

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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The Third Sunday in Lent

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March 2 & 3, 2024

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH.** We wish you God's richest blessings during your time with us. **Green prayer cards are on the podium in the Narthex or in the pews if you have prayer requests. Please give to an usher to give to pastor.**

**OUR VISION STATEMENT** *Our vision is to be a people transformed by the Gospel to live out and pass on the legacy of faith in Jesus Christ in our homes, community and world. We will empower and equip people to mentor following generations so that the legacy of faith continues.*

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT** *Our mission is to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ in order to share that faith with others.*

**LWML MITEBOX CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2024**

The distribution of each quarter's funds will be one-fourth to the National LWML Missions and three-fourths of each quarter's contributions would go to local missions. **The First Sunday of the month will go towards National LWML Mites/Missions The remaining 3 weeks of the month for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter will be supporting the Ida Grove Ambulance** Your coins will make a difference on the national level as well as in Ida Grove in 2024! Please drop your coins in the large Mite Box located in the Narthex whenever you visit our church!

**EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN UP SHEETS FOR DONATIONS, The Junior High Youth will hosting Easter Breakfast this year and the sign up sheets for donations are on the table in the Narthex, please check to see what you might be able to help with and the JR High Youth will also be accepting monetary donations.**

**There are a few items yet to be donated if you can check the sign up sheets**

**EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN UP** if you plan to attend Easter Breakfast there is a sign up sheet on the table, so the youth can have an idea of how to plan for the food they will serve. You are still welcomed to come the day of the breakfast.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** there are various positions open on our church boards coming up and Brandon Johnson as Vice President of the Congregation is in the process of asking members if they would be willing to serve. Please prayerfully consider when you are approached, also if you feel a real passion for a position on one of the various boards and would like to let Brandon, Pastor or the church office know please do or if you have any questions.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM

ACOLYTE: Sat. 5PM: Kyle

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM

ACOLYTE: Sunday 9:00AM Kylee

**CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

Sunday 3/3/24	Worship w/Communion – Live Streamed	9:00AM
	Coffee & Fellowship—Sr High Youth serving pancakes	10:15AM
	Sunday School & Youth	10:15-11:15AM
	Adult Bible Class (in the fellowship hall) – Revelation	10:30AM
	Installation of Pastor Neil Wehmas as Sole Pastor	3:00PM
Monday	Bells	6:30PM
	Elders	7:00PM
Wednesday	Bible Study at Jimmy’s	7:00AM
	Bible Study – Lent, A Liturgical Journey	9:30AM
	CIA – Catechism Instruction Academy 6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grades	5:00-5:45PM
	CIA -- 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	5:15-6:30PM
	LENTEN WORSHIP	7:00PM
Thursday	More than Bread Bible Study at Subway - Revelation	6:00PM
Saturday	Worship Service	5:00PM
Sunday 3/10/24	Worship – Live Streamed	9:00AM
	Coffee & Fellowship – Sr High Youth will serve	10:15AM
	Sunday School & Youth	10:15-11:15AM
	Adult Bible Class (in the fellowship hall) - Revelation	10:30-11:15AM

Offering this week:\$6/104.83 Attendance Saturday Eve:29 Sunday Morning:120  
Lent:45

**SR LYF** will be serving pancakes during coffee & fellowship Sunday, just a reminder that proceeds go towards the youth and their participation and travel to the Youth Gathering in New Orleans

**LYF EASTER EGG FUNDRAISER** – if you would like to have the LYF hide Easter Eggs in your yard please see enclosed insert. Deadline to sign up is March 20, you can pick time frames for the eggs to be hidden on March 30.

**INSTALLATION OF PASTOR NEIL WEHMAS** as Sole Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, will be on Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 3:00PM. Please join us after the Installation for a reception.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Jeremiah 26:1–15*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>“Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. <sup>3</sup>It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. <sup>4</sup>You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, <sup>5</sup>and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, <sup>6</sup>then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.’” <sup>7</sup>The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. <sup>8</sup>And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! <sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.” <sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup>Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

**EPISTLE**

*Ephesians 5:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. <sup>3</sup>But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup>Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup>For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 11:14–28*

<sup>14</sup>Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. <sup>15</sup>But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” <sup>16</sup>while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup>But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. <sup>18</sup>And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. <sup>19</sup>And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>20</sup>But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup>When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; <sup>22</sup>but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. <sup>23</sup>Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. <sup>24</sup>“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’” <sup>25</sup>And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup>Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.” <sup>27</sup>As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” <sup>28</sup>But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”



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## In Our Thoughts Prayers

Shari Walter - recovery & healing from foot surgery  
Susan Gierstorf - recovery & healing from knee replacement

Makayla Bell - recovery & healing from foot surgery on Feb.  
27 (granddaughter of Peggy Fick)

Installation of Pastor Neil Wehmas as Sole Pastor of St.  
Paul Ida Grove

*Continued prayers and/or healing for:*

Shirley Havener Jo Palmer Gene & Colleen Knop Corlys Boysen  
Jolene Ladwig Makayla Bell Stella Turnbull Austin Mollhoff  
Ron Kraphl Jeff Pierce Rose Schuldt Jim Wilcox Seth Hamann  
Mark Queen Dan Grell Kenton Petersen Lody Smith Erin DeBoer  
Diane Olsen Sue Bubbs Kayla Baker Tiffany Lindberg Trisha McCormick  
Ashley Collins Ivy Claussen

### March Birthdays this week:

March 3 Christine Krager  
March 4 Sharlene Osborn  
March 5 Chase Miesner Dean Rath Dennis Sykes  
March 6 Denise Chisholm Ava Wellendorf  
March 8 Zach Ehrig Jayne Harrington Chad Sharkey

### March Anniversaries

Feb. 28 Larry & Lori Boysen  
March 6 Ron & Zanet Thies

**COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS for March are beverages: coffee, tea, juices, hot chocolate etc.** place your donation in the shopping cart in the Narthex. *All items are appreciated as well, as they can always use donations.* The Community Basket is open on Thursdays (except 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM. **The mobile food pantry will be on March 21 from 4:30-5:30PM, at the Battle Creek Fire Station. If you're able to help, with sorting or carrying a box, it would be appreciated.**

**CHURCH KEYS:** We would like to try and update our records of who has church keys. If you have a church key and its still needed / in use, that's great. But, if you still have a key because of a board you were once on, or an event you needed it for and it just hadn't got turned back in, please just check in with Diane at the church office so we can update our records of who has keys and to please turn in any unused keys. Thank you!

## *Suffered Under Pontius Pilate*



**Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> @7pm**

***Repent, John Says***

**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> @7pm**

***Herod & John***

**Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> @7pm**

***Better that on Man Die***

**Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> @7pm**

***No Friend of Caesar's***

**MISSION CENTRAL** Be sure to mark your calendars for the speakers who will be presenting at Mission Central in just a couple of weeks it's a

### **DOUBLE HEADER**

**March 16-(Sat.)**-Missionary Rachel Krause will present on work with outreach to refugees in Germany. Her presentation will be at 1:00 PM

**March 16 (Sat.)**-Missionary Erin Mackenzie from Latin America will present on her work there. Her presentation will be at 1:30 PM

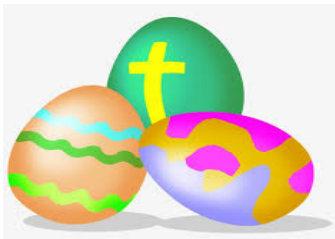
**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH IN MANNING:** "Opportunity to hear the Kantorei choir of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. They will be leading a **Lenten Evening Prayer service at Zion Lutheran Church in Manning on Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30pm.** They will also be at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs on Thursday, March 7th at 6:30pm."

# **LYF Easter Egg Hunt Fundraiser**

**We will bring your Easter Eggs to  
you!! Choose the amount of eggs you  
would like us to hide and we will  
scatter them in your yard filled with  
gummy treats!**

**Eggs will be delivered Saturday  
March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Order by: Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**



**24 Eggs - \$20**

**48 eggs - \$30**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Time: 10-12\_\_\_\_\_ 12-2\_\_\_\_\_ 2-4\_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions/placement of eggs \_\_\_\_\_

# of Eggs \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Can leave in the bucket provided or at the church office**