

## ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**March 3, 2024**  
**3rd Sunday in Lent**

Gathering		Mark Anderson
Welcome		Pastor Kathy Neary
Prelude	"Andante in F" Louis Lefebure-Wely	Mark Anderson
Acolyte		
Call to Worship		Lacey Moon
Hymn	"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Congregational Singing	p. 295
Prayer of Litany		Melinda Ginosar
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Kathy Neary
Lord's Prayer		
Kids Time		Melinda Ginosar
Offering	Gathering our Gifts	
Offertory Music	"The Gift of Love"	Women's Choir
Doxology	"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" Congregational Singing	p.95
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Matthew 5:1-12	Lacey Moon
Sermon	<b>"Be-Attitudes"</b> Rev. Elizabeth McVicker	
Hymn	"Spirit Song" Praise Team and Congregational Singing	
Communion	The Great Thanksgiving	
Music:	"One Bread, One Body" Prayer After Communion	
Hymn	"Every Praise" Praise Team and Congregational Singing	
Benediction		Rev. Elizabeth McVicker
Closing Song	"Thanks God" Mary Bash, Praise Team and Congregation	
Postlude		Mark Anderson

**Helping with worship today**

Worship Leader	Pastor Kathy Neary
Preacher	Rev. Elizabeth McVicker
Kids Time	Melinda Ginosar
Musician	Mark Anderson and Mary Bash
Choir Director	Jason Peters
Liturgist	Lacey Moon
Lead Usher	Jerry Johnson
Praise Team Leader	Nancy Copp
Sound and Video	The Heart Event
Acolyte	



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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.**

## PASTORAL TRANSITION

It is so exciting to welcome you, Rev. Elizabeth, to the Idaho Falls Methodists family. We are looking forward to beginning this new journey with you.

I've been part of the Methodist family for less than 10 years; this is my first pastoral transition as part of the Church Admin Council. On February 25th Rev. Kathleen Weber, District Superintendent in the Pacific NW Conference, presented an interactive workshop at Trinity. One part of the workshop dealt with Pastoral Transition as it related to the Prayer of Examen.

I'd never heard that term before, so I Googled "prayer of examen". It was developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola, a 15th-century Basque, who became the founder of the Jesuit Order of priests. To greatly simplify the process of prayerful reflection it involves five steps: give thanks to God, ask God to enlighten you, examine the day, seek forgiveness, and resolve to change.

Rev. Kathleen took this one step further in looking at Pastoral Transition for Idaho Falls. The questions she asked each of us to think about were very thought-provoking.

### The questions were:

- What do you celebrate about this interim time? (for example, learning new ways of looking at Idaho Falls Methodism and working with Trinity)
- What do you grieve about this interim time? (one comment was grieving because the church I've always known no longer exists)
- What do you hope for in this upcoming pastoral transition?

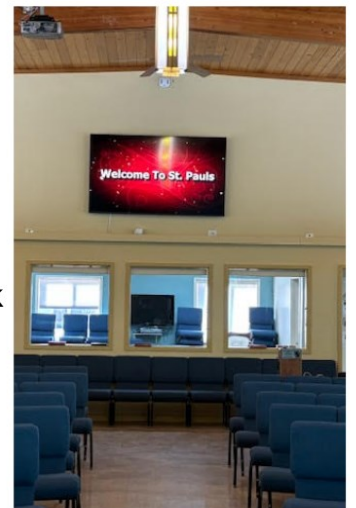
I'm sure you all will agree that we are blessed to have someone with Rev. Elizabeth's experience to lead us in spiritual growth and deepen our connection with God.

Chris Holden, Church Admin Council



## Thank You!

You may have noticed the video system change this past Sunday. Thanks to David Lively, Cliff Sing, and Jim Dobbins for installing the 85-inch Sony TV on the back sanctuary wall. This replaces the rear sanctuary projector, which has not been working very well. Thank you for all the hard work!



## CONNECT.

## GROW.

## SERVE.

### 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

### Ladies Luncheon:

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

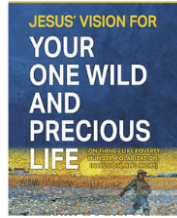
### Soup for the Soul:

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

## BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING SOON!



**Everyone is welcome to participate.**

**Beginning March 6th**

**3:30-5:00 pm**

**at Trinity UMC**

This six week class will cover the entire text, **Your Wild and Precious Life**. This rich text written by, **Mike Graves** takes us through the life of Jesus and the importance of Jesus when he was alive and among us. The book leads us through seven words/ teachings of Jesus. We will discuss and reflect upon these teachings discovering how these teachings apply to us today. Books are available.

**CONTACT JEANIE HUGHES FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

## 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.



**We are still in need of hostesses for the tea party. If you are interested in helping contact Lacey Moon or Connie Dobbins.**



**Regional Council for Christian  
Ministry  
Lenten Services 2024**

**11:30 – 1:00**

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

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- **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, March 3rd **WELCOME REV. ELIZABETH MCVICKER!**

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

### Monday, March 4th

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

### Tuesday, March 5th

N.A at 7:00 pm at Trinity UMC

### Wednesday, March 6th

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

Lenten Service at First Presbyterian at 11:30am

**BIBLE STUDY BEGINS AT TRINITY AT 3:30PM**

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, March 7th

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

### Friday, March 8th

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

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

### Saturday, March 9th

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

### Sunday, March 10th **FARWELL PASTOR KATHY!**

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

**BAPTISM FOR SOPHIA AND SAMANTHA MORCO**

Fellowship time following service at St. Paul's UMC

Let each generation tell its children of your  
mighty acts;

let them proclaim your power.

I will meditate on your majestic, glorious  
splendor

and your wonderful miracles.

Psalm 145:4-5

## 2024 CHURCH COUNCIL & STAFF

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