

# MARCH EPISTLE



ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (ECC)

MARCH 2018



## From the Pastor

*Rev. Steve Scharnell*

I'm reading a book right now, "Wild at Heart" by John Eldredge. The subtitle is, "Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul". It is basically a book about Biblical manhood and talks about the dangers of complacency and how various things in our lives can steal our passion for the Lord. It is about how the enemy constantly tries to take our focus off of Jesus Christ.

Disclaimer: If you choose to read this book, do so with your Lutheran lenses on. I don't agree with everything he says. In some cases he takes some Scripture out of context. In some spots it is a little too "me" focused. But there are some very good points in this book, one of which I will share with you.

He makes a point of emphasizing the fact that we are constantly under attack by the enemy in many different and clever forms. He says that we take this too lightly and deny where the attacks are coming from. Here is one example. He suggests that everyone start a morning prayer routine along with devotion. He says to try it for two weeks and notice all of the excuses that surface, leading you away from prayer and devotions. Things that lead you away from God are not from God. They are either the devil, the world, or our sinful nature. But they all come from the same source, the enemy's rebellion against God.

So how do we fight this? We can't on our own. We are no match for angels, even if they are fallen ones. Regardless, there is a very real battle that goes on constantly for our souls, that God has equipped us for, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus has defeated death, but the enemy keeps fighting. He wants as much destruction as possible before his time is up.

This article may seem deep, but it is imperative that we acknowledge the dangers around us, spiritual dangers. The world does a thorough job of convincing us that the devil is far off somewhere, or even that he and his demons don't exist. C.S. Lewis explains this in the *Screwtape Letters*, which this is exactly what the devil wants. If we don't take him seriously, he can have his way. And we see it every day, don't we?

As God's children we can't fall into this trap. Jesus has won. He has destroyed sin, death, and the power of the devil. It is our calling to let people know. Please don't let this Lenten season go past without turning to God for His strength and power. If you don't already, start a morning prayer and devotion habit. We are the body of Christ. Dig in and stand up for the Truth. Put on the armor of God. Read and pray through Ephesians 6:13-18. The armor of God is real and given to us through His Son Jesus Christ. Dig into this throughout this Lenten Season. Come to the midweek services as well as the weekend services. Come to the Holy Week services. If you have never done this, it will change your understanding of what Jesus has done for you. The celebration of His resurrection on Easter will be greater and more meaningful than you have ever experienced.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6:00 pm Ladies Aid 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice 7:00 CLT Meeting	2	
3 8:00 am Women of Joy 5:00 pm Traditional Worship 8:30 pm AA Meeting						
4 8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Blood Pressure Screening 9:15 am Time to Grow 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Public School Confirmation 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 6:00 pm Sunday Night Alive (9-12)	5 5:30 pm Lord's Cupboard Open Pantry 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Leaders 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	6 7:00 pm LWML 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	7 12:00 pm Lenten Hymn Sing 12:15 pm Lenten Worship 5:20 pm Parish Choir 5:15 pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 pm Lenten Hymn Sing 6:30 pm Lenten Worship 7:20 pm Adult Choir Practice	8 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	9	10 7:30 am Journeymen 5:00 pm Traditional Worship 8:30 pm AA Meeting
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# LENT ~ HOLY WEEK ~ EASTER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, March 7	Midweek Lenten Worship	12:00 pm	Hymn Sing
		12:15 pm	Worship
Wednesday, March 14	Soup Supper in Fellowship Hall	5:15 pm	Soup Supper
	Midweek Lenten Worship	6:15 pm	Hymn Sing
		6:30 pm	Worship
Wednesday, March 21	Midweek Lenten Worship	12:00 pm	Hymn Sing
		12:15 pm	Worship
	Soup Supper in Fellowship Hall	5:15 pm	Soup Supper
	Midweek Lenten Worship	6:15 pm	Hymn Sing
		6:30 pm	Worship
Monday, March 26	Holy Week Worship	12:15 pm & 7:00 pm	Worship
Tuesday, March 27	Holy Week Worship	12:15 pm & 7:00 pm	Worship
Wednesday, March 28	Holy Week Worship	12:15 pm & 7:00 pm	Worship
Thursday, March 29	Maundy Thursday Worship	12:15 pm & 7:00 pm	Worship
Friday, March 30	Good Friday Worship	12:15 pm	Chief Service
	Good Friday Worship	7:00 pm	Tenebrae Service
Saturday, March 31	Holy Saturday Worship	12:15 pm	Worship
Sunday, April 1	Easter Sunrise Worship	6:00 am	Worship
	Easter Breakfast	7:00 am	Breakfast served by Youth
	Easter Traditional Worship	8:00 am	Worship
	Easter Contemporary Worship	10:30 am	Worship



Cheryl Oelsner shared slides at our February meeting of her family's mission trip last June to the Dominican Republic; and their work with the group home. She commented that we could all be involved in mission work, whether it be actually going, or financially helping those in the field.

Please plan to join us at our next meeting on Thursday, March 1st, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Laura Volz, Director of Community Relations, from the Azura Memory Care facility near the high school will be our guest speaker at our meeting. She will talk about the differences of dementia, Alzheimer's, and other conditions that impair memory. Refreshments will be provided by Dorothy Duchow and Sue Lindemann. Everyone is asked to bring pens and pencils as a donation to the church and school.

Come to the meeting with ideas for the upcoming Mother-Daughter-Friend Banquet. We will also be deciding what our group wants to do for the annual school fundraiser.

Ladies—please plan to join us. Membership continues to be only \$5.00 a year.

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

## Hero Crusade

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018

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OCONOMOWOC, WI 53066



St. Paul's  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Visit our website  
for detailed  
information

**DRESS:** Gems & Jeans

**COST:** \$55/Person (3/28) early registration  
deadline  
\$65/Person (4/10)

**Online registration opens**

**March 1**

**5:00 PM** Cocktail Reception  
& Silent Auction

**7:00 PM** Dinner

**8:30 PM** Live Auction

**9:30 PM** Social Hour

PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE  
TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE AND FUND-A-FAMILY

### **MENU**

#### **STARTERS**

Bruschetta Cups, Artichoke Crostini  
& Assorted Quiches

#### **MAIN ENTREE**

*choice of:* **Duet plate:** Beef Tenderloin &  
Almond Chicken *or*  
**Vegetarian plate:** Cheese Ravioli

#### **DESSERT**

Chocolate Mousse

#### **Also includes**

Salad, Warm Rolls & Butter,  
Coffee, Tea and Milk

#### **SUPERMAN (\$1500)**

- Half page black & white ad in program
- Corporate logo on event signage
- Recognition on event website

#### **WONDER WOMAN (\$500)**

- Corporate logo in program
- Corporate logo on event signage
- Recognition on event website

#### **BATMAN (\$1000)**

- Quarter page black & white ad in program
- Corporate logo on event signage
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#### **SPIDERMAN (\$250)**

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# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



## \$7500 - HOSTING SPONSOR

- Prominent name and logo recognition in program
- Special signage at the event
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- Prominent recognition in all promotional materials
- Reserved table and eight event tickets

## \$1000 - SIGNATURE COCKTAIL SPONSOR

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- Special signage at the event
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## \$500 - TABLE SPONSOR

- Name and logo recognition in program
- Special signage at reserved table
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- Eight event tickets

### RSVP - Please return with payment

St. Paul's Lutheran School - Hero Crusade • 210 E. Pleasant St. • Oconomowoc, WI 53066

#### Sponsorships

- Host \$7,500     Signature Drink \$1,000     Table Sponsor \$500

#### Donor Levels

- Superman \$1,500     Batman \$1,000     Wonder Woman \$500     Spiderman \$250

#### Total Donation:

Individual guests \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship/Donor Level: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PAYMENT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

#### PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Visa     MC     Check (payable to St. Paul's Lutheran School)

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#### RSVP Deadlines:

March 28 - \$55/person

April 10 - \$65/person



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Please seat us with: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list food allergies or dietary issues

# STEWARDSHIP



## Time ♣ Talent ♣ Treasure

Hudson Taylor, a Nineteenth Century British missionary to China, is reported to have said, “God’s work, done in God’s way, will not lack God’s supply.” To know God’s way, we need to know His Holy Word. Or to say it another way: you need to know your Bible.

St. Paul, before he spends two chapters on giving, wrote that every thought is to be taken captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5).

Doctrine matters. And doctrine matters because the Scriptures matter. And the Scriptures matter because this is where we learn the teaching of Christ. Our thoughts must be brought into line with the teaching of Scripture so that our work is what God wants done and so that we do this work in His way.

A good tree bears good fruit. A bad tree bears bad fruit. We have been made good trees in holy baptism. We are fertilized and pruned for bearing good fruit by constantly hearing God’s Word preached and taught in sermon and Bible Class and in receiving the life-giving, faith-sustaining food of the Lord’s Supper. Remember your doctrine, hold on to the Lord’s teaching, and your thoughts will be taken captive to the obedience of Christ.

Bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ is recognizing that God does provide. The Lord’s Prayer teaches us to pray for daily bread. Praying this day in and day out reminds us that the Lord is the giver of our daily bread, and that we are to give thanks for His daily provision of it.

God is rarely early and never late in His work, as Abraham learned, “on the mount of the Lord it will be provided” (Gen. 22:14). The Lord’s generosity forms our generosity in return. Thus, we set aside for the work of God a generous, first-fruits, proportion of the daily bread that God has given to us. This act of trust in the Lord’s provision is the working out of our faith in Him.

When budgetary discussions pop up, our natural reaction is to point fingers. But remember your doctrine, and what your mother taught about pointing fingers. Our first natural reaction is not always right. In fact, when our thoughts are brought into captivity of Christ, our first reaction should be repentance.

It should raise questions in our own lives. As good trees in Christ who are to bear good fruit, we should ask whether our thoughts are taken captive by obedience to Christ. Have we given generously? Have we given our first-fruits? You know. And God knows. “For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him” (2 Chron. 16:9).

God will provide. He always has and He always will. He gives His meat in due season. He has not left you as orphans, but has grafted you into His own family. You belong to Him. Remember this, letting this thought dwell in you richly. And you will then be rich toward others.

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1st  
**Peggy McClintock**  
**Chip Zastrow**

March 13  
**Richard Allen**

March 2nd  
**Sandra Reddelien**

March 18th  
**Carol Lenz**

March 4th  
**Jean Buss**

March 19th  
**James Holzhueter**

March 6th

March 20th  
**Gerri Zweg**

**Darlene Adams**  
**Sheila Rams**  
**Virginia Schlender**  
**Dennis Zastrow**

March 21st  
**Rev. Paul Borgman**

March 8th  
**Diane Gartzke**  
**Sue Lindemann**

March 24th  
**Ann Duggan**

March 9th  
**Duane Peterson**  
**Dale Weber**

March 25th  
**John Simaras**

March 30th  
**Priscilla Eaton**

*For our members 70+ years*

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## WORSHIP & STUDY

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday (Traditional)	8:00 am
Sunday (Contemporary)	10:30 am
Bible Class	9:15 am

Pastor Lance Armstrong O'Donnell 567.5001 x217  
 Pastor Steve Scharnell 567.5001 x216  
 Pastor Emeritus Dr. Paul Borgman 567.5001  
 Organist/Choir Director- Diane Bleke 567.5001  
 Principal - Jill George 567.5001 x213  
 FAX 567.1207  
 Website: [www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org)

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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)

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (ECC)

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

Epistle Editor-Heather Scheuer

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

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 ANY ADDRESS CHANGES



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Robert Bahr Sr.

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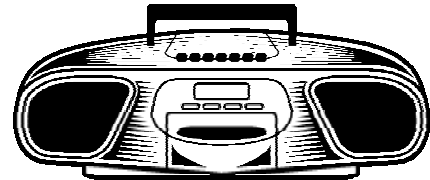
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Mar. 11	July 29	Oct. 14	Dec. 2
Mar. 18	Aug. 5	Oct. 21	Dec. 9
Apr. 29	Aug. 19	Nov. 18	Dec. 16
July 15	Sept. 9	Nov. 22	Dec. 23

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