

# St. Paul's Epistle

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Monthly Newsletter

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March 2023

*"But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just" (Luke 14:13-14).*

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

As we are in this Penitential Season of Lent, I would like to encourage all of you to show hospitality. You may be wondering: "What in the world is Pastor Burns talking about?" "Did he eat something strange?" "What does hospitality have to do with the Season of Lent?"

Our text for consideration follows an event where Jesus was invited to a banquet. In the verse proceeding our text we read: "[Jesus] said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid" (Luke 14:12). Jesus then goes on to say that we should be inviting those who cannot repay.

What does this have to do with church? Simple: We need to be inviting people. This isn't so that they will praise us and want to repay the kind act, but that they too will hear the Gospel message and have eternal life that is only found in Jesus Christ.

March, this year, brings a great opportunity for each and everyone of us to show hospitality. Our Lenten Soup Suppers begin on March 1<sup>st</sup>. March has five Wednesdays, so each Wednesday in March will be an opportunity for us to invite others to come to church for a great meal and then the worship service. The Soup Suppers will be from 5:30p – 6:45p.

During our Midweek Lenten services, we will be focusing on the Theme: "Jesus, Peter, and Me." I pray that our time together will bring greater understanding of God's love for us in Christ.

May this Lenten Season be a time of preparation, devotion, and hospitality. I look forward to seeing you, and your guests, in worship.

In Christ,

Pastor Burns

Romans 1:16

## **Remember in your prayers:**

### **Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort**

Irma Schmid, 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.



Remember to change your clocks March 12.

### **Can you help?**

Always looking for someone to serve coffee and treats downstairs after 8:30a service. If you would like to help let a stewardship member know or the office.

## **Those Serving March 2023**

### **Elders**

March Sun. 8:30a

Steve Gamache

March Wed. 7:00p

Adam Schmidt

### **Ushers**

March Sun. 8:30a

Rick & Cindy Scheevel

March We. 7:00p

Confirmation Classes

### **Media**

March

David Gamache

David Glauvitz

Jacob Andersen

Sherry Glauvitz

Ethan Burns

**Congregational Meeting** will be on April 23rd at 11:00a in the Auditorium. Be sure to save the date.

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

Jim Kilmer is looking for old photo's that show Osseo in the early days. Such as old photo's of Osseo, buildings, people, etc.. He is on the Osseo Historic Committee and they are preparing for Osseo's 150th Anniversary celebration in 2025. The photo's will be scanned and returned to the owners.

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A Lenten

CHOIR



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.



**Join the 2 and 1 Club on Friday, March 17 from 6-9pm in the Youth Room for a St. Patrick's Day Potluck!**

Bring your favorite Irish Dish (or just your favorite potluck dish if you can't think of a specific Irish dish) to share. We'll have fellowship over our meal and then play some games. If you have a fun game you'd like to bring along to play, bring that too! We look forward to a great time.

3/01	Evelyn Deardoff	3/15	Zachariah Burns
3/02	Kameron Ibraheem	3/15	Reed Olson
3/03	Katie Butler	3/15	Kali Opsal
3/03	Terry Geisler	3/16	Corinne Kosloski
3/05	Yvonne Harms	3/18	Meagan Erickson
3/05	Bryton Hines	3/21	Isabel Moormann
3/05	Andrew Kruizenga	3/22	Marci Krieg
3/07	Jacob Coenen	3/22	Robert Southerling
3/09	Kameron Opsal	3/25	Evan Collins
3/10	Dylan Thoemke	3/25	Brad Newton
3/11	Joel Tombisammy	3/26	Thomas Gamache
3/12	Bonnie Faue	3/26	Dorothy Kolden
3/12	Kari Heiling	3/27	Adam Pomerleau
3/13	Sam Clausen	3/30	Morgan McKibbin
3/14	Adam Schmidt	3/30	Jaiden Tombisammy
3/14	Noah Schmidt	3/31	Sue Klang

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

**Thrivent** members have until March 31 to direct 2022 Choice dollars. If you don't know how to do this or if you need help please call Tim's office and speak with McKenna xxx.xxx.xxxx. Thank you.

**Newsletter Mailing Team** please come to help on Mon. March 27th at 9:15a. Anyone who can help fold, stick labels on and sort is welcome. Coffee and treats provided.



## **Mite Box Sunday: March 5, 2023**

**Mite donations can be mailed to the Church Office. 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 February, the members of St. Paul’s donated \$95.00 for Mite Box Mission Grants!**

*Sharing Christ’s gifts with those in need*



**The Timothy Scholarship – Mayer Lutheran High School: \$20,000.00**

The scripture tells us that the young pastor Timothy had a faithful mother and grandmother who taught him from the time he was a little child about God’s plan of salvation. Unfortunately, most teenagers in our post-Christian society do not hear this message at home. The Timothy Scholarship is in support of unchurched and non-Lutheran students who attend Mayer Lutheran High School. These students hear the words of salvation through chapel services, devotions, and religious instructions. Recently two students at Mayer Lutheran who had been recipients of the Timothy Scholarship were baptized. Praise be to God that through your Mite Box donations, more teenagers can hear the saving Gospel.

## **LWML NW Suburban Zone Spring Rally**

The rally will be held Saturday, April 15, at Eternal Hope Lutheran Church

**LWML Convention, June 22 – 25, 2023 Milwaukee, WI**

**Theme: Celebrate the Lord of the Nations, Psalm 33:12-13**

Sandy Slack has been named delegate for the LWML NW Suburban Zone. She will be representing the congregations in our circuit as she votes for Mission Grants, new officers and on other business. She will be asking for your help. The Mite Box Mission Grant voting will occur prior to the convention, while the other voting will take place at the convention.



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

# ***THANK YOU!!!***

To all the volunteers who helped  
make this project a success!

- The Buyers
- The Sewers
- The Donators
- The Assemblers
- Those who gave the shirt  
off their back
- Pastor for Support, Blessing,  
and Delivery
- Thrivent Team Action Grant (\$250)



61+ kits assembled and delivered!



Hospice Kits and Newborn Kits  
for Global Health Ministries.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR MARCH 2023

### **LESSONS**

Lessons this month start out focusing on Jesus' early ministry where Jesus will teach Nicodemus. A Samaritan woman at the well will learn that Jesus gives us living water that gives eternal life. Jesus will also heal a man at Bethesda.

### **Journey to the Cross**

We will be doing Journey to the Cross on March 26 and April 2. Using ten different stations, this program will guide us through the events of Holy Week. Adults are welcome to join us. We are looking for actors and tour guides for this event. If you would like to help, contact Joyce Hardy.

### **OFFERINGS**

Our offerings will continue to go to CLEF Kids for Kindles.

### **MUSIC**

The older Sunday School kids will be singing with the Lenten choir in church on Palm Sunday. The West Wing kids will be singing "Sing Hosana."

### **VBS**

VBS is Monday through Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> through August 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:30a to 11:30a. Join us for an out-of-this world Stellar VBS experience. We will be recruiting volunteers soon. Contact Jenny Hines or Joyce Hardy if you can help.

### **CROSS**

We delivered 81 pounds of soup to CROSS from our "Souper" Sunday food drive. Thanks for your generous donations.

CROSS is in desperate need of baby diapers (especially larger sizes) and canned chicken and tuna. If you can donate, please place these items in the CROSS cruiser in the narthex and they will be brought to CROSS. Thanks.



## S.P.Y. News

S.P.Y. will be hosting an Easter Breakfast on April 9 at 7:30a. We will be serving beignets to go along with the New Orleans location of the next National Youth Gathering in 2025. This will be a fundraiser for the Youth Gathering. We will need all Youth helping! Watch the bulletin for more specifics on helping.



### *Holy Week Schedule*



MAUNDY THURSDAY April 6 7:00p



GOOD FRIDAY April 7 7:00p



## Lenten Discipline: Denying the Self

We are at the beginning of Lent. During the Lenten season, the church calls to our attention the sufficiency of what God gives. It points to the sufficiency of God's grace in the atoning work of Jesus. It shows us the sufficiency of faith in Jesus' work for us. It makes known the sufficiency of God's Word in faith and life.

But Lent doesn't just remind us of the sufficiency of God's spiritual gifts — the gifts that pertain to our redemption and salvation. Lent also reminds us of the sufficiency of the physical, temporal gifts of God which pertain to this body and life. In other words, it reminds us of the importance of godly contentment and of outward discipline and training of the body.

This outward training of the body teaches us not to give in to every desire of our flesh, but to learn to say no to them. And it does this in such a way that if you fail, it is no sin. It is a way to practice without putting yourself into a compromising situation.

Fasting is a good example of this outward training. When you fast, you are practicing saying no to the desires of your body. But if you fail in this, if you break your fast, you have not sinned. But you have learned something about how your flesh works, how difficult it is to fight against it, and how you need help from above to discipline the desires of your body.

Another example is almsgiving. An increase in giving to the church and its mission during Lent is also a form of outward training. We all know that our flesh finds security in money and stuff. By committing to give more to the church, you are training your flesh. You are, by this outward discipline, training yourself to be content with what God gives. You are practicing saying "no" to your desires. Again, if you fail, you have not sinned. But you've learned just how powerful your flesh is — it leads you instead of you leading it. You've learned how you need help from above in being content with what God gives.

This is why St. Paul instructs young Pastor Timothy in this way:

*But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs (Tim. 6:6–10).*


Our sufficiency is not of ourselves; it is in God. Let us learn this without sin by training our flesh this Lenten season.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1 Midweek Lent 1</b> Soup Supper 5:30p Confirmation 6:00p Worship service 7:00p Lenten Choir 8:00p	<b>2</b> GriefShare 6:00p	<b>3</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <i>Centerstage</i> <i>Children's Theater</i> <i>10:30a-2:30p and</i> <i>6:00p-8:00p</i>	<b>4</b>
<b>5 2nd Sunday in Lent</b> Communion Service 8:30a Coffee Fellowship 9:30a Education Hour 9:45a <b>Mite Box Sunday</b>  <i>Centerstage 3:45p-8:00p</i>	<b>6</b> Staff Meeting 10:30a	<b>7</b> Bible Study 9:15a Morning Prayer 10:30a  <i>Just for Kix 4:15p-9:15p</i>	<b>8 Midweek Lent 2</b> LWML Business Meeting 1:30p Soup Supper 5:30p Confirmation 6:00p Worship Service 7:00p Lenten Choir 8:00p	<b>9</b> Pastor at Circuit Meeting 9:30a (Glory of Christ)  GriefShare 6:00p	<b>10</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <i>Centerstage</i> <i>10:30a-2:30p</i> <i>6:00p-8:00p</i>	<b>11</b> 
<b>12 3rd Sunday in Lent</b> Worship Service 8:30a Coffee Fellowship 9:30a Education Hour 9:45a  <i>Centerstage 3:45p-8:00p</i>	<b>13</b> Staff Meeting 10:30a	<b>14</b> Bible Study 9:15a Morning Prayer 10:30a Elder Meeting 6:30p All Other Boards 7:00p Council Meeting 7:30a <i>Just for Kix 4:15p-9:15p</i>	<b>15 Midweek Lent 3</b> Soup Supper 5:30p Confirmation 6:00p Worship Service 7:00p <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> <b>Lenten Choir 8:00p</b>	<b>16</b> GriefShare 6:00p	<b>17 Office Closed</b> 2&1 Club Game Night/Potluck 6:00p-9:00p <i>Centerstage 10:30a-2:30p, 6:00p-8:00p</i>	<b>18</b>
<b>19 4th Sunday in Lent</b> Communion Service 8:30a Coffee Fellowship 9:30a Education Hour 9:45a  <i>Centerstage 3:45p-8:00p</i>	<b>20</b> Staff Meeting 10:30a	<b>21</b> Bible Study 9:15a Morning Prayer 10:30a  <i>Just for Kix 4:15p-9:15p</i>	<b>22 Midweek Lent 4</b> Soup Supper 5:30p Confirmation 6:00p Worship Service 7:00p Lenten Choir 8:00p	<b>23</b> GriefShare 6:00p	<b>24</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <i>Centerstage</i> <i>10:30a-2:30p</i> <i>6:00p-8:00p</i>	<b>25</b> Centerstage 10:00a-5:00p
<b>26 5th Sunday in Lent</b> Worship Service 8:30a Coffee Fellowship 9:30a Education Hour 9:45a  <i>Centerstage 3:45p-8:00p</i>	<b>27</b> Staff Meeting 10:30a Newsletter Team 9:15a	<b>28</b> Bible Study 9:15a Morning Prayer 10:30a Sunday School Teachers' Meeting 7:00p <i>Just for Kix 4:15p-9:15p</i>	<b>29 Midweek Lent 5</b> Soup Supper 5:30p Worship Service 7:00p	<b>30</b> GriefShare 6:00p	<b>31</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <i>Centerstage</i> <i>10:30a-2:30p</i> <i>6:00p-8:00p</i>	



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