

The Monthly Epistle

of St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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The Lutheran Men will sponsor a Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage supper at 6:00pm on March 1st. There will be no service that evening—just fellowship over a traditional Lenten meal.

The following evening is Ash Wednesday. There will be no meal, as it is a traditional day of fasting in our churches. There will, however, be “The Service of Evening Prayer” at 7:00pm (*Lutheran Book of Worship*, page 142). Our choir will perform a beautiful anthem, “Joyous Light of Glory” by Carl Schalk, that they have been practicing especially for that Ash Wednesday service.

Each Wednesday following Ash Wednesday until Holy Week, we will enjoy “Supper and the Word”: a soup and sandwich supper at 6:00pm, followed by “The Service of Evening Prayer” in the sanctuary. Various pastors, including your own, from five Lutheran churches in the area will preach or teach at St. Paul's during those services.

Supper and the Word	March 9	6 & 7PM	Pr. Ryman, from St. Paul's
Supper and the Word	March 16	6 & 7PM	Pr. Ramey, from Trinity-Landis
Supper and the Word	March 23	6 & 7PM	Pr. Rister, from Salem
Supper and the Word	March 30	6 & 7PM	Pr. Brittain, from Organ
Supper and the Word	April 6	6 & 7PM	Pr. Reed, from Concordia

Additionally, a Lenten devotional booklet is available to each of you. It follows the video devotions called “Reading the Word with Luther” that are available on your church website at <https://stpaulslutheran.church/reading-luther/summaries>. These readings were compiled from Martin Luther's devotions and sermons by Rev. John Sander, and title *Devotional Readings from Luther's Works for Every Day of the Year* (originally published by Augustana Book Concern in 1915). Please pick up your copy in the narthex.

We have a full Lenten schedule lined up for you, and I hope you will take advantage of every opportunity for fellowship and worship. The Holy Week and Easter Sunday schedule is included within this *Epistle*.

See you in church,
Pastor Ryman

Biscuits & Beverages will be available in the fellowship hall at **8:30am on March 6th**. Be sure to stop in and enjoy breakfast before Sunday School.

Sunday, March 13, is the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour before going to sleep Saturday, March 12, so you won't be late for church.

March Events & Activities

Sunday:

- Breakfast before Sunday School, Mar. 6, 8:30am
- Youth & Family Committee, Mar. 6, 3pm
- Men's Choir, Sundays, 3pm
- Handbell practice, Sundays, 4pm
- Outreach Committee meets Mar. 13th, 2pm
- Youth Bible Study with Pastor Ryman in the fellowship hall, 2:30pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage each Sunday unless otherwise announced – finger foods at 6pm. Vespers at 6:30pm will also be livestreamed to our facebook page.

Monday:

- Lutheran Men, Mar. 28, 6:30pm

Tuesday:

- Shrove Tuesday, Mar. 1, Pancake Supper, 6pm
- Girl Scouts, Tuesdays at 6:45pm

Wednesday:

- Ash Wednesday, Mar. 2, Service only, 6pm
- Supper and the Word, each Wednesday, Mar. 9-Apr. 6, beginning with supper at 6pm, then the Lenten evening service at 7pm
- Adult Choir, Wednesdays, 7:45 during Lent (after service)
- No Confirmation Class during Lent

Thursday:

- Thursday Bible Study at 10am and 6pm

Saturday:

- Cemetery Clean-up Day, 9am

Volunteers delivered 32 pounds of donated items to **Rowan Helping Ministries** on Feb. 21. Needed in the Crisis Assistance Food Pantry are, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned soup, lower sodium options of canned goods. More information on what is needed, or how to volunteer is on the website at rowanhelppministries.org.

Lutheran Women's News

Hama Lingle Circle is responsible for sending cards to shut-ins in March.

Grace Ridenhour Circle meets Tuesday, Mar. 1, at 6:30pm at the church.

Ellen Bumgarner Circle meets Wednesday, Mar. 2, at 10am in the ladies' parlor.

Kathy Ketchie Circle meets Sunday, Mar. 6, at 5:00pm at the church.

Hama Lingle Circle meets Monday, Mar. 7, 7:00pm at Alice Davis' home.

Bonnie Bost Circle meets Tuesday, Mar. 8, at 7:00pm at the parsonage.

Melissa Lura Circle meets Monday, Mar. 14, at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.

The Lutheran Men's monthly meeting will be Monday, March 28th, at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. There will be a meal, followed by a presentation/program and fellowship. All men are welcome and encouraged to come.

Cruise 'n Barbecue Planning Underway

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help with St. Paul's Cruise 'n Barbecue on April 30th. Response has been phenomenal!

The steering committee has met to begin planning what is sure to be our best Cruise 'n Barbecue to date. All proceeds from the event will be designated to the Helping Hands Ministry.

As our theme this year, we will honor emergency services and thank all those who keep us safe. It's going to be a great day! If you haven't yet signed up, volunteer opportunities are still available. Please see Tim Deal.

March 26th—Annual Cemetery Clean-up Day

In order to keep the cemetery neat and clean, everything that isn't permanently attached will be thrown away. If you have flowers, or anything else, on a gravesite that you wish to keep, please remove them before March 26th. You may return them after the clean-up is finished. **Please help spread the word, especially to those who do not attend church at St. Paul's.** Thank you.

Income and Expenses for January 2022

Income: \$45,105 • Expenses: \$36,870

Income over Expense for January: \$8,235

Income over Expense YTD: \$8,235

Capital Building Fund as of January 31: \$201,334

February income/expenses will be in the April Newsletter.

Memorial Gifts

Gifts were received in memory of
Ray Beattie for the Capital Building Fund
from

Alice Davis
Karen and Tim Deal
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*We extend our prayers and sympathy to
the family of Ray Beattie, who passed away
on February 8, 2022. Ray was the stepfather
of Myra Jane Eller, Shirlene Potts, and
Gary Gaskey.*

Thanks

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the calls, cards, and
food since the sudden death of Karen.
Thanks also to Pastor Ryman and Pastor
Ketchie for the wonderful service.

Thanks to the Bonnie Bost and Kathy
Ketchie circles for the delicious meal. It
was enjoyed by all.

Thank you for the love and sympathy
given to me and my family. I am truly
blessed to have a large church family.

Yours in Christ,
Paul Wilhelm Family

February Blood Drive

There were 45 people registered for
the blood drive February 21. From those,
there were 38 units of blood collected.
Thank you to all who registered and came
to give, and those who came to help. The
next drive at St. Paul's is May 9th.

Sun Impatiens for Easter

We are accepting orders for Sun Impatiens through April 3rd. The cost is \$12 per plant. These will be placed around the altar for our Easter worship service. Please return the completed form with your payment no later than April 3. These may be placed in the offering plate.

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given By: _____

Number of Impatiens _____ Total purchase \$ _____

(please do not tear the form)

In Lieu of flowers—If you wish to honor or remember a loved one without purchasing a flower, please complete the information below and return the form with your donation of any amount. Funds in lieu of flowers will go to St. Paul's Youth for providing and serving our Easter breakfast.

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Total given in lieu of a flower: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Orders may be placed in the offering plate, turned in to the church office, or mailed (please mail early).

You may take your flowers with you after the 10:30am Easter worship service on April 17.

Lent & Easter Schedule

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Ash Wednesday	March 2	7pm	
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Maundy Thursday Service	April 14	7pm	
Good Friday Service	April 15	7pm	
Sunrise Service	April 17	7am	
Breakfast	April 17	9am	
Easter Service	April 17	10:30am	

In the foundational days of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC), Alan Beaver and others of this congregation were very engaged in the Lutheran Committee on Renewal (CORE) as well as the birthing of LCMC. One of CORE's early projects was a new hymnal, eventually published as the *Reclaim Hymnal*, and is now published by Sola. Because Alan and St. Paul's was behind the hymnal project and supported it financially, when *Reclaim* was first published, St. Paul's was sent a number of copies. That quantity is insufficient for our needs. As we will be worshipping from *Reclaim* following Easter Sunday and throughout the season, we will be dedicating 125 new Reclaim hymnals on April 24th. LaVaughn Beaver will be present with us that Sunday, as the dedication of the whole set of new hymnals will be in memory of Alan. Nonetheless, you may dedicate a hymnal in honor or memory of someone for \$25 per hymnal. Bookplates will be affixed inside the hymnal(s) you purchase for the church. Donors and those honored/remembered will also appear in the bulletin.

I wish to provide a *Reclaim Hymnal* for St. Paul's ☐ In Memory of ☐ In Honor of

NAME (One form per name, please. Find more copies in narthex. Place envelope with form & \$25 per dedication into offering.)

MY NAME (Sunday, April 10th is the last day for this project.)

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