

Good News

St. Paul Lutheran Church

February 2018



*GOD IS LOVE
SUNDAY SCHOOL,
FEBRUARY 4 @
9:00 a.m.*

INVITE FRIENDS!

Celebrating God's Love with Special Activities, Crafts, and Fun. Parents are encouraged to stay to enjoy this good time.



**Feb
14
2018**

**Ash
Wednesday**

**WORSHIP & IMPOSITION OF ASHES
at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.**

Soup Suppers

**Ash Wednesday &
Lenten Wednesdays
February 14, 21, 28,
and March 7, 14 & 21**




**All Soup Suppers at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Lenten Services follow at 7:00 pm**

Everyone is welcome to join us for a warm simple meal and to share in fellowship.

We appreciate your help to prepare, bring and share a delicious soup, fruit tray, veggies or dessert or to set up, serve and clean up.

Look for the sign-up poster in the Narthex.

Your help and presence makes Soup Suppers a blessing! Thank you in advance!

Special Thank YOU to Jan Cawley 

LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERIES @ 7pm

- + FEB 21 - *Garden to Garden: Eden to Heaven*
- + FEB 28 - *Mountain to Mountain: Mount Moriah to Mount Zion*
- + MAR 7 - *Out of Egypt: Through the Water*
- + MAR 14 - *Tree to Tree: The Tree of Life to the Cross*
- + MAR 21 - *The Wilderness to the Promised Land*

Fellow Redeemed,

Once again we prepare to enter into the Lenten season as we journey through the Church Year. Lent, however, is its own kind of journey. It is the journey we make as we travel with Christ from the Mount of Transfiguration to Jerusalem where He will face the cross and the grave for our sakes. It is a very sobering trip, a journey that often struggles to find joy. But there is Easter!

This year the theme for our Lenten worship will focus upon the journey, but perhaps not in the way we usually walk it. Our overall theme will be "Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey." All journeys must have a starting point; and this Lenten season, we will consider our starting point a land of exile. (Cont'd. on Page 2)



MESSAGE FROM PASTOR WILSON

In the past few weeks, several people have stopped me to point out the irony of this Lent/ Easter season. It seems that, by a coincidental merging of sacred and secular calendars, Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day and Easter is on April 1, also known as April Fools' Day. It may be a coincidence, but what an opportunity to witness to the message of the Gospel.

On the day the world celebrates its version of love we begin our Lenten journey. Led by Christ, we travel out of the wilderness to the foot of the cross. The reality of His love becomes even more overwhelming when considering that we could not find our way home without His coming to lead us. John states it this way: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." Jesus walked a trail of tears, eyes fixed firmly on the mission He was sent to complete, to redeem us from our sins and free us to live with him forever.

We will see as we complete our Lenten journey, that this was and is no joke. The suffering was real, the Resurrection is real, and its effects radically altered history right down to today. The world at large may dismiss what Christ accomplished, they may claim it never happened or that it was only a hoax, but we know the truth. "Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" (Romans 8: 34-35)

Join us this season as together we discover the joy of journeying with our Savior.

Pastor Wilson

Return from Exile (Cont'd.)

The land of exile from which we begin our journey is the wilderness of sin and death. Sin came into the world when our first parents were unfaithful and disobedient, eating fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam and Eve sinned, and we have inherited from them not only the sin itself, but also the result of that sin—separation from our Lord and God. From the first sin in the first garden, we have been exiled into the wilderness where we have wandered without any ability to find our way out.

This is the beginning of our journey: exile. But every journey also has a destination, an ending point. Our return from exile brings us into the Promised Land. Our relationship with our God is restored by Christ's sacrifice. Our destination, then, is the perfect place, the new garden, the courts of heaven—the ultimate **destination** which was established for us by His death and resurrection. There is great joy in the journey as we see where our returning brings us; but there is also a somber attitude when we consider what Christ faced on account of our sin.

All journeys consist of many events that take place between the journey's beginning and its end. Our Lenten journey is no different. Each leg of our Lenten journey begins in the Old Testament and then continues into the New Testament, pointing us to the joy that is ours in Christ Jesus. Do not be surprised to discover that from the very beginning, even outside the gates of the Garden of Eden, it is Christ who travels with us. He has always been our guide, from the very beginning, and He will journey with us to the very end. Indeed, He has even gone before us to prepare a heavenly dwelling place.

Life is full of journeys. Life itself is a journey. We enter this Lenten season contemplating the reality of our earthly journey but with eyes fixed on its destination—the empty tomb and the open gates of everlasting life. What joy there is in knowing that we do not walk this way alone!

St. Paul Christian Education Center



February is a wonderful month abounding with love. Sharing God's love is our natural response to His love. I asked our Kindergarteners, First and Second Graders- "Who do you love the most and why?" Some of the responses were:

"My Grandma, because she loves me, too." Jonathan

"My mom, because she is nice." Yazeed

"My family, because they give me dinner and dessert." Axell

"Elle and Audrey, because they are nice to me." Matthew

"Mommy, because she gives me hugs and kisses." Taylor

"God, because he made me this wonderful family." Jocelyn


"My Nanny, because she loves me." Alex

"God because he made everything and just because." Philip

"My nanny, because she takes care of me when I'm sick" Violet



Our students will be 'singing Valentines' for our own Adult Friendship Club on February 20th. The children enjoy singing for the Lord and others and welcome every opportunity. They will also be sending 'Valentines' to local residents who receive "Meals on Wheels" Please continue to pray for our ministry as begin enrollment for the next school year. - **Ramona Adams, Director**



YOU WON'T BE *BOARED*...

At GAME NIGHT!

Friday, Feb. 23 at 6:30 pm

All ages welcome. Adults are especially invited.
A fun night of laughs, dares, strategies and challenges!

OPTIONAL: Bring your favorite game, snack or use 1 that is here.
NOT OPTIONAL: You and your smile. Come join in — No Excuses!
Refreshments and drinks will be available. Speak to Robert Fuchs for more info or if you can help.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



Thank you to everyone who helped make the Christmas Giving Tree a success this year. St. Paul supplied 120 gifts to church members and families in various schools to help make their holidays joyful. These families are extremely grateful.

Christian Growth Dates

Feb. 11 & 18 — Primary Grades 1 & 2 Together
in Faith - **Ten Commandments**

March 4, 11 & 18 — Grades 5 & 6
Together in Faith - **Lutheran Worship**



Mission Trip 2018

July 15 - July 20

Matthew 17:20 - Faith can move mountains

I thought this was an appropriate verse for our mission trip the Adirondack Mountains, New York this year. This will be my sixth mission trip and I am so proud of our youth and their accomplishments each year. They change lives through Jesus Christ and serve others in the world. Their faith, camaraderie, selflessness, and overall attitude of helping others is a blessing to the communities we visit, the many others we have helped, our church, and myself. What a blessing these youth have been to us and our families! We have chosen to keep our destination a little more local than in years past. This will give the youth a chance to help in our home state of New York. There are many needs closer to home than you may think.

We ask for your continued prayers and support for our youth and leaders. Stock sales will start in April 2018 and the carwash is scheduled for May 12, 2018.

If you have any questions or need any additional information please contact me.

Watching God work,

Scott Fischer

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FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Class begins Wednesday,
February 21 at 7:30 p.m.

(following the 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Divine Lenten worship service) and continues to meet for the next four Wednesday evenings, plus a short meeting on Thurs., March 22 at 7:00 p.m.

This class is for 5th Grade youth and older who have not made their First Communion or received communion instruction. The class is one hour and at least one parent should accompany the child.

Those who complete the class can select the day for their First Communion: Palm Saturday or Sunday, Maundy Thursday, or Easter Sunday.

Enrollment forms have been sent out and are also available by calling the church office. Speak to Pastor Wilson if you have questions.



New VBS 2018

Join us for

Shipwrecked, Rescued by Jesus

Monday August 13 - Friday, August 17

From 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Watch for more details!

Until then, **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Prayers for hospitalized, ill or recuperating

John Bach St. Paul family
 Linda Bohleke St. Paul family
 Dosun Carbone relative Alex Hieronymi
 Gloria Christiansen mother of Jan Cawley
 Henry DeVries son of Jennie DeVries
 Peter Florio father of Rick Florio
 Thomas Gould friend of the Fuch family
 Beverly Green friend of Ann Kachmarchyk
 Dorothy Harrison St. Paul family
 Bobby Higgins friend of Kathy Hooper
 Ann Kachmarchyk St. Paul family
 Al Kuhn father of Laurie Lieb
 Matthew Linton son of the Bouquots
 Linda Nielsen St. Paul family
 Barbara O'Bryan sister of Laurie Lieb
 Edward Rose father of Kathy Hooper
 Robert Schulman known to St. Paul
 Inger Walderman cousin of Karen Kehrl
 Dorothy Plummer-Ward St. Paul family
 Rochelle Wilson St. Paul family
 Timothy Wrighton military friend of Alan Cobb

Long Term Prayers Hospitalized, Ill or Recuperating

John Alexander father of Cathy Schmidt
 Dorothy Baran mother of Debbie Kippel
 Roni Beether mother of Bobbi Ramsay
 Kelsey Berger known to Cathy Schmidt
 Linda Bohleke St. Paul family
 Pat Booth grandmother of Trevor Lescinsky
 Eleanor Boungard St. Paul family
 Thomas Brancote friend of Kathy Hooper
 Cole Butler known to Cathy Schmidt
 Katie Campofiore friend of Gina Jacobsen
 Angelina Christy friend of Gladys Vega
 Susan Collins sister of Mary Gotch
 Madelene Delgado St. Paul family
 Janet Famularo daughter Edie Famularo
 Rick Florio friend of St. Paul
 Veronica Gaither wife of Bob Gaither
 Lorraine Galletta St. Paul family
 Steven Garcia cousin of Robert Fuchs
 Ali Giacose friend of Alex Kersting
 Elaine Giardino mother of Donna Egan
 Elaine Giardino sister of Donna Egan
 Vincent Giardino father of Donna Egan
 Tim Gow relative of Cathy Schmidt
 Barbara Hilbert aunt of Andrew Forsstrom
 Jason Hinks know to Edie Famularo
 Lotti Hoffmann St. Paul family
 Steven Karter relative of Kathy Hooper
 Eileen Kelly friend of St. Paul
 Robert Kelly husband of Eileen Kelly
 Doris Konnerth St. Paul family
 Jeffrey Kopelson friend of Colleen & Joe McNulty
 Andrew Kostrzak known to Cathy Schmidt
 Brian Lee St. Paul family
 Susan Lee mother of Becky Lee
 Else Lenza St. Paul family
 Vicki Lotta friend of Kathy Hooper
 Louise Luther aunt of Andrew Forsstrom
 Stephen MacNary son of Valerie Camillone

Colleen McNulty St. Paul family
 Doug Menck St. Paul family
 Mollett Family known to Norma Stoddard
 Ray Oechsle friend of St. Paul
 Fran Parkin friend of St. Paul
 Bill Polokow relative Ann Kachmarchyk
 Marquis Powell son of Michele Powell
 Theodora Ramin known to Linda Ranges
 Bob Rose brother of Kathy Hooper
 Eric Salzmann St. Paul family
 Paul Schildwachter uncle of Kim McDonald
 Tiffany Shivers daughter of Michele Powell
 Helen Sisco St. Paul family
 George Smawley Jr. brother of Delores Renart
 Ron Sommer St. Paul family
 Julia Sommers friend of St. Paul
 Andrew Stephens friend of the Borsts
 Edgar Streng St. Paul family
 Chris Strobel son of Joanne Strobel
 Carolyn Sudol aunt of Donna Egan
 Suzanne Thomas grandniece of Ann K.
 Claire Tomalison friend of the Bouquots
 Ann Wagner mother of Chris Fox
 Marge Wollenberg friend Karen Vandenbergh
 Tom Yingling brother-in-law of Jan Wolf

Prayers for Military

Brandon Bisaccia known to Colleen McNulty
 Anthony Buonanno nephew of Arleen Masi
 Sean Cawley son of Jan/Mike Cawley
 Alan Cobb grandson of Bill Mulherin
 Matthew Forsstrom St. Paul family
 Tyler Germann grandson of Dennis/Beth Bouquot
 Keith Hale St. Paul family
 Randal Hickman friend of St. Paul
 William Iozzino known to St. Paul
 Kyle King friend of Danny Willis
 Daniel Koban friend of St. Paul
 Lauren Koban friend of St. Paul
 Eric Korn known to Ramona Adams
 Trevor Lescinsky great-nephew-Carol/John Bertotti
 Scott Letellier brother of Dawn Tomasini
 Matthew Linton son-in-law, Dennis/Beth Bouquot
 Xavier Quiñones nephew of Jessica Quintana
 Anthony A. Rera grandson of Anthony/Lydia Rera
 Gustavo Ritschl IV son of Gus/Jill Ritschl
 Jared Rivera St. Paul family
 Jake Rodriguez godson of Rosie Miller
 Michael Sommers son of Julia Sommers
 MacKenzie Urcioli sister of Rob Kehrl
 Douglas Williams nephew of Kristine Williams

Funeral / Memorial Services

Edward L. Oppelt 12/1/2017
Beverly Jane Sked 12/2/2017
Asako Mielke 1/21/2018

Baptisms

Jackson Wyatt Loftstedt 12/23/2017
Bastille Kenji Mielke 1/21/2018





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ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ROBERT C. WILSON ASSISTANT PASTOR, ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Robert C. Wilson was ordained and installed as Assistant Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Sunday, January 14, 2018. Officiating the service was Bishop, Derek Lecakes, President of the Atlantic District, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) in attendance with other district pastors. A celebratory dinner followed the service.

Pastor Wilson has completed the first half of the Specific Ministry Pastor Program at Concordia Seminary in St.

Louis, Missouri. He has been a member of St. Paul for over twenty years. During that time he has served as a Church Elder, Chair of Christian Growth Board, and director of the Sunday School and Vacation Bible School ministries. Pastor Wilson looks forward to expanding the church's ministry with the St. Paul Christian Education Center and into the community.

After his 35 years as an educator, Pastor Wilson is following God's call as he enters this new phase of his life.

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