

St. Paul's Epistle

Monthly Newsletter

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February 2023

"For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription" 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you" (Acts 17:23).

Greetings to you, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

I have always loved the Book of Acts. All of the history about the early Church is just fascinating. It informs us about the beginning of the early church, persecution it endured, struggles it faced, conflict it endured, and throughout it all: God is in charge. In chapter 17 there is this great part where Paul is on the Areopagus looking at all of their objects of their worship and he proclaims the truth of Jesus the Christ.

That brought a question to my mind: "If Paul were to come to my house, what would he find as the objects of my worship?" You could ask the same question for yourself. Perhaps that's an uncomfortable question that we don't want to think about. As I write this article, I look around the room I'm in and see my television, a Vikings blanket, a sleeping dog on my lap, and numerous other things. While different things are important and bring us joy, what is most important? Of course, any Sunday School child knows the answer. It rolls right off their tongues loudly: Jesus!

During the season of Epiphany, it is revealed that Jesus is the Messiah. While it's important for us to know who Jesus is, we also need to remember why he came. Our worship life will be reflecting that on February 22nd as we Celebrate Ash Wednesday and begin the Penitential Season of Lent.

In Luther's Works we read: "As far as possible, we should observe the same rites and ceremonies, just as all Christians have the same baptism and the same sacrament and no one has received a special one of his own from God" (AE 53:61). Luther saw consistency in worship forms to be especially useful for training the uneducated and the young.

In January, I encouraged us to make the resolution of having Worship be a priority. I would like to continue that thought as we begin the Season of Lent. Make our opportunities for Worship to be a priority for you and your family this Lenten Season. Use our Lenten Suppers to be an opportunity to have a great meal, fellowship with others, and the opportunity to invite others to come and joins us for worship.

May we use the remainder of this Epiphany Season to reflect the light of Jesus, so that others will know the joy that we have. Let us all be encouraged to share our faith with others. Let us all be getting ready for Lent. Let us all, through our works (which is an out pouring of our faith), show others the object of our worship, as we make all of our Lenten Services (Wednesday and Sunday) to be a priority in our lives. Let us all look to Jesus as the Author and Perfector of our Salvation, and let us proclaim Him to all that we meet.

I look forward to seeing you all in worship, especially during this Penitential Season.

In Christ,

Pastor Burns

Romans 1:16

Remember in your prayers:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort Virginia Hoppenrath, Clarice O'Gary, Bruce Hecksel, Chad Hanson, Dan Wolinski (friend of Jason Voss), Pauline Williamson (friend of Shirley Scheuble), Jim Feuerstein (brother of Judy Opsal), Ada Fields (sister-in-law of Shirley Scheuble), Lawrence & Joanne Mendez (parents of Sherry Glauvitz) and Melissa Lee. Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform Pastor Burns.

Our Homebound Members are Alice Leitzke, Gladys Goerke, Irma Schmid, Clarice O'Gary, Jean Henderson, Rose Ebert, Melissa Lee, and Bertha Hannu (mother of Barb Gamache).

Our Troops who are serving abroad and here in the United States. For their safety and for those they are fighting for and against.

For the families of those who have lost their lives or were injured in the fight for freedom.

For persecuted Christians everywhere.

For those serving in the mission field

Lutheran Bible Translators, Johanna Heidorn and Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram.

For peace and reconciliation world wide.

For our nation, President Biden and the leadership of the United States.

For our state, Governor Walz and the leadership of the state of Minnesota.



Church Council and Congregational meeting minutes are available in print or **digital copies** can be sent. Just call the office for a copy.

Those Serving February 2023

Elders

Feb. 8:30a
Feb. 22 7:00p

Matt Deardoff
Adam Schmidt

Ushers

Feb. 8:30a
Feb. 22 7:30p

Erik Glauvitz
Justen Jones

Acolytes

Feb. 5 8:30a
Feb. 12 8:30a
Feb. 19 8:30a
Feb. 22 7:00p
Feb. 26 8:30a

Clara Higgins
Gabby Hardy
Hunter Zinter
Brenna Jones
Ian Deardoff

Media

Feb.

David Gamache
David Glauvitz
Jacob Andersen
Sherry Glauvitz
Ethan Burns



The journey from mourning to joy shouldn't be walked alone. That's why there's Grief Share.

Continuing through February. Pastor Burns will be leading GriefShare classes every Thursday evening at 6pm in the Youth Room. The dates for the classes will be on our website (stpaulsosseo.org) and on the church calendar.

Please contact the church office to register 763.425.2238 or office@stpaulsosseo.org

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A Lenten

CHOIR



Choir practice will start February 8 at 6:00p.
After Ash Wednesday choir practice will be
after the midweek service.

St. Paul's is going to get a columbarium!

You can get in on the ground floor! Our entire project will cost about \$60,000 and we are almost halfway there due to eager and generous St. Paul's members. Our hope is to dedicate our project on Super Sunday.

We need your help to make this project a success. How can you help?

Purchase a niche! It's a room for two, sort of like a duplex. The price is now \$2,500. The price of the niche is going up in the spring, so act now! The application is on the church website. Or, see Earl Slack, Don or Henrietta Walter, or Leah Olson.

You could make a contribution to the project. Just put it in a well marked envelope or write columbarium on the memo of your check in the offering plate.

2 and 1 Club- 10K Brewing in Anoka

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 26 from 1:00p-3:00p-** we'll be having a 2 and 1 gathering at 10K Brewing in Anoka! (2005 2nd Ave, Anoka, MN 55303) This will be a casual time for us to get together, enjoy some Lutheran beverages, and possibly enjoy some card games if anyone is interested. (Cribbage, anyone?) Please call or text Esther at xxx.xxx.xxxx if you plan on coming, so we can provide the tap room with a number of guests. We look forward to seeing you there.



2/06	Cheryl Dawson	2/19	Don Walter
2/06	Christie Radtke	2/20	Antonio Hautman
2/07	Michelle Aalbers	2/20	Abby Sokol
2/09	Alice Leitzke	2/21	Alexis Bretto
2/10	Judy Gravatt	2/24	Karen Christiansen
2/10	Joyce Hardy	2/24	Randy Dalluge
2/11	Jeff Rooney	2/24	Kristin Ibraheem
2/13	Beth Perusse	2/25	Jennifer Caudill
2/14	Paula Shores	2/25	Zachary Thoenke
2/15	Carly Gamrath	2/28	Jennessa Erickson
2/16	Jon Kaaria	2/29	Alyssa Erickson
2/17	Jeffrey Olson	2/29	Graciella Erickson
2/18	Carol Spoerner		

Let the office know if we have missed your birthday or Anniversary.



Chad and Allison Hanson	Feb. 5	18 years
Jeff and Julie Norman	Feb. 13	14 years

Newsletter Mailing Team please come to help on Thur. Feb. 23rd at 9:15a. Anyone who can help fold, stick labels on and sort is welcome. Coffee and treats provided.



Mite Box Sunday: February 5, 2023

Mite donations can be mailed to Sandy Slack, 11430 98th Ave N, Maple Grove, MN 55369. Checks should be written out to “St. Paul’s LWML.” Those attending church services in person may place their Mite Box Mission donations in the large Mite Box in the narthex.

During December, the members of St. Paul’s donated \$193.00 for Mite Box Mission Grants!

Sharing Christ’s gifts with those in need



Minnesota South District LCMS Tuition Assistance Grant -- \$30,000

Our largest mission grant this biennium is a \$30,000 tuition assistance grant, given to the Minnesota South District, to aid them in providing scholarships to college and graduate students.

These are not just *any* college and graduate students but are those whose coursework is training them for professional church work. They will become the future pastors, teachers, deaconesses, Directors of Christian Education, Directors of Christian Outreach, Directors of Parish Music, and lay ministers of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. These are the laborers for whom Jesus asked His disciples to pray earnestly!

Fifty-two men and women from Minnesota were 2022 – 2023 scholarship recipients of this grant. Among those listed from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne are: **Jon Burns**, brother of our Pastor Daniel Burns and **Benjamin and Zachary Wessel**, sons of Pastor Wessel formerly of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Corcoran. Among those listed from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis is **Noah Pieper**, grandson of Darlene Johnson, former President of the MN South District LWML. Please keep these men and all those who have received Tuition Assistance grants in your prayers.

Almighty and gracious God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You have commanded us to pray that You would send forth laborers into Your harvest. Of Your infinite mercy give us true teachers and ministers of Your Word who truly fulfill Your command and preach nothing contrary to Your holy Word. Grant that we, being warned, instructed, nurtured, comforted, and strengthened by Your holy Word, may do those things which are well pleasing to You and profitable for our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord (*Lutheran Service Book*, p. 306).

Show your love by helping to assemble Hospice and Newborn Kits on Sunday, February 12, during the Bible Study Hour. See the poster in this newsletter for more details.

**Please join us at our next Business Meeting on Wednesday, February 8, at 1:30p
in the Party Room at Mary Patrice Apartments, 100 3rd St. NW, Osseo, MN**



GIFTS of LOVE

**Show your love by
Assembling Hospice Kits and/or
Newborn Kits
for Global Health Ministries.**

(A Thrivent Team Action Event)

Take either or both shopping lists
and purchase as many items as you can.



Include a pillow case, if you have one,
for packaging and shipping.



Bring them to church on or before Sunday, February 5.



Kits will be assembled at church Sunday, February 12
during the Bible Study hour (9:45a - 10:45a).

HOSPICE KIT

For Global Health Ministries. Please follow these directions carefully

One Hospice Kit contains these items:

- 1 regular-size bath towel (approx. 52" long), new or gently used
- 1 washcloth, new or gently used (not microfiber)
- 1 bath-size bar unscented soap, such as Dove Unscented for Sensitive Skin, in original packaging
- 1 toothbrush, in original, individual packaging
- 1 pick-style comb
- 1 nail clipper, Larger size preferred
- 6 Band-Aids, rubber-banded together
- 1 jar or tube of pure petroleum jelly, such as Vaseline/Approx. 4 ounces, lid taped
- 1 pair heavy-duty household gloves/Kitchen type, size medium

Lay items on the towel and fold towel to enclose everything inside. Tie your bundle securely with twine, ribbon, even a rolled bandage. Please mark the box or bag of completed kits "Hospice Kits."

GHM is no longer shipping kits in plastic bags, so instead we invite you to send a **pillowcase** for your completed kit. The pillowcase helps protect the kit during shipping, keeping the contents together and clean, and becomes an extra gift! Pillowcases can be sent separate from kits.

NEWBORN KIT

For Global Health Ministries Please follow these directions carefully For one Newborn Kit use new or gently used items

- 1 regular-size bath towel (approx. 52" long)
- 1 washcloth (not microfiber)
- 1 bath-size bar white Ivory soap,
in original packaging
- 1 newborn cotton t-shirt or "onesie"
Size 0-3, or newborn
- 1 newborn stocking hat/*Small size, a newborn's head is about 14" circumference*
- 1 baby receiving blanket (approx. 30" x 30")
Cotton or light flannel, knit or crocheted
- 2 cloth diapers
- 2 diaper pins

Lay items on the towel and fold towel to enclose everything inside. Tie your bundle securely with twine, ribbon, even a rolled bandage. Please mark the box or bag of completed kits "Newborn Kits."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR FEBRUARY 2023

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

LESSONS

We are finishing up our last Old Testament lesson on February 5 and will be starting on the New Testament lessons. We will start out by learning about Jesus' early life and the start of his ministry.

Ash Wednesday is February 22. Watch for the Lenten devotional materials that will be passed out to the kids the Sunday prior.

MUSIC

The Sunday School kids will be singing in church on Palm Sunday. Practice will begin soon.

OFFERINGS

Our offerings for the rest of the year will be going to CLEF Kids for Kindles. Each Kindle costs \$150.00. Thanks for your generous support of this worthwhile mission.

VBS

SAVE THE DATE!!!! VBS is back to August this year. It will be Monday through Thursday, August 7 through August 10, 9:30 to 11:30. This year's theme is out of this world. Stellar – Shine Jesus' Light. We will be launching kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world.

We will be having a planning meeting soon and will be looking for volunteers. If you are interested in this fun volunteer opportunity, contact Jenny Hines or Joyce Hardy.

S.P.Y. News

A fun game night is planned for Wed. Feb. 8th 6:50p-8:00p. Join us in the Youth room right after Confirmation. This is For all Youth through high school. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Bring your favorite game to play!



Don't Replace "And" with "Or"

We've all heard that stewardship means giving to the church of our time, talents, and treasure. This alliterative trinity helps us see that giving is not just about money but about our whole lives.

God gives us everything we have and enjoy, as *Luther's Small Catechism* explains in the First Article of the Apostle's Creed. First, we each confess that God "has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses" (SC II). Then, we confess that He gives us material things.

The time, talents, and treasure trinity places before our eyes the fact that we are to give something of all three of these things toward the mission of the church in thanksgiving for what God has provided. For everything we have, and indeed, everything we are, comes from God's fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

The problem with this alliterative trinity comes when we replace one little word with another little word — when we replace the word *and* with the word *or*. It is always written with the *and*, but when we read it, we read it with the *or*. Thus, this quite helpful trinity — which extolls that everything that we have and are is a gift from God, to be given back in service of His church — turns into a trinity that we can pick and choose from when we serve God. The giving of our time, talents *and* treasure turns into the giving of our time, talents, *or* treasure.

Then the question arises: Can we give of our time and talents instead of our treasure? Or perhaps it is the other way round: Can we give of our treasure and not of our time and talents? But these are the wrong questions.

The right question is: Can we give of our time and talents in addition to our treasure? Yes, indeed, we are called to give of all three. The things that God gives us are not to be pitted against one another. Rather, they are given to us, and we are to press them all into God's service for benefit of His church and our neighbors in need.

Thus, we give all three. We give our treasure in the form of a generous, first-fruits proportion of our income. We give of our time in generosity for the benefit of Christ's holy church. We give of our talents in the same manner. Since God gave us all these things, we are called to give generously of all these things in faith toward Him and in fervent love to our neighbors.

For God has provided all these things for us. Out of His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, He gives us each time, talents, *AND* treasure as a means to bless those around us. We serve our neighbors with these things, blessing them with the blessings with which God has blessed us. We give of our time, talents, and treasure to our families, our society, our church, and our local congregations.

And we do this because we know that we are not our own. Rather, we belong to God. We have been bought with a price: the holy, precious blood, and innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. He gave everything — His time, His talents, and His treasure — to have us as His own and to live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. We have these things as gifts and blessings from God.

Let us then press them all into service for the sake of His love — time, talents, and treasure together.
— LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Confirmation 6:00p	2 GriefShare 6:00p	3 Office Closed <i>Centerstage</i> <i>Children's Theater</i> <i>10:30a-2:30p and</i> <i>6:00p-8:00p</i>	4
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