

# March

2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How great is our God! Even though I loved the Gospel text assigned by the lectionary last week (Mar. 1:9-15), I decided that the first reading, Genesis 22:1-18, would likely stretch me and so I chose to preach on that. Studying this text deepened my faith and has left me praising the Lord! I encourage you to take the time to read it right now.

The Lord preaches to Abraham nine times in the book of Genesis, seven of those sermons are prior to Genesis 22. In Genesis 12, the Lord first chooses Abram (his name before God changed it) saying, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." And so God began training Abram up in the faith, giving him the same promise again and again, broadening it and deepening it. Faith is deepened through testing.

Then in Genesis 17, key to understanding Genesis 22, the Lord says, "Your wife Sarah shall bear you a son, and you shall name him Isaac. I will establish my promise with him as an everlasting promise for his offspring after him." What this means is that Abraham's son Isaac is the bearer of the messianic promise. So Isaac is, for Abraham and all people, for you and I, the link to God's salvation. So it is the pinnacle of the testing of Abraham's faith when God says to Abraham, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." Not only does this seem to violate a father's love for his son, but it also seems to cut off Abraham's own hope of ever being saved. With Isaac as Abraham's link to his own salvation, if he is burned up, how could Abraham hope to be right with God? How could he hope to live with God forever? Would God's promise to Abraham and all nations fail?

The devil had ample time over the three day journey to suggest at least a dozen reasons why Abraham should not sacrifice Isaac. Undoubtedly Abraham, like each of us when God's promise seems to be failing, began to think, "What have I done that God has turned against me? How have I sinned?" As we turn our ears from listening to God's promise to listening to the little voice of doubt in our heads, we may begin to murmur against God. If God's promise is forgotten completely, hatred of God will harden our hearts against him.

As Abraham catches a glimpse of the destination, he says to his two young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." The first thing to note is the use of the word "worship." Oddly this is exactly what Abraham was about to do: offer his son as a burnt offering to the Lord that would say, "Lord, you have my undivided heart." Second, Abraham says, "We will come back." To the question churning in Abraham's mind, "How can a merciful God cut off the messianic line?" Abraham's answer seems to be, "If God commands me to kill Isaac and I obey him, then God is simply going to have to bring Isaac's ashes back to life, as the two of us are going to come back down this mountain. God's promise will not fail!"

How could God raise up offspring from Isaac's ashes? Abraham conceded that that question could only be answered by God. If there is a conflict between God's command and God's promise, resolving that conflict is God's business. Abraham's business was to obey God, and so he drew his knife.

The angel of the Lord halted Abraham before the blade struck flesh. Then the Lord again renewed his promise to Abraham: "I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves."

Each of us experiences times when we simply cannot believe God is fulfilling his promise to us, as our lives appear to be crumbling at our feet. As our marriage, what has received God's blessing, is dissolving. As our job, which God called us to, overwhelms us with stress. As our body is wracked with unceasing pain. As our loved one is suffering and fading away. As our child turns from the promise given in baptism.

But our Lord has chosen you and has given his Son to die for you to lift your burden of doubt. He has promised to provide for you all that you need. Each week we gather to hear God's promises anew, that we might have faith like Abraham. During Lent there is an extra opportunity to hear God's promise each Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. after enjoying fellowship over a meal at 5:30 p.m. Please come and hear a Word to strengthen your faith.

In Christian Love,  
Pr. Tricia

## St. Paul Lutheran Church ~ Church Council Meeting, February 14, 2018 at 7:30pm

Present: Jordan Pidde, Russell Rogotzke, Kathy Pederson, Jill Vogel, Ed Meidl, Shawna Jacobs, Jan Kratz, Dawn Marz, Craig Valentin, Pastor Tricia, Matt Sargent, David Bittler, Dan Longsdorf

Also Present: Katie Mueller, Parish Coordinator

Absent: Anita Jensen, Financial Secretary

Call to order, Jordan Pidde at 7:35pm. Recognize new council members.

Devotion – Pastor Tricia Opened in prayer.

M/S/P- Secretary's Report

M/S/P-Financial Report

M/S/P-To borrow \$6,000 from Memorial Fund to cover current bills.

This borrowed amount shall be posted in the Epistle and in 2 bulletins.

Building and Grounds – Ed

Issue with boiler last week and had to replace pilot.

Church downspouts-1<sup>st</sup> or second week in April they will come to. Ed will contact in March as a reminder.

Parsonage Electrical-has been updated.

There was a sewage backup at the parsonage as well. Gary Renner and plumber worked on for 3-4 hours.

Ed is also working on the pew pads and Velcro attachment.

Parish Education Report

Teachers really like co-teachers.

Parish Ed serving 2 of the Lenten Meals: proceeds going towards bible camp scholarship.

Pastor's Report

March 4<sup>th</sup>-Pastor will be at confirmation retreat.

Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Camp would like to come and present about bible camp and visit with kids/families.

### **Visitation**

Visited homebound, assisted care, nursing home, and hospitalized members

Delivered bulletins to parishioners on 1/11, and 2/8

### **Worship**

Continuing to lead worship at SJLH, the Maples, and Downtown Estates

Led worship on Ash Wednesday

Presided at the funeral and burial of Danny Nachreiner

### **Confirmation**

We are just finishing up the Lord's Prayer in Confirmation.

During Lent we are meeting for 30 minutes after Lenten worship (except 2/14).

Five Confirmation Students are attending the March 2-4 Conf. Retreat at Luther Crest. Tim Vogel and I are chaperoning. Looking forward to this time with the students!

### **Luther League**

Attended their February meeting.

Hosted the main course of the Luther League Progressive Dinner at the parsonage on 2/11.

### **Parish Education**

Continuing to lead weekly bible study Mondays at the Maples and Tuesdays at church

Taught a baptism class. A blessing!

Taught 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday school on 2/4. Fun!

### **Community**

Attended the Springfield 4-6 Grade Elementary Concert on 2/1

Attended basketball games

Attended the S.A.F.E. Annual Meeting on 1/18 at St Ray's

**Continuing Education Update**

Meeting with local pastors for weekly text study

Attended the St Paul Lutheran Seminary/ LCMC Georgia District Theological Conference Jan 22-23

Attended the LCMC Augustana District Theological Conference Feb 5-6

Four seminaries were invited to present on how they are preparing pastors for today's church.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Insurance: please follow up with Anita exactly what happened with the property and work comp insurance.

Pastor reports at her last conference, there is a company who helps review and draw up insurances specific for churches.

Ed collected another \$500 for the sale of the North property and will follow up with the payment plan for remainder due.

Active/Voting Member List – Executive Committee: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

Calls and visits to members. Committee needs to meet to discuss plan.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Installation of Church Council: February 18, 2018

Lutherans for Life Essay Contest: approval post and share information for youth.

Cemetery Report:

M/S/P: to allow Kurt Kratz to join the cemetery board

M/S/P: to allow the cemetery board to hire Mike Marz as a cemetery caretaker at \$500 per month for 6 months.

Table discussion to include the cemetery in the 2019 budget pending review of Policy manual.

Policy Book Updated-done

Holy Week Postcards – Jill Vogel will work with Katie Mueller to create and prepare for mailing.

Dave Bittler to fill open council seat.

Mayo Community Health and Wellness Fair, Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 3pm-6pm. Katie, Pastor and Kathy will man the booth.

Mike and Crissy Rogotzke are not available to attend annual meeting for Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible camp as delegate on April 21<sup>st</sup>, will look for alternate delegate.

Christmas card from the Johnson's, Thank you from St. Raphael School, Thank you from the Marie Sandvik Center.

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:53pm.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Shawna Jacobs

Council Secretary

<b><u>2018 Church Council</u></b>		
Jordan Pidge - Chair	Kathy Pederson	Jan Kratz
Ed Meidl - Vice Chair	Dawn Marz	Russell Rogotzke
Shawna Jacobs - Secretary	Jill Vogel	Dan Longsdorf
Craig Valentin - Treasurer	Matt Sargent	Dave Bittler

Memorials Given From 1/27/18 to 02/26/18

<b>In Memory:</b>	<b>Given by:</b>	<b>Designated for:</b>
Derek Haseleu	Richard & Lois Zihlke Rod & Rhonda Larson Jeff & Stacey Weisensel	St. Paul Lutheran Church Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
Vincent Styles	Ken & Sharon Renner	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Julie Hayden	Rod & Rhonda Larson Jeff & Stacey Weisensel Larry & Ruthie Potter	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund St. Paul Lutheran Church
Daniel Nachreiner	Rod & Rhonda Larson Jeff & Stacey Weisensel	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
Shirley Marks	Rod & Rhonda Larson Jeff & Stacey Weisensel	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
Clarice Johnson	Jeff & Stacey Weisensel	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
Linus Wenthold	Larry & Ruthie Potter	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Elizabeth Nachreiner	Larry & Ruthie Potter	St. Paul Lutheran Church

\*The Church Council wanted to make the congregation aware that at the February 2018 meeting the current financial situation we are in was discussed and the council made the decision to borrow \$6,000 from the Memorial Fund.

**Budget Recap & Attendance Year-To-Date (01/01/18 to 2/18/18)**

Given to Budget	\$17,052.18	Operating Income	\$23,052.18
Memorial Loan	<u>\$6,000.00</u>	Operating Exp.	<u>\$26,707.36</u>
Tot. Operating Funds	\$23,052.18	Deficit	(\$3,655.18)
Budget	<u>\$24,686.97</u>		
Deficit	(\$1,631.79)		

**Attendance Worship Services**

Sunday, February 4 - 9am - 85 & 11am - 23      Sunday, February 11 - 9am - 11 & 11am - 12  
 Wednesday, February 14 - 6:30 pm - 93      Sunday, February 18 - 9am - 74 & 11am - 13

Notice: Please update your phone numbers and/or email address with the church office!  
 Several of the numbers we have are disconnected and we need to know how to get a hold of you! You can leave a note in the box outside of Katie's office, use one of the yellow information cards in the church pews, call or email the church office at 507-723-5880 or stpaul\_lutheran@hotmail.com. We appreciate you keeping us updated!

**Please pray for...** The Family of Fern Wendland, Dillion Anderson, Pr. Darrell Pedersen, The Country of Cameroon, Alvin Matzke, Beverly Beussman, Carol Meidl, Clarice Trebesch; ; Amanda Havemeier, Tabor Gluth and all those serving in the military, at home and abroad. **Prayer Chain** – If you have a prayer concern you would like passed along to the Prayer Chain, please call Jan Severson (723-6358) or the church office (723-5880). Please specify if you want the concern on (1) the Prayer Chain and/or (2) included in Sunday morning prayers which will be included for **two** Sundays unless otherwise specified or request is renewed.

# March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 9:00 Worship Ingham Okoboji Rep. 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Talk 10:35 Ch. 8 Broadcast 11:00 Worship Confirmation Retreat	5 3:16 Bible Study @ The Maples 7:00 Parish Ed Mtg.	6 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast	7 3:15-4:30 Elementary Youth Group 6:00 Luther League 5:30 Lenten Meal 6:30 Lenten Service 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Choir Rehearsal 8:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast	8 1:15 Staff Meeting	9 Office Closed	10 Office Closed
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18 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Talk 10:35 Ch. 8 Broadcast 11:00 Worship	19 3:16 Bible Study @ The Maples	20 10:00 SJLH Service 3:30 The Maples HC 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast	21 5:30 Lenten Meal 6:30 Lenten Service 6:30 Confirmation 7:15 Choir Rehearsal 8:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast	22 1:15 Staff Meeting	23 Office Closed	24 Office Closed
25 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Talk 10:35 Ch. 8 Broadcast 11:00 Worship	26 3:16 Bible Study @ The Maples 2:00 Downtown Estates	27 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast	28	29 1:15 Staff Meeting 7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship Service	30 Office Closed 1:00 Good Friday Worship Service	31 Office Closed

## 9:00 am Worship Service

Date	Sound & Video	Reader	Acolyte	Greeters	Usher
03/04	Tim Vogel	Kurt Glaeseman	Shane Clemon Zach Timm	Janice Kettner Gertie Rosenau	Team 2
03/11	Shane Clemon	Paul Muske	Daniel Groebner Kaden Pyzick	Delwin & Beverly Beussman	Team 3
03/18	Bob Kratz	Kristin Rogotzke	Brendon Buerkle Jonathan Longsdorf	Jim & Elsie Groebner	Team 4
03/25	Alex Quesenberry	Connie Knutson	Dalton Langseth Kyle Quesenberry	Bill & Mel Vogel	Team 1
3/29	Shane Clemon	Daniel Kettner	MaCoy Krick Jace Rosenau	Richard & Lois Zihlke	Team 2
3/30	Tim Vogel	Jo Muske	Jordyn Plaster Shane Clemon	Don & Sherry Bloemke	Team 3

Sharon Rogotzke has been asked to call Greeters, Readers and Acolytes reminding them of their Sunday. **In order to avoid confusion, please call Sharon at 723-5117 if you will be gone and have found a substitute.**

### 11:00 am Contemporary Worship

#### February Contemporary Worship Helper

4 -  
11 - Jeff Krueger  
18 -  
25 - Megan Quesenberry

#### March Altar Guild

Kelly Sargent, Dawn Marz, Tasha Francis  
If you are unable to help, please find a substitute or switch months with someone.



#### March Birthdays!

3 - Jessie Micka  
3 - Sarah Riederer  
4 - Arland Kettner  
9 - Kate Quesenberry  
11 - Ethan Langseth  
12 - Lacey Groebner  
14 - Jennie Vanderwerf  
15 - Justin Asmus  
15 - Ali Trapp  
17 - Laurie Longsdorf  
18 - Angie Meine  
19 - McKenzie Jensen  
20 - Jo Muske  
21 - Keagan Streich  
25 - Katelynn Clemon  
30 - Duane Nachreiner  
31 - Paul Muske

#### Deadlines: Sunday Bulletin:

Wednesday by 10 am. **Epistle:**  
20th of each month. Please call or email Katie at the church office with additions or changes for the bulletins or Epistle.

#### Delivering bulletins in March

1 - Jim Asmus  
8 - Pastor Tricia  
15 - Larry Pederson  
22 - Jill Vogel  
29 - Leona Schottle



#### March Anniversaries!

27 - Tim & Jill Vogel  
28 - Dana & Shawna Jacobs

Luther League meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall.  
All members grades 7-12 are invited to attend!

**Elementary Youth Group ~ Wednesday, March 7 from 3:15-4:30!**  
**Notice Date Change!**

All youth of St. Paul's, from Kindergarten-6th grade, are invited to become part of this fun and educational program. If your child would like to be part of this group, please contact Katie Mueller or Shawna Jacobs.



**Come & Go Bridal Shower honoring Tasha Francis, Bride to be of Matt Sargent**  
**Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Springfield Community Center 10:00 am—12:00 p.m.**  
**Parents: Roger & Kelly Sargent, Brad & Brenda Olson, Lee Francis**  
**The couple is registered at Target and Running in Springfield**

The World Day of Prayer Service is hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church on Thursday, March 1st at 5:00 p.m. A light meal will be served following the service.

This year the county of Suriname in South America is the focus of the prayer service.

Thank you for the gifts given to me at Christmas and Valentines Day. From, Ellen Amsden

St. Paul Lutheran Church

## German Supper

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

Serving from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

In the Fellowship Hall

Sauerkraut with Pork, Dumplings, Brats,  
Mashed Potatoes, German Potato Salad,  
Green Beans, Cake and Beverage

Advance tickets available at the church office  
and at Springfield Advance Press.

**\$11 in advance; \$12 at the door**

Take Outs available.

Delivery to shut-ins only, call 723-5880

Items needed as donations:

- 24 Gallons Sauerkraut
- 5 pkgs Old Fashion Weiners
- 10 lbs white onions
- 25 boxes potato buds
- 180 lbs red potatoes
- 60 lbs white potatoes
- 40 lbs sugar
- 36 loaves old white bread
- 3 gallon white vinegar
- 10 lbs white flour
- 550 fresh brats
- 55 lbs pork
- 25 lbs Bacon
- 12 lbs butter
- 1 can salt
- 30 packages of Kool Aid

### German Supper Work Groups

**3:30-5:00 B**

**5:00-6:30 C**

**6:30-Done A**

**\*\*See back for new work group list\*\***

\*Monetary donation can be brought to the church office marked "German Supper Donation".

\*Sign up sheets are posted in the fellowship hall for donations, helping prepare the meal and baking cakes.

## New Work Groups

Group A	Group B	Group C
<b>Meidl, Ed &amp; Carol</b>	<b>Pidde, Jordan &amp; Jeanette</b>	<b>Jacobs, Dana &amp; Shawna</b>
<b>Pederson, Larry &amp; Kathy</b>	<b>Rogotzke, Russell &amp; Betsy</b>	<b>Valentin, Craig &amp; Loribess</b>
<b>Vogel, Tim &amp; Jill</b>	<b>Bittler, Dave</b>	<b>Marz, John &amp; Dawn</b>
<b>Sargent, Matt &amp; Tasha</b>	<b>Kratz, Kurt &amp; Jan</b>	<b>Longsdorf, Dan &amp; Laurie</b>
Anderson, Bob & Emily	Asmus, Justin & Jennifer	Blowmke, Donald & Sharri
Asmus, Jim & Elva	Carlson, Carol	Danielson, Dale & Jolene
Brown, Jeremy & Amber	Clemon, Angel	Gatzlaff, Doug
Buerkle, Mark	Glaeseman, Kurt & Mary	Gluth, Travis & Kim
Hagert, Troy & Kay	Gluth, John & Mavis	Graff, Mike & Kim
Haugo, Brad & Kari	Groebner, Adam & Sarah	Groebner, Cody & Lacey
Jensen, Gary & Karen	Groebner, Alan & Robin	Groebner, Jim & Elsie
Jensen, Glenn & Anita	Hendrickson, Sue	Honl, Gail
Kasten, Duane & Donna	Hoecherl, Barry	Jensen, McKenzie
Kettner, Daniel	Jensen, Grant	Jeske, Doug
Knutson, Connie	Jensen, Lonny & Elaine	Kratz, Robert & Marilyn
Krueger, Jeff	Kettner, Arthur	Larson, Rod & Rhonda
Krueger, Jim & Donna	Kettner, Janice	Meidl, Paul & Colleen
Meine, Tina	Kettner, Jerome & Jerrine	Mueller, John & Katie
Meyer, Mae	Krueger, Lenore	Muske, Paul & Jo
Nachreiner, Duane & Jelene	Langseth, Nathan	Peterson, Merlyn & Ruth
Nachreiner, Linda	Larson, Peggy	Renner, Ken & Sharon
Plaster, Shawn & Krystal	Marz, Mike & Barb	Rogotzke, Bob & Sharon
Potter, Larry & Ruth	Mattson, Tricia	Rogotzke, Kristin
Rogotzke, Mike & Crissy	Micka, Jessie	Sargent, April
Rosenau, Gertie	Moret, Clyde & Carla	Sargent, Roger & Kelly
Schiller, Doug & Marcia	Nachreiner, Jason & Nicole	Schwartz, Kevin & Jo
Severson, Jan	Nachreiner, Jodi	Sehr, Dennis & Sharon
Shaw, Derek & Nicole	Quesenberry, Harmon & Megan	Stark, Mandi
Solmonson, Matt & Jenny	Renner, Gary & Nancy	Stern, Dalores
Streich, Duane	Rosenau, Mark & Stacia	Vogel, Bill & Mel
Vanderwerf, Layne & Jennie	Rositzke, Audrey	Weber, Maurice & Shirley
Weisensel, Jeff & Stacey	Schottle, Leona	Wendt, Harold & Marlys
Wendinger, Jody	Schubbe, Al & Adeline	Wendt, Randy
Wendt, Kevin & Anne	Trapp, Dustin & Tiffany	Wersal, Donna
Wilstermann, Don & Darlene	Veenstra, Dan & Jena	Zihlke, Jeremy & Jamie
		Zihlke, Richard & Lois





**American Red Cross**

St. Paul's will be hosting our own American Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, April 20th from 9 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed! Please contact Katie in the church office if you are available to help for any part of the day.

**Lenten Sermon Series 2018**

- Wednesday, February 28, 2018 "The Fourth and Fifth Commandments"
  - Wednesday, March 7, 2018 "The Sixth and Seventh Commandments"
  - Wednesday, March 14, 2018 "The Eighth Commandment"
  - Wednesday, March 21, 2018 "The Ninth and Tenth Commandments"
- \*Join us each Wednesday evening for a Lenten Meal served by our church groups.



**Holy Week Schedule**

- March 29, Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.
- March 30, Good Friday Worship Service at 1:00 p.m.
- April 1, Easter Sunday Services at 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Parish Education is seeking 2 new board members. Please talk to Jeff Krueger or Crissy Rogotzke if you are able to fill one of these positions. Thank you.

St. John Lutheran Home is looking for donations of Beanie Babies or similar type stuffed toys or monetary donations to purchase some, as prizes for BINGO. Bring your donation to the church office or dropped off at St. John's home. Thank you for your support!

Students in Grades 6 through 12 are eligible to enter the Lutherans For Life 2018 Minnesota Essay Contest Sponsored by the Council of Federation Presidents, Lutherans For Life. For more information go to [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp - Summer 2018**

Registration for Summer Bible Camp is now open at Ingham Okoboji! Below you will find the camps available for our K-12th graders. Early bird registration ends March 1st. Scholarships will be available from the Board of Parish Education and Ingham Okoboji also offers Camperships! You can register online at <http://www.okoboji.org/programs/youth/> or stop by the church office for a registration form.



- Camp-in-a-Day (has completed grades K-2) @ Ingham site \$34**
- Camp-in-a-Day #1- June 20                      Camp-in-a-Day #2- June 21**
- Camp-in-a-Day #3- July 11                      Camp-in-a-Day #4- July 12**

- Pathfinders (has completed grades 2-5) @ Ingham Site \$149 by March 1st, \$179 after**
- Pathfinders #1- June 17-19                      Pathfinders #2- June 24-26
- Pathfinders #3- July 8-10                      Pathfinders #4- July 15-17

- Trailblazers (has completed grades 4-6) @Ingham Site \$349 by March 1st, \$379 after**
- Trailblazers #1- June 17-22                      Trailblazers #2- June 24-June 29
- Trailblazers #3- July 8-13                      Trailblazers #4- July 15-20

- Junior High Camp (has completed grades 6-9) Dates 2017: \$369 by March 1st, \$399 after**
- Okoboji Junior High Camp- June 10-15, July 8-13                      Ingham Junior High Camp- July 22-27

- Senior High (has completed grades 9-12) @ Okoboji site \$369 by March 1st, \$399 after**
- Okoboji July 15-20

- Outdoor Adventure (completed grades 7-12) @ Ingham site \$369 by March 1st, \$399 after**
- Okoboji July 29-August 3

- Live Wire Music Camp (completed grades 7-12) @ Ingham site \$369 by March 1st, \$399 after**
- Ingham July 29-August 3

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Calendar Highlights - March 2018  
2-4 - Confirmation Retreat  
7 - Elementary Youth Group  
7 - Lenten Meal 5:30, 6:30 Service  
14 - Lenten Meal 5:30, 6:30 Service  
21 - Lenten Meal 5:30, 6:30 Service  
29 - 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship  
30 - 1:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship

**Save the date:**  
April 11th - German Supper  
April 20th - Red Cross Blood Mobile  
April 29th - Confirmation

**We are on the Web!**  
[www.splcspringfield.org](http://www.splcspringfield.org)

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**Office Hours**

Pastor: Tricia Mattson  
Monday 9-noon  
Wednesday 1-4  
Thursday 10-11; 1-3  
Or by appointment  
[pastortriciamattson@gmail.com](mailto:pastortriciamattson@gmail.com)

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Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-3:00 pm  
Email: [stpaul\\_lutheran@hotmail.com](mailto:stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com)

Housekeeper: Lisa Prechel

Maintenance: Ed Meidl

Financial Secretary: Anita Jensen

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**Worship:**

**SUNDAY**

Worship at 9:00 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Talk at 10:00 a.m.

**Springfield Area Food Shelf hours**  
**Tuesday 5:00pm – 7:00pm**  
**Thursday 9:30am – 11:30am**  
**804 East Rock Street - Springfield, MN 56087**  
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