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Pastor's Message for March 2019

Ash Wednesday



Lent

"So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes." <Daniel 9:3>

Ash Wednesday begins the church season of Lent on March 6th of this year. Many will gather together at St. Paul's at 7:00 p.m. to worship and receive an ashen cross placed on their forehead. This cross reminds us 'we are but dust and to dust we shall return.'

The season of Lent continues for 40 days. We are reminded of the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert where he was tempted by Satan. Jesus shows us we can overcome temptation; we can refuse evil. We can live a true Christian life.

These 40 days are a time of self-examination to help us determine how our lives are intersecting with God and just as importantly how our lives are disconnecting our relationship with God and one another. It is a time of 'repentance' that is being sorrowful of our worldly actions

or Christian inactions that obstruct a spiritual connection to God.

During Old Testament times it was common for those who were repentant to dress in sack cloth, put ashes on their heads and fast (giving up food or choice foods) while meditating on the sins of their lives. In a similar way, many Christians today during Lent will give up something they enjoy. This may be a favorite food, beverage, going out to eat, a daily favorite drink at their preferred Coffee shop. Or it may be something they enjoy doing each day that brings them joy. When it comes time during the day to enjoy one of these things, we are reminded to remember our time of repentance and use that time to consider how we can live a life more in tune with the will of our God. A good practice to consider while giving up one of these favorite things, is to replace it with a donation of the cost you would have spent to an organization that helps others. Or treating someone on the street with that coffee, meal, or time spent at a movie. Perhaps you will continue doing something similar after the 40 days of Lent ends.



Blessings to you in Christ Jesus, Pastor David

Included in financial Update:

Sunday School: \$4.75

Epistle: \$64.00

Special Gifts

Adam Weber donation for Cemetery & Playground maintenance.

Dan & Wendy Weber: \$250.00

Bob Illston Memorials:

St. Paul's Church: \$170.00

WELCA Kitchen Fund: \$ 70.00

St. Paul's Cemetery: \$ 70.00

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Date	Attendance	Offering
Feb. 03	109	\$ 5,302.86
Feb. 10	Canceled (ICE)	\$ 0
Feb. 17	70	\$ 3,077.61
Feb. 24	118	\$ 4,389.00
Total	297	\$ 12,769.47

March 2019 BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jeannette Fischer
- 3 Kyle Crossman
- 4 Glen Stubinger
- 6 Chase Pistel
- 6 Melvin Stubinger
- 7 Charles Ferrell
- 8 Jacob Loesch
- 9 Rich Prosch
- 11 Wendy Barker
- 12 J.D. Murphy
- 13 Cori Soell
- 14 Carol Elliott
- 15 Jayce Tschirgi
- 16 Lisa Beard
- 16 Tom Kirchner
- 16 Elizabeth Russell
- 18 Rosemary Heidbreder
- 19 Richard Heidbreder
- 20 Keagan Strobel
- 21 Paula Linsenbardt
- 22 Laura Plochberger
- 22 Landon Plochberger
- 23 Cameron Freiner
- 23 Dan Tschirgi
- 26 Lauren Stubinger
- 27 David Finch
- 28 Brandon Williams
- 28 Wolfgang Neenan
- 29 Erika Gerth
- 30 Harry Thompson

*Happy Birthday to you!***MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

- 19 Desmond & Irma Pascoe 1995
- 25 Shawn & Jessica Stoermer 2006

Happy Anniversary

Roger Dean Buchta, age 74 of Lohman, MO, passed away at his home the morning of February 5, 2019. He was born October 28, 1944 at home, the son of William and Alma (Koestner) Buchta, both of whom preceded him in death.

Roger attended Russellville High School and was a graduate from Lincoln University with a master's degree in education. Roger was a teacher at Cole County R-1 school for 27 years until his retirement. He served in the Army as a medic in the Vietnam War. While in the service he was awarded soldier of the month, he also delivered twin girls during the Christmas season and named them Mary and Martha. Another memory while serving as a medic in the army, he was determined to save a seriously injured Vietnamese General by performing chest compressions and succeeded.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church where he was baptized and confirmed. He enjoyed canoeing, kayaking, walking, woodworking, and working outdoors. He will be sadly missed and forever remembered. Survivors include one brother: Don Buchta, Lohman, MO and Roger's dog Harry. He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation was Friday evening February 8, 2019 from 4:00-7:00 at Weber Funeral Home, Russellville MO.

Services were held Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 11:00 am at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lohman, MO with Pastor David Viles officiating.

Burial in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Mid Missouri Humane Society or St. Pauls Lutheran Church. Arrangements under the direction of Weber Funeral Home, Russellville, MO.

Ask the Pastor

Question: Some years ago somebody told me that the chosen scripture lessons for each Sunday are chosen by somebody located somewhere and that it goes out to many denominations across the United States and everybody has the same lessons each Sunday. Do you know if this is true and who is that "somebody somewhere" who makes those decisions?

Answer: The Revised Common Lectionary.



The 'Revised Common Lectionary' sometimes abbreviated as RCL is a collection of readings for each Sunday and Festival days such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter and Christmas.

These readings include an Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament and a Gospel. The RCL is a product of the North American 'Consultation on Common Texts' which includes many reformed churches such as our own ELCA, Anglican, Episcopal, Methodist, LCMS, Presbyterian, the Catholic church and several others as well as the 'International English Language Liturgical Consultation.' It was published in 1992 after many years of consideration.

St. Paul's purchases a book each year that contains all of the readings as well as a lot of other information used for worship. The picture on the left shows the last three books. Each year contains gospel scriptures based on particular writers; Year A is Matthew, Year B is Mark and John, and Year C (this year) is Luke. But on occasion we do hear from other gospel writers during the year. Most of the time you will hear the same readings and gospel text once every three years. Some special Sundays such as Easter and Christmas you will always hear the same text each year unless your Pastor makes a change.

The Church year begins on the first Sunday of Advent. This Sunday is four Sundays prior to the day of Christmas. In 2019 the Year C will end and the new Year A will begin on Sunday, December 1st. Scripture texts in the Revised Common Lectionary come from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible (NRSV).

The wonderful benefit of using the RCL is that many Christians around the world are worshiping together using the same scriptures as one body in Christ. That is pretty amazing when you think of millions and millions of Christians saying and hearing the same readings, Psalm and gospel each Sunday.

Would you like to see what is coming up this week or the weeks to follow? Go to this [LINK](#) to check it out.

Do you have a question? Please let me know so we can all learn together. Peace, Pastor David

A worthy translation:

"One particular four-year old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

St. Paul's ELCA Church, Lohman, Missouri
Regular Congregational Council Meeting, February 11th, 2019

Zola Finch - President

A regular Congregational Council meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2019, by President Zola Finch. Present were Council Members Delores Vlach, Paula Linsenhardt, Kathy Meller, Mitchell Plochberger, and Laurie Koestner. Absent was Dan Tschirgi. Also present were Council Treasurer, Kay Pascoe, and Pastor David Viles.

The meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Viles, who then led the group in a brief devotion focused on anxiety and encouraging us to seek peace in the Holy Spirit. The scripture was Philippians 4:4-7. Pastor David also shared an acronym for CALM: C—Celebrate God; A—Ask God For Help; L—Leave Your Problems With God; M—Mediate on Good Things (God Things).

The President then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2019 Council meeting. This motion was offered by Laurie Koestner, seconded by Kathy Meller, and passed via voice. The President then called upon Council Treasurer, Kay Pascoe to present a review of the past month's expenses and incomes. A two-page review was presented to the members. After discussion, a motion was offered by Mitchell Plochberger, seconded by Delores Vlach, and passed by voice vote.

The President then asked for Pastor Viles January mileage and activity report. Pastor's January mileage totaled 92 miles. A motion to approve this was passed upon a motion by Laurie Koestner, seconded by Mitchell Plochberger and passed via voice. The amount is \$53.36. Pastor reported attendance at over seven individual event meetings, including Lion's Club, Food Bank at Trinity in Russellville, and Lohman City Council. He made home visits, nursing home visits and officiated at Bob Illston's funeral.

The President called for Standing Committee reports:
(See reports listed after the Council Minutes.)

The President then called for discussion of Old Business. The Safety and Security Advisory Council will hold a meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 in follow up to the Shepherds of Safety presentation. The continuation of church closet organization will take place on spring work day with the choir room next.

Under New Business: There are two council open positions to fill. There was discussion of recruitment of possible candidates. The council President asked each council member to come up with their goals for the coming year and complete the organization of their respective committees.

The Council was adjourned at 8:50p.m. The Lord's Prayer was recited by all.

Respectfully Submitted by Zola Finch, Acting Council Secretary.

Evangelism: Delores Vlach

Delores reported there were still five opening to be filled to host monthly Sunday morning post-church fellowship. She also reported there is preliminary planning on the upcoming St. Paul's sponsored pancake breakfast which will be Sunday, March 17. There was discussion on how to improve attendance at the breakfast by additional advertising.

Technology: Dan Tschirgi

There was no formal technology report. However, there were compliments on the improved clarity from Pastor's new microphone and the sound of the music played through the new sound system during the funeral of Roger Buchta.

Worship & Music: Kathy Meller

The Committee met on February 5, 2019. Kathy reported that Pastor recently received a call from a non-member in the community who indicated she appreciated hearing the church's carillon and chimes. Kathy also presented the choir and special music for February and March along with the hymn of the month for March, "Restore In Us O God" # 328. Ash Wednesday service will take place on Wednesday, March 6 with Zola playing. It will be a communion service. Midweek Lenten Services will be held March 13, 20, 27 and April 3 and 10th. Cookies and drinks will be provided by the Worship and Music Committee members.

Parish Education: Laurie Koestner

The "Souper Bowl" collection has ended with Pastor Viles delivering the food to the food pantry. Laurie reported the potential sending attendees to the summer youth camp Youth Works. Sunday School materials for the final half of the year will be ordered. The Sunday School class will provide a Palm Sunday program. Zola and Laurie discussed holding a meeting with Michelle Collins to devise a calendar for St. Paul's youth service projects for the coming year.

Church Improvement: Mitchell Plochberger

Bids for the new air conditioning units are coming in slowly. The Church Improvement Committee will meet in March to discuss the bids and make a presentation to the church council. There is a new sign pending installation at the side door of the church directing people to Pastor's office. All church fire extinguishers have been checked for the year. Smoke detectors will be checked to ensure they are all operational. The weather radio will be checked to make sure it is working and placed in the appropriate place so any weather alerts can be heard. There are storm windows in the church that are being repaired and they all will be inspected for any repairs needed. General questions were raised about the plans for the kitchen update. Mitch and Amber Gardner will discuss putting together a committee for discussion of plans and design.

STEWARDSHIP: Paula Linsenbardt

No meeting was held in February. Paula is the newly elected chairperson of Stewardship and is looking forward to 2019. The Committee will have future meetings.

Mutual Ministry: Vacant

No report. As there is currently no council representative for Mutual Ministry committee, Pastor Viles met with the committee on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. The committee is in place with the additional new members of Frank Pascoe, Alan Scheperle and Sharon Wyss. The Mutual Ministry committee is in place to represent your joys and concerns of St. Paul's church.

Our goals are; to develop open communication about the expectations, attitudes, and concerns within the congregation, the community, and the staff; identify early warning signs of misunderstandings; become a "listening post" for pastor and congregation; conduct annual review and affirmation of staff; serve as a group where the pastor can test new ideas; monitor background checks; keep "Staff Guidelines" up to date; conduct staff reviews; assist with keeping "Committee Organization Guidelines" updated; and submit report of committee activities for the Annual Report in December. Comments made to the MMC are confidential. Names will not be repeated outside of the committee. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.



Souper Bowl and Beyond: St. Paul's Youth group.

The Youth Group hosted a food drive with goods being collected during Super Bowl Sunday and the two following Sundays. Pastor David packed the groceries in his car and delivered them to the Food Pantry at Trinity Lutheran Church in Russellville on February 12th. These groceries were distributed as extra goods. The people benefitting from these groceries were very appreciative.

Jr. Lutherans: Donita Stubinger

St. Paul's Jr. Lutherans met Sunday, February 24, 2019 after Sunday School to enjoy a delicious meal of hamburgers, French fries, mashed potatoes and gravy, deviled eggs, brownies, cookies and ice cream. We ate around 11:00 am before the Confirmation class started. Some worked on Valentine Heart Healthy door hangers and Butterfly fruit zip-lock bags to give to the nursing home residents. As soon as the crafts were completed and the Confirmation class was released we journeyed to the Moniteau County Nursing Home where we visited with the residents and shared our treats with each one. They were grateful for our visit. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

On Sunday, March 10 we will meet again to enjoy a painting class at church after Sunday School. We will be painting a picture of a cross for students to take home after we enjoy a meal. Please watch the bulletin for more details. All are welcome to attend. Just let Donita know so supplies can be purchased for you. Remember to join us Saturday, April 20, 2019 when we will color our Easter Eggs to take home. Be sure to save your egg cartons to carry your dozen eggs home in.

Dorcas Circle & S.T.A.R.S. [Seniors, tired and retired saints]: Gertrude Strobel

The next Dorcas Circle will meet at 11:00 am and the S.T.A.R.S. dinner is scheduled for 11:30 am with a menu of Corned beef and cabbage prepared by Donita. Both will meet on Wednesday, March 6th, weather permitting. Mark your calendars.

Mobile Food Pantry: Becky Weber

The February 12th Mobile Food Pantry Truck was in Russellville at the Trinity Lutheran Church Parking lot. Volunteers were Gary and Alberta Zumwalt from the Lohman Lions Club, Pastor David Viles, Becky Weber and Charlie Miller from St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Also volunteers from Russellville NJHS including Chris Seaver, Cali Coombs, Josie Stevart. How cold was it? It was so cold that even Pastor David's snow woman knocked on his door and asked to sleep on his couch.

Thanks to all who volunteered to help our community with this event. We served 102 families with 386 people in those families. Some of the items given out this month are fresh farm eggs, chicken breasts and nuggets, carrots, crackers, tomatoes, beans, blackberries, assorted beverages, coffee, paper towels, 100 boxes of cereal donated by St. John's Lutheran Church, and boxes of groceries donated by St. Paul's Lutheran Church through donations collected by St. Paul's Youth during Souper Bowl Sunday. Next month's mobile food pantry date is March 12th at 1:15 P.M.

Food Pantry Item Needed: *Empty Egg Cartons*****

The Russellville Food Pantry Truck is in need of egg cartons to fill and give away to those coming to get food. Please save your empty cartons that you would like to share and leave them in the Samaritan Center Box located in the Fellowship Hall (coat rack area) and we will get them delivered. Thanks to all who donated egg cartons. We will continue to deliver them as donated. Rosemary Heidbreder and Audrey Bunch.

Fruendschaft Gruppe: Jeannette Fischer

Our gruppe met on Feb. 11 with 21 in attendance. After a delicious dinner served by Glen and Donita, we tackled a busy list of chores. Pew pencils were sharpened, visitor cards replaced, Gerths continued to edit the annual directory and we prepared for quilt tacking day. We set up 3 quilt frames and pinned quilts in each one so that we were ready to work the next day.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 11. If you would like to join us for food, fellowship and a little work, we welcome you to do so. Jeannette Fischer, Chair

Safety & Security:

A meeting was held on February 12th to discuss the 'Shepherds of Safety' presentation and the requirements of St. Paul's to protect our congregations from all types of threats which includes, weather, fire, medical, active shooter, and other related emergencies. First Aid kits were purchased and placed in the kitchen and in the choir room near the defibrillator. Bomb threat cards have been place by all phones to gather information if needed. There is much to do and we are working hard to make sure everyone worships in a safe and secure place.

St. Paul's Epistle: 50 Years Ago, March, 1969: Gertrude Strobel

March 1969: Ten years ago (1959) Dr. E. Fritschel, Central District President, visited Jefferson City and announced a mission would be started there within a year.

The Church Council voted to raise the coverage on the building to \$100,000 since many of the valuable items fall in this category and \$4000 on the contents. Junior Lutherans went skating in February at Marvic's Roller Rink.

The Ladies Aid completed quilting five quilts and are working on three more. Mrs. John (Marie) Scheperle has made an attractive bulletin board display on the subject of "World Missions." (And 50 years later, Marie is still taking care of the bulletin board!). And that's the way it was...fifty years ago.



Hello from the Mouse Home here on the hill in Lohman. Br.r.r! Believe me, it is still winter. Snow, sleet, rain...it is good to be a Mouse with a nice warm home in the church. It will be great to get outdoors again and see what is going on with the other animals.

It seems there is another animal in our midst. This time it is a black animal, the size of a big dog, that is satisfying his hunger with bird feed. There has not been a lack of food here in the church kitchen and our mouse family is thriving.

I am trying to get my girl friend, Paulinah, to learn to cook some of these delicious dishes the ladies bring in....no luck. We enjoyed listening to the quilting ladies the two days they quilted for Lutheran World Relief. Thanks to all our ladies who brought food for the funeral and other meetings. We are grateful to all who helped with the worship services...with the inclement weather we were glad that only one worship service was cancelled this February. We give thanks to all who "keep our church going." Our weather saying "Welcome the cold blasts from the north, But lie low when comes the east wind." Till next month, Your friend, *Paul, The Mouse*

THANK YOU

Kent and Julie Nelson for your work cleaning up the broken branches on the Hill that was caused by the January storm and 12 inch snow. You two are an awesome blessing.

Pastor David, Paul Meyer and Josh Campbell for snow removal February 16 so we could worship on Sunday.

Bill and Erika Gerth for the wonderful 2019 St. Paul's Lutheran Church Directory. It is amazing and filled with all the information needed for our members. Great Job, well done.



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Lohman, MO

ANNUAL PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

MARCH 17, 2019 SERVING FROM 10 AM-1 PM



*ALL YOU CARE TO EAT
PANCAKES & SYRUP
SAUSAGE - APPLESAUCE
COFFEE - ORANGE JUICE
(SUGAR FREE SYRUP AVAILABLE)*

*ADULTS: \$8.00 KIDS: 6 yrs. to 12 yrs. \$4.00
KIDS 5 AND UNDER: FREE*



St. Paul's Perpetual Cemetery: Delores Vlach – Secretary

A special meeting of St. Paul's Perpetual Cemetery Corporation was held on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, following fellowship hour, which was hosted by the cemetery board. The meeting was called to order by President, Roger Pennell. Board members present were Richard Heidbreder, Leroy Plochberger, Delores Vlach, and Roger Pennell. Twenty-two members, who signed the attendance roster, also were present.

An opening prayer was given by Pastor David Viles at 10:35 am. Pastor David, also, read an interesting letter (which included a donation) from Adam Weber of Lohman, praising the work of our church and the cemetery board, as he has observed how nicely the cemetery is maintained whenever he visits the gravesites of family members.

The president moved to vote on changes and additions to the by-laws. Proposed changes to articles I, III, V, and XIV of the by-laws all were approved with unanimous affirmative voice vote given for each separate article.

ARTICLE I

The purposes of the incorporation are as stated in the Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE III

As amended on February 3, 2019

The members of the corporation shall be the persons described in Article 5 (Five) of the Articles of Incorporation, as being members.

Members shall be placed into one of two categories, Vested Members or Non-Vested Members. Each category shall have specific entitlements and privileges.

A. Vested Members shall consist of congregational members identified by St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church's Our Governing Document, c8.02. as (a) Baptized, (b) Confirmed, or (c) Voting.

Congregational members identified as meeting this criteria:

- (1) May or may not elect to become a Vested Member,
- (2) Shall be entitled to a grave plot in rotation at no cost to the member, or
- (3) May elect to reserve a specific available grave plot at the current fee structure.

Congregational members identified as meeting this criteria and desiring Vested membership will be entered onto the corporation membership rolls and may at any time retire from membership.

B. Non-Vested Members shall consist of congregational members identified by St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church's Our Governing Document, c8.02. as (d) Associate or (e) Seasonal.

Additionally, individuals meeting the following requirements may submit application for Non-Vested corporation membership:

- (1) Former congregational members,
- (2) Individuals who have congregational family members, or
- (3) Individuals who have family members interred/inurned in St. Paul's Perpetual Cemetery.

Individuals meeting these requirements and desiring Non-Vested membership will be entered onto the corporation membership rolls and may at any time retire from membership. Non-Vested members, whether active or retired, shall be entitled to a plot in rotation at the current fee structure.

Non-Vested members serving on the St. Paul's Perpetual Cemetery Fund Inc.'s Board of Directors shall have the same entitlements/privileges as a Vested Member during their tenure in office.

ARTICLE V

As amended on September 14, 1969

As amended on January 13, 1985

As amended on September 9, 2011

As amended on February 3, 2019

The membership shall hold the annual meeting at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lohman, Missouri, on the 3rd Sunday in September at 1:00 P.M. or a date as soon as possible thereafter at which matters of interest to the membership shall be presented.

ARTICLE XIV

As amended on February 3, 2019

Each member, meeting the public voting age requirements of the state of Missouri, shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a membership vote at any meeting of the members. Each matter will be approved by a simple majority affirmative vote.

The membership may amend these by-laws at any annual or special meeting thereof by the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths (3/4) of the members present at such meeting, providing that if such amendment is presented at a special meeting, at least thirty days written notice thereof is given and that at such said meeting it is intended to amend the by-laws.

A motion to add article XVI to the by-laws was made by Gus Fischer, Jr. and seconded by Bill Gerth. Motion carried. All other articles of the by-laws remain unchanged.

ARTICLE XVI

As added on February 3, 2019

Cemetery grave plots and columbarium fee structure recommendations will be determined by the St. Paul's Perpetual Cemetery Fund Inc.'s Board of Directors and presented at the annual meeting for approval.

Burials and inurnments will be open to the public and may be closed to the public upon a membership vote at the annual meeting.

Other business discussed at the meeting included the following:

1. Beginning in 2019 Hook's Lawn Service will raise the fees for cemetery lawn care from \$235 to \$245 per mowing.
2. Roger will research other local cemetery prices for interment and inurnment to compare with our pricing.
3. Referring to article XII of the by-laws regarding the resetting of stone or monuments, the cemetery corporation will do minimum cosmetic care of the headstones. Major work shall be the responsibility of the family.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned with a motion by Gus Fischer, Jr. and seconded by Bill Gerth. Motion carried. Pastor David closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Note: Walter Illston memorial donations for the cemetery fund was \$70.00. Thank you to all who donated.

"On behalf of the St. Paul's Perpetual Cemetery Association, the Board of Directors extends a very heartfelt thank you to Leon Pistel and Marvin Bubach for their many years of faithful and dedicated service for laying out the grave plots when needed. Your efforts were greatly appreciated."

Margaret Circle: Erika Gerth

The members of Margaret circle met at the church on Tuesday, February 5th for an evening of Bible study and fellowship. Donita Stubinger treated us to a variety of delectable goodies and Inge Gauck led us in a study of Genesis I. Correspondence from Special Learning Center, R.A.C.S., Healing House, and Buddy Packs was shared. Of special interest was the "thank you" we received from Mobility Worldwide, a faith-based, non-profit organization with a location in Columbia, MO. which manufactures hand cranked mobility carts for individuals who do not have use of the lower part of their body. Our recent donation of \$300.00 paid for the manufacture and shipment of one such cart to a person in an under-developed country who now has the means of transporting him/herself to a job, grocery shop, etc. Imagine that person's joy at literally being lifted off the ground! Following a discussion of other organizations which the Circle supports, the evening's offering was divided between Special Learning Center and The Samaritan Center, local non-profits which have a profound impact on the lives of many in our community. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 2nd, at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Marie Scheperle will host and Inge Gauck will again lead us in the study of God's Holy Word. All women of the congregation, and their friends, are invited!

WELCA: Amber Gardner

WELCA hosted two blanket tacking days in February. Ten gals and guys worked on tacking several blankets for LWR. We would love to have you join us next year! We are again hosting a Lenten Ingathering beginning on March 10 through Palm Sunday. Bring in your canned goods, paper products and personal hygiene products to benefit the Samaritan Center. WELCA needs your help! We are currently in need of a vice president and a flower chairperson for July and August. If you are interested, please let Amber know!

Safety & Security:

On February 2nd the St. Paul's Safety and Security Committee hosted a Church Safety briefing and training workshop. The training presented by Mr. Gary Moore and Mr. Paul Fennewald. Mr. Moore and Mr. Fennewald have started an organization, Shepard's of Safety, which assists churches in church safety. They train the churches on a variety of crisis, from natural disasters to armed intruders/shooters. The meeting was open to all church members and to other churches. Besides members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, we had Trinity Lutheran and St. Michael's Catholic Church, both of Russellville and Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Jefferson City. The training received was primarily on intruder/shooter response, evacuation of the church during crisis situations, emergency drills that the congregation should be a part, and then a walkthrough of our church discussing safety problems that need to be addressed. They have provided a great deal of information that will be used to update our "Emergency Plan". As the next few months come around, we will be implementing some of these drills. I will try to have a safety minute each Sunday service during announcements, trying to relay good safety and security information. I will also put information in the Epistle to keep people updated on issues of safety. The committee would like to thank the members of St. Paul's for attending the training.

- **TORNADOES can destroy buildings, flip cars, and create deadly flying debris. Tornadoes are violently rotating columns of air that extend from a thunderstorm to the ground they can:**
 - **Happen anytime and anywhere**
 - **Bring intense winds, over 200 MPH**
 - **Looks like a funnel**
- **IF YOU ARE UNDER A TORNADO WARNING, FIND SAFE SHELTER RIGHT AWAY**
 - **If you can safely get to sturdy building then do so immediately**
 - **Go to a safe room, basement, or storm cellar**
 - **If you are in a building with no basement, then get to a small interior room on the lowest level**
 - **Stay away from windows, doors, and outside walls**
 - **Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You're safer in a low, flat location**
 - **Watch out for flying debris that can cause injury or death**
 - **Use your arms to protect your head**
- **HOW TO STAY SAFE WHEN A TORNADO THREATENS**
 - **Know the signs of a tornado, including a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud; an approaching cloud of debris; or a loud roar-similar to a freight train**
 - **Get a weather monitor for your home**
 - **Pay attention to weather reports**
 - **Identify and practice going to a safe shelter**
- **SURVIVE DURING**
 - **Immediately go to a safe location**
 - **Take additional cover by shielding your head and neck with your arms and putting materials such as furniture and blankets around you (inside or outdoors)**
 - **Listen to your weather radio or local weather reports**
 - **Do not try to outrun a tornado in a vehicle**
- **BE SAFE AFTER**
 - **Keep listening to the weather radio or local weather reports**
 - **If trapped, cover your mouth with a cloth or mask to avoid breathing dust. Try to send a text, bang on a pipe or wall, or use a whistle.**
 - **Stay away from fallen power lines or broken utility lines**
 - **Do not enter damaged buildings until you are told they are safe**
 - **Save your phone calls for emergencies.**
 - **Be careful during clean-up. Wear thick shoes, long pants and work gloves.**

Reading Through the Bible

Date	Day	Daily Reading
Feb-24	Sunday	Exodus 19-20
Feb-25	Monday	Exodus 21-23
Feb-26	Tuesday	Exodus 24-27
Feb-27	Wednesday	Exodus 28-30
Feb-28	Thursday	Exodus 31-32
Mar-1	Friday	Exodus 33-34
Mar-2	Saturday	Exodus 35-38
Mar-3	Sunday	Exodus 39-40
Mar-4	Monday	Leviticus 1-4
Mar-5	Tuesday	Leviticus 5-7
Mar-6	Wednesday	Leviticus 8-11
Mar-7	Thursday	Leviticus 12-15
Mar-8	Friday	Leviticus 16-18
Mar-9	Saturday	Leviticus 19-22
Mar-10	Sunday	Leviticus 23-24
Mar-11	Monday	Leviticus 25-27
Mar-12	Tuesday	Numbers 1-3
Mar-13	Wednesday	Numbers 4-6
Mar-14	Thursday	Numbers 7-9
Mar-15	Friday	Numbers 10-11
Mar-16	Saturday	Numbers 12-14
Mar-17	Sunday	Numbers 15
Mar-18	Monday	Numbers 16-18
Mar-19	Tuesday	Numbers 19-21
Mar-20	Wednesday	Numbers 22-24
Mar-21	Thursday	Numbers 25-28
Mar-22	Friday	Numbers 29-32
Mar-23	Saturday	Numbers 33-36

St. Paul's Bible scholars have faithfully met each Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. We even gathered together on the Sunday church was cancelled due to icy conditions. Most of the roads were in pretty good shape by that afternoon.

We completed reading all of Genesis and are now half way through the book of Exodus. These readers have been amazing in their dedication and participation in discussions when we meet as a group each Sunday. The questions are fantastic and learning is so much fun when done together.

← **New Schedule for the next four weeks.**

Some of what we have learned so far.

We often think Eve ate of the fruit and then took it to Adam to eat. Did you know Adam was right there with her? "She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it."

"Noah was 600 years old at the time of the flood. Shem-Ham-Japheth were 100 years old having been born in Noah's 500th year." Were they triplets? Must have been to be the same age.

The rainbow is God's sign he will never destroy the earth again by floods. <Genesis 9:11-17>

Did Abraham know he would not sacrifice his son Isaac? "Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' <Genesis 22:5>

Jacob's son Joseph is the ruler of all Egypt for fourteen years, only Pharaoh is over him. <Genesis 41:41-44>

What is God's name? "I AM" <Exodus 3:14>

If you are living outside of this area and can't attend, feel free to send questions or comments to Pastor David's email address. davidviles@cox.net

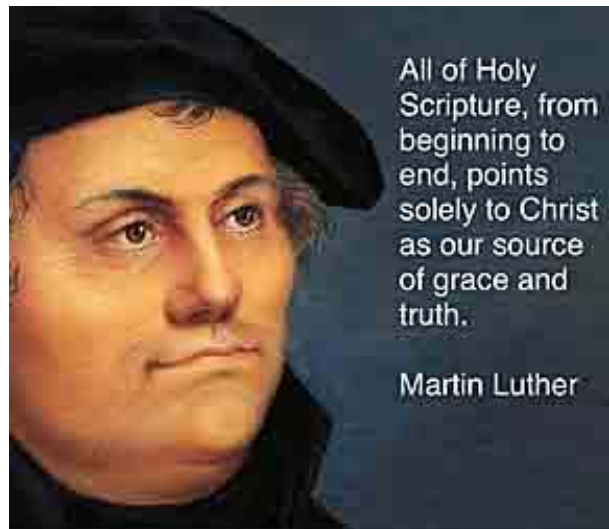


God's first words after the Fall were, "Where are you?"

It is only one word in Hebrew, אַיֶּקָה (ayyekkah).

In that one word is compressed a whole theology:

- God seeks out the lost sinner.
- God welcomes him to confess.
- God desires his restoration.
- God works his redemption.



Martin Luther



Movie Night: Friday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m. Doors are open at 6:30 p.m. bring your snacks to share and a favorite bean bag or chair. Metal chairs are available. Meeting downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

God Bless the Broken Road tells the story of a young mother who loses her husband in Afghanistan and struggles to raise their young daughter in his absence.

The film combines elements of faith, country music, and stock car racing while paying tribute to those who serve in the United States Military. Directed by Harold Cronk. [More Info <HERE>](#)



Sunday March 10th is Daylight savings time.

You will lose an hour of sleep but you will dine at the Lord's Table.

And you may get a short nap during the Sermon.



"My friend, Forrest Church, was the senior minister at New York's Unitarian Church of All Souls for 30 years before he passed away in 2009. "Forrest loved poking fun at himself and his colleagues. He told the story of a fellow minister who preached a magnificent sermon one Sunday morning. This fellow was really full of himself as he and his wife drove home. "He said to his wife, 'I wonder how many really good preachers there are in this denomination?' "His wife replied, 'One less than you think there are.'"

As a courtesy, a pastor took an elderly church member to the local nursing home to seek information about how they determine whether or not an older person should be put in a nursing home. "Well," said the nursing home director, "we fill up a bathtub. Then we offer the person a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to empty the bathtub." "Oh, I understand," said the elderly visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No," said the administrator, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near a window?"

On the first day of school, little Jimmy began to cry, and the teacher suggested he see the school nurse. "What's the matter, Jimmy?" the nurse asked. "Are you homesick?"

"No, I'm here-sick," Jimmy replied.

To see the online calendar with extended information, use this link and click item. → [Calendar Online](#)

St. Paul's Calendar March 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Movie Night "God Bless the Broken Road" Pastor's Day Off	2
3 9am Worship 10:15 am Fellowship Hour 4pm Bible Reading Group	4	5 9 am Worship & Music Meeting	6 Bulletin Printed 10:30/11:30 am Dorcas Circle STARS dinner 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday	7	8 Pastor's Day Off	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins 9am Worship Communion Jr. Lutheran's Painting Class 4pm Bible Reading Group	11 5:30 pm Fruendschaft Gruppe 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	12 1:15 pm Food Pantry 6:30 pm Mutual Ministry Meeting	13 6:30 PM Gather for Cookies & Drinks 7:00 pm 1st Mid-Week Lenten Service	14 Bulletin Printed	15 Pastor's Day Off	16
17 9am Worship 10 am Pancake Breakfast 4pm Bible Reading Group	18	19	20 Bulletin Printed 6:30 PM Gather for Cookies & Drinks 7:00 pm 2nd Mid-Week Lenten Service	21 Epistle Deadline 6:30 pm Mutual Ministry Meeting	22 Pastor's Day Off	23
24 9am Worship Communion 4pm Bible Reading Group	25	26	27 Bulletin Printed 6:30 PM Gather for Cookies & Drinks 7:00 pm 3rd Mid-Week Lenten Service	28	29 Pastor's Day Off	30
31 9am Worship 4pm Bible Reading Group						

Date **Ushers**
 Mar. 03 Laurie Koestner | Paula Linsenbardt
 Mar. 10 Kathy Meller | Mitchell Plochberger
 Mar. 17 Dan Tschirgi | Delores Vlach
 Mar. 24 Zola Finch | Laurie Koestner
 Mar. 31 Paula Linsenbardt | Kathy Meller J.D. Murphy

Acolytes | Communion – Youth - Adult
 Mattson Stoermer
 Meredith Benne | Kaitlyn Finch | Erika Gerth
 William Gardner
 Charlie Miller | Jahanna Koestner | Trish Russell
 Christopher Murphy

Date **Greeters**
 Mar. 03 Frank Pascoe | Donald Weber
 Mar. 10 Harry Thompson | Jana Thompson
 Mar. 17 Stacy Bubach | Abby Bubach
 Mar. 24 Don Buchta | Audrey Bunch
 Mar. 31 Gary Elliott | Richard Heidbreder

Readers
 Harry Thompson
 Jana Thompson
 Donald Weber
 Delores Vlach
 Marlene Carlson

Communionware For Month
 Donald & Becky Weber

Flowers For Month
 Rosemary Heidbreder

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10:15 a.m.: Sunday School & Adult Forum **11:30 a.m.: Confirmation Class**
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