

The Mission and Ministry Statement for St. Paul's: We, the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, in gratitude to The Triune God for His love for us in Jesus Christ, dedicate ourselves as individuals and as a congregation to learning, teaching and sharing God's Word, caring for others, and living in God's grace through Word and Sacrament.

To our visitors: In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to our church with God's richest blessings. Please sign our guest register in the narthex today. We invite you to make St. Paul's your new church home. If you are interested in church membership, or have questions, please contact Pastor Burns.

Friendship Pads: Please take a moment to fill in the Friendship Pad, listing **each family member separately**. Please indicate on the Friendship Pad if you are receiving Holy Communion. Children that are receiving the blessing should not be marked as such or as receiving Holy Communion. **Visitors** please complete the form in its entirety.

Children and the Divine Service: Thank you for bringing your children with you to church. The Scriptures tenderly tell of Jesus' love for little children. Jesus wants your children in His Company, to hear His Word and receive His gifts given to all in the Divine Liturgy. If you feel your child would benefit by leaving the worship service for a short period of time, you are welcome to use the Narthex. There is a speaker and chairs so you may continue to hear and participate in the worship service. If you need any assistance, please let us know how we can help.

The Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper reflects our unity of faith and doctrine. Therefore, we assume that all those attending Holy Communion with us are members of a congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. In love and concern, we ask that all others speak with the pastor before communing.

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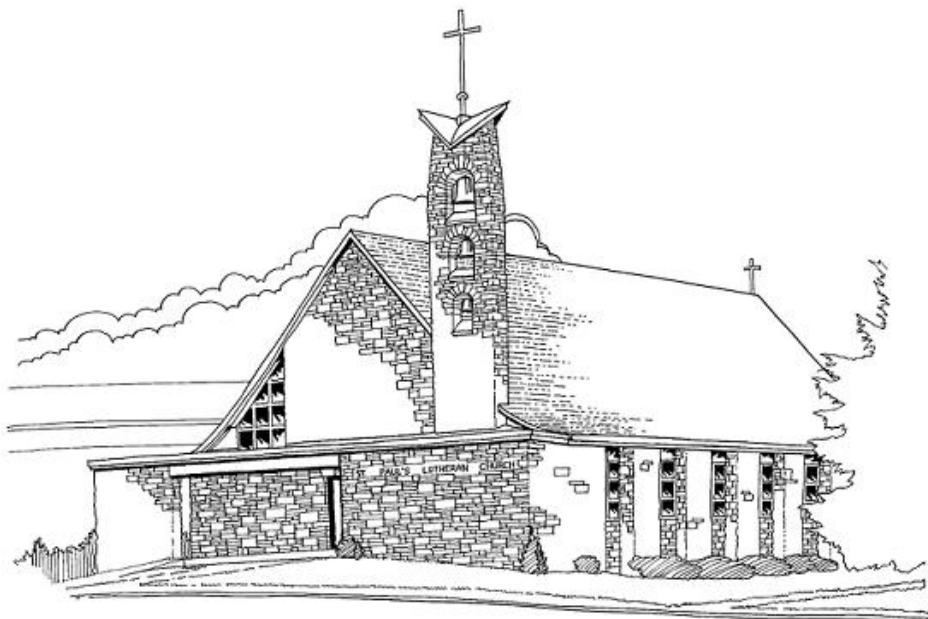
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Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 11, 2018



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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As We Gather: Please be respectful of those who are in the pews preparing their hearts and minds for worship.

As you prepare for worship, you may pray the following prayer: O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter; as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Numbers 21:4–9

Ephesians 2:1–10

John 3:14–21

Jesus Is Lifted Up on the Cross so that We May Look to Him and Live

The people sinned by speaking “against God and against Moses,” and the Lord called them to repentance by sending fiery serpents, which “bit the people, so that many people of Israel died” (Num. 21:4–6). When the people confessed their sin, the Lord provided a means of rescue from death. He instructed Moses to “make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole,” so that “if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live” (Num. 21:8–9). Thus, God sent His Son into the world, in the likeness of our sin and death, and lifted Him up on the pole of the cross, that whoever looks to Him in faith “may have eternal life” (John 3:14–16). By His cross, “the light has come into the world,” not for condemnation, but “that the world might be saved through him” (John 3:17–19). While we “were dead in the trespasses and sins” in which we once lived (Eph. 2:1), God loved us, calling us to repentance and raising us up with Christ to live “with him in the heavenly places” (Eph. 2:4–6).

Special Prayers today:

We are praying for the following:

Rose LaValle, pancreatic cancer,

Jon Hempel, brother of Lucia Higgins, starting hospice care,

Joanne Mendez, mother of Sherry Glauvitz, heart issues

Judy Erickson, recovering from surgery,

Alice Rooney, recovering from surgery,

Jason Voss, recovering from a heart attack,

Melanie Appelquist, for God's protection during her pregnancy,

Rose Ebert, at home, recovering from stroke,

Terry Benson, recovering at home,

Ken & Val Craven, health issues,

Barney Olson, Jeff Olson's father, cancer treatment,

Blake Iverson, undergoing treatment for a brain tumor,

Doris Krause, continued improvement at home,

Duane Opsal, treatment,

Melissa Lee, living with MS,

Marian Bothe, health issues,

New Life (Neej Tshiab) Lutheran, worshipping at **Redeemer Lutheran**, Robbinsdale and Pastor Yia Lo and Pastor Jonny Vang,

Our Armed Forces, at home and abroad,

Missions and Christians worldwide,

For our Congregation, as we observe 150 years of Word and Sacrament Ministry in the City of Osseo.

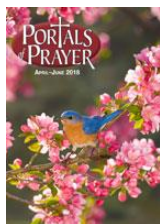
Always take your *Bulletin* home with you so you have the week's calendar handy. Thank you.

Tuesday morning Bible Study and Morning Prayers will be held in the auditorium from now on. Please use **Door G** on the **east side** of the church. This will be the only door unlocked. Thank you.



THOSE WHO SERVE IN MARCH

	Elders	Ushers/Greeters	Acolytes
8:00 AM	Adam Schmidt	Einar* and Cheryl Finnvik	Elijah Slack Aysia Hovde
10:30 AM	Steve Gamache	Ken* and Joyce Hardy <small>*Head Usher</small>	Alex Kosloski Jack Schue
7:00 PM March 7	Norm Lerbs	Confirmands	Elijah Slack Alex Kosloski
7:00 PM March 14	Norm Lerbs	Confirmands	Grace Voss Austin Kolden
7:00 PM March 21	Norm Lerbs	Confirmands	Zach Burns Max Olson
7:00 PM March 29 Maundy Thursday	Jason Voss	Confirmands	Kyle Glauvitz Max Olson
7:00 PM March 30 Good Friday	Norm Lerbs	Confirmands	Austin Kolden Jack Schue



The 'Portals of Prayer' for April through June 2018 and The Lutheran Witness for March 2018 are in the Narthex and at the front of the church. Please help yourself.

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday March 04 8:00 AM	Sunday March 04 10:30 AM	Tuesday March 06 Morning Prayer	Wednesday March 07 Lenten Service
65	42	9	51
\$5289.00*			\$8.00*

**Does not include electronic giving.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Mar 11 Sunday	Worship Service SS/Youth/AB Class <i>"Gory Deaths" Bible Class</i> Kids' Choir Rehearsal Communion Service	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM
Mar 12	Strategic Planning Committee	7:00 PM
Mar 13	Bible Study Morning Prayer Service Bd. Of Elders All Other Boards Council Meeting	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:45 PM
Mar 14	Soup Supper Campanas Confirmation 2&3 Confirmation Music Lenten Service Chancel	5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:50 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM
Mar 15	GriefShare Newsletter Deadline	6:00 PM
Mar 16	Family Day for Pastor	
Mar 17		
Mar 18 Sunday	Communion Service SS/Youth/AB Class <i>"Gory Deaths" Bible Class</i> Kids' Choir Rehearsal Worship Service	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM

Lutheran Humor - You might be a Lutheran if...
 Folgers has you on their Christmas list



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

March 14 and 21

Here's a quick review of Lenten Soup Suppers—a tradition at St. Paul's—

- 1. The suppers take place before the Lenten services on March 14 and 21. No Soup suppers during Holy Week.**
- 2. They begin at 5:30 so the Bell Choir and Confirmands can eat before rehearsal and class and end about 6:30 so the hosting group can clean up before the service begins.**
- 3. Various boards sign up to host the suppers and often bring soup on their night, but anyone may sign up to bring soup on any of the nights.**
- 4. Cold cuts, cheese, buns, and condiments are provided. These will be available on all of the**

Themes:

Mar 14 – Walking Tacos (Christian Education)

Mar 21 – Traditional Soup & Sandwiches (Evangelism)

nights. Free will offerings usually cover the cost.

- 5. If you are a hosting group—relax. Much of the prep will be done for you by volunteers that afternoon. Directions for serving and clean-up will be posted.**

(Keep this sheet for info on the servings each week).



Please join the women of St. Paul's during Lent by collecting much-needed items for Home Free Shelter in March. Home Free, which is located in Plymouth, near Medicine Lake, is a safe haven for women and children who have had to flee their homes due to domestic violence. The Shelter provides emergency housing and support services to over 500 women and children each year. Services are provided free of charge to all residents.

Items to be donated:

Personal care Items: deodorant, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, hair care items for women of color, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, razors*.

Cleaning supplies: sponges, rubber gloves, glass cleaner, liquid cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, dish soap, furniture polish, Murphy Oil soap, and disinfecting wipes*.

*Items should be full size, NOT travel size.

A container will be located in the narthex.

Requested donations for March 2018:

Kidney Beans
Chili Beans
Hand Soap



**Next LWML Meeting is March 19th at 1:30
at Mary Patrice Apartments.**

Several members have asked the Elders to consider having us move to **one service on Sunday year around**. The feedback is that they really enjoy the fellowship we have during the summer. They would like to see this carry on through the entire year.

We have looked at ten other churches in the area to see what services they are offering. Five churches offer two services and five offer 1 service.

Of the five that offer one service, all have their service first and they started between 9:00 and 9:15. Sunday School and Bible study followed. Two had a 30-minute fellowship time between the service and Sunday School/Bible Study. The other three had 15 minutes between Sunday School/Bible Study.

Our intentions are to discuss this at our April Congregational meeting.

This will be an open discussion. However, we will limit the individual feedback time during the meeting to one minute per person.

The Elders want to hear your opinion. Please do not wait until the meeting to give us your feedback. Stop anyone of us any time to give us your thoughts. Thank you for your input.

Rick Scheevel(Head Elder)	763-425-9723
Bruce Thompson	763-425-3893
Chris Higgins	651-270-0685
Jason Voss	612-834-4004
Adam Schmidt	612-723-1934
Steve Gamache	612-360-0183



Altar Flowers

Dwayne and Char Lieder have placed flowers on the altar as they remember their Mom's, Jessie and Eloise.

I would like to thank all the members at St. Pauls Lutheran for the cards and especially prayers, during my heart attack. Myself and family greatly appreciate the outpouring of love and support from our congregation. I feel truly blessed to belong to St. Pauls. Thank you, once again.

Jason Voss

As we prepare for Palm Sunday (March 25th), we look forward to the congregations participation in the Palm Sunday Processional. We are asking that those who process will meet in the Narthex before the service. We ask that, as you process, you would process all the way down the center isle and proceed to the side isle to find your seat. We look forward to your participation as we begin Holy Week. If you have any questions, feel free to ask Pastor Burns or Tom Hanna.

Thrivent Choice Dollars expire Easter weekend! They expire on March 31, 2018. Your choice of a prior year does not carry over you must renew the distribution of your choice dollars every year. There are two ways to direct your Choice Dollar, go to www.thriventchoice.com or call 1-800-847-4836. Keep in mind Thrivent office will be closed on Friday March 30 and Saturday March 31 so online is the only option to designate your Choice Dollars those two days.

LWML NW Suburban Spring Rally

April 7, 2018

**Eternal Hope Lutheran Church
10508 Douglas DR,
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443
(763) 424-8245**



Speaker: Coral Rose, Former Missionary in Africa
“The Woman at the Well/Water of Life”
Recognizing the Living Water
and sharing the “Good News” with our neighbors

8:30 Registration

9:00 Brunch

9:45 Presentation

11:00 Installation of Officers and Announcements

Tickets: \$10.00

Deadline for ticket sales April 1, 2018

Contact for tickets: Sandy Slack 763-425-7123

Gifts from the Heart - for Home Free Shelter for women and children:

Personal items: deodorant, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste,
toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, razors.

Cleaning supplies: sponges, rubber gloves, glass cleaner, liquid cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner,
dish soap, furniture polish, Murphy Oil soap and disinfecting wipes.

S.P.Y. NEWS

Youth and Family Board Chair: Sherry Glauvitz 763-234-0015 mncpca@yahoo.com

EVERY DAY, 1,200 KIDS ENTER FOSTER CARE IN THE UNITED STATES. Together We Rise is a non profit that changes the way they experience the system.

Go to: togetherwerise.org/fundraise/stpaulsyouth



OUR SOLUTION

Please consider sponsoring a duffel bag: 100% goes to buy duffel bags for kids in foster care. Each duffel bag includes a teddy bear, blanket, hygiene kit, coloring book and crayons. One bag is \$25.

You can donate directly to the organization there or you can write a check/or give cash to St. Paul's Youth. If you put your donation in the collection plate be sure to mark it Sweetcases!

Please share the website with your friends and family too:)

Sunday school kids can bring their donations to Sunday School and place in the offering plate during our Sunday School opening.

This is a fundraiser both S.P.Y. and Sunday School kids are doing together. We will be fundraising March 1-30. Then we will order the Sweetcases and have a day to decorate the cases for the foster kids once they arrive!!



National Youth Gathering 2019 is July 11-15th in Minneapolis, MN.

On March 25th during the Sunday School hour

9:15-10:15 we will have an informational meeting

for Parents and Youth interested in attending NYG.

Easter prep will be March 31st 9:30-11:00 AM, all S.P.Y. 6th-12th grade!

