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Jesus Loves

March 2022

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⁹In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.
Matthew 6:9-13

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

314 - 4th Ave NE, Waseca, MN 56093
Church Office Hours (Mon-Fri): 9am-1pm

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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 (SEPT - MAY):

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

Pastor: Rev. Rich Carter (Vacancy Pastor)
Mobile Phone: (763) 340-9135
Email: carter@csp.edu



St. Paul, Waseca Newsletter March 2022

John is our Guide through Lent

You can think of Lent as something of a journey, a long walk to the cross and the empty tomb at Easter. This year, to allow enough weeks before Easter, Lent begins on March 2 with Ash Wednesday. For Wednesday services this year and for Sunday morning Bible Class, John in his Gospel can be our guide.

On Wednesday evenings we will meet Witnesses to Christ, people who appear in John's Gospel in his description of Jesus in the days leading to the cross and empty tomb. As Concordia St. Paul Professor Reed Lessing notes, "we'll meet villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate; sinners, such as Peter (who denied Jesus *three* times), Mary Magdalene (who was possessed by seven demons), and Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus for *thirty* pieces of silver); as well as others.

On Sunday mornings in Bible Class, we will look at seven "signs" in John's Gospel. In early January in worship we saw Jesus with his first sign, changing water into wine at the wedding of Cana. We will follow the trail of Jesus' seven signs straight through to Easter Sunday. Each sign does not simply tell us something about Jesus but gives us a chance to believe more deeply: here, in Jesus, God is working for us.

Have you been on a tour with a guide? Branson, Missouri, or the Holy Lands? You can, of course, simply walk or drive yourself. There are interesting things. But the tour guide gives you more. Walking or riding on the bus, listening, you catch glimpses of the value, the depth of what you are seeing. So it is that if we are listening, Sundays and Wednesdays, John will help us to dig deeper into our faith and life and God's care for us.

In the first centuries of the church the forty days of Lent (Sundays don't count, they're like little Easters all year long) were forty days of instruction, preparing new believers for baptism at Easter, dying in the baptismal waters, rising with Christ in His resurrection. Perhaps it is a bit similar, that in long standing custom confirmands "die" in their examination and rise to new life in communion with us. As John walks with us through Lent, perhaps in a special way we can walk with these confirmands, in prayers for the whole season, and then in April listening as they give their testimony to this faith that we share.

God's blessings to you as in this month we begin our Lenten journey, with John, in Christ.

Pastor Rich Carter

News & Notes

- **Our Prayer Team** continues to meet on Monday mornings from 10-10:30 am to pray for what God is doing here at St. Paul Lutheran, for those with health concerns, and for all matters on our hearts. You're welcome to join us!
- **Thank you and Pray:** We would like to thank those who have agreed to give their time to be on the Call Committee and to ask the congregation to keep each of these people in their prayers as they diligently work and prayerfully consider the one God has chosen to be our next pastor: Kent Delon, Jim Wyffels, Jerry Flogstad, Andrew Gilmore, Bill Kuschel, Kris Dahlhoff, Jessica Klinger, and Aimee Hill.
- **Confirmation:** Confirmation questioning will be held on Sunday April 3rd during Bible Study. Our students will be confirmed on April 10th during church service.

Mark your Calendars:

March 2nd: Wednesday evenings from 4:30-5:45pm Hosted by Cotta Guild: Hot beef or Sloppy Joe, pasta salad & bars. Lent Services begin at 6pm

March 6th: Annual Pork Chop Dinner Drive thru Event. Hosted by The Quilters'

March 9th: Wednesday evenings from 4:30-5:45pm Hosted by Board of Ed: Tater tot Hotdish and cakes. Lent Services begin at 6pm

March 16th: Wednesday evenings from 4:30-5:45pm: Hosted by Mission Team: Soup in a bread bowl and dessert. Lent Services begin at 6pm

MARCH 18th: Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru 5p-7p. Hosted by Mission Team

March 23rd: Wednesday evenings from 4:30-5:45pm: Hosted by Stewardship: Pizza and dessert
Lent Services begin at 6pm

March 30th: Wednesday evenings from 4:30-5:45pm: Hosted by Mission Team: Stuffed shells, lettuce & garlic bread. Lent Services begin at 6pm

April 3rd: Confirmation Questioning during Bible Study

April 6th: Wednesday evenings from 4:30-5:45pm. Hosted by Board of Ed: Chicken and Rice hotdish & bars. Lent Services begin at 6pm

April 10th: Palm Sunday and Confirmation Sunday

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



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

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 2nd, 2022: (Ash Wednesday) Blake Schroeder
- March 6, 2022: (Sunday) Troy Ryan
- March 9th, 2022: (Wednesday 6pm) Josephine Ross
- March 13th, 2022: (Sunday) Ton Bethke
- March 16th, 2022 (Wednesday 6pm) Alexa Welander
- March 20th, 2022: (Sunday) Derek Hammer
- March 23rd, 2022 (Wednesday 6pm) Trevon Miller-Nelson
- March 27th, 2022: (Sunday) Wyatt Schroeder
- March 30th, 2022: (Wednesday 6pm) Wyatt Arndt

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Will meet March 23rd at Tasty House at 11:30am Hosted by Jerry and Kathy Flogstad.
Come Join us if you can!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

(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!)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 John Gilster Nicole Schult	3 Margie Arndt Lori Barbknecht	4	5
6	7 Dustyn Fogal	8 Mildred Gerlach LeeAnn Paulson Darryl Rosenthal	9	10	11 Chad Hammer Denise Manthe	12
13 Oliver Froslan	14 Frances Hursh Sara Steva	15 Steph Seifert	16 Callista Schuette	17	18 Makayla Clark Eden Inberg Madison Olsem	19
20 William Kuschel Inez Meyer Dale Rudolph	21	22	23 Rhonda Christianson	24 Tim Arndt Greg Gentle Terrie Goettl	25 Darlette Strand	26 Josiah Proechel
27	28 Jody Buker Linda Klinger	29	30	31		

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Sunday mornings at 10:15am - snacks, music, skits, crafts, games, God's word,
Students are released to their parents at 11:15am. Ages 3 through grade 8, please register with the church office. High school students, come be a helper!
We are so thankful for all our loving volunteers! Contact Superintendents Aimee Hill (651-380-0207 or aimeebpaulson@gmail.com) or Jen LaCroix (507-384-1079 or jenlax@gmail.com) to get involved.



Christmas Child Shoeboxes in Panama

Shoeboxes from St. Paul Church were delivered to Panama this Christmas. Panama is located in Central America on the Isthmus of Panama, the narrow piece of land that connects North and South America and the Atlantic and Pacific oceans via the Panama Canal. The country contains hundreds of islands off its Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Samaritan's Purse began distributing gift-filled shoeboxes there in 1997. To read a wonderful story about Luis, who received a shoebox at the age of 6, and the impact it had on his life and his faith, please go to this link:

<https://www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/shoebox-stories-luis-and-a-lamb/>
Lord Jesus, send the Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of the children in Panama and grow their faith in the heavenly Father!

Next fall, boxes will be available for you to take home, fill, and return with shipping funds of \$9 per box. Sunday School children will still pack boxes, but we are planning for a more manageable number of boxes. (Packing 185 boxes this past year was overwhelming for our small Sunday School.) Thank you!

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, dough or slime of any kind. Also, no toy guns or military items.) Monetary donations to cover the cost of special Christmas shoeboxes and the \$9 shipping fee per box are also welcomed. Thank you!

Questions about Operation Christmas Child? Please contact Jen LaCroix 507-384-1079 jenlax@gmail.com, or Aimee Hill in the church office 507-835-2647.



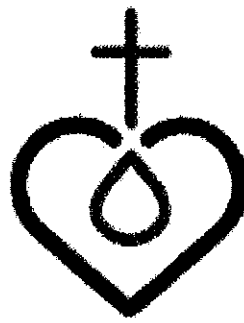
Call Committee Update

What's happening with calling a permanent pastor? For those of you who have been through this process before, you may recall that it never happens as quickly as we would like. So far, the Call Committee has completed the necessary documents required by the Minnesota South District. This included a congressional self-evaluation and cover letter that will assist the District President compile a call list. This review process takes two to four weeks.

After the Call Committee receives the call list, we will review the information on each pastor and identify those we would like to interview. When the interviews are completed, we will identify those pastors who we feel will meet our congregation's needs. Then we will call a special voter's meeting to have voters decide which pastor they want to call.

As we go through the call process, we intend to keep you informed of our progress.

COTTA GUILD NEWS:



**Lutheran
Women
*in Mission***

February Cotta Guild Meeting:

Our gathering started with a potluck, followed by Cindy Wood doing a devotion on "Abounding in Love"- May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all. I Thessalonians 3:12. We prayed for friends, family and neighbors and devotions with hymn 857.

Secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved.

Our February birthdays are Cheryl Sybilrud, Barb Denn, Kathy Flogstad, Kathy Lenz and Pastor Carter.

Thank you's were read. Please remember your secret sister's and brother's.

Cotta Guild will serve coffee hour on February 20th. Quilters will have their annual Pork Chop dinner drive thru on March 6th. We will serve supper to Connections in Mankato the last week in April.

We did Valentines for our Home Bound members in February. At our meeting March 10th, at 1:00 pm we will do Easter Cards for our Home Bound members.

Our Mother Daughter Luncheon will be held May 7th. If you have any suggestions for the luncheon theme, please pass them on to Judie.

LWML Retreat will be here at St Paul February 19th. We need early workers, lunch workers and 1 doz. muffins each.

Our Lenten meal is on Wednesday March 2nd. We will need workers and bars.

Next meeting will be March 10th
Kathy Flogstad/Public Relations



St. Paul Quilters 19th Annual Fundraiser

DRIVE-THRU

west central door / parking lot

What: Fundraiser for Lutheran World Relief

**When: Sunday, March 6, 2022
11 AM – 12:30 PM**

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

**Menu: Pork Chop w/Dressing,
Scalloped Potatoes, Salad & Pie**

**Cost: \$10.00 Adults
\$5.00 Kids 10 and under**

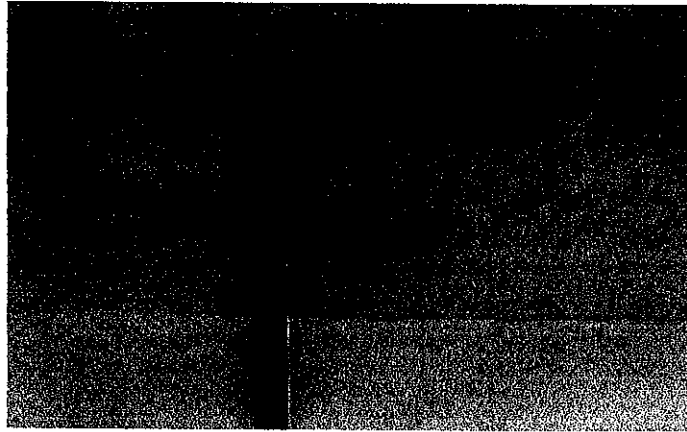
**Important: Tickets must be purchased in
advance by Feb. 21 by calling:**

Donna at (507) 835-8584

Judie at (507) 835-7414

Celebrating 50 years of Quilting!

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE WASECA LWML ZONE
SPRING MISSION GATHERING**



Saturday, April 23, 2022
(Alternate date: April 30, 2022)

At First Lutheran Church
120 3rd Ave. N
Waldorf MN 56091
(Physically impaired accessible)

Registration: 8:30–9:00 A.M.
Fee: \$10
Brunch: 9:00-9:30 A.M.
Opening Devotions: 9:30 A.M.

SPEAKER: Rev. Richard Carter and Miriam Carter
(Missionary 6 years Hong Kong and 6 years Africa)

THEME: God's Work In Hong Kong –
Where There Aren't Many Sinners

GIFTS OF THE HEART: Paper products for local food shelves.



*St. David's Episcopal Church
Lent & Holy Week*

Ash Wednesday March 2nd, 2022 @ 6pm

Lent Service March 9th, 2022 @ 6pm

Lent Service March 16th, 2022 @ 6pm

Lent Service March 23rd, 2022 @ 6pm

Lent Service March 30th, 2022 @ 6pm

Lent Service April 6th, 2022 @ 6pm

Maunday Thursday April 14th, @ 6pm w/HC

Good Friday April 15th @ 6pm w/ no HC

Easter Sunday April 17th:

Sunrise Service @ 6:30am w/no HC

Easter Breakfast 7:30am to 8:45am

Easter Service @ 9am w/no HC



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

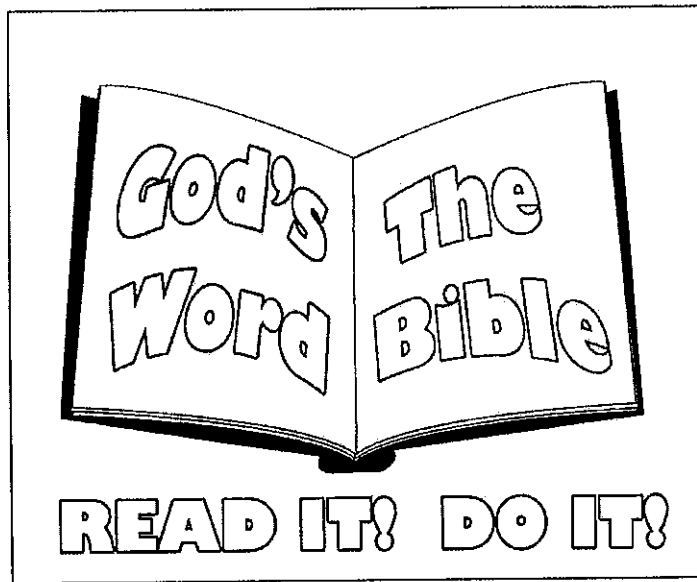
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**Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser
St. Paul Lutheran Church**

**When: Friday, March 18, 2022
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Cost: \$8.00 per Hot Beef Commercial
\$2.00 per Slice of Pie**



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Will meet on March 2nd and March 16th at 9:30 am!

BIBLE BREAKFAST: Meets every Thursday at 6:00 am at Jonnie Beans!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Meets every Sunday morning at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall

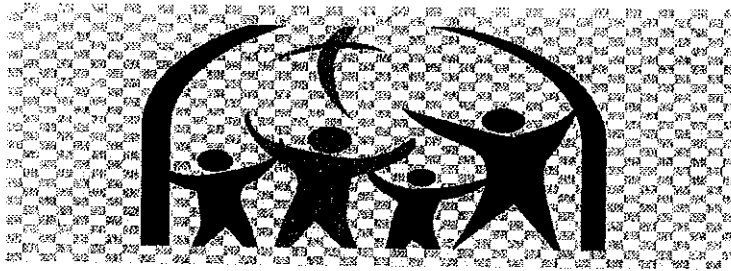
YOUTH GROUP: Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 5:30pm to 7pm

YOUTH GROUP

- Youth group consists of students who have been Confirmed grades 8 through Grade 12. Once a quarter the confirmation students will be invited to join.
- Youth Group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Come join the fun! --Aimee Hill, Youth Group Leader

ATTENTION, ATTENTION!!

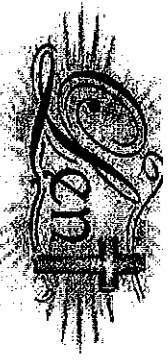
- March 12th from 4pm to 7pm we will be watching "The Passion" and having Pizza
 - March 20th from 4pm to 7pm we will be going to Sparetime in Owatonna for a few games of bowling and laser tag. Please watch for sign ups and make sure to sign up if you want to attend. Open to grade 6th thru 12th.
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MEET OUR YOUTH:
Introducing the class of 2022

Gabe LaCroix:

1. *What are some of our talents?*
 - a. *I am good at playing in the band and at swimming and singing too.*
2. *What are your plans after high school?*
 - a. *Working somewhere in Waseca.*
3. *What is something most people do not know about you?*
 - a. *I am friendly and I always am happy.*
4. *Where is your favorite place in the world to go?*
 - a. *Camp Omega and the Waseca school and to Church.*
5. *If you were a city, which city would you be and why?*
 - a. *Jerusalem. Because I would stay there all the time in my whole life. I also want to see what that place is like because Jesus was there.*
6. *What is one question you want to ask God?*
 - a. *How he made the whole world.*
7. *Who is your favorite person in the Bible and why?*
 - a. *Jesus, because he keeps all of us safe and he also died on the cross for our sins.*
8. *What about heaven are you most excited for and why?*
 - a. *I am excited to see Jesus in heaven and it is also perfect in heaven. You meet people who died in heaven.*
9. *What is one of your favorite memories about your classmate Lexi Teigs?*
 - a. *She was nice to me and she was my friend and went to school with me.*



March 2022

St. Paul Lutheran Church – Waseca



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Church office hours are Monday thru Friday 9am to 1pm						
		1. 1:00 pm Quilters 6:00 PM Stewardship 7:00 PM Elders	2. Ash Wednesday Meal 4:30/ Service 6pm 9:30 am Women's Bible 3:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Senior Choir 7:00 pm Trustee's & Evangelism	3. 6:00am Bible Breakfast @Jonnie Bean 5:30pm Education	4.	5.
6. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible Study 11-12:30pm Quilter's pork chop dinner drive thru	7. 10:00 am Prayer Team	8. 1:00 pm Quilters	9. Meal 4:30p/Service 6p 3:30 pm Confirmation 5:30 PM Youth Group 7:00 pm Senior Choir	10. 6:00 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Bean 1 pm Cotta Guild	11.	12. Youth Event 4p-7p "The Passion" @ church Shower 8am-5pm
13. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible Study	14. 10:00 am Prayer Team 6p-8p Cub Scouts pack 86	15. 1:00 pm Quilters	16. Meal 4:30p/Service 6p 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 3:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Senior Choir	17. 6:00 am Bible Breakfast@ Jonnie Bean	18. 5pm-7pm: Youth Mission Trip Hot Beef Commercial Drive thru	19.
20. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible Study	21. 10:00 am Prayer Team 6:00 pm NSC Board	22. 1:00 pm Quilters NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	23. Meal 4:30p/Service 6p 29ers@Tasty House@11:30am 3:30 pm confirmation 5:30pm Youth Group 7pm Senior Choir	24. 6:00 am Bible Study @ Jonnie Bean	25.	26.
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