

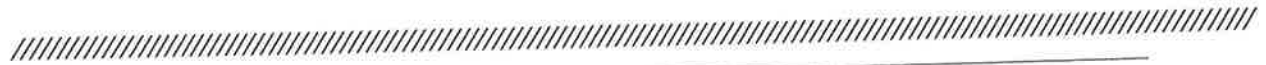
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Jesus Loves



16 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. **2** And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. **3** And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" **4** And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. **5** And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. **6** And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. **7** But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." **MARK 16: 1-7**

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Mission Statement

"Empowered by God's Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people."


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."

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY):

- ✝ **Divine Service w/Holy Communion:** 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✝ Sunday School begins at 10:15am
- ✝ **Adult Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Michael Grannis
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Mark your Calendars for these upcoming event



Youth Mission Trip Team **Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru fundraiser**
Will be **March 13th** from 5pm to 6:30pm. You don't want to miss this!!!
\$10.00 per meal \$2.00 for a slice of pie.



*Mark your Calendar!!! Quilter's Pork Chop Dinner will be
March 1st, 2026. There will only be ONE seating at 11:30 am so watch for
sales and get your tickets early!!*



*There will be an Easter Breakfast this year. Make sure to keep
an eye out for more information.*



The Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center and Food Shelf will be
participating in the **45th annual** Minnesota Food Share Campaign March 1st thru April 6th.
Keep an eye out for a list of items in need to stock the food shelf. Thank you for your
continued support.

What is the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday all about?

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” For nearly a thousand years, these words have been spoken to young and old alike as the sign of the cross is traced on their foreheads with ashes—the Imposition of Ashes, as it has come to be known. During the last half of the 20th century, Lutherans also began to reestablish the use of this ancient rite in our Ash Wednesday services. And so we ask that quintessential Lutheran question: “What does this mean?”

Ashes in the Bible

The Bible contains a number of references to dust and ashes (cf. Josh. 7:6; 1 Sam. 4:12; 2 Sam. 1:2, 15:32; Job 2:12, 16:15; Jer. 25:34; Lam. 2:10; Ezek. 27:30; Jonah 3:6, etc.). In fact, the Lord's curse on Adam, “dust you are, and to dust you shall return” (Gen. 3:19) is echoed in the Imposition of Ashes formula. In the New Testament, Jesus declares: “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes” (Matt. 11:21). Thus, in the Bible, ashes carry a two-fold meaning: as a sign of human mortality (Gen. 3:19) and as a sign of public repentance (Matt. 11:21).

Ashes in Church History

This understanding carried over into the early and medieval church. Tertullian (ca. 160-225) describes the use of sackcloth and ashes in the penance of an adulterer before his pastor. Originally, ashes were reserved only for public penitents—i.e., murderers, adulterers and others who had fallen away from the church because of grave public sin but desired reconciliation. Such reconciliation could occur at a variety of times during the year, but by the medieval period, the beginning of Lent became a primary season of the church year for that reconciliation to take place.

By the 12th century, ashes became specifically associated with the beginning of Lent, thus providing the first day of Lent with its name, Ash Wednesday. However, by this time, everybody – pastors and people alike – had ashes either sprinkled on their head or traced on their foreheads in the sign of the cross. By the time of the Reformation, the imposition of ashes was a regular mainstay of Lenten piety and practice.

Ashes Today

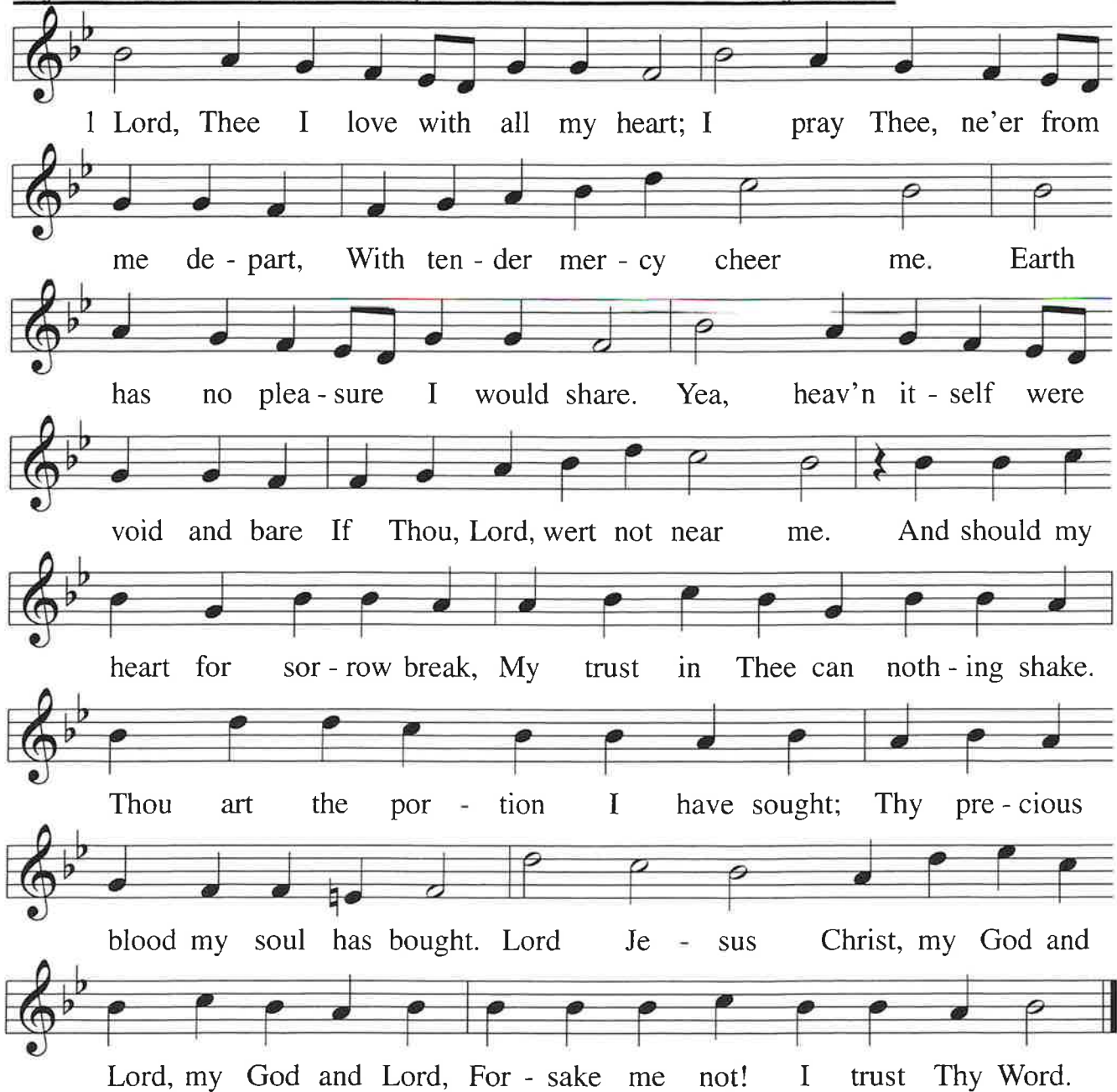
The Imposition of Ashes should begin with the two-fold biblical understanding of ashes: as a sign of our mortality, and as a sign of our repentance. Likewise, the traditional formula, “Remember, you are dust, and to dust you shall return,” is most appropriate, since it paraphrases the words of God in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:19). By receiving the ashes, the worshipper acknowledges that God's judgment against our sin is right and just. But the ashes are also made in the sign of the cross – the very instrument by which our Lord took upon Himself the punishment for our sin. Thus, the cross of ashes serves to remind us of two truths – that we are sinners, and that Christ died for us sinners.

So what happens to the ashes on your forehead after you leave Ash Wednesday service?

The first thing that happens is that you go out into the world where others will see that cross on your forehead. Although reactions may vary, your silent witness has been given: you have been marked as one redeemed by Christ the crucified! But the other thing that happens is that you will eventually go home and wash those dirty ashes off of your face. That water becomes a concrete reminder of the saving water of Holy Baptism, where you were cleansed not of dirt from the body, but cleansed of your guilty conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 3:21). God's grace abounds!

Hymn of the Month: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

LSB 708



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from
me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth
has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were
void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my
heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.
Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious
blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.

2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
And help and serve my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile;
Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord,
my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.

3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me,
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Savior and my fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,
my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.

Text: Martin Schalling, 1532–1608; translation: Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: Zwey Bücher . . . Tabulatur, 1577, Strassburg Text and tune: Public domain

Background ~ information from *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns*

Martin Schalling was a husband, father, and Lutheran pastor. He studied theology in Wittenberg not long after the death of Martin Luther. He was a peaceful and faithful pastor who was strong in his theological convictions. As a result of the rise of many competing false theologies, Schalling found himself being forced out of his pastorate by heretical governing authorities not once but twice.

The second of these occasions occurred on the Tuesday after Palm Sunday, April 5, 1569. Having been ordered by Elector Fredrich III to leave his call in Amberg, Schalling (together with his wife and children) found refuge in the residence of Count Richard of Palatinate (*the Elector's brother!*). Only days after being uprooted, Schalling served as the preacher during the Easter Sunday Vespers service held in the Count's private chapel. The original sermon from this occasion, written in Schalling's own hand, survives to this day. He preached on Exodus 12:1-14 (the institution of the Passover meal). Following the sermon, Schalling wrote the words of this hymn, connecting the two by saying we must be ready when God comes, for then we will inherit eternal life.

Text Study

The opening line of this hymn evokes the first and greatest commandment, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart..." (Deut. 6:5; Matt. 22:27; Mark 12:30; Luke 10:27), but in the original German it is also a direct quote from Luther's translation of David's words to God in Psalm 18:1, "I love you dearly, O LORD..." Given the persecution Schalling and his family were facing at the hands of the Elector, Psalm 18 seems a very fitting text to connect with the hymn (((read Ps. 18))).

In verse one, Schalling leads us in praying for that which is our greatest need – for the Lord to be near us with His "tender mercy." This treasure is greater than all of the riches or pleasures of Earth. Indeed, even the joys of heaven are meaningless without the presence of Christ our Lord. His gracious presence is all we need, and by the Holy Spirit His presence is what we long for above and against all things. In the face of heartbreaking loss and sorrow, Christ is the One we can confidently look to for true comfort, because He is our eternal portion who has purchased our salvation with His precious blood. There is no greater confidence!

The final thought of the verse (and verse two) has us calling out to Jesus Christ as "my God and Lord," which rings of Thomas's confession upon seeing Jesus the

Sunday after His resurrection (John 20:28). This brings the verse full circle, clearly confessing Christ as the Lord our God, whom we love with all our heart. While the English has us crying to Christ not to leave us, and exclaiming that we trust His Word, the German simply says, “Never let me be put to shame.”

The prayer that Christ might never let us be put to shame, sets up verse two rather well. What are those things that are truly shameful? Verse two makes it clear.

It is shameful to use the gifts of God contrary to His will. On the other hand using those gifts according to His will glorifies Him. And what gifts has God given to us? “He has given me my body, and soul...and all I have (Luther’s Small Catechism, Creed, 1st Article).” In light of this truth, our prayer of faith is that God would grant us His “lavished grace” that we may glorify Him, by helping and serving our neighbor. We are to use all that we have (and indeed all that we are) for the good our neighbor, even as Christ gave Himself fully for our good. This shows the connection between the “first and greatest commandment” and “the second great commandment” – love your neighbor as yourself (Lev. 19:18; Matt. 22:39; Mark 12:31).

Verse two continues by praying against other shameful things, namely: being lured away from the true Christian faith by the beguiling teachings of “false doctrine” (Schalling had witnessed many fall into this kind of shame); being caught up in the defiling lies and murderous ways of Satan (not unlike the threats the authorities used against Schalling); failing to take up (or casting aside) the crosses that we are called bear (a shame that Schalling undoubtedly felt tempted to succumb to). In order to not fall into this last great shame, we pray that Christ would give us His “strength and patience.” Springing from this final thought, we cry out for Jesus to comfort us when we find ourselves bearing the most distressing cross of all: Death.

With our attention turned toward our mortality, in the final verse we pray in faith for the sure promises we have in Christ. We reflect on Jesus’ description of the faithful soul being carried by the Lord’s angel to feast at the side of Abraham in heaven (Luke 16:22). We pray for Christ to grant each one of our bodies to rest peacefully in its own sleeping chamber, without fear of pain or torment, until the Last Day, when He shall come again. At His coming we know that He will awaken us from death, and that we will see Him in all joy with our own eyes (Job 19:25-27). Indeed, He is our Savior and the source of all grace. And so, we call out to Him (our faithful and gracious Savior) saying “hear my prayer,” knowing that He is worthy of our eternal praise!



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 the 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 sufferings, 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; 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 41; I Corinthians 15
31. Judges 9, 10; Psalm 49; I Corinthians 16



Please arrange a replacement if you can not acolyte at the service assigned to you. Please notify the church office at 507-835-2647 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.

March 1st, 2026: (Sunday) Tyler Ryan, Hayden Allen, and Greeter Charolette Ross

March 4th, 2026: (Wednesday) Keian Klinger, Colten Bluhm and Greeter Eliana Grannis

March 8th, 2026: (Sunday) Owen Arndt, Roc Dalgamoni and Greeter Arianna Vasser

March 11th, 2026: (Wednesday) Kameron Kunkel, Ben Dobberstien, Greeter Charolette Ross

March 15th, 2026: (Sunday) Hyden Allen, Griffin Arndt, and Greeter Eliana Grannis

March 18th, 2025: (Wednesday) Tyler Ryan, Owen Arndt, and Greeter Arianna Vasser

March 22nd, 2026: (Sunday) keian Klinger, Kameron Kunkel, and Greeter Charolette Ross

March 25th, 2026: (Wednesday) Owen Arndt, Griffin Arndt, and Greeter Eliana Grannis

March 29th, 2025: (Sunday) Kameron Kunkel, Roc Dalgamoni, and Greeter Arianna Vasser



(Please note: If your name is not listed; we do not have your birthdate in our church records.

Please contact the church office and we will update our records. Thank you!

Name	Birthday		
Emily Holm	March 1st		
Ruth Dirks	March 2nd	Eden Inberg	March 18th
John Glister	March 2nd	Madison Olsem	March 18th
Lori Barbknecht	March 3rd	Dale Rudolph	March 20th
Dustyn Fogal	March 7th	Rhonda Christianson	March 23rd
LeeAnn Paulson	March 8th	Tim Arndt	March 24th
Darryl Rosenthal	March 8th	Greg Gentle	March 24th
Chad Hammer	March 11th	Terrie Goettl	March 24th
Denise Manthe	March 11th	Darlette Strand	March 25th
Grant Hawkins	March 13th	Josiah Proechel	March 26th
Sara Steva	March 14th	Jody Buker	March 28th
Steph Seifert	March 15th	Linda Klinger	March 28th
Calista Schuette	March 16th		
Makayla Clark	March 18th		

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

All children and youth Preschool age 3 through Grade 8 are invited to join us Sunday mornings 10:15 – 11:15. We begin in the upstairs Parish Hall with snacks and go down to the Old Parish Hall for opening with music. We then go to our individual classrooms for class time. Students are released to their parents at 11:15am.

Operation Christmas Child

We are already saving for the packing event in November. Small toys and games, trinkets, jewelry, cups/water bottles and craft/school supplies are perfect items for ages 2-14, for both boys and girls. (No liquids, pastes, glue, putty, gels, dough or slime of any kind. No candy, gum, toothpaste or soap. Also, no toy guns or military items.) Items may be brought to church anytime throughout the year; we will store them for packing shoeboxes in the fall. Monetary donations to the Sunday School account cover the cost of the \$10 shipping fee per box; it takes \$2000 to ship 200 boxes. Thank you!

Questions about Operation Christmas Child? Please contact Jen LaCroix or Aimee Hill. We appreciate your partnership in this outreach ministry!

Updated suggested needs for Boys and Girls ages 2-14:

Monetary donations for \$10 shipping per box – to pack and ship 200 boxes, we need \$2000

Toothbrushes (no toothpaste) – NEED up to 150 more

Washcloths – NEED up to 200 more

Paper of all sizes, lined or unlined, spiral bound or not bound – NEED up to 150 more

Coloring books – NEED up to 75 more

Pens in black, red, blue – NEED up to 200 more

Pencils – THANK YOU!

Colored pencils and Markers – NEED up to 75 more sets of each

Crayons – NEED up to 20 more

Erasers, Dry watercolor paint sets

~~Small pencil sharpeners~~ – THANK YOU! There are plenty

Combs, Brushes, Hair accessories, Necklaces, Rings

Cups or Water bottles – NEED up to 150

Jump ropes, Marbles, Jacks, Outdoor activities – NEED up to 100

Playing cards, Small games – NEED up to 100

Solar calculator, Sunglasses, Band-Aids

Socks, Bags, Small backpacks, Flip flops/Sandals

Plain T-Shirts sizes of youth medium and large, adult small/medium

Wow! Toys for BOYS larger cars/trucks and balls that fit in a shoebox – NEED up to 75 more

Wow! Toys for Girls – NEED up to 75 baby dolls

Wow! Toys for Teens anything your young teen children/grandchildren like, they would like too!

COTTA GUILD NEWS:



February Cotta Guild

Kelly Boeddeker - Executive Director of Caregivers was our guest speaker. Caregivers serve Waseca County.

Meeting opened by President Judie Wasters.

Barb Denn along with a cast did devotions entitled "A Willing Heart" Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

\$10.00 Dues are due to Linda.

Pork Chop dinner is March 1st, 6 pies per circle. Karen and Barb will work. Pies need to be at church by 9am.

Coffee hour will be March 8th. We will serve breads (Judie, Cindy, Rhonda, and Linda will do Gluten Free) Karen and Barb will help serve.

Lenten Supper will be on February 25th. Hot beef sandwiches and sloppy joes with chips and bars for dessert (large cookie sheet please)

Linda and Barb will go to the Connection. Judie is the alternate.

Flowers for Easter - Pastor only wants 7

February birthdays: Kathy Lenz, Sue Schoenfeld, Cheryl Sybilrud and Barb Denn

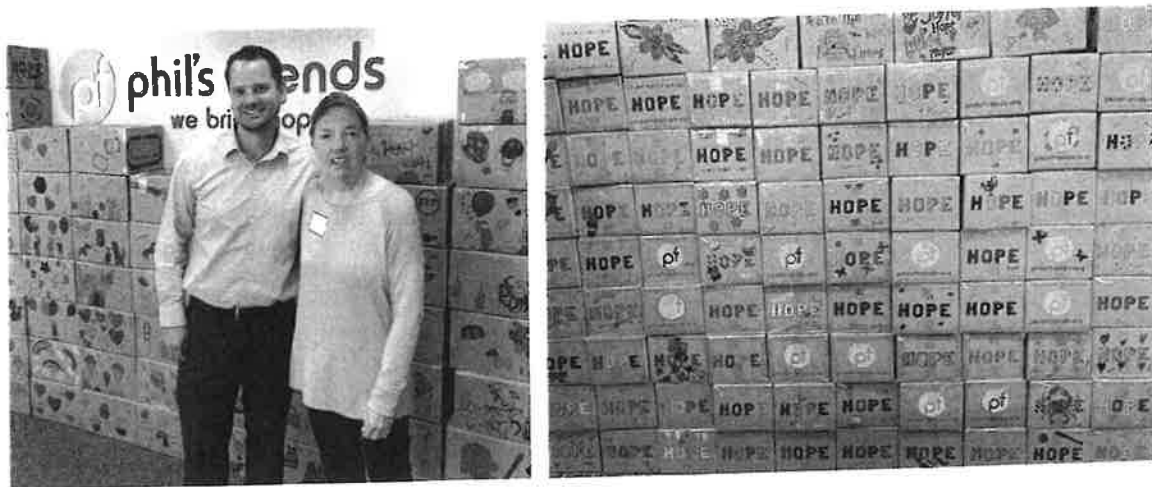
Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Mites for Missions: Our Cotta Guild supports missions near and far through the collection of our Mites for Missions donations. These mission projects are voted on at our Lutheran Women's Missionary League national and district conventions by the delegates. Thank you for your support of our Mites for Missions' collection on the second Sunday of each month to help others and spread God's Word. Your donations may be placed in the mite boxes located at the church entrances.

2025-2027 MISSION GRANT NO. 6

CHRIST-CENTERED HOPE FOR CANCER PATIENTS

PHIL'S FRIENDS | \$100,000



Visiting Cancer Patients with the Compassion of Jesus

Phil's Friends touches or "visits" cancer patients and their families in profound ways. In the past 18 years, nearly 60,000 care packages and more than one million Cards of Hope were sent across the United States and even to Liberia. Each cancer patient can't be seen in person, but they can be "visited" with the mercy, love, and compassion of Jesus Christ through free care packages and monthly Cards of Hope. It is during difficult times when people are most likely to ask searching questions and are open to the Gospel. Simple acts of kindness, such as receiving a care package or encouraging cards, become the most meaningful and impactful.

The cost to support one cancer patient for a year is \$100. This total includes the care package, 12 Cards of Hope, and postage. Since Phil's Friends is 100% donor supported, this \$100,000 grant will help reach 1000 patients with Christ-centered hope and compassion.

Each care package is lovingly hand-decorated, and the contents are customized according to the age and gender of the recipient. Care packages are filled with both practical and comfort items that a cancer patient can use during their treatments such as lip balm, a water bottle, lotion, a knitted hat, socks, a homemade blanket, a journal, puzzle books, and stuffed animals for children. The most important thing that is included in every package is the Bible, the only true source of hope and comfort.

Phil's Friends operates in the LWML Northern Illinois District, and the Bible verse from Matthew 25:36 is at the core of its mission. Testimonies are received every week from recipients telling how their care package and ongoing Cards of Hope strengthen, encourage, and uplift their spirits. Some recipients say they began reading the Bible for the first time and came to faith in Jesus. Phil's Friends plants Gospel seeds, reaches the spiritually lost, and rejoices over every person who will join Jesus in heaven.

*I was sick and
you visited me
(Matthew 25:36).*

*Come to me, all
who labor and are
heavy laden, and
I will give you rest
(Matthew 11:28).*

A Stewardship Note

QCD: Have you heard of it? Here is a definition with a further explanation to follow.

It stands for Qualified Charitable Distribution. If you have a traditional IRA and are required to take an annual distribution this MAY apply to you.

Let's assume you have been thinking about your giving to our church. You would like to donate more but realize you can't really afford to donate more.

Here is good news if you fit the above about a traditional IRA and your age there is a requirement in regard to IRA's that you must take a required minimum distribution each year even if you don't need it. This RMD is taxable.

BUT the good news is that if you use the QCD approach, you can have the RMD sent directly from the financial institution to your charity (as it would apply here, it would be church) without being taxed. It doesn't cost you anymore because you must take the RMD regardless of your situation.

This is only a suggestion from the Board of Stewardship. If this applies to you, we suggest you contact your financial advisor or tax professional for exact details.

Thank you from the Board of Stewardship for considering this.

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Women's Bible Study plans to meet Wednesdays, March 4th and March 18th, 9:30-10:45 in the old basement parish hall. All women are welcome to join us.



The Neighborhood Service Center, which includes the Food Shelf, is feeding more families than ever from the food shelf. On average about 20 families a day are coming in for food. The most needed items are cereal and ramen noodles. The Board of Stewardship has placed collection boxes by the church entries for your donation to those individuals needing our support.



Are you in need of transportation to appointments or to the store? Are you able to drive someone to an appointment or to the store?? If you fit into either of these categories, please call the church office so, we can help you coordinate the rides that you may need.



A reminder to contact the Church Office when you are hospitalized, so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. Thank you.



Prayer Team will meet every Monday at 10am. Please feel free to come and join us in the Fireside Room.



Know someone who is in need of a "hug from above"? The Quilters are starting "**The Quilters Rocking Chair Project**". These quilts are located at the back of church and are available for anyone who may need one, no questions asked. Please check it out and if you have any questions please talk to Donna Hildebrandt.

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GRADES 7-12

WOW ZONE LOCK IN

MANKATO, MN

MARCH

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2026

FRIDAY

11:00pm-

4:00am

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Arrive 15 mins early to check in
Payment due at sign up to church office.
Pizza and pop included

Cost: \$50 Sign Up by Feb. 27 and save \$

Questions- TEXT Chad Blomstrom 507-213-9652

We need 50 youth signed up to make this event happen



**Hot Beef
Commercials
& Pie
DRIVE-THRU**

west central door / parking lot

**Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser
St. Paul Lutheran Church**

**When: Friday, March 13th, 2026
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church
314 - 4th Ave NE
Waseca, Minnesota**

**Cost: \$10.00 per Hot Beef Commercial
\$2.00 per Slice of Pie**

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MARCH 1ST -
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Waseca Area Food Shelf

203 3rd Ave NW

507-833-4119 Ext. 302



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The 45th annual **Minnesota Food Share Campaign runs March 1st – April 6th, 2026.** For those of you who do not know, Minnesota Food Share is sponsored by the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches and is Minnesota's largest food and cash drive to fill the state's food shelves.

Why should you get involved?

- Your dollar and food donations stay local! 100% is used to meet the needs of our clients.
- The people served at the food shelf are your employees, neighbors, or family members, they come from all walks of life and **at any time, it could be you!**
- **2025 Waseca Area Food Shelf stats**
Households: 6708 - families that came to the Food Shelf (increase of 20.4% from 2024). Individuals served: 14,791 (for example 2 people live in a household; so that is two individuals for the 1 household)
212,791 pounds of food was distributed to the families (an increase of 17.5% from 2024). These numbers occurred even with major road construction that limited access to our food shelf for several months!!
- The Minnesota Food Share will give incentives, via additional funds to participating food shelves.

We would love to have you join in the campaign to Support our Local Foodshelf in Waseca and Waseca County.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center Board of Directors
Cindy Kolander, Executive Director
Waseca Area Food Shelf staff and volunteers

Services

Sunday 9:00 am with
Communion

9:00 service is also live-streamed
on Facebook and radio 1170AM /
106.3FM.

Anyone needing Pastoral care
please contact the church office.

(Guests wishing to receive
communion, **please speak with
an Elder or the Pastor prior to
the service.**)

Sunday School:
10:15 Meets in the parish hall.
(During the school year)

St. Paul Lutheran Church is a
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Church office hours

9am-1pm Monday – Friday

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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.

ACTIVITIES OR GROUPS

Youth Group:

We meet every Wednesday following Confirmation for Bible discussion, fun and Christian fellowship. In preparation for our **annual mission trips**, we are busy hosting fundraisers, including Friday night drive thru suppers here at the church.

Our Confirmation Classes

Meet on Wednesday/late afternoons during the school year for grades 6-8. We meet in the parish hall or church basement.

Club 3:16

Is a youth activity for ages 3 -16 years old that meets once every 3 months for an evening of fun, food and fellowship. Watch the bulletin for details.

29er's:

Any member of the congregation is welcome to meet the 4th Wednesday of each month (except November). We go out to eat and sometimes have potlucks at church. Watch the bulletin for details.
Everyone is welcome

Cotta Guild:

We are the Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) who share the love of Jesus by serving his church at St Paul Lutheran, the community, and around the world.

We usually meet in the parish hall on the second Thursday of the month for Christian fellowship and planning.
Watch the church calendar and bulletin for times, as they may vary.

Quilters:

Come join us on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00pm (Sept- June) as we make quilts for various charities here and throughout the world. We also can use people's skills at home, if they can't come on Tuesdays, by cutting squares, sewing squares together, etc. We meet in the quilting rooms in the church basement.

Prayer Chain:

Prayers can be requested for a person, group or circumstances. Call the church office or anyone on the Prayer Chain and the request will be passed along to the prayer members. The information given is confidential to the Prayer Chain, unless it is requested not to be.

Monday Prayer Team:

We meet every Monday at 10:00 in the church to pray for needs of our church and any other needs in our world.
Everyone is Welcome!

Sunday Morning Bible Study:

Every Sunday following service, everyone is welcome to come to the Parish Hall for adult Bible Study and Coffee hour.

Bible Breakfast:

Meets at Jonnie Beans for Bible study and fellowship at 6:30am on Thursdays.

Bible Study:

Sunday Morning Bible study meets every Sunday morning at 10:30am in the parish hall

Women's Bible Study:

Meets at 9:30-10:45 am the first and third Thursdays of each month in the church basement. Dates/times are listed in the church calendar and bulletin.

Handicap Accessible:

Elevator is accessible from the west central door/parking lot. Handicap accessible restroom is located on the north end of the church basement.



March 2026

St. Paul Lutheran Church – Waseca



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1. PORK CHOP FEED 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible study	2. 11:30pm Education	3. 1:00 pm Quilters 4:00 PM Stewardship 6:00 PM Elders	4. 9:30 Women's study 3:30 pm Confirmation 4:30 -5:45 Meal 6pm Lenten Service 7:00 pm Senior Choir 7:00 pm Trustee's & Evangelism	5. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean	6.	7.
8. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible study	9. 10:00 am Prayer Team 7pm Bible-n-Brew	10. 1:00 pm Quilters	11. 3:30 pm Confirmation 4:30 -5:45 Meal 6pm Lenten Service 7:00 pm Senior Choir	12. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean 1 pm Cotta Guild	13. 5pm-6:30pm: Youth Mission Trip Hot Beef Commercial Drive thru	14.
15. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible Study	16. 10:00 am Prayer Team 7pm Bible-n-Brew	17. 1:00 pm Quilters NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 2pm Serv @ Foxdale 3pm Serv @ Colony CT	18. 9:30 Women's Bible Study 3:30 pm Confirmation 4:30 -5:45 Meal 6pm Service 7:00 pm Senior Choir	19. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean 3:30pm Colony Court Service for members	20.	21.
22. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible Study	23. 10:00 am Prayer Team 7pm Bible-n-Brew	24. 1:00 pm Quilters	25. 3:30 pm confirmation 4:30 -5:45 Meal 6pm Service 7pm Senior Choir	26. 6:00 am Bible Study @ Johnnie Bean	27.	28.
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