



# MARCH EPISTLE

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL AND KINDER PLACE

MARCH 2016

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior!

What a wonderful time to be a part of St. Paul's. As you look around, there are so many great things happening all around us!

We have a great school. The Lord has blessed us with many more families and children here this year. For those who are keeping tabs on the numbers, we are up to 159 students, and we are expecting to receive a couple more right before Easter. We have a large group of students who are planning to continue their Lutheran education through their high school years at Lake Country Lutheran High School next year. We still have room to grow, so please keep talking about our great school!

We continue to make tweaks and changes to different areas and programs as the year progresses too. For example, we have started aligning our school curriculum with the Core Knowledge sequence this year. We have changed some of the class offerings, such as what is taught in history class. This change has allowed us to get much more in depth on topics than before, and actually teach topics that were not covered previously. We are very pleased with the changes made to the music department, doubling the number of classes offered and allowing students to be a part of multiple musical groups. We are looking forward to more positive changes coming for next year- hopefully more options for class offerings!

We have an amazing staff. All of our teachers are committed to the students and families here at St. Paul's, and it shows. It shows in how the teachers relate to the students, treating them as their own, as well as in the other personal and professional relationships they have. The staff has an insatiable love for learning, and for working with kids and families to try and develop that in the students. We are happy that our staff is a solid group, and that many have served here for many years, and we are thankful for the years to come with each one of our staff.

We have a good sports program. Our sports teams are a testament to our Lord, as they play for the One! Through the leadership and training of their volunteer coaches, our teams learn how to work together, build skills and character, and they do this while striving for excellence. Once again, we are sending our 7th and 8th grade basketball teams to the state tournament. The final seeding and scheduling is not quite done yet. The official announcements will be made in the next couple of weeks. We are also gearing up for the track season. Coaches meetings are already happening, and things are looking good for many opportunities to showcase each athlete's God-given talents.

We are also readying ourselves for another round of Summer Programming. Last year's inaugural round was very successful, and this year we are looking to be even better. We will have some of the same class offerings, and also some new ones! More information will be out at the end of February, early March for this. All are welcome to attend, and anyone is also welcome to come and teach a class, or share a skill during this fun time of more relaxed learning.

Next year will be another fantastic year here at St. Paul's. I know this is the case. How do I know? What is the source of my confidence? Jesus. We get to hear about Him, talk about Him, and learn about Him each and every day. What a blessing! What a gift! What an honor to share this with all of you, and with the Oconomowoc community!

*Principal Pickelmann*

## **“EVER-READY CLUB”**

Have you heard about the newest ministry at St. Paul's? It's called the "Ever-Ready Club." Any person 50+ years is invited to join us. Our next fellowship gathering is on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am. We meet in Room 219 at St. Paul's Lutheran School. Come and see what we are about! Delicious snacks will be provided.

Our last month's gathering featured Pastor John Kelling. He spoke about the life of Abraham Lincoln and had many artifacts to share with us.

## **St. Paul's Ladies Aid**

Happy St. Patrick's Day to you!

Thank you Pastor O'Donnell for speaking at our last meeting. He spoke about the confirmation curriculum at St. Paul's. Many of us remember our confirmation and classes here at St. Paul's a few years back. Good memories, though. Many of the ladies in our group did attend St. Paul's School.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Steve Scharnell will be our speaker. Enjoy treats by Sharon, Karen, Anne and Dorothy. Come and join us as welcome Pastor Scharnell and begin talks about our Mother~Daughter~Friend Banquet. Please bring cereal for the Lord's Cupboard.

**HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!**

## **“Living as a Minority”**

In modern America, Biblically faithful Christians and congregations are being viewed skeptically, marginalized, or even considered enemies of the state. Being a Biblically faithful Christian is increasingly a "minority position." How do we live faithfully in this environment? The book of *Acts* has a lot to say to us in this regard, for it records the beginning of the Church in the midst of the Roman Empire.

All early Christians left a "cultural majority" (whether Judaism or some form of paganism) because they were convinced that "Jesus is Lord." (Philippians 2:11) As Christians, they and their congregations had to learn to live faithfully as a minority in the midst of a sometimes hostile majority. That was their reality. From May 8 through November 20, 2016, St. Paul's will explore the book of *Acts* under the theme, "Living as a Minority," with a strong emphasis on applying the Christian faith to life in our culture.

Each week during this extended series we will have:

1. Sermon
2. Small Group Bible Study
3. Daily Devotion

Please prayerfully prepare to participate: in weekly worship, in Bible study, and in daily devotion. If you are interested in leading--or learning to lead--a small group Bible study please contact Pastor Lance O'Donnell at [podonnell@splco.org](mailto:podonnell@splco.org) or call 262-567-5001.

## **ST. PAUL'S CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORE**

Why go to a "dollar store" when you can go to your own Christian bookstore at St. Paul's in the Fellowship Hall? Individual cards are \$1.00 each. "Thee Bookstore" has a wide variety of cards for all occasions, napkins, Bibles, many books for all ages, stickers, and much more. Get your Easter and Confirmation items. Visit "Thee Bookstore" and see all that is available. Open on Sunday mornings, or call the church office at 262.567.5001.

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1st  
Peggy McClintock

March 13  
Richard Allen

March 2nd  
Sandra Reddelien

March 18th  
Carol Lenz

March 4th  
Jean Buss

March 19th  
James Holzhueter

March 6th  
Darlene Adams  
Sheila Rams  
Virginia Schlender  
Dennis Zastrow

March 20th  
Gerri Zwieng  
March 21st  
Rev. Paul Borgman

March 8th  
Diane Gartzke

March 24th  
Ann Duggan

March 9th  
Duane Peterson  
Dale Weber

March 25th  
Werner Franz  
John Simaras

March 10th  
Duane Olson

March 30th  
Priscilla Eaton

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## MEMORIALS

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### WORSHIP & STUDY

Saturday	5:30 pm
Sunday (Traditional)	8:00 am
Sunday (Contemporary)	10:30 am
Bible Class	9:15 am
Time to Grow (Sunday School)	9:15 am
LIFE Together on Wednesdays	6:30 pm

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### RADIO BROADCASTS:

8:00 am Sunday Worship  
Live on WTKM 104.9 FM/1540 AM  
& [www.wtkm.com](http://www.wtkm.com)

### DEVOTION LINE

567-1001

### THE KINDER PLACE

Christian Pre-School & Day Care  
Director Christine Flores 567-4881

Epistle Editor-Heather Scheuer

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Newsletter dead line for articles,  
announcements and features is the  
2nd Wednesday of the month

PLEASE ADVISE THE CHURCH OFFICE OF  
ANY ADDRESS CHANGES

## JANUARY SMILES THAW HUNGER

Feeding America in Oconomowoc brings 12,000 lbs. of food the third Friday of each month to a host site for distribution to more than 220 needy families. Our Savior's Lutheran Church and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, both of Oconomowoc, coordinate the program, the volunteers, food collection and distribution. Shorehaven has offered its newly acquired warehouse as a host site for the program. Shorehaven will host the site through March, when Feeding America moves to a city park area for the spring and summer.



## Esrael Land Update

At our last regular meeting of the Voters' Assembly on January 31, 2016, the motion to put the Esrael land up for sale passed 47-1, with 5 abstentions. Our next step in the process will be to hire a commercial real estate agent, get the land appraised, determine a sale price, and list the property for sale. Once a reasonable offer, as determined by the Parish Planning Council (PPC) and the Land Committee, has been received, the PPC will call another meeting of the Voters' Assembly to accept or reject the offer. If you have questions, please contact Jon Schmeling, Executive Director, through the church office at 262.567.5001.

## LWML

### Lutheran Women's Missionary League Lutheran Women in Mission

What is a Mustard Seed?...In 1971 the LWML developed a series of short personal Bible studies called Mustard Seeds. They were individual leaflets in a checkbook sized packet designed for personal use and as an evangelism tool for home or work on various topics. Now you can access a daily email Mustard Seed devotion by signing up under the option "The Word" at [www.LWML.org](http://www.LWML.org).

LWML will meet Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>8:00 am Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:15 am Bible Study</p> <p>9:15 am Public School Confirmation</p> <p>9:15 am Time to Grow (Sun Sch)</p> <p>9:20 am Blood Pressure Screening</p> <p>10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>5:30 pm Lord's Open Party</p>	<p>7:00 pm All Boards</p>	<p>12:00 pm Lenten Hymn Sing</p> <p>12:15 pm Lenten Worship</p> <p>5:20 pm Parish Choir</p> <p>6:00 pm Lenten Hymn Sing</p> <p>6:15 pm Lenten Worship</p> <p>7:20 pm Adult Choir Practice</p> <p>8:45 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:30 am Journey Men</p> <p>8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>
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<p>6:00 am Sunrise Worship</p> <p>7:00 am Easter Breakfast</p> <p>8:00 am Traditional Worship</p> <p>10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>6:00 pm Stephen Leaders</p> <p>7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>6:20 pm Parish Choir</p> <p>6:30 pm Life Together</p> <p>7:20 pm Adult Choir Practice</p> <p>8:45 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p>

## SEARCHING FOR PRAISE TEAM MUSICIANS

St. Paul's church is searching for musicians to join its Praise Teams. If you are interested in singing or playing contemporary music and helping lead the worship service to praise our Lord, please call Sara at 262.490.2879.

We need:

- Keyboardist
- Horns (trumpet, saxophone, trombone, etc.)
- Drummer
- Vocalists (male and female)
- Sound System Operators

### MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

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- ◆ Communicate effectively with infants, their parents, and other staff

#### **Minimum requirements:**

- ◆ High school diploma or GED
- ◆ Course work required includes 2 entry level courses in early childhood (EC I & II), Infant/Toddler course, and CPR.
- ◆ Demonstrate skills that address developmental needs of infants and children

We are willing to assist the right candidate in obtaining the required education/training.

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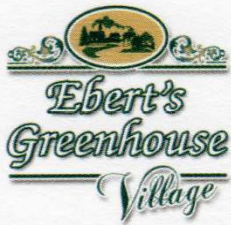
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**LENT ~ HOLY WEEK ~ EASTER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Wednesday, March 2	Midweek Lenten Worship	12:00 pm Hymn Sing 6:00 pm Hymn Sing	12:15 pm Worship 6:15 pm Worship
Wednesday, March 9	Midweek Lenten Worship	12:00 pm Hymn Sing 6:00 pm Hymn Sing	12:15 pm Worship 6:15 pm Worship
Wednesday, March 16	Midweek Lenten Worship	12:00 pm Hymn Sing 6:00 pm Hymn Sing	12:15 pm Worship 6:15 pm Worship
Monday, March 21	Holy Monday Worship	12:15 pm & 7:00 pm	
Tuesday, March 22	Holy Tuesday Worship	12:15 pm & 7:00 pm	
Wednesday, March 23	Holy Wednesday Worship	12:15 pm & 7:00 pm	
Thursday, March 24	Maundy Thursday Worship	12:15 pm & 7:00 pm	
Friday, March 25	Good Friday Worship	12:15 pm & 7:00 pm	
Saturday, March 26	Holy Saturday Worship	12:15 pm	
Sunday, March 27	Easter Sunday	6:00 am Sunrise Service 8:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am Contemporary Service	