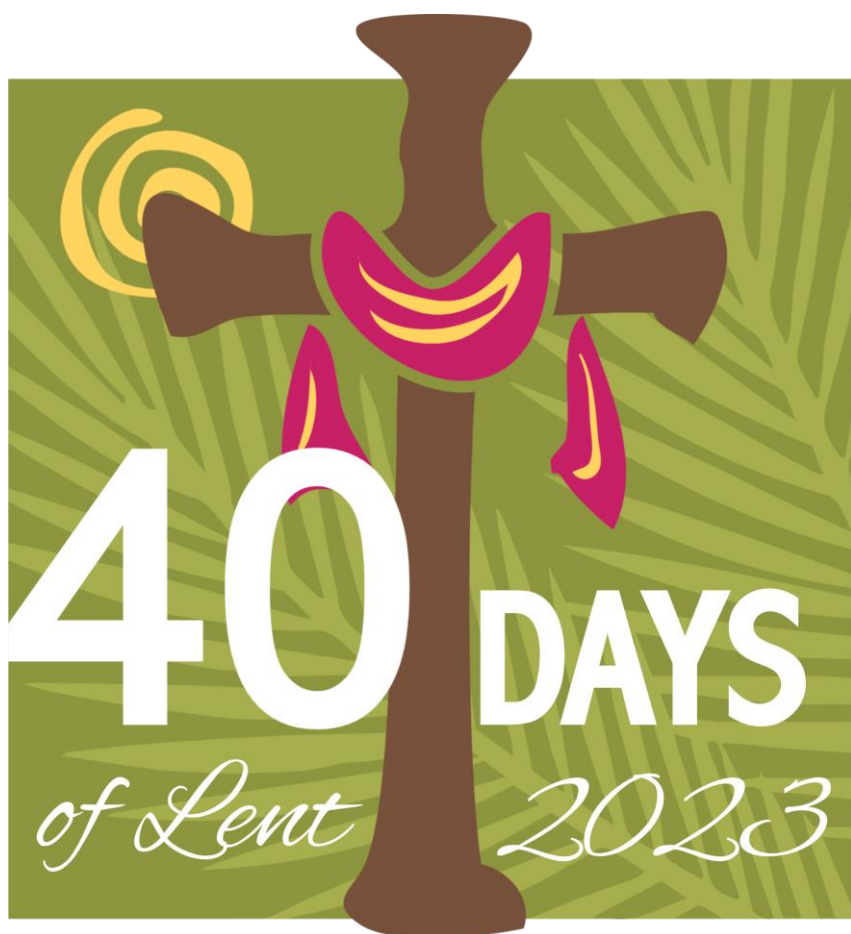


St. Paul Epistle



St. Paul Lutheran Church

OUR VISION:

We are broken and blessed followers of Christ,
providing a home for all who wander the weary road.

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Weekly Services:

Saturday Worship: 5:30pm – Sunday Worship: 9:00am

Sunday School 10:30am – Bible Class 10:30am

DATES TO REMEMBER IN MARCH 2023

Mar 1	Light Soup Supper 5:30pm - 6:15pm
Mar 1	Lent Midweek Service 6:30pm
Mar 8	Light Soup Supper 5:30pm - 6:15pm
Mar 8	Lent Midweek Service 6:30pm
Mar 9	Brown Bag Bible Study 12pm - 1:30pm
Mar 9	Board of Elders Meeting 6:00pm
Mar 13	Mission Circle at 6:00pm
Mar 14	Board of Education Meeting 7:00pm
Mar 15	Light Soup Supper 5:30pm - 6:15pm
Mar 15	Lent Midweek Service 6:30pm
Mar 22	Light Soup Supper 5:30pm - 6:15pm
Mar 22	Lent Midweek Service 6:30pm
Mar 23	Brown Bag Bible Study 12:00pm - 1:30pm
Mar 25	Friendship Tea 11am - 2pm
Mar 27	Golden Age Euchre Club 1:00pm
Mar 29	Light Soup Supper 5:30pm - 6:15pm
Mar 29	Lent Midweek Service 6:30pm



Lent 2023 – “I AM”

This year in our Wednesday Lent series and into Holy Week and the beginning of the Easter season, we will be exploring the “I AM” statements of Jesus. There are seven such statements commonly identified in the Gospel of John but there are also several others in Revelation (also written by John). In these sayings, Christ uses vivid images to reveal his identity and his love for you and me. The Old Testament is foundational for our understanding of these statements. When God spoke to Moses from the burning bush (Exodus 3), Moses asked God what his name was. God replied, “I AM WHO I AM.” When Jesus used the same verbiage to identify himself, he was not so subtly equating himself with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Each statement is an affirmation of Christ’s divinity giving us snapshots of how God interacts with us, his beloved creation.

March 1 | Before Abraham Was, I AM

March 8 | I AM the Light of the World

March 15 | I AM the Door

March 22 | I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life

March 29 | I AM the True Vine

April 6 | Maundy Thursday | I AM the Bread of Life

April 7 | Good Friday | I AM the Good Shepherd

April 9 | Easter Sunday (10AM) | I AM the Resurrection and the Life

April 16 | I AM The Living One

April 23 | I AM The Alpha and The Omega

April 30 | I AM The Bright Morning Star

Through these reflections, may we know Jesus and draw nearer to him even as he already knows us and has drawn near to us.

See you in Church,

Pastor Jon



WITNESS

WOMEN OF ST. PAUL

"Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel." Proverbs 27:9

All Women of St. Paul will be invited to the Friendship Tea on Saturday, March 25th, the event runs 10:00am-12:00pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know other women who attend St. Paul, if you are a Saturday night person or Sunday morning person. You watch online but want to know more about the Mission Circle and what the LWML Organization is about.

Mission Circle will also be selling Easter Lilies. Look for pricing and dates to purchase in the weeks to come. Payment is requested when you place your order.

Next meeting Monday, March 13thth at 6:00pm. *Janell Wollschlager - President*



MERCY



FOOD PANTRY - For the month of **March** we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:

<i>Facial Tissue</i>	<i>Deodorant</i>	<i>Tuna</i>	<i>Apple Sauce</i>
<i>Mac & Cheese</i>	<i>Toothpaste</i>	<i>Salt</i>	

"THE GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND" Assistance to three individuals from the **Good Neighbor Fund** has occurred in the last month. Recipients express their great thanks for these gifts from our church family. Please consider designating a portion of your offering to the Good Neighbor Fund so that we can continue to help those in times of need. All who have received support have expressed great appreciation for this support and wanted our church family to know of their appreciation. In the weeks ahead, these families will hear from us again with a specific message of Christian love and support and an invitation to receive the free gift of Christ's love and grace and visit us at church. Please contact us if you would like to be involved in conversations and activities associated with the Good Neighbor Fund.



There will be choir practice on Wednesday nights at 5:50pm starting March 8th. Everyone is welcomed to come and sing in the choir.



LIFE TOGETHER

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

- **Lutheranism 101** - For those interested in membership or anyone interested in reviewing the basic teachings of the Lutheran Christian faith please contact Pastor Crawford. Classes meet on an as - needed basis.
- **Adult Class** - March 5th & March 12th will be a bible study on "Households of Faith." Starting March 19th will start a bible study on the books of Hosea, Joel & Amos.
- **Brown Bag Bible Study** - Brown Bag Bible Study will be March 9th and March 23rd at 12:00pm bring a lunch. Coffee and dessert provided.

PRAYER CHAIN: Need "Links" for prayer chain - simple as phoning a friend to continue prayers. Please call 563-588-1076 ASAP! God Bless!
Karen Paar

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

Days Off - March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Our new office hours are Monday - Friday 9:15am - 1:15am

OFFICIAL ACTS - February 2023

Baptisms: None

Junior Confirmation: None

Adult Confirmations: *Ariana Dorn, Taylor Kelly,
Bryn Kittle, Colby Lafrenz*

Weddings: None

Transfers In : *Andrew Dorn, Kendra Lafrenz*

Removed from Membership: None

Funerals: None



FLOWERS: Thank you to everyone for purchasing alter flowers to beautify our church on a weekly basis. We ask that you pay at the time of sign-up and designate if you are taking them following Sunday service or leaving them to be taken to shut-ins. Please remember to return the glass dish ASAP or we are charged an additional \$5. You can leave it in the fellowship hall or put in front of the secretary's office. Charlotte Tigges 563-599-2745



ALTAR GUILD! There is currently a great need for altar guild helpers. If you are willing to help clean the communion vessels after services or polish metalware twice a year, please call the church office or send an email to the church secretary.

APRIL NEWSLETTER info is due **BY FRIDAY MARCH 24TH**

RUTH CIRCLE: We want to remind all our Church members of the greeting cards we have for sale. The proceeds from the card sales go to cleaning the Pastor's vestments and purchasing the altar linen. We have the following boxes of cards available: Graduation, Confirmation, Birthday, Anniversary, Thinking of You, Get Well, Sympathy, Wedding, and Christmas. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 3rd at 10:00am.

MISSION & MINISTRY: We continue to move towards completing the church photo directory project. To those of you who have recently submitted photos or who have had your photo taken at church in the last month, thank you! We've added several faces to the project since the last newsletter. However, *we would still love to receive even more photos and associated biographic information of members.* In the weeks ahead, we will continue to be available to take pictures of you and your family at church. And we will also continue to receive digital photos for inclusion in the directory; if you have a family photo you'd like us to use, please email that to us at Milesdog@tds.net. This project will best serve the congregation if we can maximize participation. If you'd like to see this project to completion, we'd love your help in encouraging others to participate. Our goal is to have a directory available, as a hard-copy or pdf, no later than Pentecost. Please help us make that goal!

As we move into the Lenten season, we look forward to the opportunity to come together with our church family for our Wednesday night Lenten services. The soup and fellowship that occurs before these services is a fantastic opportunity for outreach. **Consider inviting a friend to join our St. Paul family during the season of Lent.**

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN MARCH

Marie Riechmann
Marty Ruhter
Richard "Dick" Elliott
Don McGeough

We have cleaned up the "death" list. We are only going back 10 years for the people who have passed.

PRAYER LIST FOR MARCH 2023

Mindful of the Father's great mercy shown to us in Jesus, we pray on behalf of those who are in need.

For those undergoing cancer treatment:

Roger Riechmann (father of Teri Riechmann & Sheila Zasada)
Rae Ann Wegner (sister of Kim Weed)
Jayme Niemeier (nephew of Dave & Sue Krause)
Christa Wubben (daughter of Jerry & Jan Anderson)
Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)
Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)
Deana Miller (friend of Jerry & Jan Anderson)
Martha (godmother of Will Wehrspann)
Mark Geothschius (brother of A.J. Osterkamp)
Toni Jo Stelpflug (niece of Doris Pergande)
Tiffany Crowe (daughter of Jim & Marion Crowe)
Marlene Lenaburg (sister of Charlotte Tigges)
Dan Pergande, Mark Litka, Debra Spear

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Kathryn Moyer (Care Initiatives),
Nancy Clark, Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Doris Pergande,
Dusty Colby, Judy Pergande, Brenda Litka

Additional Prayer Requests

- Lori Ollendick (daughter of Dick & Charlotte Tigges)
- For the family of Richard "Dick" Tigges
- Jill Adams

**Note: The "additional" section of the prayer list will be cleared at the beginning of each month. If you would like a name to remain on the list into the next month, please contact the church office and we would be happy to continue praying for your intention.*

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2023

	Wed, Mar 1, 6:30pm	
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	
Accompanist:	Dr. David Pitt	
	Sat, Mar 4, 5:30pm	Sun, Mar 5, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Mark Litka
Altar Guild:	Kristie Fry	N/A
Accompanist:	Dr. David Pitt	Dr. David Pitt
	Wed, Mar 8, 6:30pm	
Head Usher:	Dave Kelley	
Accompanist:	Riley Sindt	
	Sat, Mar 11, 5:30pm	Sun, Mar 12, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Eric Schultz	Dave Kelley
Altar Guild:	N/A	Janet Smith
Accompanist:	Riley Sindt	Riley Sindt
	Wed, Mar 15, 6:30pm	
Head Usher:	Jon Barz	
Accompanist:	Riley Sindt	
	Sat, Mar 18, 5:30pm	Sun, Mar 19, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Jon Barz	Greg Kittle
Altar Guild:		Becky Clark
Accompanist:	Dr. Charles Barland	Riley Sindt (recorded)
	Wed, Mar 22, 5:30pm	
Head Usher:	Dennis Waugh	
Accompanist:	Riley Sindt	
	Sat, Mar 25, 5:30pm	Sun, Mar 26, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Jon Lutz
Altar Guild:	N/A	Angela/A.J. Osterkamp, Sue Grutz
Accompanist:	Riley Sindt	Riley Sindt
	Wed, Mar 29, 5:30pm	
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	
Accompanist:	Riley Sindt	



27-Roger & Martha Driscoll



4-Jill Adams
10-A.J. Osterkamp
27-Emmett Worden

5-Kaitlyn Miller
11-Kip Weland, Jr.

7-Margaret Fox
21-Jim Ayers



1-Ruth Barz
6-Margaret Fox
11-Katy Crawford
16-Dr. Heyo Tjarks
19-Elleanna Clark-Adams
23-Hallie Oppelt
30-Bob Kalvelage

1-Pete Weber
8-Lauren Miller
11-Tamra Weland
18-Mark Litka
21-Shirley Calonder
25-David Oppelt, III
31-Michelle Fanter

2-Colby Lafrenz
8-Richard Weed
16-Leslie Davis
18-Angela Osterkamp
22-Brandon Zasada
26-Annabelle Schaal
31-Dale Miller