

News N' Notes



ST. Paul's
Lutheran Church, School & Daycare

Lent and the *Red Letter Challenge*

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.

During this forty day season of Lent we will walk with our Lord Jesus, learn from Him, and grow in our faith through participating in a sermon series, personal reading of a book written by LCMS pastor Zach Zehnder entitled *Red Letter Challenge*, and join a small group Bible study/fellowship. The theme of the book is based on the idea that the words spoken by Jesus are often high-lighted in red in many Bibles for us to pay particular attention to them

This is what one fellow LCMS member said of his experience with the *Red Letter Challenge*: "We can study the words of Jesus, memorize them, and preach them...BUT Jesus wants us to do them! That's what RLC is all about! What would it look like if an entire church lived out the words of Jesus for 40 days...?"

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find more information on the *Red Letter Challenge* here at St. Paul's. If you want a book or have questions about how you can participate in the challenge contact Kathy Pingel at 754-4471 or kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com.

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Lent and the Red Letter Challenge

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Our worship service schedule during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter is:

- March 6, (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.) – Introduction to the *Red Letter Challenge*
Lenten Supper served 5 to 6p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement)
Lenten Supper: Ladies' Aid serving Chicken Noodle Soup
- March 13, (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.) – *Red Letter Challenge: Being*
Lenten Supper: Comfort Dog serving Hot Dogs and Brats
- March 20, (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.) – *Red Letter Challenge: Forgiving*
Lenten Supper: LWML serving Potato Soup and Beef Vegetable Soup
- March 27, (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.) – *Red Letter Challenge: Serving*
Lenten Supper: Altar Guild serving Pulled Turkey Sandwiches
- April 3, (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.) – *Red Letter Challenge: Giving*
Lenten Supper: Youth serving Sloppy Joes
- April 10, (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.) – *Red Letter Challenge: Going*
Lenten Supper: National Youth Gathering Youth serving Spaghetti
- April 18, (2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.) – Maundy Thursday Service
- April 19, (2 p.m.) – Good Friday Passion Play
- April 19, (6:30 p.m.) – Regular Good Friday Worship Service
- April 20, (6 p.m.) – Easter Vigil
- April 21, Easter Sunday Services
 - 6 a.m. Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion
 - 6:45 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Youth Easter Breakfast
 - 8:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
 - 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Youth Easter Breakfast
 - 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

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



God's Plans

One year ago on, March 1, nine members from the Comfort Dog Ministry went for handler training, excitedly anticipating meeting our dog. We were introduced to Mary, had three intensive days of training, and brought Mary back to Janesville, ready to continue the ministry we had been working toward and planning for two years prior. We have continued to plan for this ministry and often carefully plan out Mary's visits, but as in all aspects of our lives, our plans are not always Gods' plans. He showed us that in the following event we would like to share.

Mary went out with two members of the ministry team recently on a regularly scheduled visit to an assisted living facility. But before the evening was over, they were approached by a resident's family member to visit his father who had been hospitalized. The son told the team members how his father kept talking about Mary Comfort Dog, and he, the son, figured out who Mary was and that she had been visiting both his father and mother at the assisted living facility. The elderly gentleman became a hospice patient. Mary and her team made several visits to him, his wife, and sons during the gentleman's last days. The family was deeply moved by what Mary's visits obviously meant to their father and husband. Those team members would not have been at the assisted living facility that evening to meet the son, except there had been a last minute change in Mary's schedule. God put Mary and her handlers where they needed to be on that Tuesday evening.

In the last year God has used Mary and this ministry team to reach out to numerous individuals, "sharing the Mercy, Compassion, Presence and Proclamation of Jesus Christ". And He has touched the lives of our team in ways we would never have expected. We ask for your prayers and support as this ministry begins its second year at St. Paul's and in the surrounding communities. To God be the glory!

Mary's Ministry Team

Learn More About the Milton House

Adult Fellowship Club Invites You to Dinner on Tuesday, March 5 at 6p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement).

Please join us and bring a dish to share.

After dinner (about 7p) Kari Klebba will share information about the Milton House.

We hope that you will join us.

Altar Guild Meets After Lenten Supper

St. Paul's Altar Guild will serve the Lenten Supper on March 27. Our March meeting will be held following the worship service (about 7:20 p) in Fellowship Hall (the church basement).

All members are welcome to join us to learn more about the duties of Altar Guild. Don't miss this opportunity to get involved and serve!

No More Snow Days, Please!

What winter we have had!

We have had more than a few snow days this year, and the snow hill on the playground is as tall as the 2nd floor at times. While the students love the snow days, I know I have been praying that we are done with them. I'm looking forward to warmer weather, and I know a lot of the teachers are also.

We're moving from basketball to track soon, and we are looking to the cross as Lent and Easter approach. I am blessed to be able to work at a place that celebrates the Gospel message because not everyone can.

Lastly, school enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year is open if you know anyone looking for a school for next year. If you have any questions about the school, don't hesitate to ask me.

Principal Rob Lunak

New Date for Date Night

Date Night Out has been moved from Feb 25 to **Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. in room 204 of St. Paul's School. There's no cost, just bring a dessert or appetizer to share.**

We'd love to have you join us for the second date night and the study of the 5 Love Languages. We'll be talking about the Five Love Languages and start to look at each of the languages individually and how it matters in your marriage.

Don't worry if you missed the first session! You can still join us and discover how the Five Love Languages can work in your marriage.

If you'd like to attend, **contact Kathy Pingel at kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com** so that there are enough materials for everyone. We are looking forward to another fun evening!



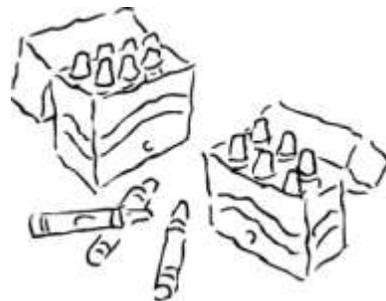
Broken Crayons Still Color

Our spring Women's event, is Saturday, March 30, 2019, from 8:30a-3:30p in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall (the church basement).

Our guest speaker, Heidi Goehmann from *ilovemyshepherd.com*, will talk about God's grace and mercy that comes to us when we feel broken, lost, and alone.

There will be light hearted breakout sessions, food, fun, and fellowship.

Register now!
Contact Kathy Pingel at kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com if you have questions.



Jr. High Red Letter Challenge

The Junior High Youth Group will be working through the “Red Letter Challenge” on Sundays from 4 to 5:30p beginning on March 3. This six week Bible study will help us read and interact with God’s Word more in our lives.

Each week we’ll focus on a different topic: Being, Forgiving, Serving, Giving, Going.

We’ll be studying in small groups and enjoy pizza and snacks each week. We are in need of adult help! Parents interested in joining us, please talk to John.



“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”
John 15:12

Youth Needed for Passion Play

St. Paul’s Youth will present The Passion Play at the afternoon worship service on Good Friday (April 19 at 2p).

Rehearsals will be March 24, March 31, April 7, and April 14, with a dress rehearsal on April 17.

We are looking for both Youth and Adults to help with this.

Please contact John Mueller for more information.



“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

The cross has been the most significant symbol of the Christian faith throughout church history. “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” is generally considered one of the finest hymns on this subject. The text was written by John Bowring, one of the most remarkable linguists who ever lived. It is said that he could converse in over one hundred different languages before his death. He was inspired to writing about the cross from his visit to Macao, on the South Chinese Coast, and was much impressed by the sight of a bronze cross towering on a massive wall that had formed a great cathedral. It originally overlooked a harbor and had been destroyed by a typhoon. The only wall left was topped by the huge metal cross.

The writing of the tune is also most interesting. It was composed 24 years after Bowring’s text by an American organist from Norwich, Connecticut. The compose, Ithamar Conkey was sorely disappointed at one Sunday morning service when only one choir member appeared, a faithful soprano by the name of Mrs. Beriah Rathbun. Before the evening service Conkey composed a new tune for this text and named it after his one faithful choir member. This hymn is #427 in our Lutheran Service Book, located in the church pew.

We have more than one soprano, but need more voices, to prepare our hearts for the coming Lenten and Easter season. Come and join our festival choir which meets between services on Sunday morning at 9:20am in the band/music room in the school’s lower level.



*In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow-ring o’er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story,
Gathers’ round its head sub-lime.*



With Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers all those who’ve lost someone dear to them.

We remember:

- Margaret Tegt and Paul Lembrich on the loss of their sister, Mary;
- the family of Ron & Mary Staben;
- Erica and children Regan, Claudia, Damon and Brooklyn on loss of husband/father Brent Boehlke;

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Regular Worship Schedule:

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

Official Acts:

Baptisms:

01-20-19 Griffin Gabriel Sullivan

Parents: Michael James & Heather Leigh (néé Casey) Sullivan

Sponsors: Daniel & Kimberly Casey

01-20-19 Shawn Michael Casey

Parents: Daniel Michael & Kimberly Lyn (néé Ashby) Casey

Sponsors: Michael & Heather Sullivan

01-26-19 Addelina Rose Froehlich

Parents: George John & Jennifer Michaela (néé Butler) Froehlich

Sponsors: Jesse Froehlich, Amybeth Froehlich

02-10-19 Kristy Nichole Parkerson (Adult)

Witnesses: Tom Neumann, elder; John Mueller

02-10-19 Coen Jacob Bainter

Parents: Travis Bainter and Kristy Nichole Parkerson

Sponsors: Logan Fertitta and Amy Pool

02-16-19 Jordan Peter Jezo

Parents: Jonathan Peter & Amanda Frances (néé Stella) Jezo

Sponsors: Dominick Stella and Annie Jezo

Deaths:

02-06-19 Ronald S. Staben

02-10-19 Mary A. Staben

02-11-19 Brent S. Boehlke

Membership Changes:

Re-affirmation of Faith:

02-17-19 Christopher Balcar

Adult Confirmation: 02-17-19: Shanteel Wolter-Balcar (Leliana);
Amanda Jezo; Mariie Nicholson (Mya, Dallas and Adler)

Removed by Own Request:

01-25-19 Amanda Hanson