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Pastor's Letter for March Newsletter

“And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone.” Matthew 17:8

This verse is from the account of the Transfiguration. This month starts off with the Transfiguration of our Lord and then moves into the Lenten season. But there is an interesting tie in to both of these seasons and really to every season of the church year – what we should see is Jesus. Whether we are in Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Advent or Christmas – whatever season of the church year we are in it is all about Jesus – his life, death and resurrection and the revelation that He is Lord God, one with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

So then whether it is worship or Sunday School or a committee meeting or a Lenten meal – whatever activity we are pursuing be it fellowship, education, service or praise – it needs to lift up Jesus, exalt His holy name and proclaim with clarity his centrality to our lives and our faith.

As we consider this awesome gift of God – forgiveness, salvation, reconciliation and life through Jesus Christ it not only fortifies our life of faith, but it reminds us of the abundance that we have to share –

This is the concentration of our Lenten season – reflection on what Christ has freely given us and then in turn freely giving of our time, talent and treasures so that the word is spread until the whole world knows of his love.

Please think about someone you might be able to invite to our Lenten worship – it is a great inroad to hearing about Christ, enjoying Christian fellowship and growing in faith.

See you at worship – Pastor Sally

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR MARCH: Scholarship Fund

This month's special appeal assists our high school graduates in paying for their higher education. Attending an institution of higher education is an expensive undertaking and any assistance in this regard helps to alleviate the burden of this financial undertaking. Those who apply for the funds must have achieved a good level of academic achievement during their high school careers and are expected to have contributed to the good of society. Thus, student candidates are interviewed by the Scholarship Committee, their goals are discussed with them, and their financial needs and grades assessed. The principal of the fund is not touched but rather interest is used, so donations to the fund help to ensure that the fund stays solvent in light of inflation and grows as college costs also increase. Use the envelope that comes in the mail with your other envelopes or a green envelope from the pew.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Articles for the April newsletter need to be in the church office by **March 15th.**



A trip is being planned for June 15th to the Museum of the Bible. We need 55 people to fill the bus. Sign up in the narthex and invite a friend for this awesome event!

BLANKET WORKSHOP: The quilters will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 12th at 9:00am.**

Please join us! New friends are always welcome!



QUILTING GROUP



Friends in Christ is a group for widows, widowers and anyone who wants to join us for a time of fellowship.

On March 21 we will be going to the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. The cost is \$58 for dinner and show (tax and tip included.) Sign up and money due by February 27th. We will leave the church (carpool) at 10:45 for 11:45 lunch and 1:00 show.

The rest of the spring looks like this:

April 25 – Hampton Historic Site

May 29 – Chanticleer Gardens

Book Club

Please join us on March 13 at Noon, we will be discussing our reading of With My Own Eyes by Bo Giertz. Bring a lunch and join our conversation.



OUR DAILY BREAD

Our dessert for March is **white cupcakes with white frosting & green sugar sprinkles** – we need 30 dozen by 9 am Friday, March 15th. If you can make cupcakes, please sign the sheet in the narthex.



Please call the church office if you or a loved one is in the hospital, we do not usually get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name, and we want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

Thank You to the congregation for your generous support of the College Care packages, the Souper Bowl of Caring and the Mystery Dinner. Through these service projects we have worked together to reach out to 10 of our college students

Join us in making scarves for children & youth served by Harvest of Hope. Scarves may be knitted, crocheted or cut from fleece. You may also donate yarn for the November 2019 scarf project. The scarf storage bins will be moved to Pre-K and K room in the Sunday School wing (green door).

Thank you for your loving generous hearts and hands!

WORSHIP IN March

March 3

Transfiguration Sunday

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Second Lesson: Hebrews 3:1-6

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

March 6

Ash Wednesday

First Lesson: Joel 2:12-19

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 10

First Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Second Lesson: Romans 10:8b-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

March 17

Second Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Jeremiah 26:8-15

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

March 24

Third Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-20

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

HARVEST OF HOPE NEEDS

Canned pasta, Beef stew, Pork and beans, Canned soups, Canned fruit, Vegetarian beans, Canned vegetables, canned chicken breast, boxed mac & cheese, elbow macaroni, boxed rice, hamburger helper, chicken helper, boxed potatoes, canned tuna, canned diced tomatoes, canned corn.



For Easter:

Frozen ham 3 to 6 pounds, boxed potatoes various flavors, canned sweet potatoes, boxed mac and cheese, cake mix, brownie mix, frosting, gelatin, bread stuffing.

Monetary donations are always gratefully appreciated.



Sympathy is extended to the family of: Anne Westerman. We are praying for the comfort of the Holy Spirit and give thanks for the hope of the resurrection through Christ our Lord.

LCMC

Come to our Mid-Atlantic District Gathering on Saturday March 30 from 9 AM-2 PM, when LCMC service coordinator Rev. Mark Vander Tuig will be leading a workshop on “Leaders Who Follow Jesus,” in our Fellowship Hall. Mark will also be preaching here on Sunday, March 31. Sign-up papers are in the Narthex.

Thursday Bible Study will be held March 14, 21 and 28 on I Corinthians. Come share in this encouraging study of the Word of God. No previous attendance is required, each lesson is self-contained. The study is offered at 9:00 am and 6:00pm.

Women of the Word will be meeting on Wednesday, March 20 at 1 pm to assemble baby care kits and personal care kits.

All are welcome to join us to help assemble and for fellowship.



SPONSORSHIPS

ALTAR FLOWERS (\$40/wk)

March 3	Ken Hoffman
March 10	Gary & Dot Mann
March 17	Brenda Shorts & Zana Krout
March 24	Rodney & DeAnn Eisenhart
March 31	Open

BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)

March 3	Tina & Dave Brown & Family
March 10	Mary Jane Fauth
March 17	Glenn & Mary Ann Bare & Family
March 24	Ira & Gloria Keech & Family
March 31	Open

BREAD & WINE (\$10/wk.)

March 3	Open
March 10	Ted & Norma Krebs
March 17	Glenn & Mary Ann Bare
March 24	Open
March 31	Open

DVD MINISTRY (\$10/wk.)

March 3	Brenda & Barry Shorts
March 10	Gary & Dot Mann
March 17	Charlotte Hoffman & Family
March 24	Treva Albright
March 31	Open

PARISH MESSENGER

Mike & Marguerite Keller

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Family of Pauline Hoffman

OPEN 2019 SPONSORSHIPS

- **Please note that if you are sponsoring the 5th Sunday, it may not be available next year.** If you wish to sponsor an opening, please call the church office (792-1650 between 8 am and 2 pm)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*"If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given to you."
James 1:5*

**Sunday School for all ages!
(Faith Learning 9:45am on Sunday Morning)**

For Adults:

Parents of Faith – prayer and Bible study of relevant topics for parents as they raise their children in the faith – this class meets on the stage

Lutheran Theology class – meeting temporarily in conference room. Studying Luther's Large Catechism.

Concordia study works through various books of the Bible-this class meets in the parlor.



Faith building for youth and children:

Senior High (grades 10-12 in the youth room) They are combining with young adults for a class called: Money, Money, Money. Come learn about earning, saving and giving to the glory of God!

Crib Nursery – Toddler in the nursery room.

Pre-K through 5th grade - Children are studying a new unit on The Holy Spirit Guides the Apostles.

Confirmation classes for **grades 6 and 7 is in the room next to the youth room.** Grades 8 and 9 is in room one.

All of our Christian Education classes deal with exciting materials about the word of God! Learn and grow with us

The Parents of Faith Class is hosting our 10th "Crop to Stop Hunger" scrapbook event, which benefits the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry. Please join us on Saturday March 16, 2019 as we gather in Fellowship Hall to spend the day scrapbooking (or working on the craft of your choice) while we raise money for the Food Pantry. We will be selling pretzel sandwiches and homemade soup as well, so please stop in and support the Food Pantry, even if you can't stay for the day! We would appreciate any donations of baked goods and are also in need of help in the kitchen during lunch (11am-1pm). Please contact Kenny and Lisa Hoke or Sandy Albright for more information.



CYC is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year for both the 3 and 4-year-old classes. Children need to be either 3 or 4 by the 1st of September. Registration can be done through St. Paul's webpage www.saintpaul-trinity.org or by calling the church office and requesting a registration form. The 3-year

old's meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:30 and the 4-year old's meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00-11:30. Tuition for the 3's is \$90/ month and for the 4's it is \$115/month - both with a nonrefundable registration fee of \$20.00.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Women - Join us for fun at Nawakwa as we join in fellowship and study on April 5-6. The cost will be \$25.

_____ sign me up for the Women's retreat
(name)

The best way to contact me is _____.
Phone or e-mail

*We will be asking for food contributions this year.

I will meet you there or carpool. (circle one.)

Prayer Corner

From Prayer by Ole Hallesby

Prayer and helplessness are inseparable. Only he who is helpless can truly pray.



Listen to this, you who are often so helpless that you do not know what to do. At times you do not even know how to pray. Your mind seems full of sin and impurity. Your mind is preoccupied with what the Bible calls the world. God and eternal and holy things seem so distant and foreign to you that you feel that you add sin by desiring to approach God in such a state of mind. Now and then you must ask yourself the question, "Do I really desire to be set free from the lukewarmness of my heart and my worldly life? Is not my Christian life always lukewarm and half-hearted for the simple reason that deep down in my heart I desire my own way?"

Thus, an honest soul struggles against the dishonesty of his own being. He feels so helplessly lost that his prayers freeze on his very lips.

Listen, my friend! Your helplessness is your best prayer. It calls from your heart to the heart of God with greater effect than all your uttered pleas. He hears it from the very moment that you are seized with helplessness, and He becomes actively engaged at once in hearing and answering the prayer of your helplessness.

Upcoming activities for EVERYONE!
Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Game Day – March 24th 12:30. We will have lunch and babysitting provided. Board games, volleyball and engaging activities for the younger children will be available. This is a fun afternoon for families and individuals of all ages and sizes. Please sign up in the narthex so we know how much food to prepare!

Paint Away Party- Reserve Sunday May 5, 2019 for a Paint Away Party! We will do a beach scene painting, cost will be \$25 per person. A sign-up sheet will be available closer to the date.



Men of Faith

The Men of Faith group will be meeting on Saturday March 9 at 8 AM in Fellowship Hall, please join us. After a good and hearty breakfast and time for Fellowship we will be continuing our study on the Kings of Israel with an episode entitled “A New City, A Bitter Wife.” We will also get an update on the Member to member group and explore the possibilities of an upcoming day trip.



EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST
Please join the Fellowship Committee
On SUNDAY, April 21, 2019

Serving times between 8:30 and 10:15 am

Menu will include:

Egg Casserole, Baked Oatmeal,
Fruit, breakfast pastries
Cereal, Coffee, Juice & Tea

Please let us know if your family is planning to attend. Please
RSVP by April 7.

This will help the committee with its planning.

EASTER BREAKFAST RSVP – April 7

Name _____ # Attending _____

Wednesdays in Lent:

Once again, we are having a spiritually enriching time on Wednesdays in Lent. Join us for worship and great fellowship.

Ash Wednesday is March 6

(service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes in the nave)

The meal will be provided by the Fellowship Committee.

Wednesdays March 13-April 10: The evening Lenten Worship is in our Fellowship Hall each week. The meal is served from **6PM-6:45PM** and the service is at 7PM. This year you are invited to journey into the City of Jerusalem around the time of the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry seeing its significance through the eyes of a skeptical oil merchant Jacob and his more believing wife Abigail. It is an original, lively and inspiring series, invite a friend!

The Meal Schedule: Each week a great salad will be provided along with Peanut butter and Jelly and fruit cocktail for dessert. On four out of five of the weeks we are asking you bring along a potluck or bought dish, no other desserts please.

- March 13** Potluck
- March 20** Potluck
- March 27** A hearty Meal is provided
- April 3** Potluck
- April 10** Potluck

Thank you to all who help provide food for the meals. There are sign up lists in the Narthex if you wish to provide food on the days when we have pot-luck and don't forget to **BRING A FRIEND**.

Monica Hostetler will be doing a children's activity during the service – Thanks Monica for offering this fun time for kids!



Intern's Message: Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Life Together: *The Classic Exploration of Christian Community*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer published *Life Together* in 1939.

This book was a chronicling by Bonhoeffer of the life together of his underground seminary (Preachers' Seminary at Finkenwalde) during the Nazi years in Germany. Their life together assumed a structured routine of daily prayer, meditation, mutual support, a common theological training, personal confession and the renunciation of clerical privileges, freeing the "brethren" to accept emergency calls from the church. This allowed them to leave the community at any point. Bonhoeffer envisioned that the community could become a refuge and center of renewal for the weary and spiritually drained. The seminary was closed in 1937 by the Gestapo.¹ After the seminary was closed and the seminarians dispersed, Bonhoeffer wanted to tell the story to record not only the daily routine and its reasons at the seminary. But he wanted to voice his conviction that the church needs to promote a sense of community like this if it is to have new life breathed into it.

In the book then Bonhoeffer proclaims his theology and philosophy as a Christian. He uses Scriptural references of how a community of fellowship lived out in this way would enrich their attentiveness of Christ's word and the church's mission. So, Bonhoeffer's desire was to create a community that was not to become a monastery secure in its isolation, but it was to be a community ready to serve the church at any time.

"Christian community is not an ideal which we must realize; it is rather a reality created by God in Christ in which we may participate" (*Life together*, page 30).

Many prayers and blessings to your study this year!

Intern Chuck

¹ Adapted from *A Testament to Freedom*. Edited by Geoffrey B. Kelly and F. Burton Nelson, 1990.

Holy Week Schedule

April 18 – Maundy Thursday 7:00pm

April 19 – Good Friday

(All here at Saint Paul)

12:00pm Noon Worship

1:00pm – 6:00pm Prayer Vigil (Parlor)

7:00pm Worship



April 21 – Easter Sunday

Divine Service with
Holy Communion -7:30am

Breakfast -8:30am

Sunday School -9:30am

Divine Service with
Holy Communion -10:30am

Dear Adopt-A-Highway Participants,

I just received a 2-year renewal letter from Penn Dot with a very nice thank you letter for our many years of service. They are very thankful to all those who participate, without us and many other groups the program could not exist. I wanted to pass along this Thank-You to each of you who have participated. According to the renewal agreement the program runs from March-November in hopes that we can get our group together 3 times during this period. We meet on a Saturday morning at 7am and by 8am we are finished. Penn Dot supplies all gloves, bags and orange safety vests. If you are part of this group I will be contacting you in March for our 1st clean-up of the year, if you are not part of this group but would like to join, we could greatly use your help as often or as little as you can commit. Please contact Sue Brindle for more information...717-764-6758

Phase II Sharing the Light of Christ is moving forward thanks to the generous contributions of many of our members. So far 80 giving units have contributed to the Capital Campaign with GIFTS RECEIVED TO DATE totaling \$432,400. THANK YOU! We are **1/3** of the way to our GOAL!! That is an amazing response especially considering that the pledges were based on a 5-year commitment. The more monies that are received upfront, the less we have to borrow. So again, thank you. Right now, the drawings are being given to the contractors for final pricing and by the end of the month they should be on the way to the Township for building permit approval. Things look to be on track for a start shortly after Easter. Just a reminder that a dumpster is now on site (at the back end of the parking lot) for the congregation to do any cleaning prior to moving things out of the office wing.

THE PARISH MESSENGER

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