

GOOD NEWS



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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT:

Empowered by the Holy Spirit to make Christ known;

*As we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our Faith
through studying God's Word and Worshiping God.*

He was only a boy of four, so there was nothing unusual about the fact that he did not like soap and water. One day his mother, endeavoring to reason with him, said, "But surely you want to be clean, don't you?" "Yes," the boy replied through his tears, "but can't you just dust me off?"

Ash Wednesday on February 14 is the beginning of Lent and is about cleansing, and we hear the words, "You are dust and to dust you shall return". Ashes bring to mind fire -- the fire of Old Testament scriptures which destroyed evil cities and made the people start new and fresh and clean again. Ashes were also one of the main ingredients in homemade soap. The word lent originally meant spring-time when fresh new growth begins.

Our time of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday and lasting 40 days excluding Sundays (Sunday is always an Easter celebration), is the time to reflect on Baptism and its basis in the death and resurrection of Jesus. We spend our time of preparation for the great Easter event in reflection,



BUT IF WE START FROM DUST AND RETURN TO DUST,
THEN SOMEBODY'S EITHER COMING OR GOING
UNDER MY BED."

in repentance, and in cleansing our hearts and minds to be ready for new life in Christ.

One way of helping us do this is during Wednesday worship services. This year once again on the five Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday, we will have Morning Services at 10:00 AM in the Chapel (location may change once the elevator is fixed) and our Lenten Rotational at different Yorktown churches with a light meal at 6:00 and a worship service at 7:00. A schedule of all the Lent Services is included in this newsletter.

Come join us in this time of preparation for Easter. Hopefully we all will see the need of the thorough washing of our baptism and not just be dusted off.

Your Pastor,
Tim W Muehlbrad



“Souper Bowl” of Caring Weekend

No not the football game but a way to help others on a day when we tend to forget there are those out there without much. Here are some of the statistics about the big game and what we do on that day.

On average an American will spend 86 dollars that day on the game...usually in food and beverages

About 15% of those in the US plan on throwing a Super Bowl Party

Another 20% said they would plan to watch at a bar/restaurant.

It is estimated that a total of 16.5 billion dollars will be spent on game related items in 2023.

This does not include any wagers bet on the game through betting services or private personal betting.

So how about sharing some of that food and beverage with those who may not have them or who cannot participate the way most of the country does? Why not take a little off of our celebration to help those who do not have much if anything at all.

On Saturday Feb 10th, and Super Bowl Sunday Feb. 11th, the youth will be standing by with collection containers for Soup (thus the “Souper Bowl”) and other non-perishable food items that you can bring to church worship services. We will distribute them to YAM and possibly the Golden Crescent Food Bank if we collect enough. Help us help those who need help and may be less fortunate than we are. Let’s make it a day of celebration for them as well as your favorite team!

Father Daughter Dinner

We will be holding our Father Daughter Dinner on Wed. Feb. 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for some fun, good fun, and a chance to get to know each other better! There will be activities and a photo booth to enjoy. Please sign up on the sign up sheets in the church and Education building so we know how many to plan for. We hope to see you all there for this fun event for Fathers and their Daughters.

Youth Travel to Wed. Lenten Services

The youth will be meeting in the basement on Wed. evenings during Lent at 5:45 p.m. to walk to the host churches for the Lenten services on the following dates:

March 6th, March 13th, and March 20th

Parents are invited to join us on our walks or meet your youth there to join them. We hope to see you there!

Parents Summer Camp Registration

Our date for Summer Camp is July 21-26 at Camp Chrysalis. We have the following openings:

Explorers – (completed grades 2 and 3) 7 boys and 6 girl spots

Yearlings (completed grades 4-6) 4 boys and 10 girl spots

Confirmation (Our current Confirmation class) 3 boys and 5 girl spots

The Next Step: we need you to send in a \$175 deposit to the church office. It will be refunded to you when the camp is completed. Then we need you to go to the Cross Trails Ministry website

<https://crosstrails.campbrainregistration.com/> and then indicate you are part of the St Paul group registration and fill out the registration form for your youth. This must be done **by March 1st**. After that date, any spots we have reserved and not registered for will go back open and we may lose them. Registration quickly filled this year so we probably will lose those spots if they are not filled by March 1st.

If you have any questions, you can contact Terry or the church office.



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 9, 2024 – 6:00pm

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting of the Church Council of St. Paul Lutheran Church was called to order by Boyd Weise, president. Council members present for the meeting were Boyd Weise, Calvin Bruns, Linda Peyton, Terry Carmichael, Jay Heil, Hope Jendrzey, Cathy Moritz, Pam Hoefling, Larry Gohmert, Kristin Schustereit, and Pastor Tim Muehlbrad. Katie Serrano and Bill Klaevemann were also in attendance.
- 2) **DEVOTION** Boyd Weise provided the devotion.
- 3) **MINUTES** Pam Hoefling made a motion to accept the November 14, 2023, minutes as presented. Hope Jendrzey seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 4) **REPORTS**
 - a) **Treasurer/Stewardship** – Calvin Bruns provided a written report and noted the end of year total was \$289,961.78.
 - b) **Parish Education** – No report.
 - c) **Youth** – Linda Peyton reported:
 1. We had our annual Christmas caroling event along with the Yorktown 4H on Sunday December 17, 2023. We had 3 trailers full of kids and adults ready to sing to our local residents. Afterwards, we all enjoyed soup and hot cocoa.
 2. We will be holding bunco on Sunday, January 14, 2024, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited.

3. We will be having our annual father/daughter dinner on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
 4. Our next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 6:00 PM.
- d) **D.C.E.** – Terry Carmichael reported:
1. Attended and gave the prayer at the Learning Garden Christmas Dinner on Dec. 5th.
 2. Assisted Sarah Bargmann with the Sunday School Christmas Program on 12/10 and the practices beforehand.
 3. Assisted with the Christmas Caroling on 12/17 by leading songs for one of the three trailer groups. We estimate we had about 80 people participate!
 4. Played guitars with PT and Friends on Sat. and Sunday 12/23 and 12/24.
 5. Planned and led the Children's Sermon on December 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th based on the meaning of the Chrismons.
 6. Continue leading the weekly Learning Garden Chapel worship on Wed. mornings and distributing their chapel offerings to the church annex for the congregation to view.
 7. Attended the Learning Garden Committee (CEM) meeting.
 8. Have been meeting with and leading the Sr. High group during Sunday School.
 9. Continue meeting with the FFF group on Wed. evenings.
 10. Have been assisting Pastor with the Confirmation classes being held.
 11. Have been looking at the Children's worship bags for the church services and suggestions for how they may be improved for the children's experience.
 12. The youth decorated over 30 of the doors of the residents of the Yorktown Nursing Home for Christmas on Sat. Dec. 2nd.
 13. Assisted Kimberly Gaus with the Summer Camp

registration again this year and have been consulting with her as needed.

14. Attended the following:

- a) Girls Basketball game 1/5
- b) YISD Elementary Christmas Program
- c) Christmas Downtown

15. Unfortunately, the Oromo kids will not be able to attend camp with our group this year; however, we will be working on attending together next year.

- e) **Worship** – Jay Heil reported: Pastor will be taking vacation January 29 through February 5, 2024. Bill Klaevemann will be covering the sermons for both the Saturday night and Sunday morning worship services during this time.
- f) **Evangelism/Outreach** – Hope Jendrzey reported: We participated in the Yorktown Chambers' Christmas downtown on December 7th with our complimentary popcorn. Thanks to all who helped make this a fun event for the children. The church pictorial directory committee met and has secured a photographer. We have volunteered at YAM.
- g) **Social Concerns** – Cathy Moritz reported:
 - 1. Assistance was provided to one individual in November 2023 - \$100 for an electric bill.
 - 2. Assistance was provided to two individuals in December 2023 - \$100 each for water bills.
- h) **Christian Life** – Pam Hoefling reported: On December 10, 2023, a catered Christmas meal was served with around 180 people in attendance. S&J Catering of Goliad served the meal and Christian Life prepared the dessert of cake and cherry fluff. Leftover plates were taken to some of the shut-in members.
- i) **Property** – Larry Gohmert reported the following as of January 9, 2023:
 - 1. We are still waiting on parts for the church elevator.
 - 2. We were able to get property and liability insurance from Brotherhood Mutual Insurance just in time for their coverage to become effective on January 1st,

when the policy with Church Mutual terminated. As expected, the new coverage is more expensive, but this did update the insurance valuations on the buildings, as well as adding several liability coverages that we have not had previously. At this point our Workers Compensation policy with Church Mutual is still in force, but I intend to move that to Brotherhood Mutual as soon as possible.

3. TreeWerks has done a lot of trimming of the trees at the cemetery. They are not quite done yet but expect to return to complete the work very soon.
4. I am looking into some discoloration of the air conditioning outlets in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. It might be mold, or it might be that the vents are just discoloring with age.
5. We have lost internet and telephone service a few times in the last few months, due to problems with our DSL service from AT&T. I am investigating the possibility of a fiber connection, which is what AT&T is trying to “herd” their customers into.

j) **Cemetery** – Nothing to report.

k) **CEM** – A written report was provided.

a) **Pastor** – Professional activities during November 2023 included: 8 worship services, 1 hospital visit, 9 home visits, 6 educational events, and 9 church meetings and events. Official acts in November included one burial. Professional activities during December 2023 included: 10 worship services, 1 hospital visit, 6 home visits, 5 educational events, 6 church meetings and events, and 1 week of vacation. Official acts in December included one burial.

5) **OLD BUSINESS**

a) **2024 Budget** – Larry Gohmert made a motion to approve the changes made to the proposed budget for 2024, which included increasing Church Insurance to \$55,000, increasing Social Concerns to \$3,500, and increasing Organist and Sunday Service Salary to \$9,500. Jay Heil seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- b) **Nominating Committee** – All needed positions have been filled.
- 6) **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a) **New member** – Jay Heil made a motion to accept Dorothy Sinast as a new member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Linda Peyton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - b) **Change February Council Date to February 20, 2024** – Pam Hoefling made a motion to change the February council meeting date from February 13, 2024, to February 20, 2024. Jay Heil seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - c) **Approve use of fellowship hall for a health fair 2-5-24 for DeWitt County AgriLife Extension Agency** – Cathy Moritz made a motion to approve the request for use of the fellowship hall on February 5, 2024, for a health fair for DeWitt County AgriLife Extension Agency, with the rental fee waived. Hope Jendrzey seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - d) **Congregation Meeting Agenda** –
 - 1. Old Business
 - a) Parking Lot Fund Update (\$33,995)
 - 2. New Business
 - a) Youth Task Force Report & Discussion
 - e) **Pastor's Vacation: January 29-February 5, 2024** – Jay Heil made a motion to approve Pastor's vacation request for January 29 through February 5, 2024. Linda Peyton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - f) **Security Issues/Ideas** – Discussion was held.
- 7) **CLOSING** – Jay Heil made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry Gohmert seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Schustereit

2024 COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT – Boyd Weise
SECRETARY – Kristin Schustereit
PARISH ED – Tina Boehm
STEWARDSHIP – Calvin Bruns
WORSHIP – Jay Heil
CHRISTIAN LIFE – Pam Hoefling
PROPERTY – Larry Gohmert
SOCIAL CONCERNS – Cathy Moritz
YOUTH – Linda Peyton
EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Hope Jendrzey

Financial Report

GENERAL FUND		YTD 2024	BUILDING FUND		YTD 2024
Beginning Balance		\$43,134.25	Beginning Balance		121,955.82
Income		\$20,282.65	Income		\$9,108.27
Expenses		(\$14,079.97)	Expenses		(\$60,156.89)
Ending Balance		49,336.93	Ending Balance		70,907.20
Totals as of 1/17/2024					
Investment w/ LPL Financial:					
\$124,871.71					

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES

EARLY!

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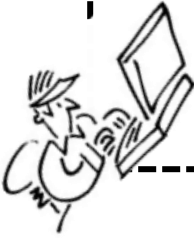
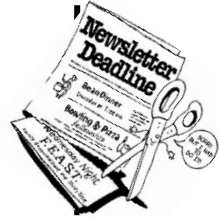
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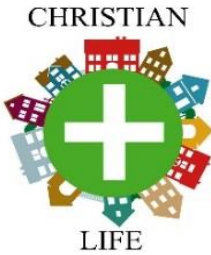
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**Monday,
February 19, 2024**



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 28, 2024 - immediately following the Worship Service. There will be no Sunday School.



Upcoming Christian Life Events:

January 28, 2024 – Chili Dinner after the Congregational Meeting. Please feel free to bring a dessert.

February 13 - SHROVE TUESDAY –

5-6:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

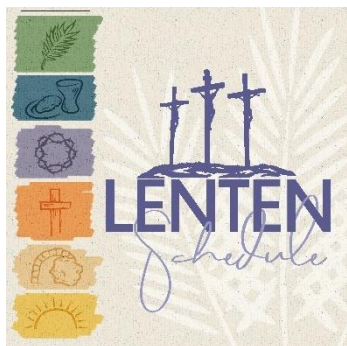
February 25, 2024 – 11:30 am Potluck Lunch

A First Communion class will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024 for all 2nd graders and older who have not had a Communion Class before. The class will be 9:30 – 11:30

a.m. Parents are welcome in the class if you choose to stay. The actual First Communion will be at our regular Sunday morning worship on February 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tim.



There will be an Acolyte training for all 3rd graders and older on Sunday, February 11, 2024, immediately following the worship services in the sanctuary. Anyone interested in serving must attend this training. If you can't attend this training, please contact Jay Heil or the church office to make other arrangements.



LENT and EASTER WORSHIP **SCHEDULE 2024**

February 13 - SHROVE TUESDAY

5-6:30 pm Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper and Burning of the Palms in the Fellowship Hall

February 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY

10:00 am Ash Wednesday Worship

with Holy Communion in the Chapel

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

February 21 – LENT

10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel

6:00 pm Supper at St. Paul Lutheran Church

7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at St. Paul Lutheran Church

February 28 – LENT

10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel

6:00 pm Supper at Holy Cross Catholic Church

7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at Holy Cross Catholic Church

March 6 – LENT

10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel

6:00 pm Supper at First Methodist Church

7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at First Methodist Church

March 13 – LENT

10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel

6:00 pm Supper at San Luis Catholic Church

7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at San Luis Catholic Church

March 20 – LENT

10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel

6:00 pm Supper at First Presbyterian Church

7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at First Presbyterian Church

March 24 – PALM SUNDAY

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:15 am Seder Meal in the Fellowship Hall

March 28 – MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

March 29 - GOOD FRIDAY

10:00 am Good Friday Worship Service in the Chapel

7:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service in the Sanctuary

March 30 – NO SATURDAY SERVICE

10:00 am Easter Program and Egg Hunt

March 31 – EASTER

7:00 am Early Service Worship with Holy Communion

8:00 am Easter Breakfast

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

April 7 – DECORATION DAY

10:30 am Cemetery Decoration Service at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery
(No Children's Sunday School)



With the help of the congregation, the children's Sunday school students collected over 172 pounds of non-perishable goods to donate to YAM. We appreciate your participation in making this a successful Advent tradition!





save the date

FATHER DAUGHTER
DINNER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024

6-8 PM IN THE EVENING

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP HALL



In memory of Anna Borth – Building

Joyce M. Lamprecht

In memory of Harlan Brieger – Building

Charles & Jan Ruppert

Darryl & Shirley Mueller

In memory of Harlan Brieger – Records Restoration

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Lydia Carrera – Records Restoration

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of William Dworaczyk – Records Restoration

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Dr. Marvin Gohlke – Building

Joyce M. Lamprecht

In memory of Gail Hardt – Senior Scholarship

Helen Breed

In memory of Flo Jacob – Building

Joyce M. Lamprecht

In memory of Clara Kaiser – Senior Scholarship

Helen Breed

In memory of Frieda Kyriesch – Senior Scholarship

Helen Breed

In memory of Jim Lane – Building

Ricky & Judy Hilbrich

In memory of Mary Ladner – Senior Scholarship

Helen Breed

In memory of Calvin Rayes – Cemetery

Bernice Geffert

In memory of Calvin Rayes – Senior Scholarship

Steven & Debbie Kneese

In memory of Robert Riedesel – Building

Joyce M. Lamprecht

In memory of Betty Ann Seifert – Building

Joyce M. Lamprecht

In memory of Cynthia Strait – Records Restoration

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Jimmy Wolf – Building

Gaylon & Laura Kaiser

In memory of Jimmy Wolf – Records Restoration

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Jimmy Wolf – Senior Scholarship

Steven & Debbie Kneese

~Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of January 17, 2024.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FEBRUARY 2024**

Sunday, February 4, 2024-5th Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm: Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39



Sunday, February 11, 2024-Transfiguration of Our Lord



First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm: Psalm 50:1-6

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

Sunday, February 18, 2024-1st Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15



Sunday, February 25, 2024-2nd Sunday in Lent



First Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm: Psalm 22:22-30

Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38



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