

# St. Paul's Lutheran Family

March 2023 NEWSLETTER

# There's a Place for You at St. Paul's!



### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

I can't believe as I write this report that March is here!

I think I can safely say that St. Paul's is moving through the call process very well with a focus on having the profile completed by September, then looking at the names the Bishop will submit for approval.

The History Day went very well. With a lot of prework, the day was informative and gave a clear picture of where St. Paul's can grow. I heard a number of ideas that the members would like to see as we clear the struggles with COVID.

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Mission Fair where we can show our outreach to the community and showcase the various ministries that it takes to faithfully support St. Paul's. We have a small grant that will pay for lunch for table leaders.

N.O.T.S. went well, using our space to keep people warm and safe at night. We had 30-40 people staying overnight with us, and thanks to the volunteers, the facility was kept clean and in order.

On Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, the 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature began. St. Paul's WELCA group helped LEAN serve lunch to the members of the legislature. Our own Bishop Claire, along with the Grand Canyon Bishop Hutterer, attended the event and supported the LEAN group with their mission to support the Social Statements of the ELCA.

We hosted the community Ash Wednesday service and will join the community for a Good Friday service at St. Teresa's Catholic Church. I will have more details as we get closer to Holy Week.

On a personal note: I began a refresher class in Intentional Interim Ministry in February with the idea of getting an update on how I can best serve you during this transition period.

With blessings on all of you who give so much.

Mike+

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Monday Wednesday and Friday: 9:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## **President's Report**

Council Corner Louise Griffith, President

This article is dedicated to communicating the actions, decisions, and future action items of the Church Council. This article is intended to give the congregation the highlights of the Church Council meeting.

Council welcomed Andrew (AJ) Feuling, Superintendent of Carson City School District to our meeting held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. We began a conversation to discuss the possible purchase of the back acreage of our lot. This is by NO MEANS a done deal. There will be many, many conversations in the future that will need to happen between us and the school district. The conversation with Mr. Feuling included the possible usage of the lot, the process of dividing the parcel, appraisals, approval by us and the school district trustees, and endless other details. I will keep you updated; however, the congregation ultimately has the deciding vote at the end of the process.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the History Day. We continue to take steps in moving down the path to calling a new pastor with your help.

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, we will have a "Paint the Church Sign Party". As we were unable to find vendors to update the church sign at a reasonable cost, Council decided to host a party to refresh the signs with new paint and a little bit of "elbow grease". Nikki Rohrs is heading this small project. Please contact her if you can help.

As we continue in this Lenten season, I ask the congregation to unite in prayer each night at 8:00 p.m.

Loving God, be with us and guide us during this time of discernment. Fill our leaders with your wisdom. Keep us mindful of the work you would have us do. Lead us and guide us O Lord to be about the work of your kingdom even as the search for a new pastor continues. Bless all who have taken on extra responsibility and fill them with a sense of your love and presence. We pray in your Son's name, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

God Bless You!

Louise Griffith, President

Phone: 775 232-7071 in the evenings. Email: <a href="mailto:ladylouiseg@gmail.com">ladylouiseg@gmail.com</a>







# A reminder for the Lent season:

"That is why the Lord says, "Turn to me now, while there is time! Give me your hearts.

Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning.

Don't tear your clothing in your grief; instead, tear your hearts."

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and Merciful. He is not easily angered.

He is filled with kindness and is eager not to punish you."

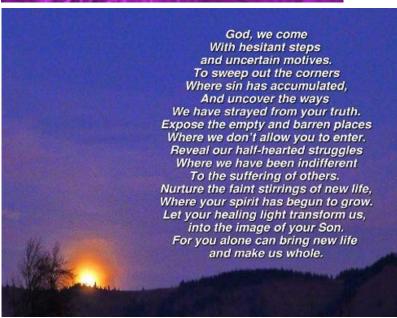
Joel 2:12-13

GOD BLESS

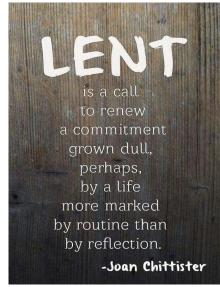
## LENTEN PRAYER

O Lord and Master of my life!
Take from me the spirit of laziness,
faint-heartedness, desire for power, and idle talk.
But give your servant
the spirit of chastity,
humility, patience, and love.

Yes, Lord and King!
Grant me to see my own errors
and not to unjustly or hastily judge my brother,
for you are blessed, now and forever. Amen.









# Lutheran Liturgical Practices During Lent by Jonathan Swett

Each year, the Christian church embarks on a forty-day journey leading up to Easter, known as the season of Lent. When discussing Lenten liturgical practices of Lutherans, I believe one can distinguish three different categories into which each practice can be placed: Visual, Historical/Traditional, and Emotional/Spiritual. It can be debated; however, that some of the practices fall into multiple categories—and rightfully so.

The first visual component is that of the color purple that adorns the Lord's house in various manners throughout the season of Lent. The dye to make purple was very difficult to source in ancient times, thus attributed to royalty, and adorned the Christ only once—as He was mocked and ridiculed as the "King of the Jews" prior to His gruesome crucifixion. This deep hue has come to represent solemnity, penitence, and prayer as God's people meditate on the agony His Son willingly endured. Twice in the Lenten season, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the Lord's house may be adorned with the color black which represents the absence of light and the curse of sin and darkness which fell over creation that only the death of the perfect Son of God could abolish.

The second visual component is that of the sign of the cross applied upon the repentant Christian's forehead during the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. Typically utilizing ash created by the burning of palms from the previous Palm Sunday, this symbolic rite is a reminder of the sign of the cross that was placed on us in our Baptisms, our mortality ("Remember: you are dust, and to dust you shall return."), and the filth of our sin that has been washed clean by the blood of Jesus.

A historical/traditional component of the Lenten season is the omission of the word "Alleluia" from the liturgy and hymnody as well as an omission of the Hymn of Praise. "Alleluia"—a Hebrew word meaning "Praise the Lord"—returns full-voice in the glorious celebration of Easter morning. A long-standing practice at Our Savior in Hartland is the singing of a remarkably beautiful setting of "Farewell to Alleluia" by Olin Jones. As the conclusion to the Transfiguration of Our Lord service, the anthem wafts from the mouths of the *Cantate* choir in the balcony at the rear of the nave and greets the ears of the congregants below as they kneel in solemn reverence and meditation—marking a poignant transition into the holy time of Lent/Easter.

A historic service, the Great Vigil of Easter, on the eve of Easter Sunday, had fallen out of common practice, yet is recently experiencing a resurgence. The service—which is centered on the themes of darkness to light, and God's rescue of His people—includes the Services of Light (including the Kindling of a New Fire), the Word, Holy Baptism, and the Holy Eucharist.

As mentioned earlier, the emotional/spiritual character of the Lenten season is one of penitence Connected to the Great Vigil of Easter; however, the season of Lent may also be one of preparation, as catechumens who had been prepared, were appointed to be baptized during the Service of Holy Baptism in the Easter Vigil service.

The practice of fasting (or "giving something up") during Lent is not required for Lutherans because it is not commanded in Holy Scripture. Rather, as a matter of Christian freedom, starving oneself of a pleasure of the flesh is a way to remember daily the great sacrifice of Jesus on the cross to pay for the world's sin.

You may already be well-along your Lenten journey. May it be a blessing to you as you again experience the depth of Jesus's obedience and the great love of God to redeem a world so desperately in need of salvation.

https://lutheranreformation.org/worship/Lutheran-liturgical-practices-lent/

# Servants Serving

# Aftar Guild for March

Carol Arneson and Marla Johnson

# Greeters

March 5<sup>th</sup> Judy McPhail March 12<sup>th</sup> Vera Logie March 19<sup>th</sup> Jean Opperman March 26<sup>th</sup> Holly McPhail

# Readers

March 5<sup>th</sup> Linda Wilson March 12<sup>th</sup> Marla Johnson March 19<sup>th</sup> Dorothea Phelan March 26<sup>th</sup> Vera Logie

# Livestreaming Team

Jay Olshen, Deanna Fine, and Nick Cotsonis

## Musicians

Dave Lingensjo, Principle Musician Vicki Hamilton, Organist Carol Arneson, Choir Director

# Ministry Leaders' E-mail

Altar Guild: Vicki Hamilton victoriahamilton9@gmail.com

Greeters: Ruth Fitzgerald mrsrfitz17@gmail.com

Counters: Mary DeFelice Marenang@hotmail.com

Readers: Judy McPhail ROMAC1945@outlook.com

Ushers: Dave Harrell

davidharrell93@yahoo.com

Communion Assistants: Judy McPhail

stpaulcarson@gmail.com

Card Ministry: Peg Bradtke fakenails@aol.com

## Counters

March 5<sup>th</sup> Judy McPhail and Deanna Fine
March 12<sup>th</sup> Jean Opperman and Linda
Thronson

March 19<sup>th</sup> Judy McPhail and Mary DeFelice March 26<sup>th</sup> Nikki Rohrs and David Harrell

# Communion Assistants

March 5<sup>th</sup> Traci Angel
March 12<sup>th</sup> Linda Thronson
March 19<sup>th</sup> Cody Lopez
March 26<sup>th</sup> Louise Griffith

# Acolytes

Clay Woslum and Greg Griffith

# Youth Acolytes

March 5<sup>th</sup> TBA
March 12<sup>th</sup> Destiny and Alana
March 19<sup>th</sup> Kellsey and Shaylee
March 26<sup>th</sup> Destiny and Shaylee

## Ushers

Dave Harrell, Kim Neiman, Judy McPhail, Holly McPhail, and Lorayn Walser.

# Ministry Leaders

Altar Guild: Vicki Hamilton Greeters: Ruth Fitzgerald Readers: Judy McPhail Counters: Mary DeFelice

Communion Assistants: Judy McPhail

Youth Acolytes: Traci Angel Card Ministry: Peg Bradtke





Worship services are held each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Faith L.I.N.K. (Sunday school) meets from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Our worship service is live-streamed via YouTube.

Directions for YouTube:



Click on the hyperlink or copy and paste this link into your web browser.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCujH57tQGEsCKJhKyE8q2Lg

The link will take you to St. Paul's YouTube channel where you can watch the live service.

To watch recorded services, click on "Playlist" and then choose the Sunday service/video you want to watch.

"To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God." William Temple

"Begin to rejoice in the Lord, and your bones will flourish like an herb, and your cheeks will glow with the bloom of health and freshness. Worry, fear, distrust, care-all are poisonous! Joy is balm and healing, and if you will but rejoice, God will give power." A. B. Simpson

"The foundation of true holiness and true Christian worship is the doctrine of the gospel. what we are to believe. So when Christian doctrine is neglected, forsaken, or corrupted, true holiness and worship will also be neglected, forsaken, and corrupted. " John Owen



"Nothing, how little so ever it be, if it is suffered for God's sake, can pass without merit in the sight of God." Thomas à Kempis

"Lent is not something we do for God. Lent is something we do with God." Anonymous

"True intimacy with God always brings humility." Beth Moore



Worship volunteers are needed for Sunday service. It seems like the same folks always volunteer. Won't you please join them? The church is not a building.

It's YOU!

Please contact a ministry leader today to volunteer. Thanks!

# Announcements



Nellie Revelle is moving to Arizona! Come say farewell!

Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall.

Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to Karen Thompson by March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Text or call 480 330-6654 or e-mail krevelle113@gmail.com.

Respectfully, no gifts, cards only.

A group gift will be made at the party.

See you then!

Please help the people of Turkey and Syria who are struggling after a devastating earthquake.

https://www.lutheranworld.org/

help.rescue.org

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donate.doctorswithoutborders.org

Thank you!



Please don't forget the people and animals of Ukraine!

You can help with humanitarian aid via: <a href="https://www.lutheranworld.org">https://www.lutheranworld.org</a> and <a href="https://rolda.org/breaking-news-ukraine">https://rolda.org/breaking-news-ukraine</a>



## **WELCA Bible Study**

Join us on the first Tuesday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for a lively bible study.

Vicki Hamilton is the leader of this wonderful group.

If you would like to be part of the card writing ministry that sends greetings cards to St. Paul's homebound, please contact Peg Bradtke. fakenails@aol.com





Coffee Fellowship Hour hosts are needed. Please sign up on the list in the narthex. Thank you!

If you can find it in your hearts and your financial budgets to increase the amount of your offerings to St. Paul's in 2023, it would be greatly appreciated.

The continuation of our ministry depends on your faithful generosity.

Thank you!



Richard Lowther	2
Kim Neiman	3
Dennis Yeskie	4
Michelle Stevens	5
Sarah Jevne	6
Lin Nary	6
Nicholas Little	7
Fred Steinle	7
Nicholas Gesick	9
William Cullen	12
Susie Anderson	14
Ellen Harrell	15
Matthew Hamilton	21
Monique Hautekeet	21
Dee Sherman	21
Jeanne Russell	24
Dorit Sandmeier	29
Ken Beaton	31
John Fischer	31
Amanda Castillo	31



Belated birthday
wishes to
Denise Muller who
celebrated her big day
on February 1st.



STITCHERS meet in Friendship Hall the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Contact Sarah Jevne for more information. sarahj4821@gmail.com



Choir practice is held each
Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m.

If you are interested in joining St. Paul's choir,
please contact Carol Arneson at
carol arneson@yahoo.com.



The Irish gave the bagpipes to the Scots as a joke.

But the Scots haven't gotten the joke yet.



### FIREFIGHTERS/PEACE OFFICERS

Andy Steyn, Brian Hillenbrand, Tina Sherman, Mark Dickens, John Gould, Michael Gould, and Jason Wildblood.

### **SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES**

Raelynn Norman (niece of Judy McPhail), Matthew Russell (nephew of Judy McPhail), Brandon Luterick, Heather Joyner (Johnson), Peter Elverum, Sarah McGee, Bryce Stimpka, Olivia Lesperance, John Duffy (nephew of Sharon and Tom Gesick), and Justin Snowden.



A big thank you to all those who played the Super Bowl Contest last month. All your \$\$\$ votes went to St. Paul's Livestreaming Equipment Fund.

If anyone would like to help this effort further, did you know Thrivent members can apply for a grant to support this fund?

Please consider using one of your annual grants for this fund by clicking on (or copying and pasting it into your browser) the link below. Thanks!

https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams

If you need any help with the application process, call our office assistant.



The top-needed foods are:

Spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, chili, pasta, milk, fresh produce, eggs, Ramen, sliced bread, coffee, and pet food.

Contact FISH for where to drop off donations: 775 882-3474

You can also drop off provisions in the church narthex. Thank you!



On Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., we will make palm crosses to give to the congregation on Palm Sunday.

We will meet in Friendship Hall, and everyone is welcome to help.

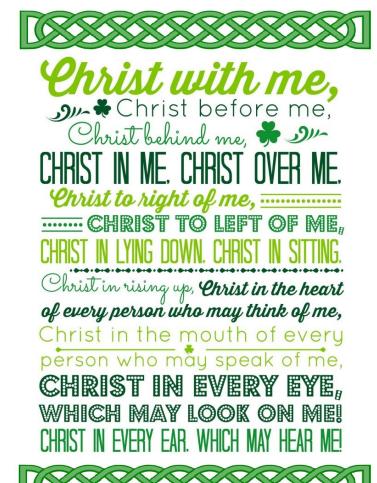
and fellowship. If you have questions, please call Mary DeFelice at 775 882-0916. Thanks!





## Saint Patrick

Saint Patrick was a fifth-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of Ireland, the other patron saints being Brigit of Kildare and Columba. ~ Wikipedia



# Women ELCA Chili Cook-off

WELCA President Joan Schultz, Treasurer Sharon Gesick, Charlotte LaCombe, and I, Linda Wilson as Chairman of the Chili Cook-off, want to thank everyone who participated in this event. We had seven chili entries, and Traci Angel was the big winner, winning Judges' 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Peoples' Choice, with Heidi Jones winning Judges' 2<sup>nd</sup> Place.

We had around 75 people attend the Chili Cook-off. It wouldn't have been as successful if not for all the volunteers who brought their chilis and all the other food items, set up everything, and stayed to clean up, especially the Youth Group members and their leaders Traci and Katheryn.

I also want to thank Dave Lingensjo who brought a few of his students (mostly 7-year-olds) to entertain us with a variety of piano pieces, and they did a fabulous job, plus the McPhail Family who sang a variety of sing-a-long songs that everyone could join in singing.

For those who donated Silent Auction items, and those who were awarded these items, and for those folks who bought 50/50 tickets and chances to win packets of gift cards for Chick-fil-A and the Yogurt Store, give yourself a pat on the back because without you, WELCA couldn't have raised the money needed to help their various charities.

In conclusion, fellowshipping with great friends and family, great food and entertainment, and making money to help others is a blessing, and I enjoyed chairing this event.

Linda Wilson

Congratulations to Traci Angel for winning 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Chili Cook-off!







Many thanks to all of you who contributed to the great success of the Chili Cook-off. We had such broad participation.

A special thanks to Linda Wilson whose expertise was so important. Thanks also to our Youth Group members. Not only did they provide wonderful energy but were great fun.

WELCA raised \$1,252.00 from all sources, which will allow us to fund projects as needed. We will schedule a business meeting soon to discuss the Chili Cook-off experience, as well as to brainstorm potential ideas for a rummage sale later in the year.

Joan Schultz, WELCA President













The 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature opened on Monday, February 6th.

Pastor Mike Patterson joined LEAN members Pastor Bill Ledford, Dr. Ed Cotton, and Pastor Diane Drach-Meinel; Sierra Pacific Synod Bishop, Bishop Claire S. Burkat, and Grand Canyon Bishop, Bishop Deborah K. Hutterer, while our wonderful WELCA ladies Joan Schultz, Sharon Gesick, and Charlotte LaCombe helped serve lunch.





















All youth who are in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join youth group! Meetings are every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Faith L.I.N.K. If you know anyone who is interested or has any questions, please call Traci Angel at 775 721-5495.



### **Pancake Breakfast**

The youth will host their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Easter Sunday after the worship service. The menu is pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, juice, tea, and, of course, coffee! We hope that you will bring your appetites for the **BEST** pancakes around! We look forward to serving you on Easter Sunday!

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex again this year; it helps us plan the amount of food for the event. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** If you should have any questions, please give Traci a call or text at 775 721-5495.

## Easter Egg Hunt

The youth will host the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please join us during the pancake breakfast. The hunt will take place in the church's backyard. The youth will prepare the eggs for the big hunt in the coming weeks. They are currently looking for a little help with supplies. Plastic eggs, candy, or small toys that fit into the eggs are needed. If you are able to donate, we will have a collection basket out starting on March 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please ask Traci.

## Easter Bunny

Look out! The youth and a friend or two will be hopping around the first part of April!



# Valentine's Day Party Fun for Our Youth Group Kids!

















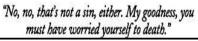






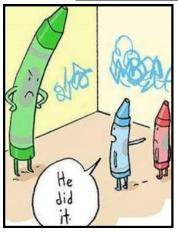


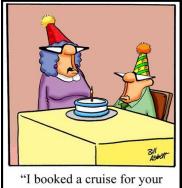




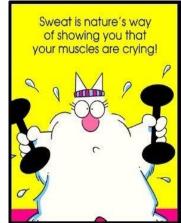








birthday. I'll call you when I get to Aruba."













**Sunday Services 9:00 a.m.**March 5<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, March19<sup>th</sup>, and March 26<sup>th</sup>

Faith L.I.N.K.

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Youth Group Meeting

First and third Sunday after Faith L.I.N.K.

Sundays

NA 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

Coffee Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Hosted by the Youth Group

Tuesday, March 7th

WELCA Bible Study

9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 14th and March 28th

Stitchers

9:00 a.m. – noon

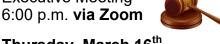
**Every Wednesday** 

Choir practice

6:00 p.m. Contact Carol Arneson for more info.

Thursday, March 9th

**Executive Meeting** 



Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

**Council Meeting** 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays during the school year

Carson Strings practices in Friendship Hall 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Saturday, March 18th

Celebration of Life service for Ken Elverum

11:00 a.m. in St. Paul's sanctuary



Nellie Revelle's Going Away Party 3:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall



**Daylight Saving Time begins** on March 12th at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour.



Spring begins: Monday, March 20th at 2:24 p.m. PDT

The first day of spring (March equinox or vernal equinox) is when the sun shines directly on the celestial equator passing from south to north and the length of day and night are almost the same. This is referred to as astronomical spring or the March equinox or vernal equinox.

## NEXT MONTH — HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 6TH GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 7TH HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 8TH EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 9TH

The season of Lent gives way to the celebration of Easter in Holy Week, the most sacred period of the liturgical calendar.

Holy Week includes both the Church's most solemn observances and joyous feasts. Unique, beautiful liturgies fill the period of time that begins on Palm Sunday and culminates with Easter Sunday.

Holy Week 2023 is a great time to recommit to prayer and draw closer to God.