

# St. Paul's Epistle

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Lutheran Church

## ***ALL ARE WELCOME!***

### **TWO WEDNESDAY LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **“THE MIRACLES OF JESUS”**

There are two options for the Wednesdays in Lent.

- ⌘ Wednesday Noon Lenten Devotions and Lunch in the Fellowship Hall  
(bring your own lunch)
- ⌘ Wednesday Soup & Supper at 6:00PM (Free will offering) in the Fellowship Hall
- ⌘ Wednesday Worship at 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall

#### **Palm Sunday Worship**

March 24th

#### **Maundy Thursday Worship**

March 28th 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion

#### **Good Friday Worship**

March 29th 7:00 p.m. Worship

#### **Easter Worship**

March 31st at 7 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. with Holy Communion

Breakfast served from 8 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.



#### **New Members**

**WELCOME!**

The Whitney Family– Shawn, Jamie, Noah and Khloe

Wyniah Mintz

**NOTICE!**  
**All On-site**  
**ministries and**  
**programs**  
**suspended!**  
**INCLUDING**  
**MARCH 10TH**  
**WORSHIP**

**March 4th-10th**



**We still need**  
**your help!**  
The Annual Spring  
Supper is this Sun-  
day, March 3rd!

***Our mission is to GATHER as God's people; to GROW in faith, love, and service; and to GO into the community and world as disciples of Jesus.***

# Sunday School

Sunday School is on most Sunday's  
from 11 a.m. to 11:50 am.

**NO Sunday School Classes**

- March 10th, 17th and 31st

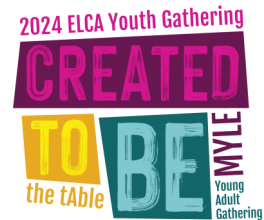
***Easter Program  
Rescheduled!***

**Sunday, April 21st!**



## *The Youth attending the National Youth Gathering*

are having an “Envelope” support fundraiser. Check out the Giving Tree! Please consider sponsoring an envelope!



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***GATHER***

***GROW***

***GO***

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## Children & Youth Happenings

### **Sonshine Friends: (Wed. After-School Program)**

Our theme for this year is “The 10 Commandments.”

We continue to separate into two groups; K-2nd Graders (Group A) and 3rd-6th Graders (Group B). It's not too late to join us!

### **LYO - LIVING OUT LOUD**

Youth Meet-up is for 6th-9th graders in the couch room after worship for visiting...we will talk about life happenings and discuss some tough questions we may have about our faith while enjoying a snack/beverage from fellowship! We will try to meet once a month.

*6-8th Grade Sunday Evening Youth Group* will be meeting this winter once a month from 6PM-7:30PM.

### **First Communion Instruction**



It has been the practice that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders complete a class on First Communion and receive their formal First Communion on Maundy Thursday. However if parents of younger children believe they are ready to receive now, please visit with Pastor Sloka.

In keeping with this, Pastor Janis will be hosting the First Communion class on **Sunday, March 24th at 8:30 am** for the first part. The second portion of the class will be continued after worship that day at **11 am**. A parent is asked to attend with their child. This will be the only class they are required to complete. We will have a meal together with this year's students and family at **6:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, March 28th**. The students will receive their First Communion during Maundy Thursday worship. Mark your calendars early!

# Worship

## Sundays

*Please remember we are committed to Live Streaming all of our worship services.*

**Scripture Readers** needed for March and April

**Acolytes** for March and April

**Fellowship Servers** are needed for the Spring! We are looking for people willing to serve coffee, juice and goodies on Sunday mornings after worship during fellowship time.

**Wednesdays in Lent**- "The Miracles of Jesus"  
Lenten Worship at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A light meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. March 13 & 20

## Palm Sunday Worship

March 24th 9:45am

## Maundy Thursday

March 28th at 7:00 p.m.

## Good Friday

March 29th at 7:00 p.m.

## Easter Worship

March 31st at 7 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. with Holy Communion  
Breakfast served from 8 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

## **NEW! Communion set-up and clean-up teams!**

In order to better serve our worship services, the set-up and clean-up will no longer be responsible by Action Groups. We now have teams who have volunteered to do this important part of worship. If you would like to be a team, please see Pastor Sloka.

**The orientations will NOW be Sunday, March 24th either at 9:15AM or immediately following worship.**

## Special Lent Offering

**"A way to help others!" during  
this year's Lent!**



-This year we will be supporting CAR "the Central African Republic" by collecting coins in M&M containers for CAR. You take an M&M container, eat the candy and fill the container with quarters. \$14 worth of quarters fill the container. Thank you for supporting our Companion Synod in Africa.

## ACTION GROUPS

The April Action Group will meet on Sunday, March 17th.

The May Action Group will meet on Sunday, April 21st.



### YouTube Channel

St. Paul Lutheran Church,  
Garrison ND

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## Weekly Bible Studies

### Men's Tuesday morning Bible

**Study:** will continue on Tuesdays, at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel. The study is looking at the upcoming Sunday readings.

### Thursday Morning Community

**Bible Study:** at the Meadows will continue at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. The study is looking at the upcoming Sunday readings.

### WOMEN'S CIRCLE MEETING and BIBLE STUDY

Morning Circle meets every month for fellowship and Bible study. They usually meet the 1st Wednesday at 9:30AM,. March will be at Juanita Grosz's home.

### MOPS/MOMSNEXT

We are Lake Sakakawea MOPS/MOMSNEXT. Our community MOPS group meets on the first Monday of most months from September through May.

We meet at St Paul Lutheran Church from 6-8 p.m. Our theme for this year is "Say Yes!" We want to help you experience the joy and tackle the challenges of motherhood. Childcare is provided. If you would like more information, please contact Holly Klemisch at 701-471-3848 or Loree Jeffers at 460-0924.





Greetings friends!

Blessings to you and your families! I have been wondering if the Ground Hog got it correct!? Is spring here!?

We were challenged at the end of January with a pipe breaking in a room behind the alter. We have been blessed to be able to worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Reconstruction process is under way. Volunteers are needed at times. Please contact me if you can help.

At our Annual Meeting in January we did not have a quorum so we had to schedule a special meeting at the end of February. The results are below.

Please note a couple of things I am highlighting in this newsletter. There is information about a member of a

## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### **SPECIAL MEETING VOTE RESULTS**

**Approval of the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes**

*APPROVED*

**Fund A/Parsonage Loan Request by the council to pay off the mortgage. Payoff is \$88,679.**

*APPROVED*

#### **Endowment Fund**

**Approve the amount of interest earned to be disbursed to the council for sound system and live-stream updates. \$8,000**

*APPROVED*

**Approval of Kevin Rime as the new chair and John Haugen continuing as the secretary.**

*APPROVED*

**Proposal for By-Law Changes- approved by the Council. A full copy is available in the Fellowship Hall.**

*APPROVED*

**Approve the Proposed 2024 Budget**

*APPROVED*

**Motion to change the Congregation's Constitution: C10.04. The council moves to change "25 percent of the voting members shall constitute a quorum" to "10 percent of the voting members shall constitute a quorum."**

*APPROVED*

new team to set up and clean up Holy Communion, when first communion instruction will be held, Lent opportunities and much more from other staff and council.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you are interested in new ways for you to be involved in our community of faith. We have a vibrant community and faith. I am proud to be a part of it!

If you are struggling, please remember there are many resources at St. Paul that can help you in your journey, whether it be going well or in a season of struggles. There are many sisters and brothers in Christ who would be available to visit with you and share in your life happenings with you.

My office door is always open, I am easily emailed, and I am a cell phone call or text away! And if you are a Snap Chatting person, I am slowly but surely learning how to do that too.

Blessings as we continue through Lent and then into the Easter season!

Peace,

Pastor Janis

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### *Council Officers*

President– Clair Eslinger

Vice President– Randy Essler

Secretary– Deb Youngs

### *New Council Members*

Wade Kolden

Cheryl Mehlhoff

Tami Engel

Barbara Holland Ferguson

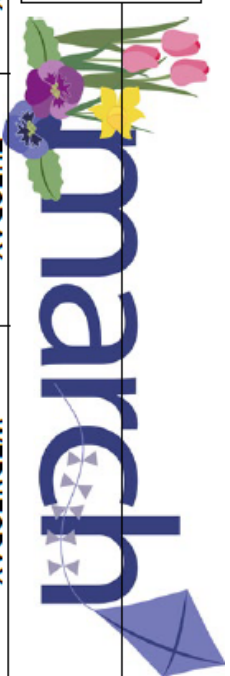
### **Quilting**

No Quilting until further notice!

### **Snowbirds**

Please let Holly Klemisch know when you are returning from the south so that she can change your mailing address.

# 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>3</b> 9:45 Worship- Holy Communion 10:45 NO Fellowship SUPPER SET UP 11:00 Easter Program Practice 11:00 LOL 6-8 <sup>th</sup> grade 4:00-6:30 Church Supper	<b>ALL ON-SITE PROGRAMS SUSPENDED</b> <b>Reconstruction in the building</b>	→	<b>6</b> 9:30 Circle Meeting at <i>Juanita Grosz's</i> 7:00 Virtual Lent Worship	<b>7</b> → 10:00 Community Bible Study-Meadows	<b>8</b> → Crafting Evening OFF Site	<b>9</b> → Crafting Day Off Site <b>SPRING AHEAD</b>
<b>10</b> <b>NO ON SITE WORSHIP</b> 9:45 Virtual Worship NO Sunday School	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10:00 Men's Bible Study 5:00 Exercise Grp	<b>13</b> 12 Noon Lent Devotions 3:00 Sonshine Friends (B) 6:00 Lent Supper 7:00 Lent Worship	<b>14</b> 10:00 Comm. Bible-Meadows 5:00 Exercise Grp	<b>15</b> No School	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:45 Worship- Holy Communion 10:45 April Action Group meets 10:45 Fellowship 11:00 NO Sunday School 12:00-8PM SACA Class	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00 Men's Bible Study 5:00 Exercise Grp 6:30 Girl Scouts	<b>20</b> 12 Noon Lent Devotions 3:00 Sonshine Friends- both groups Easter Party 6:00 Lent Supper 7:00 Lent Worship	<b>21</b> 10:00 Community Bible Study-Meadows 5:00 Exercise Grp	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:30 First Communion Instruction 9:45 Worship- Holy Communion 10:45 Fellowship 11:00 Sunday School First Communion Instruction	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 Men's Bible Study 5:00 Exercise Grp	<b>27</b> No Lunch Devotions 2:00-4:00 Chapels No Sonshine Friends No Supper No Worship	<b>28</b> <b>MAUNDAY THURSDAY</b> 5:30 Family Meal 7:00 Worship with Holy Communion	<b>29</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 7:00 Worship	<b>30</b>
<b>31 EASTER</b> 7:00 Worship- Holy Communion 8AM-9AM Breakfast 9:45 Worship- Holy Communion NO Sunday School			<b>OFFICE HOURS</b> Monday-Thursday 9AM-3PM Fridays 9AM-12Noon			

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