

St. Paul Lutheran Church

March 2023 Newsletter



*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



Greetings and His Peace to you!

We are celebrating Ash Wednesday in a few days. This special day marks the first day of the Lenten season. Ash Wednesday gets its name from a tradition of using the ashes from the previous year's Palm Sunday palm burned branches placed on the foreheads of those that attend an Ash Wednesday worship service. You might have seen someone with an ashen cross drawn on their forehead on past Ash Wednesdays. Often, as a priest or pastor draws a cross on a person's forehead, he reminds us that we are made from dust and will return to dust at this life's end, thus calling each of us to repent.

Ash Wednesday and Lent are not 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 some places of worship, the use of purple dyed linens on the altar and the pulpit is common during this season. Because this color was difficult and expensive in Jesus' time, it is often associated with royalty, but also with penitence. We use it in this season to help us to get in the mindset of being penitent.

What is 'being penitent' or 'repenting'? Being penitent means being truly sorry for your sins and asking God for forgiveness, and His 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 other seasons.

The main focus of Lent is for us to hear/read about, consider, and meditate on the passion of Jesus the Christ. Jesus, one and only reason that allowed us to become forgiven children of God, was about to be undeservedly and brutally tortured, and then crucified on a cross. 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 **should all have** to truly be able to better understand and appreciate just how much God gave for us and how much He loves each of us.

Jesus suffered and died for everyone. God's Son suffered and died 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** His human creatures.

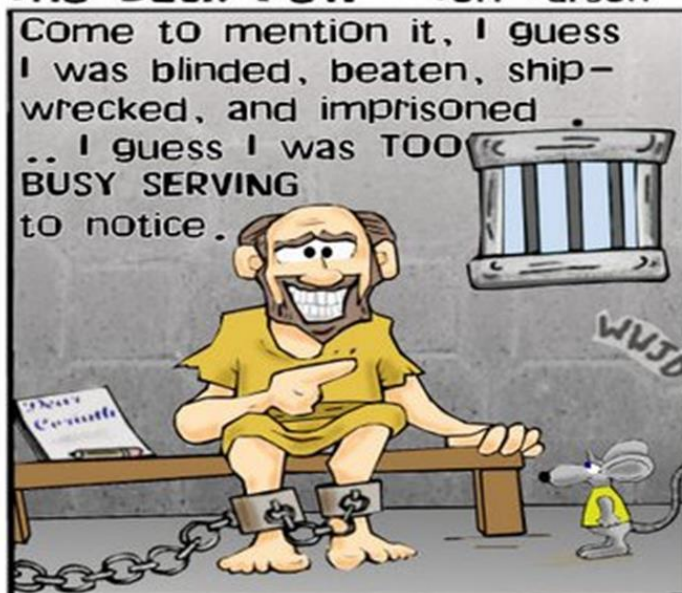
Gracious Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son Jesus to suffer and die on a cross to forgive all of us of all our sins. In Your Son's name we pray. Amen.

God's richest blessings to you and your family!

in His name,

Pastor Mike Metzler

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



The Apostle Paul, too wrapped up in his love for God to notice his own problems. THAT'S A NICE PROBLEM FOR LIFE.



SPRING CONCERT

March 4, 1:00



Celebrate Easter and Spring with
EDDIE Pangerl & MARIE Grundberg



Desserts served after concert!



free concert
freewill offering

St Paul Lutheran Church
405 2nd St NW
Hinckley, MN

CHURCH NEWS

March Acolyte Schedule:

Mar 1 (Wed): Charlotte
Mar 5 (Sunday): Piper
Mar 8 (Wed): (open)
Mar 12 (Sunday): Noah
Mar 15 (Wed): Corbin
Mar 19 (Sunday): Corbin
Mar 22 (Wed): Hunter
Mar 26 (Sunday): Hunter
Mar 29 (Wed): (open)

Sunday Ushers:

David Berquist and Steve Marudas

Wednesday Evening Ushers:

Tony and Carol Nelson

Daylight Savings

Daylight Savings is on Saturday March 11th, clocks spring ahead.

NEW!!

Board of Fellowship meeting takes place on the third Thursday of every month, at 1pm.

Elders Meeting

Just to let the congregation know, they are meeting on Tuesday, March 28th at 6pm.

Looking ahead for Christmas 2023

Talk to your elders (Robbie, Matt, John, or Greg) regarding one or two Christmas Eve services this year. If you have any other concerns, reach out to them anytime. Thank you.

Easter Lily

Easter Lily sign-up sheet will be up the first week of March, cost is \$12.00. If you want to order one, please let Jennifer know.

Save the dates:

Maundy Thurs – April 6th Worship at 7pm

Good Friday – April 7th Worship at 7pm

Easter Sunday – April 9th Sunrise Service 6:30am

Pancake breakfast 7:30am

*if you can help in any way, let John or David know

Morning Service at 9am

Garage sale dates: May 4th thru May 6th

Confirmation Sunday: May 21st

VBS: July 10th thru July 14th

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 2023

2nd: Tim Davis
3rd: Lindsay Klar
4th: Grady Ausmus
Mckenna Rabe
5th: Michelle White
7th: Janice Ladd
11th: Kurt Dahlin
15th: Joanne Hopkins
16th: Grace Peterson
17th: Robbie and Carol Robinson
18th: Lynette Maser
21st: Christeva Furey
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 5th: Glory be to God

March 12th: Robbie and Carol Robinson
.....in honor of their wedding anniversary

March 19th: Randy and Sue Hickle
....in honor of 57th wedding anniversary

March 26th: Toby and Yonna Hickle
.....in honor of 20th wedding anniversary

Prayer List:

For all those struggling with loss, that God grant them comfort and peace.

For Arden Gruett, Diana Norton, Mary Norton (Diana's daughter), Rod Lawin, Lois Kruse and those we name in our hearts, for God's continued healing and comfort for them and their families.



"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

Matthew 5:6

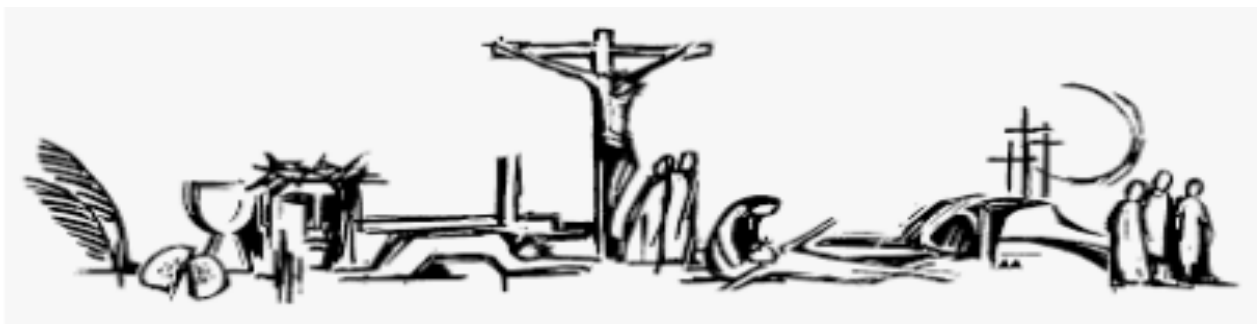
Lenten Services

Please join us for Lenten Services on Wednesday's beginning with a light meal at 6pm followed by Worship Service at 7pm.

The following groups are serving on these dates:

- March 1st: Elders
- March 8th: Potluck Meal – See sign up sheet on fellowship door
- March 15th: Youth Group
- March 22nd: Hot dish night – See sign up sheet on fellowship door
- March 29th: Council Members

If you can bring a dish to share on Mar 8th or Mar 22nd, sign up or let Jennifer or Jayne know what you are bringing. Thank you!



Did you know?

Did you know that the 'Great Commission' is directed at you as a Christian? You might be wondering what the 'Great Commission' is and that is a 'great' question?

Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, in the Gospel Book of Matthew, from chapter 28 verses 19-20, gave instructions to His disciples with these words: ***“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”***

Those 2 verses are the 'Great Commission.' It's Jesus' command for us, as His followers, to go out into the world, teach/tell people about Jesus and how He has secured for all people the forgiveness of sins, and to baptize those who are not yet baptized so that they, too, can share in the eternal life that comes with the forgiveness of sins.

LITTLE LAMBS



Greeting Parishioners from Little Lamb's Pre-school:

I hope you are enjoying the winter season and many of the outdoor activities that come along with cold weather and snow. On Tuesday February 14th, the children made presents for their parents and exchanged home-made valentines with their classmates. This month, as you guessed, we focused on words that start with the letter V and the color red and heart shapes to highlight Valentine's Day. In the next few weeks, we will be discussing hygiene topics such brushing teeth, hand washing, and cleanliness. We continue to discuss Bible topics such as the baptism of Jesus, how Jesus loves the little people, and healed others from their afflictions. We will also discuss the meaning of Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent. We will also discuss other miracles that Jesus performed.

Thank you,
Jason Boldt
Little Lamb's Pre-school teacher

Pastor's Corner

Welcome to the Confirmation Corner!

After having a splendid make-up day that included supper, we are now studying the 3 Articles of the Apostles' Creed, and how they are not only what we confess, but also how it help us witness to others.

Please keep **Noah, Piper, and Makenna** in your prayers.

If you know someone who would benefit from adult confirmation instruction, or just have a question or 2, please contact the 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
Unapproved Council Minutes
2-6-2023

Present : Tonette Peterson, Randy Hickle, Pastor Mike, Wendy Kottke, Doug Kottke, John Frank, David Berquist, Robbie Robinson, Greg Kroschel, Rick Williams, Matt Maser

Meeting was called to order by Randy at 7:10pm. Pastor opened with prayer.

Secretary's report was accepted as presented upon motion by Greg and second by Robbie

Treasurer's report accepted upon motion by Rick second by Matt

Income: \$10,409.40 Checking \$18,048.02

Expense: \$13,164.67 Savings \$33,683.14

Net Income: -\$2,755.27 (Savings includes Pastor's \$20,000 loan and memorial funds)

Pastor's report: Home visits, office visits, Bible Study, Confirmation, LL, CASE, LL Christmas program, Winkel, Circuit youth event, youth group, board of fellowship meeting, Elder meeting

Old Business

*Please see an elder with your Christmas Eve worship preference.

*A technician from the security company came and found a loose connection and a bad wire. All batteries were replaced. He recommends new smoke alarms and a dialer for the system (estimated cost of \$500 and \$52 monthly fee). Rick will check into this.

*The Board of Fellowship met in January and will continue to meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:00pm. They've updated the phone list, and planned a winter activity at Masers.

*LL remains the same. Need enrollment or will close after this year.

*Randy & Matt will check into a contractor for finishing the sanctuary repairs as the previous contractor won't return calls.

*The nominating committee will meet Sunday after church.

*The Ushers schedule has been filled through June, and will be completed soon.

New Business

*We've met our 53" of snow for the season so plowing rate may change to "per removal"

*Next quarterly will be 4-16-23

*Garage Sale will be May 4-6. Watch for upcoming info including drop off date. We're looking for nice treasures....no big items.

*Council meeting dates will be discussed when the new council takes over

*Council will serve Lenten supper on 3-29. An e-mail sign up will be sent

*Thank you from the Lions Club for use of the grills.

We adjourned at 8:00pm, upon motion by David and second by John, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

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

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Website: www.stpaulhinckleymn.org



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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
Fin. Sec.: Cydelle Klande
Treasurer: Wendy Kottke

Stewardship 1/1/23 to 2/12/23

General Fund.....	\$11,701.00
Altar Guild	\$200.00
Altar Flowers.....	\$136.00
Sunday School.....	\$1.00
Fellowship	\$100.00
Lutheran Witness	\$103.40
Missions	\$35.00
TOTAL.....	\$12,276.40








*A FEW PHOTOS FROM
SLEDDING & FELLOWSHIP.*

THANK YOU, MATT AND
JAYNE MASER AND FAMILY
FOR HOSTING THIS EVENT!!



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School			1 10am Bible Study 3pm CASE 3pm Confirmation 6pm Light Meal 7pm Worship	2 	3 Pastor by appt only	4 1pm Concert Pastor by appt only
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COME JOIN OUR WORSHIPPING FAMILY

MARCH 2023

For God so Loved the World



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