



From the Heart of Your Shepherd

“O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.” Psalm 51:15

This month we will observe Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday of course marks the beginning of Lent, and it represents a shift in our liturgical calendar. Ashes are a reminder of our sinfulness and our need for cleansing. The Lenten Season is the time in which we prepare for Easter. We are reminded throughout the Lenten Season of our sinfulness and our need for the forgiveness which Jesus won for us through His death on Good Friday. We look ahead to our Lord's resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday and we see that sin and death have been overcome for us.

Psalm fifty one is the appointed psalm for Ash Wednesday. It is the psalm that David wrote after the Prophet Nathan confronted him with his sin of adultery. It is in this psalm that David talks about his sinfulness and his need for forgiveness. He talks about how God comes to him and restores him once again. We know that God will also come to us during this Lenten Season as we confess our sins before Him and restore us. He will come to us and restore our relationship with Him.

We also see that the forgiveness that David celebrates in this psalm leads him to worship. He expresses in verse fifteen that it is God Himself who opens our lips so that we can declare His praises. The Holy Spirit comes to us and gives us faith in Jesus Christ so that we can sing a new song, that is a song that talks about Jesus' love for us. It is the forgiveness that Jesus gives to us that moves us to sing His praises.

We will also have extra opportunities to declare God's praises during this Lenten Season as we will begin our Lenten midweek services on Ash Wednesday. The following weeks our midweek services will be on Thursday evening. You are strongly encouraged to attend both the Thursday service as well as Sunday services during Lent as they are completely different services. This year during our Ash Wednesday and Thursday services during Lent we will be looking at the places of the passion. We will look at the different locations that are mentioned in Luke 22-24: the upper room, Gethsemane, the courtyard, Golgotha, etc. However, we will not be looking so much at the physical locations but at the wonders of our Lord's work in each of those locations. We will see how it is in these places that Jesus demonstrates His strength in the midst of our weakness and how He brings His eternal love into the darkness of our lives. We will enter the places of the Passion so that we can pause during the Lenten Season and remember God's love for a fallen world. We will ask that the Lord would open our lips so that we might declare His praise.

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.

Lenten Midweek Schedule

February 18, Ash Wednesday: "A Place at the Table for You" Luke 22:1-13
February 26: "A Place of Hope" Luke 22:14-28
March 5: "A Place of Strength" Luke 22:39-46
March 12: "A Place of Eternal Love" Luke 22:47-53
March 19: "A Place of Renewal" Luke 22:54-62
March 26: "A Place of God's Will" Luke 22:63-23:25
Maundy Thursday: "A Place of Forgiveness" Luke 22:14-23
Good Friday: "A Place of Praise" Luke 23:44-56

St. Paul Lutheran School News

"Excellence in Christ-centered education"

Registration for the 2015-2016 School Year: Registration for the 2015-2016 is now open. St. Paul Lutheran School provides "Excellence in Christ-centered education." St. Paul students have the opportunity to gather daily in an environment where they are encouraged to integrate their Christian faith into their daily lives and grow in their knowledge of Christ. Please spread the word about this blessing that God provides us here in this place. Just call the school office with any questions.

Annual Auction: The auction will be held on February 21 at Beverly Gardens in Denmark. Tickets for the meal will be available for sale in the church narthex through February 15. Tickets are also available through the school office. Adult tickets are \$15 and children 6-12 are \$10. Children 5 and under are free. Dinner is at 5:30 pm with a silent and live auction at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 4:00 pm. This event raises a large amount of money for the support of the school. Please come out and show your support for St. Paul's school.

St. Paul's Drama Department Presents "Night at the Wax Museum"

The hysterical meets the historical in this comic romp through the wackiest wax museum in history! School's out for summer, but not for six unlucky students who don't know much about history — they have to re-take the class in summer school. Their teacher has arranged for them to help set up a new wax museum as a class project. Though the students' eyes glaze over with boredom, there's a twinkle in the wax figures' eyes when a mysterious incantation from the back of Cleopatra's bracelet brings them to life! Meet King Henry VIII, his queen, Anne Boleyn, and John Adams! When Butch Cassidy, the Sundance Kid, Blackbeard and a bevy of lady pirates show up, everybody's out for one thing — treasure! Supposedly, there's a mighty valuable one hidden in the museum! It's a wild goose chase to find it! Watch the magic of history comes alive!

Plan now to attend the school musical. Performances will be on March 27 & 28.

Upcoming Events:

February 6 5K Preview Day
February 20 Midterm
February 21 Auction

4K: Whoooo's Wondering What's Happening in 4K?

After a wonderful Christmas break, the 4K students got back into the swing of things by learning about clocks and how to tell time to the hour. We also started our new learning centers which all go with the book [If You Give a Mouse a Cookie](#) by Laura Joffe Numeroff. The students' favorite center so far is the "Create your own Cookie" center. It's very yummy! We also started a Word Wall in our classroom. With most of the students knowing all of the letters of the alphabet, it's time to start learning some sight words which will help us learn how to read. We were also excited to learn about money. We started with the penny and learned about how much it is worth, who is on the front and what is on the back. And who can forget all of those cold days at the beginning of January. Brrrr! What a cold month January was! The 4K students are very thankful for our huge gym on those cold indoor recess days.

5K: The 5K Kindergarten class has been very busy this month. We started out the month with some super cold weather, so we made some penguin crafts for our room. We have studied the stories of Jesus meeting Simeon and Anna, the Wisemen meeting Jesus, Jesus as a boy and talking to the teachers, and then Jesus choosing His disciples. Math this month has been about measuring and comparing numbers. We are studying the groundhog and making our science predictions on whether we will have an early spring or more winter??? We will see soon. We ended the month with lots of fun activities to celebrate the great privilege we have in attending a Lutheran School. We had Grandparent's breakfast, Social Studies Fair and Speech presentations, fun dress up days and an all school dance!! If there is anyone you know that might be interested in 5K, please let them know that there is a 5K Preview Day coming up Friday, February 6th from 8-11:20am. Any questions, please call Sherry Byrne @ 845-2095.

1st and 2nd grade: The 1st and 2nd Grade classroom is back in the swing of things after a relaxing Christmas break. This month flew by, but we had a lot of fun. The last week of January we celebrated Lutheran Schools Week complete with pajama day, fancy dress-up day, a grandparent breakfast and even a school dance! What a great way to celebrate the blessing of being a part of a Lutheran School. In class we have begun learning the Lord's prayer, studying all about the United States and even learning how to "Carry the 1" in 1st Grade math! Thank you for all of your constant support so that we can continue to offer an excellent Christ-centered education to all of our students.

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade: The 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders spent much of January looking forward to Lutheran Schools Week at the end of the month. This is always a favorite time of the year and we are so grateful to be a part of St. Paul Lutheran School's 130th year of Christ-centered education! In reading, the 3rd-4th graders spent the first part of January working in Literature Circle groups. They read books including *The Wizard of Oz*, *How to Eat Fried Worms*, and *My Teacher is an Alien*. As they read, they took on different roles including being discussion leaders, word wizards, chief connectors, illuminating illustrators, and literary luminaries. After finishing their books, they worked in their groups to create "Book Trailer" commercials. The 5th-6th graders have been reading the book *Al Capone Does My Shirts* which follows the fictional story of a boy named Moose who lives on the island of Alcatraz in the 1930s. We have enjoyed getting to know the unique characters of this book and discovering some differences between the 1930s and the world today. The 5th-6th graders also recently worked on developing dialogue and stage directions to create play scenes. They developed a short play after being given an initial scene and problem to work from. They enjoyed performing this play in class.

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade: Brrrrr! It has been a cold month, and the students are definitely looking forward to warmer weather. The 7th and 8th grade has been reading the book *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, which takes us to a warm island every day. It is another book about survival, which the students really enjoy. In Science, we have been talking about maps and are beginning a chapter on weathering and soil formation. Lutheran schools week was filled with many fun activities. We participated in a Geography Bee, went on an on-line mission trip to Latvia and did a little dancing. We are blessed to learn the good news about Jesus every day! Thank you for your support.

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: I would like to make a large gift to the church, but I also need an income stream during my lifetime. What can I do?

Answer: The charitable remainder trust is an ideal way to gift an appreciated asset and receive a stream of income or an annuity in return. The charitable trust works like this: 1) You gift an appreciated asset into a newly created charitable remainder trust. 2) The trustee generally sells that asset and reinvests the proceeds in a diversified portfolio. 3) The trustee pays you and your spouse, if you wish, income for life or joint lives or for a term of years from the trust's invested assets. 4) At your death(s) or at the end of the designated term of years, the remaining trust assets are distributed to the endowment fund of the church.

There are different types of charitable remainder trusts—one type pays you a fixed annuity; another pays you a variable annuity based upon a percentage of the value of the trust assets, with the amount of income (or annuity) recalculated on an annual basis.

If you have an asset, such as a security or real estate, that has significantly increased in value since it was acquired, the annuity from a charitable remainder trust could be greater than the income you are currently receiving from the security or real estate. The annuity from a charitable remainder trust could even be greater than the income you could generate if you sold the asset outright, paid the resulting capital gains taxes, and invested the after-tax proceeds to generate a new stream of income.

Because the charitable remainder trust is considered a tax-exempt entity, the trust would generally not be required to pay any capital gains taxes on the income generated from the sale of its appreciated asset; thereby allowing the entire proceeds from the sale of the appreciated asset to be fully invested to generate an even greater stream of income that could be available for distribution in the form of an annuity to you. And when you make a gift of an appreciated asset to a charitable remainder trust, you are entitled to a charitable income tax deduction, for income tax reporting purposes, equal to the present value of the remainder interest that ultimately funds our endowment.

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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Christian Service Guild News:

Our monthly meeting will be held February 4, 2015 at 1pm in the church meeting room. The 2015 Prayer Service is entitled, God-Given Hats. We will celebrate "Friendship". All ladies are welcome.

Please note that because of our meeting being held on Wednesday, that week we will be quilting on Monday, February 2nd, at 9:30am.

Looking Ahead:

It's not too early to start thinking about saving items for the August rummage sale! Furniture, books, tools and toys are big sellers. As you downsize, move, upgrade, houseclean, or change décor, think of the rummage sale. Pick up and storage available. No T.V.'s or computers please. Questions, contact a guild member.

KFUO Radio

KFUO radio is the synod's radio station. It used to be that you couldn't hear their programming unless you were in St. Louis or fairly close to it. Thanks to the internet, you can live stream KFUO radio from the internet and enjoy their programming. On February 17, from 9:00-9:30 am, Pastor Olson will be preaching the sermon for daily Matins program called "His Time." He will also be doing the daily Bible study program that morning over the phone from 8:00-8:40. There will also be a 30-60 commercial for St. Paul Church and School.

Stewardship News & Views

Most of us have probably taken down our Christmas trees, decorations and put away the gifts. I hope you have not put the real meaning of Christmas away. Jesus came to serve, let us serve Him and others.

As Christians, let us share this good news with family, friends and neighbors. Let us all get involved here at St. Paul. There are many opportunities to serve and give of our God given time, treasures and talents.

February 21st is the 13th Annual Auction, this is a good opportunity to enjoy some fellowship and be part of St. Paul's biggest fundraiser.

Pigeon holes have been rearranged so make sure you check for your name before removing items.

Thank you to Lon Fager for his service on the stewardship committee.

Yours in Christ,
Lon Fager, Paul Janda, Sue Heim



CONTEST on SANCTITY of LIFE

For students in Grades 6 through 12

(Any Lutheran student or student in a Lutheran school)

Essay Contest

2015

Sponsored by the Council of Federation Presidents, Lutherans For Life

Contest Guidelines:

1. Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the 2015 Conference theme: **Created, Redeemed, Called** and Isaiah 43:1 ESV: *But now says the Lord---he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear Not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."*
2. Examples of topics the essay could deal with are: abortion, the handicapped, infanticide, cloning, stem cell research or euthanasia.
3. Essays should include student's name, grade (Identify school or church) and email address. If entries are submitted by a teacher or pastor, please include name and email address. This information should be submitted on the title page. All sources for references, statistics and quotes should be incorporated within the essay.
Grades 6 - 8 should submit essays up to 300 words
Grades 9 - 12 should submit essays up to 750 words
4. Entries first should be submitted digitally to your State LFL Federation by February 28, 2015. Send State entries to: info@lfl-wi.org
5. Winning entries (One from Grades 6-8 and one from Grades 9-12) from each Federation should be submitted digitally by May 1, 2015 to: essay@lutheransforlife.org
6. Grand Prize for winning entry at each level: \$250 and free registration to the October 30 - 31, 2015 Conference at the Creation Museum, Petersburg KY.

[WI Lutherans for Life will also award a \\$150 prize to the winner from WI](#)

7. All entries become the property of Lutherans For Life
- 8.. For questions or resources on the sanctity of life, see: lutheransforlife.org
For Local questions contact Nola Duescher, Lakeshore LFL 845-2196

SCRIP UPDATE: Several changes have been made to the scrip form. There are three new vendors: Pizza Ranch, Grand Central Station and Lemens Hardware. Gift cards will be stocked for these new vendors.

Shopko is no longer available in \$50.00 gift cards but we will be stocking \$100.00 cards. Several of the percentages have changed including an increase in Subway from 3% to 6% and a decrease in Kwik Trip from 9% to 4%. Target and Walmart both increased from 2% to 2.5%. Please use the current form dated 1/20/2015. All of these changes are reflected on this form along with several other percentage changes.

Thank you to everyone that supports the scrip program.

Holy Humor

A young business executive visited his pastor for some marital counseling. At the conclusion of their session, the pastor advised the executive to apologize to his wife and give her a token of his remorse.

“You know,” the pastor said, “say it with flowers.”

“OK,” the exec agreed. “I’ll pick up a rose on the way home.”

“Just one?” the pastor said.

“Well, I’m a man of few words.”

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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 21st of the month.

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