

March 2019

"Proclaim"

The Newsletter of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



DATES TO REMEMBER

Three Words

of
TRUTH

March 6, 13, 20, 27

Lenten Worship
3:30 PM – Wonewoc
6:00 PM - Hillsboro
Fellowship Suppers
4:30 PM – Wonewoc
5:00 PM - Hillsboro

March 8

Pre-K Classroom Visit Day

March 9

Science and Fine Arts Fair
Luther High

March 10

Daylight Saving Time
Begins
All School Sings
@ 10:30 AM

March 25-29

Spring Break – No School

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From the Pastor

A Reflective Journey

"Let a person examine himself" (1 Corinthians 11:28).

If you've ever watched a TV show or a movie (who hasn't?) or read a book (hopefully, that's still common?), you've probably been frustrated by one of the characters in the story. A common tension in a story plot is a character not being able to see something that everyone else (or at least the viewer / reader) sees, often something about himself/herself. If they could see it, and sometimes they finally do, what a difference it would make!

I doubt that it's common practice in our world for people to examine themselves honestly. Maybe I'm just too cynical and skeptical (that can happen when you get... well... older), but I think a lot of people don't have the humility and courage to be honest with themselves. And I get it. It's not easy to look at yourself and say, "I failed," or, "I need to change," or, "I need to try harder," or, "I need to let go."

The season of Lent begins March 6th. Lent is a season of repentance that begins with a service of repentance on Ash Wednesday. It not only offers an opportunity for reflection but really demands it in an honest and humble way. This also takes courage.

When we reflect on our lives compared to the law of God, we can come to no other conclusion than that we have sinned. "But I know that," we say. "Why do we always need to keep bringing it up?"

Because we forget. Easily. Because we live in an ever-changing world with every changing ideas of right and wrong that don't take the Almighty into consideration. Because Satan is on the prowl in ever more clever and subversive ways in order to lead us to unbelief and damnation. That's why we keep bringing it up.

And there is one more reason. At the very least, we need to keep bringing up the fact that we are sinners so that we never forget (remember how easily we do that?) how great, valuable, precious, impactful, necessary, (insert favorite adjective here), and impossibly salvific (saving) the work of Christ for us is. Jesus made what was impossible—having an eternal, perfect relationship with God—not only possible, but a reality for all who trust in him.

The wider context of the verse from 1 Corinthians is this:

"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the Lord's body and blood. ²⁸ Instead, let a person examine himself and after doing so, let him eat of the bread and drink from the cup" (1 Co 11:27,28).

Self-examination is also a part of receiving the Lord's Supper. We reflect on ourselves and our Savior. There will be many opportunities to receive the Lord's Supper over the next two months.

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[Side note: I'll use this opportunity to encourage you to take it every time it's offered, even if it means communing two days in a row, or 3 times in 4 days (which will be the case if you worship on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), or twice on Easter (we will be offering the Lord's Supper at both services this year). You don't have to, but why not?] If you haven't used it before, or haven't used it in a while, turn to p. 156 in the front of the hymnal before you commune next time, and use the Personal Preparation for Holy Communion. It's very helpful. Not only does it help us recognize our sins, confess, and repent, but it also reminds us what Jesus has done for us and what we are then receiving in the Lord's Supper. This self-examination will lead to a joyous receiving of the Lord's Supper and a blessed Lenten journey.

DIVINE CALL

Mr. Rick Zimmerman and Mrs. Sarah Zimmerman have accepted calls to teach at St. John – St. James Lutheran School in Reedsville, WI. We give thanks for the ministry that both Mr. Zimmerman and Mrs. Zimmerman have so faithfully carried out in our congregation and pray that God will continue to bless them in this new call.

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING

A special voters' meeting has been scheduled for March 17, right after the 10:30 service. The purpose of this meeting is to extend a divine call for a teacher/principal to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Zimmerman's departure at the end of this school year. A second item on the agenda will be to obtain final approval for the installation of a new church sign. All members are encouraged to attend.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

If you are a parent of a preschooler or know of someone interested in enrolling their child in our 3-year-old or 4-year-old early childhood program, enrollment is beginning now for the 2019-2020 school year.

Our preschool programs have been designed with an emphasis on the Word of God and a close adherence to state curriculum.

We would love to have your child join our family here at St. Paul's. We are having a classroom visitation day on March 8 from 8:00 – 11:30 AM. Bring your child, look around and see what our program has to offer. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have. If you can't make it on that day, just give us a call at 608-464-3212 and we would be happy to send you more information.



"Three Words of Truth" is the theme for this year's Lenten worship. Area pastors will be preaching on a rotational schedule at each church as they have in previous years. There will be a 3:30 PM service each Wednesday here in Wonewoc and a 6:00 PM service at St. Paul, Hillsboro for each Wednesday in Lent. This worship sharing is part of a cooperative worship schedule with Wonewoc, Hillsboro and Elroy congregations. Please feel free to attend which ever service is more convenient for you.

March Birthdays

**This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it...Psalm 118:24**

1. Robin Degner
2. Sherryl Lankey, Donne Roehling
3. Carol Beechler, Cora Young
4. Barney Baldwin, Lacy Burns, Aliyah Solchenberger
5. Katie Pagel
6. Pam Abbott, Ronald Burfeind, Angel Ennis
7. Kaitlin Elder
8. Honna Anderson, Kasey Penshorn, Kevin Wright
9. Kylee Souvannasone
11. Janice Pagel, Cole Stanek
12. Ben Field, Jacob Hepp
14. Valerie Hagemann, Lana Kennedy, Andrew Leavitt, Emma Mildbrand
15. Bruce Schroeder
16. Anna Bender, Annette Hug, Brooks Mitchell, Andrew Voigt
17. John Gehri, Makenna Haugh, Jaxon Oetzman, Tom Schraufnagel, James Thornson Jr.
19. Merry Preston, Tyler Roloff, Alma Schnurr, Angie Schultz, Stacie Vogler
20. Brent Demaske, Avery Erie, Skeeter Jaech, Nick Schultz
21. Cassidy Burns, Autum Jaech, Elaine Pattridge, Noah Wafle
22. Nia Anderson, Amber Brooks, Alieth Degner
23. Kody Pagel
24. Sid Schroeder
27. Paula Danklefsen
28. Oliver Barton, Alexander Radavich, Pam Rick, Akyah Trankle
29. Karen Dempsey, Kenton Lindemeyer, Ardith Schroeder
30. Thom Herrewig, Sr.
31. Justin Haugh, Rudy Herrewig, Larry Laack

**If we missed your birthday, we're sorry.
Please let us know and we will make the correction.**



School Scoop

Celebrating 137 Years of
Christian Education

This month will see a lot of activity for our students. On March 8th & 9th, some of our 6-8 graders will be joining children from St. Paul's, Mauston, in a co-ed basketball tournament at Luther Preparatory School with other WELS schools. Our 3-8 grades have worked on their science projects and will be on display in the month of March. On March 9th, we have students competing in Instrumental and Piano at the Science and Fine Arts Fair at Luther High School.

Every classroom will be bringing their gifts to the Lenten services each Wednesday where they will sing before the congregation.

Our Christian Education will be celebrated the week of March 10th. God's command to us as Christians is clear: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16). The mission statement of St. Paul's Lutheran School is to use "God's Word in a Christ-centered education to assist families in training students for Christian lives on earth and for eternity." It is with these two statements in mind that our school works to assist our churches and community to have a place where children may daily come to sit at the feet of Jesus, as it were, to hear and learn his Word, and to study the regular school subjects under the direction and supervision of teachers who have been trained to use and apply God's Word throughout the day. We thank and praise the Lord that we have Christian Education available for our children. We pray that he continues to bless our efforts as the children grow in their understanding of God's love for them, and that their foundation is set on Christ!



Christian Education Week – March 10-15

St. Paul's School will be celebrating Christian Education Week, this week.
Each day **highlights a different activity as follows:**



- ❖ **Sunday - All School Students** will be singing at the 10:30 AM service.
- ❖ **Monday - Family Lunch Day** Parents, grandparents and siblings are invited to come eat lunch with your student. Chicken Casserole is the entree. **Please let us know by Friday, March 8th, if you will be eating.** Monday is also Sports Day. Wear clothing with your favorite sport or sports team.
- ❖ **Tuesday – Hat Day** Wear your favorite hat to school for the day!
- ❖ **Wednesday – Classroom Swap Day.** Students will be swapping classrooms for part of the day. ***Panther Parents/School Families are hosting the fellowship lunch after the 3:30 PM Lenten service.***
- ❖ **Thursday - Alumni Breakfast** All alumni and school families are invited to join us before school for rolls and breakfast beverages. **Crazy Day!** Wear your wackiest outfit to school!
- ❖ **Friday – Panther Pride Day** Show your school spirit by dressing in school logo clothing or school colors. A scavenger hunt is planned for an afternoon activity.

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR WILL BE OPEN:

3/10 Sunday – Between services and for 30 min. after 2nd service
 3/11 Monday – Before school and during family lunch
 3/12 Tuesday – Before school
 3/13 Wednesday – Before school
 3/14 Thursday – Before school and during alumni breakfast
 3/15 Friday – Before school
 3/17 Sunday – Between services and for 30 min. after 2nd service



MORE NEWS

Highlights - Board of Trustees Meeting February 26, 2019

Call to order 6:30 PM by Chairman Steve Fick
Pastor Snyder opened meeting with devotion from Acts 1:24

The minutes of 12-18-18 were approved.

Pastor's Report presented by Pastor Snyder

1. The inclement winter weather has impacted church attendance.
2. Lent begins Wednesday March 6 with services at 3:30pm in Wonewoc and 6pm in Hillsboro (none in Elroy).
3. We will be mailing out Easter postcards invitations to homes in area.
4. Volunteers from Wonewoc/Hillsboro/Elroy congregations will meet soon to discuss options for combined ministry.

Elder's Report presented by Sam Mobley

1. Reaching out to encourage inactive members.
2. The Head Usher program is being re-established.

Principal's Report presented by Principal Zimmerman

1. Grades 3-8 are working on Science projects that will be displayed in school and church basement.
2. School will now end on May 31 with graduation on May 30.
3. Christian Education week starts March 10 with Scholastic Book Fair being held during this time.

Education Committee Report presented by Troy Gander

1. Tuition assistance given to 4 families. Mid-year notices will be sent to families with balances.
2. Various building maintenance issues are being addressed

Finance Committee Report I

1. General Fund Debt is \$105,730.76.
2. Have had to borrow \$5000 for mid-February expenses and may have to also borrow for February 28 expenses.
3. Tammy Wells has had no feedback from 2 adjacent property owners of Dutch Hollow Lake property.

Unfinished Business

1. Items on hold: Building & Grounds Inspection Committee; School door access control system; Church organ refurbishment or replacement; Parking along south side of church/school; tree trimming along bluff and in front of teacherage.
2. Basement repair is about 99% done.
3. Church sign proposal amount is \$18,886. It will be presented to the voters for final approval

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New Business

1. Principal Zimmerman has accepted his call to Reedsville, WI. A motion was approved to request a call list and schedule a special voters' meeting to call a new principal

Next Trustee Meeting April 16 at 6:30pm

The meeting was adjourned, and Pastor Snyder led closing with Lord's Prayer

"This & That" ...

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS

We will begin a weekly Bible study on Monday, March 11, from 6:30-7:30, for those interested in finding out more about what we believe and teach at St. Paul's. If you know someone that is interested or could benefit from a look at the basic teachings of the Bible, please let them know and consider joining them to help them feel comfortable. Or if you'd like a refresher for yourself, join us. We'll meet in the church basement and have coffee and water bottles available.

MILK MOOLA INCENTIVE PROGRAM ENDING

Kwik Trip is ending their "Milk Moola" program. All milk caps and bag labels need to be sent in to the company by March 31. Therefore, we are asking that you have any caps or labels to the school/church basement by March 25.

"SPRING AHEAD" ON MARCH 10!

Daylight Saving begins on March 10 at 2:00 AM. Remember to turn your clocks ahead 1-hour Saturday

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE 2019

Registration is now open for the Women's Ministry Conference, to be held July 18-20 at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown. The theme is "Living Stones – Positioned to Thrive." Cost for the conference is \$130 until April 30th, \$150 after that. Cost for students is \$100 for students until May 30th, \$150 after that. For more information and to register, go to wels.net/wmconference.

FARM STRESS AND SUICIDE AWARENESS FORUM

St. Peter's, 325 Mill St., Loganville is hosting its third forum on Farm Stress and Suicide Awareness on Wednesday, March 13, noon-2:00 p.m. A freewill lunch is included. The speakers in March will be Professor Emeritus Roger T. Williams, who taught at UW-Madison and is the co-founder of Harvest of Hope; and Frank Friar, who serves as *Economic Specialist: Financial Consulting & Farm Succession Planning* from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection.



March 2019



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 8:05 AM Chapel | 2 |
| 3 Gr. 1-2 Sing @ 10:30 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:15 AM Fellowship, Sunday School, Bible Class | 4 | 5 6:00 PM Public School Catechism | 6 ASH WEDNESDAY Jr. Choir Sings 3:30 PM Lenten Worship - Wonewoc 6:00 PM Lenten Worship - Hillsboro 8:00 PM Sr. Choir | 7 9:30 AM Mid-Week Bible Study 6:30 PM Mid-Week Bible Study | 8 8:00 - 11:30 Classroom Visit Day for Pre-School 8:05 AM Chapel Luther Prep Co-ed | 9 8:00 AM Science & Fine Arts Fair - Luther High, Onalaska 8:00 AM Elders Meeting BB Tournament |
| 10 All School Sings @ 10:30 8:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Fellowship, Sunday School, Bible Study | 11 | 12 9:30 AM Circuit Meeting-Reedsburg 6:00 PM Public School Catechism 6:30 PM Panther Parents 7:00 PM Education Committee | 13 Gr. 6-8 Sings 3:30 PM Lenten Worship - Wonewoc 6:00 PM Lenten Worship - Hillsboro 8:00 PM Sr. Choir | 14 9:30 AM Mid-Week Bible Study 6:30 PM Mid-Week Bible Study | 15 8:05 AM Chapel | 16 |
| Christian Education Week | | | | | | |
| 17 Kindergarten Sings @ 10:30 8:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Worship with Communion 9:15 AM Fellowship, Sunday School, Bible Study | 18 | 19 1:30 PM Care Ministry 6:00 PM Public School Catechism | 20 Gr. 1-2 Sings 3:30 PM Lenten Worship - Wonewoc 6:00 PM Lenten Worship - Hillsboro 8:00 PM Sr. Choir | 21 9:30 AM Mid-Week Bible Study 6:30 PM Mid-Week Bible Study Jr. Choir Sings | 22 8:05 AM Chapel | 23 |
| 24 Gr. 3-5 Sing @ 10:30 8:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Fellowship, Sunday School, Bible Study 4:00 PM Hymn Sing and Potluck | 25 9:00 AM Newsletter Article and Calendar Deadline | 26 6:00 PM Public School Catechism | 27 Sr. Choir Sings 3:30 PM Lenten Worship - Wonewoc 6:00 PM Lenten Worship - Hillsboro 8:00 PM Sr. Choir | 28 9:30 AM Mid-Week Bible Study 6:30 PM Mid-Week Bible Study | 29 8:05 AM Chapel 10:00 AM Circuit Pastors Spring Meeting - Mauston | 30 |
| Spring Break - No School | | | | | | |
| 31 8:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Fellowship, Sunday School, Bible Study |  <p>FELLOWSHIP SUPPER HOSTS After 3:30 PM Worship - Lent Wednesdays MARCH 6 - LADIES AID MARCH 13 - SCHOOL FAMILIES MARCH 20 - TRUSTEES AND ELDERS MARCH 27 - SR. CHOIR APRIL 3 - POT LUCK APRIL 10 - STEERING AND CEMETERY COMMITTEES</p> | | | | | |



ST. PAUL'S LADIES AID

The ladies and their faithful pastor meet the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm. Pastor always shares a message from God's Word and this past month he presented news from the One Africa Team on how digital technology is assisting the spread of the Gospel even in the remote areas of that vast continent.

Vice President, Vera Gehri, chaired the meeting in the absence of president, Betty Burfiend. Secretary's and treasurer's reports were given.

The LWMS report was given by our congregation's reporter, Dianne Pacl. We as members of the Scenic South Central LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) Circuit are supporting the following mission projects this year: Multi-Language Publications, in which Gospel materials are produced in the languages of the people in the mission fields, and the Pastoral Studies Institute, where support is given so men from different countries can prepare for the ministry and return to serve their people. We have envelopes in our church offering packet for March 10 marked LWMS. These offerings will be combined with offerings from the other 10 congregations of the circuit to support these mission endeavors. Please consider "Uniting to serve Jesus" (our LWMS motto) by contributing to these projects. On Thursday, April 25th, the circuit rally will be held at St. Paul's, Hillsboro. Watch for a bulletin flyer announcing more details on this.

In other business, the ladies voted to contribute \$200 for facility fuel assistance.

Ladies Aid serves fellowship on the first Sunday of each month and plans were made for March 3rd. Our next meeting falls on Ash Wednesday and Ladies Aid will be serving the meal after the 3:30 service. The menu will include BBQ sandwiches.

After the meeting closed, refreshments were served by Natalie Steckel and Janice Voigt.

If you are free Wednesday afternoons, please consider joining the ladies as we strive to serve our Lord and our fellow members at St. Paul's. If you cannot attend meetings, but would like to participate in any serving opportunities, please let us know.



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