

News N' Notes



ST. Paul's
Lutheran Church, School & Daycare

Places of the Passion

For nearly five hundred years, Lutherans have taught that Lent is a time to reflect on your Baptism and renew yourself through the anticipation of celebrating Jesus' victory over our sin, our death, and our enemy the devil on Easter morning. Lent is a time when we can especially walk closely with our Lord, learning from Him, and growing in faith as we see Him walking His God-given course to the Cross, the Tomb, and finally into our hearts.

This Lent, we will gather for a season to reflect on the places of the Passion. We will read the entire Passion account as told by Luke, a small portion each week, and you won't be surprised at the story. It's a simple story, and you've been to these places before.

The Upper Room, the Garden of Gethsemane, the halls of Pontius Pilate, the hills of Golgotha—these are the place we remember when we meditate on our Lord's Passion. Yet when Jesus enters a place, He never leaves it as He finds it. The most troubling places in our lives become the most amazing places of God's grace when Jesus visits them.

During this Lent we will see that no matter where we are in our lives, God is still coming and claiming us as His children. God is still coming, preparing a place at His table for you and me. Please join your fellow Christians each Wednesday at the **PLACES OF THE PASSION**. Our worship service schedule during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter is:

- **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14** (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.) – *A Place At The Table For You*, Luke 22:1-13
- **February 21** (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.) – *The Upper Room: A Place of Service*, Luke 22:14-38
- **February 28** (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.) – *Gethsemane: A Place of Strength*, Luke 22:39-46

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- **March 7** (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.) – *The Betrayal: A Place of Eternal Love*, Luke 22:47-53
- **March 14** (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.) – *The Courtyard: A Place of Renewal*, Luke 22:54-62
- **March 21** (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.) – *The Trial: A Place of God's Will*, Luke 22:63-23:25
- **Maundy Thursday, March 29**, (2:00 & 6:30 p.m.) – *The Last Supper: A Place of Forgiveness*, Luke 22:7-23
- **Good Friday, March 30**, (2:00 p.m.) – Passion Play
- **Good Friday, March 30**, (6:30 p.m.) – Regular service: *Golgotha: A Place of Simple Love*, Luke 23:44-49
- **Easter Vigil, March 31**, (6 p.m.) – *The Tomb: A Place of Life*, Luke 23:50-56
- **Easter Services, April 1**, (6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.)

During the season of Lent the Thursday evening services will not be held.

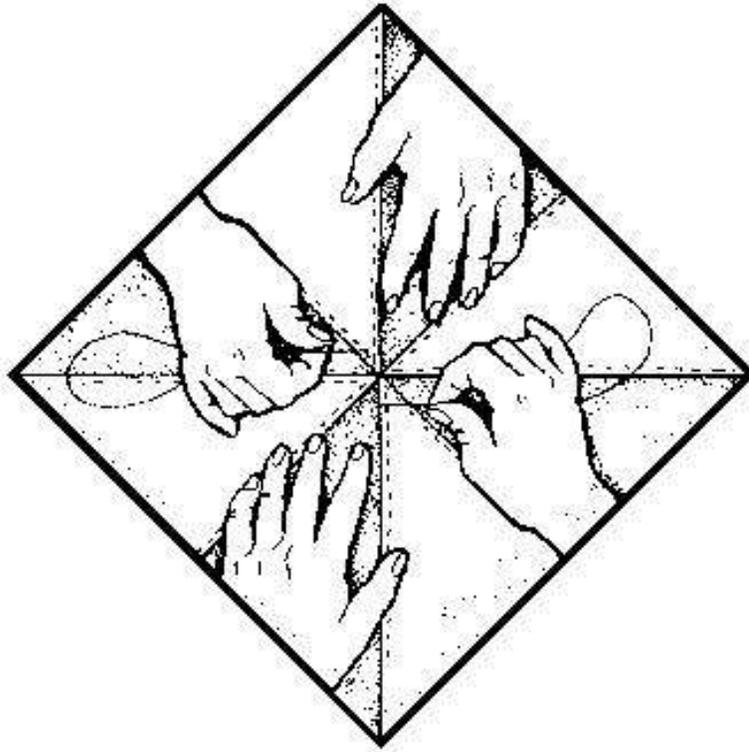
Be sure to attend the Lenten Suppers from 5 – 6 p.m. Easter breakfast will be served from 6:45 to 8 a.m. and 9 to 10 a.m.

Please plan on attending our Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter services and please bring a friend!

May God Richly Bless You All!

Pastor Dan Decker

Lent
B E G I N S



It's easy to help make quilts—all you need are willing hands!

Warming Hearts and Bodies

A day and a half has been set aside on Thursday afternoon, February 8, beginning at 1:30p and a full day on Friday, February 9, from 9a to 3p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) to make quilts for those in need. Thrivent Financial has provided funds for supplies for this project.

The need for warm bedding in many parts of the world continues to grow. Orphan Grain Train will receive the quilts made by our members which are then distributed to others lacking warm blankets. Some of these quilts serve people in our own community as well as other parts of the USA and throughout the world.

On February 9, a white chili luncheon will be served to all who help with this project. Join us for an hour or more, or for the day. We'll show you what needs to be done. No experience necessary—just a pair of willing hands.

Orphan Grain Train

Our next collection for Orphan Grain Train will be Saturday, February 10, 2018, from 8a to 11a in Fellowship Hall (the church basement).

We're looking to collect gently used clothing (clean and in good shape—no missing buttons, zippers work, no tears or stains) for men, women and children.

All items will be taken to the gathering point in Westfield, Wisconsin for shipping throughout the world.

For more information please contact Pastor Jim Hendrikson at 373-0985 or Harland Kobs at 752-6100.

Ladies, Save the Date!

St. Paul's
Women's Ministry
presents
"Comedy Night"
Friday, April 11 at 6p
Fellowship Hall
(the church basement)

Join us for an evening of
laughter, fun, and joy in
the Lord.

More details coming
soon!



Knitting for a Purpose

Knitting for a Purpose, a group that knits to help those in need, has a new project.

Join us on Wed., Feb. 7 from 11 am - 1 pm in room 202. We will be having a quick lunch at 11:00, then will start the project.

We will be knitting hats to give to Veterans who are going through chemotherapy in VA Hospitals.

Please bring your own yarn in either red, white, blue, or camouflage colors. You will also need either knitting needles or a loom.

If you have never knit and would like to try, we will teach you how using a loom. It is quick and easy.

If you don't knit, but crochet and would rather do that, you are welcome to attend as well.

If you would like to support this ministry project but are unable to attend, you may knit adult size hats and bring them to the church office by March 28.



Questions? Contact kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com

Caring Card Ministry

Calling Stampers! We have begun a Caring Card Ministry. This is a ministry to let others know that St. Paul's cares and is thinking and praying for them.

This ministry is in need of a few supplies. If you are able to make a donation of supplies or would like to contribute to this ministry, drop your items off in the church office or give them to Kathy Pingel. We are looking for: Ad Tech Dot Glue Runner 4 pack, sheets of plain or colored card stock without patterns, 4.37 x 5.75 envelopes, postage stamps, and stamps for stamping cards for baptisms, confirmations, sympathy, or ones with religious sentiments.

If you would like to make homemade cards and donate those, we will accept those as well. Contact kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com to learn more about this ministry and how you can help.

Date Night Out

Date Night Out, a fun time for couples to grow and connect in their marriage, will be held Friday, Feb. 16 at 6p.

This relationship study, based on "For Women Only, For Men Only" by Shaunti and Jeff Feldhahn, looks at the differences between men and women and how those affect our marriages. You will be offered insights and practical tips for understanding the opposite sex. Men and women will be discussing topics separately and will come back together to wrap up each session. We'll also enjoy appetizers and desserts.

This is the second night of 3 monthly sessions. If you missed the first session, don't worry! You may still join us. After the last study, we will go on a group date to a restaurant. Date/place to be determined by the couples that attend.

RSVP by Wed., Feb. 14 to kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com to reserve your spot for our Feb session. Please indicate if you would like to purchase the accompanying participants books to use as a follow up to the study, which will be a total of \$25.00 for both books.



Forgiveness is the glue that repairs broken relationships.

Lenten Bible Journaling

Lenten Bible Journaling to begin Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

Join us Wednesday evenings during Lent in the Fellowship Hall (church basement) for Lenten Suppers at 5 pm, then Bible Journaling from 5:30-6:15 pm.

We will journal our Lenten Scripture Readings that will be used in that evening's 6:30p worship service.

You will need a Bible Journal or a plain journal and other journaling supplies such as colored pencils, gel pens, markers, etc.

For more information, contact kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com





In Sympathy

Our prayers are with all who mourn.

Please remember Robert Calderwood on the loss of his father Robert G. Calderwood; the family of Vivian Butke; Nancy Griffith and Julie Murph on the loss of father, Jim Knudson; Beverly Oestreich on loss of husband, Everett Oestreich; Norma Schiefelbein on loss of husband, Al Schiefelbein; Scott Olson on

loss of father, Wayne Olson; Christ Lutheran Church, Clinton, WI on loss of Pastor William Uffenbeck; Arlene Knudson on loss of brother, Marvin Carney.

Moms 'N Tots

This playgroup for toddlers ages 2 –4 will begin meeting only on the first Thursday of each month. Our next playgroup will meet on Thursday, February 1 from 10-11a in Room 202 of school.

This is a playgroup as well as a time for moms to meet, connect, support, and socialize.

For more information, contact Kathy Pingel at kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com

Official Acts

Deaths:

- 12-24-2017 James Knudson
- 01-01-2018 Everett A. Oestreich
- 01-03-2018 Albert P. Schiefelbein

Membership Changes:

Members released to Other Denomination:

- 01-09-2018 Alex Benedict released to Sun Prairie United Methodist Church, Sun Prairie, WI

Members removed at own request:

- 01-09-2018 Brandi Thomas (Victoria, Jonah and Justin)
- 01-09-2018 Sara (née Rasmussen) Meseberg



*St. Paul's
Comfort Dog Ministry*

The Waiting Is Almost Over!

On March 1, 2, and 3 nine members of our congregation will be going to Northbrook, Illinois to be trained by the staff of Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) to be the Handlers for our comfort dog. At the end of those three days the dog will return home to Janesville and become a part of the ministry team, that was organized almost two years ago. This team consists of Ashley Ausen, Cheryl Skelly, David Overley, Dianne Moore, Jean Hinman, Kathy Overley, Lynne Jacobsen, Tom Moore, and Tom Skelly as handlers. Ministry Helpers are Carol Canizaro, Dawn Oas, Judy Sullivan, Karen Sue Murdy, Mary Toberman, and Ruth Ann Schultz. Dianne and Tom Moore will be the primary Caregivers, keeping the dog in their home. We will not know which dog is ours until we get to Northbrook on March 1.

Your first opportunity to meet our dog will be on March 7 at the Lenten Supper hosted by the ministry team. Then on March 18 at the 10:30a service the "Passing of the Leash" will be held, when our dog officially leaves the position of "Comfort Dog in Training" to become a full-fledged part of our ministry, joining over 100 other LCC Comfort Dog ministries across the country. We all will have much to learn as we go forward with this ministry. Part of what has to be learned are the guidelines to be followed when you are around or greeting the dog. The letter on the other side of this sheet includes recommended guidelines from the LCC trainers. We ask that you read these and respect the need to follow these guidelines. We all have to remember that this dog is not a pet of our congregation, but a ministry tool. Yet it is going to be a very loving, comforting ministry tool.

Please also visit our Comfort Dog page on the church and school website for much more information about the difference between a comfort dog, a therapy dog and service dogs. There are also links there to the LCC website that contains many pictures and stories about what the Comfort Dogs are accomplishing to show Mercy, Compassion, Presence, and Proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering and in need. Our dog will also have its own Facebook page, which we hope you will follow.



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Regular Worship Schedule:

Thursdays at 6:30p
Saturdays at 6p
Sundays at 8a & 10:30a

The Feminine Project—Girls Helping Girls with LWML

Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) will be meeting on Tuesday, February 20, at 1:30p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) to work on the Feminine Project – Girls Helping Girls to ensure girls around the world have the supplies they need to stay in school. Please join us for this project – you don't need to know how to sew! There is cutting and assembling that also needs to be done. If you do sew, please bring your machine.

Please see *Opportunities* closer to Feb 20th for a list of needed supplies if you would like to contribute by shopping for the project. Thank you.



Altar Guild Meets February 28

Join St. Paul's Altar Guild at our next meeting, on Wednesday, February 28 at 7:15p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). We'll have a short business meeting after we serve the Lenten Supper and following the Lenten worship service. Members—please make plans to be there!

This organization is responsible for the care of the Altar and assists the pastors with Holy Communion by setting up the communion ware and then cleaning up following the worship service. We work in groups of four to five members who serve for one month at a time. Stop in at our next meeting—we'll be happy to answer any questions you have.