



**SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PARISH MESSENGER**

February 2021

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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dedicated to the Glory of God...in loving memory of
Charles & Esther Kilburn by the family
in memory of Cpl. Luke Smyser Runyan who was
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Pastors' Letter for the February 2021 Newsletter

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”-Matthew 11:4

It is wonderful to think that the rich seasons of the Church year invite us into a greater understanding of our Lord's life, mission, and redemptive triumph. One day in the future most people will not even know what Covid-19 is about, it will be relegated to that myriad of historical events, that is largely forgotten. But when the church observes Lent countless millions of Christians around the world today participate.

Indeed, at Saint Paul we are planning a very robust Lenten schedule which begins on Feb. 17 with Ash Wednesday and continues into the Easter Vigil service on Saturday April 3rd, during which we have a transition to the joy of Easter.

Throughout Lent we will have our mid-week services and special Holy Week services beginning at 7 PM, on Good Friday we will have one at both noon and 7 PM, both identical. The theme this year is based on an excellent resource entitled “Jesus, Peter, and Me” that really looks at the meaning of Our Lord's suffering and redemption through the lens of the disciple Peter's experience, you won't want to miss it.

In addition to this series we will have a number of other enrichments for the Lenten season including our own devotional booklet newly written via our Stewardship Committee and based on the theme of hope. Add to this several mid-week commemorations of saints simple services, a Good Friday prayer vigil, our CABS (Conversations about the Bible Study) and the Bible Studies themselves and there will be much to enrich our Lenten experience.

Indeed, you may want to look at a presentation Pastor Paul will be hosting on Face Book Live and at church on simplicity and Lent, more details to come via e-mail and the bulletin.

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.

We are not having our regular Sunday School classes at this time. We will be monitoring the Covid situation and will respond as advised.

If you are not receiving a copy of the Sunday bulletin by regular mail and would like to receive one please call the church office.

Please note that we are resuming our Saturday morning worship service in the Narthex, Library area.

This half hour service includes lessons, a sermon and Holy Communion. Face masks are required and no singing. This will take place throughout February and March.

Women of the Word

Women of the Word will not be meeting in February due to the rise in Covid 19. We invite all ladies to join us in our time of study and fellowship once we start meeting again.

The Men's group is not meeting in February. We will resume meetings when the community spread of COVID 19 starts to decline.



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

SPONSORSHIPS

ALTAR FLOWERS (\$40/wk)

Feb. 7 Geraldine Bahn & Family
Feb. 14 Gary & Dot Mann
Feb. 21 Gerry & Cindy Roth
Feb. 28 John & Linda Sherman

BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)

Feb. 7 Jon & Kate Frye
Feb. 14 Doug Eash
Feb. 21 Rodney & Joyce Smyser & Family
Feb. 28 Denny & Deb Shue

BREAD & WINE (\$10/wk.)

Feb. 7 Carl Smyser
Feb. 14 Gloria Witmer
Feb. 21 Carl Smyser
Feb. 28 Carl Smyser

MAILING MINISTRY (\$10/wk.)

Feb. 7 Carl Smyser
Feb. 14 Ira & Gloria Keech
Feb. 21 Mike & Marguerite Keller
Feb. 28 Treva Albright

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Gary & Dot Mann / Carl Smyser

SANCTUARY LAMP

Carl Smyser

OPEN 2021 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)



Book Club will meet on February 18 at 1:30 and we will discuss: A **Quiet Strength: The Life and Legacy of Jeannette M. Cathy by Trudy Cathy White.**

This easy to read account of the life of Mrs. Cathy wife of the founder of Chick Fil A will provide a great discussion of her Christian approach to life.

Bible Study for February

One of the enriching features of church life is our common desire to delve further into the Holy Scriptures.

This winter/spring we will be looking at the books of First and Second Peter. God's word has great inspiration for our times of suffering and reminds us always to be compassionate to others in their times of need.

There is great encouragement in these books to maintain faithfulness in the face of temptations and to look for Christ's coming again.

So join us in person or by Zoom on Thursdays, the morning session is held here at the church in the Parlor at 10AM (Zoom is also available), the evening Zoom session is held at 7PM, the invitation to which will be included in the Wednesday and Thursday daily prayer e-mail for that week. The Bible Sessions will be held on **February 11, 18, and 25.**

Third Thursday – Now we have 4 B's – Bible Study, Bingo, Bag lunch and Book Club! Friends in Christ (our group for widows, widowers and friends) has a substitute activity until we can hit the road again. On February 18. we will meet at 11:15 (right after Bible study). We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall and have plenty of room for social distancing. We will use paper bingo papers and stamps. Small prizes will be given out. We will have a socially distanced lunch as well. Hopefully, Covid will end soon and we can go back to some of our fun outings, but in the meantime, we can have fun together in our nice big building! Pass the word around.

The Quilting group is in need of sheets for backs and shear or thin material for the middle layer of the quilts. These can sometimes be found at Good Will or Community Aid (anyone over age 55 gets half price for their entire order on Tuesdays and school employees and students get half price on Thursdays!) These quilts are a great way to share love with those in need.



An updated list of Saint Paul volunteers is needed for our monthly rotation at the Harvest of Home Food Pantry. Please contact Deb Shue if you would like to continue to volunteer or would like to be added to the current volunteer roster. The community we serve is extremely grateful for your time and talent!
Contact info: 717-887-8650 or dshue522@gmail.com



HARVEST OF HOPE NEEDS
The food pantry is unable to accept any food donations at this time until further notice. Monetary donations may be made to the church and marked "pantry"

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who so generously gave the beautiful, colorful scarves to be distributed through Harvest of Hope! We sent 125 scarves this year with a bible verse and invitation to worship.

Dear Church Family, Thank you for thinking of us on our wedding day. Thanks for the prayers and for the card.
Love, Jessica and Josh Markle

Thank you to the congregation for the prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy following the death of Evan Allison. Your support was very much appreciated.
Dave and Ginny Crowell

Dear Church Members, I wanted to thank the members of the congregation for the Christmas cards I received. It was nice to know I was being thought of. Sincerely,
Gerald (Jerry) Brown

Pastor Sally & Paul, Thank ya'll for all the support you have given to me and my family. Thank you for doing mom and dad's funeral service. It was great comfort that you did the service for us. Thank you for always being there and caring for mom and Wayne. There is not a lot of people in this world as special as mom was, she was a great role model for me and others. I am so lonely, and heartbroken without them, but I know they are in eternal life and I will be with them again one day. Thank you for the kind words in the service and thank you for your continued support, thoughts and prayers. They will be missed forever. Thank you and Love you, Crystal Cole

THANK YOU

Dear Friends of Asaph Teaching Ministry, The Asaph Teaching Ministry Board of Directors would like to thank you for your generous contribution to Andy Stump's ministry located in Pas-bwa-dom, Haiti. Andy continues to present Jesus Christ in the rural Haitian community on lesson at a time. This year Andy will mark twenty-nine years of mission work in Haiti. Since 2012, Asaph Teaching Ministry has been growing. The ministry now includes more than one brass band. Andy's musical education program at the Asaph Teaching Center includes multiple versions of the Asaph Brass Band that plays throughout parts of southern Haiti for churches services, weddings, parades, and other special events. Other areas of ministry including the Academy of Football (soccer), the Bible Academy, the Asaph Radio programs, and the Asaph tuition assistance program. Recently Asaph has also embraced agriculture with Courtois Emtz, a Haitian man who also shares the Asaph vision of teaching. Andy also authors and translates educational materials used throughout Haiti. These activities are made possible through the continued and generous support of Asaph Teaching Ministry sponsors. Andy and the board of directors thank you for your donation of \$1,600.00 to Asaph Teaching Ministry. Sincerely, Sandy Bender, Secretary, Asaph Teaching Ministry

OUR DAILY BREAD



Our dessert for February is **blueberry muffins**. We need 30 dozen by 9:00am on Friday, Feb.19th. **We are asking that you please**

individually wrap all Our Daily Bread snacks please. If you can contribute some muffins, please contact Kate Frye at 792-1650. Thank you!

Worship in February

- Feb. 7** **Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**
First Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39
- Feb. 14** **Transfiguration of Our Lord**
First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35
Second Lesson: 2 Corinth. 3:12-13,4:1-6
Gospel: Mark 9:2-9
- Feb. 17** **Ash Wednesday**
First Lesson: Joel 2:12-19
Second Lesson: 2 Corinth. 5:20b-6:10
Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6,16-21
- Feb. 21** **First Sunday in Lent**
First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-18
Second Lesson: James 1:12-18
Gospel: Mark 1:9-15
- Feb. 28** **Second Sunday in Lent**
First Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7,15-16
Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11
Gospel: Mark 8:27-38



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

Experience the Blessings of Lent

The springtime of our souls!

Beginning Ash Wednesday February 17
at 7:00 pm (touch free imposition of Ashes)
and Holy Communion

Explore the Life of Peter
each Wednesday through March 31 and
see how pride, complacency, discipleship,
cleansing, death and new life are dealt with
in our spiritual journeys.

All services will be in person at 7:00 p.m.
and will also be Live streamed.

Also, pick up or have hand delivered a
Lenten family devotional bag with fun items
for all ages.

Come grow your faith life with us this Lent!