

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:

- **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

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- **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



Lenten Bible Journaling

Ladies, please join us for Lenten Bible Journaling each Wednesday evening during Lent in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). You're welcome to enjoy the Lenten Suppers at 5 p.m., then Bible Journaling from 5:30-6:15 p.m. We will journal our Lenten Scripture Readings that will be used in that evenings 6:30 p.m. worship service. You will need a Bible Journal or a plain journal and other journaling supplies such as colored pencils, gel pens, markers, etc.

Lit 'n Lattes Book Club

Our women's Lit 'n Lattes Book club will meet Tuesday, March 13 at 6 p.m. in Room 202 of school. We will be discussing *Grace Alone* by Ruth E. Meyer. You may purchase the book through Concordia Publishing house (www.cph.org) or through Amazon (www.amazon.com).

Calling Stampers!

Our Caring Card Ministry lets others know that St. Paul's cares about them. We are in need of a few supplies. Donations for this ministry can be dropped off in the church office or given to Kathy Pingel. We need: 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 rubber stamps for stamping cards for baptisms, confirmations, sympathy, or ones with religious sentiments. If you would like to donate your own homemade cards we will gladly accept those as well.

Knitters Needed to Make Hats

Knitting for a Purpose, a group that knits to help those in need, has a new project. We are collecting knitted hats to give to Veterans who are going through chemotherapy in VA Hospitals. If you would like to support this ministry project you may knit adult size hats and bring them to the church office by March 28.

Comedy Night Friday April 13

Ladies Spring Women's Event is a Comedy Night on Friday, April 13 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (the church basement).

Bring a dish to pass and be ready to laugh as we learn about JOY in the Lord.

It is a night for fun fellowship with your sisters in Christ.

Please RSVP to reserve your spot to kpingel@stpaulsjaneville.com



Bicycles Needed for Orphan Grain Train

The Norfolk warehouse in Nebraska is in desperate need of new or used, child or adult bicycles. If you have bikes or tricycles stored away that are not being used please consider donating them.

In some regions of the world people cannot afford automobiles. Bikes are their only affordable transportation.

Thank you for your help with this very needed and life changing request.

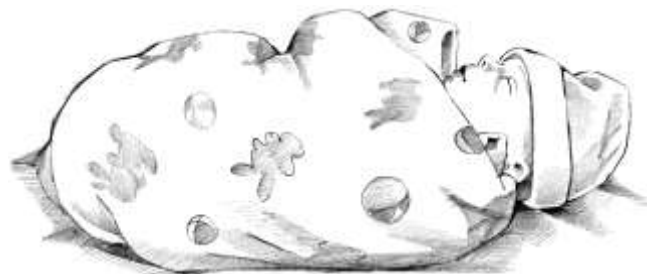
If you have any questions or for more information please call Pastor Jim Hendrikson at 608-373-0985.

Little Hats, Big Hearts

The third grade classes of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran School did a special project on January 24, 2018, during our school's Visiting Day.

With the help of parents, grandparents and adopted grandparents, the classes were taught how to knit on a loom. The children and their adult helpers completed red baby hats for infants with congenital heart defects.

The hats will be donated to the Beloit Hospital maternity ward.



Newborns



Our Dog Has Arrived . . . Now What???

At the writing of this article we do not yet know which dog will be ours. We do know we will be bringing our dog back to Janesville on March 3 after three days of training for our handlers with the dog. On Wednesday, March 7 our dog will be making its first public appearances. The dog will be attending the school's chapel service at 8:15 am. Then that evening, on March 7, you are invited to come to the Lenten Supper between 5 and 6 pm, hosted by the Comfort Dog Ministry. Thrivent is sponsoring a meal of grilled brats, hot dogs, baked beans, chips, fruit salads and dessert. This will serve as a fund raiser for the ministry and will be an opportunity to meet and greet our dog.

Our dog will begin a busy work schedule this month. This will include more hours of training and working with each of the nine handlers. The handlers along with the ministry helpers will begin taking the dog to various establishments in the community to visit residents, patients, employees and students, touching them with the Mercy, Compassion, Presence and Proclamation of Jesus Christ.

A very important event is planned for Sunday, March 18. At the 10:30 a.m. church service we will have the **Passing of the Leash**. Other Comfort Dog teams from Wisconsin and Illinois will be joining us as our team members are commissioned and our dog receives its LCC K-9 Comfort Dog vest, no longer being an "In Training" dog. Following the service, the Ladies Aid and LWML are hosting a lunch in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). We hope many of you will join us at this service and the luncheon, offering our thanks to God for the opportunity to launch this ministry!

Official Acts

Baptism:

01-20-2018

Addison Marie Mueller

Parents: John & Kelly
Mueller

Sponsors: Bethany Evans
and Dan Bayer

Deaths:

12-22-2017

Vivian O. Butke*

*(Should have been reported
in the February issue of
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02-13-2018

Dolores Jaeger

Membership Changes:

02-16-2018

Alonna Natz
Received by Adult
Confirmation

02-16-2018

Uta Brace
Received by transfer
from First Lutheran
Church, Hot Springs
Arkansas

In Sympathy:

Please remember in
your prayers: Aaron
Ausen on loss of
grandfather, Robert D.
Ausen and Carl Jaeger
on loss of wife, Dolores
Jaeger.

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Thank You for Supporting LWML

Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) would like to thank St. Paul's congregation members for their support of the LWML projects.

Congregation members have donated monies to our mite box, bid on our silent auction of quilts, and purchased other items we have had for sale. They have also helped us with our in-gatherings of pillowcase dresses, school bag kits, and girls hygiene kits.

Our mite offerings for the year 2017 came to \$1,707.00.

We are happy to report that we were able to give \$150 each to the following ten mission grants: Bethany Lutheran Church, Milwaukee; Help for Haiti; International Friendship Center of Madison; LCMS Joint Seminary fund; LCMS World Relief/Human Care; Lutheran Church Charities; Orphan Grain Train-Wisconsin Division; Project 16:49; World Lutheran Deaf Outreach; and the LWML-So. Wis. Dist. Administration fund.

We thank you and wish you God's blessings for your generosity.

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Regular Worship Schedule:

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

LWML Hosts Lenten Supper

Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) will use its monthly meeting to serve the Lenten Supper on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, from 5 to 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Our menu includes two types of soup, beverages and dessert. All members are asked to help with food preparation, setup, serving, or clean-up that day. Contact Lone Erlen (608-754-6976) to sign up, if you have not already done so.

The ingathering will be food contributions for the supper.

Don't forget to bring your mites!!

