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Jesus Loves

March 2023

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⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And 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 (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY):

✝ **Divine Service w/Holy Communion:** 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

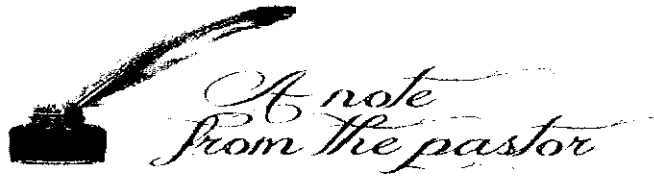
✝ Sunday School begins at 10:15am in the Old Parish Hall

✝ **Adult Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Bob Lund (Vacancy Pastor)

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During the Last Supper, Jesus tells us in John 13:34 we are to love one another. As Christians this love should translate into healing. In other words, the church should be a place of healing and encouragement. A place where words of comfort are spoken. Proverbs 15:1 tells us that "a soft word turns away wrath". Sometimes we need to be comforted, sometimes we need to comfort others. These words of comfort also heal. While this comfort and healing will happen all year long, there is no better season for it to start than Lent and Easter. The healing I am referring to comes from:

- 1) Knowing Jesus has healed our relationship with our Creator, God the Father. This was accomplished when He died on the cross. Remember He died so we could be forgiven of our sins.

- 2) The Lord's Prayer, where Jesus tells us we are to forgive those who trespass against us. What we discover is that when we forgive/love, even our enemies, we are healed. This healing comes from God and occurs in our hearts. I think this is what Apostle Paul was referring to when he reminds us to "Guard our hearts". Proverbs 4:23, tells us "Above all guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it".
 - A) This healing of our hearts comes in many forms. For instance, when we sit in a quiet place at home or a public place at church, confess our sins and ask God to forgive those who have sinned against us. We will find God is faithful and he will heal us.
 - B) It occurs when we apologize to those we have offended. This is a hard thing to do, but it helps to remember Jesus' words in Matthew 23:12 "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted".
 - C) The final way to receive this healing is to read Matthew 5, the Sermon on the Mount. Here Jesus tells you to "pray for your enemy". When we do, He starts to heal the bitterness in our hearts and "we become children of the Father in heaven".

The world around us is in chaos. It encourages us to cancel and destroy our enemy. So, we have two choices, trust the world or trust Jesus. I pray you will put your trust in Jesus! Remember, He is the one who rose on Easter Sunday.

Pastor Bob
St Paul Lutheran Church

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 DeLong, Jim Wyffels, Jerry Flogstad, Andrew Gilmore, Bill Kuschel, Kris Dahlhoff, Jessica Klinger, and Aimee Hill.
- **Confirmation:** During the season of Lent, the 6th grade will meet 3:30-4:30pm. The 7th graders will not meet for formal class but will be required to attend Lent services each week and do sermon notes. The 8th grade class will meet from 4pm-4:30pm and will be required to attend Lenten services and do sermon notes.

Mark your Calendars:



Youth Mission Trip Team **Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru fundraiser**
Will be **March 17th** from 5pm to 7pm. You don't want to miss this!!!
\$8.00 per meal \$2.00 for a slice of pie.



Quilter's 19th Annual Pork Chop Dinner: Dine in Only on Sunday March 5th, 2023 at 11:30 am

**Lenten Meals will be as follows from 4:45 pm to 5:45p
(Services following at 6pm weekly)**

Wednesday March 1st: YOUTH MISSION TRIP TEAM – Soup and Chili

Wednesday March 8th : SHOEBOX – Taco's and Hot Chicken Sandwiches

Wednesday March 15th: BOARD OF EDUCATION – Alfredo and Lasagna

Wednesday March 22nd: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – Hot dogs and Pizza

Wednesday March 29th: YOUTH MISSION TRIP TEAM – Brats and hamburgers

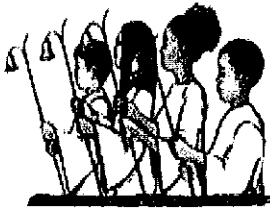
well hello, march

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 1st, 2023: (Wednesday 6pm) Josie Ross**
- March 5th, 2023: (Sunday) Blake Schroeder**
- March 8th, 2023: (Wednesday 6pm) Troy Ryan**
- March 12th, 2023: (Sunday) Wyatt Arndt**
- March 15th, 2023 (Wednesday 6pm) Ton Bethke/ Makayla Clark Greeter**
- March 19th, 2023: (Sunday) Nalyce Quillen**
- March 22nd, 2023 (Wednesday 6pm) Peyton Ross**
- March 26th, 2023: (Sunday) Alex Bethke**
- March 29th, 2023: (Wednesday 6pm) Alexa Welander**



Will meet March 22 at Pizza Ranch @11:30am Hosted by Kathy and Jerry 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!)

Name	Birthday		
John Glister	March 2nd	Eden Inberg	March 18th
Nicole Schult	March 2nd	Madison Olsem	March 18th
Margie Arndt	March 3rd	William Kuschel	March 20th
Lori Barbknecht	March 3rd	Dale Rudolph	March 20th
Dustyn Fogal	March 7th	Rhonda Christianson	March 23rd
Mildred Gerlach	March 8th	Tim Arndt	March 24th
LeeAnn Paulson	March 8th	Greg Gentle	March 24th
Darryl Rosenthal	March 8th	Terrie Goettl	March 24th
Chad Hammer	March 11th	Darlette Strand	March 25th
Denise Manthe	March 11th	Josiah Proechel	March 26th
Frances Hursh	March 14th	Jody Buker	March 28th
Sara Steva	March 14th	Linda Klinger	March 28th
Steph Seifert	March 15th		
Calista Schuette	March 16th		
Makayla Clark	March 18th		

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Sunday mornings at 10:15am - snacks, music, skits, crafts, games, God's word, and much more!
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 jenlacx@gmail.com) to get involved.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

We are already collecting items in preparation for packing boxes next fall!

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 \$10 shipping fee per box are also welcomed. Thank you!

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

Palm Sunday, Sunday April 2nd: Have all Sunday School Students in the Old Parish Hall by 8:45am. They will line up and walk into the Sanctuary carrying and waving Palm Branches. The Sunday School students will also sing with the Senior Choir at 9am.

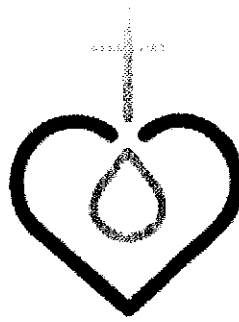
Easter Sunday, Sunday April 9th:

Sunday School and Youth serve breakfast Easter Sunday, April 9 beginning at 7:30am
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 8
- Help set up and decorate on Saturday, April 8 at 9am
- Help serve and clean up on Easter Sunday, April 9 beginning at 7am

Signup 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 summer. Children, youth, adults and families help with set-up, serving (pouring beverages, carrying plates, wiping tables), and clean-up. 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
Kelli Lenz 507-461-4522
Aimee Hill 651-380-0207



**Lutheran
Women
*in Mission***

COTTA GUILD NEWS:

February Cotta Guild Meeting:

We met at 1 pm with Linda's Circle serving lunch and Barb giving devotions on "Our God is a God of Life".

The Secretary and treasurer reports were read and accepted.

Cotta Guild would like to thank all in the congregation who supported our mission project, MITES. We sent off \$363.15 this month. February birthdays were Cheryl Sybilrud-24th, Barb Denn -27th, Kathy Flogstad -27th, and Kathy Lenz-28th.

We served a coffee hour, lunch for a voter's meeting and Darlene Larson's funeral. Layette items were taken to Rachel's Hope. They will be moving into a new building in March. Thanks to all who helped support this mission project.

Quilter's annual Pork Chop Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 5th. Only one seating of 150 tickets will be sold.

We adjourned our meeting and addressed our Valentines to the Homebound members.

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

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Cotta Guild supports mission projects near and far through the collection of our Mites for Mission donations. These mission projects are voted on at our Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) national and district conventions by the delegates. Thank you for your support of our Mites for Missions on the second Sunday of each month. Your donations may be placed in the mites boxes located at the church entrances.

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well... But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, (2 Timothy 1:5, 3:14-15).

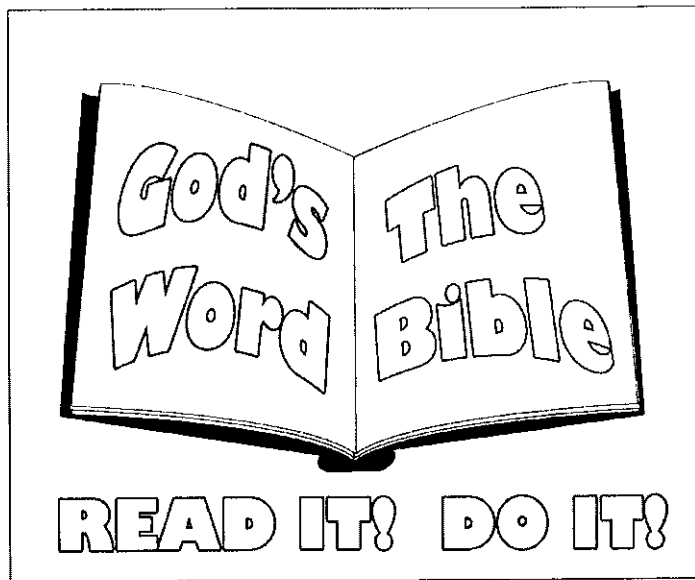
Having recently celebrated our synod's National Lutheran Schools Week (January 22-28, 2023), it seems fitting to talk about the importance of the Timothy Scholarship, our \$20,000 mission grant in support of unchurched and non-Lutheran students who attend Mayer Lutheran High School.

Mayer Lutheran is one of ninety-seven high schools operated by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), and as such, is part of the missional outreach of our church body. According to the Lutheran School Ministry statistical report from 2021, more than 1,250 students have been baptized as a result of their enrollment in our Lutheran schools worldwide. Two of those newly baptized believers have been Mayer Lutheran students, both of whom were recipients of the Timothy Scholarship. Longing to bring the saving Gospel message to more students through the powerful tool of Christian education, the Timothy Scholarship was created in 2007 in response to the ever-growing number of people in our communities who claim no church affiliation or in some cases, no religion whatsoever. Mayer Lutheran desired to offer financial assistance to families who might be looking for an alternative to public school but have never experienced Christian education. Fifteen percent of the students who received Timothy Scholarship funding during the 2021-22 school year had no church affiliation at all. We know from scripture that the young pastor Timothy, to whom Paul is writing above, had a faithful mother and grandmother who shared God's plan of salvation with him. No doubt they reminded him throughout his teenage years that God had sent His one and only Son to forgive Timothy's sins, had claimed him as His own dear child, and had promised him a hope and future that would include eternal life in Him! Sadly, most teenagers in our post-Christian society do not hear this message at home. Praise be to God that through the mite dollars given to the Timothy Scholarship fund, more teenagers can hear the saving Gospel. Through teachers and pastors who serve at Mayer Lutheran by leading chapel services, devotions, and other religious instruction, even those without prior knowledge of Christ's saving work at the cross and empty tomb are hearing the message that brings about repentance, faith, forgiveness, and is "able to make [them] wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Loder

VP of Gospel Outreach, 2022-26



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Will meet on March 1st and March 15th from 9:30 – 10:45 am!

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

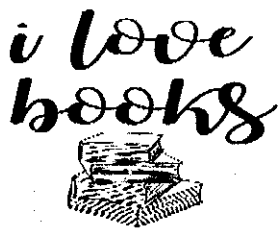
ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Meets every Sunday morning at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall



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.



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.



Book suggestions for our "Kids":

- Moses: A Bible Pop - Up Storybook
- Hide the Baby: The Birth of Moses
- The Ten Plagues
- Bible Birds and Beasties by Leena Lane and T.S. Spookytooth

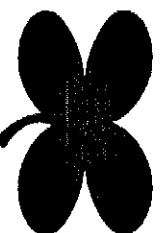
Book suggestions for the "Young at Heart" Adults:

- **A Skeleton in God's Closet by Paul Maier:** Historical Evidence or elaborate hoax? Dr Jonathan Weber, Harvard professor and biblical scholar is looking forward to his sabbatical year on an archaeological dig in Israel. But a spectacular find that seems to be an archaeologist's dream-come-true becomes a nightmare that could be the death rattle of Christianity.
- **Luminary by Krista McGee:** After escaping an underground annihilation chamber they find themselves fleeing across the former United States, above ground for the first time. As the defectors cross the forgotten landscape, the three youths see things they had only read about on screens: horses, rain, real books – and a colony of unsanctioned survivors living the ancient way in a town called New Hope.
- **Anomaly by Krista McGee:** Decades before Thalli's birth, the world was decimated by a nuclear war. But life continued deep underground thanks to a handful of scientists known as The Ten. There they created genetically engineered human beings who are free of emotions in the hope that war won't threaten the world again. Thalli must sort out what to believe and who to trust before her time runs out.

These books can be found in the church library on the cart

THANK
Spring

March 2023



St. Paul Lutheran Church – Waseca

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible study 11:30 am Pork Chop Dinner	6. 10:00 am Prayer Team	7. 1:00 pm Quilters 3:30pm Adult Confirm 6:00 PM Stewardship 6:00 PM Elders	8. 3:30 pm 6 th Confirmation 4pm 8 th Confirmation 4:45 – 5:45p MEAL 6:00 PM Service Evangelism 7pm Choir & ensemble	9. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean 1 pm Cotta Guild	10. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean	11.
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