



St. James and St. Paul's River's Edge

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When it comes to exalted nicknames, some kings hit the jackpot. Who wouldn't want to be remembered with a glorious name similar to "Alexander the Great" or "William the Conqueror" or "Richard the Lion-heart?" "Wise King Solomon" and "Good King Hezekiah" are two biblical examples that are not too shabby as well.

In the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the evangelist paints with words the portrait of a royal figure—our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings. But Jesus is not presented in a way most kings would want to be remembered. He is not presented as "Jesus the Great" or "Jesus the Mighty." Instead, St. Matthew presents to us a lowly king who is rejected and betrayed. A king who is denied and condemned. A king who is mocked, forsaken, crucified and buried. If you had to give him a king's nickname based on

The Crucified King

St. Matthew's portrayal of Him in the Gospel, *The Crucified King* would certainly be appropriate.

That's good to hear because that's exactly the kind of king we need him to be. Ever since the fall, we all might be described as "Wannabe kings." We've rebelled against this King, putting ourselves first and God last. We have this king-sized inclination to *be* served rather than *to* serve. Our greatest need is not for a king whose glory is shown in His impressive power or strength, but chiefly in showing mercy to sinners. And that's exactly the kind of king St. Matthew presents.

The theme for this Lenten series derives from one of the ideas dominant in St. Matthew's Gospel—that Jesus is *the* King. Lent is a penitential season where God's baptized people celebrate their Baptism through repentance and faith in

this King. It is a season where we prepare with joy for the Paschal Feast (Easter) that celebrates this King being raised from the dead for our justification. Jesus is God's greatness in the flesh, the ultimate conqueror, who is truly God's Lion-hearted One. Yet He is willing to be a king despised and dishonored, that we might be considered great in God's Kingdom. He desired that we be eternally crowned with glory, so His head was pierced with sharp thorns. He was willing to be devoured by jaws of eternal death and rise again, so that you might joyfully eat His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation and be glorified with this King's own majestic glory.

In the beginning of the Gospel, the Magi came to Jerusalem asking, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews?" They asked because it
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St. Paul's News and Notes

Greetings!

I've noticed that I seem to start my articles with talk about the weather. To break that pattern I'm not going to do it this month. I'm just grateful that we're inching our way toward Spring!

To our brothers and sisters at St. James: your Cabin Fever Dinner was great! Jim and I sure enjoyed ourselves. It was nice to get out of the house. We're looking forward to the

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner. Since March 9th is the start of daylight savings time, no one should have to drive home in the dark!

Our February Soup & Sandwich luncheon was wonderful. As always, we are blessed when our St. James' friends come down to see us. The last Soup & Sandwich for the season will be on Wednesday, the 12th. We'd love to have you come try some of our soup

and enjoy the fellowship, too.

Lenten services begin here at St. Paul's on Tuesday the 11th. Supper will be served before each service. This is such a perfect time to reflect on all that our Savior has done for us.

Our re-organized Ladies group had its first meeting last month. We started with a devotion before getting down to work. We discussed labeling drawers/cabinets in the kitchen

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PreSchool News

February has been a busy month. We talked about shadows with Groundhog Day. We cleaned pennies with vinegar and salt while we discussed President Lincoln and we cut out one dollar bills as we learned about President Washington. We had a Valentine's Day Party and we talked about how much God loves all of us. Our Bible lessons were: "Jesus Stops a Storm", "Jesus Feeds 5,000 People", "Jesus Teaches the Disciples to Pray", and "Jesus Rides into Jerusalem". Red was our color of the month and we continued

working on our numbers and alphabet. It is getting harder and harder to sit still as we have not been able to get outside to let off steam for a few months. We are looking forward to Spring and much warmer weather.

We want you all to know how much we love you and we appreciate your love for us!

God's Blessings,

Channing, Josiah, Isabella, Daemen, Nolan, Sofi, Maddix, Mikaylee, and Sandy



Quilters Corner

After Holiday and weather related vacation, the Quilters are back in action!!

We also have a new area to work in. We have our tables permanently arranged so we don't have to take time to set them up whenever we need to use them. We are ready for productivity. We are hoping to recruit new members for our group and therefore

increase our efforts. It is a wonderful time to put our hands and hearts together to do God's work. The work is fun and rewarding and we have a great time getting to know one another. If you would like to join us, please come, and bring a friend. We now meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. But with our new arrangement, we can meet at other

times whenever it is convenient for a few people to gather together. Also, this is not a "just ladies" group; we encourage men to join us as well!

God's Blessings,

Quilter's Group



St. Paul's Midweek Schedule All times at 6:30 on Tuesday unless indicated

March 5 @ St. James—Ash
Wednesday—7 pm
March 11—Lent 2
March 18—Lent 3
March 25—Lent 4
April 1—Lent 5
April 8—Lent 6
April 17—Maundy Thursday @ St. James—7 pm
April 18—Good Friday—5 pm
April 20—Easter Sunday—8 am

2014 Midweek Lenten Schedule



St. Paul's Lenten Suppers begin at 5:30 PM. St. James Lenten Suppers begin at 6:00 pm

St. James Midweek Schedule All times at 7 pm on Wednesday unless indicated

March 5—Ash Wednesday
March 12—Lent 2
March 19—Lent 3
March 26—Lent 4
April 2—Lent 5
April 9—Lent 6
April 17—Maundy Thursday—7 pm
April 18—Good Friday—7 pm
April 20—Easter Sunday—6 am and 10:30 am

Birthdays/Anniversaries

St. Paul's Birthdays:

5th – Pam Murray
14th - Linda Miller

St. James Birthdays

2nd – Palmer Peterson
4th – Anita Parce
7th – Alada Oens
8th – Vivian Kueker
12th – Clayton Oens
13th – Christa Chisick
14th – Trudy Bartels
Karin Ganther
Carlie Houy
Suzanne Piepenbrink

15th – Robert Ruskowsky
16th – Andrew Hess
20th – Wendy Davey
22nd – Noah Mecklenburg
23rd – Jamie Bistodeau
Treyton Jefferies



St. James Anniversaries

3rd - Ron & Susan Kosinski
4th - Don & Deb Ennis
12th - Les & Sherry Stephens
16th - Scott & Trudy Bartels

Above and Beyond Award

Over the last number of years, many of our members have been getting older, moving away, and even going to meet Jesus face-to-face. With that happening our volunteer base seems to be dwindling. This is happening in all areas of the church, even amidst the Altar Guild.

With that happening, the Altar Guild had an open month of February. An announcement was put in the bulletin for several weeks seeking someone to carry out the Altar Guild duties for the month. No one was seeming to step up.

In the end we had one person

February. For that reason, The Above and Beyond Award for February goes to Christa Chisick.

Take some time to say thank you to Christa for stepping up and serving in this way.

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Bible Readings for March

Week 9

March 3 – Exodus 34:1-35
March 4 – Exodus 35:1-36:38
March 5 – Exodus 37:1-38:31
March 6 – Exodus 39:1-40:38
March 7 – Leviticus 1:1-17
March 8 – Leviticus 2:1-3:17
March 9 – Come to the Lord's House and Worship Him

Week 10

March 10 – Leviticus 4:1-6:30
March 11 – Leviticus 7:1-9:24
March 12 – Leviticus 10:1-11:47
March 13 – Leviticus 12:1-15:33

March 14 – Leviticus 16:1-17:16
March 15 – Leviticus 18:1-19:37
March 16 – Come to the Lord's House and Worship Him

Week 11

March 17 – Leviticus 20:1-22:33
March 18 – Leviticus 23:1-25:55
March 19 – Leviticus 26:1-27:34
March 20 – Numbers 1:1-3:51
March 21 – Numbers 4:1-6:27
March 22 – Numbers 8:1-8:26
March 23 – Come to the Lord's House and Worship Him

Week 12

March 24 – Numbers 9:1-10:36
March 25 – Numbers 11:1-12:16
March 26 – Numbers 13:1-15:41
March 27 – Numbers 16:1-18:32
March 28 – Numbers 19:1-20:29
March 29 – Numbers 21:1-35
March 30 – Come to the Lord's House and Worship Him

Week 13

March 31 – Numbers 22:1-25:18
April 1 – Numbers 26:1-27:23
April 2 – Numbers 28:1-30:16
April 3 – Numbers 31:1-54





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to make it more "user-friendly." We also updated our funeral policy. The next meeting is on Monday, the 10th at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. Sue Bennett (our new President) will be hostess.

We had our quarterly meeting following Sunday service on February 16th. We discussed doing a church inventory and videotaping it for insurance purposes. Everyone was supportive when Pastor Mike told us about the World Relief Basket project. We will begin collecting supplies (bar soap, combs, toothbrushes, bath towels, nail clippers) in the order that Pastor directs starting Sunday, the 9th. Please remember to bring something in to help with this effort.

Our banner making group is going to try and make us two new banners in time for Easter. Thanks to all who give their time. Denna will announce the next meeting.

There was interest about another trip to see a Brewer game. Tracey is doing the research and will get back to us. We had a fantastic time last summer!

In Sunday Bible Study we're going into the books of the Bible written by the major prophets starting with Isaiah. The major prophets wrote from the 8th to the 6th centuries before Christ, as nations were rising and falling around Israel and idolatry and injustice were rampant in Israel. Prophecy is God's revelation of His plans to His children. So important is prophecy in God's Word that it occupies about one

-third of the whole Bible. All are welcome to join us in this interesting study.

I'll close with a couple thoughts:

The best way to get the last word is to apologize.

If you're praying, you're not worrying. If you're worrying, you're not praying!

Take care and God Bless.

'Til next month,
Deb

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wasn't obvious. He was where human reason would never expect Him—in a humble home, in a humble town, served by His humble mother. Toward the end of the Gospel, Pilate also must ask Jesus, "Are You the King of the Jews?" He asks because it wasn't obvious. But so that we don't miss Him and all His benefits, St. Matthew identifies our merciful King of kings and Lord of lords, who goes where human reason would never expect a king to go—high and lifted up on a cross, bearing away the sin of the world, so that He could triumph over it in the resurrection. All so that you might be baptized and received the exalted title of "Sons of God."

(taken from Overview CD for *The Crucified King* Lenten materials)