



LENTEN, HOLY WEEK, & EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday, March 7, 14, and 21
Lenten Meals at 6:00 p.m.
Lenten Worship Services at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday with Communion
Friday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday, April 1
Early Service at 7:00 a.m.
Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
Egg Hunt at 9:30 a.m.
(no Sunday School)
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

Psalm 118:1-2

"How was your day?" "Oh, it was nothing special. Kind of boring and ordinary, just like the rest." How often have you come home and said such a thing to your loved ones? But this day, just like all the other days, was created by God for our use and our enjoyment. So how can we treat it in such an off-hand manner?

Every day is a new creation, made fresh by God. In it we have the chance to praise God and to relish the company of our family, friends and neighbors. Today we have the chance to be about God's work, to witness to the glory of God and to be little Christs to one another.

This is a day to rejoice— rejoice in the goodness and the glory of God—and to be glad for yet another day to live for the God who has made us.

Lord, create in me a joyful heart that I may rejoice in all the days you give me. Amen.

The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.
(Ps. 145:9 ESV)

MERCY FOREVER

This March, remember that God has shown us mercy in His Son, Jesus Christ, and that mercy frees us to care for others — to acknowledge, value, listen to, forgive, have compassion on, speak up for and love!

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ST PATRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISER

Sponsored by LWML



Saturday, March 17th at 5 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall

Menu: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Shepherd's Pie, Baked Potato Bar and Dessert

Please stay for Bingo after the meal to raise even more money for LWML Outreach Missions.

Suggested ticket donation is \$10.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for children, and under 5 free.

Look for the sign up on poster in Narthex. Invite your friends and neighbors to come with you. Wear GREEN too!



LWML

The seventeen ladies present discussed menu and various ideas for our St Patrick's Day Fundraiser. Some of the proceeds will benefit our Seminarian Geordie Denholm, Addulum House and Montgomery Food Pantry. To help with the cost of food and decorating, Janet Nisbet will submit a Thrivent Action Team request.

LWML will host and provide the Lenten Meal on February 28. Our menu will be chicken spaghetti, salad and dessert.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Serving the Lord with gladness. Ladies of St. Paul come join the fun!

VALENTINE DINNER RECAP

Once again, the Valentine Dinner was a wonderful evening for all who attended. The food was absolutely delicious, and the youth did a fantastic job working and serving.

We raised \$1,400 and are SO thankful to be a part of such a generous and supportive congregation. We have a lot planned this year, including a mission trip to Tennessee in June, and we are working towards raising money for the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in 2019.

The money raised from the Valentine's dinner will go a long way towards supporting this amazing group of young men and women.

Coming up - we will have more opportunities for the congregation to support this group, including the Easter morning breakfast, and a "Rent-A-Youth" program that will be starting soon! We're very excited!!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, March 8, 11:00-12:30

Our special teacher will be Ann Ohme, please come and support her.

women's
bible study
growing deeper. together

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, March 25

Sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the family of Joyce Niehoff in prayer. Joyce went to be with her Savior, Jesus on February 22.

Ron Mitchell's brother, William Eugene Mitchell, Jr., passed away in February. Please keep Ron, Paula and their family in prayer.

General Health Concerns

Carl Carlson, Audrey Cordes, Christine Duggan, Joyce Gravitt, Albert Hurgo, Jay Iwema, Crowell Lisenby, Sadie Owens, Nick Sebastian, Eunice Twiss, Tom Wood

Undergoing Treatment or Medical Care

Ozzie Abel, Arline Brown, Margaret Carlson, Jesse Cone, Marjorie Elam, Sophia Hartsfield, Debbie Kennedy, Ann Lenz, Ted Mather Jr., John Mikulka, Varna Rushton, Bill Schuchman, Jack Smyly, Meriam Van Eron, Dick & Judy Vaughn, George Willson Jr., Jim & Berna Wittkop

Long-term illness

Becky Culver, Nancy O'Shields, Gracie Pennington

NOTE: If there are any changes in family members/friends, please let the office know.



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Fifteen households registered for our class that began on February 25th. The first session was Super Saving. Class attendance and interaction was GREAT. Graduates from St. Paul's last FPU in January, 2015 attended to give their inspirational debt free testimony.

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

A joint meeting of the Board and Endowment Fund Committee was held to review current status and estimated costs of alternatives.

When contractor bids are finalized, a recommendation will be made. One hold up in finalizing costs are the continued delays in meeting with the city Fire Marshall regarding our desired design.



Many thanks to Ashley Semple for providing pizza, salad and desserts for the Ash Wednesday meal. Pairs and Spares had a delicious potato bar on February 21st. Lenten meals begin at 6 p.m. with a freewill offering.



Thank You to the St. Paul property angels for painting exterior doors!



BO PEEP CHILD CARE CENTER

Sue Gill and Janet Nisbet enjoy sharing stories and interacting with the children each month.

ACADEMY OF EARLY LEARNING UPDATE

Construction is in full swing inside and outside. All "in floor" plumbing is complete and overhead piping and sprinkler piping has started. Ductwork and equipment in the ceiling is well underway. All of the trees along the side of the building have been removed. Sitework has begun including the roadbed that will connect to our parking lot. Engineering has determined that drainage will require grading along the side of the building and removing our playground. We will have access to premier playground equipment that will be installed.



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In spite of rainy weather there was lots of good food and laughs at Chappy's

on Vaughn Road. The next Church Chicks will be Saturday, March 10 at 8:30 a.m.



Happy Anniversary

E.J. & Tessa Antoon
3/19/2011

Ryan Bozeman	3/1	Scott Arnold	3/19
John Reeves	3/1	Ann Ohme	3/20
Cynthia Weimer	3/1	Gayle Lisenby	3/22
Pace Crew	3/9	Kaitlyn Anderson	3/24
Vivian Paulson	3/9	Brian Farrar	3/26
Janet Nisbet	3/12	Debbie Kennedy	3/27
Steve Nightengale	3/16	Janet Rosin	3/27
Catherine Freine	3/17	Jon Garnto	3/28
Jill Garnto	3/17	Sue Gill	3/28
Levi Hughes	3/17		



What's Happening

- March 8**..... Women of the Word Bible Study, 11:00 – 12:30
- March 8-10** Southern District Gathering, Pastors attending
- March 10** Mexican Train Dominoes, 6:30 p.m.
- March 10** Church Chicks at Chappy's, 8:30 a.m.
- March 13** TLC (*The Love of Christ*), 10:30 a.m.
- March 13-18** Youth Leadership Gathering, St. Louis, MO
- March 17** LWML St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser at 5:00 p.m.
- March 20**.....LWML, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- March 25**.....Palm Sunday & Blood Drive
- March 29**.....Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.
- March 30**.....Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7:00 p.m.
- April 1**Easter Worship, 7:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
- April 1**Easter Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Servants

(Please call the church office for changes)

	Readers	Ushers	Audio/Visual	Acolyte/Crucifer	Nursery	Greeters	Counters
March 4 8:15 a.m.		Jerry & Sandy Huffstickler	Scott Arnold			Ron & Paula Mitchell	
10:30 a.m.	Harlan Rosin	Kurt & Cindy Hetler Need Volunteers	Milton Kennedy	Xander Smith Michael Landers	Need Volunteer	Neil Foulger Janice Mather	Ashley Semple Debbie Olsen
March 11 8:15 a.m.		Ron & Paula Mitchell	Scott Arnold			Jerry & Sandy Huffstickler	
10:30 a.m.	Charlie King	Matt Buckley John Olsen Don Schulz Adam Warnke	Dick Vaughn	Jackson Smith Matthew Landers	Terry Elam	Janet & Harlan Rosin	Bill Schuchman Dick Vaughn
March 18 8:15 a.m.		Mike Nisbet Need Volunteer	Scott Arnold			Florence Smith Ethan Smith	
10:30 a.m.	Laura Salmons	Harlan & Janet Rosin Steve Nightengale Ashley Semple	Bill Schuchman	Hailey Andrews Pace Crew	Sue Gill	Ashley Semple Need Volunteer	Rosalinda Crum Bill Schuchman
March 25 8:15 a.m.		Jerry & Sandy Huffstickler	Scott Arnold			Mike & Janet Nisbet	
10:30 a.m.	Debbie Milkulka	Dan Andrews Bob Cordes Dan Devaughn Need Volunteer	Kyle Arnold	Aidan Smith Ava Dradzynski	Volunteer Needed	Jon & Kristi Dunham	Terry Elam Janice Mather

Please submit pictures/information for the newsletter no later than the 27th of each month to dhoward@knology.net.