

St. Paul's Epistle

NEWS &
INFORMATION

February | 2024

Pastor's Note:

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Greetings to you, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, *"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me'" (Matthew 16:24).* At these words, many of us hang our heads, breathe out deep sighs, and grudgingly prepare to put one foot before the other, as we reluctantly take up our crosses. We see ourselves as martyrs to the cause of Christ, but martyrs with long faces void of joy. How different from our Lord, *"Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame..." (Hebrews 12:2)!*

The word "joy" did not come to Peter's mind, either, when Jesus began telling His disciples what lay before Him. In fact, Peter tried to dissuade Jesus from walking that path He came to take. Matthew 16:22 tells us that Peter "rebuked" Jesus! Jesus' response was just as audacious: *"Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men" (Matthew 16:23).*

And isn't that our problem with the whole "taking up the cross" issue? We have an Earthly mindset, not an eternal one. We have a "What about me?" mentality instead of "What about Christ?" and "What about the mission Christ has for me?" Our attitudes need adjusting. *"[Our] attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." Who willingly gave up His rights as God and joyfully took on human flesh in order to walk the walk we stumble and fall on, in order to take the penalty for our sin that demands life as payment (Philippians 2:5-8).*

February 14th will be marking the beginning of Lent, as we observe Ash Wednesday. This is a beautiful period of time in the church year when our Bible readings and sermons and hymns all focus on Christ's sacrifice. When we think on Christ, He does adjust our attitudes! When we think on Christ, we are compelled to serve as He serves, to give as He gives, to love the unlovable as He loves us, sinners though we are. We eagerly, with the joy set before us, take up our crosses and march victoriously along the paths He sends us.

Lent is a time for spiritual discipline. Often people will choose to give something up for Lent as a type of spiritual discipline. Instead, this Lent, you may want to take on something. Let me suggest a spiritual discipline for you to consider: Read from Luther's Small Catechism every day and read through Luther's Large Catechism once (If you don't have a Large Catechism, and would like to read it, talk to Pastor Burns and he will be able to get a PDF of it for you). This will make the Lenten season a blessing for you.

May our Lenten Journey be a time of reflection on the teachings of Scripture as we look to Christ our Savior. In Christ, Pastor Burns Romans 1:16

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

710 Broadway St. E.

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Church Events:

- **LWML Kit assembly | 2/11**
Assembling Hospice and Newborn kits for Global Health Ministries. During the Bible Study hour.

- **Ash Wednesday | 2/14**
Communion Service 7:00p

- **St. Paul's Steak Fry | 2/18**
Fundraiser for the church
5:00p-8:00p

- **2&1 Club | 2/18**
St. Paul's Steak Fry. Helping or attending.

Midweek Lent Services begin
Wednesday 2/21
Soup Suppers 5:30p-6:30p
Worship Service 7:00p

Remember in your prayers:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort

Mindy Jones, Rose Ebert, Leah Pitts, Jered Glauvitz (Nephew of Dave & Erik Glauvitz), Derrick Doyle (son of Shirley Scheuble), Nancy Kitzman, Clarice O'Gary, Bruce Hecksel, Chad Hanson, Dan Wolinski (friend of Jason Voss), Pauline Williamson & Toni Susiy (friends 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 Irma Schmid, Alice Leitzke, Clarice O'Gary, Jean Henderson, Rose Ebert and Melissa Lee.

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.

Those Serving February 2024

Elders

Feb.	8:00a	Adam Schmidt
	10:30a	Steve Gamache

Ushers

Feb. 4	8:00a	Higgins Family
	10:30a	Justen Jones
Feb. 11	8:00a	Jeff & Julie Norman
	10:30a	Rick & Cindy Scheevel
Feb. 14	7:00p	TBD
Feb. 18	8:00a	Higgins Family
	10:30a	Justen Jones
Feb. 25	8:00a	Jeff & Julie Norman
	10:30a	Rick & Cindy Scheevel

Acolyte

Feb. 4	8:00a	Clara Higgins
	10:30a	Logan/Brenna Jones
Feb. 18	8:00a	Clara Higgins
	10:30a	Logan/Brenna Jones

Media

Feb.	David Gamache
	David Glauvitz
	Jacob Andersen
	Sherry Glauvitz

If you would like to place flowers on the altar please call the Church Office 763.425.2238.



Annual Contribution Statements will be put in your church mailbox, in the narthex, by the end of January. If you would like this mailed to you please let the office know. 763.425.2238

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Please plan to join us for our Lenten and Easter Choir! We will be singing on Ash Wednesday (Please plan to be in the balcony at 6:30p to practice- we'll be singing "When I Think of Calvary") and then practicing after each Lenten Wednesday service. As we did last year, we will sing on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. All songs will be familiar tunes. We hope you'll join us!!!

St. Paul's Steak Fry

Our church will be hosting a Fundraiser at the Osseo-Maple Grove Legion on Sunday, February 18th, 2024 from 5:00p-8:00p. We will need 35-40 Volunteers to work this event to make it successful. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for workers or call Sherry at church 763.425.2238. This event is open to the public, so invite all your friends and family!! Thank you in advance for volunteering. If you have any questions, please call Cindy Pomerleau XXX.XXX.XXXX or Colleen Tyler XXX.XXX.XXXX.

Newsletter Mailing Team please come to help on Tues Feb. 27 at 9:15a. Anyone who can help fold, stick labels on and sort is welcome. Cof-

There are still a lot of 2024 Offering Envelopes in the mailboxes in the Narthex. Don't forget to pick yours up.



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 Thoemke
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		



Chad & Allison Hanson	Feb. 5	18 years
Jeff & Julie Norman	Feb. 13	14 years
Jon & Melanie Tuttle	Feb. 28	14 years

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please let the office know.



Gladys Goerke was called to her heavenly home on Friday, December 29, 2023. A funeral service was held at St. Paul's on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. Please keep the Goerke family in your prayers.



Mite Box Sundays: February 4, 2024

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 January, the members of St. Paul's donated \$164.79
for Mite Box Mission Grants!
Many thanks!
*Sharing Christ's gifts with those in need***

**God's Word for Central and South American Missions
- Lutheran Heritage Foundation - \$100,000**

Lutheran evangelical efforts are being intensified in countries like the Dominican Republic, Chile, and Uruguay. There is an ongoing need for Spanish language Bibles, Luther's Small Catechism, children's materials, devotions and other resources. New pastors who are being trained to be missionaries and evangelists need to be equipped with materials that help share the Good News. This grant will provide for the translation and printing costs of approximately 25,000 books by the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF). LHF will distribute the printed books free of charge to people of Central and South America who live from week to week and are very poor. Economic and political conditions may force missionaries to leave these countries but they leave behind the Lutheran books which continue to teach for generations.

Newborn and Hospice Kits will be assembled Sunday, February 11, during the Bible Class hour. Please bring your donated items to church and place in the basket in the narthex.

Lenten Soup Suppers: Please sign up to assist with our weekly Lenten Soup Suppers.

Your help is needed to assist with St. Paul's Steak Fry on Sunday, February 18. This is a fundraiser for the St. Paul's general fund. There is a signup for volunteers in the narthex.

**Please join us at our next Business Meeting on Wednesday, February 14, at 1:30 pm
in the Party Room at Mary Patrice Apartments, 100 3rd St. NW, Osseo, MN**

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR FEBRUARY 2024

LESSONS

We are finishing up our last Old Testament lessons in February focusing on the fact that God is always with us, just as he was with Jonah, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and also with Daniel and Esther.

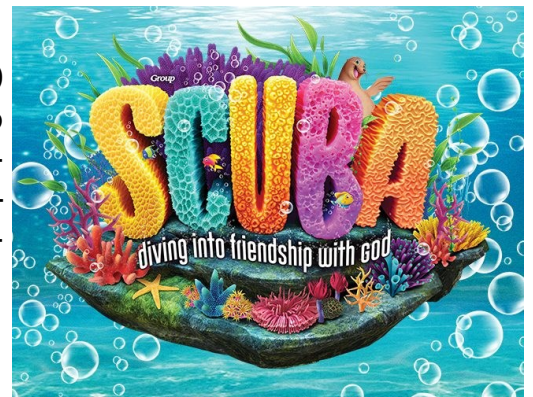
Ash Wednesday is February 14. Watch for the Lenten devotional materials that will be passed out to the kids the Sunday prior.

OFFERINGS

Our offerings will continue to go to CROSS. Thanks for your generous support.

VBS

SAVE THE DATE!!!! VBS will be August 5 through 8 from 9:30 to 11:30. The theme this year is Scuba, Diving into Friendship with God. We will be taking the kids deep into an amazing under-sea adventure where they will experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Watch for more information on when to register and volunteer opportunities in the future.

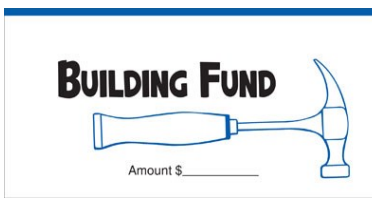


CROSS NEWS

The Sunday School decided this year's resolution is going to be to give back to the community. Food donations to CROSS have been way down – so far down that they have had to buy food that is normally donated. We have decided to help them out by having a monthly food drive for the rest of the school year. We will be focusing on a specific food item each month. In January, we focused on hygiene items. February's item will be soup in honor of "Souper Sunday." We would love to have the congregation's help. Just place your items in the CROSS cruiser in the back of the narthex and these items will be delivered to CROSS. Thank you in advance for your donations.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7





God has blessed Saint Paul’s Lutheran Church for over 150 years with faithful members who love their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In the Church, as well as in our households, there are times that can be challenging. Saint Paul’s is facing this right now. But instead of looking at this being difficult, we would like to look at this as an opportunity for our congregation to grow in our faith and our Christian Stewardship.

Our building is over 70 years old. With that comes routine maintenance. Last year, we had many projects that were completed: We updated our outside lighting with LED fixtures that will bring savings in the future with our electric bill. We updated the drinking fountain in the basement by the bathrooms. And, we had a costly repair to the boiler system, which has brought more efficient use of energy for heating the church. Last month we had the gas leak that led to an unexpected repair to our gas line.

All of these projects were funded through our Building Fund in the Savings Account. We would like to encourage every member to help us in rebuilding our Building Fund. After all, with an old building, we know that others items can and will come up in the future. So, we want to be ready by having a strong and robust Building Fund.

Please consider giving a special gift to the Building Fund. This gift should be above and beyond your normal giving to the church.

Offerings and Contributions				
		2022	2023	
		Thru Dec.	Thru Dec.	\$ Change
General Fund				
	Contributions	234,956	224,060	(10,896)
	Rental Income	-	7,293	7,293
	Subtotal General Fund	234,956	231,353	(3,604)
Savings Account				
	Building Fund	5,590	7,755	2,165
	Memorials	3,725	1,300	(2,425)
	Other	15,819	7,581	(8,238)
	Subtotal Savings	25,134	16,636	(8,498)
Designated Funds *		7,882	7,125	(757)
		267,972	255,114	(12,858)
	Columbarium Contributions	500	24,174	23,674
	Total Contributions	268,472	279,288	10,816
* Designated funds are contributions to Cross, LWML, City Center and Youth				

Another wonderful Christmas Program and Luncheon



**Great Job
Everyone!**



Hymn Studies With Esther- February

***All information taken from Lutheran Service Book- Companion to the Hymns, published by Concordia Publishing House**

The Hymn: LSB #414- 'Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here

The Author: Joseph Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)

Joseph Armitage Robinson wrote this hymn in 1888, basing it on the Gospel for the Transfiguration of our Lord. Robinson, not generally known as a hymn writer, wrote this hymn while Dean of Christ's College, Cambridge, and assistant curate of Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge. At the time it was written, hymns for Transfiguration were rare. This hymn was first published in the 1904 edition of Hymns Ancient and Modern. The hymn was introduced to American Lutherans not long afterward in the Common Service Book of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Hymn Background:

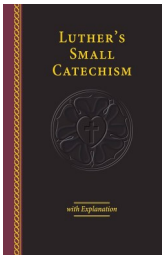
In this hymn, we see a portrait of the Transfiguration story from Luke 9:28-26 set in the voice of Peter. The radiance of the Lord and the appearance of Moses and Elijah complete the scene.

Verse 3 looks to both the past and the future. Jesus is confessed as "fulfiller of the past." The foretold Redeemer of Israel is Jesus, the "hope of things to be," for "with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption."

The final two verses complete the drama, with us, as singers wishing to "hold the vision bright and make this hill our home." This is what Peter wished, who suggested that he build tents for the Lord, Moses and Elijah. The hymn ends with a prayer for God's abiding presence among those who must "leave the mount" and return "to the plain."

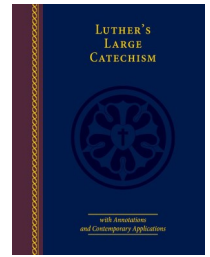
When are we singing this hymn?

#414 will be sung on February 11, on Transfiguration Sunday.



Midweek Lenten Series

Taking On Something for Lent: Luther's Catechisms



The authors of the Formula of Concord that Luther's Small and Large Catechisms are “the layman's Bible” because everything necessary for the Christian to know for salvation is included in them, which is handled more extensively in the Holy Scriptures” (FC Ep Summary 5).

Join us on February 14th (Ash Wednesday) as we begin our Lenten Journey by digging into Luther's Small and Large Catechisms.

If you would like the PDF of the catechisms please contact the office or Pastor.



LWML is collecting items needed for the Hospice and Newborn Kits for Global Health Ministries. Items can be placed in the basket in the Narthex. The goal is to assemble kits on **February 11th** during the Bible Study Hour. Here is a list of all the items needed for the Hospice and Newborn kits.

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

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

Caring for My Neighbor

If any of the Ten Commandments might tempt us to think that keeping the Law is easy, it would be the Fifth Commandment. After all, how hard is it to get through life without murdering somebody? The vast majority of people can handle that!

But Jesus famously blows up this notion by pointing out that the command, “you shall not murder,” goes much deeper — down to the heart.

You have heard that it was said to those of old, “You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.” But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, “You fool!” will be liable to the hell of fire. (Matt. 5:21–22)

Hatred and disdain come from the same sort of crookedness of heart as murder. With both murder and hatred, you look down on another person and think them of little worth.

In the Small Catechism, Luther also points out that every “do not” in the commandments also includes a “do this:” “We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body but *help and support him in every physical need*” (SC, Fifth Commandment, emphasis added).

We are not called merely to avoid evil; we must also do positive good.

So when Jesus drew near to us and became our neighbor by taking up our humanity, He came not only to avoid harming us, but He came to positively help us, bless us and serve us.

We are now called to show the love to our neighbors that Christ showed to us. Your neighbor is yet another gift that God has given you that requires your stewardship. We are called to show mercy, to be kind, to love and serve our neighbor. One aspect of this stewardship is financial: our neighbors need us to support the church’s work so that they can hear the Gospel and come to faith. Our neighbors need the church’s alms and mercy work. Our neighbors need our faithful service in all we do in the name of Christ.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship

2&1 Club

Volunteer/Attend St. Paul’s Steak Fry

At the Osseo-Maple Grove Legion on Sunday, February 18th, 2024 from 5:00p-8:00p.

Need 35-40 volunteers to work the event to make it successful.

Sign-up sheet in the Narthex or call Sherry in the office 763.425.2238.

Open to the public, so invite all your friends and family!

February 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 GriefShare 6:30p	2 Office Closed <i>CenterStage</i> 10:30a-2:30p and 5:00p-7:45p	3
4 5th Sunday after Epiphany Communion Service 8:00a Education Hour 9:15a Communion Service 10:30a Mite Box <i>Shooting Starz 2:00p-7:30p</i>	5 Staff Meeting 10:30a	6 Bible Study 9:15a Morning Prayer Service 10:15a	7 Confirmation 6:00p	8 Circuit Meeting (Beautiful Savior) 9:30a GriefShare 6:30p	9 Office Closed <i>CenterStage</i> 10:30a-2:30p and	10
11 Transfiguration of Our Lord Worship Service 8:00a Education Hour 9:15a Worship Service 10:30a LWML Kit assembly <i>Shooting Starz 3:00p-5:30p</i>	12 Staff Meeting 10:30a	13 Bible Study 9:15a Morning Prayer Service 10:15a Board of Elders 6:30p All Other Boards 7:00p Council Meeting 7:30p	14 Ash Wednesday LWML Business Meeting 1:30p Confirmation 6:00p Communion Service 7:00p	15 GriefShare 6:30p Newsletter Deadline	16 Office Closed <i>CenterStage</i> 10:30a-2:30p	17
18 1st Sunday in Lent Communion Service 8:00a Education Hour 9:15a Communion Service 10:30a St. Paul's Steak Fry 5:00p-8:00p	19 Staff Meeting 10:30a	20 Bible Study 9:15a Morning Prayer Service 10:15a	21 Midweek Lent 1 Soup Supper 5:30p Confirmation 6:00p Worship Service 7:00p	22 GriefShare 6:30p	23 Office Closed <i>CenterStage</i> 10:30a-2:30p	24
25 2nd Sunday in Lent Worship Service 8:00a Education Hour 9:15a Worship Service 10:30a <i>Shooting Starz 3:15p-8:00p</i>	26 Staff Meeting 10:30	27 Bible Study 9:15 Morning Prayer Service 10:15a Sunday School Teachers' Meeting 7:00p Safety Committee 8:00p	28 Midweek Lent 2 Soup Supper 5:30p Confirmation 6:00p Worship Service 7:00p	29 GriefShare 6:30p		



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