



From the Heart of Your Shepherd

**“Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!”
Psalm 51:2**

During the month of March, we continue our Lenten journey. We began the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday. It was on Ash Wednesday that we came forward in the service and received the imposition of ashes and heard the words, “From dust you came and to dust you shall return.” It was a reminder for us of the darkness of our sin. We were also reminded that Jesus came that the darkness of our sin might be cleansed and removed.

The Lenten journey extends for forty days until Easter on April 5. It is during these forty days of Lent that we focus on our Baptism into Christ and a deepening of faith. We are reminded of why our Lord came. We are reminded of how it was in the waters of Holy Baptism that we were entered into Christ’s death and resurrection. This is a time in the church year when we are focused on our need for repentance. It is a time for spiritual housecleaning. We see our sin and confess it that we might be cleansed from all sin.

You will notice that the colors on the altar during the Lenten Season are purple. This of course was the color of royalty in ancient times, and it is also the color that symbolizes repentance and self-discipline for us. The Hymn of Praise and the Alleluias were sung for the last time on Transfiguration Sunday. We will not hear them again until we celebrate our Lord’s resurrection on Easter. It is during this time that we are given the opportunity to gather together for special Lenten services on Thursday evenings. We understand that deepening of faith comes from our hearing of God’s Word as the Holy Spirit comes to us there.

Fasting is an ancient Lenten practice as well. The practice of giving something up for Lent is still done by many Christians today. Fasting should never be done with the idea that it will contribute to our salvation or with the belief that it is a good work that we do for God. That thinking is ultimately a denial of Christ’s perfect work accomplished for us through His death and resurrection. However, fasting can be a good practice if it is done to practice self-control and to heighten one’s awareness of Christ (in particular when it reminds us of how Christ sacrificed His very life for us).

At the end of this month, we will begin what we call Holy Week in the church. We will celebrate Palm Sunday on March 29. Palm Sunday brings us to the events of Jesus’ passion. We will recall how the crowds shouted “Hosanna in the highest” as Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. “Hosanna” means save us please. Jesus was indeed riding into Jerusalem that He might save all people. He was riding into Jerusalem that He might suffer and die on the cross and save us from the everlasting condemnation that our sins deserve. God’s blessings on your Lenten journey!

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"

Registration for the 2015-2016 School Year: Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is now open. Please spread the word about our school. Any questions about our school can be directed to the school office or Pastor Olson.

FREE TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Applications are now being accepted for the opportunity to receive a free scholarship through the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). To review the qualifications established by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and to access the online application form please go to sms.dpi.wi.gov/wpcp-statewide. There are many changes expected with the voucher program in the next few months, and there are some questions that cannot be answered at this time. The reason for the unknowns is that the final budget has not yet been passed by the legislature. I would encourage you to look at the DPI website if you think your family might qualify or if you know of a family that would benefit from this program. You should not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this program or the application process. I would be more than happy to answer your questions as best I can or help you complete the application process. If you find the application process too complex, I would be happy to meet with you and walk you through the process as well. Pastor Olson

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!

Performances will be on March 28 & 29. The opening performance on Friday March 28 will be at 7:00 pm. On Saturday, March 29, there will be dinner served at 6:00 pm with the show following at 7:00 pm. You can purchase tickets from the school office.

Upcoming Events: Parent/Teacher Conferences March 3 & 5, End of 3rd Quarter March 11, Spring Break March 11-13.



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

February was a fun and exciting month in 4K. We started it off by celebrating the 100th day of school. We made 100th day crowns, hunted for 100 Hershey kisses, and helped prepare a 100th day snack mix for the whole school. We also celebrated Valentine's Day with a class party where we gave valentines to each of our friends. We had a lot of fun learning during February as well. We learned about sequencing, how to make a graph, the difference between living and nonliving things, and we wrote our first class story using the sight words on our Word Wall. We also started our new learning centers that are all about zoo animals. We even get to pretend that we are zoo keepers at the drama center. The end of the month was also exciting because we took a field trip to the Weidner Center to see "Sid the Science Kid Live." It was a very fun show!

5K: February might be the shortest month, but we can sure pack a lot of activities into that month. We celebrated the 100th day of school with counting fruit loops, making funny looking hats and glasses, writing 100 letters, and eating a great snack! The 5K got to visit Mrs. Pahnke in the First Grade classroom while I had 17 4K children in my room for a visit during Preview Day. I am hoping many of those children will be coming back for 5K next Fall. This month our Bible stories cover Jesus' miracles. It is amazing what God can do. We have been counting by tens and fives and learning about dimes and nickels in math. February is Dental Health month, so we studied our teeth in science and brushed some hard-boiled eggs that were stained. We are adding 5-7 sight words a week to our vocabulary and working on nouns and verbs. Unfortunately the groundhog said we are going to have more winter, so we have been having more inside recess than we want to, but we look forward to Spring. We are thinking about our sins and the suffering that Jesus endured during Lent, but look forward to excitement of Jesus resurrection very soon.

1st and 2nd grade: There may be freezing temperatures outside, but our classroom has been alive with learning! We started off the month celebrating Groundhog's Day. We learned about the history of the holiday and some facts about groundhogs. We also decided to agree with Wisconsin's groundhog Jimmy, that spring will be coming early!

In reading we are discovering what a biography is. We have read about Helen Keller, Jackie Robinson, Beatrix Potter and even Langston Hughes. In Social Studies we are excited to be studying the history of our country, including finding out about the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Our science unit on machines has also been very exciting. We learned how machines make work easier and the six types of simple machines. Finally, we started a new writing project about opinions. In our opinion, 1st and 2nd Grade is the best!

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade: As we are amid the Lenten season, we gratefully remember the sacrifice Jesus made to save us from our sins. The 3rd-5th graders have been studying many of Jesus' miracles lately including his miracle of changing water into wine at a wedding in Cana and the healing of an official's son. In social studies, the 3rd-5th graders have been participating in a post card exchange with other Lutheran schools across the country. They sent out nearly 50 post cards, and have enjoyed getting post cards from many states, finding these states on the map, and learning more about life in each state. In our writing time this past month, the 3rd-5th graders have been working on essays about why bees are important to Wisconsin agriculture. The 4th-5th graders' essays will be entered in the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest, where winners will be chosen from each county and sent to the state level. We enjoyed reading the book *The Beeman* by Laurie Krebs and Valeria Cis which was donated by the Kewaunee County Farm Bureau and helped us learn more about the importance of bees.

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade: The past month, Social Studies has had the students thinking about how blessed we are to live in the United States. The 7th and 8th graders have been busy learning about the Constitution and the rights we have. They even took a sample test for immigrants wanting Citizenship.

The students enjoyed a little finger painting as they learned about the artist Jackson Pollock. He is known for his abstract expressionism; which looks to us like splatter painting. Many students got really creative as they mixed colors, used the materials in special ways and tried to include handprints, which Jackson Pollock was known to do.

The students are also very excited about the upcoming musical in March. They are practicing lines, practicing dance steps and songs. Hope you can come see the final production the end of March!

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 give my home to the church, but continue to live in it during my life. Is that possible?

Answer: Yes. Through a life estate agreement, you can deed your home, your farm or your vacation home to the church now, reserving the right to live there for the rest of your life. You would have the comfort of knowing that one day the church will benefit from the value of your property without having to wait for a probate proceeding. You also would receive a charitable contribution deduction for income tax reporting purposes at the time of the creation of the life estate. During your life, you would continue to enjoy the use of the property or rental income (if it is rented). You would continue to pay for the costs of maintenance, insurance and property taxes. At the time of your death, the property would be sold and then the net proceeds would be transferred to the church's endowment fund.

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 March 4, 2015 at 1pm in the church meeting room. Our bible study is based on the hymn. Our bible study is based on the hymn, "Take My Life and Let It be". Please bring your bibles. We will also "reflect" on what to give up for Lent. All ladies are invited to join us.

As spring approaches, think August! Think of all the items you can donate to the rummage sale. We also welcome new items -- do woodworking? How about a birdhouse or garden bench? Do you sew? Aprons are again popular or do you knit--how about a mitten and scarf set? And homemade jams and pickles—So much one can do to make this year's sale a success. Set your sights on August 1st and 2nd for our annual rummage and bake sale. Any questions contact Renette at 866-9545.

St. Paul Sunday School and School have completed their 2nd quarter offering project to Pastor Faulkner. We were able to send Pastor Faulkner over \$500 to take to Uruguay for children's bible books at the school that he and his wife will be working at. It was very exciting to fill the bookshelves with the books in the hallway as our visual when we were collecting, but think of all the excitement the children will have when they are able to have all those books in their school!!

The 3rd quarter offerings will go to the Freedom House in Green Bay. They will use the money we raise to help families in need of housing, food, and job assistance.

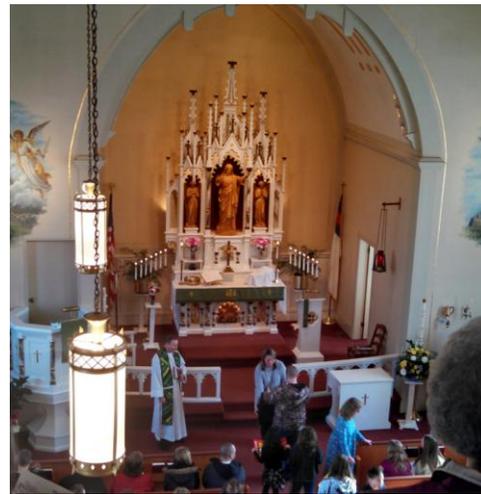
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
THE 8TH ANNUAL TIME, TREASURE AND TALENT SHOW
WILL BE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH.

SPAGHETTI DINNER SERVED AT 5:30PM.

SHOW STARTS AT 7PM.

SHOW OFF YOUR TALENT OR JUST ENJOY SOME GREAT ENTERTAINMENT!

Burying the Alleluias:



Stewardship News & Views

We have entered the season of Lent, as we go through Lent we think of the sacrifice Jesus made for us. This is a good time for us to look at our giving. Are we giving sacrificially? We value our time and money and when we give them to our churches for the work of the Lord, we demonstrate our even greater love for Him.

The ultimate sacrifice was given on the Cross of Calvary. God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16. None of our sacrifices will ever compare with what God did through Jesus on the cross, but they are still God-pleasing. The greatest gift that we could give is to faithfully love and serve Him. (Taken from Financial Wisdom for a Lifetime, LCMS Foundation) We welcome Don Mullen to the Stewardship Committee.

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



Holy Humor

A priest and a pastor from the local churches are standing by the road ..., pounding a sign into the ground, that reads:

The End is Near!
Turn Yourself Around Now
Before it's Too Late!

As a car sped past them, the driver yelled, "Leave us alone, you Religious nuts!" From the curve they heard screeching tires and a big splash. The priest turns to the pastor and asks, "Do you think the sign should just say 'Bridge Out'?"

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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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