

# MARCH

2022

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

When we learn about the 9th and 10th commandments in confirmation, I ask the students to list ten of their hopes and daydreams. They seem to really like this exercise and they have no problem listing ten items. We often spend our time not in the present moment but anticipating the future, hoping and dreaming. We find ourselves excitedly looking forward to such things as family gatherings, vacations, or even retirement. We expect that these things will be our great joy, just what we have always wanted, and that we will find a deep and lasting contentment through them. Some of us even have what we call a bucket list: a list of experiences or achievements that we hope to have or accomplish during our lifetime.

What we hope for tells a lot about who we are and what we think defines us. We are constantly waiting for the time of our fulfillment to come when we will finally reach the pinnacle. Deep down, we are hoping to leave behind us a legacy, something that gives meaning to our lives on this earth.

The people of Israel were hoping and waiting for something too, specifically a new Moses. They anticipated that the coming Messiah would be just like Moses. The new Moses would bring to fulfillment that place and time when they would finally have the power and authority over their own lives and the peoples of the other nations around them. They believed that the new Moses would bring to them the law and a means of finally fulfilling it.

This, of course, is how we think of the law: I haven't fully done the law yet, but I will one day and then I will get my reward. I will have peace and contentment. Life will be good.

But when the Messiah, Jesus, arrives, he comes not as a New Moses with the law, but he comes with a promise, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news." This promise has at last arrived to put true hope in God's people. Jesus brings what he himself will accomplish. He brings with him a new kingdom, where you will belong. Citizenship in this new kingdom comes not through what you do, but solely through what Christ does.

Jesus also says, "Repent." Now there are two common problems that we encounter with repent." The first is that people assume that we must repent in order to get into the kingdom. The second problem is that people assume we must repent in order to stay in the kingdom. But this puts the cart before the horse. Jesus isn't speaking to your free will, trying to get you to engage it to make the right life choice. He isn't hoping that you will suddenly decide, "I am going to repent."

Instead, when he says repent, he means "be transformed," which is to be brought into the kingdom simply by Jesus speaking his Word to you. "My promise will transform you and then you will believe in this good news." Upon hearing his words through the power of the Holy Spirit, as God's chosen people, we are made new citizens of the kingdom of God. We enter the kingdom because Jesus speaks this new reality into existence. This is where we belong!

Jesus frees us and we are no longer responsible for creating our own hope. We no longer need worry about leaving a legacy or reaching a pinnacle. We have been given the Words of Eternal Life, which freely bestow upon us the fulfillment we seek and that can only be found through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 2, with our Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. During Lent, our Lord calls us to repentance where he transforms us through his powerful Word of forgiveness. Our confirmation students will be planning and helping to lead our Lenten worship again this year, and we hope that you will join us as we delve into the Lord's Prayer using Luther's Small Catechism. See you in church!

Blessings,

Pr. Tricia

## St. Paul Lutheran Church—Church Council Meeting - February 9, 2022 at 7:45 p.m.

Chairman Bill Vogel called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in Room 101. Members present were Jacob Marz, Sarah Groebner, Angel Clemon, Bill Vogel, Pastor Tricia and Jeff Krueger. Also present was Katie Mueller, Parish Coordinator. Members absent were Tim Vogel and Randy Wendt.

Pastor Tricia led the group in a prayer.

M/S/P to approve the Secretary's minutes from the January meeting.

M/S/P to approve the Financial Report as printed.

### Building and Grounds Report:

- The carpet for the lower ramp north entrance has been ordered at Miesen's. It will be installed sometime this Spring or Summer.
- Ed has been dealing with some boiler issues in the building.
- The parsonage washing machine had some repairs done to it.

### Parish Education Report:

- The Sunday School substitute teacher issue has gotten better. Jena Veenstra offered to help sub if needed.
- Daniel Groebner is the Luther League rep to Parish Ed. Committee.
- Sunday School offering for March, April and May will go the Springfield Animal Shelter.

### Pastor's Report:

#### Visitation

- Visitation with members in their homes, at nursing homes and assisted living residences.

#### Worship

- Led worship with Holy Communion at St. John's Home on January 25, 2022.
- Led worship with Holy Communion at The Maples on January 24, 2022.
- Presided at the funeral service for Norma Freeman on February 8, 2022.

#### Parish Education

- Attended the Parish Education meeting on February 7, 2022.
- Leading Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.
- Leading Bible Study at The Maples on Mondays at 3:00 p.m.
- Taught premarital classes on January 24, February 7 and February 8, 2022.
- Taught two new member classes on January 18 and January 25, 2022 and we received 21 new members on January 30, 2022.
- Taught sixth grade Sunday School class on January 23, 2022.

#### Confirmation

- In Confirmation classes, we are now studying the Lord's Supper. Still using Zoom as needed.

#### Community

- Submitted an article to the *Advance-Press* on January 19, 2022 entitled "Our Denial of Hypocrisy."
- Led the SAFE Annual Meeting at the United Methodist Church on January 24, 2022.
- Issued one SAFE voucher to a neighbor in need on January 18, 2022.
- Attended the local Ministerial Meeting at Tommy's on January 27, 2022.

### Old Business:

- Our cleaning contract with Simply Clean has ended and their last day will be March 1, 2022. Our new housekeeper, Dani Johnson, started work at the church February 1, 2022.

### New Business:

- The Church Council installation will take place Sunday, February 13 during the 9:00 a.m. worship service.
- Reviewed a quote from New Life Communications in Willmar for some fixes and updates to our projector, sound and video equipment. M/S/P to go with Kramer-VP-550X-10 Input 4K HDMI Presentation Switcher/Scaler for \$1,818.00, the DigitalLinx-DL-HD70, 4K 10.2G 70m HDMI Extender Kit w/RS232/IR for

\$271.96, a new Composite Video Distribution amplifier for the video camera system for \$135.00 along with cables, mileage and labor, not to exceed \$3,500.00 with funds to come from the Projector Fund and the Audio and Video Fund.

•M/S/P to hold the Spring German Supper on Wednesday, April 27. It will be take-out only from 5:00 p.m. until sold out. Cost will increase to \$12.00 per meal.

•Chairman Vogel made the following appointments to Boards and Committees for 2022:

Building and Grounds Committee – Randy Wendt.

Mission Sponsorship Committee – Angel Clemon, John Mueller

Nominating Committee – John Mueller, Bill Vogel

Policy Committee – Sarah Groebner

Parish Education Board – Angel Clemon, Bill Vogel

Memorial Committee – Sarah Groebner, Bill Vogel

Cemetery Board – Jacob Marz

Stewardship Board – John Mueller, Tim Vogel

Worship and Music Committee – Jeff Krueger

•M/S/P to add Angel Clemon and Carter Asmus and remove Kim Graff from Luther League Checking Account.

•M/S/P to add Tim Vogel and Bill Vogel and remove Craig Valentin and Matt Sargent from the Church Checking Account.

•M/S/P to add Katie Mueller to the SouthPoint Account for the Church Debit Card.

•M/S/P to add Tim Vogel and remove Craig Valentin as an authorized signer for the Church Prairie Plan Accounts.

•M/S/P to add Dani Johnson and remove Lisa Prechel from the Charge Account at Dollar General. Also add a \$150.00 limit.

•M/S/P to add Dani Johnson and Pastor Tricia and remove Lisa Prechel and Pastor Mark Johnson from the Charge Account at Runnings.

M/S/P to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.  
Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 7:45 p.m.

~Jeff Krueger, Church Council Secretary

<b>2022 Church Council</b>	
Bill Vogel - Chair	Angel Clemon
John Mueller- Vice Chair	Jacob Marz
Jeff Krueger - Secretary	Sarah Groebner
Tim Vogel- Treasurer	Randy Wendt
There are 2 vacancies	

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 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, call or email the church office at 507-723-5880 or  
 stpaul\_lutheran@hotmail.com. We appreciate you keeping us updated!  
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**Deadlines:**  
**Sunday Bulletin:** Wednesday by 10 am.  
**Epistle:** 20th of each month.  
 Please call or email the church office with additions or changes for the bulletins or Epistle. stpaul\_lutheran@hotmail.com

St Paul Attendance

1/30/22 9am - 77  
2/13/22 9am - 74

2/06/22 9am - 56  
2/20/22 9am - 67

Budget Recap Year-To-Date (01/01/22 to 02/23/22)

Total Funds for Budget	\$12,496.60	Total Operating Funds	\$12,496.60
<u>Budget</u>	\$29,276.48	<u>Operating Exp.</u>	\$11,505.77
Difference	(\$16,779.88)	Difference	(\$12,685.58)

Memorials Given From 1/24/22 to 2/24/2022

<u>In Memory:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>	<u>Designated for:</u>
Norma Freeman	Jim Elsie Groebner	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
	Dalores Stern	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Darwin Johnson	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
	Richard & Lois Zihlke	St. Paul Lutheran Church
	Bob & Sharon Rogotzke	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Fern Meine	Dalores Stern	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Connie Wellner	Margaret Weller	St. Paul Cemetery Fund
	Margaret Weller	St. Paul Lutheran Church

**Thrivent Financial**—As always, St. Paul Lutheran Church is grateful for your consideration when you make charitable giving plans. If you are a Thrivent Financial member eligible to direct Choice Dollars<sup>SM</sup>, we ask you to consider St. Paul Lutheran as you help direct Thrivent Financials charitable funds.



Do you shop on Amazon? St. Paul Lutheran Church is now listed on AmazonSmile! For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization. Just select St. Paul Lutheran Church, Springfield, MN and you will be helping our congregation one purchase at a time! Simply enter <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-0705873> or go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and click on "AmazonSmile" and select St. Paul Lutheran Church, Springfield, MN. Then continue shopping! It's really that easy! Thank you for choosing to support St. Paul Lutheran!

Please pray for... The family of Norma Freeman, Slayton Community Lutheran Church; Cylee Graff, Shane Clemon, Ethan Langseth, Jesse Kettner, Emily Wendt, Joseph Wendt, 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 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	2 10:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast 6:00 Luther League Meeting 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship Choir Rehearsal following Worship	3 9:00 am Ch. 8 Broadcast of Ash Wednes- day Worship	4 Confirmation Retreat  Office Closed	5 Confirmation Retreat
6 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee Talk 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	7 3:00 pm The Maples Bible Study 6:30 Parish Ed Meeting	8 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	9 10:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Lenten Worship 7:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:45 Council Meeting 8:15 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast of Lent Worship	10 9:00 am Ch. 8 Broadcast of Lent Worship	11 Office Closed	12
Confirmation Retreat						
13 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee Talk 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	14 3:00 pm The Maples Bible Study	15 10:00 am SJLH Worship 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	16 10:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Lenten Worship 7:30 Choir Rehearsal 8:15 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast of Lent Worship	17 9:00 am Ch. 8 Broadcast of Lent Worship	18 Luther League Retreat  Office Closed	19 Luther League Retreat
20 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee Talk 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	21 8am-1pm Blood Drive 3:00 pm The Maples Holy Communion	22 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	23 10:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Lenten Worship 7:30 Choir Rehearsal 8:15 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast of Lent Worship	24 9:00 am Ch. 8 Broadcast of Lent Worship	25 Office Closed	26 First Com- munion Class
Luther League Retreat						
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## 9:00 am Worship Service

Date	Sound & Video	Reader	Acolyte	Usher
2/6	Russell Rogotzke	Jordan Pidde	Nicholas Groebner Nathan Groebner	Team 4
2/13	John Mueller	Jo Muske	Gabby Schenk	Team 1
2/20	Peter Heitzman	Mel Vogel	Hayden Gluth Brooklyn Anderson	Team 2
2/27	Tim Vogel	Kurt Glaeseman	Alyssa Shaw Jenna Shaw	Team 3

### March Altar Guild

Dawn Marz, Kelly Sargent

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  
 15 - Justin Asmus  
 15 - Ali Trapp  
 15 - Mike Rogotzke  
 18 - Angie Meine  
 19 - McKenzie Jensen  
 20 - Katlin Gatzlaff  
 20 - Jo Muske  
 20 - Erin Nelson  
 21 - Keagan Streich  
 25 - Katelynn Clemon  
 25 - Brooke Maasch  
 30 - Duane Nachreiner  
 31 - Paul Muske

### Usher Teams

- 1 - Delwin Beussman, Don Bloemke, John Marz, Paul Meidl, Mic Mays
- 2 - Dave Bittler, Doug Gatzlaff, Kurt Kratz, Mike Marz
- 3 - Rod Larson, Doug Schiller, Russell Rogotzke, Ethan Langseth
- 4 - Mark Buerkle, Tim Vogel, Scott Vogel, Kurt Glaeseman, Bill Vogel

## Lenten Worship Service - 7:00 p.m.

Date	Sound & Video	Reader	Organist
Ash Wed. 3/2	Paul & Jonah	Jeanette Pidde	Jo Schwartz
Wed. 3/9	John Mueller	Confirmation Students	Jeff Krueger
Wed. 3/16	Tim Vogel	Confirmation Students	Jo Schwartz
Wed. 3/23	Russell Rogotzke	Confirmation Students	Jeff Krueger
Wed. 3/30	John Mueller	Confirmation Students	
Wed. 4/6	Tim Vogel	Confirmation Students	

### March Anniversaries!

27 - Tim & Jill Vogel - 28 years  
 28 - Dana & Shawna Jacobs - 13 years



### Church Directory! We have an online church Directory!

- \* Go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> and create a log-in account with your email the church office has on file. If you can't log in, let Katie know so we can get it entered!
- \* If you don't have access to the internet and would like a printed copy of the directory, let Katie know.
- \* Those with smartphones can easily download the Instant Church Directory app in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and have the directory at their fingertips!
- \* The online directory can be updated constantly, so information should never be outdated! Email updated pictures, address or phone changes to Katie and they can be added instantly!

Be sure to check it out!

## Order your Easter Flowers Soon!

We have a wide assortment of Easter flowers that we can order this year! **Orders must be placed by Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>!** Checks made out to St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Mums \$16

Kalanchoe \$16

Lilies \$16

Dahlias \$12

Tulips \$12

Hydrangea \$29

Hyacinth \$29

### Lenten Sermon Series on Wednesday Evenings

After Ash Wednesday, our Wednesday night Lenten sermons will be on the Lord's Prayer. Our Confirmation Students are both planning and helping to lead our worship on Wednesday nights. Please join us!

Wednesday, March 9 Lord's Prayer Intro. & Doxology

Wednesday, March 16 Lord's Prayer Petitions 1 & 2

Wednesday, March 23 Lord's Prayer Petition 3

Wednesday, March 30 Lord's Prayer Petitions 4 & 5

Wednesday, April 6 Lord's Prayer Petitions 6 & 7



**American  
Red Cross**

St. Paul's will be hosting  
Red Cross Blood Drives on  
March 21st and May 24th  
from 8 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to schedule your appointment!  
If you are able to volunteer to help out at the blood drive,  
please let Katie know!

Items needed as donations:

36 loaves old white bread	40 lbs sugar
25 lbs Bacon	1 can salt
10 lbs white onions	55 lbs pork
10 lbs white flour	3 gallon white vinegar
180 lbs red potatoes	60 lbs white potatoes
24 Gallons Sauerkraut	

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

### 2022 Summer Bible Camp opportunities at Ingham Okoboji Bible Camp!

Parish Education will be issuing  
scholarships to those who register for one of  
these camps at Ingham Okoboji!

They will cover half of the cost of the  
Pathfinders, Trailbalzers, and Jr.  
High Camp, and they will cover the full cost  
of the Camp-in-a-Day camp.

**Early Bird Registration ends on March  
1st! So register today!** Proof of registration  
should be sent the church office so I can  
mark you down for a scholarship!

You can check dates and register online at  
[www.okoboji.org/register](http://www.okoboji.org/register)

## St. Paul Lutheran Church German Supper Take Out

**Wednesday, April 27, 2022**  
Serving from 5:00 until sold out

Sauerkraut with Pork, Dumplings,  
Brats, German Potato Salad, cookie  
**\$12 per meal**

Drive up and place your order,  
and we will bring the meal to you.

Delivery for Shut-Ins only.

**St. Paul Lutheran  
Church, LCMC**  
303 N Cass Avenue  
Springfield, MN 56087

Postmaster: Dated material  
Please Deliver Promptly  
Address Service Requested

**Calendar Highlights - March 2022**

2 - Ash Wednesday Service  
4-6 - Confirmation Retreat  
13 - Last day to order Easter Flowers  
18-20 - Luther League Retreat  
21 - Blood Drive  
26 - First Communion Class

**Phone: 507-723-5880**

**Fax: 507-723-8712**

**Office Hours**

*Pastor: Tricia Mattson*

Monday & Thursday 9-noon

Wednesday 1-4

Or by appointment

[pastortriciamattson@gmail.com](mailto:pastortriciamattson@gmail.com)

Parish Coordinator: Katie Mueller

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-noon

Email: [stpaul\\_lutheran@hotmail.com](mailto:stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com)

Housekeeping: Dani Johnson

Maintenance: Ed Meidl

Financial Secretary: Anita Jensen

[Fin\\_secretary@newulmtel.net](mailto:Fin_secretary@newulmtel.net)

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**Sunday Schedule:**

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Coffee Talk



**Springfield Area Food Shelf hours**

**Tuesday 5:00pm – 7:00pm**

**Thursday 9:30am – 11:30am**

**625 N Jackson Ave - Springfield, MN 56087**

**(Springfield Clinic Lower Level)**

**507-723-3663 (FOOD)**