

The Weekly Epistle

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES, MARCH 17:

The Christian Education Committee and the Sunday School Department are sponsoring a Breakfast Before Sunday School today through next Sunday 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.

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

Thank you to Pastor Safrit for sharing the Word with us today!

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.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

April Newsletter articles are due Monday to the church office.

Meals on Wheels deliveries this week.

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

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

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

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

Mission Trip Youth will setup and prepare for the Lenten Supper on Wednesday at 4:30 p.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 Mission Trip Youth is Chicken and Noodle Soup, Desserts, and Drinks.)

Love Offering will go towards support of the Mission Trip for 2019 to Blue Knob, PA.

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

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

Friendship Club will meet on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. to plan activities for 2019. Helen Gordon will be providing lunch (soup and cornbread). Please bring a dessert to share.

On Friday our **High School Youth** and **Adults** will leave to Savannah, GA, for the LCMC Youth Gathering. Chaperones are asked to be at the church by 4:00 p.m. on Friday. On Sunday the youth and adults will return to the church before supper. Please see page 3 for additional instructions.

The **Cemetery Committee** will hold its first **Annual Cemetery Cleanup Day** on Saturday. 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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES, MARCH 24:

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. EDDIE PLESS, GUEST PASTOR AT 10:30 A.M.

GRADE AND MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH AT 2:00 P.M. WITH MUSIC

After worship on Sunday the High School Youth and Adults will return from Savannah, GA, to the church before supper.

*The **CHANCEL GREENERY** is given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Whitson Patterson Sloop and his daughter, Rebecca Sloop, who had March birthdays from Barbara Upright.*

Sundays and Wednesdays Schedule

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

Holy Week:

Palm Sunday, April 14 - Rev. Eddie Pless

Maundy Thursday, April 18 - Rev. Don Safrit

Good Friday, April 19 - Rev. Don Safrit

Easter, April 21, Sunrise (6:30 a.m.) and

Easter Service (10:30 a.m.) - Rev. Ken Fink

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.

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.

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 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

70+ Banquet

Sunday, April 7,

in the Fellowship Hall following Worship

*Following the worship service on **Sunday, April 7**, we will be honoring our members who are 70 years old and older for their commitment and love to St. Paul's over the years. We will be honoring them with a meal and fellowship.*

*Debbie Suggs will be catering the meal. The cost of the meal is **\$8.00** A PLATE (Adults), **\$4.00** (3-12 years), and **FREE** (2 and under and our 70+ members). Menu consists of: **BAR-B-QUE CHICKEN, COUNTRY STYLE STEAK, CREAMED POTATOES, SALAD WITH SPECIAL DRESSING, GREEN BEANS, AND DESSERT** – the **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE** will provide the plates, silverware, etc.*

There will be a basket on the table at the banquet in which to place your money. We hope those who are able will give additional money to help defray the cost of the meal honoring those 70+.

This year the Fellowship Committee will not need to provide tea instead help is needed for setup and cleanup. Please contact Terry and Myra Jane Eller or Kay Moody about volunteering for either setup and/or cleanup.

The Finance Committee will meet Sunday, April 7, at 9:00 a.m. in the Counting Room.

Youth Schedule

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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Grade School Youth at 3:00 p.m. ~ Middle School Youth with Music at 3:00 p.m.

Middle School Youth will leave at 4:00 p.m. to Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab to visit and play noodle ball with the residents

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

Genevieve Baker - recovering (foot surgery)

Wilbur Canup - recovering from surgery

Terry Eller - health concerns

John Girdler - health concerns

Myralyn Goodman - health concerns

Peyton Holland - blood disorder

Emerson Holder - heart related issues

Richard Hughes - health concerns

Don Lentz - health concerns

Christine Maloney - health concerns

Jan McCanness - recovering (back surgery)

Genine Miller - health concerns

Mike Morris - health concerns

Zelia Padgett - health concerns

Haynes and Linda Shirley - upcoming surgeries

Dottie Stancil - 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 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

Garrison Jones - cousin of Jill Earnhardt, RN, Parish Nurse, heart related issues

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 (knee surgery)

Genesis: Mary Sherrill

Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab: Catherine Allison, Kathleen Brown, Riley Burton, Betty Monday-Palliative Care, Helen Wagoner, 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.*