

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: March 8 – March 15, 2020

Sunday:

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service w/communion (broadcast on KOWZ 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:00 a.m. Fellowship, Coffee & Treats
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Monday:

- 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class w/Pastor Griffin (parish hall)
5:30 p.m. Revitalization Task Force

Tuesday:

- 1:00 p.m. Quilters
5:30 p.m. Structure Task Force

Wednesday:

- 3:30 p.m. 6,7,8 Catechism
4:00 p.m. Interview Task Force
4:30-5:45 p.m. Lenten Supper
6:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service
Organist: Cindy Wood Acolyte: Elijah Johanneck
Elder: Jerry Flogstad Radio Monitor: Kathy Flogstad
7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday:

- 6:30 a.m. Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans
6:00 p.m. Quarterly Meeting w/District Office & Steering Committee

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SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Derek Hammer
ELDER: Jerry Flogstad
DEACON: Kraig Deling
RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Kaleb Schmidt
ACOLYTE: Jaya Kunkel
ELDER: Jerry Flogstad
DEACON: Kraig Deling
RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore



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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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WELCOME! WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in the black notebook (located in the pew). We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Sunday School begins at 10:15 a.m. and Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m.



"The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is to provide opportunities through which everyone might be made aware of their Savior Jesus Christ, nurture a strong foundation of faith, and receive the Sacrament regularly as directed by our Savior Jesus Christ."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- re:Vitality Survey Begins today! Paper surveys (for those who are not completing the on-line survey) are available at the church entrances, on the table near the elevator, and in the church office. Please complete and **return to the church office by March 29th**. For more information, including on-line instructions, please see Pastor Griffin's "Intentional Interim Ministry Corner Notes" in this bulletin.
- Today's Bible Class will be exploring Jonah, chapter 3. What do we learn about the grace of God in this chapter? What do you suppose Jonah was thinking as he traveled the 600 miles to Nineveh? What was great about the city of Nineveh? What do we learn about preaching from Jonah?
- The Youth Mission Team is sponsoring the midweek Lenten supper this Wednesday from 4:30-5:45 p.m. Lasagna, garlic toast, salad, cookies, and coffee. All proceeds support the Youth Mission trip in August 2020.
- THANK YOU! Cotta Guild thanks everyone who supported the Ash Wednesday supper. They received \$385 in donations for LWML Mites for Missions.
- THANK YOU! Our St. Paul Quilters thank everyone who worked or donated in any way to help make their 17th Annual Pork Chop Dinner a very successful event. The profit was \$1,700 and the Quilters thank you all from the bottom of their hearts.

Upcoming Sermons:

Lenten Midweek Sermon Series: "Words from the Cross"

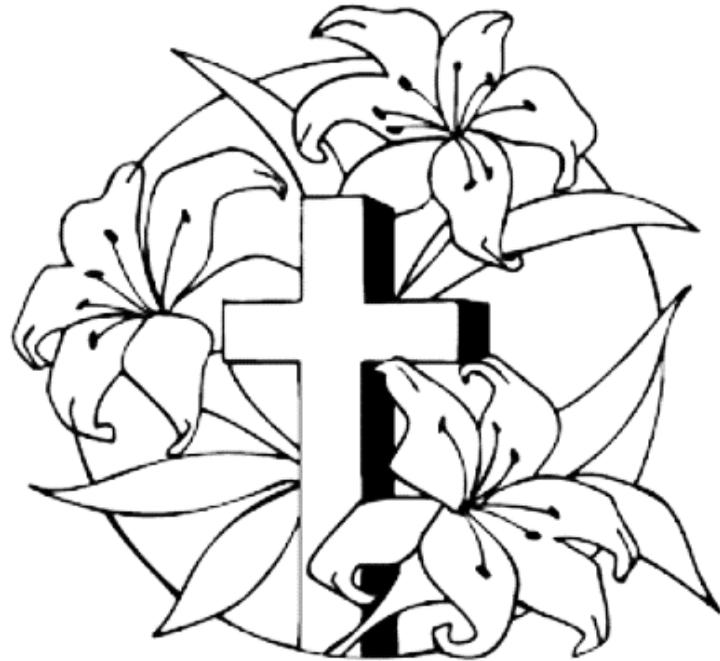
- March 11 - "Take Care of My Mom"
- March 18 - "Alone in the Dark"
- March 25 - "I'm Thirsty"
- April 1 - "I'm Finished"
- Maundy Thursday - "Do This Often"
- Good Friday - "Into My Father's Hands"

Lenten Sunday Series - "Questions of Lent"

- March 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?"

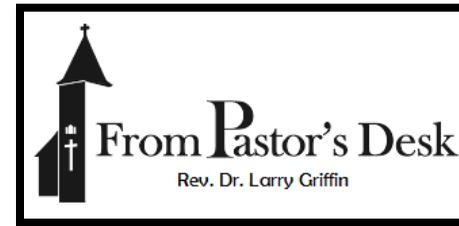
Upcoming Events:

- March 7 (Saturday): Leadership Seminar in Owatonna
- March 11, 18, 25: Lenten Midweek Meals (4:30-5:45) & Worship (6 PM)
- **March 8: re:Vitality Survey begins**
- 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



For God so loved
the world that he gave
his one and only Son.

John 3:16



Telling God's Story Here at St. Paul Lutheran:

A glimpse of ministry this past week included a small army of volunteers getting ready for and carrying through our annual Quilters' Pork Chop fundraiser, it included several new health concerns arising in the lives of God's people, it included elected board members and

appointed Task Force members coming together to serve, and it included new opportunities for our members to care for one another. Thank you for a generosity that allows for ministry and mission to take place here at St. Paul Lutheran all week long, day and night.

Intentional Interim Ministry Corner (17th) in a Series of 52 Notes:

Our congregation is participating 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 Today, 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, "What is our present reality?" **Thank you for submitting your responses by March 29th.**

Blessings,
Pastor Griffin



The Board of Stewardship wishes to remind everyone that forms are available in the church entry (or church office) which you could use to authorize regular giving through your bank checking or savings accounts. If you have questions, contact the church office or Gene Schwarz.



“Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table. He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That’s where our stewardship starts, with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.



“Parents make mistakes, and so do their children. Don’t let the thought of failure prevent you, my friends, from going for the prize. If you have not been in it before, get in the game, follow Christ. If you have tried hard and feel you have not succeeded, don’t give up. Fight the good fight. Run the race with full determination. With Christ, you will obtain the prize.” *Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, former speaker of “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



IN OUR PRAYERS:

Hospice: Harold Hoffmeister (brother-in-law to Mark Pehrson)

Hospitalized: Jim Ross

Recovery from Surgery: Bob Roemhildt

Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery: Mike Buker, Jerry Schroeder, Peggy Zimmer

Treatment: Eva Bickell, Jolaine Burmeister (sister to Carol Ulschmid), Marcia Meiners (daughter of the late Lorraine Miller), Brian Schroeder

Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.

All the service men & women who are serving in the military: Noah Berg, Ryan Berg, Jacob Claybaugh, Jordan Labiack, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Kylie Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson

Waseca Circuit Missionaries: Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020

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When God asked Abram and his wife Sarai to leave where they were living and go to a land he would show them, He was asking them to live by faith instead of sight. He was asking them what He asks of all Christians - to believe in the miraculous. Or to say it another way - to open our hands and receive by faith all the gifts that He is wanting to give. Today’s sermon asks the question, “Where Are We Going?” It is the second in a seven-part Lenten series, “Questions of Lent.”

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OPENING HYMN: *“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”* # 606

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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FIRST READING: *Genesis 12:1-9*

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

SECOND READING: *Romans 4:1-8; 13-17*

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the

Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷ “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸ blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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GOSPEL READING: *John 3:14-17*

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

CHILDREN’S LESSON

SERMON HYMN: *“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”* # 708

SERMON: **“Where Are We Going?”** Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin

Three promises to Abraham

1. That God would give his descendants (land)
2. That God would make of him a great (nation)
3. That all nations would be saved through his (Descendant)

Three promises to us

1. That heaven is our (home)
2. That we’re part of a large (family)
3. That our enemies have been (defeated)

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING *[During the offering, please sign the black care book in the pew. Visitors: Please include your address and phone number. Thank you!]*

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DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS:

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” # 637

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” # 623

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” # 618

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CLOSING HYMN: *“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”* # 699

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St. Paul Lutheran Church

- **Nursery available:** For families with small children, there is a designated room in the basement (down the hall, on the right, from the youth room). You will find a changing table, crib, a few books and toys. Please feel free to use anytime during the worship service. During Sunday School and Bible Class there will be someone there to help with your child so you may attend the Adult Bible Class.
- **Preparing for Holy Communion:** To assist our time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. Both individual cups and the common cup are offered on both sides. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.
- **Radio Broadcast:** Today’s broadcast (KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM) is dedicated to the glory of God.
- **Lutheran Hour:** “The Lutheran Hour” can be heard on the following radio stations: WCCO, 830 AM radio, Minneapolis, Sunday, 6:05 AM; KDHL, 920 AM radio, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM; KJLY, 93.5 FM, Owatonna, Sunday, 6:00 PM; and KJLY, 104.5 FM, Blue Earth, Sunday, 6:00 PM.
- **Sunday School:** Today in Sunday School, the children learn the story of “Jesus Changes Water into Wine” at the wedding in Cana. Through His first miracle, Jesus revealed Himself to be true God. God uses His Word and physical means—water, bread, and wine—to reveal to us that Jesus is our Savior. Discuss the story with your children: *“How we are like the disciples, not sure just who Jesus is? How do we sometimes doubt Him and His Word?”*

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The Lord’s Supper

- ✠ We believe, teach, and confess in accordance with Holy Scripture that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift from God, in which Christ gives us His true body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.
- ✠ The Bible teaches that this sacrament may also be spiritually harmful when misused, *(For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes. Therefore, whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. 1 Corinthians 11:26-30)*
- ✠ The Lord’s Supper is a testimony of the unity in faith. We ask that only those who have been instructed and who are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod come with a contrite and joyful heart to the Lord’s Table. **(Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers)**
- ✠ Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty, prior to the church service.