



THE PROCLAIMER

March 2019

The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is to hear, share, and proclaim the Word of God.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year during the 40 days of Lent, Christians throughout the world remember and contemplate the deep, sacrificial love of Jesus Christ, as he gave his life to make God's love real to the world! **GATHER NEAR THE CROSS** is the 2019 theme for our Wednesday Lenten suppers and services.

A local Mason artist, Cathie Tyler, recently gifted our congregation with beautiful three-dimensional devotional plaques of 14 scenes along Jesus' path to the cross. These are most often referred to as **14 Traditional Stations of the Cross**. Each year, from the holy city of Jerusalem to countless other places in the world, the **14 Stations** are remembered and acted out by Christians. This Lent, families and individuals of St. Paul Lutheran Church will enact biblical characters along the way of the cross and will offer meditative devotions and prayers.

Ash Wednesday service will be March 6, at 6:30 pm. On Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday, Lenten suppers will be served at 5:30 pm. Following the suppers, Lenten devotional services will begin in the church sanctuary at 6:30 pm each Wednesday evening up to Holy Week. Please invite friends and neighbors!

Ash Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 PM:

Blessing of Ashes & Holy Communion

Wednesday, March 13: JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH & JESUS RECEIVES HIS CROSS

Wednesday, March 20: TRADITION OF JESUS FALLING THE FIRST TIME & JESUS SEES HIS SORROWING MOTHER

Wednesday, March 27: SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS JESUS CARRY HIS CROSS & STORY OF CARING VERONICA WHO WIPES JESUS' FACE

Wednesday, April 3: TRADITION OF JESUS FALLING THE SECOND TIME & JESUS SPEAKS TO THE JERUSALEM WOMEN

Wednesday, April 10: TRADITION OF JESUS FALLING THE THIRD TIME & JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 14, 10:45 AM: HOLY WEEK BEGINS

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 6:30 PM: JESUS' LAST SUPPER

Good Friday, April 19, 6:30 PM: JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS
JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS
JESUS' BODY IS TAKEN DOWN
JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

Easter Sunday, April 21, 10:45 AM: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!!!

A special musical Sunday in Lent, March 31, will feature **JAZZ SUNDAY**, a professional Christian music band under the direction of Richard Birk, music professor at Brazosport College, Lake Jackson, Texas. Professor Birk has played individually here at St. Paul occasionally, but this time the other members of the band will be travelling here and playing with him! Richard is the son of Pastor Ron and Alberta Birk. While their son's worship band will lead us with super inspiring music, Pastor Ron will preach the sermon on that Sunday, March 31. I will be present to help lead the service along with the band. DON'T miss this great opportunity! Invite others!

ALSO this LENT 2019, the Mason Ministerial Alliance will again host **MIDWEEK WEDNESDAY LENTEN NOONTIME LUNCHEONS & DEVOTIONAL SERVICES**. These luncheons and services are a longstanding tradition in our Mason community.

Here is the schedule and locations:

March 6 th (Ash Wednesday)	Hilda UMC (hosting at St. Paul Lutheran)
March 13 th	St. Paul Lutheran
March 20 th	River of Life
March 27 th	St. Joseph Catholic & St. Martin's Episcopal (at St. Joseph)
April 3 rd	First UMC
April 10 th	Art UMC (hosting at St. Paul)
April 18 th is Maundy Thursday & April 19 th is Good Friday; April 21 st is Easter!!!	No Lenten lunch/service during Holy Week

Come on Sundays and on weekdays during Lent to grow deeper in faith in Christ together. Come by yourself or with others. Come as families. Invite others.

Come one, come ALL!

In our Lord Jesus' Grace & Love,

Pastor Fred Krebs



“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”
(John 15:13)

CONGREGATION COUNCIL RETREAT

The Congregation Council has scheduled its annual retreat for Sunday, March 3 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All council members are encouraged to attend.



NEW DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR RECEIVING THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Beginning in March, the monthly newsletter will no longer be sent out through bulk mailing. Instead you may view a copy by accessing the church website at www.stpaulmason.com, or if you receive the weekly church emails, you will continue to receive it through direct emails. For those who do not have a computer or email address, copies will be available in the church narthex. If you live out of town and can't receive it by email, please notify the church office by calling (325)347-5582 (Monday through Thursday), and we will be sure a copy of the newsletter will be mailed to you. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. The newsletter will continue to be available to everyone who wishes to receive it.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Council Retreat to be held on Sunday, March 3, from 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- Designated Council Officers and Church Administrator to sign checks
- Lenten offering to be designated to Mason County Cancer Benefit Fund.
- Received and approved recommendation from Worship & Music Committee to have a special Sunday worship on March 31 featuring the Birk Jazz Sunday Band and Pastor Ron Birk will deliver the message on that Sunday.
- Church Office will be closed on Wednesday, February 27 for software training.

LENTEN SUPPER SCHEDULE - FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 5:30 PM

- Mar. 13 Host: Worship & Music Committee
- Mar. 20 Hosts: Parish History & Evangelism Committees
- Mar. 27 Hosts: Parish Life & Stewardship Committees
- Apr. 3 Host: Property Committee
- Apr. 10 Hosts: Parish Education & Children's Church Committees

ST. PAUL CELEBRATES MARCH BIRTHDAYS

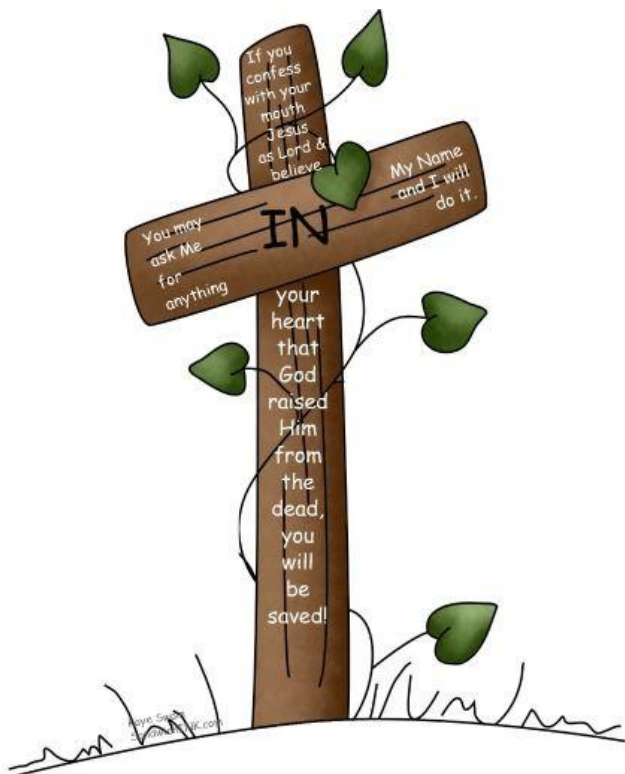
- 1 LeEsther Burch
- 2 Yuna Mun
- 6 Alett Rosberg
- 8 Jessie Gierisch
- 13 Helen Hahn
Chris Marquart

- 14 Jill Cochran
Caleb Reichenau
- 15 Alberta Birk
Hunter Geistweidt
- 16 Millie McKay Marquart
- 17 Chelsea Hey
Wesley Nebgen
- 19 Jeff Schmidt
- 20 Hux Geistweidt
- 23 Katie Wallace
- 26 Deb Probst
- 27 Hunter Wenzel
- 28 Linda Owen
- 31 Adley Ann Martin

If your birthday or a family member's birthday is not listed or is listed incorrectly, please let Deb Probst know @ 325-597-2832 or dcprobst@hotmail.com. Thank you for helping us with this project.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY

Congregational Giving: \$14,445.89
Expenditures: \$20,175.63



OFFICIAL ACTS:

Funeral: 2/23/19 Sam Rasco
2/25/19 Opal Esther Rode

**STEWARDSHIP DIRECTORY
FOR MARCH**

Lay Reader: Nancy Brown
Communion Assistants: Jeff Owen & Mark Lehmborg
Council Rep. on Duty: Helen Habecker
Bell Ringers: Tommy Starks Mark Lehmborg and Wayne Carl Hofmann
Speaker System: Bob Vacek and Mark Lehmborg,
Ushers: Kirby Groves, Garrett Allen, Frank King &
Property Person on Duty: Glenn Ruthven
Greeters:
(3/3) Sara Banta & Janet Schmidt
(3/10) Youth
(3/17) Nancy Brown & Lynda Harris
(3/24) Larry & Barbara Wright
(3/31) Richard & Joan Lindley

Acolytes

(3/3) Jackson Lehmborg & Rance Vierus
(3/6-Ash Wed.) Ryne Todd & Cy Nobles
(3/10) Cy Nobles
(3/13-Lent)
(3/17) Ryne Todd & Jack Gillespie
(3/20-Lent)
(3/24) Jackson Lehmborg
(3/27-Lent)
(3/31) Ryne Todd

Altar Guild:

Flower Chairman: Nancy Brown
Parament Chairman: Carolyn Loeffler
Communion Chairman: Bonnie Schmidt

Women's Bible Study:

Morning Bible Study- (First Wed. of the month at 10:00 AM) **Bible Study Leader:** Ann Mahnken
Hostess: LeEster Burch
Location: Church Library

Evening Bible Study (5 PM – Third Tues. of Month)

Memorials: Church Office 347-5582 or Sherie Clarkson 347-5762

We wish to thank those who have so graciously contributed their time and talents toward the ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Rev. Fred Krebs Pastor
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Mrs. Ann Mahnken Youth Coordinator

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