



# The St. Paul Epistle

Parish Newsletter – St. Paul Lutheran Church  
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## Reverend's Reflection

Have you ever heard the saying, "March goes in like a lion and out like a lamb?" Well, I have heard it for years - and even used it in February! The current forecast looks for March to enter as a lamb, so we can expect a lion in late March? Well, so goes the saying.

I was interested in the origins of this saying. Apparently, there are a number of origins from balance of weather to astrology. I read a Christian origin story about the lamb pointing to Jesus at the end of the month. What is interesting is how none of these really are always true when it comes to the weather. Remember the lambs and lions for the entire March? Even the Christian origin of the Lamb at the end of March does not work when Easter is in April.

Like so many sayings, they are always true... when it happens!

But there is one thing constant, sure, and always true: "**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**" (Heb 13:8). The author of Hebrews declares a sure and certain truth about Jesus. We look back to the deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt for Jesus where the Angel of God in the pillar of cloud moved from leading the Israelites to defending the rear guard. (Exodus 14:19) Jesus' death expressed the love of God throughout all eternity. (John 3:16) The Bible confesses Jesus' love for His people in the Old Testament, New Testament, and for all eternity.

And that should give us great comfort. We know that when the chips are down, Jesus is there. He loves and defends us even today. When we are suffering a health scare, Jesus is there. When we are anxious about school or a job, Jesus is there. No matter what lion or lamb presents itself in our lives, Jesus our deliverer is there. Always.

Rev. Zwick

**St. Paul Youth Ensemble** – We are looking to start a youth music ensemble for special music to share God's Word using their 1<sup>st</sup> Article gifts! Youth can either sing or play an instrument. 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to sign up on the bulletin board in the church narthex. Contact Carrie Zwick for more information.

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# ***Special Needs for Prayer & Joys to Share***

## ***We include in our prayers both personal and in church on Sundays***

**Sully Clark** – son of Ross and Rachel (Kuehn) Clark, hip surgery March 6 at Children's Mercy Kansas City, grandson of Jane Kuehn  
**Larry Kuehn** – son of Bill & Kay Kuehn, surgery March 6  
**Brad Johnson** – prayers for healing  
**Dick Binder** – cancer  
**Sara Schneider** – health issues  
**Dan Dorn** – Emilee Hoffschneider's dad, recovering  
**Trisha Thames** – breast cancer  
**John Petersen** – son of Nancy Petersen, lymphoma  
**JR Venteicher** – brother of Corey Vahl, health issues  
**Lynne Boston** – sister of Kay Kuehn, cancer  
**Karen Vahl** – mother of Corey Vahl, hospice  
**Bruce Mildfeldt** – health issues  
**Sharon Waldon** – health issues  
**Milton Naprstek** – multiple myeloma  
**Schuyler Reinhart** – granddaughter of Sharon Waldon, health issues

## ***Wedding Anniversaries in March***

<b>Karl &amp; Marlene Detmers</b> – March 4, '94 (30 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>Bill &amp; Kay Kuehn</b> – March 20, '66
<b>Terry &amp; Marie Nelson</b> – March 7, '92	<b>Jeff &amp; Sarah Sawnsen</b> – March 24, '01
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<b>Ron &amp; Trudy Sinsel</b> – March 17, '72	

## ***Update on Members & Friends in Care Homes or limited to being in their own homes***

**At Bethany Home** – Barb Kline, Roger Kuehn, Bob Greisen, John Saathoff, Marcie Schmidt, Marilyn Nielsen  
**At Good Samaritan Village, Hastings** – Robin Torske  
**At Central Nebraska Veterans Home, Kearney** – Leonard Ginder  
**At their own homes** – Dallas Volk, Bill Waldon

## ***Funeral***

**Brenda L. Farrow, 61**, was called to her eternal rest on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at Bethany Home. A memorial service will be held here at St. Paul at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 23, 2024. We remember her sons Kenny and Matthew in our prayers.

## ***Congratulations***

to **Orrin Kuehn** who was the class C state champion for the 150 weight class at the Nebraska State Wrestling Tournament! Orrin is the son of Jason & Vatisa Kuehn, grandmother is Janice Kuehn.



**DAYLIGHT SAVING – begins 2:00 am on Sunday, March 10**  
**Remember to move clocks 1 hour forward!**

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**Calling for Old Adult Jeans!!!!** For LWML national convention 2025 in Omaha, we need jean pockets!!! Please save your old adult jeans for us. Jeans can be put on the bottom of the coat rack in the Fellowship Hall.

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE – Offerings through Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

<b>52 wk Home Goal</b>	<b>\$201,345</b>	<b>52 wk Mission Goal</b>	<b>\$29,500</b>	<b>53 wk Building Goal:</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>7 wk Home Given</b>	<b>\$27,104</b>	<b>7 wk Mission Goal</b>	<b>\$3,969</b>	<b>7 wk Building Goal:</b>	<b>\$1,323</b>
<b>7 wk Home Given</b>	<b>\$41,802</b>	<b>7 wk Mission Given</b>	<b>\$3,173</b>	<b>7 wk Building Given:</b>	<b>\$705</b>

**Weekly Home Goal: \$3,872    Weekly Mission Goal: \$567    Weekly Building Goal: \$189**  
**Scholarship Fund: \$8,221.16    Extra Help Fund: \$623.67    HVAC Fund: \$15,375.32**

Electronic giving options are now available. Please contact Amy Latter if you would like to contribute with a deduction from your bank account or by using a debit card.

## From the Church Secretary's Office . . .

### ❖ Volunteers Needed!

**Ushers Needed** – Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the narthex if you can help. Ushers serve for one month. They also serve as greeters and hand out bulletins before the service.

**March:** Don & Sandy Becker

**June:** Paityn & Payton Jameson

**April:** Arlen & Nancy Osterbuhr

**July:** Gary & Sue Ziems

**May:** Jerry & Jeanne Jons

**August:** Roger & Lori Sirek

**Hosts for Cookie/Coffee Fellowship Last Sunday of the month** – Need families, couples, church groups, to sign-up on the bulletin board in the narthex to host. Not a hard job. Usually need 8 to 10 dozen cookies. Good Fellowship for worshippers after worship. Coffee, punch, juice too.

- ❖ **Easter Lilies For Easter** – Friends and members who would like to reserve an Easter Lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one or friend or family members for Easter can contact Ginny Sinsel or find Easter Lily envelopes in the narthex. Lilies will come from Joy's Floral in Minden at \$25.00. **Please have your requests in by Palm Sunday, March 24.**

### ❖ Online Resources:

**St. Paul website** – [www.stpaulserving.com](http://www.stpaulserving.com)

**YouTube** – the channel is named: *St. Paul Lutheran Church, Minden, NE*. Recordings of worship services are regularly posted. Links to new uploads are posted on the church's website. This can be a great way to share the message of Jesus.

**Facebook** – Be sure to check out St. Paul's Facebook page for the latest news and updates. Special thanks to Deanne Birkestrand for faithfully updating information!

**KFUO Radio** – KFUO.org or app in Apple or Google store. KFUO has LCMS studies and information live or on demand.

### ❖ Available in the Church Narthex:

**Printed Copies of monthly Church Newsletter** – Available online at the church's website [www.stpaulserving.com](http://www.stpaulserving.com). If you would like to receive the newsletter by email or mail or know someone that would, contact the church office, 308-832-1343.

**Portals of Prayer** – We have them in large print, medium print, and the "pocket" size.

**Offering Envelopes** – Contact Jerry Jons if you would like a set.

**New 2024 Membership Directory**

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# 150

A committee is being formed to begin discussing plans for our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2028. If you are interested in helping to "brainstorm" ideas please contact our church secretary, Jenny (308-830-1250). Anyone is welcome to help – we need a wide variety of interests and talents! She's hoping to have the first meeting in March.

# LENT

## 2024 MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

The Lenten sermon series will be St. John's Passion focusing on the glory and might of Jesus hidden underneath the weakness of suffering and death. We will visit the scenes of the Passion in the garden, on trial before the Jews, on trial before Pilate, at the conviction, at the crucifixion, and at Jesus' death. Let us meditate on what all of these mean during this season of Lent as we approach Holy Week and the celebration of Jesus' victory over sin, death, and the power of the Devil. Lenten services will be conducted each Wednesday evening for six weeks, beginning at 6:30 pm. Confirmation classes for the seventh and eighth grade class will follow the service.

## MIDWEEK LENTEN SUPPERS

Supper will be served before services starting at 5:30 pm. Freewill offering to support ministry projects for each group.

<b>Feb. 28</b>	<b>Supper – hosted by Altar Committee</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>Supper – hosted by Special Olympics</b>
<b>March 13</b>	<b>Supper – hosted by Central Committee</b>
<b>March 20</b>	<b>Supper – hosted by Sunday School Families</b>



Fellowship Meal

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## LENTEN DEVOTIONS 2024 – “Lamb of God”

Lutheran Hour Ministries Lenten devotional books for Lent 2024 are available in the narthex from the St. Paul Lutheran Laymen's League . . . free for the taking.

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## *HOLY WEEK at St. Paul Lutheran Church*

<b>Palm Sunday, March 24</b>	10:15 am – Palm Sunday, Communion
<b>Maundy Thursday, March 28</b>	7:00 pm – Worship Service with Communion
<b>Good Friday, March 29</b>	7:00 pm – Worship Service
<b>Easter Sunday, March 31</b>	7:45 am – Sunrise Worship Service with Communion 9:00 am – Easter Breakfast (No Sunday School/ No Bible Study) 10:15 am – Worship Service with Communion

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## *Easter Breakfast Sign-Up Sheets for Volunteers*

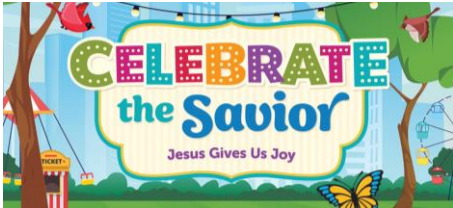


Easter Breakfast, Sunday, March 31, between Easter early (7:45 am) and Easter late worship services (10:15 am) is a congregation served breakfast – all volunteer work for bringing food. Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex and help provide food. Needed: egg casseroles (recipe provided) and muffins. The High School Youth and their families will help with setting up, serving, and cleaning. **Serving time for breakfast from 9:00 to 10:00 am Easter Sunday.**

# Christian Education News

## BOARD OF EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF – NO March Meeting

No meeting for March but teachers/helpers can meet before class on Sunday, March 24 in the Fellowship Hall to help set up for the Passover Meal.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Planning has begun for VBS 2024!

Dates are Monday, May 20 to Friday, May 24.

Please watch for more information.

If you would like to help,

contact Becky Rehtus at 308-830-0164.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Under the direction of Cassandra Tomsen, the Sunday School classes go over old and new songs during their “opening time” together each Sunday at 9:00 am. In March we will begin practicing a bell song that we will perform in church on Sunday, April 14.
- LENT MEAL hosted by Sunday School Parents...** on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 5:30 pm. We will be serving soup, sandwiches, and desserts. Proceeds will go to **Hearts and Hands Against Hunger** in Hastings



Please sign up to help or bring items (or both!) on the bulletin board in the narthex or text Jenny at 308-830-1250. Thank you!

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## Passover Meal in Fellowship Hall – Palm Sunday, March 24 – 9:00 am

Come celebrate the Passover Meal with us! A short program will be given to explain the meaning and significance of each of the elements of the meal. The Sunday School classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall that morning along with the Adult Bible Study and anyone else who would like to attend and learn about the Passover.

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## HEARTS & HANDS AGAINST HUNGER

### MEAL PACKAGING EVENT

**1:00 pm on Saturday, April 13, 2024**

This will be our 13<sup>th</sup> trip taking Junior Youth students, guides, parents, and volunteers to the Hearts & Hands Against Hunger (formerly Kids Against Hunger) facility in Hastings to package meals. It's an extraordinary “hands-on” experience for those involved!

On Saturday, April 13, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 1 pm and carpool kids to Hastings. We will work for about 2 hrs (2-4 pm) at the Hearts & Hands Against Hunger facility packing meals. We will arrive back at the Fellowship Hall around 4:45ish pm and enjoy pizza!



Anyone is welcome to help! **Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.**

- 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be given a parental consent form to sign and return to the church.
- Children younger than 5<sup>th</sup> grade need an adult to attend with them.

# JUNIOR YOUTH MINISTRY: 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Wed. March 6      5:30 pm – Lent Supper  
6:30 pm – Lent Worship (*attend with family*)  
**NO JYM CLASS – Spring Break**

Wed. March 13      3:45 pm – JYM CLASS 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 pm – Lent Supper  
6:30 pm – Lent Worship (*attend with family*)  
7:15 pm – JYM CLASS 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

Wed. March 20      3:45 pm – JYM CLASS 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 pm – Lent Supper  
6:30 pm – Lent Worship (*attend with family*)  
7:15 pm – JYM CLASS 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

Wed. March 27      3:45 pm – JYM CLASS 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
NO Communion Service  
NO JYM CLASS 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>



- **ALL GRADES need to attend the 6:30 pm Lenten worship services WITH THEIR FAMILY!**
- **Students will assist with each Lent service as assigned (see schedule you were given!)**

Upcoming dates to note!

Wednesday May 1, 7:00 pm – Confirmation Reception Night

Sunday, May 5, 10:15 am – Confirmation Worship Service

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## BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS at ST. PAUL

Everyone is welcome to attend!

- **Sunday Adult Bible Study – 9:00 to 10:00 am**  
We are doing a long study of closed communion. The study starts with Luther's Catechism followed by 1 Corinthians. Please come and learn about our Lord's Supper!
- **LWML Bible Study – Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm**
- **NEW Thursday Bible Study – 6:30 pm (NO CLASS MARCH 28, 2024)**  
The first book or topic will be The Book of Revelation. Many Christians struggle studying this book because of the symbolism, but a video from Rev. Dr. Lane Burgland will unveil an important message of hope for all Christians.
- **Friday Men's Breakfast for the Soul – 7:00 am**  
Men's Portal of Prayer devotion. Come enjoy some food and fellowship to start your day.



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## LLL DART BALL TOURNAMENT

5:00 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2024

Zion Lutheran Church Performance Center, Hastings

A meal will be served!

Contact Chris Birkestrand if interested in attending!







### **Red Cross Bloodmobile in Minden – Friday, March 22**

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be receiving donations of blood, a pint per person, on Friday, March 22, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Minden High School. Both scheduled appointments and walk-ins are welcome.

### **Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31**

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2023, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide grant funding to our local St. Paul Lutheran Church or another organization of your choice. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

### **Adams County Lutheran Education Association (A.C.L.E.A.)**

#### **FIRE! (Faithfully Investing In Religious Education)**

19<sup>th</sup> Annual Parochial Education Fundraiser

Saturday, March 2, 2024 at the Adams County Fairgrounds.

Doors open at 5 pm – Banquet at 6:30 pm – Live Auction.

Ticket Prices: \$75 individual; Corporate Table of 10 for \$1,100

### **Special Appeal – Minden Food Pantry**

The need for items is still great....the shopping cart remains in the narthex of the church for the in-gathering of non-perishable food items, paper products, and cleaning supplies.

### **Minden Little Free Pantry – “Take What You Need, Give What You Can”**

Located on the east side of the old IGA parking lot, the Little Free Pantry has nonperishable food items, cleaning supplies, hygiene products, and pet food available to those in need 24 hours a day. All donations are welcome and can be dropped off any time.

**Axtell Area Oratorio Society *presents* George Frideric Handel's**

## **MESSIAH**

**7:00 pm on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024**

**Merryman Performing Arts Center – Kearney**

**Marvelous Soloists, Chamber Orchestra and 60 Member Chorus**

*Reception Following*

Tickets available at Joy's Floral – Advance \$15, K-12<sup>th</sup> \$10, Door \$20

### **SAVE YOUR “BEST CHOICE” BRAND LABELS AND SUPPORT LWML!**

For each 1000 labels saved, LWML can earn money so start saving those UPCs! Cut the UPC symbol from labels or cartons of Best Choice products and drop them off in the special container in the church narthex. Thank you! Questions? Contact Nancy Klahn 308-830-1529.



## HERE TO SERVE YOU:

Pastor – Rev. William Zwick

Office Hours: Wednesdays 9 am to 12 pm  
and by appointment

Office Phone: 308-832-1343

Cell Phone: 501-492-9993

Secretary – Jenny Hultquist

Office Hours: Mon., Wed. & Fri. 8:00 to 11:00 am

Cell Phone: 308-830-1250

Custodian – Teresa Melroy



### **Palm Sunday with Holy Communion**

March 24, 10:15 am  
(Passover Meal 9:00 am)



### **Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion**

March 28, 7:00 pm



### **Good Friday Worship "Service of Darkness"**

March 29, 7:00 pm



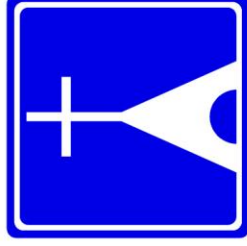
### **Easter Sunday Worship with Holy Communion**

March 31  
7:45 am & 10:15 am

Easter Breakfast

9:00 am to 10:00 am

No Sunday School, No Adult Bible Study



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**LLL Scholarships** – The Nebraska Lutheran Laymen's League Zone 8 provides current and future college students with scholarships. The scholarships are for all students who are going into church vocations – pastors, teachers, and DCE's. The aid is for \$500 per school year. Students must be a member of a local LCMS Lutheran church and attending a Concordia University or seminary. Applications must be submitted by May 1 of every year and updated each year. Email Paul Schmidt at [psflatwater@inebraska.com](mailto:psflatwater@inebraska.com) for the applications.

The Nebraska District Lutheran Laymen's League also provides a \$500 scholarship for these students. For more information contact [ndlcms.org/resources](http://ndlcms.org/resources), scholarships, LLL or Virginia VonSeggern; [virginia.vonseggern251@gmail.com](mailto:virginia.vonseggern251@gmail.com).

**LCEF Nebraska District College Scholarship** – The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) Nebraska District College Scholarship was developed to encourage college students in the Nebraska District of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) to pursue their educational goals. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Applicants must be a graduating high school senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA or current full-time post-secondary student at an accredited institution with at least one year of courses remaining and a minimum 2.5 GPA. Applicants must also be a member of a congregation belonging to the Nebraska District LCMS. Applications close April 14, 2024. Winners will be announced on May 6, 2024. Learn more and complete your application at [lcef.org/nebraskascholarship](http://lcef.org/nebraskascholarship).

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## **NEW Fellowship Hall Chairs**

Special thanks to everyone who helped unpack and setup the new Fellowship Hall chairs on Friday, February 16!



# LUTHERAN HOUR BROADCAST SCHEDULE

For more than 90 years, the call of Christ via **The Lutheran Hour** has been carried around the world by radio waves to share the Good News. <https://www.lutheranhour.org/sermon.asp>  
The weekly sermons dive into sections of Scripture that tell the story of our Savior. You can access The Lutheran Hour:

- on local radio stations by way of the Broadcast Guide by zip code <https://www.lhm.org/broadcastinformation.asp>
- via email subscription here <https://www.lhm.org/newsroom/default.asp>
- on the LHM Daily Devotions app
- and wherever you listen to podcasts.

## March 3

### "Included in Such Company"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The more you listen to the life of Jesus, the more you admire Him and the more grateful you are to be included in His company.

(Mark 10:43-45)

## March 10

### "All Bets Are Off"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus engages his opponents in a battle of wits and wins—for us.

(Mark 11)

## March 17

### "The Strangest Request"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe

(Genesis 22:1-14)

## March 24

### "Repurposed Joy and Junk"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Mark 14:6)

## March 31

### "Eucatastrophe"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Mark 16:6-7)



# March 2024

For upcoming events, please check facebook or  
the church's google calendar at [stpaulserving.com](http://stpaulserving.com)

## **Birthdays**

Mar. 2	Jason Kuehn
Mar. 5	Bill Kuehn Orrin Kuehn
Mar. 6	Sadie Jones
Mar. 7	Dylan Larson
Mar. 9	Cheyenne Ellis
Mar. 10	Dawson Conyers Ashley Wempen
Mar. 11	Amanda Naprstek Sadie Dallman Katie McIntosh
Mar. 16	Pat Long Clint Brantley Sebastyan Sharkey
Mar. 20	Madison Fox Drew Hultquist Karen Lammers
Mar. 23	Rai Petersen
Mar. 26	Chris Thornburg
Mar. 27	Alexas Kuehn Roger Kuehn Annalynn Thornburg
Mar. 28	Evelynn Sharkey Selena Sharkey
Mar. 29	Grant Tomsen
Mar. 30	Alyssa Johnson Jeanne Jons

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**If there is an error,  
please leave correction  
on secretary's desk.**

### **ALTAR COMMITTEE**

March-May  
Nancy Petersen  
Nancy Klahn  
Christy Petersen  
Vicky Sharkey

### **HEAD ELDER**

Bill Kuehn

### **HEAD USHERS**

Don & Sandy Becker