

NEWSLETTER

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St. Paul's Lenten Schedule

Join us every Wednesday in March for our Wednesday evening Lenten services. As part of this journey of preparation, reflection, and celebration, the Congregational Life and Worship Committees would like to invite the congregation to help with and participate in Lenten Soup and Sandwich Suppers each Wednesday of Lent.

If the sign-up sheet in the Narthex is filled, these suppers will be held at 6:00 pm on March 7, 14, and 21 in conjunction with Lenten worship services.

For more information, please contact Pastor Robb or Rori Mattson



Holy Week Service Schedule

Palm Sunday— March 25th at 9:00am

Maunday Thursday- March 29th at 6:30pm

Good Friday- March 30th at 1:00pm and 6:30pm

Holy Saturday- March 31st at 4:15pm

Easter- April 1st at 7:00am and 10:00am

Easter breakfast will be served from 8-9:30am.

We are still looking for volunteers to help serve and clean up on Easter morning. There will be a sign up sheet for volunteers and another for those who are signing up to bring food in the Narthex.

Inside St. Paul's

February Council Highlights...

- ◆ Election of officers as follows:
President: Dave Braunschweig, Vice President: Stephen Peachey, Treasurer: Sandy Corrie, Secretary: Valery Silha
- ◆ New Committee Assignments:
Property: Valery Silha, Combined Committee (Congregational Life, Outreach, Support): Sue Quamme, Pat Schulenburg & Marilyn Connell, Education: Michelle Kidd, Finance: Sandy Corrie, Mutual Ministry: Jo Wampole, Worship: Stephen Peachey
- ◆ Committee Reports:
Church Property: Dick will be getting the thermostat for the boiler replaced and speaking to companies about a dual-sided sign for the church. He is also looking into the leak in the bell tower.
Combined Committee: They will be collecting fabric and thread for Lutheran World Relief throughout the Lenten Season. The "Adopt a Sheep" wall will be put up for Easter. Soup and Sandwich Suppers are on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. The Little Library will be installed on church grounds as soon as the ground thaws.
- ◆ Office Copier:
An agreement was signed with Datatek for the new copier. Donations are currently coming in to help with the purchase.
- ◆ Office Computer:
Blake is working to fix problems on the current computer. If they cannot be fixed it, we will purchase a new one.
- ◆ Newsletter Mailing:
There is an opt-in option for members to receive the monthly newsletter via standard mail.
- ◆ Inactive Members:
There was a discussion regarding those members who have not given or communed at St. Paul's for 2+ years. Pastor drafted letters that will be mailed out to the 2+ year group.
- ◆ New Business:
Future of Video Taping Church Services: The discussion was tabled.

February membership changes:

Received: 0(UC), 0(C)

Removed: 0(UC), 0(C)

Total Members: 532

Confirmed: 447

Unconfirmed: 85

Received:

None

Removed:

None

Deadline for Newsletter

If you would like to make a contribution to April's newsletter, please submit information to the office no later than March 19th.

stpaul226@frontier.com

St. Paul's Closing Policy

There may be times when church services and events need to be cancelled. These will be broadcast on the following radio stations:

WBEV – 1430 AM (Beaver Dam)

WTTN – 1580 AM (Watertown)

WXRO – 95.3 FM (Beaver Dam)



LENT

March Birthdays

3/1 Todd Heiman
 3/1 Bryce Wegner
 3/1 William Zak
 3/2 James Holton
 3/6 Robert Schulenburg
 3/7 Michelle Hansen
 3/7 Wendy Sillman
 3/8 Carmen Hinrichs
 3/9 David Weber
 3/11 Thomas Gates
 3/11 Evan Pratt
 3/12 Jean Harbort
 3/12 Theresa Peachey

3/13 Alice Filter
 3/13 Robert Hanson
 3/13 Adam Stevens
 3/16 Brittany Grunewald
 3/16 Patricia Schulenburg
 3/17 Dawson Cole
 3/17 Jamie Retzloff
 3/21 Danielle Fandrey
 3/22 Jessie Gates
 3/22 Pat Hafenstein
 3/26 Janet Pionkowski
 3/27 Kimberly Filter
 3/28 Hunter Wallace

3/31 Hunter Baumgartner
 3/31 Kelly McCunn
 3/31 Mark Sillman
 3/31 Cole Weber



If your birthday is not listed; the omission not intentional (please contact the church office with an update). We wish you a very Happy Birthday as well!!

Mobile Food Pantry

Friday, March 23rd

2:00–5:30PM at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church-Fellowship Hall, in Marshall is open to people in the Marshall and Waterloo area in need of assistance.

Easter Bell Choir

Bell rehearsal for the early service for Easter Sunday began on February 25th following the worship service. Please contact Valery Silha if you are able to join us to ring.

920-675-6547 or
 vallar51@embarqmail.com.

Food Pantry Coordinator Position

After almost 25 years of service to our community Dave Zastrow would like to officially retire as the **Food Pantry Coordinator** for the Marshall/Waterloo Food Pantry. The Pantry is seeking a volunteer to fill this position which involves helping to coordinate food donations/ordering/pick-ups, monthly reporting, board meeting organization, and working with the board members to provide food for those in need. Dave has graciously agreed to train the new person. The Food Pantry is strongly supported by board members and other countless volunteers. If you feel in your heart that this is one way the Lord is asking you to serve others, please contact Les Schoemann (920)478-2722 or Dave Zastrow (920)478-3041.



Easter Lilies

It is time for Easter Lilies to be ordered. The cost per lily is \$8.00. Order forms are located in the Narthex.

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily, please submit the form and payment to Alice Filter no later than March 18th.



Attn: Members

Advertise your business Here!!

St. Paul's is offering free advertising to members who own or manage a business. Your ad space will be based on number of ads and newsletter space available. Typically a 2x3 ad will be available.

We want members to recognize, and be aware of other members business' so we can all help strengthen and support each other.

Please contact the office 920-478-2570 for more information. You can also email your ad, business card or a basic one can be created for you.

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church is seeking volunteers to help with the following openings:

Lectors & Prayer Leaders

Videographers

Ushers

Counters

Communion Assistants

If you are able to help, please talk to

Pastor Robb.

Thank you for your ministry to St. Paul's.

Chará! Bible Study

A heartfelt "Thank you" to EVERYONE who is in the Chará! Bible Study! Thank you for the joy that you bring to every Thursday that we meet. God continues to bless us as we Study His Word: the book of Job.

We will continue to meet in the church library at 9:00 am and we will finish this study on the last Thursday in March.

Keep the faith in our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

God's blessings, Brenda Rowbotham

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PROJECT PROMISE FABRIC KITS

You may have heard the analogy about teaching someone to fish... well, WE can help teach a person to **sew** and provide the tools for them to earn an income and break out of poverty.

In mid-February we started collecting fabric and thread for the LWR Project Promise Fabric Kits. These kits are used around the world in vocational training programs to teach young men and women useful, marketable skills. In learning these skills, they are given a chance to lift themselves from extreme poverty.

It's EASY!!

Each kit contains 2 pieces of fabric and 2 spools of thread.

General guidelines:

- Fabric should be NEW and have no stains or holes.
- Fabric should be cotton or cotton/blend. NO KNITS or 100% POLYESTER,
- Pieces do not need to match in size or color/pattern as long as they fit into one of the three size options. See below.
- Each spool of thread should match one of the pieces of fabric included. Neutral thread is also a good option.
- Please give **new items only**.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- Each piece of fabric should match JUST ONE of the sizes below:

2-1/4 yards of 60" wide fabric

or

3 yards of 44" wide fabric

or

4 yards of 36" wide fabric

Fabric can be left on the table in the narthex. Monetary donations will also be accepted and used to purchase fabric and thread.

During this Lenten season, please consider sacrificing of yourself in order to offer assistance to those in greater need. Lent is a season of hope, and this is our chance to offer hope to those in desperate need. Thank you!!

If you have questions, please contact Jan Crave (478-2233) Thank your consideration!

Newsletter Mailings

The proposed 2018 annual budget includes replacing this newsletter with an electronic version available on our web site <http://stpaulswaterloo.com/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/St.PaulsLutheranELCA/>. This change is in response to members requesting electronic copies where we can include color pictures and more content without concern for the number of pages and also to reduce printing and mailing costs. Copies of the newsletter will continue to be available in the literature rack in the church narthex for those who do not use the Internet.

If you would like a copy emailed to you, please provide the church office with your current email address.

If you would like to continue to receive a print copy of the newsletter by mail, please contact the church office at (920) 478-2570

Forgiveness and the Journey of Healing

**Friday, March 16th at 7pm
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
550 Lincoln Dr. Sun Prairie, WI**

Join Dr. Robert Enright as he shares his knowledge and research about forgiveness and community renewal through forgiveness.

Waterloo American Legion Dinners 4pm—7pm

March 10th Corned Beef Cabbage

April 14th Grilled Pork Chops & Chicken

Contact the American Legion for information
920-478-4300

St. Paul's Mission Endowment Fund – Matching Funds Made Available



St. Paul's Mission Endowment Fund – Matching Funds Available through April 1st

St. Paul's Mission Endowment fund currently has a balance of \$1,200. When the fund reaches \$25,000, interest from the fund will be used to support the Mission of God's Church in Waterloo, across our country, and around the world.

If you would like to make a donation to the fund, please clearly mark it for the Mission Endowment Fund. Any donations made by April 1st, will be matched by a member of St. Paul's—up to \$14,400.

New Office Copier

At our annual meeting we approved the purchase of a new copier for the church office. To pay for the copier we are using some funds donated to the church from the family of Roger Holzhueter, but we are also asking members to make contributions. The purchase price is \$5,437.

If you would like to make a contribution of \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, or any other amount, you may pick up an envelope marked "Donation for St. Paul's Office Copier" at church, or simply mail in a donation marked for the Office Copier. In just 2 weeks we have received \$755 from 14 members.

Thank you for your help and your support for our congregation.

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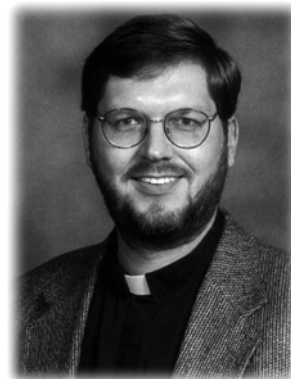
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25 9:00 Palm Sunday Com- munion Worship 10:00 Sunday School	26	27	28	29 6:30 Maun- dy Thursday Service 7:30 AA	30 1:00 & 6:30pm Good Friday Service	31 4:15 Holy Saturday Communion Worship

Serving in March

<p><u>March 4th</u> LECTOR: Sharon Braunschweig PRAYER LEADER: Sharon Braunschweig GREETERS: Valery & Larry Silha ACOLYTE: Maddie Webster COMM ASST: Sandy Corrie & Dave Zastrow VIDEOGRAPHER: Cyril Converse CONF. USHER: Abby Quamme ORGANIST: Becky Christian USHERS: Team 2 Dennis & Jean Buss, Harvey Duessler, Robert Hanson</p>	<p><u>March 11th</u> LECTOR: Stephen Peachey PRAYER LEADER: Stephen Peachey GREETERS: Ed & Jean Tousignant ACOLYTE: Seth Kosky COMM ASST: Theresa Peachy & Alice Filter VIDEOGRAPHER: Volunteer Needed CONF. USHER: Lexi Yelk ORGANIST: Becky Christian USHERS: Team 3 Lyle Braunschweig, David Braunschweig, Rick Sellnow, Don & Phyllis Vehlow</p>
<p><u>March 18th</u> LECTOR: Jean Tousignant PRAYER LEADER: Jean Tousignant GREETERS: Russel Pelaquin & Kris Wilke ACOLYTE: Dylan Bostwick COMM ASST: Jean Tousignant & Sue Wuchterl VIDEOGRAPHER: Sandy Corrie CONF. USHER: Kaylee Bostwick ORGANIST: Elizabeth Converse USHERS: Team 3 Lyle Braunschweig, David Braunschweig, Rick Sellnow, Don & Phyllis Vehlow</p>	<p><u>March 25th</u> LECTOR: Mary Hunt PRAYER LEADER: Mary Hunt GREETERS: Terry Sauer & Cody Christian ACOLYTE: Rylee Duessler COMM ASST: Sandy Corrie & Dave Weber VIDEOGRAPHER: Volunteer needed CONF. USHER: Bradee Haberman ORGANIST: Elizabeth Converse USHERS: Team 5 Dave & Kay Weber, Dale Eilenfeldt, Cyril Converse</p>
<p><u>Sat March 3rd</u> PIANIST: Becky Christian COMM ASST: Harvey Duessler ACOLYTE: Cabella Ellis <u>Sat March 10th</u> PIANIST: Elizabeth Converse <u>Sat March 17th</u> PIANIST: Becky Christian COMM ASST: Harvey Duessler ACOLYTE: Ian Ritter <u>Sat March 24th</u> PIANIST: Esther Pratt <u>Sat March 31st</u> PIANIST: Elizabeth Converse COMM ASST: Harvey Duessler</p>	<p><u>Wednesday Lenten Services</u> ORGANIST: Elizabeth Converse <u>Maundy Thursday-March 29</u> ACOLYTE: Abby Quamme CONF. USHER: Rylee Duessler <u>Good Friday-March 30</u> ACOLYTE: Lexi Yelk CONF. USHER: Maddie Webster <u>Alter Guild (Month of March)</u> Don & Phyllis Vehlow</p>

From the Pastor's Desk...

Practicing



I have never made it to the Olympics. I will never make it to the Olympics.

I trust that this is true for you as well.

I like the Olympics, and summer or winter, I will watch any event that happens to be on. I will critique the judging, complain about the commentators, and stand in awe of the athletes.

But I will never make it to the Olympics. I don't have what it takes. I would need some sort of athletic ability, and even in Little League I wasn't that good. I would need a focus and passion for one event, which frankly, I don't have. And finally, I would have to practice. Disciplined practice, day in and day out, over and over. The same moves, the same jumps, the same motions to train my muscles to do the exact same things without my brain getting in the way. To train each day, focused on an event that is months or years away. I have never been good at that kind of practice. I am too easily distracted. I don't have that kind of self-discipline. Did I already say that I am too easily distracted.

Following Jesus also takes practice. Fortunately, we are not competing for gold medals. In fact, following Jesus is not a competition at all. We are not trying to be better followers than others, we are not racing Jesus – we are simply following Jesus, and doing it together. It doesn't take Olympic level practice, but it does take practice.

We practice going to worship. We practice praying, reading the scriptures, meditating, listening for the voice of God. We practice forgiveness. We practice loving others and serving others. We practice listening for the Word of God in worship and scripture and in preaching – not just to the words of the preacher but for the Word that speaks to your life. We don't always do it well or skillfully, but we practice. We may fall on the ice or crash on the slopes, but we keep practicing, and with practice we begin to follow Jesus more closely.

Following Jesus takes practice. Not a sharp focus on one thing over and over, but a practice in our everyday lives. Remembering that every day we are followers of Jesus and in all we do we are following.

We will not make the Olympics. But we are also not being judged on whether that turn was a complete 360 or 720 or on whether your prayer was skillfully executed or if your forgiveness was 3 100ths faster.

We do not practice in order to compete. We practice in order to live and help others live in the path of Jesus Christ.

Your Pastor in Christ,

Pastor Robb

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Robb".

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Worship Services Offered:

Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

Saturday 4:15 P.M.

Sunday 9:00 A.M.



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