



THE MESSENGER

St. Paul Lutheran Church

A Message from Pastor Mathew

The theme for our Wednesday night services is dust. **“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”** These words from Genesis are spoken on Ash Wednesday as a cross is traced over our foreheads. They remind us of our mortality and that when we die, we will return to the earth.

That is not all that happens when we receive the ashes. This mark on our forehead also calls to mind our baptism, when a cross was traced over our forehead and we were adopted into God’s family, marked as God’s own children. As we journey through Lent we trust in God to envelope us with mercy and love and to place new hearts within us—ready to share that love and mercy which God has first shown us. Blessings to you this Lent,

Pastor Mathew

MARCH CALENDAR

- March 3**
Admin Team Meeting
5:45 P.M.—Conf. Room
- March 4**
Dinner—5:30 P.M.
Lenten Worship—6:00 P.M.
- March 7**
Chicken Supper
4:00—7:00 P.M.
- March 9**
Council Meeting
6:00 P.M.—Conf. Room
- March 9**
WELCA
6:30 P.M.—Fellowship Hall
- March 11**
Dinner—5:30 P.M.
Lenten Worship—6:00 P.M.
- March 12**
Bibles and Bagels
9:30 A.M.—Edingers
- March 18**
Dinner—5:30 P.M.
Lenten Worship—6:00 P.M.
- March 19**
Rebecca Circle
1:30 P.M.
- March 25**
Dinner—5:30 P.M.
Lenten Worship—6:00 P.M.
- March 27**
Boys & Girls Club Party
3:15 P.M.— B&G Club

Food Pantry Donations

During Lent, we will collect items to donate to the food pantry as a part of St. Paul’s “A Ton of Food for Tons of Good 3.0” contest. See Julie Mehlberg or Sara Solberg to join a team!

Wednesday Night Worship During Lent

St. Paul will participate in a pulpit rotation on Wednesday nights during Lent. Pastor Amy Berger and Pastor Tom Krieger will take turns with Pastor Mathew to preach and lead worship at St. Paul. Join us each Wednesday night for a meal at 5:30 p.m. and worship beginning at 6 p.m.

Rebecca Circle

The Rebecca Circle will meet on Thursday, March 19 at 1:30 p.m. Maurine Gentes will be the hostess and Marian Brown will give the devotions. Ginger Bauknecht will give the lesson, “We are Called– Called to Serve”. Our two calls, loving God and loving neighbors, are linked. God calls us to love our neighbors, caring for their needs as if they were our own. Jean Harrison will be give the offering meditation. All are invited to join the Rebecca Circle for study and fellowship.



The people of St. Paul gather to worship, reach out, and serve the Lord.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

March 2 – Tammy Oliver
March 3 – Amanda Schumm
March 5 – Brenda Russow
March 8 – Wanda Schlueter
March 9 – Kylee Claypool
March 11 – Bryce Claypool
March 13 – Brad Solberg
March 14 – Carley Nourie
March 18 – Carl Thorson
March 21 – Sue Curtiss
March 21 – Max Gschwendtner
March 21 – Brianna Schumm
March 23 - Travis Westergreen
March 23 – Mil Girard
March 26 – Brooklyn Delheimer
March 30 – Mary Leach
March 31 – Jennifer Bauknecht
March 31 – Sarah Bibo
March 31 – Brian Swanberg

March 3 – Keith & Natalie Hendershott (2006)
March 9 – Don & Mary Lou Bevers (1995)
March 16 – Hermie & Janice Schmidt (1985)
March 19 – Jeff & Darla Dixon (1988)



Easter Lilies

The sign-up for Easter lilies has been posted on the kiosk. They are priced at \$7.99 per lily again this year.

Bible Study

Due to Wednesday night services, midweek Bible Study will not meet during Lent. Look for it to resume during the Easter season.

Serving at St. Paul

We are always looking for more people to serve during worship. We especially need more worship stewards and people to share intercessional prayers during worship. Please contact Angie in the church office if you would like to serve.

Altar Flowers

Darlene Miller is the flower chairperson for the months of March and April. If you would like to donate altar flowers on a particular Sunday in memory of or in honor of someone, please sign up on the kiosk. The cost of altar flowers is \$25. When submitting payment, please note the flower fund with your payment. Please contact Darlene if you have any questions. County Market delivers the flowers each week.

Prayer Chain Requests

If you would like someone added to our prayer chain, please contact Pastor Mathew, Julie Mehlberg, or Angie in the office. Please let them know when names should be removed from the prayer list.

Young Adult Fellowship

The next Young Adult Fellowship night is March 27 at 6:30 p.m. and will be hosted by Jake Heller. Bring a snack or a drink to share. Please contact Jake or Pastor Mathew for more information.

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