



## *From the Heart of Your Shepherd*

**“From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” Matthew 16:21**

This verse really gives us a summary of all of the things that we will be observing this month during Holy Week (Palm Sunday will actually fall at the end of March, and the other festivals in April. I am anticipating that you will be reading this on or before Palm Sunday.) It is during Holy Week that we will focus on those acts of our savior that accomplished our salvation. There is a sense that something very special is taking place as we observe Palm Sunday and then we reach the height of our celebration on Easter Sunday.

Jesus predicted exactly what would happen to Him. He would go up to Jerusalem and He would suffer many things. He would go to Jerusalem where He would be nailed to the cross and die for our sins. We recall our Lord's love for us sinners and the depth of His agony for our sins. The week begins with Palm Sunday. We will see the palm branches on Palm Sunday and be reminded of how Jesus was greeted by people waving palms as He rode into Jerusalem on the donkey. The people would shout “Hosanna” but their cries would very quickly turn to “crucify him.”

We gather together on Maundy Thursday and see how our Lord gave His last will and testament. He gave His Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion. It is there that we receive the forgiveness of sins that He obtained for us. It is on Maundy Thursday (the Thursday of Holy Week) that we will gather together to celebrate the Lord's Supper with Jesus just as He celebrated it with the disciples. At the end of the Maundy Thursday service, the altar will be stripped bare. This is symbolic of our Lord's humiliation at the hands of the soldiers as He was arrested following the institution of the Lord's Supper.

Christians will gather once again on Friday. This day is known as Good Friday. It is the day when Jesus was crucified and died for our sins. The color of the day is black representing death and mourning. The service is solemn and reserved. It is on this day that we look at the cross and see our Lord giving up His life for us. There will be two different service times that day at noon and 7:30 pm. Many churches have historically held noonday services because this marks the beginning of the hours of darkness. We recall how darkness came over the land from noon to three when Jesus hung on the cross (Matthew 27:45).

We will leave the church in darkness and silence on Good Friday, but we will return just three days later. We will return on Easter Sunday. Many will come early for the sunrise service just as the women did on that first Easter (Mark 16:2) to hear the Hymn of Praise and the Alleluias loudly proclaimed once again for the first time since Ash Wednesday. We will celebrate our Lord's resurrection with unbridled joy. Easter is the highest festival of the church year.

In His service,  
Pastor Olson

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### Mission Statement

The mission of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran is to strengthen and support our members in their Christian faith through God's Word, the Sacraments, education, prayer and fellowship; thereby preparing them to be witnesses of the Gospel in our community and the world, so that all who believe shall receive the gift of eternal life.

# St. Paul Lutheran School News

*"Excellence in Christ-centered education"*

*He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!* What a privilege it is to be a part of school where Christ's resurrection is able to be taught, proclaimed, and celebrated. There is no school on Good Friday (April 3) so that students and families will have the opportunity to attend Good Friday services and reflect on our Lord's suffering and death. There will also be no school the day after Easter (April 6). This will allow students and their families to have the day off after celebrating Easter the day before.

**Voucher Program:** St. Paul Lutheran School is now accepting applications for vouchers under the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). This is a wonderful opportunity for students to attend St. Paul Lutheran School for free. You can go to [sms.dpi.wi.gov/wpcp-statewide](http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/wpcp-statewide) to verify your eligibility or call the school office with questions.

**Registration for the 2015-2016 School Year:** Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is now open. Please spread the word about our wonderful school. St. Paul provides students the opportunity to receive an excellent academic education in a warm Christian environment.

**Chapel Offerings:** Fourth quarter chapel offerings will be going to Camp Luther.

**Achievement Testing:** During the week of April 13-17 students in grades 1-8 will be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. Please make sure that your child gets a good nights sleep each day, has a good breakfast, and is to school on time. This will help your child to do their best during the testing.

**Pizza and Cookie Dough Fundraiser:** The school will once again be doing the pizza and cookie dough fundraiser as our spring fundraising event. This has been a very successful fundraiser for our school in the past. We will be kicking the event off on March 30. You can either order through a St. Paul student or call the school office.

## **Upcoming Events:**

March 30	Cookie Dough/Pizza Fundraiser Kickoff
April 2	Report Cards
April 3	No School (Good Friday)
April 6	No School (Easter Monday)
April 13-17	Achievement Testing
April 30	Midquarter/Midterms



#### **4K: Whooooo's Wondering What's Happening in 4K?**

March was another wonderful month for the 4K class. We had many things to celebrate this month. Our class had a lot of fun celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. We read many of his books and worked on various activities to go with them. Our favorite activity was when reading the book Green Eggs and Ham. Ms. Tiffany helped us make "green eggs" with pudding and a nilla wafer. They were so yummy! Next we celebrated St. Patrick's Day. We played a lucky shamrock game with chocolate gold coins and made a rainbow paper chain with a pot of gold at the end. We also have been very busy rehearsing our songs for the upcoming musical. There is even part of the musical where we get to go on stage. We are so excited! We hope everyone is able to come and see us perform. Lastly, we have been very thankful for the beautiful weather we have been blessed with. It is so nice to go outside and enjoy the sunshine. Some of us have even brought our gloves and baseballs to play at recess!

**5K:** March came in like a "lion" with lots of cold weather but we are seeing some warmer temperatures and we will hopefully have more "lamb" days enjoying God's creation!

Our Bible stories for the month were focused on Jesus miracles and the days leading into Holy Week. Our chapel services have been preparing our hearts during this Lenten season. We are looking forward to Jesus triumph at Easter!

Science had us having lots of fun with magnets. We are starting to work with our addition math facts and thinking we are ready for the next grade. We have enjoyed learning our parts for the musical. It is great the way our Social Studies fair of a wax museum grew into our musical of "A Night at the Wax Museum" We loved the songs and the actions that we learned. We hope that all enjoy the musical!

**1st and 2nd grade:** Happy Spring from 1st and 2nd Grade! We are so glad to see more sunshine and warmer temperatures outside! Our class worked very hard the last couple months to prepare for our production of the musical "A Night at the Wax Museum". The production was a huge success and we had so much fun! We are also extremely excited to begin a new science unit this month on living organisms. Our class will get to construct terrariums and aquariums to study different kinds of living organism such as guppies, water snails, "roly-poly" bugs, bess beetles, and a variety of plants. In Social Studies we have completed our unit on the United States and will now get to study some of the different countries in the world. We will talk about our ancestors and how our families came to the United States so long ago. Even though the recent warm weather has the students already thinking about summer vacation, we have so many exciting things yet to learn! God's blessings on your spring!

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** March was another busy but exciting month in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade room. The students worked hard on their musical parts; we are blessed to have a great group of students willing to share their God-given talents through this great performing art opportunity. In language arts class, we spent some of March working on writing poetry. We worked on keeping a steady meter in our poems as well as using a consistent rhyming pattern. Additionally, we worked on writing our own original adventure stories. The students enjoyed using the computers to type these stories, and they have developed into quite the computer experts over the course of the year. For reading class, the students created "Book Reports in a Can" to help retell the main details of stories they read recently. These turned out great and really brought the books to life. Science class has brought the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to the beginning of a unit on ecosystems. We are excited to be creating terrarium and aquariums soon to study how animals work together. We are so thankful for the beautiful weather God has given us in March. It has been a welcomed relief after the long winter! We enjoyed making it outside to play kickball for physical education class.

**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** The students have been very busy and enjoyed a little break and nice weather this month. They are all eager to get practicing for softball and were even out there when the snow was still on the ground.

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is beginning a research project on an environmental topic effecting Wisconsin. There are learning much about the writing process and their environment. We will be sharing speeches around Earth Day.

We have been finding our creative sides with some fun art projects. The class enjoyed making some decorative bowls out of old magazines and blowing out eggs to make Ukrainian Easter eggs.

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## St. Paul Lutheran Endowment Fund

*The endowment fund receives financial gifts and invests them. The principal is kept intact and the interest is used. It is a gift that keeps on giving.*

**Question: Will I receive a charitable contribution deduction for income tax reporting purposes for giving gifts of securities to the church's endowment fund?**

**Answer:** Yes. In fact, if your gift of securities has appreciated since you first acquired them and you have held those securities for more than a year, you can claim a charitable contribution deduction for income tax reporting purposes based on the fair market value of that security, determined on the date of the gift to the church's endowment fund.

For example, assume you paid \$3,000 for a stock in Acme Company six years ago, and the stock is now worth \$8,000. If you sell the stock for \$8,000, you would net about \$7,000 after taxes, if you were in a 20% capital gains tax bracket (combined federal and state). If you then gave the after-tax proceeds to the church's endowment fund, you would receive a charitable contribution deduction for income tax reporting purposes of \$7,000.

If, however, you transfer the stock directly to the church's endowment fund, the endowment fund would receive the entire proceeds from the stock's sale because the church's endowment fund is exempt from any capital gains tax on the sale of the stock. In addition, you would receive a charitable contribution deduction based on the stock's fair market value, determined on the date of the transfer to the church's endowment fund. Based on the above example, your charitable contribution deduction would be \$8,000.

Endowment brochures and envelopes are available in the narthex. To obtain the Endowment Bylaws or if you have any other questions, please feel free to contact an Endowment Committee Board Member:

Kevin Dahlke 536-0274, Jean Doell 845-5162, Steve Doell 471-7580,  
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*The St. Paul Choir will present the Easter Cantata, "Alive", during the 9:30am worship service on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Come and hear the Easter story in narration and songs. There will be communion during the service.*

## Christian Service Guild News:

Our monthly meeting will be held April 1, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the church meeting room. Our bible study is based on the hymn, "Take My Life and Let It be", sessions 4, 5, and 6. Please bring your bibles. We will also "reflect" on "if I had my life to live over." Ladies – Please join us.

Are you doing it? Saving? Saving "stuff" for the rummage sale that is? We need books, lawn and garden items, tools, hunting and fishing equipment and housewares. More information in upcoming newsletters. Questions – contact a Service Guild member.

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**Vacation Bible School 2015- Camp Discovery:** Mark your calendars- St. Paul Lutheran's Vacation Bible School program this summer will be the week of July 6th-10th, 2015. Throughout the week, we will explore how God worked in the lives of many people in the Bible and how He continues to work in our lives today by giving us wisdom, courage, and faith. We are currently looking for volunteers to help organize our games, snacks, storytelling, crafts, music, teaching, decorations, and more. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Ruth Bernau at [rbernau@stpaullux.org](mailto:rbernau@stpaullux.org) or call the office at 920-845-2095. Thank you!

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Thank you to all who participated in the Smart Cow fundraiser on February 17. St. Paul received a check for \$115 which will be put towards purchasing new science curriculum.

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The quilting for 2015 was finished up the week of March 18<sup>th</sup> with a total of 549 quilts completed. Some of them have already been donated to agencies such as the Violence Center in Algoma, the WI Division of the Orphan Grain Train in Shawano, Manna for Life, NEW Community Shelter, American Red Cross, Freedom House, and House of Hope all in Green Bay. In October the remainder will be taken to a semi in Appleton to be delivered to Lutheran World Relief.

This year we will receive only \$100.00 from Thrivent Financial to purchase materials at rummage sales. We really need your help in donating used sheets, mattress pads, blankets, drapes, and material.

We thank all those who give so many hours of their time to make this such a worthwhile project.

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## Stewardship News & Views

Spring is here – soon we will be planting our gardens. Please enjoy a version of – *How to Plant Your Garden*  
First, you come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses.



FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING,  
PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul\



PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness



PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another



NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another



TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN YOU MUST HAVE THYME:

1. Thyme for God
2. Thyme for each other
3. Thyme for family
4. Thyme for friends



WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE. THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW.

This reminds me of a favorite hymn---

I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.

Our six week Lenten journey has ended – Christ is Risen- let us continue to walk with Jesus and be good stewards here on earth, until He calls us home to eternal life in heaven with him.

HAPPY EASTER,  
Yours in Christ,  
Paul Janda, Sue Heim, Don Mullen



## *Holy Humor*

After church, Johnny tells his parents he has to go and talk to the minister right away.

They agree and the pastor greets the family.

"I heard you say today that our bodies came from the dust."

"That's right, Johnny, I did."

"And I heard you say that when we die, our bodies go back to dust."

"Yes, I'm glad you were listening. Why do you ask?"

"Well you better come over to our house right away and look under my bed 'cause there's someone either comin' or goin'!"

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Sunday School Grades 1-8

**DVD's** are available of the church service. Call the church office at 920-845-2095 and one of our volunteers will deliver it to you.

**Need a ride to church?** Please notify the church office for a ride to and from church services.

**Newsletter Deadline:** the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month.

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