenten Worship Series – **Witnesses to Christ**

Ash Wednesday = *John the Baptist*

Midweek 1 = *Mary, sister of Lazarus & Martha*

Midweek 2 = *Malchus*

Midweek 3 = *Peter*

Midweek 4 = *Barabbas*

Midweek 5 = *Pontius Pilate*

Holy Thursday = *Judas Iscariot*

Good Friday = *John, the Gospel writer*

Easter = *Mary Magdalene & Nicodemus*

I pray that this series brings to you a whole new (or renewed) sense of the depth of love our heavenly Father has for us and a renewed zeal for our own personal sense of sharing the Good News of what Jesus the Christ accomplished for us!

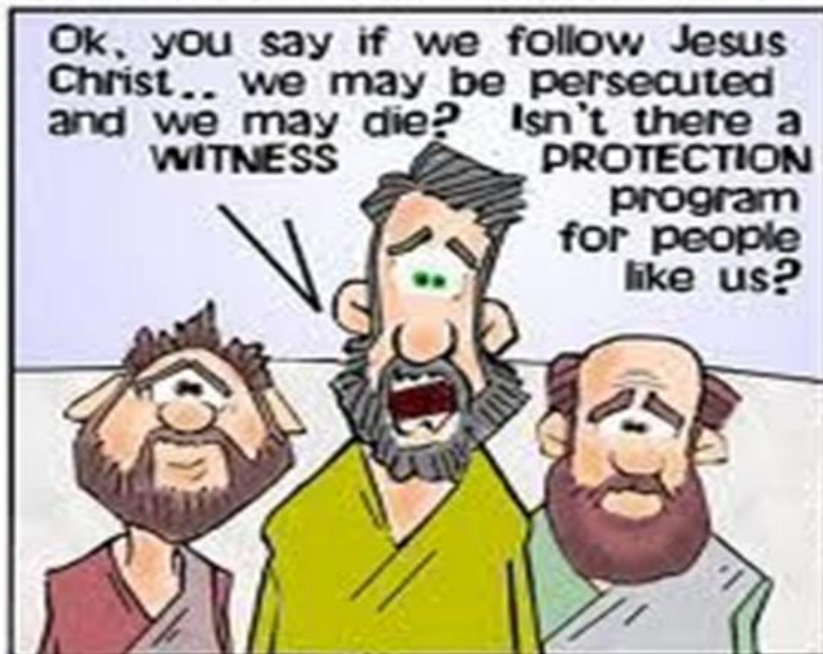
Gracious Lord, I come before you in humbleness and sincerity asking that You be with all of Your children especially during this Lenten season. Allow us the ability to acknowledge both to you and one another that we often fail to recognize and admit we still need Your continued help because we sin constantly and cannot free ourselves from that sin. Help us to not only ask for forgiveness, but also to be able to accept that forgiveness as complete because it is both obtained by Your Son's blood and given by You with Your promise. Grant also that You would open our hearts to those things which are still hidden from us that they may bring us closer to You. These things we as in the name of Your only-begotten, risen Son. Amen.

God's richest blessings to you and your family!

in His name,

Pastor Mike Metzler

THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



After **Mt:24:9** there became an urgent need with a few to create a WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM.

CHURCH NEWS

Acolyte Schedule

March 2nd: Noah
Sunday March 6th: Grady
Wednesday March 9th: Hannah
Sunday March 13th: Noah
Wednesday March 16th: McKenna
Sunday March 20th: Nik
Wednesday March 23rd: Zander
Sunday March 27th: Grace
Wednesday March 30th: Hannah



We are still in need of ushers. Slots are available for March through December. If you want to be an usher, please call John Frank at 384-0497 or email him at wifishguy@yahoo.com. Thank you.

Lenten Services: We will have worship on the following *Wednesdays* in March:

- Ash Wednesday - March 2nd
- March 9th
- March 16th
- March 23rd
- March 30th

Service starts at 7pm. There will NOT be supper served this year.

Quilting: Monday's at 10am, everyone is welcome.

Easter Lily's: Watch future bulletins to sign up for an Easter Lily this Lenten Season.

Shrove Tuesday (March 2nd) at Peace Lutheran Church in Finlayson at 9am.

Donation: The February offering to fellowship went to Travis & Laura Swanson, whose family is going through a rough patch right now. Laura is our website consultant.

Flower Chart: Take a peek at the flower chart and choose a Sunday to honor a loved one or to celebrate a special day! \$20.00 is the cost for each Sunday.

Daylight Savings Time is on Sunday March 13th. Don't forget to spring ahead!!



SPRING CONCERT

MARCH 20, 2022- 4:00 pm

THE GARMS FAMILY SINGERS



FREE CONCERT - FREE OFFERING TAKEN

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hinckley, MN
405 2nd St. NW - West side of town on Hwy. 18



March 2022

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 Audrey Zamora
21st: Christeva Perrotti
 Steve Marudas
23rd: Randy and Sue Hickle
24th: Tess Maser
26th: Matt and Pam Zabrok
27th: Linda Marotz
28th: Wendy Kottke
 JoAnn Hedtke
29th: Toby and Yonna Hickle

*If we missed anyone, please let
Jennifer know!*

Flower Chart:

March 6th: Larry and Linda Martoz
.....in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary
March 13th: Cydelle Klande
.....in honor of her mom's 75th birthday
March 20th: Randy and Sue Hickle
.....in honor of their wedding anniversary
March 27th: Toby and Yonna Hickle
.....in honor of their wedding anniversary

Newsletter Deadline:

Please email anything for the
newsletter to the church email
by the
3rd Friday of the Month.

Thank you!!

Prayers

Jacob Roubinek
Travis and Laura Swanson



CONFIRMATION CORNER

Hey y'all! Welcome back to the Confirmation Corner!

Our 7 students have gone through what Sacraments are, what makes them special, and what God gives us through these special gifts. They have just recently finished learning about Confession and Absolution. We learned what is received through it, plus how and why it is important to do it regularly. We are now studying the Office of the Keys.

Please keep our 7 students in your prayers. Don't forget to say 'hi' to each of them and give some encouragement.

Grady Ausmus

Grace Peterson

McKenna Rabe

Nik Welch

Zander Klar

Hannah Swanson

Noah Hickle

If you know someone who would benefit from adult confirmation instruction, please contact Pastor by office phone voicemail 320-384-6267 (ext 2), cell (or text) 763-286-4803, or email at revmentzler18@gmail.com



**St. Paul Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
2-7-2022**

Present : Wendy Kottke, Robbie Robinson, Tonette Peterson, Randy Hickle, John Frank, Greg Kroschel, Toby Hickle, Pastor Mike.

Meeting was **called to order** by Randy at 7:16 pm. Pastor opened with prayer.

Secretary's report was accepted as amended to read that a payment for \$3085 was received from insurance for the lift rental. SPLC paid the difference of \$1080 for labor and trip charge. Motion Greg, second Robbie

Treasurer's report was accepted as read upon motion by Robbie, second by Toby

Income: \$8,628.12	Checking \$10,584.94
Expense: \$17,614.87	Savings \$59,072.94
	Net Income: -\$8986.75

(Savings includes Pastor's \$20,000 loan and memorial funds)

Pastor's report: Home visits, office visit, Bible Study, CASE, online devotions, circuit meeting, circuit youth event, MN north district meeting, quarterly, chaplain call, SPLC youth event, elder meeting, zoom Lenten workshop, newspaper article, thank you dinner for Pastor Vogler. Randy will talk to MaryAnn regarding the Little Lambs mission statement.

Old Business

- *Wendy will call and see about getting SPLC info printed in the Dex phone book
- *If nobody volunteers to be a delegate at the district convention, Randy will appoint someone.

New Business

- *John is planning on holding the pancake breakfast on Easter pending Covid regulations at that time.
- *Jennifer requested that her salary stay at \$14/hr due to health insurance. Motion John and second by Robbie to accept her request
- *The Garms family will be having a concert at SPLC on 3-20-22 at 4:00PM. This is at no cost to SPLC
- *Rebates totaling \$3600 were received from MN Power and MN Energy for our new furnaces.

Upon motion by John and second by Robbie, we adjourned at 8:10PM, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Tonette Peterson, St. Paul Lutheran Church council secretary

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Pastor

Rev. Mike Metzler

Church Secretary

Jennifer Kubesh

Church Newsletter

Jennifer Kubesh
Cydelle Klande

Organists

Sue Hickle
Connie Odendahl

Church Council

Meets 1st Monday each month at 7pm

Chairman: Randy Hickle

Vice Chair: Toby Hickle

Elders: Robbie Robinson, John Frank,
Matt Maser, Greg Kroschel

Trustees: Rick Williams,
David Berquist, Doug Kottke

Secretary: Tonette Peterson

Financial Secretary: Cydelle Klande

Treasurer: Wendy Kottke

Stewardship

2/1/22 to 2/19/22

General Fund..... \$5,466.00

Altar Guild..... \$100.00

Altar Flowers..... \$110.00

Summer Concerts \$1,000.00

TOTAL..... \$6,676.00



CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Diamonds in the Sky?

Matthew 6:19,21

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal... For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”



Imagine – countless tons of diamonds, virtually free for the taking. Such wealth is the stuff of legends. But now it might be for real. The only catch is that these diamonds, if they exist, are under an atmospheric pressure as high as six million times that on earth, and the temperature could be more than a balmy 12,000 degrees (F). Those are the conditions thought to exist on the planets Uranus and Neptune. Scientists now believe, contrary to their earlier speculation, that simple molecules could not exist in normal forms on these planets. This put an end to speculation about life

evolving on these planets. Great pressures, along with extreme heat, force all the carbon atoms to be compressed into diamonds.

Why would God create all those diamonds in a place where they don't do anyone any good? The fact is, God knows that material wealth gives us very little. We human beings begin to realize this fact when we discover that all the wealth in the world is meaningless if no one loves or cares about us.

Our Creator is the only source of true wealth. Through His Son, Jesus Christ, He brings the riches of heaven to the poorest among us. He brings to His children peace that cannot be destroyed by the hottest war zone and gives life that never ends. You can learn more about these riches, which bring both temporal and eternal benefits, in the pages of the Bible.

Notes:

Photo: Photo of the planet Uranus taken by the spacecraft Voyager 2 in 1986. Could this featureless planet be covered in diamonds?

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SCRAMBLED SCRIPTURES

FAMILY FUN FROM CREATION MOMENTS

Matthew 5:6

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

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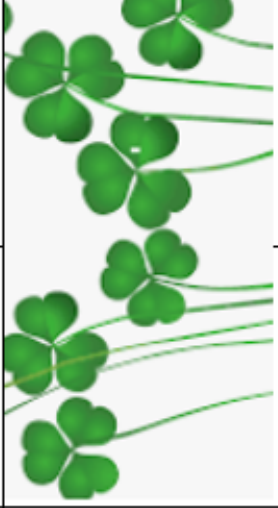
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March 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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6 9am Worship 10am Confirmation 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	7 10am Quilting 7pm Council Mtg	8	9 10:00am Bible Study 2:30pm CASE 7pm Worship Service	10	11 Tentative Confirmation Lock-in??	12 
13 - *Daylight Savings 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Confirmation 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 2pm Circuit Youth Event	14 10am Quilting	15	16 10:00am Bible Study 2:30pm CASE 7pm Worship Service	17 	18 <i>Due date for Newsletter</i>	19
20 9am Worship 10am Confirmation 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 4pm Garms Spring Concert	21 10am Quilting	22	23 10:00am Bible Study 2:30pm CASE 7pm Worship Service	24	25	26
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COME JOIN OUR WORSHIPPING FAMILY

MARCH 2022

For God so Loved the World



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