



**SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PARISH MESSENGER**

February 2020

In the name of Jesus Christ,
Saint Paul Lutheran Church
is committed to praising,
praying, and proclaiming the Word of God.



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Pastor's Letter for the February Newsletter

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Revelation 21:5

I like to think of this time as one of new beginnings and renewal, so much is happening around the life of our church with the renovation and addition project nearing completion, with new outreach ministries starting, some new members joining and of course the Lenten schedule getting underway on February 26, 2020.

But one thing the verse from Revelation reminds me of is that the one who will make all things new is not us but the Lord. Now this is not to say that our role is passive in terms of advancing the work of Saint Paul Lutheran Church but rather that God has chosen to work with us and through us as a congregation, and that it is through Him as Holy Spirit that we are inspired and energized to do his bidding. Indeed, if anything is worth doing it is that which is pleasing in his sight. Thus, I ask very earnestly that you take time in your daily prayers to ask for our Lord to guide us and direct us as we prepare to move into some new spaces and return to our Nave for worship.

Speaking of moving into the Nave, one thing you can really do to help with our transition back there is to continue what we have begun in Fellowship Hall, sitting closer to your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, being less spread out and more oriented towards the front of the Church. If for health or other reasons you can't do that then certainly fine, but otherwise it really helps our sense of fellowship and singing when we are more clustered together.

Our mid-week Lenten series, "Through Bread and Wine" will be a neat drama series that shows how the Lord has used bread and wine as a great blessing for his people as revealed in Holy Scripture, that will begin March 4 in Fellowship Hall.

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR February: Voice of the Martyrs

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted-1 Timothy 3:12

In some 40 plus countries around the world Christians face severe persecution. Saint Paul wants to help them and the premiere organization that helps in that process is Voice of the Martyrs VOM's Mission Statement

Serving persecuted Christians through practical and spiritual assistance and leading other members of the Body of Christ into fellowship with them.

VOM's Five Main Purposes

1. To encourage and empower Christians to fulfill the Great Commission in areas of the world where they are persecuted for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. To provide practical relief and spiritual support to the families of Christian martyrs.
3. To equip persecuted Christians to love and win to Christ those who are opposed to the gospel in their part of the world.
4. To undertake projects of encouragement, helping believers rebuild their lives and Christian witness in countries where they have formerly suffered oppression.
5. To promote the fellowship of all believers by informing the world of the faith and courage of persecuted Christians, thereby inspiring believers to a deeper level of commitment to Christ and involvement in His Great Commission.

Please use the special envelope in your offering envelope packet or a green envelope from the pews to contribute.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Articles for the March newsletter need to be in the church office by **February 14th.**

Book Club



Please join us on February 19th at Noon, we will be discussing Impossible Love by Craig Keener, a copy is available at the church. Bring a lunch and join our conversation.



Please call the church office if you or a loved one are 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!

Bible Study

Join us the next two months as we look afresh at one of the most significant gifts of God to his people, the Ten Commandments. Over the course of these months we will be learning how the Commandments are reinforced by numerous Scriptural passages, how they serve as a love letter of God to his people, while also causing us to flee to the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We will meet twice in February on the 20th and 27th (look in the bulletin for an announcement about a new meeting room on the 27th.)

Men of Faith will resume in February as we meet on the 19th at 7 AM at Mary Jane's Restaurant or on February 22 at 8 AM in Fellowship Hall.

February 9th – Care Packages & activities: The Youth and Family committee will once again be spreading some love to our college students studying local and a far. These care packages provide a taste of home and are always a highlight for the students. We will be accepting donations of the following items: school supplies and home baked cookies would be greatly appreciated. Items donated must be in the **INDIVIDUAL FORM**. hot cocoa packets, snack bags of pretzels, crackers, popcorn, life savers, gum, wrapped candy, soup packets. Also, pens, highlighters, post-it notes, erasers, or Kleenex tissues. A box for donations will be placed near the coatroom in Fellowship Hall. You may also place labeled monetary donations in the offering plates to offset the cost of shipping. Care Packages will be assembled following second service on Sunday, February 9th and lunch will be provided for youth that come to help with this project.

THANK YOU

Wayne and I have so much to be thankful for this past year. First of all, we would like to thank Pastor Sally and Paul for the many visits, prayers and communion throughout the year with Wayne. Your presence is always a comfort. Also, we would like to thank everyone for Wayne's Thanksgiving gift with the many goodies to enjoy. Daisy Troop#20398, Girl Scout Troop 20083, thank you for the gifts and cards for Wayne. Ted and Norma Krebs, you both have gone above and beyond with all you do and gave throughout the year for Wayne and I, Mike & Marguerite Keller you are very thoughtful and generous in the sending of cards. You all have been a wonderful blessing. Again, thank you all for being so generous with your time. God's blessings to all in 2020. Carolyn Naylor

Wow, what a warm feeling to know that your church is praying and has warm feelings for you during your surgery! Thank you! A special thank you to our pastors, Pastor Paul and Pastor Sally for being there for me. Pastor Paul was there at 7:30 in the morning for my 9:00 surgery, also visits from both of them during my days in the hospital! Life is good. Thank you and God bless. In Christian love, Esther J



BLANKET WORKSHOP: Join us for tying knots in our quilts on Tuesday, February 11th at 9:00 am. We are in need of quilt material donations. New friends are always welcome!

We have many lovely **Prayer Shawls** available in room 5, the green door. Please feel free to take one and share our prayers through this ministry for anyone who is ill, hospitalized, or needs a special Prayer Shawl hug.

OUR DAILY BREAD

Our dessert for February is **blueberry muffins**. We need 30 dozen by 9 am on Friday, Feb.21st. If you can contribute some muffins, please sign the sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact Kate Frye at 792-1650. Thank you!



HARVEST OF HOPE NEEDS



Canned pasta, Beef stew, Pork and beans, Canned soups, Spaghetti sauce, Canned fruit, Vegetarian beans, Canned vegetables, canned chicken, tuna or salmon, boxed mac & cheese, pasta sauce, egg noodles, elbow macaroni, dry spaghetti, boxed rice, hamburger helper, chicken helper, boxed cereal, kidney beans, can corn, box potatoes, peanut butter, canned diced tomatoes *Monetary donations are always gratefully appreciated*

Holiday Pantry Needs: turkey breast up to 6lbs, turkeys 12 to 16lbs, hams up to 6lbs, boxed stuffing, boxed mashed potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, canned corn, canned green beans, canned fruit, canned gravy, cake mix, frosting, jello gelatin, cranberry sauce.

Saint Paul is responsible for the Easter distribution this year. This will occur on **Monday April 6th**. We would need approximately 6 individuals between the hours of 10:00am - 5:30pm. The volunteers would not have to be there the entire time. We could have a morning crew and an afternoon crew, please prayerfully consider volunteering your time. If you are interested, please contact Keith Bergey or the church office. Thank you!

WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

Feb. 2

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Feb. 9

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:3-9a

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12(13-16)

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

Feb. 16

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

Feb. 23

Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Lesson: Exodus 24:8-18

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9



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

Upcoming Dates:

Feb. 2 Lunch out (Hoss's at 12:30)

March 31 Seton Shrine

April 21 Tea and Guest Speaker Shirley Brosius who will be doing a presentation on the book of Ruth

May 27 Tyler Arboretum



Sympathy is extended to the families of: Delores Smyser, Goldie Richcrick, and Mark Hubler (son of Marylou Hubler). We are praying for the comfort of the Holy Spirit and give thanks for the hope of the resurrection through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER LUNCH: Join in prayer concerns at the Prayer Lunch, at noon on **Tuesday, February 18th** Please bring your lunch and help pray for the church, our pastors, and the congregation.

Women of the Word will be meeting on Wednesday, February 19th at 1:00 pm. We will continue our Bible study "*Living in Jesus*". Nadine Worley will lead us on the topic "*Complete in Him*." Come and join us for Bible study and fellowship.

CYC is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 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 the Preschool's website at <https://www.cycpreschool.com/> 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.



SPONSORSHIPS
ALTAR FLOWERS (\$40/wk)

Feb. 2 Geraldine Bahn & Family
Feb. 9 Gary & Dot Mann
Feb. 16 Gerry & Cindy Roth
Feb. 23 Open

BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)

Feb. 2 Jon & Kate Frye
Feb. 9 Open
Feb. 16 Rodney & Joyce Smyser & family
Feb. 23 Deb & Denny Shue

BREAD & WINE (\$10/wk.)

Feb. 2 Open
Feb. 9 Gloria Witmer
Feb. 16 Open
Feb. 23 Open

DVD MINISTRY (\$10/wk.)

Feb. 2 Open
Feb. 9 Ira & Gloria Keech & family
Feb. 16 Marguerite Keller
Feb. 23 Treva Albright

PARISH MESSENGER

Gary & Dot Mann / Carl Smyser family

SANCTUARY LAMP

Open

OPEN 2020 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)

Our Compassion sponsorship of Marko has ended because he has reached the age of 22. We have sponsored Marko for about 17 years of his life, and he wrote a letter thanking us for all of our support. Compassion will be sending us a new child, but our Youth and Family Committee is not able to take on this project at this time. If your family would like to sponsor a Compassion Child, please check with the Pastors or the church office. The cost is about \$40 a month.

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)

Our theme verse for this year is: "They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away."

For Adults:

Parents of Faith – prayer and Bible study of relevant topics for parents as they raise their children in the faith – this class will be meeting in the crib nursery (for this last month of construction.)

Lutheran Theology – The LT class will be studying our Lutheran liturgical heritage using *A Liturgical Catechism* by Rev. Dan Biles, formerly of St. Paul's Spring Grove. Join us to learn more about one of the major things that makes us Lutheran. We are meeting in Room 10.

Concordia Bible Study - is studying the Book of Romans and is meeting in the CYC room

For Youth:

Nursery – Age 3 will be in the nursery room (2nd room from the end.)

Pre-K – K – will be in room 5 – will continue in new curriculum, Enduring Faith. We are doing a new testament exploration including Jesus preaches on the mount, Jesus calms a storm, Jesus feeds five thousand and Jesus heals.

Grades 1-2 will be in room 3

Grades 3-6 will be on the stage

Confirmation (7-8) will be in the pastor's office – we are starting our study of the Apostles' Creed

Senior High Youth & Young Adult (9-12) in the youth room

Upcoming activities for EVERYONE!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Super Bowl of Caring February 2 (we join in this national event to collect money for hunger causes. The youth will have soup pots to collect a free will offering after both services.)

College Care Packing and Game Day February 9

In addition to packing the care boxes for our college students we will be having lunch followed by crafts and games for all ages. Bring your favorite board game and join in the fun as we send love to our members in college and then have some fun with board games and crafts. (12:30 – 3:00)

Third Thursday Huddle in the New Year:

February 20

5:30 Pizza and Fellowship

6:00 Adult Bible Study

Children's Praise in Motion (Dance and fun with Miss Monica for Pre-school through grade 4)

Youth activities for Grades 5 and up

Learn to Knit

Are you interested in learning a fun and productive new skill? Can you teach someone to knit?

Social Ministry would like to host a **Learn to Knit party** March 14th. Come learn to knit, get free needles and yarn to make a scarf. Refreshments of course.

All Ages are invited. Bring a friend, grandchild or neighbor. Please call Donna Rinehart, 292-5258 if you are interested. We are just canvassing for level of interest, no commitment at this time.

Lent is a blessed time when we can contemplate the meaning of Christ's great sacrifice of His life for the forgiveness of our sins. Lent can be an enriching spiritual journey as we seek to deepen our commitment to faith knowing that Christ who has given his all for us will not forsake us. This year our Lenten midweek services begin of course on Ash Wednesday Feb. 26th with a meal served from 6:00pm -6:45pm and then continuing for the next 5 weeks in Fellowship Hall every Wednesday until Holy Week. Please come and invite a friend.

The Parents of Faith Class is hosting our 11th "Crop to Stop Hunger" scrapbook event, which benefits the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry. Please join us on Saturday March 14, 2020 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.



Phase II Sharing the light of Christ update

What wonderful things God is doing among us here at Saint Paul. We are just weeks away from being able to enjoy our building improvements and as we wait and watch we have also been able to rejoice in the strong financial support that so many of our members have been giving to this project. We started off with \$162, 802 in the capital fund. Then in 2018 before we even got started, we received another \$295,674. Now in 2019 we received \$457,904 for a grand total of \$918,580. The really amazing thing is that we are only one year into our 5-year pledges! God is good. If you have not had the opportunity to give to the project you can jump on board at any time. Extra tithes and offerings are always welcome in any of our 4 funds. Please keep in mind the current needs that continue throughout this process.

There are a number of exciting things in the works in terms of celebrating our updated facility. We are planning to have a festive worship service on February 23rd as our first worship service back in the Nave. We will have one worship service that day at 9:30 and move from the Fellowship Hall back to the sanctuary as we give thanks to God for blessing us with the renewed entry area, offices and parlor.

Then on April 25th we will have a special outreach project to involve the whole community followed by another Celebration service on April 26th.

One other piece of news: We plan to start moving into the new offices on **February 18th. If you have time to help us with the move it would be greatly appreciated** (bonus: all helpers will get a sneak preview of the building renovations!)

THANKS BE TO GOD!



FORWARD IN FAITH

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PHASE II COMPLETION

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FEBRUARY 23 CELEBRATION SUNDAY

8:30 Breakfast

9:30 Worship (beginning in FH and ending in the Nave)

11:00 Coffee and Dessert Social

SATURDAY APRIL 25 COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE FESTIVAL

9 AM – NOON

FEATURING WJTL KIDS COOKIE BREAK!

FEED THE HUNGER (FOOD PACKAGING PROJECT)

GAMES, FACE PAINTING

CRAFT AND BAKE SALE



APRIL 26 DEDICATION SUNDAY

9:30 WORSHIP WITH PASTOR MARK VANDER TUIG
PREACHING

SPECIAL MUSIC

FOLLOWED BY CONGREGATIONAL MEAL

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