

## *The Weekly Epistle*

### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES, MARCH 10:

CHURCH COUNCIL AT 8:00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

The Christian Education Committee and the Sunday School Department are sponsoring a Breakfast Before Sunday School today through March 24 from 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship before attending Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 A.M. ~ WORSHIP AT 10:30 A.M.

*We are excited to have our **Girl Scout Troop 743** lead our Worship Service today!*

Our Grade, Middle, and High School Youth will be leaving following Worship to the Trampoline Park.

*The **CHANCEL GREENERY** is given to the Glory of God in loving memory of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have departed this life and have gone to the Church triumphant by the Altar Guild.*

### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

**Vision 2020 Committee** meeting with John Fuller, Architect (Counting Room).....Monday at 7:00 p.m.

**Staff Meeting** (Counting Room).....Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

**Melissa Lura Circle** will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with Heather Canup, Hostess/Leader.

**Girl Scouts Troop 743**.....Tuesday at 6:45 p.m.

**Bonnie Bost Circle** will meet Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room with Melissa Harkey and Donna Johnson, Hostesses/Leaders.

*Bulletin announcement deadline* Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

**Lenten Supper** (Fellowship Hall).....Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

(Please sign up on the friendship pads if you will be attending. This will assist those preparing the food.

Menu this week by the Hama Lingle Circle is Chili beans, Salad, and Cornbread.)

**Lenten Wednesday Evening Service** (Sanctuary).....Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Adult Choir** (Music Room).....Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.

**Women of Faith** (Conference Room).....Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

The group will eat lunch at a local restaurant following the Bible Study. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 10.

**Lutheran Men** will meet at **6:30 p.m.** on **Thursday** for supper and an interesting program. All men are invited!

**Girl Scouts** Environmental Program at Catawba for Junior's and Up is on Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES, MARCH 17:**

**BREAKFAST BEFORE SUNDAY SCHOOL FROM 9:00 A.M.-9:30 A.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 A.M. ~ WORSHIP AT 10:30 A.M.**

**REV. DONALD SAFRIT, GUEST PASTOR AT 10:30 A.M.**

**Mission Trip Youth** and their **Families** will meet in the Fellowship Hall following Worship till 3:00 p.m. assisting the Outreach Committee (lunch provided).

***Youth & Family Committee** will meet at **2:00 p.m.** in the **Conference Room**. Please wear green. (This meeting is open to youth, youth parents, and congregational members interested in our youth program.)*

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTING ROOM**

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH WITH MUSIC AT 5:00 P.M.**

**Sundays and Wednesdays Schedule**

*Sunday, March 10 - Girl Scouts Sunday*

*Wednesday, March 13 - Joshua Truax*

*Sunday, March 17 -Rev. Don Safrit*

*Wednesday, March 20 - Lucas Safrit*

*Sunday, March 24 - Rev. Eddie Pless*

*Wednesday, March 27 - Lucas Safrit*

*Sunday, March 31 - Rev. Dr. Dennis Washburn*

*Wednesday, April 3 - Joshua Truax*

*Sunday, April 7 - Rev. Ken Fink*

*Wednesday, April 10 - Joshua Truax*

**Lutheran Men** will provide Bingo at the NC Veteran's Retirement Home on **Tuesday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m.**

*The **St. Paul's Friendship Club** will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, March 21, at 10:30 AM**. We will use this time for planning future meetings and events. This had been postponed from our January meeting. Please come prepared to submit ideas and suggestions as to what you would like to do during the coming year.*

*For lunch I will prepare soup and cornbread. If you care to, please bring a small dessert. Hope to see you on March 21st with ideas to share and a morning of fellowship and food.*

*Helen Gordon*

**2019 LENTEN EVENING SUPPERS**

**Wednesdays, March 6-April 10**

**5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Before each Lenten evening service, beginning on Ash Wednesday, suppers will be provided and served by Bonnie Bost Circle, Kathy Ketchie Circle, Hama Lingle Circle, Lutheran Men, Mission Trip Youth, and Grace Ridenhour Circle at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

If you will be attending the suppers, please sign up on the Friendship Pads so that those preparing the food will know how many to expect. Thank you.

The Cemetery Committee will have its first **Annual Cemetery Cleanup Day** on **Saturday, March 23**. The cleanup will include any/all wreaths, flowers, vases, figurines on all graves. The Committee request anyone desiring any item they wish to keep to please remove them prior to the Cleanup date.

Thanks, The Cemetery Committee

**Attention Thrivent Financial Members:**

**Please note that Thrivent Financial Members must re-designate Choice Dollars annually. You have until March 31, 2019 to designate your dollars for 2018 if you have not done this yet.**

*Choice Dollar amounts are based on the Thrivent products you own.*

*You may designate them to any variety of organizations, including St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Your Congregation Council puts these funds to good use where most needed.*

*How to designate YOUR Choice Dollars - Call 800-847-4836 and a representative will walk you through the process, or you may designate online if you are familiar with that process.*

*Feel free to call your Thrivent Financial Representative for any further questions.*

**BONUS - If you call now to designate for 2018, you can also designate for 2019 at the same time.**

**Youth Schedule**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17**

Mission Trip Youth from 11:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m. assisting Outreach Committee (lunch provided)

High School Youth with Music at 5:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20** Mission Trip Youth prepare Lenten Chicken & Noodle Soup at 4:00 p.m. (to be served at 5:30 p.m.)

Please come out to support the Mission Trip for 2019 to Blue Knob, PA.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22-SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

High School Youth to Savannah, GA, LCMC Youth Gathering High School Youth and Adult Chaperones please be at the church by 4:00 p.m. on Friday. The trip will take around 5 hours. On the way the group will stop for supper.

After worship on Sunday the youth and adults will return to the church before supper.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24** Grade and Middle School Youth Music at 2:00 p.m.

**Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) - One Walk**

On April 6th at Carowinds, I will again participate in the JDRF One Walk with a team of other adults living with type 1 diabetes (T1D). Our goal? To help JDRF do what it does best - make our lives with T1D easier while trying to find a cure.

JDRF has helped make so many changes in my 37 years with T1D (no finger pricks for blood sugar levels, peer support groups, and soon true artificial pancreas devices that will manage T1D for me) that I whole heartedly believe in JDRF and what they do.

And JDRF would not be able to do any of this without YOU! The congregation here at St. Paul's has always shown such a wonderful giving spirit for this cause and I would love it if you would help out again (or for the first time!). I have a goal of \$3,500 and the ACT1 team's goal is \$25,000. Please go to <http://www2.jdrf.org/goto/scottwilhelm> to donate online, or contact me at [scottwilhelm704@gmail.com](mailto:scottwilhelm704@gmail.com) if you would rather donate via check or cash.

Any help you can give to this is appreciated more than you can ever know! Help us turn type one into type none!

Thanks, Scott Wilhelm

*Each Tuesday our **Girl Scouts Troop 743** meet for their regular meetings from **6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.** in **March.***

*Our Girl Scouts are collecting Tennis Balls for Toys for dogs and cats; Dry Cat and Dog Food; quart size Ziploc Baggies with the slide; Travel-size Shampoo and Conditioner; and Toothpaste and Toothbrushes through March 31.*

*If anyone wants to donate cash or check to financially assisting with Sister to Sister campaign please make checks out to **Rowan County Girl Scouts** and place in the jar in the Narthex through April 28. Thank you!*

**Members of St. Paul's to remember in Prayer:**

**Genevieve Baker** - recovering (foot surgery)

**Clara Canup** - health concerns

**Wilbur Canup** - recovering from surgery

**Terry Eller** - surgery on Tuesday

**John Girdler** - health concerns

**Myralyn Goodman** - health concerns

**Jack Hendren** - health concerns

**Peyton Holland** - blood disorder

**Emerson Holder** - heart related issues

**Richard Hughes** - health concerns

**Don Lentz** - health concerns and pneumonia

**Christine Maloney** - health concerns

**Jan McCanless** - recovering (back surgery)

**Genine Miller** - health concerns

**Mike Morris** - health concerns

**Dottie Stancil** - health concerns

**Helen Wagoner** - health concerns

**Joyce Wilhelm** - health concerns

**Friends of St. Paul's to remember in Prayer:**

**Annabelle Barger** - 8 year old Classical Conversations student, has pneumonia in ICU at Levine's Children's Hospital

**Dustin Chapman** - Catawba Student/Adult Choir member, health concerns

**Delinda Chilson** - daughter-in-law of David and Carole Chilson, recovering from a stroke

**Catie Critchfield** - great granddaughter of Ed and Betty Niedens, recovering from heart surgery

**Jill Hamilton** - friend of Mary Lee Earnhardt, diagnosed with MS

**Gary Hinson** - son of Wayne and Bonnie Hinson, recovering from heart related surgery

**Johnny Moore** - friend of Katie Funderburk, cancer

**Linda Smith** - friend of Brenda Julian, health concerns

**Elizabeth Tancordo** - niece of Bill and Linda Behrendt, health concerns

*Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. If a correction is needed or you would like a name removed or added please contact the church office. In an effort to keep the list current, we will update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis.*

**Homebound and Long-Term Care:**

**Autumn Care:** Bonnie Casper - recovering from knee surgery

**Genesis:** Mary Sherrill

**Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:** Catherine Allison, Kathleen Brown, Riley Burton, Betty Monday-Palliative Care, and Barbara Whisnant

**Other Nursing Home Facilities:** Betty Carver (Ivy Hall in Georgia), Martha Hopkins (Brookdale Assisted Living), Barbara Upright (Liberty Commons), and Dico Wilhelm (Five Oaks)

**Home:** Lloyd Casper, Edna Chapman, John and Louise Cornelison, Barbara Deese, Sonya Eller, Phillip Harkey, Ruby Heilig, Jack Hendren, Chuck and Linda Hess, Shirley Hoosier, Doug and Susan Lyerly, James Monday, Mike and Joyce Morris, Zelia Padgett, Carrie Reavis, Bill Reissner, Carolyn Rufty, Oleba Sebastian, Willie Shaver, Dorothy Sherrill, Delcie Smith, Walter Smith, Henrietta Tallardy, Jane Troutman, Arline Weaver, Polly Webb, and Kathy Yost

**Ministry Partners to remember in Prayer:**

Binns-Counts Community Center

Food for Thought

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

Lutheran Services Carolinas

Meals on Wheels

Rowan Helping Ministries

Rowan One Church One Child

Samaritan's Purse

*The following is a suggested list, although all items are greatly appreciated. **RHM items for March** are: Rice, Canned Vegetables, Jiffy Biscuit Mix, and Breakfast Cereal.*