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Jesus Loves

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Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. ³ He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

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Church Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Monday – Friday)

SUNDAY MORNINGS:

- ✚ Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. (Broadcast on KOWZ 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✚ Fellowship/Coffee: 10:00 a.m.
- ✚ Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
- ✚ Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

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March, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

This is the fourth in a series of at least a dozen newsletter articles I write to you as your Intentional Interim Pastor. I consider it a privilege to be one of your pastors in these days, and I realize I follow in a

train of faithful and Christ-centered pastors who have brought God's precious Word to you and have watched over your souls.

This month, my letter will include an update on the work of our Transition Team.

Our Transition Team Steering Committee has adopted the following statements for its own use and eventual consideration by our Church Council and Voters. Our Chairperson is Kent DeLong.

- **Our Mission Statement:** "Empowered by God's Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people."
- **Our Vision Statement:** "We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ."

We have appointed three separate Task Forces to work during Phase II, a time of self-analysis and summarizing our present reality.

- **Our Interview Task Force** is chaired by Linda Seifert and will be planning out and conducting one or more congregational surveys, and by April 30, will be presenting their findings to the Transition Team Steering Committee.
- **Our Structure Task Force** is chaired by Ron Wood and by April 30 will be reviewing and recommending to the Steering Committee a revision and updating of our Constitution, By-Laws, Policies, and Personnel Manual.
- **Our Revitalization Committee** is chaired by Dale Rudolph, and by April 30 will be recommending to the Steering Committee one or more SMART goals on the subject of revitalization.

Upcoming Sermons:

Lenten Midweek Sermon Series: "Words from the Cross"

- Ash Wednesday - "Father, Forgive Them"
- March 4 - "I'll See You Soon"
- March 11 - "Take Care of My Mom"
- March 18 - "Alone in the Dark"
- March 25 - "I'm Thirsty"
- April 1 - "I'm Finished"
- Maundy Thursday - "Do This Often"
- Good Friday - "Into My Father's Hands"

Lenten Sunday Series - "Questions of Lent"

- March 1 - "Where Are You?"
- March 8 - "Where Are You Going?"
- March 15 - "Why Do You Quarrel?"
- March 22 - "Why Was He Born Blind?"
- March 29 - "Can These Bones Live?"
- April 5 / Palm Sunday - "Why Such Humiliation?"
- Easter Sunday - "Why Are You Crying?"



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Dear Confirmed Members,

Our congregation is exploring participation in the LCMS *re:Vitality* revitalization program. "Vital" is the key component of "revitalization." Wherever the Word is proclaimed in its purity and God's Sacraments are rightly administered, there is spiritual vitality. *re:Vitality* builds upon spiritual vitality and guides the church in positive action for sustainable, adaptable, focused, and healthy ministry for years to come. The first step in the *re:Vitality* process is to submit honest feedback about our congregation from everyone involved.

Beginning March 8th, I want to encourage every confirmed member of St. Paul Lutheran Church to fill out this simple online questionnaire. *(For members who are unable to participate online, we will be providing printed copies of the questionnaire on March 8th at the church entrances, on the table near the bulletin board, and in the church office. Please return completed paper questionnaires to the church office by March 29th.)*

When you are ready to begin the online survey, please visit:

www.lcms.org/survey/revitality and enter our congregation **code: C947211**

Your responses are completely anonymous. No one will know your name, and I will not see individual responses. It is important to be honest in your feedback so that we can have an accurate assessment about where we are as a congregation.

Help us find the answer to, "Where are we...really?" Thank you for submitting your responses by March 29th.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Griffin".

Pastor Larry Griffin

Upcoming Events

- March 1: Quilters Annual Pork Chop Feed (Two seating's: 11 AM & 12:30 PM)
- March 4, 11, 18, 25: Lenten Midweek Meals (4:30-5:45) & Worship (6 PM)
- March 7 (Saturday): Leadership Seminar in Owatonna
- **March 8: re:Vitality Survey begins (see enclosed letter)**
- March 27: Youth Mission Hamburger/Fish Feed from 5-7 PM @ American Legion
- **March 29: re:Vitality Survey ends**
- April 1: Lenten Midweek Meal & Service
- April 6: Church Council Meeting, 6-7 PM
- April 9: Maundy Thursday Service w/Communion at 6 PM
- April 10: Good Friday Service at 6 PM
- April 12: Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 AM, Easter Breakfast 7:30-8:45 AM, and Easter Worship Service at 9:00 AM.
- April 17: Youth Mission Hot Beef Commercials & Pie from 5-7 PM @ American Legion
- April 26: Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Transition Team Update

One of the activities the Transition Team has been working on is a self-study survey that will help us to better understand the needs of our congregation now and in the future. This survey can be completed on-line with a home computer or on a written form. There will be people available to assist with any questions. **It is very important for all members to complete this survey.** The Transition Team will be using this information to assist us in providing recommendations to the church council and congregation regarding the direction of St. Paul Lutheran going forward. The survey will be available starting March 8, 2020.

--Submitted by, Kent DeLong

Lenten Midweek Meals (4:30-5:45 PM) & Worship (6 PM)

February 26 | Menu: Hot Beef/Sloppy Joes, Chips, Bars, Coffee
Sponsored by Cotta Guild: Proceeds support LWML Mites for Missions

March 4 | Menu: Hamburger/Brats, Potato Salad, Bars, Coffee
Sponsored by Youth Mission Team: Proceeds support Youth Mission Trip

March 11 | Menu: Lasagna, Garlic Toast, Salad, Cookies, Coffee
Sponsored by Youth Mission Team: Proceeds support Youth Mission Trip

March 18 | Menu: Goulash, Dinner Roll, Dessert, Coffee
Sponsored by Youth Group: Proceeds support Youth Group activities

March 25 | Menu: Tater-Tot Hotdish, Jell-O, Cake, Coffee
Sponsored by Board of Education: Proceeds support Camp Omega Camperships

April 1 | Menu: Taco Bar w/fixings, dessert, coffee
Sponsored by Youth Group: Proceeds support Youth Group activities

well hello, march

Bible Reading Schedule

This Lenten season we see Jesus identify Himself as the God Who revealed Himself as "I AM" to Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3:14). Jesus identifies Himself in the great "I AM" statements in the Gospels. In our Bible reading schedule this month we read one of those "I AM" statements in the Gospel of Mark. Jesus is being questioned at His "trial" by the Jewish Sanhedrin. The High Priest asks Jesus if He is the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of God. And Jesus said, "I AM!" (Mark 14:62) The Jewish leaders understood the fact that Jesus had called Himself God, but they didn't believe He was God so they wrongly accused Him of blasphemy and sentenced Him to death on the cross. Christ took up the cross for us that by His suffering, death, and resurrection we might be saved, and be able to say, "I am a believer". I am a Christian. I am forgiven and saved in Christ." (Mark 8:34-38; 14-16; I Corinthians 15; Galatians 3)

MARCH:

1. Numbers 27,28,29; Mark 8
2. Numbers 30,31; Mark 9
3. Numbers 32,33; Mark 10
4. Numbers 34,35,36; Mark 11
5. Deuteronomy 1,2; Mark 12
6. Deuteronomy 3,4; Psalm 36; Mark 13
7. Deuteronomy 5,6; Psalm 43; Mark 14
8. Deuteronomy 7,8,9; Mark 15
9. Deuteronomy 10,11,12; Mark 16
10. Deuteronomy 13,14,15; Galatians 1
11. Deuteronomy 16,17,18; Psalm 38; Galatians 2
12. Deuteronomy 19,20,21; Galatians 3
13. Deuteronomy 22,23,24; Galatians 4
14. Deuteronomy 25,26,27; Galatians 5
15. Deuteronomy 28,29; Galatians 6
16. Deuteronomy 30,31; Psalm 40; I Corinthians 1
17. Deuteronomy 32,33,34; I Corinthians 2
18. Joshua 1,2; Psalm 37; I Corinthians 3
19. Joshua 3,4,5,6; I Corinthians 4
20. Joshua 7,8; Psalm 69; I Corinthians 5
21. Joshua 9,10,11; I Corinthians 6
22. Joshua 12,13,14; I Corinthians 7
23. Joshua 15,16,17; I Corinthians 8
24. Joshua 18,19,20; I Corinthians 9
25. Joshua 21,22; Psalm 47; I Corinthians 10
26. Joshua 23,24; Psalm 44; I Corinthians 11
27. Judges 1,2,3; I Corinthians 12
28. Judges 4,5; Psalm 39,41; I Corinthians 13
29. Judges 6,7; Psalm 52; I Corinthians 14
30. Judges 8; Psalm 42; I Corinthians 15
31. Judges 9,10; Psalm 49; I Corinthians 16



Date	Day	Service Time	Acolyte
3/1/2020	Sunday	9:00 AM	Schumacher, Joseph
3/4/2020	Lent midweek	6:00 PM	Gaul, Avery
3/8/2020	Sunday	9:00 AM	Hammer, Derek
3/11/2020	Lent midweek	6:00 PM	Johanneck, Elijah
3/15/2020	Sunday	9:00 AM	Kunkel, Jaya
3/18/2020	Lent midweek	6:00 PM	Manthe, Elizabeth
3/22/2020	Sunday	9:00 AM	Miller-Nelson, Traehvo
3/25/2020	Lent midweek	6:00 PM	Nusbaum, Leeland
3/29/2020	Sunday	9:00 AM	Quillen, Koltyn

Please note: Please find a replacement if you cannot acolyte at the service assigned to you. Please contact the church office when you have changed with another acolyte. Please arrive to the church 20 minutes before the service begins, as the candles are to be lit 10 minutes before the service.

#29ERS

The 29ers will meet for a Potluck at Noon on March 25.
Hosts: Bev & Jerry Schroeder



<u>Name</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Nicole Schult	3/2	Mildred Gerlach	3/8	Calista Schuette	3/16	Tim Arndt	3/24
Marjorie Findley	3/3	Denise Manthe	3/11	Makayla Clark	3/18	Darlette Strand	3/25
Lori Barbknecht	3/3	Chad Hammer	3/11	Dale Rudolph	3/20	Josiah Proechel	3/26
Margie Arndt	3/3	Oliver Froslan	3/13	Inez Meyer	3/20	Barb Paulson	3/27
Dustyn Fogal	3/7	Sara Steva	3/14	Rhonda Christianson	3/23	Linda Klinger	3/28
Darryl Rosenthal	3/8	Frances Hursh	3/14	Terrie Goettl	3/24	Jody Buker	3/28
LeeAnn Paulson	3/8	Steph Seifert	3/15	Greg Gentle	3/24		

Cotta Guild News

Meeting Minutes: February 2020

We opened our meeting with prayer. Pastor Griffin had devotion on "Resolving Conflict." We enjoyed a delicious potluck.

Our guest speaker was Edna Thayer, "humorist." She spoke about "Benefits of laughter for our health." If you couldn't make it, you missed a good one! He has a book entitled, "Embracing Laughter for Wellness."

The January minutes and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Judie Waters reminded us of our 2020 dues of \$5.00, if you haven't paid them yet.

We tied six quilts for a mission project, for our LWML Winter Rally at St. Paul Lutheran on February 15.

Our next rally will be April 18 at 9 AM in Morristown. Registration is \$10.00.

We have been asked to donate the following for the Quilters for a mission project: Each circle is asked to provide eleven pies, one dessert, and ten salads. Also, two workers, one for each dinner seating. It is being held Sunday, March 1. Set-up for the dinner will be held Friday, February 28 at 3 PM.

Bob Kuschel's funeral is Friday, February 28 at 11 AM. Barb Denn's circle to serve.

We had thank you's from Pastor Griffin and Rachel's Hope. We received a memorial from the Rosenau family, in memory of Marion.

There has been some discussion for a new photo directory when a new pastor arrives, along with a cookbook fundraiser.

We sang happy birthday to Barb Denn, Kathy Lenz, and Kathy Flogstad.

We will do shut-in Easter cards at our March meeting on the 12th at 1 PM.

Cotta Guild is serving supper on Ash Wednesday, February 26. Each circle should provide two workers and two pans of bars. Meeting adjourned.

Kathy Flogstad
Public Relations

In 1498, young Martin Luther went to Eisenach, hoping help from his relatives. They would not or they could not help, and so Luther had to help himself by singing for bread in the strange streets. These irregular meals and this lack of meals no doubt laid the foundation for his future stomach troubles. One day he sang before three doors, and was turned away from all three; and then the hungry lad thought of giving up his studies and going to work at his father's furnace. He tried a fourth time, and of course his eye and his voice were appealing, and face and song appealed to Dame Ursula, wife of Conrad Cotta, wealthy merchant of Italian descent, who took to him and took him in. Here his heart had a happy home. Mrs. Cotta took in a stranger, and entertained an angel unawares. On her deathbed on November 29, 1511, the worthy matron said God had signally blessed her since taking Martin under her roof. God bless her! Her kindness to Martin made her immortal. Let our Ladies' Aid be encouraged to become Ursula Cottas, and aid needy students for the holy ministry.

This information is from Martin Luther: His Life and His Labor for the Plain People, by William Dalmann, CPH, 1917.



Sunday School News

Children and youth Preschool age 3 through Grade 8 are invited to join us Sunday mornings 10:15 – 11:15. We begin in the Sanctuary for opening and music. We conclude downstairs, beneath the Parish Hall, with class time. Students are released to their parents at 11:15am.

Students in grades 6-8 attend opening and music to review Bible stories and memory work, then have the choice of attending Adult Bible study or assisting the Sunday School class. High Schoolers may attend Adult Bible study or assist in the Nursery or a class.

Sunday School and Youth serve breakfast Easter Sunday, April 12

Your family's help is needed:

- Bring 2 dozen or more pastries (mini muffins, muffins, quick breads, coffee cakes, etc.) to the Parish Hall kitchen by 9am on Saturday, April 11
- Help set up and decorate on Saturday, April 11 at 9am
- Help serve and clean up on Easter Sunday, beginning at 7am



Sign-up sheets will be posted at the top and bottom of the central staircase at church, or contact one of the people below. Funds raised will support church members attending Camp Omega this coming summer. Children, youth, adults and families help with set-up, serving (pouring beverages, carrying plates, wiping tables), and clean-up. Most ages of children can help. Sign up to help and to bring baked pastries. We have a fun time working together to serve the congregation a fabulous Easter Breakfast!

The Board of Education
Kathy Flogstad 507-835-3061
Aimee Paulson 651-380-0207



Hamburger / Fish Feed

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser
St. Paul Lutheran Church

When: **Friday, March 27, 2020**
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Where: American Legion
700 South State Street
Waseca, Minnesota

Menu: Hamburger/Fish Sandwich, Salad,
Tater Tots, and Cookie
(Water and Pop available for additional purchase, \$1/each)

Cost: \$8.00 per person





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March 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1. 9:00 am Worship-HC 10:00 am Fellowship 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Adult Bible Study 11:00 am (seating 1) Quilters Pork Chop Dinner 12:30 pm (seating 2) Quilters Pork Chop Dinner</p>	<p>2. 10:00 am Bible Class 5:30 p.m. Revitalization Task Force</p>	<p>3. 10:00 am Service @ Lakeshore Inn 1:00 pm Quilters 6:30 pm Stewardship 7:00 pm Elders</p>	<p>4. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm Evangelism 3:30 pm 6,7,8 Catechism 4:30-5:45 pm Lenten Supper 6:00 pm Lent Midweek Service 6:45 pm Interview Task Force 7:00 pm Trustees</p>	<p>5. 6:30 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans 5:30 pm Education</p>	<p>6.</p>	<p>7.</p>
<p>8. 9:00 am Worship-HC 10:00 am Fellowship 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>9. 10:00 am Bible Class</p>	<p>10. 1:00 pm Quilters</p>	<p>11. 3:30 pm 6,7,8 Catechism 4:30-5:45 pm Lenten Supper 6:00 pm Lent Midweek Service 7:00 pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>12. 6:30 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans 1:00 pm Cotta Guild</p>	<p>13.</p>	<p>14.</p>
<p>15. 9:00 am Worship-HC 10:00 am Fellowship 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>16. 10:00 am Bible Class</p>	<p>17. 9:00-12:00 pm Circuit Pastors' Conference @ Trinity-Janesville 1:00 pm Quilters</p>	<p>18. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 10:00 am Service @ Foxdale 2:00 pm 7,8 Mentoring 2:30 pm 6,7,8 Catechism 4:30-5:45 pm Lenten Supper 6:00 pm Lent Midweek Service 7:00 pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>19. 6:30 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans</p>	<p>20.</p>	<p>21.</p>
<p>22. 9:00 am Worship-HC 10:00 am Fellowship 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>23. 10:00 am Bible Class</p>	<p>24. 1:00 pm Quilters</p>	<p>25. 12:00 pm 29ers Potluck 3:30 pm 6,7,8 Catechism 4:30-5:45 pm Lenten Supper 6:00 pm Lent Midweek Service 7:00 pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>26. 6:30 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans 1:00 pm HC @ Colony Court</p>	<p>27. 5:00-7:00 pm Hamburger/Fish Feed @ American Legion (Youth Mission)</p>	<p>28.</p>
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