

## ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**February 25, 2024**

**2nd Sunday in Lent**

Gathering		Mark Anderson
Welcome		Melinda Ginosar
Prelude	"Evening Prayer"	Mark Anderson
	Engelbert Humperdinck	
Acolyte		Izzy Perez
Opening Prayer		Jill Ecklesdafer
Hymn	"Jesus Messiah "	
	Praise Team and Congregational Singing	
Pastoral Prayer		Melinda Ginosar
Lord's Prayer		
Kids Time		Melinda Ginosar
Offering	Gathering our Gifts	
Offertory Music	"Ah, Holy Jesus"	Women's Choir
Doxology	"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"	p.95
	Congregational Singing	
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Luke 4:16-21	Jill Ecklesdafer
Sermon	" <b>Good News To the Poor</b> "	
	Rev. Kathleen Weber, DS	
Hymn	"Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"	p. 273
	Congregational Singing	
Communion	The Great Thanksgiving	
Music:	Organ	
	Prayer After Communion	
Hymn	"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"	p.384
	Congregational Singing	
Benediction		Rev. Kathleen Weber, DS
Closing Song	"Thanks God"	
	Mary Bash and Congregation	
Postlude		Mark Anderson
<b>Helping with worship today</b>		
Worship Leader		Melinda Ginosar
Preacher		Rev. Kathleen Weber, DS
Kids Time		Melinda Ginosar
Musician		Mark Anderson and Mary Bash
Choir Director		Jason Peters
Liturgist		Jill Ecklesdafer
Lead Usher		Jerry Johnson
Praise Team Leader		Nancy Copp
Sound and Video		The Heart Event
Acolyte		Izzy Perez



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**Sunday Worship Service**  
**11:00 am**

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"TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD"

## PASTORAL CONNECTION

### WHAT A MARCH WE WILL HAVE!

This Lent we are focusing on learning to be more like Jesus. His life has so many good lessons for us as we navigate these tumultuous times. Mosy Moran in his sermon on Sunday pointed out that Jesus asked his followers and would-be followers to go the extra mile in their ministries. Jesus didn't settle for "good enough." He pushed himself and others to do their best and most in growing the Kingdom of God.

Sometimes doing our best means adapting to the changes coming our way with grace, humor, and love. In March we welcome Rev. Elizabeth McVicker as our new pastor, say goodbye to Pastor Kathy (me), and all the while lean into the season of Lent as a time to contemplate our lives as disciples. Amid all the busy work of being church, it is easy to forget that connecting with God is our primary task. Let's not forget that God is with us, all the time! Our worship schedule in March reflects all the changes and challenges coming our way. Here is the Sunday schedule for March:

- **March 3:** Welcome Rev. McVicker! Worship at 9 am at Trinity and 11 am at St. Paul's
- **March 10:** Goodbye Pastor Kathy! Worship at 9 am at Trinity and 11 am at St. Paul's
- **March 17:** Joint worship at 10 am at Trinity, followed by a potluck
- **March 24:** DS Karen joins us. Worship at 9 am at Trinity and 11 am at St. Paul's, with a workshop at St. Paul's at 4 pm
- **March 31:** Easter! Sunrise service at 7 am at St. Paul's. Worship at 9 am at Trinity and 11 am at St. Paul's

You may see a lot of confusion in this schedule. I see wonderful opportunities to gather to praise God, to be strengthened by the love of God for our journey forward, and to carve out time to spend with our family and friends. I hope you will join us for these marvelous chances to become more like Jesus in our lives.

-Pastor Kathy Neary

## WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth McVicker!



**Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth announces the appointment of Rev. Elizabeth McVicker to Trinity & St. Paul's United Methodist Churches in Idaho Falls, Idaho, effective March 1, 2024, in a three-quarter time position.**

**Rev. McVicker is an ordained elder in the Mountain Sky Conference of The UMC. Rev. Kathy Neary, will continue her part-time, interim ministry through the end of March. The GNW cabinet's commitment to provide leadership in Idaho Falls once each month will continue through May.**

**"THE DIFFERENCES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE: PASTORAL TRANSITIONS"**

WITH  
REV. KATHLEEN WEBER, DS.



Rev. Kathleen Weber is the Superintendent for the Crest to Coast District (Southwest Washington). She is a second generation United Methodist pastor and has served in the PNW since 2003.

During her years in the Pacific Northwest Conference, she has supported the camping ministries of the Japanese American United Methodist Caucus, offered guidance and coaching for churches exploring engagement in the reconciling movement, completed the Two-Year Academy of Spiritual Formation, and designed the Residence In Ministry Program for the PNW Board of Ordained Ministry.

As a DS, Kathleen is passionate about emerging cooperative and collaborative ministries, working with small churches, encouraging congregations to dig deeper into spiritual formation, and working alongside colleagues. Her Idaho Falls connection is that for 7 years she served as Todd Shively's pastor.

4:00 PM  
AT  
TRINITY UMC

SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 25



**A big thank you from the Church Camp Kids for the generous support of our Valentine Sweet Treat Sale. The kids had fun baking for it and were so excited to receive so much financial from Trinity and St. Paul's UMC. We will use the funds to send as many kids as possible to Sawtooth Methodist Church Camp in July 2024.**



## CONNECT.

### Men's Coffee Group:

Wednesdays at 8:30 am at Perkins. All men are invited.

### Women's Outreach and Fellowship Group:

Wednesdays at 9:30 am at St. Paul's UMC

### Ladies Luncheon:

The Ladies Luncheon will be meeting at Homestead Pizza and bowling at 1:00 pm on March 12th.

### Soup for the Soul:

March 19th at noon at St. Paul's UMC Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

### United Women of Faith

The UMW meets the Second Thursday of each month in the parlor at Trinity UMC at 1:00pm

## WOMENS OUTREACH & FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Ladies group meets every Wednesday at 9:30 am in the St. Paul's Fellowship hall. The group meets for fellowship/ community service.

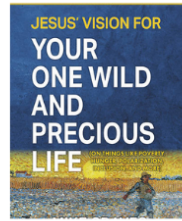
We take a personal approach to our faith, relationships, and blessing others. All women are welcome.

The women's outreach focus for Feb 21-Mar 20 will be supporting St. Paul's Easter Basket Ministry.

## GROW.

## SERVE.

### INDEPENDENT LENTEN STUDY



Everyone is welcome to participate.

Anyone interested in a book, see Melinda.

### EASTER BASKET MINISTRY

St. Paul's and Trinity will be putting together 150 Easter Baskets that will be given to the children of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate).

We need:

- Books, puzzles, games
- School supplies (crayons, pencils)
- Small novelty toys (bubbles, play dough, cars, stickers)
- Candy (individually wrapped) bite size or snack size
- Wrapped fruit snacks, fruit drinks, granola bars.

If you would like to donate money to the project, please write Easter Baskets in the check memo line and put your check in the offering plate. Easter Basket items will be collected from February 18 through March 17.

**We will be filling the Easter Baskets after Palm Sunday 11:00am Service at St. Paul's on March 24.**

All are welcome and encouraged to stay and help. INVITE A FRIEND. For more information, please contact Melinda Ginosar.



## THANK YOU !

Wednesday the Women's Outreach and Fellowship Group were busy cutting the tags off of a 150 stuffed animals for the Easter baskets. Thank you ladies for all of your hard work.





## Regional Council for Christian Ministry Lenten Services 2024

**11:30 – 1:00**

**soup at 11:30 and 12:30 – message at 12:00**

- **Wed. Feb. 28th**

Location: St John Lutheran, 290 7th Street  
Preacher: Reverend Stephen Weems

- **Wed. Mar. 6th**

Location: First Presbyterian, 325 Elm St.  
Preacher: Reverend Lea Colvill (St. Luke's Episcopal)

- **Wed. Mar. 13th**

Location: St. Paul's United Methodist, 1730 St Clair.  
Preacher: Reverend Mike Knauff, (First Evangelical Lutheran)

- **Wed. Mar. 20th**

Location: First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 455 W Sunnyside  
Preacher: Reverend Ann Bjorklund (New Day Lutheran)

## RCCM UPDATE FEBRUARY 20, 2024

The Community Food Basket served 1,374 families in January, which included 3,195 adults, 2,260 kids, 293 Seniors, 40 homeless and 249 Babies. 3735 Diapers were distributed.

A funding source needs to be found for diapers if it is to be continued. The Souper Bowl brought in 41,769 pounds of food between Skyline and Idaho Falls.

December and January are the biggest fund raisers of the year. There will be a warehouse sale in March. (Costco returns and left overs)

The Senior Center no longer has the funds to provide week end meals, the community Food Basket provided 150 boxes of food to be delivered to fill in the gap.

A new floor is covering in place to thanks to Hillcrest basketball and football teams which is non- skid.

Attendance at Little Church in the Pines is up. There are 193 permanent residents in Island Park. The search continues for a pastor with the biggest obstacle being housing. The average price for housing is \$790,000.

Plan on attending the Lenten Services, St. Paul's will be hosting on March 13. The Soup Kitchen is approaching 1,000,000 meals being served soon.

## This Week At St. Paul's UMC & Trinity UMC

### Sunday, February 25th **Welcome Rev. Kathleen Weber**

8:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts at Trinity UMC

9:00am Worship at Trinity UMC

Worship Service at 11:00 am at St. Paul's UMC

Fellowship time following service at St. Paul's UMC

Choir Practice at 12:30 pm at St. Paul's UMC

Bible Study at 3:00pm at St. Paul's UMC

**Workshop at Trinity UMC at 4:00pm**

### Monday, February 26th

Scouts BSA Female Troop at 6:30pm at St. Paul's UMC

### Tuesday, February 27th

Women's Bible Study at 1pm at St. Paul's UMC

N.A at 7:00 pm at Trinity UMC

### Wednesday, February 28th

Men's Coffee at 8:30 or 9am at Perkins

Women's Outreach Fellowship Group at 9:30am at St. Paul's UMC

Upper Room Study at 10:00 am at Trinity UMC

Gather at the Table @ 6:30pm at Trinity UMC

Cub Scout Pack Meeting at 6:30 pm at Trinity UMC

Scouts BSA at 7:30 pm at Trinity UMC

### Thursday, February 29th

Women's AA Group Meeting at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's UMC

### Friday, March 1st

N.A. at 7:00pm at Trinity UMC

Candlelight N.A. at 7:00 pm at Trinity UMC

### Saturday, March 2nd

### Sunday, March 3rd **Welcome Rev. Elizabeth!**

8:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts at Trinity UMC

9:00am Worship at Trinity UMC

Worship Service at 11:00 am at St. Paul's UMC

Fellowship time following service at St. Paul's UMC

Choir Practice at 12:30 pm at St. Paul's UMC

### Saturday, March 9th

**RECEPTION FOR PASTOR KATHY AT NOON AT ST. PAUL'S**

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'Plant the good seeds of righteousness,  
and you will harvest a crop of love.  
Plow up the hard ground of your hearts,  
for now is the time to seek the Lord,  
that he may come  
and shower righteousness upon you.'

**Hosea 10:12**