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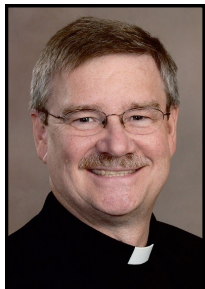
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“What is Success for a Congregation?”

Dear Friends in Christ,

There are many ideas about what constitutes success in a congregation: A nice building, an enjoyable social experience, engaging worship, lots of people, lots of money. If a congregation has these things, then the congregation's future looks bright.

None of the successes that I mentioned, however, will be important when this world ends. What will matter at that time will be whether a person loves Jesus's appearing or dreads Jesus's appearing. Those who love his appearing are the ones who believe in him. Those who dread his appearing have not believed in him.

The *Augsburg Confession*, one of the Lutheran Church's important documents in the *Book of Concord*, speaks about how we can love Jesus's appearing on Judgment Day. The *Augsburg Confession* describes what God has instituted for his Church. It says:

In order that we may obtain this faith [in Jesus] the ministry of teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted. Through the Word and Sacraments, as though instruments, the Holy Spirit is given. The Holy Spirit works faith, where and when it pleases God, in those who hear the Gospel. The Gospel is that God, for Christ's sake, justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake. They are not justified by any merits of their own.¹

This teaching from our Lutheran Confessions shows us that the congregation should not be seen our own play-thing. God has given us what we are to do. The Word is to be taught, the sacraments are to be given out. Through the Word and the sacraments the Holy Spirit gives the gift of faith in Christ which justifies us before God. Through that justifying faith (and *only* through that justifying faith) we will not be ashamed or afraid when Christ comes to judge the living and the dead.

What success looks like in a Christian congregation is that the Gospel and Sacraments are being used, enjoyed, supported, talked about, and so on. Lots of other things inevitably happen in a congregation too. However, none of those other things are essential or eternal.

Whether a congregation is “successful” or not will not always be apparent in this life. Some congregations might appear to be successful now, but they will be revealed as unsuccessful on Judgment Day. Conversely, some congregations might appear unsuccessful now, but through God's Word and Sacraments there are believers in Jesus. Keeping a clear focus on what makes our congregation successful will enable us to help people truly and eternally.

*In Christ,
Pastor Holmen*

¹Augsburg Confession Article V, 1-3

Easter Flowers

Again this year members have the opportunity to purchase plants for our Easter celebration in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving of an event or person. **The deadline to order plants is before noon on Friday, March 15th.**

You can find the order form in the weekly bulletins or online at www.splfairmont.org/church-bulletins.html.





If the weather is questionable, or if for some other reason you are wondering whether church services will be held or not, please check our website's Home page at www.splfairmont.org or call the CHURCH OFFICE (238-9491) before leaving home and listen to the entire first message on the answering machine (do not press "4").

If services are cancelled, an announcement will be made in place of the standard message WHENEVER POSSIBLE. If you do not hear a message cancelling services, then they will go on as scheduled.

Clara Circle to Meet March 13th

Clara Circle will be meeting for lunch at Tami's on the Ave on Wednesday, March 13th at 11:30 a.m. in the back room.

Lunch will be followed by Bible Study — Five Stones for Service from page 22 of the Lutheran Women's Quarterly, and a short meeting.

LWML Quarterly Meeting

The LWML quarterly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Clara Circle is responsible for the hostesses/devotion/topic part of the meeting.

Some of the discussion items will include disbursement of the 2023 Gala funds, High School Graduation Recognition, MN South District LWML Convention held June 20-22, 2024 in Mankato, and other LWML projects.

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. Please join us.

Camp Omega Camperships

The St. Paul Lutheran LWML is offering \$50.00 toward the cost of summer camp at Camp Omega. This is available to any child who is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church or who attends St. Paul Lutheran School and has not previously received a campership.

Applications are available at the Welcome Center or from the school office and must be returned by May 1st.



DEADLINE

APRIL
NEWSLETTER/
CALENDAR
DEADLINE

Sunday, March 17

Email splcoffice@splfairmont.org

Worship Services & Bible Studies:

Worship Services:

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. & Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Bible Class & Young Family Bible Studies

Sundays at 10:15 a.m.



Other Worship Opportunities:

Sundays, 9:00 am

Worship Service Livestream
(or watch on demand any time on our website)

Sundays, 10:00 am

Worship Service broadcast on KSUM

Saturdays, 12:00 noon

Worship Service on
local cable access channel 12

This Month's Faithful Servants

You may also view the volunteer schedules on our website at www.spfairmont.org

Altar Guild

Mar. 2-3 Joan Luedtke, Amy Anders, Russ Luedtke
Mar. 9-10 Sara Utermarck, Jodi Hackett
Mar. 16-17 Joan Luedtke, Amy Anders, Russ Luedtke
Mar. 23-24 Kristi Behrens, Renee Benschoter, Kathy Wedel (Maundy Th.)
Mar. 30-31 ... DeAnn Eversman, Julie Wolf, Nikki Bremer, Peg Elbert (Easter)

Ushers

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.—Dan Maday, Lee Stewart

Sunday, 9 a.m.—Gene Austin, Randy Deling, Lowell Spee, Conner Tordsen, Jamie Tordsen, Oliver Tordsen, Sawyer Tordsen, Ted Stusse, Duane Rosburg, Bill Bremer, Jim Hardt, Braden Kumm, Dave Kumm, Kirk Morris, Lucas Rosburg, Trevor Rosburg, Gary Stusse, Matthew Stusse

Worship Service Assistants

Sat., Mar. 2, 5:30 p.m. Larry Behrens, Rob True
Sun., Mar. 3, 9:00 a.m. Brad Appel
Wed., Mar. 6, 6:30 p.m. (Lent Midweek) Justin Jobe
Sat., Mar. 9, 5:30 p.m. Jeff Eversman, Jon Eversman
Sun., Mar. 10, 9:00 a.m. (DST Begins) Jamie Tordsen
Wed., Mar. 13, 6:30 p.m. (Lent Midweek) Merle Boesch
Sat., Mar. 16, 5:30 p.m. Matthew Northwick, Rob True
Sun., Mar. 17, 9:00 a.m. Dylan Kallemeyn
Wed., Mar. 20, 6:30 p.m. (Lent MW/SS Easter Prog.) Whoever has kids
Sat., Mar. 23, 5:30 p.m. Dave Kumm, Charles Northwick
Sun., Mar. 24, 9:00 a.m. (Palm Sunday) Jim Utermarck
Thurs., Mar. 28, 6:30 p.m. (Maundy Thursday) Matt Northwick
Fri., Mar. 29, 1:00 p.m. (Good Friday) Richard Behrens
Fri., Mar. 29, 6:30 p.m. (Good Friday) Chuck Northwick
Sat., Mar. 30, 5:30 p.m. (Easter Vigil) Matt Northwick
Sun., Mar. 31, 9:00 a.m. (Easter) Josh Laven

Acolytes

March Allison Steuber, TBA

Sunday Greeters

Mar. 3 Terry & Judy Leiding, Pat Hall
Mar. 10 (DST Begins) Nathan & Amy Anders, Mary Schmitt
Mar. 17 Stan & Sharon Block, Deb DeBoer
Mar. 24 (Palm Sunday) Larry & Kris Behrens, Chris Engelby
Mar. 31 (Easter) Rob & Ruth True, Linda Feely

Fun Bags

Refill bags anytime during the week after Sunday listed below

Mar. 3 Sarah Becker
Mar. 10 April Tordsen
Mar. 17 Chris Engelby
Mar. 24 Angela Preuss
Mar. 31 Joan Abel's Class or Lisa Rosburg

Attendance Cards/Pencils

Refill cards & sharpen pencils at least monthly (or as needed)

Deb Eversman and Amy Anders
(Ruth Engelby and Richard Schultz, Subs)

Saturday Funeral Volunteers

Josh Laven and Brian Kube

Council of Deacons

Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Below is a listing of the Council of Deacons. If you have a concern, you may contact any one of the following:

POSITION

Name (Years) Phone

CHAIRMAN

Justin Jobe (1) 236-2276

SECRETARY

Richard Eyerly (2) 238-1802

BUDGET & FINANCE

Corey Simpson (3) 605-480-1982

CALLING DEACON

Dan Driscoll (3) 525-4490

CALLING DEACON

Richard Behrens (1) 236-4955

CALLING DEACON

Jamie Tordsen (3) 230-0186

EVANGELISM

Rod Elbert (1) 320-894-6882

PARISH MINISTRIES

Duane Rosburg (1) 920-9797

SCHOOL

Matt Singleton (2) 848-0324

STEWARDSHIP

Jeff Eversman (3) 236-9140

TRUSTEES

Merle Boesch (2) 236-4641

WORSHIP ASSISTANCE

Matt Northwick (2) 236-1531

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PRESIDENT

Chuck Northwick 236-0257

SECRETARY

Pam Carlson 236-5347

TREASURER

Brad Appel 236-8455



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL CALENDAR March to May 2024

March

15 End of 3rd Quarter
17-22 Online Basket Auction
*Stay tuned for basket info
and daily live auctions!*
21 P-T Conferences, 3:15-8:00 p.m.
22 No School (P-T Conferences 9-noon)
28 & 29 No School, Easter Break

April

1 No School, Easter Break
21 Puzzle Race & Snack Potluck, 3 p.m.

May

10 Field Day
24 Last Day of School (Half Day)

SPL Gear Store

The SPL Gear Store has been updated and includes many designs. Now's a great time to make sure to get your Falcon gear ordered!

There are toddler through adult sizes of t-shirts and sweatshirts in a variety of colors and designs, as well as hats, mugs, tumblers, tote bags, and backpacks available.

All of these items would make great gifts, too!

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This & That

Automatic Giving: It's easy to give your offering automatically through a program called Give+ Online. You may set up regular giving or give one time. There are also options for giving to other funds in the drop-down list. Enroll or give online at splfairmont.org (click on "Church" then "Give+ Online.") There are also one-time and automatic giving opportunities available through PayPal on various pages of our website. (Please use your envelope number as your Member ID number when setting up your account; contact the church office if you need that information.)

LWML Mite Box: The Mite Box will be in the narthex for the collecting of mites the first Sunday of the month. Please empty your mite box into the large mite box and continue saving your coins for the mission of our district and international projects.

Free small catechism mobile app: Luther's Small Catechism with explanation is available free at Google Play (Item 223203DRD) or at Apple App Store (Item 223203APP). You can find other apps by searching "Apps" at www.cph.org.

Prayer Chain: If you would like to be part of the SPL email prayer chain or have a prayer request, please contact them at prayerchain@splfairmont.org.



Please Let Us Know: If you have a change of address, telephone number, etc.; if you or a loved one are hospitalized or ill; if you have had a recent death in the family.

Lutheran Singles on Facebook: This group is for like-minded single confessional Lutherans: marriage-seeking, liturgical, Christ-centered, Cross-focused.

Contemplating Marriage? If you are contemplating marriage in the coming months, be sure to contact the church office first before setting any wedding dates. The wedding booklet is available on our website, as well as other useful information.

Wanting to Earmark a Gift? On occasions such as anniversaries, birthdays, at the loss of a loved one, or when estate planning, members have asked for ideas to earmark their gifts. Here are some suggestions if you want to give an earmarked item (a complete list is on our website):

- SPL Church & School Operating Budget;
- Sanctuary Repairs;
- Debt Reduction;
- Church Endowment;
- School Endowment;
- Church or School Upkeep & Repair;
- Vernon H. Harley Scholarship;
- Anna Keck School Tuition Aid Fund;
- Operating Reserve Fund; or
- Ask in the church or school office for current special "wish list" items.

Are you interested in helping a community recover after a natural disaster and showing the love of Christ to people in need? Have you ever volunteered for a Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT)? Your opinion can help LCMS Disaster Response and Training improve its organization and training of LERT volunteers so that they are ready to deploy when a natural disaster strikes. Please take a brief survey at lcms.org/lert-survey-congregation and let us know how you think we can improve LERT training and provide relief more effectively to natural disasters. Please respond by March 15. All responses are completely anonymous and confidential. Questions? Call the LCMS Church Information Center at 888-843-5267 or infocenter@lcms.org.

**Daylight Savings
Time Begins
March 10th!**



Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Choice Dollars received during February 2024 to SPL Church totaled \$1,359.00. SPL School also received \$908.00. If you are eligible to give Choice Dollars, please consider designating to SPL Church, SPL School, or MLHS. Brochures are located in the Welcome Center from Thrivent with information on the steps to give online or by phone. For more information, contact Scott Fuhrman at 235-9877.

Cherish What God Has Given

In the Small Catechism, Luther follows a pattern when explaining the Ten Commandments. With each commandment, there is something prohibited, and something commanded. There is something wrong which must be avoided, and there is something right which must be done.

The one time this pattern is not followed is with the Sixth Commandment.

"You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other." (SC 1)

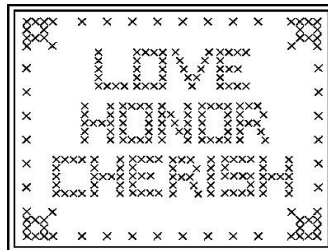
Here, the catechism focuses solely on the positive: we should live in a chaste and decent manner in both word and deed, and husbands and wives should cherish and honor one another.

Keeping this commandment, and all of the commandments, is a lot easier if you see your chastity and your spouse as a gift from God that is to be protected and cherished. In the same way, you will find keeping the Fourth Commandment easier if you see your parents and other authorities as a gift from God, given to you for your blessing.

This is the key stewardship insight that runs through all of the Christian life: Everything that we have has been given to us by God. We deserve none of it. All of it comes to us by God's fatherly kindness and open-handed generosity. If I know that everything I have — every possession, every relationship, every ability — is a gift from God, then my perspective changes. All of these things are both gifts to be cherished, and things that I should direct towards God's purposes. My possessions should be shared generously according to how God has called me in my family, church, and community. My spouse should be cherished, loved, and encouraged in faith. My children are on loan from my own Heavenly Father, and I have but a brief time to show them the path of righteousness. My neighbor is a gift from God so that I can imitate His kindness toward me.

No matter the gift, everything has been given to me by God so that I may participate in His own goodness and open-handed generosity.

~LCMS Stewardship Ministry
lcms.org/stewardship



Mark Your Calendar

Dates/times subject to change

Circles

Clara Circle

March 13, 11:30 a.m.
Tami's on the Ave

Eve Circle

March 11, 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Room

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LWML

March 7, 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Room

*Each woman of the LCMS
is a part of the LWML*

**Lutheran Women's
Missionary League,**
as the official women's auxiliary
of the LCMS, encourages
and equips women to live out
their Christian lives in active
mission ministries and to
support global missions.

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Lutheran Laymen's League

March 2
9:00 a.m.
The Ranch Restaurant

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Charity Club

March 12 & 13 (or TBA)
Activity Days

CALL-EM-ALL OR TEXT-EM-ALL

Register on our website's Home page to be included any mass messages sent out to our members. (There is no need to sign up again if you have already registered.)



You are able to choose whether you want a text or phone message.

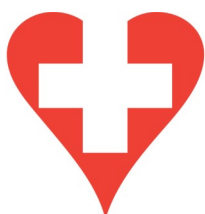
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Pastoral Care at Mayo, Rochester

Those hospitalized or receiving medical care at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN are now being cared for by the pastoral staff of Trinity Lutheran Church of Rochester. Members in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Nate Schwartz at 816-806-6797 or chaplain@trinitylutheranchurch.org. The pastoral staff at Trinity is honored to assist you in caring for Christ's sheep.

There is also a list of LCMS pastors near other Minnesota hospitals that are willing to provide pastoral care, available by going to Minnesota South's website at www.mnsdistrict.org, then select News & Events—Publications—E-News.



Financial Peace to Be Offered Beginning April 4th

If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end — starting today. Join our *Financial Peace University* class at St. Paul Lutheran Church (211 Budd St., Fairmont) starting on **Thursday, April 4th, 2024** and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. Visit <https://www.fpu.com/DC6BCA> to sign up!



Amy Anders (848-0615) and Pam Carlson (236-5347) will be leading this nine-week class. If you have any questions, please contact Amy or Pam. Depending on need, there may be childcare available. Please let them know by March 1st.

Member workbooks are available at the SPL church office; payment can be made there with Lisa. Or if you register online, we can take payment the first night of class and give you the book at that time if you prefer. Checks should be made out to St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Cost is \$80 and includes:

- **Financial Peace University access code** (12 months of access, delivered physically)
- Member **Workbook** (hardcover and PDF)
- The premium version of **EveryDollar** (3 months of access)
- Live Group **Financial Coaching**



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then select Church Endowment Fund tab

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Save the Dates!

Mark your calendars now for these upcoming SPLS events!

- ⇒ Sunday, March 17th to Friday, March 22nd: SPL Online Basket Auction — Stay tuned for basket info and daily live auctions!
- ⇒ Sunday, April 21st: Puzzle Race and Snack Potluck at 3:00 p.m.

MLHS News

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
Phone: 507-436-5249 • www.martinlutherhs.com



The MLHS Call Committee requests your continued prayers for God's blessings and guidance as they continue to look for a new principal.

A Soup & Sandwich Lunch will be held at MLHS on Sunday, March 17th from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A variety of soups, sandwiches, and desserts will be available. Cost is a freewill donation to benefit the Student Tuition Aid Fund.

Mark your calendar! The Oh! What a Knight! Dinner Auction will be held at MLHS on Saturday, April 20th. Donations of new or handmade items and collectibles are welcome. Early notification and pictures are appreciated for advance publicity. More details are coming.

The Spring Rummage & Bake Sale will be held at MLHS on April 11 to 13. Setup begins on April 6th. Volunteers are much appreciated.

This is Most Certainly Brew Gourmet Coffee is available at MLHS or in the SPL church office. For more information, call MLHS.

School Fundraisers

COCA-COLA GIVE PROGRAM — This fundraiser opens up new funding opportunities to help the learning environment for our students. The best part? Donations don't come out of your own pocket. When you make Coca-Cola purchases, you simply enter the product codes here: <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/> and then search by zip code, and scan or enter product codes from participating Coca-Cola products. Each product code scanned or entered on their website has a unique donation value. To learn more, go to <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/>. Thank you!

RAISERIGHT FUNDRAISING: Raise money for St. Paul Lutheran School (or a specific family in our school) just by purchasing gas, groceries, and other items with these gift cards. You receive the full value of what you paid plus you earn an immediate rebate percentage of what you spent — typically between 3-15%, depending on the retailer. Use the proceeds to supplement the school budget, or families can receive credit toward tuition and other school expenses. Go to RaiseRight.com and use our enrollment code **24271B1C5147L** to get started. Questions? Contact Joan Abel, jabel@splfairmont.org or 507-236-9521.

HY-VEE & FAREWAY RECEIPTS: Save your Fairmont Hy-Vee and Fareway receipts — turn in to the collection bins located in the upstairs school corridor and church basement. For each \$200,000 in receipts collected from their store, they donate \$1,000 to St. Paul Lutheran School. Receipts must be from Fairmont stores only; remember to thank the stores for this program when you shop!

SUBWAY CARDS: If you purchase Subway cards, 2% of your purchase can go to SPLS. If you already have a card or when you purchase one, add our school's code (3TQF) to your card at www.subway.com or call 1-800-564-1343. Subway cards can be purchased at any Subway and are redeemed at full purchase price when you eat at Subway.

OTHER PROGRAMS: Scan Box Tops for Education receipts; save Tyson "Project A+" labels; and Pizza Ranch "wagon" symbols. We also collect used, workable cell phones.

WE ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT of our other school fundraisers, such as the Tour of Tables/Cakewalk and Basket Fundraiser.

THE SCHOOL ALSO collects aluminum pop tabs to help support the Ronald McDonald House in the Twin Cities. Families receiving care at any Twin Cities area hospital are eligible to stay there, provided their children are being treated for cancer or have other life-threatening illnesses and the family resides 45 miles or greater from the Twin Cities. Yearly, more than 600 families stay there.



HAPPY Anniversary

Jeremy & Maria Wedel	Mar 1
R. Roger & Sylvia Willard	Mar 3
Jared & Jenna Breitbarth	Mar 6
Dave & Elaine Hurn	Mar 7
Michael & Heidi Thomas	Mar 12
James & Sheila Jensen	Mar 17
Timothy & Heather Hardt	Mar 17
Jay & Barbara Byers	Mar 20
Brian & Lisa Kube	Mar 22
Bob & Kathy Leet	Mar 24
Troy & Christine Redenius	Mar 26

God's Blessings on Your Birthday!


Beverly Brinkman	Mar 1	Jackson Lewis	Mar 15
Jack Johnson	Mar 1	Natalie Tonne	Mar 16
Jesse Kitzerow	Mar 1	Irah Eisenbacher	Mar 17
Lois Glienke	Mar 2	Chad Gieseke	Mar 17
Kirsten Rosol	Mar 2	Joseph Hackett	Mar 18
Martin Laue	Mar 3	Dustin Rasmussen	Mar 18
Heather Bassett	Mar 3	Scott Fuhrman	Mar 19
Lindsey Tonne	Mar 3	Tobias Rave	Mar 20
Emmy Simmering	Mar 3	Deegan Breitbarth	Mar 20
Tyler Laue	Mar 4	Alanna Hinz-Sweeney	Mar 21
Jennifer Oskerson	Mar 4	Phyllis Hintz	Mar 22
Kaleb Petschke	Mar 4	Patti Krumholz	Mar 22
Beverly Schleining	Mar 5	Desiree Schaeffer	Mar 22
Arlene Smith	Mar 5	James Utermarck	Mar 22
Chad Smith	Mar 5	Shelia Johnson	Mar 23
Leslie Glaser	Mar 5	LaDonna Meyer	Mar 23
Joshua Laven	Mar 5	Debra Coleman	Mar 24
Jenna Breitbarth	Mar 7	Caleb Schultz	Mar 24
Lucy O'Sell	Mar 8	Kelsey Steuber	Mar 24
Evan Wubbena	Mar 8	Lisa Kube	Mar 25
Christopher Janssen	Mar 8	Larry Maday	Mar 25
Cindy Johnson	Mar 8	Jon Eversman	Mar 26
Dustyn Vandever	Mar 9	Raegan Stauffer	Mar 27
Emma Rave	Mar 10	Randy Buchmeier	Mar 27
Sherri Trushenski	Mar 10	Arllys Malo	Mar 27
Zephania Cole	Mar 11	Cassica Jobe	Mar 27
Connor O'Sell	Mar 11	Eunice Meyer	Mar 28
Monica Hoch	Mar 11	Cole Nawrocki	Mar 28
Dustin McKean	Mar 12	Alecia Driscoll	Mar 28
Terry Leiding	Mar 12	Barbara Bremer	Mar 30
Ryan Kumm	Mar 12	Thomas Feely	Mar 30
Linda Feely	Mar 13	Anne Keithahn	Mar 31
Sawyer Laven	Mar 13	Chloe Clabaugh	Mar 31
Kayla Jensen	Mar 14	Jean Steuber	Mar 31
Lee Ann Backstrom	Mar 15		

Looking for Pen Pals

The Stewardship Board has been reaching out to shut-ins during COVID and since by having members of our congregation be pen pals to them. All this involves is sending a card or note to them once a month or more often if you choose to do so. Some pen pals are occasionally calling their shut-ins on the phone or visiting them with treats for birthdays or holidays. The shut-in list keeps getting longer as the members of our congregation age. Would you prayerfully consider being a pen pal? This is a way to keep these members connected to our congregation, and they appreciate it very much. If you are willing to be a pen pal to one or more shut-ins, please contact Kathy Eyerly at 507-230-0402.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
KEY: ChB = Church Basement FR = Fellowship Room ABC = Adult Bible Class YBC = Youth Bible Class YFBS = Young Family Bible Study SS = Sunday School AC = Adult Catechumenate DL = Deadline				<i>For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. ~ 2 Corinthians 5:21</i>		
3 <i>3rd S. in Lent</i> 9:00am-Worship Service KSUM 10:15am-SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS 6:30pm-Jr. Youth, FR	4 8:25am-School Chapel Pastors' Day Off	5 8:25am-School Chapel	6 8:25am-School Chapel 3:30pm-Weekday Catechism 5:00pm-Lenten Supper 5:30pm-Bells 5:30pm-Par. Min. Eat & Meet 6:30pm-Lenten Svc After Svc-School Bd., FR After Svc-Trustees, ChB After Svc-Choir	7 8:25am-School Chapel 9:00am-Messenger DL 7:00pm-LWML, FR	8 8:25am-School Chapel <i>Church Office Closed (Vac)</i> 2:00pm-Ingleside	9 <i>MLHS Fine Arts Festival</i> 12:00pm-Worship Service on Local Cable Access Ch. 12 5:30pm-Worship Service
10 <i>DST Begins</i> 4th S. in Lent 9:00am-Worship Service 10:00am-Worship Service on KSUM 10:15am-SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS	11 8:25am-School Chapel Pastors' Day Off 5:30pm-LWML Blue Earth Zone Delegate Bd. Mtg., SPL Fairmont 7:00pm-Eve, FR	12 8:25am-School Chapel <i>No Stewardship Meeting</i>	13 8:25am-School Chapel 11:30am-Clara, Tam, s-Ave 3:30pm-Weekday Catechism 5:00pm-Lenten Supper 5:30pm-Bells 6:30pm-Lenten Svc After Svc-B&F, FR After Svc-Choir	14 8:25am-School Chapel 9:00am-Messenger DL <i>10:00am-Pastors' Circuit Mtg at Blue Earth</i>	15 8:25am-School Chapel <i>SPLS—End of 3rd Qtr</i> 12:00pm-Deadline to order Easter Plants	16 12:00pm-Worship Service on Local Cable Access Ch. 12 5:30pm-Worship Service
17 <i>5th S. in Lent</i> 9:00am-Worship Service 10:00am-Worship Service on KSUM 10:15am-SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS <i>11:00am-1:00pm-MLHS Soup & Sandwich Lunch</i> <i>1:00pm-MLHS Delegate Mtg</i> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> <i>SPLS Online Basket Auc Begins</i>	18 8:25am-School Chapel Pastors' Day Off <i>SPLS Online Basket Auction</i>	19 8:25am-School Chapel <i>SPLS Online Basket Auction</i> 10:00am-Goldfinch Memory Care	20 8:25am-School Chapel <i>SPLS Online Basket Auction</i> 3:30pm-Weekday Catechism 5:00pm-Lenten Supper 5:30pm-Bells 6:30pm-Lenten Svc After Svc-Deacons, FR After Svc-Choir	21 8:25am-School Chapel <i>SPLS Online Basket Auction</i> 9:00am-Messenger DL <i>3:15-8:00pm-SPLS P-T Conf</i>	22 <i>SPLS—No School</i> <i>SPLS Online Basket Auction</i> <i>Ends</i> 9:00am-Noon-SPLS P-T Conf 3:00pm-LMHCC	23 12:00pm-Worship Service on Local Cable Access Ch. 12 5:30pm-Worship Service
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:00am-Worship Service 10:00am-Worship Service on KSUM 10:15am-SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS	25 8:25am-School Chapel Pastors' Day Off	26 8:25am-School Chapel	27 8:25am-School Chapel <i>No Weekday Catechism</i> 6:00pm-Bells 7:00pm-Choir	28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> <i>SPLS—No School</i> 9:00am-Messenger DL 6:30pm-Maundy Thurs Svc	29 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>SPLS—No School</i> 1:00pm-Good Fri Svc 3:00pm-LMHCC 6:30pm-Good Fri Svc	30 12:00pm-Worship Service on Local Cable Access Ch. 12 5:30pm-Easter Vigil Svc
31 <i>The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter)</i> 9:00am-Worship Service 10:00am-Worship Service on KSUM No SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS	 <p>WISHING YOU <i>Easter Joy</i></p>					For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. -Romans 5:6-8

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Rejoice
always,
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without
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~ 1 Thessalonians
5:16-17

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*Lenten Midweek Service Schedule & Suppers**

**Suppers will be held before Services, starting at approximately 5 p.m.*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

6:30 p.m.—Lenten Service
*Supper by the High School Youth
(Walking Tacos)*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

6:30 p.m.—Lenten Service
*Supper by Parish Ministries
(Scalloped potatoes & ham,
green beans, ice cream)*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

6:30 p.m.—School Lent-Easter
Program
“The Promise Fulfilled”
Supper by PTL



THURSDAY, MARCH 28

6:30 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

1:00 & 6:30 p.m.
Good Friday Services

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

5:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

9:00 a.m.
Easter Service