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Mission Statement

*"Proclaiming
the saving
grace of Jesus
Christ to all."*



From the Heart of Your Shepherd

"'Yet even now,' declares the Lord, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.'"
Joel 2:12-13

On March 5th, we will observe Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season in the church. The Lenten Season is the 40-day period from Ash Wednesday to Easter. The Sundays are considered to be in Lent but not of Lent. In other words, Sunday is always considered to be a celebration of Easter. The Sundays are, to some extent, differentiated from the other days during Lent. The theme of Lent is one of repentance. It is a time for us to see our sin and the cost that it had for our Savior. It is when we understand our sinfulness that we will be prepared for a truly joyful Easter celebration.

There are many customs that are associated with the Season of Lent. The imposition of ashes is observed on Ash Wednesday. The ashes are a reminder to us of the blackness of our sin and our need to be washed clean by the blood of Christ. There are some Christians who focus on giving something up in Lent. This can be done properly if it is done for the purpose of helping us to identify with all that Christ sacrificed for our salvation.

Lutherans have not typically emphasized giving things up for Lent; but rather, receiving a greater measure of God's blessings. That has been why Lutherans have traditionally attended special Lenten midweek services, and that is what we do here at St. Paul. Our Lenten series is titled "The Sounds of the Passion." We will begin on Ash Wednesday by focusing on "Ripping Cloth." Our text will be from Joel 2:12-13.

March 13: Clinking Coins, Matthew 26:14-16

March 20: Crying Tears, John 11:35-36

March 27: Tramping Feet, John 18:1-6

April 3: Crowing Rooster, Luke 22:60-62

April 10: Shouting Mob, Matthew 27:15-25

Maundy Thursday: Sloshing Water, John 13:1-20

Good Friday: Pounding Hammer, John 19:17-18

In His service,
Pastor Olson

Sermon Texts and Titles

March 2: The text for Transfiguration Sunday will be from Luke 9:28-36. The title of the sermon will be "Glimpse of Glory." The transfiguration of Jesus stands as a bridge between the Epiphany Season and Lent. It is the last time that we will sing the Alleluias and the Hymn of Praise until Easter Sunday. We see that Jesus reveals His glory on this day to His disciples. It is that confidence of knowing that Jesus is true God that gives the disciples, and us, to follow Jesus to the cross.

March 9: The text for the First Sunday in Lent will be the Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy 26:1-11. The title of the sermon will be "Lenten Reminder." The Children of Israel were reminded of their past. They were reminded of all that they had gone through on their way to the Promised Land. It was when they remembered all of God's blessings that they were moved to bring their offerings before the Lord. During Lent, we are reminded of our past. We are reminded of our sin and the forgiveness that Jesus won for us. It is when we remember God's blessings that we are moved to bring our offerings to Him.

March 16: The text for the Second Sunday in Lent will be the epistle reading from Philippians 3:17-4:1. The title of the sermon will be "Citizenship 101." In our text, the Apostle Paul talks about the fact that you have dual citizenship. You are citizen of this country, but you are also a citizen of God's eternal kingdom in heaven. When you were baptized, you became citizens of God's kingdom. It is the fact that you are citizen of heaven that guides your life in this world.

March 23: The sermon text for the Third Sunday in Lent will be the Gospel reading from Luke 13:1-9. The title of the sermon will be "Connecting the Dots." We see that people come up to Jesus and ask Him about tragedies that had happened. They were looking at tragedies and trying to make a connection to what caused them.

March 30: The sermon text for Lent 4 will be the epistle reading from 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. The title of the sermon will be "Ambassadors for Christ."

St. Paul Lutheran School News

Excellence in Christ-centered education for now and for eternity

Registration for the 2025-2026 school Year: Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. Please spread the word about our school. Any questions about our school can be directed to the school office or Pastor Olson.

4k Enrollment for 2025-2026: We still have a few openings in our 4k program for the 2025-2026 school year. This is a full day 5 day a week program with morning and afternoon busing.

Voucher Program: St. Paul Lutheran School is a participant in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) as well as the Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP). This means that families that meet the requirements for these programs would be able to enroll their students at St. Paul for free. The state covers the cost of education. You can go to St. Paul's website and find the link for these programs or call the school office with questions. Enrollment for these programs is open now. You are encouraged to apply as soon as possible if you think you might qualify.

The following students received High Honors in the 2nd Quarter: Melody Enderby, Lily Kilgore, Jolee Ledvina, Ella Siegmund, Ryland Vlies, Madison Belter, Charlee Bosdeck, Madelyn Duescher, Nolan Fager, Briggs Karnopp, Caden Kilgore, Landon Larscheid, Adam Schantz, Cassandra VandenAvond

The following students received Honors in the 2nd Quarter: Chase Belter, Aubree Engebose, Jack Porath, Landon Schmoll, Bennett Spude, Skye Enderby, Miles Fager, Ariana Pamperin, Wyatt Raduenz, Anna Schantz, Max Schlies, Addie Veaser, Chloe Kilgore, Clay Kilgore, Bryn Vaughn

School Musical: The students have started practicing for this event. The musical provides students with the opportunity to develop many skills. It is also something that past students have looked back on as being one of their greatest experiences at St. Paul. There will be show times on April 4th and April 5th.

Spring Break: Spring break is March 17-21.

St. Paul Scholarship Fund was established in 1977 to encourage our young people to attend Lutheran High, Synodical Colleges, and Synodical Seminaries. The scholarship fund is funded through Advent and Lenten Scholarship envelopes. The Lenten envelope has been placed in your pigeon hole. At the present time we have Micah Gray at N.E.W. Lutheran High School parochial education degree. We would like to help these students as much as possible. We anticipate more students at these schools in the future. Therefore, we would like to build up the Scholarship Fund. Please prayerfully consider giving a generous donation. The harvest is plenty; the workers are few.

St. Paul School News:

Oh the weather outside was frightful! There were a lot of cold days in February where we had to have inside recess, but we did enjoy the snowfall when it came! We were blessed with being in school for 100 days! The first 100 days went by in a blur...how fast will the next 74 go? The students were able to exchange Valentines with each other and have some classroom parties. The 3rd-6th graders got to go on a winter field trip to Barkhausen Nature Preserve where they learned how to survive in the winter and fur trading. The students were able to trek through the woods, make a shelter, start a fire, and boil some water! It was a beautiful, cold day to be outside to learn in God's creation!

5K has been learning all about wood in Science. The students got to sand down some wood to see what happened and even made their own particle board! Meanwhile, the 7th and 8th graders are studying different kinds of waves in their Foss curriculum. What a blessing those kits are! The 3rd graders have started multiplication and the 4th graders have started long division in their Math classes! They've been working really hard to get the hang of it!

It seems like February came and went, which means the next month will come and go even quicker! We are all awaiting our Spring Break, but need to slow down a little and remember the season of Lent is to focus on Jesus' journey to the cross. God Bless all of you and thank you for your continued support and prayers for the school! We continue to grow each and every day!

Lakeshore Lutherans for Life

-The 40Days for Life Prayer Vigil begins Ash Wednesday, March 5th in Green Bay. If interested in walking for the prayer vigil contact Dianne Zeitler or Nola Duescher

-The next Lakeshore LFL meeting will be held Mon. March 10th 6 pm at St Paul Church meeting room, Please consider joining us as we continue to speak up for Life.


Scrip

Scrip Updates

Thank you to everyone that purchased Scrip in the past year. Our sales increased by \$28,000 and we made the highest profit in the past four years. St. Paul benefits from your everyday purchases. Please continue to use the app and purchase at school or church. There are some small changes to whom you can delegate your profits to go towards. The choices are

1. School Tuition Reimbursement
2. St. Paul Building Fund
3. Scrip Account
4. Youth Group

The Christian Guild group is disbanding. The School and Church debt is paid off; therefore, the Scrip profit can go towards the St. Paul Building Fund.



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1. Youth Group
2. Tuition Reimbursement
3. St. Paul Building Fund
4. General Scrip Fund

CHRISTIAN SERVICE GUILD

CHRISTIAN SERVICE GUILD - LWML group have disbanded as of March 1. We will continue to do some of the projects we were doing. We will continue to save stamps for Missions and do quilting. Put the stamps in the stamp box in the narthex. We are thankful for all the support we got from the congregation over the years. Thank you for donating profits from scrip to the Guild. More information will be given later. Thank you again.



St. Paul Chargers Basketball

Congratulations on your season!

Boys A-Team Basketball

- **2nd Place, Lakeshore Lutheran League Tournament**

Boys A-Team Players (Grades 5-8): Mason Budnik, Madelyn Duescher, Miles Fager, Nolan Fager, Briggs Karnopp, Caden Kilgore, Carter Kilgore, Chloe Kilgore, Clay Kilgore, Jaxen Pagel, Adrian Stauber, Warren Weidner

Coaches: Travis Kilgore, Darren Fager, & Shawn Kilgore

Boys B-Team Basketball

- **1st Place, Lakeshore Lutheran League Tournament**

Boys B-Team Players (Grades 3-6): Gabriel Drevenchuk, Eli Duescher, Miles Fager, Asher Galbraith, Carter Kilgore, Greyson Larscheid, Jack Porath, Trent Koenig, Wyatt Raduenz, Bennett Spude, Max Schlies, Ryland Vlies

Coaches: Darren Fager, Shawn Kilgore, & Luke Porath

Girls B-Team Basketball

Girls B-Team Players (Grades 3-6): Ruth Drevenchuk, Lily Budnik, Esther Drevenchuk, Ruby Duescher, Melody Enderby, Skye Enderby, Lily Kilgore, Lucy Salzieder, Ella Siegmund, Addie Veaser, Cora Simonar-Wochos

Coaches: Brittney Duescher & Stephanie Enderby

Coed C-Team Basketball

- **3rd Place, Wayside Tournament**

Coed C-Team Players (Grades 3-4): Asher Galbraith, Jack Porath, Bennett Spude, Ruth Drevenchuk, Ruby Duescher, Melody Enderby, Lucy Salzieder, Cora Simonar-Wochos

Coaches: Luke Porath & Brittney Duescher

Thank you to the coaches and helpers for volunteering their time to coach these students in the Lakeshore Lutheran League and other games of Lutheran fellowship.

Thank you to Amanda Kilgore and Stacie Duescher for coordinating games, concessions, and all the individuals/parents that worked concessions.

Thank you to all the individuals that refereed, kept clock, and kept score book.

Thank you to all the individuals that attended a game to cheer on the Chargers!

****Add to your calendar: 29th Annual Coed St.Paul Softball Tournament May 9 & 10**

Stewardship News and Views:

God's Instruments, God's Stewards

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Eph. 2:10)

Some pastors refer to these words as "the most forgotten words in the Scriptures." They are forgotten because they follow the familiar and critical words before it. The preceding two verses that overshadow Ephesians 2:10 are words of justification: "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). These are words preached regularly. They are assigned as confirmation verses. They carry with them the very heart of what it means to be a redeemed child of God!

Precisely because the previous verses are so central to salvation, they often overpower our practice of stewardship! We have been saved by grace. This is certain and sure because of Jesus. Works play no role in our salvation. No credit taking for us! Grace is freely given. Faith is miraculously created by the Spirit and joyously received. This truth is so wonderful and so encompassing that we often miss out on WHY we are redeemed.

The grace of God revealed in Jesus calls us to faith. But St. Paul doesn't stop with grace and faith. He continues to the logical conclusion. Just like the creation declares the handiwork of God, the redemption of sinners like you and me declares His greatest handiwork! Redeemed stewards are created to reflect the grace and mercy God showers on us to others.

As Lutherans, we understand that good works flow from faith in Jesus Christ. They are the fruit of the tree of salvation into which we have been grafted by grace. Sanctification and stewardship are both on-going and active confessions of what the Lord has done in us. These works are not always spectacular. Many times, they are simply parents showing Jesus to their children. They are compassionate actions that live out the truth of the Gospel to co-workers and even complete strangers. While they can be grand endeavors, more likely they are simple, beautiful works which highlight what Jesus has done in us.

These works aren't random either. They have been planned by God. God planned to use you as a faithful steward as you walk the road that leads you through your daily life. There are no chance encounters or coincidences. They have been planned by the Lord of the universe for the benefit of His creation. Good works are what point to God's greatest work: Jesus!

He calls you and me to walk in this faith, which flows from this grace, which has been poured out on us in Jesus. But even this is not to our credit. We are simply called to be faithful stewards of God's grace so that we may share it with those who need it as much as we do. God's Spirit carries us along in this. We are just the steward – the instrument in His hand to accomplish His plan and glorify Him!

In Christ,

Debbie Delebreau, Candy Krohn, Hans Shin

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Newsletter Deadline: the 21st of the month.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Bible Study/Sunday School 8:30 am Divine Service 9:30 am	3	4 Quilting 10:00 am – 3:00 pm	5 Ash Wednesday/ Chapel 8:15 am Confirmation 5:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Divine Service 7:30 pm	6 NO CHURCH SERVICE	7	8
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Scrip for sale Thursday evening 7:15-7:30 and Sunday mornings after service for 15-20 minutes