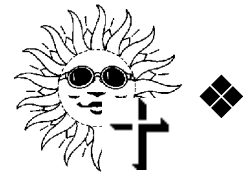


St. Paul's Sunbeam



Volume 37 Issue 3

March, 2022

◆ Mark your calendar.....

LENT & EASTER

MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

Ash Wednesday March 2nd
 1st week of Lent March 9th
 2nd week of Lent March 16th
 3rd week of Lent March 23rd
 4th week of Lent March 30th
 5th week of Lent April 6th

All services will begin at 7:00pm.



Palm Sunday April 10th at 10:00am Palms & Passion Reading
 Maundy Thursday April 14th at 7:00pm Stripping of the Altar
 Good Friday April 15th at 7:00pm Service of Darkness
 Easter Saturday April 16th at 5:30pm Easter Vigil
 Easter Sunrise April 17th at 7:00am Breakfast to follow
 Easter Sunday April 17th at 10:00am Holy Communion



LENTEN BREAKFAST

There will be a Lenten Breakfast held at St. Paul's Church each Wednesday morning at 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall. It is sponsored by the local Church Alliance and there will be a different host each week. We encourage everyone to attend!



LENTEN FELLOWSHIP

A soup supper will be served before each Lenten Mid-Week worship service. The supper will begin at 6:00pm. After worship cookies, coffee and hot cocoa will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

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Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to ensure our Lenten worship is a success.

◆ Lent 2022.....

THE SEASON OF LENT

On Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, we hear these words spoken in worship: "Today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' Passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed." Lent is a season of repentance, reflection, and renewal. It leads us into the powerful story of Jesus' life and death in Holy Week, and culminates with our shouts of Alleluia at Jesus' resurrection on Easter Day. There is always a lot going on during Lent, so we hope you will include some of these opportunities as part of your Lenten journey:

Ash Wednesday, the remembrance that "you are dust, and to dust you shall return," opens the season of Lent on March 2. We gather for worship in the Sanctuary and online that day at 7:00 pm for the imposition of ashes, Holy Communion, and an "invitation to Lent."

Midweek Lenten Worship happens each Wednesday evening (March 9 – April 6) at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Surrounded by the illuminations from *The Saint John's Bible*, our worship services will invite us to **See the Word Come to Life**. Because this illumination exhibit is a rare opportunity for us our worship time

may look a little different as well. We will engage with God's Word, not just through seeing the Word, but interacting with it. Please, come and experience!

The midweek **soup suppers** (6:00 pm) and **fellowship time** (after worship) will also take place in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings. Please see the information on page 3 that talks about the specific needs for those activities.





THE SEASON OF LENT

LENTEN BREAKFASTS

The Cole Camp Area Church Alliance will once again host a series of Lenten Breakfasts on Wednesdays during Lent. Beginning on March 9, everyone in the community is invited to gather for a brief devotion, prayer, and breakfast starting at 7:30 am in the St. Paul's Fellowship Hall. Different churches host the breakfast each week (provide the meal and devotion) but everyone is invited to attend every week. The hosts for each week are:

- March 9th:* St John's and Holy Cross
- March 16th:* Sts Peter & Paul and Faith Chapel
- March 23rd:* Ionia UMC and First Baptist

March 30th: Cole Camp UMC and St Paul's

April 6th: Trinity and Brauersville

When St. Paul's hosts on **March 30th** we will need volunteers and contributions of breakfast foods. Please speak with Arlene Schlesselman with any questions about that day. Invite a friend, and let us join our neighbor churches for fellowship and devotion this Lent!



Lenten Breakfast

LENTEN FELLOWSHIP



There will be a fellowship time following each Lenten service beginning on March 9th. To insure that there are enough cookies each week, each family is asked to provide cookies according to the following schedule. Additionally, please note the organizations asked to serve for each of the five services.

- March 9th A - E WELCA Executive Board
- March 16th F - H Luther League
- March 23th I - P Congregational Council
- March 30th R - T Junior Lutherans
- April 6th V - Z Esther Circle



THE ST. JOHN'S BIBLE



The start of *The Saint John's Bible* illumination exhibit is here! Throughout the five weeks of Lent we will have seventeen prints from *The Saint John's Bible*, the first handwritten and illuminated Bible since the invention of the printing press. It is an incredible work of art and theology that offers us an opportunity to experience the Word of God in a new way.

Opening Weekend

This exhibit kicks off on **Sunday, March 6th**, with a special program and the first opportunity to view the prints. We welcome Rev. Michael Patella, Professor of New Testament at Saint John's University, and chairperson of the Committee on Illumination and Text for *The Saint John's Bible*. The schedule for March 6th is:

9:00 am - Sunday School class about monasticism and scripture w/ Fr. Patella (Sanctuary)

10:00 am - We will utilize illuminations with our scripture readings in worship

11:15 am - CATERED lunch (Fellowship Hall - RSVPs requested)

12:15 pm - Presentation with Fr. Patella about the creation of The Saint John's Bible and seeing more of the images. (Sanctuary)

Public Viewing of the Illuminations

Throughout Lent, the Fellowship Hall will be open with hours available for **public viewing of the illuminations**. Please help us spread the word about this opportunity to view the images between March 10th and April 2nd on:

Thursdays: 12:00 noon - 7:00 pm

Fridays: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturdays: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Other days of the week for the public are by appointment - please call the church office.

Members and friends are welcome to view the exhibit during the week when the church office is open, or on the weekend before and after worship service, though volunteers may not be on hand to provide guidance or information.

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THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

Volunteers are needed and welcomed to be present in the Fellowship Hall during those public hours to welcome visitors. Please contact Pastor Stephen if you can volunteer your time.

Bookstore

A small bookstore containing books, prints, and notecards about *The Saint John's Bible*, including reproduction copies of the seven volumes, will be available during the season of Lent. Items can be purchased with cash or check.



EVANGELISM MOMENT

"The universe is done. The greater masterpiece, still undone, still in the process of being created, is history. For accomplishing His grand design God needs the help of man."

~Abraham Joshua Heschel

EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies will be ordered for our sanctuary for the Easter Services. These plants maybe given in memory of a loved one or to the Glory of God. The cost is \$10.00 each.

If you would like to donate one or more, please include the information below or fill out a insert you will find in the bulletins. The deadline for ordering is **April 10th**.

Name of person donating_____

In Memory of_____

In Honor of_____

or

To The Glory Of God

Number of Lilies__ at \$10.00 each =

or

I will purchase the lily myself.



COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY CASUAL SERVICE



Don't forget on those weeks that you have a Sunday morning commitment, Saturday worship begins at 5:30 pm and all are welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL LOCATION CHANGES

During the season of Lent, while we host the art exhibit from *The Saint John's Bible*, the Sunday School classes for Pre-K through 6th grade will take place in the Church Basement. The Confirmation Class will meet in the Fellowship Hall classrooms. Thank you for your understanding.



HEALTH SERVICES



The Benton County Health Department will be here every Thursday from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health needs.

ESTHER CIRCLE

The Esther Circle will meet Monday, **March 21st** at 7:00 pm in the home of Janice Gerken. The study will be "Hannah".



SUNBEAM

The Sunbeam Committee will meet on Wednesday, **March 23rd** at 3:00pm. Please turn in all articles no later than Monday, March 21st.



"ONE STITCH AT A TIME"



The Sewing Group will not meet during the winter months. See ya' in the spring!

COLE CAMP CARES

After months of planning, the Cole Camp Cares event had to be postponed due to the weather, though we had a great opportunity to feed many community members who were out and about working in the bad weather! Stay tuned for a makeup event that will again be led by our local rural medical students.





MEMBERS

WITH SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers surround the family and friends of Margie Gerken who passed away on Saturday, **February 5th** and Gennie Rehmer who passed away on Saturday, **February 19th**. We give thanks for the sure and certain hope of the resurrection through Jesus Christ as we mourn those who have died.

DEATH IN OUR



CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you for the prayers, phone calls, text messages and cards I received while in the hospital and after I got home. It was all appreciated.

Don Harms



A big thank you for all the well wishes, texts, calls and prayers while I was in the hospital. And the wonderful casserole came in handy.

Pam Luetjen



BAPTISMAL GRACE



On Sunday, **February 27th**, Owen Rae Smith will be washed clean in the waters of Holy Baptism. We welcome him into the fellowship of faith that we all share through baptismal grace of God. Owen is the son of Nick and Meghann Smith and was born on October 7, 2021. Owen is the brother of Lane and Kolton Smith.



MID-MO BIBLE CAMP 2022

Save the date!!

Sunday, July 17 – Thursday, July 21

Camp Rising Sun @ Lake of the Ozarks State Park

For youth who have completed 4th through 9th grades this summer.

More info to come!





DETAILED TREASURER'S REPORT

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

	<u>January</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
BENEVOLENCE RECEIPTS				
ELCA	190.00	7,400.00	(7,210.00)	2.57%
World Hunger		2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.00%
Oaks		2,500.00	(2,500.00)	0.00%
Seniors of North Benton County	90.00	2,500.00	(2,410.00)	
CC Food Pantry Donations	1,00.00	1,500.00	(1,400.00)	6.67%
Crisis				
Other	25.00		25.00	
TOTAL BENEVOLENCE	405.00	15,900.00	(15,495.00)	2.55%
HOME PURPOSE				
Home Purpose	14,118.08	201,106.00	(186,987.92)	7.02%
Building Fund 5%	732.53	10,584.00	(9,851.47)	6.92%
Debt Repay	500.00	14,000.00	(13,500.00)	3.57%
Total Offering	15,350.61	225,690.00	(210,339.39)	6.80%
Building Use		2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.00%
Memorials				
Communities of Calling				
Preschool Tuition	350.00	1,800.00	(1,450.00)	
Fair Stand, net		4,000.00	(4,000.00)	0.00%
Float		750.00	(750.00)	0.00%
Interest	33.69		33.69	
Miscellaneous				
Total Income	16,139.30	250,140.00	(234,000.70)	6.45%
Total Expense	15,889.96	233,536.00	(217,646.04)	6.80%
Net Income	249.34	16,604.00	(16,354.66)	1.50%

CASH BALANCES

	Home Purpose	Building	Debt Repayment	Memorials	Crisis	Seminary
01/31/2022	110,125.84	31,852.79	525.41	31,738.45	1,182.24	8,888.22

Respectfully Submitted, Norma Schlesselman

Notes: Home Purpose cash balance includes \$15,246.16 in Community of Calling funds. Debt on the building addition remaining to be repaid is \$24,200.00 due to St. Paul's Cemetery.



◆ submitted by Emily Kullman, Congregational Council Secretary

COUNCIL MINUTES

The Congregational Council of St. Paul's Lutheran Church met on February 8, 2022 at 7:30pm. Kelly Viebrock was nominated by acclamation for role of Council Vice President.

Pastor's Report:

Activities: Continuing Education, Clergy Bible Study, Confirmation Classes, Annual Meeting, Communities of Call Zoom call, MIF Representative meeting, CCACA meeting, Ambrose Communion, Preaching group, Synod Systems Group, Family Systems Class, Baptism and Funeral meetings, Communities of Calling meeting and Council meeting.

Upcoming Events: Ash Wednesday on March 2nd, Baptism of Owen Smith on February 27th, Elliott Family on March 13th and Brooklyn Oelrichs on March 27th.

Pastor Stephen preformed the baptism of Ryker Crawford, son of Mitch and Kelli (Tatum) Crawford on January 13th. FCA Fifth Quarter: FCA and CCACA hosted 75 kids at the R1 after the court warming game on January 21st. The ELCA Youth Gathering was cancelled. The next Youth Gathering will be in 2024.

Communities of Calling: There will be an overnight retreat on March 11th and 12th. Funding and material are provided by COC. Cole Camp Cares on February 17th. Medical Students are planning a health awareness event in conjunction with Bothwell, Katy Trail, MU Extension and St. Paul's at the Jaycee Hall. The Saint John's Bible opening weekend will be March 6th. Guest Father Patella will be here to speak, with lunch catered. The fellowship hall will be open for exhibit viewing to the public three days a week or by appointment.

Property: Russ and Tom will repair the lighted cross once weather is good. Kelly reports The Appliance Doctor is coming February 9th to look at why the oven in the basement next to the water heater is shutting itself off.

Sabbatical Committee: A new committee was formed to carry out duties related to Pastor Stephen's sabbatical. They will meet for the first time on February 9th.



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COUNCIL MINUTES

New Business:

* A motion to approve Cathy Baily as St. Paul's Luther League sponsor was made by Melisa and seconded by Norma. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:46pm. The next meeting will be March 8th at 7:30pm.



- Tom Oelrichs, *President*
- Kelly Viebrock, *Vice-President / Property*
- Norma Schlesselman, *Treasurer/Stewardship*
- Emily Kullman, *Secretary*
- Melisa Balke, *Evangelism*
- Darin Oelrichs, *Parish Education*
- Steve Oelrichs, *Worship & Music*
- Don Harms, *Property*
- Scott Gerken,..... *Property*
- Stephen Zeller, *Pastor*



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022





INFORMATION

SABBATICAL UPDATE

At this year's annual meeting, St. Paul's voted to approve a 60-day sabbatical for Pastor Stephen. He will take that sabbatical and be gone during the months of May and June. Pastor Sandy and other local pastors will be available for emergency and pastoral needs. There is a sabbatical committee that is hard at work scheduling other guest speakers and pastors to join us to lead and share in worship during those two months. Questions about the sabbatical can be directed to Tom Oelrichs, Council President, members of the Church Council, or members of the Sabbatical committee: Sandy Schlesselman, Janice Gerken, Theila Luetjen, Darin Oelrichs, Nicole Rice, Sue Rusk, or members of Staff Support: Luke Goosen and Susan Kyle. Stay tuned because there are some great plans falling into place for St. Paul's!



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SOUPER BOWL

After an incredible Souper Bowl collection, ten area churches collected nearly 5,000 items of food for the Cole Camp Food Pantry! Great job!! After the final tally, Ionia Methodist once again retained the trophy having collected 1477 items. St. Paul's earned a respectable second place with 966 items. Thank you, everyone, for your contributions! With this event, the true winner is the Food Pantry and all the clients it serves.



◆ Thank you for your service.....

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PRAYERS
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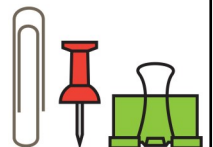
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◆ Heavenly Father.....

NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS

Pat Arline
(friend of Taylor Vanderlinden)

Jon Beckman

Noah Blackwell
(great-nephew of Paul Fuelling)

Marvin Bockelman
(brother of Margie Gerken)

Shirley Boose
(mother of Melisa Balke)

Baby Emma Ruth Eckhoff

Adam Gumbel
(son of Jim & Kim Gumbel)

Bill Hampton

Rebecca Heimsoth
(friend of Norma Schlesselman)

Jeffery Jones
(son of Bonnie Bohling)

Joyce Jones
(sister of Connie Gerken)

Dieter Knowle
(brother of Kim Knowle-Zeller)

Marlin & Ruth Lackas
(sister & brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling)

Marvin Logan
(brother of Gale Logan)

Ronnie Logan
(brother of Gale Logan)

Kyle Luetjen

Rick Osborne
(friend of Gale Logan)

Reagan Phillips

Taylor Prince

Bill Russell
(friend of Florence VonHolten)

Dorothy Schroder
(friend of Debbie Vaughan)

Sharon Stelling

Alex Stevens
(friend of Tina Ives)

Debbie Viebrock
(daughter-in-law of Delbert Viebrock)

Phil Wellington

Greg Wright
(family of Jim & Kim Gumbel)



Hear Our Prayers

Nursing Home

Vern Dean Bohling (*Ambrose Park #4*)

Kathy Hallauer (*Loving Arms #205*)

Luella Viebrock (*GSCC #305*)

Marie Viebrock (*GSCC #304*)

Florence VonHolten (*GSCC #302*)

Cecelia Wiedemann (*GSCC #310*)



◆ A Time To Celebrate.....

SPECIAL OCCASSIONS

BIRTHDAYS:

- 3/1 Matt Eckhoff
- 3/1 Carolyn Eickhoff
- 3/1 Mike Schlesselman
- 3/2 Chad Bauer
- 3/2 Austin Weinberg
- 3/3 Lois Viebrock
- 3/4 Kristy Steigerwalt
- 3/5 Diana Goyette
- 3/5 Renee Weller
- 3/6 Debbie Vaughan
- 3/7 Jack Strathman
- 3/8 Miles Bailey
- 3/8 Linda Viebrock
- 3/9 Travis Goosen
- 3/9 Michelle Loughery
- 3/10 Amy Brown
- 3/10 Dustin Goosen
- 3/11 Vivian Crawford
- 3/11 Josie Heimsoth
- 3/11 Amanda Oelrichs
- 3/11 Brendan Rusk
- 3/12 Jason Harms
- 3/12 Sharon Holland
- 3/12 Renee Huhn
- 3/12 Joann Oelrichs
- 3/12 Cecil Schlesselmann
- 3/12 Amy Yust
- 3/14 Rosemary Cairer
- 3/14 Miranda Gerken
- 3/14 Neil Strathman
- 3/15 Khloe Viebrock
- 3/16 Daniel Akin
- 3/16 Dave Ramel

- 3/16 Meghann Smith
- 3/17 Mary Balke
- 3/17 Todd Smith
- 3/18 Jessica Granger
- 3/19 Payne Bohling
- 3/19 Olivia Heimsoth
- 3/19 Ramona Lukenbill
- 3/19 Vaneeta Rehmer
- 3/19 Jack Tatum
- 3/19 Callan Warden
- 3/22 Mark Oelrichs
- 3/23 Suzanne Lutjen
- 3/23 Shelby Nash
- 3/23 Barry Weinberg
- 3/24 Phil Haluptzok
- 3/25 Rebecca Balke
- 3/25 Nora Mullins
- 3/26 Melisa Balke
- 3/26 Garrett Bennett
- 3/26 Korbin Gates
- 3/26 Dustin Siegel
- 3/27 Judy Smith
- 3/29 Kathy Hallauer
- 3/29 Ashley Hiatt
- 3/29 Ron Newman
- 3/31 Donald Bauer
- 3/31 Josh Jackson





◆ Praise The Lord.....

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

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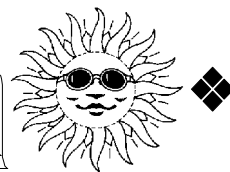
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"BEING TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S
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Sunday, March 6, 2022

First Sunday in Lent
Holy Communion at the Altar

Sunday, March 13, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent
Holy Communion by Stations

Sunday, March 20, 2022

Third Sunday in Lent
Holy Communion by Stations

Saturday, March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Holy Communion by Stations

Come! Worship at St. Paul's

Every Saturday Evening
5:30 P.M. - Casual Worship

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Every Sunday Morning
10:00 A.M. - Worship

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