Scripture Readings

March 19	Fourth Sunday in Lent	ls. 42:14-21	Psalm 142	•	John 9:1-7, 13- 17, 34-39
March 26	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Ezk. 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Rom. 8:1-11	John 11:17-27, 38-53
April 2	Palm Sunday	ls. 50:4-9a	Psalm 118:19 -29	Phil. 2:5-11	Matt. 26:1- 27:66

Last year at this time the month of March was declared **Pastor's Wife Appreciation Month**

here at St. Paul Lutheran!

Everyone is encourage to find ways to express care and appreciation for the pastor's wife especially this month and throughout the year.

Always remember to thank God for sending & keeping them here with us.

2023 Easter Lily Order

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to provide an Easter Lily in memory or honor of someone you love or a special occasion.

The cost of the plant is \$12.00.

Saturday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM

Family Education - 10:30 AM

Monday Newsletter Deadline - 4:00 PM

Tuesday Women's Bible Study - 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM

New Member Class - 6:30 PM

Wednesday Bulletin Deadline - Noon

Lenten Services - 12:05 PM & 7:30 PM

Midweek - 6:00 PM

Lutheran for Life - 6:30 PM

Next Saturday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM **Next Sunday** Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM

Family Education - 10:30 AM

Welcome

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OUR MISSION

"Existing in God's love and forgiveness, St. Paul proclaims the Gospel of Christ, helps people grow in faith, and nurtures lives of worship and service."

March 18 & 19, 2023

By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His Marvelous Light

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. "For his righteousness' sake," He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns "the darkness before them into light" (Is. 42:16) because He is "the light of the world" (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh "while it is day," until that night "when no one can work" (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though "at one time you were darkness," now "you are light in the Lord" (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to "awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead" (Eph. 5:14).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored In Celebration of Velma Lang's 102 Birthday
The cost to sponsor a broadcast is \$40.00.
A book is in the Narthex to sign-up for dates.

WELCOME to our guests and congregation! We are glad you are here! Thank you for ioining us for worship and please feel free to ioin us again!

Fourth Sunday in Lent Hymn #s - 907, 571, 744, 620, 725, 636, 917 **SERVING THIS WEEKEND**

Sat. Connie Paronto / Sun. Gary Fredrickson Oraanist

Ushers Mark Pfizenmaier, Walt Lenhart

Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht

Gene Ferguson, Garry Stenzel Communion Assistant Acolyte Addyson Pladson, Brynley Langvardt

Kathy Burger, Cathy Carlson, Kim Davis, Courtney Hammel, Altar Guild

Kelly Holte, Winnie Wells

Fellowship Stewardship Board

FAMILY EDUCATION - 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Preschool - Kindergarten - meet in Preschool Room (Basement)

1st Grade - 3rd Grade - meet in Tree Room (West Wing)

4th Grade - 6th Grade - meet in Puzzle Room (West Wing)

7th Grade - 12th Grade - meet in Conference Room (West Wing)

Adult - meet in Fellowship Hall (Basement)

Weekly Attendance	Sat	Sun	Total
March 4 & 5	32	151	183
March 8 - Lenten Midweek 2			63
March 11 & 12	34	92	126

Family Education Attendance	Total
March 5	NC
March 12	36



GOD'S LIVING WATER VBS 2023

Tuesday, May 30, 2023 to Friday, June 2, 2023 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Sign up today for VBS! Throughout this program, we will emphasize the Living Water, Jesus, through exciting games, lively music, impressive science experiments, and more! Let's celebrate that we're covered in Jesus' grace!

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St. Paul Lutheran Church will have a short, special voter's meeting to discuss matters related to Associate Pastors. Please join us for this brief meeting, after worship on March 26. Thank you!

IN OUR PRAYERS **Congregational Members**

Remembering our shut-ins: Bonnie VonLehe, Jack Wilder-Advena; Velma Lang, Irma Burger, Darlene Obenland-Presbyterian Manor; Betty Sump-Leonardville Nursing Home; Julie Hillman-Linn Nursing Home; Cedric Pfaff-Well Springs of Westmoreland.

Health concerns: Marvin Elm, Jay Burger, Buster Kemp, Georgie Dierking, Janet Thurlow, Kenzie Hillman, Dena Hillman, Kay Osthoff, Gary Helms, Larry Rakowsky, Cliff Noffsinger, Ann Worley, Dee Noffsinger, and Jackie Ponton.

Our outreach programs: Small Group Ministry, St. Paul Preschool, Radio Ministry, LWML Friendship Circle, and our Youth groups.

Larger Community Members

Healing: Holt Hammeke, Larry Wallace, Jr., Lois Nash, Elizabeth Wischer, Gary Wachsnicht, Paul, Sharon Wachsnicht, Lee, Randy Roe, Brady Herring, Melissa Dunn, Daphne Evertt, Darlene Miller, Scot Richter, Darla Wilder, Gail Habluetzel. Linda Zurlein (Melissa Baxter's aunt), Staci Stratman, Lon Gallup, Megan Loberg, Brody Reed, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrlli, Taylor James, Raiden Stewart, Sheila McGrew, Jack Parnell, Donald, Sandy Wohler, Marla Forsyth, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, Kerri Brown, Ethan, Dan Gott, Luke, and Ella Turner. Military: Liam, Cooper, Michael, and

Evan.

Mission Efforts beyond St. Paul

LeadaChild: For the Sake of the Church: Lutheran Bible Translators: Lutheran Heritage Foundation; KansaSEED Deaf Ministry; Lutheran Hour Ministries; North Central Kansas LCMS Outreach

Please remember to inform the church office when the person for whom you requested prayer should be removed from the prayer list.

LWML Linn Zone Spring Event will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church. 2942 27th Road, Hanover, Kansas, on Sunday, March 19, 2023. Registration will be at 1:30 pm with meeting at 2:00 pm.

St. Peters Lutheran. south of Barnes. is hosting a spaghetti dinner on March 26, serving from 11:00-1:00. Pasta, salad, bread sticks and desserts will be available. Free will donation proceeds will be given to the Linn Lutheran School. Hope to see many of you at St. Peters for dinner and visiting.

Women's Bible Study on Tuesday, March 21st 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM 'Jesus's Promises To Us' Please join us & bring a friend!

We are looking for sponsors for the Radio Broadcast. The following months still have openings: June, July, August, September, October, November, & December. Please see the sign-up book located in the Narthex to choose your week to sponsor for the cost of \$40.