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Pastor's Message

"See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land." <Solomon 2:11-13>

As winters go in Missouri, we haven't had much of the severe temperatures and certainly not the deep snows of years gone by. But we have had a lot of small snows and fortunately those all seemed to fall on Wednesdays and spared us from not being able to attend church and having trouble getting back home. For that I am thankful and praise God for his word being heard and all of us having the opportunity to gather together in worship of our Lord and fellowship together.

But even though the weather has been mild, I'm ready for warmer days and plenty of sunshine to lift our moods and warm our bodies. I'm ready to see green leaves on the trees and budding blooms on the flowers and the smell of fresh cut grass.

This transition from a cold and dreary winter to bright sunny days of spring gives me pause to consider our Christian life.

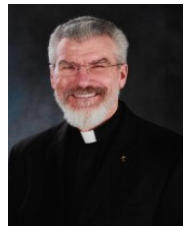
Without Christ, life is devoid of true joy and the love of living each day to its fullest. Yes, some will find comfort and even happiness in wealth and the things it can bring in material things. But one day the realization sets in to remind them that everything they have gathered is only temporary. All of those things will be buried under a frozen tundra to decay and return to dust. Wealth will be forever frozen in time and their consolation will be lost and replaced by eternal sorrow.

With Christ, we know our time of winter here on this earth will be transformed into the new life that God has promised us through his Son and our Lord. We will taste the days of winter and we may even be frostbitten at times, but it will not last. The difficult times are only temporary.

The winter of our lives will be replaced by the life giving spring of new life in Christ Jesus. The cold will disappear, the snows will be forever gone and replaced by the beautiful flowers of God's creation and the cooing of doves heard in our land.

The time will come when the winter of our lives will never be seen again. We will live in the new life of eternal spring and find love and joy as we gather together and sing praise to our Lord who transforms us from frozen ground to fields of flowers bathed in the warm sun and fertile fields in the presence of our God and Savior.

Blessings to you in Christ Jesus,
Pastor David



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to you!

- 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
- 18 Sloane 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



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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

Happy Anniversary



Reminder: Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8. Be sure to set your clocks forward on Saturday night, March 7.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Date	Attendance	Offering
February 02	117	\$3,219.93
February 09	111	\$3,804.25
February 16	98	\$1,407.86
February 23	127	\$3,185.61
Total	453	\$11,617.65

In addition to the financial totals:

- Sunday school received \$8.12
- Initial Envelopes \$10
- Epistle \$195.00

Lenten Season Offerings Designation:

- Ash Wednesday will go to Oaks Indian Center
- All Lenten services will go to ELCA Hunger Appeal

Continued prayers for healing.

- Les Linsenbardt, Jade Cary, John Loesch, Diane Johnson, Gert Strobel, Julie Carel, Vanessa Pyatt, Amy Buechler, Donna Viles, & Chris Russell.

Congratulations Daniel & Paige Olsen



Paige and Daniel were married at the home of Chris and Liz Russell on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2020. Afterward the guests went to Madison's Café for a wonderful meal and celebration.

Ask the Pastor

Question: Why do some churches stop saying Alleluia or Hallelujah during Lent?

Answer:

*"Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: **Hallelujah!** For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." <Revelation 19:6-8>*

Two words, same meaning:

*The word "**Hallelujah**" comes from the Hebrew for "praise the Lord", where hallel is the verb "to praise," and "Lord." The word "**alleluia**" comes from the Greek word ἀλληλούϊα (allélouia), which was translated to Latin where it became "alleluia."*

So it's joyous and celebratory acclamation for our LORD, it is a way for us to sing praises of worship to God.

Lent is the opposite of this type of celebration and acclamation of our LORD. Lent is the church season that reminds us of our sinfulness and our mortality because of our sinful ways. Adam and Eve brought sin into God's creation when they disobeyed him in the garden and fell to the temptation of the serpent who beguiled them into thinking they could be like God if only they would eat of the forbidden fruit.

This past week we came together at St. Paul's for the Ash Wednesday service and during that time we did three things. First we received a mark of the cross on our foreheads from ashes. We were told, "From ashes you were created and to ashes you will return." This was a significant action that reminds us we are mortal and will die because of our sins. Second, we acknowledged our sins through confession before God and one another. By this we repent before God for the wrongs we have committed against him and each other. Third, we came together with our ashen faces and received the great gift of the Lord's Supper. In this action we participated in a meal with our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Through him, all of our sins are forgiven and destroyed by Jesus' work on the cross.

Because of the penitent nature of the Lenten church season, many churches remove the Alleluia from the liturgy. Some churches even take the extra step of burying the Alleluia by putting a banner with the word in a box and locking it until Easter morning when it is released.

But here is the twist in this dilemma to use or not use this word during the Lenten season.

The season of Lent is 40 days and reminds us of Jesus' time in the wilderness as we journey with him by considering the temptations of the world. As he gave up everything for us and as an example during this 40 day period he did not eat but fasted the entire time, we also may demonstrate our resolve to search ourselves by giving up something during this time.

Notice this time period of forty days. It begins this year on February 26 and ends on Easter day, April 12. That is a total of 45 days! What about those extra 5 days?

As it turns out, Sundays are never included in the Lenten season. WHY?

Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper on a Thursday which we celebrate as Maundy Thursday and he was crucified on a Friday which we call Good Friday. Jesus was risen three days later on Sunday which we celebrate as Easter Sunday. But every week we celebrate our risen Lord on Sunday and so every Sunday is considered a "Mini-Easter" and not counted as a part of Lent.

I have to wonder, would we not sing praise the Lord "Alleluia" on Sunday in celebration of our risen Lord? Therefore, here at St. Paul's we will continue to use the "Alleluia" on the **5** Sundays only, during Lent to praise our Savior and Lord, Jesus the Christ. Wednesdays we will refrain from using this word.

Blessings to you,
Pastor David

Congregational Council Meeting, February 10, 2020
Respectfully submitted by Becky Weber, Church Council Secretary

A regular Congregational Council meeting was called to order at 6:35pm, on Monday, February 10, 2020 by Council President Zola Finch. Present were council members Zola Finch, Scott Soell, Laurie Koestner, Delores Vlach, Mitch Plochberger, Kathy Meller, Paula Linsenbardt and Becky Weber. Absent was Dan Tschirgi. Also present were Council Treasurer Kay Pascoe and Pastor David Viles.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Viles, followed by a devotion from Matthew 5, verse 13,14: You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its taste, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

President Finch extended a warm welcome to our newest Church Council member, Scott Soell who will chair Mutual Ministry. She then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020 Council Meeting. A motion to approve the January 13, 2020 minutes was offered by Laurie Koestner, seconded by Mitch Plochberger, and passed via voice vote.

President Finch called upon Council Treasurer Kay Pascoe, to present a review of the past month's expenses and incomes. A four-page review was presented and accepted.

Kay Pascoe requested purchase of ParishSOFT, an online web based, computer software specific to church administration, that includes record keeping, financial accountability, and more. The cost of this software program is \$351.00 per year. After discussion Laurie Koestner made a motion to approve purchase of ParishSOFT, seconded by Paula Linsenbardt, and passed via voice vote.

President Finch asked Pastor David Viles for the January 2020 mileage and activity report. Pastor's January mileage totaled 24 miles, to the amount of \$13.80. A motion to approve the mileage was made by Mitch Plochberger, seconded by Paula Linsenbardt and passed via voice vote.

Pastor reported attendance at several meetings, to include Food Bank at Trinity in Russellville, Church Council, Worship and Music, Mutual Ministry and Lohman City Council, Safety and Security, Ministerial Alliance and the Annual Congregational Meeting. He held Weekly Adult Forums, Weekly Confirmation Classes, and Weekly Bible Study Classes. Pastor accepted Secretary position of Ministerial Alliance. He created Epistle for February, and emailed and mailed the Epistle. He had 2 home visits, several office visits and phone conversations. Pastor reports services for January as follows: 4 services at St Paul's. Sunday: 2 communion and 2 non-communion services.

After discussion, it was agreed the official count and posting of church attendance will be performed at the beginning of the Children's Sermon by the ushers.

President Finch called for the Standing Committee Reports which are included below.

Old Business:

A free will offering will be taken in March to assist with Cole R 1 Russellville school Project Graduation.

New Business:

The Safety and Security Advisory Council met last week. Plans are underway for awareness training for the safety of our church members, as well as the forming and training of a rapid response team, and a medical response team. A tree will be cut down in the old part of our cemetery. There has been a request to hold a Saturday morning aerobics class for our church members. After discussion, this request was granted with the understanding the area used is to be left clean and orderly as they found it. Pastor David is working with LifeTouch to replace photo directories with blank pages that occurred in a few of the distributed directories. Scott Soell extended his gratitude in being elected to serve on the Church Council.

A motion to adjourn was made by Laurie Koestner, seconded by Kathy Meller, and passed via voice vote. Council was adjourned at 8:45pm. The Lord's Prayer was recited by all.

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Evangelism: Delores Vlach

Delores and her committee wishes to thank the members from Adult Forum who brought donuts, sweet breads and bars to the February fellowship hour. She reported the list for volunteers for monthly fellowship hour for 2020 is now complete. Delores reports the reception for seven new members is set for February 23, 2020, with cake and punch provided by the Worship and Music Committee, following worship service. Delores reports the Pancake Breakfast is set for March 15, 2020, and includes a few menu changes.

Technology: Dan Tschirgi

The technology committee supports the decision to upgrade the accounting software to the ParishSoft program and having no other planned expenses will use the budgeted funds to cover the cost.

Worship & Music: Kathy Meller

Mutual Ministry reported to their members they have received both positive and negative comments regarding the changes made for the Christmas services. Attendance is up. Kathy reports the acolyte robes will be carefully inspected and repaired to determine their usability. New robes retail for \$50.00-\$60.00. When an order is to be placed, they will likely order only one to determine its quality, prior to ordering more. Kathy reports the choir has been given high marks for their good sound, growth in numbers, and variety of music. Ash Wednesday service is February 26, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Midweek Lenten Services will be at 7:00pm in the Friendship Hall with light refreshments preceding the services.

Parish Education: Laurie Koestner

Laurie reports the new material for Sunday School will be "Seasons and Sundays". She reported on a free online resource, "Ministry to Youth" that includes a gospel synopsis with a link to a craft. Laurie reports High School Sunday School is going well. The Youth Ministry will view a movie "Overcomers" which should be very good. The Youth are looking into taking a trip to Arkansas to see the Passion Play. President Finch proposed ideas on how to stay connected with our college youth with the council members offering ideas to this effect.

Church Improvement: Mitchell Plochberger

Mitch reports the following: The fire extinguishers were determined to be in good working order, improvements to outside lighting have been made, microphone on lectern has been moved and works much better, a dead tree has been cut down and plans are underway to remove and replace a light pole by the cemetery. Mitch reports he and his committee are working on replacing two wooden doors for improved security. There was discussion on the new kitchen and basement remodel project and possible contractors.

Stewardship: Paula Linsenhardt (No report)

Mutual Ministry: Scott Soell

Pastor extended his gratitude to Scott Soell in chairing this committee. He reports they are working on the revision of the church handbook, and staff guidelines. Pastor asks the committee chairmen to evaluate their individual committee guidelines for any changes. Plans are underway to meet midyear with Church employees to determine any issues or problems.

Freundschaft Gruppe: Jeannette Fischer, Chair

There were 21 in attendance at our February meeting. After a delicious dinner served by Donita and Glen, we completed our list of chores. The big job of the evening was to set up quilt frames, arrange work tables and gather quilting supplies in preparation for the ladies' annual quilt making day. Our summer social event is scheduled for Saturday, July 25. We will enjoy seeing Sister Act at the Lyceum Theatre in Arrow Rock. Group rate is \$34 each and reservations must be made and paid by June 14. After the theatre, we will enjoy dinner at the Huston Tavern in Arrow Rock.

Groups are required to choose either a dinner of fried chicken or brisket. Two sides will be included. The cost is \$22 each and that includes: the entree, drink, dessert, tax, gratuity. Restaurant reservations also need to be made by June 14. If you would like to join us, please let me know by June 14. After this date, I cannot add or subtract numbers. Our March meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9.

Mobile Food Pantry: Audrey Bunch

The February 11th Mobile Truck Food Pantry went good on a cold winter afternoon, thankfully we had some sunshine for a while. We served 109 families with 341 people in those families. Some of the items served this month were: milk, cereal, salad bowls, bags of salad, onions, candy bars, frozen turkeys, assorted packaged frozen beef, chicken, fish, pork and ground turkey. Volunteers from the Lohman Lions Club were Gary and Alberta Zumwalt, from St. Paul's Lutheran Church were Pastor David Viles, Debbie Raithel, Emily Raithel, Rosemary Heidbreder, Becky Weber, Lexie Plochberger, Gary and Audrey Bunch. Next Mobile Food Truck will be March 10th at 1:15 P.M. at the Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot in Russellville.

Jr. Lutherans: Donita Stubinger

Jr. Lutherans met on February 16, 2020 after Sunday school to paint crosses on charger plates to give to the residents at Primrose Retirement Home. Everyone was so pleased with their gift but we didn't bring enough. So we will paint some more plates to take to them this next Sunday. Abby Bubach was amazed when one of the residents told her she didn't get one of the plates. So we suggested painting more to bring to them. It was a good laugh for all of us for someone to treasure something we might have thrown away. But we learned that a kind act can go a long way to brighten someone's day.



We enjoyed visiting with Jenetia Gibler and seeing her apartment. Our school nurse, Christie Murphy, reported she has purchased twelve pair of tennis shoes, five packs of socks, six long sleeve shirts, five belts, four boy's pants, three girl's pants, and three pair of shoestrings. Special thanks and blessings to all who donated to our Mitten Tree in December to make this possible. This is money well spent to help those in need and we appreciate Christie and Connie for going to purchase all of the supplies.

In March we will be helping at the Pancake Breakfast here at St. Paul's Church. Plans are being made to go to Gardner's Welding on Sunday, March 8, 2020 after Sunday school where we will enjoy pizza on the lawn at Amber and Willard's home. We will take a tour of the machine shop to see what all Amber and Willard do for their business.

Looking ahead, we will be dying Easter eggs on April 11, 2020. We will meet on Saturday at 9:00 in the morning for a breakfast brunch then dye eggs for each child to take home.

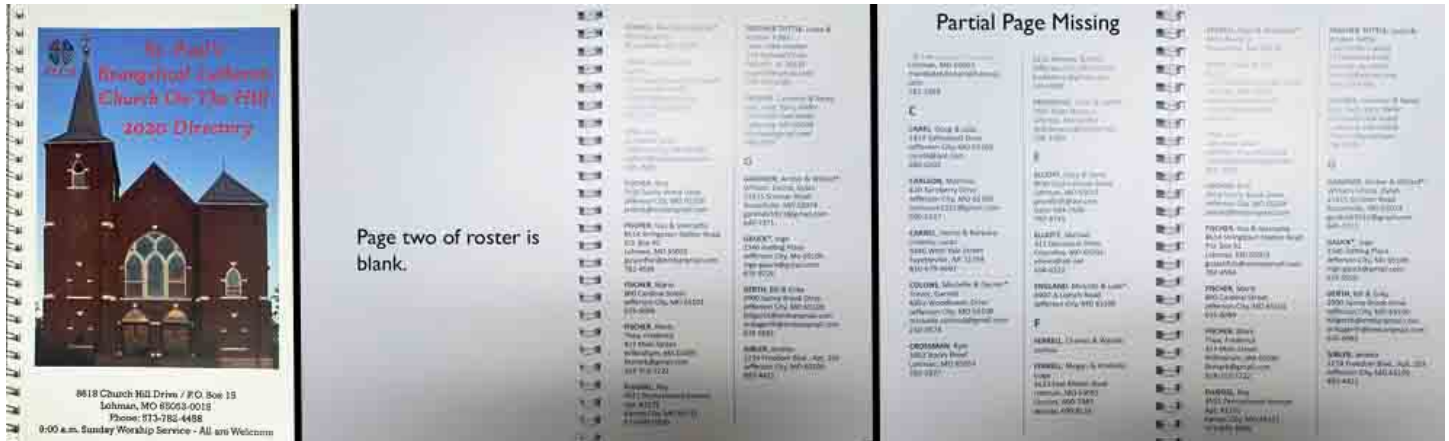
The train has already been filled up for Sunday, May 3, 2020 to go to Herman, MO. We have booked 67 tickets and filled two passenger cars which hold 36 people each. Jr. Lutherans have many outings and adventures they will attend. If you aren't in Jr. Lutherans we would love to have you join us. Contact any member to come and join our group.

Safety and Security: Rich Prosch

Minutes for Safety and Security Meeting Feb. 2, 2020

Our first order of business was to affirm revisions to the new Emergency page in the newly updated Church Handbook. Then, based on feedback from the congregation, we agreed to enlarge the evacuation maps placed around the church. Further plans were made regarding our lighting and camera initiatives. In light of recent winter weather, we talked about snow removal. Gary Elliot agreed to remove snow from sidewalks during the week if warranted. We finished up the meeting with a motion by Mel Stubinger, seconded by Jerry Koestner, to make the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. our official meeting date.

Lifetouch



We distributed our Photo Directories on January 25 and February 2 to the congregation attending services. Some of the directories had a blank page or partial page on the second roster page. If you received one of those please let us know so we can replace it. There is also a Directory App that can be accessed on your phone, tablet or computer. This app will be updated with new member roster information and changes as we are notified. If you are a member of St. Paul's Church and would like access to this App please contact Pastor David by email for the URL and Passcode. LifeTouch has agreed to send us 20 corrected directories to replace those printed with the error.

Margaret Circle: Erika Gerth

Assuming no inclement weather, the members of Margaret Circle will gather at the Church on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 6:30 PM for an evening of fellowship and Bible study. Donita Stubinger will host, and Inge Gauck will lead us in the study of God's holy word. In addition, we welcome Lori Holt, who represents an organization named Strong Tower Haiti. She will share information about that organization, what's happening in Haiti and how we can make a difference in the lives of its people. As always, we welcome all women of St. Paul's and their friends and neighbors! Contact Erika Gerth by phone (573-635-6681) or email (erikagerth@embarqmail.com) for further information.

WELCA: Audrey Bunch

WELCA will be collecting for the Samaritan Center March 1st to April 1st for our Lent Ingathering. Non perishable items, dish soap, laundry soap, any hygiene (toothpaste, tooth brushes, shower gel), canned goods, paper products may be put in the donation box in the Narthex. Thanks so much for helping others.

The Samaritan Center box in the Fellowship hall will still be available for egg cartons, plastic grocery bags to be recycled, misc. items, note pads, calendars. Thanks for continuous donations, the egg cartons are always needed, plastic or large brown paper grocery bags. If you have any questions contact Audrey Bunch.

Quilt Tacking Day: Jeannette Fisher

About 12 to 14 ladies gathered three Wednesdays (Feb. 12 & 19 & 26) to make quilts to be given for those in need. Thanks to all who attended and worked on this project. We enjoyed great food and fellowship as we have completed 36 quilts. Our newest members Julie Nelson and Beverly Boehm also joined us and it was wonderful to have their help and fellowship during these wonderful days.

S.T.A.R.S. [Seniors, tired and retired saints]

Some days it's easy to feel joy - the sun is shining, the birds are singing and all is right with the world. Other days... not so much. But there is always joy if you know where to look. Gina Prosch, creator of This Day's Joy, will share her tried and true ways for "Finding Joy When You're Just Not Feelin' It" at the S.T.A.R.S. meeting scheduled for 11:30 AM on Wednesday, March 4, 2020. A variety of soups will be served and those attending are asked to bring sandwiches, salads or desserts to round out the meal. Let Rose Strobel (782-4553) know that you will attend and what you plan to bring. Interested in this topic? You don't have to be a senior to attend; all are welcome!

Friday Family Fun Movie Night:

Friday Family Fun Movie Nights are scheduled for the first Friday of every month. Set up starts at 6:30 with snacks and fellowship then the movie starts at 7. The movie for February was "God's NOT Dead", which showed the determination to stand for the gospel of God and not bow to the pressure of the world or take the easy way out. Our movie for Friday, March 6th will be "God's Not Dead 2" which asks the question, 'Is your job worth more than your faith?' Come find out and enjoy some time and fellowship with us. There is always snacks and if you wish to bring some you may or just come as you are and enjoy what is available.

Inspiring Healthy Living Event

March will be a make and take! We'll be making overnight oats. Please bring 3-5 (12-16oz) mason jars with lids and a canned food donation. Join us on March 29th at 1:30 as we meal prep overnight oats to help get breakfast on the table a little faster and make mornings a little easier! Any questions, see Rania or Amber.



Reading Through the Bible

On February 23, 2020, our St. Paul's Bible scholars finished reading the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation. This journey began with the first chapter of Genesis on January 27, 2019. On February 22 of 2020 we ended our reading with Revelation 22. I am very proud of these readers who persevered through some difficult reading in the Old Testament as well as the apocalyptic writings of Ezekiel, Joel, Zechariah and Daniel of the OT and of course John's visions of the end of the world in Revelation.

We are blessed to be God loving people that will not have to worry about such awful things during the last days. "locusts that look like horses prepared for battle." "a red dragon with seven heads, 10 horns, and seven crowns on its heads." "a great earthquake, the sun turns black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turns blood red, and the stars in the sky fall to earth." And then there was some really weird stuff.

I am very proud of and thankful for everyone who stayed with it and made it all the way through, it truly is a wonderful accomplishment. We had fun and we also had two parties of good food at the end of the Old Testament and the end of Revelation. Thank you all for bringing wonderful snacks and the blessings of being together each Sunday afternoon delving into God's holy scriptures. Pastor David

New Members and a Party – It doesn't get any better than this!!!

On Sunday, February 23 we welcomed eight new members into our St. Paul's congregation. As your Pastor I was excited and overjoyed for this great day and celebration. And to top it all off, there was cake and punch and lots of great fellowship as we gathered downstairs in the Friendship Hall to celebrate with each other.



Left to right: Kent and Julie Nelson have attended St. Paul's for the past 14 months and have been involved in the life of the church. Vanessa Soell married our member Scott in October and has two beautiful daughters whom I hope to add later. Ashley Heidbreder has been attending for the past ten years and was in Kansas City for her work on Saturday and left at 6:00 a.m. to be with us at 9:00 a.m. for this event. Abby Gonzalez is the daughter of Curt and Ruth Stubinger and in her second year of confirmation class. Beverly Boehm is the mother of Liz Russell and joined to be with her family. The last two are Nancy and Roger Thompson who I love to joke with as is evident in this photo. They are the parents of Stacy Bubach who loves to joke and call me 'Preacher Man.' I and St. Paul's are excited to welcome them into our church family, they are a wonderful group.

Thank you to our outstanding Choir for singing 'Welcome Friends' for our new members. Thank you Donita Stubinger and family for providing the beautiful and delicious cake, punch and decorations. Also the Music and Worship committee for making arrangements and Delores Vlach for hand making the beautiful corsages for the new members.



WELCOME FRIENDS

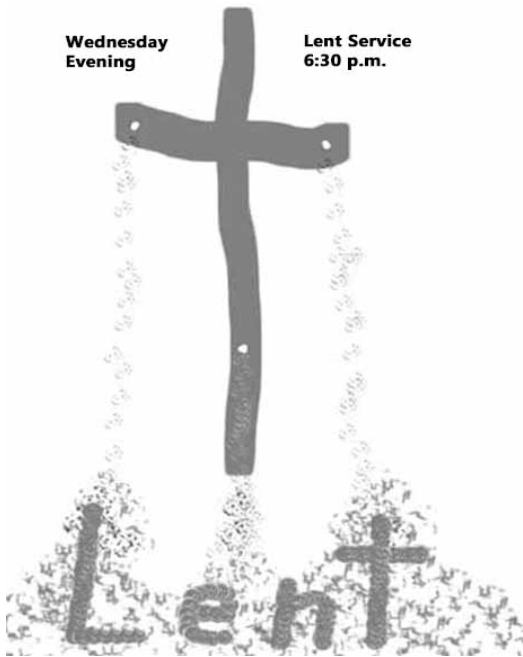


Annual Congregational Meeting - January 26 2020

The Meeting was called to order at 10:15am by Council President Zola Finch following Sunday Worship service. Council members present were Delores Vlach, Kathy Meller, Mitch Plochberger, Laurie Koestner, Dan Tschirgi and Becky Weber. Absent was Paula Linsenbardt. The President called upon Pastor David Viles to offer an opening prayer. Attendance was registered by 56 voting members, the required quorum was met. The President asked all council members to sit up front to answer any questions pertaining to their committees. The President asked for congregational approval of the minutes of the January 20th, 2019 Congregational Meeting as printed in the Congregational Annual Meeting, January 26, 2020 Report. This was accomplished upon a motion offered by Gary Elliott, seconded by Jerry Koestner, and agreed to via voice vote of the congregation. The President asked Pastor Viles to offer remarks regarding his service this past year. Pastor Viles summarized his second year in service to St. Paul's as serving the best congregation ever! He expressed his sincere gratitude for being called to serve our church and of the growing love he feels toward each and every one, every day in serving our congregation. Pastor Viles referred the congregation to his report as printed on pages 6 to 8 of the aforementioned annual report. The President called upon member Jason Plochberger for the Financial Audit Committee report. He reported all financial reports to be in perfect order. The congregation offered Kay Pascoe a hearty round of applause in thanksgiving and appreciation of her service as Council Treasurer. The President moved to Old Business. She called upon co-chairmen of the Safety and Security committee. The committee reported Church Council approval on the Safety and Security Plan, pending approval from Pastor Viles as per Missouri State law. Plans to increase the security and safety include improved outside lighting, new outside door replacements, IP (Internet Protocol) security cameras and locking all entrances into the church except for the front, double glass doors. Also included will be signage of "No Conceal Carry Weapons allowed on premises". Classes will be offered to anyone interested in becoming part of a rapid response team, the names of said team members will not be published, and said members will be allowed to be properly armed. Discussion was offered from congregants concerning replacement of front double glass doors. The President noted that currently unsafe entrances will take first priority, and this can be considered at a later date. Medical training classes will be offered to anyone interested, in the event that all medically trained members are absent from a given Sunday or church function. The President then called for new business. Alan Scheperle, chairman of the nominating committee, reported three council members have agreed to serve a second term, to include President Zola Finch, Laurie Koestner and Mitch Plochberger. A motion to accept these three people to serve a second term, and to accept Scott Soell to fill the vacant position was offered by Jason Plochberger, seconded by Bill Gerth, and passed via voice vote. The President welcomed Scott Soell to council and thanked him for his willingness to serve. The President called for discussion of the 2020 Budget. Pastor Viles noted a correction to the church secretary salary is \$11.84 per hour, not \$11.62 per hour as printed on page 26, line item 209 of the Annual Report. Hearing no further discussion, approval of the 2020 budget was offered by Jerry Koestner, seconded by Stacy Bubach, and passed via voice vote. The President called Mitch Plochberger, chairman of the Church Improvement Committee, for an update on church improvements. He referred the congregation to the Church Improvement report on page 16 of the Annual Report. The committee met with a few contractors regarding the church basement/ kitchen remodeling. Possible funding of this project may come from private donations, of which there are some, WELCA and future fundraisers. The President then offered discussion of Land parcel that is owned by the church, that was severed when Route D was constructed and is now on property owned by Gert Strobel. Hearing none, a proposal was put forth to the congregation that the church quit claim the parcel to Gert Strobel. A motion to approve this proposal was offered by Audrey Bunch, seconded by Gary Elliott, and passed via voice vote.

The President declared the 2020 Congregational Annual meeting adjourned at 10:55am. Pastor Viles closed the meeting with a prayer. Respectfully submitted by Becky Weber, council secretary.

Wednesday Evening Lent Services



Beginning on Wednesday, March 4th we will have our traditional Lenten service in the Friendship Hall downstairs. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Cookies and Drinks provided by the Music and Worship Committee.

Special thanks to all who volunteered to bring Cookies and help with drinks.

- March 4 – Erika Gerth
- March 11 – Kathryn Linsenbardt
- March 18 – Abbie Linsenbardt
- March 25 – Carol Elliott
- April 1 – Kathy Meller

The services this year will include the “Holden Evening Prayer” with everyone singing and participating.

By His Wounds We Are Healed

The innocent Son of God had no sins of his own for which he deserved to die, yet his enemies falsely accused him of violating every commandment of God. In these five weeks we will see that it was our sin, our disobedience, that Jesus bore in his body on the cross. The Lord laid on him “the iniquity of us all.” Jesus suffered the penalty of death in our place, and “by his wounds we are healed.”

WEEK 1



WEEK 2



WEEK 3



WEEK 4



WEEK 5



Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Lohman, MO

ANNUAL PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE
BREAKFAST

MARCH 15, 2020 SERVING FROM 10 AM -1 PM



ALL YOU CARE TO EAT

Pancakes & Scrambled Eggs

Sausage, Applesauce & Fruit Cocktail

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 Calendar							March	2020
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
Calendar Online Link								
1 9 am Worship Fellowship Hour	2 6:30 pm Safety and Security meeting	3 9 AM Worship & Music Meeting 6:30 pm Margaret Circle	4 Bulletin Printed 11:30 am S.T.A.R.S Dinner 6:30pm Cookies & Drinks 7pm Lenten Service	5	6 Pastor's Day Off 6:30 pm Movie Night "God's Not Dead 2"	7		
8 9 am Worship Communion Jr. Lutherans Daylight Savings Time Begins	9 5:30 pm Freundschaft Gruppe 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	10 1:15 pm Food Pantry	11 Bulletin Printed 6:30pm Cookies & Drinks 7pm Lenten Service	12	13 Pastor's Day Off	14		
15 9 am Worship 10 am Pancake Breakfast	16 Epistle Deadline	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Bulletin Printed 6:30pm Cookies & Drinks 7pm Lenten Service	19	20 Pastor's Day Off	21		
22 9 am Worship Communion	23 6:00 pm Mutual Ministry Meeting	24	25 Bulletin Printed 7:30pm Cookies & Drinks 7pm Lenten Service	26	27 Pastor's Day Off	28		
29 9 am Worship 1:30 pm Inspiring Healthy Living	30	31						

Date

Ushers

Acolytes | Communion – Youth – Adult

March 01 Becky Weber | Zola Finch
 March 08 Laurie Koestner | Paula Linsenbardt
 March 15 Kathy Meller | Mitchell Plochberger
 March 22 Scott Soell | Dan Tschirgi
 March 29 Delores Vlach | Becky Weber

Mattson Stoermer
 Kara Freiner | Kaitlyn Finch | Rosemary Heidbreder
 Dylan Gardner
 Christopher Murphy | Wyatt Prosch | Laurie or Jerry Koestner
 Emma Gardner

Date

Greeters

Readers

Communionware For Month

March 01 Frank Pascoe | Donald Weber
 March 08 Harry Thompson | Jana Thompson
 March 15 Stacy Bubach | Abby Bubach
 March 22 Don Buchta | Audrey Bunch
 March 29 Gary Elliott | Richard Heidbreder

Audrey Bunch
 Bill Gerth
 Michelle Collins
 Harry Thompson
 Lori Meyer

Volunteers
Flower Chairperson For Month
 Rosemary Heidbreder

St. Paul's Lutheran Church – 8618 Church Hill Drive – Lohman, Missouri 65053
 10:15 a.m.: Sunday School & Adult Forum 11:30 a.m.: Confirmation Class
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