

† St. Paul's Epistle †

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † MISSOURI SYNOD

MARCH 2024



FROM PASTOR KANOEY:

St. John writes:

"Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, 'I am thirsty.' A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit" (John 19:28-30).

These words describe Jesus' suffering and death – suffering and death which were made necessary by our sin. These words also help us to see that Jesus finished the work of saving us from our sin with His death on the cross. Because Jesus finished the work, there is nothing left for you and me to do but to accept God's gift of salvation through faith. Thanks be to God for His indescribable love for you and me!

As I write this article, we are one day past Ash Wednesday, the day that marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Even though the Lenten season has just barely begun, I am already eagerly anticipating the celebration of Easter! During the month of March, you are encouraged to ponder our Lord's passion – and to celebrate His resurrection. Following is the schedule of worship services for the rest of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter: In addition to our regular Sunday morning worship services, I invite you to join us in remembering our Lord's suffering and celebrating His victory at the following:

March 6 (Wed.)	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship
March 13 (Wed.)	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship
March 20 (Wed.)	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship
March 24 (Sun.)	8:15 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship
March 24 (Sun.)	10:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship
March 28 (Thur.)	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship (H/C)
March 29 (Fri.)	8:00 p.m.	Good Friday Tenebrae Service

March 31 (Sun.)	7:00 a.m.	Easter SONrise Worship (H/C)
March 31 (Sun.)	8:30 a.m.	Easter Worship (H/C)
March 31 (Sun.)	10:00 a.m.	Easter Worship (H/C)

Please note that on Easter Sunday, we will have **three worship services**. At **7:00 a.m.** we will have a SONrise worship service with Holy Communion. We will also have worship services with Holy Communion at **8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.** These two worship services will be the same service. Because of the worship service schedule, **Bible Class/Sunday School will not meet on Easter Sunday**. You are also invited to join us for **breakfast** Easter morning, which will be served in the Fellowship Hall by the youth from **7:45-9:45 a.m.**

As we continue through the Lenten season, keep your eyes on the cross ... and the empty tomb! And remember ... **"I know that my Redeemer lives ..."** (Job 19:25).

In the Joy of Jesus!

Pastor Rick Kanoy

WORSHIP HOURS

Sunday Morning – 8:15 a.m. Traditional Service
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Blended Service

STATISTICS FOR DEC/JAN

Date	Attend.	Contributions
01/28	212	\$11,968.79
02/04	248	\$25,668.33
02/11	217	\$7,739.66
02/14	203	\$1,656.00
02/18	274	\$8,676.08
Weekly Home Budget Required		\$17,730.77
Monthly Funds Required		\$76,833.34

Principal Notes

We are entering the Easter season, and as Martin Luther reminds us, "Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime." The temperatures are warming, and we will be coming into the last nine weeks of our school year.

In my classes we will be finishing up several units. The 7th and 8th grade English class will be taking a test on the novel True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle. In their World Geography class, we are finishing up on Western and Eastern Europe, this will be followed by units on Asia and Africa. The 5th and 6th grade class, in U.S. History are covering World War I and World War II. We hope to get through the 1950's through the 1990's.

This past month we hosted the Washington County Spelling Bee, our students did very well. The qualifiers for St. Paul's were Naomi Duley, Levi Bell, Trevor Cruikshank and Ruby Hoffschneider. Trevor placed 3rd overall and Ruby placed 2nd, she was so close to winning the Bee, she went 14 rounds before she lost to Wyatt Smith of Blair. The winning word was plutonomy, so congratulations to Ruby and Trevor, 8th grader and a 7th grader; also to Naomi and Levi, it was a learning experience for them as they are both 5th graders.

The Chapel offerings for this quarter are going to the HOME program and the last 9 weeks we will be having the offerings going to the Orphan Grain Train, in Norfolk, Nebraska.

Some closing thoughts on this Lenten/Easter season, first by Fulton J. Sheen, "Unless there is Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday."

Lent is a time of reflection, about what Christ did for us, in the sacrifice he made for us by his death on the cross. Easter is that celebration of the resurrection which is the backbone of our Christian beliefs. May you and your family have a blessed Easter, "remember" It's not about the bunny; it's about the Lamb."

Upcoming Events:

March 5	Pre School Open House – 6:30 PM
March 7	End of the 3rd Quarter
March 12	Report Cards go home
March 14-15	Spring Break
March 27	1:00 PM Chapel
March 28-April 1	Easter Break

Preschool

February was a fun filled month of learning. Rhyming, letter sounds and counting everything we see is keeping us very busy! We also have been enjoying playing outside. God has provided some very beautiful

days this last month. March will also be filled with much learning. We have started a nutrition unit through the Washington County Extension Office. With this unit we will be trying to grow a small garden in our classroom and learn about the different food groups. The importance of having healthy teeth will also be included.

-Mrs. Thompson and the Preschool Class

Kindergarten

February was exciting with the groundhog NOT seeing his shadow, as students are anxious for spring. We celebrated Valentines' Day with our friends, and we learned about our presidents since February holds Presidents' Day. Parent teacher conferences gave us a chance to share our academic progress with our parents. February ended with the many fun activities planned for National Lutheran Schools' Week. Again, we thank each of you for the support you give to our Lutheran School. We love our school, and we couldn't be this happy without your dedication to this place!

Now we join in saying, "Forward, March!" We will be welcoming spring on March 19. It will bring 'God sightings' as we watch things green up as the season unfolds. Holy Week will be a busy week as we learn more about the many emotions dear Jesus experienced during that week of His life. His resurrection on Easter morning will be the most wonderful way to end March! In math we will be learning about telling time. The Money Unit is fun, and we will be quite proud of our skills with subtraction. In His Love, Mrs. Dunklau and the kindergarten class

First and Second Grade

We are getting much better at writing stories with more details! Our last story about Moses we used 3 quality adjectives, 3 new vocabulary words, and a who/which clause! We've enjoyed a great start to Lent with a Valentines party and chapel with our faithful friends. In math we have been measuring to the nearest inch in 1st grade while second graders are beginning to learn about area and some multiplication!

-Mrs. Meyer and the 1st/2nd Grade Class

Fifth and Sixth Grade

The 5th and 6th grade students have had a full schedule over the last few weeks. Students led chapel for faithful friends chapel with a focus on Old Testament accounts and relating them back to Jesus and his sacrifice for us on the cross. We looked particularly at ways in which the Old Testament mirrors Jesus's intercession for us and ways this was shown through other Biblical accounts. Students also enjoyed making videos highlighting our school for National Lutheran Schools Week and sharing those with other students. National Lutheran Schools Week was such an exciting time for the class with many enjoyed

-Mrs. Cotter and the 5th/6th Grade Class

Students in the lower grades have been enjoying some new songs! They have been learning songs about Old Testament stories from a book called Bible Stories and Fun Songs. I am blessed to work with such enthusiastic young singers.

March Scripture Readings

Exodus 20:1-17
1 Cor. 1:18-31

Psalm 19
John 2:13-22 (23-25)

Numbers 21:4-9	Psalms 107:1-9
Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:1-10

Psalm 119:9-16
Mark 10:(32-34) 35-45

Zech. 9:9-12 Psalm 118:19-29 or Ps. 31:9-16
Phil. 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-47 or John 12:20-43

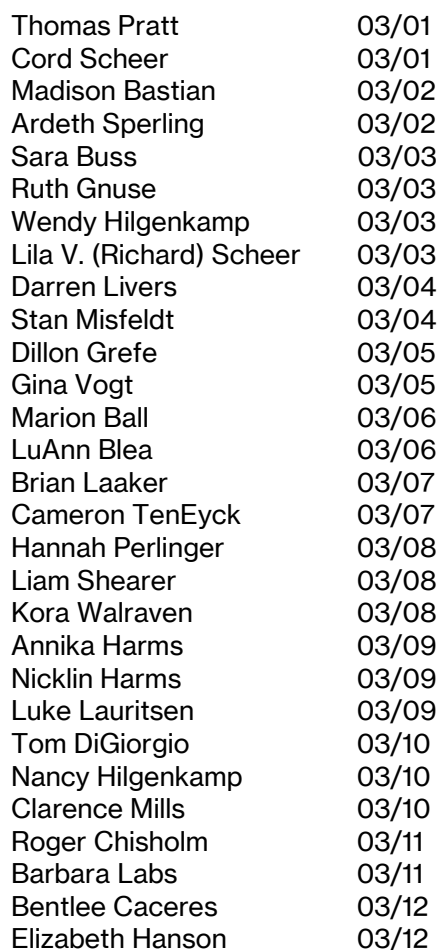
Exodus 24:3-11
1 Cor. 10:16-17

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 or Psalm 31
Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42 or John 19:17-30

Exodus 15:1-11
1 Cor. 5:6b-8

Psalms 118:15-29
John 20:1-18

Isaiah 25:6-9
1 Cor. 15:1-11



Adrienne Larsen	03/12
Maddlynn Soll	03/14
Cathy Wells	03/14
Teagan Reed	03/15
Elijah Teal	03/15
Christopher Wolf	03/15
Krisann Adams	03/16
Robert Jacobsen	03/16
Jamie Meints	03/16
Tyler Rinas	03/16
Jack Carden	03/17
Paul Thies	03/17
Jackie Grefe	03/18
Carolyn Hofeldt	03/18
Andrew Hokamp	03/18
Wesley Martens	03/18
Halee Pfingsten	03/18
Ryker Wright	03/18
Emily Pratt	03/19
Brandt Ruskamp	03/19
Jessica Wollberg	03/19
Kim Dickmeyer	03/20
Naomi Duley	03/20
Maxwell Fickenscher	03/20
Brooke Harms	03/20
Jaime Long	03/20
Michael O'Dell	03/20
Hannah Marquardt	03/21
Gracen Adams	03/22
Carie Sapp	03/22
Sherie Hilgenkamp	03/23
Mark Hunter	03/23
Scott Miller	03/23
Brian Petersen	03/23
Joan Scheer	03/23
Emma Misfeldt	03/24
Beckett Stork	03/24
Hannah Hamilton(Hank)	03/25
Andrew Milan	03/25
Rachel Rosenthal	03/25
Linda Delaney	03/26
A.J. Dunklau	03/26
Joseph Green	03/26
David Green	03/27
Wesley Mittelstedt	03/27
Debra Bosshart	03/29
Darrell Hilgenkamp	03/29
Karen Hilgenkamp	03/29
Joyce Pendley	03/29
Cameron Menard	03/30
Abbigail Schakat	03/30
Sarah Kramp	03/31