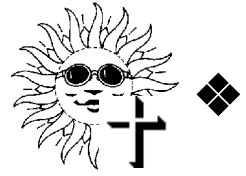


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◆ Pastor Stephen Zeller.....



## PASTOR'S PAGE



### The Church: A Reflection of Jesus' Light

In these weeks of the church year between Epiphany and the start of Lent, we give thanks for the ways Jesus shines light into the darkness of this world and for the ways God calls us to share that light. We, the Church, together are a reflection of that light. So I thought that, once again, I would *reflect* on the ways and reasons that I find the Church so special:

-The church is a place where we come together to live our life of faith. Just as God is not acting alone but is revealed in three persons, we are not meant to live out our faith alone.

-The church shows up. Whether it's for a funeral or a fundraiser or to cheer someone on, members of the church intentionally make time and space to show up for each other.

-The church surrounds and supports each other. I can't count the number of times I've seen someone in worship who can't speak, sing, or participate because the burden they are carrying is simply too overwhelming. Yet everyone around them can speak, and sing, and participate on their behalf. We can bring our struggles to this place and trust that we will be surrounded with love and care.

-The church welcomes. I love to watch a member approach and welcome a visitor. I love to watch members bring their friends and family to show them why they find this place meaningful. I love to watch the mess of kids barrel down the aisle for the Children's Sermon. I love to look up from the pulpit and see a child playing with trucks in the aisle, or sitting next to someone from a different generation or different family coloring together. I love it when I hear someone say, "this church is just so friendly!"

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## CONTINUED.....

-The church is a place where we sing. I know this isn't everyone's cup of tea. But music moves me and allows me to go deeper into an experience. I love to be a part of the music, sometimes playing an instrument, but most often just by singing. There are not many places in our society where we still sing together. Plus, I love a powerful hymn on the organ just as much as a moving ballad on the guitar.

Those are just a few for me. What about you? What makes the church special for you? Send me an email and let me know!

~Pastor Stephen



### IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK

**Love** is the spark that kindles the fire of compassion.

**Compassion** is the fire that flames the candle of service.

**Service** is the candle that ignites the torch of hope.

**Hope** is the torch that lights the beacon of faith.

**Faith** is the beacon that reflects the power of God.

**God** is the power that creates the miracle of love.

—William Arthur Ward



Mid-MO Bible Camp

Save the date!!

Sunday, July 23 – Thursday, July 27

Camp Rising Sun @ Lake of the Ozarks State Park

For youth who have completed 4<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grades this summer.

More info to come!





# SCHEDULE FOR LENT

## MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

Ash Wednesday ..... February 22nd  
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion  
1st week of Lent ..... March 1st  
2nd week of Lent ..... March 8th  
3rd week of Lent ..... March 15th  
4th week of Lent ..... March 22nd  
5th week of Lent ..... March 29th

All services will begin at 7:00pm.



Palm Sunday ..... April 2nd at 10:00am ..... Procession of Palms  
Maundy Thursday ..... April 6th at 7:00pm ..... Stripping of the Altar  
Good Friday ..... April 7th at 7:00pm ..... Service of Darkness  
Easter Saturday ..... April 8th at 5:30pm ..... Easter Vigil  
Easter Sunrise ..... April 9th at 7:00am ..... Breakfast to follow  
Easter Sunday ..... April 9th at 10:00am ..... Holy Communion



## LENTEN BREAKFAST

There will be a Lenten Breakfast held at St. Paul's Church each Wednesday morning beginning on March 1st at 7:30am. This will be held in the Fellowship Hall. This 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 worship service. The supper will begin at 6:00pm. After worship cookies, coffee and hot cocoa will be served in the Fellowship Hall.



***Please check the schedule for a list of volunteers who will be helping to ensure our Lenten worship is a success.***



## DETAILED TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>Profit &amp; Loss Budget vs. Actual</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ Over Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>BENEVOLENCE RECEIPTS</b>				
ELCA	6,015.00	7,400.00	(1,385.00)	81.28%
World Hunger	1,416.37	2,000.00	(583.63)	70.82%
Oaks	4,017.00	2,500.00	1,517.00	160.68%
Seniors of North Benton County	7,187.00	2,500.00	4,687.00	287.48%
CC Food Pantry Donations	1,630.00	1,500.00	130.00	108.67%
Other	925.00	-0-	925.00	100.0%
<b>TOTAL BENEVOLENCE</b>	<b>21,190.37</b>	<b>15,900.00</b>	<b>5,290.37</b>	<b>133.27%</b>
<b>HOME PURPOSE</b>				
Home Purpose	178,957.74	201,106.00	(22,148.26)	88.99%
Building Fund 5%	11,081.47	10,584.00	497.47	104.7%
Debt Repay	11,557.50	14,000.00	(2,442.50)	82.55%
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>201,596.71</b>	<b>225,690.00</b>	<b>(24,093.29)</b>	<b>89.33%</b>
Building Use	2,400.00	2,000.00	400.00	120.5%
Preschool Tuition	4,450.00	4,500.00	(50.00)	98.89%
Fair Stand, net	5,616.64	4,000.00	1,616.64	140.42%
Float	919.26	750.00	169.26	122.57%
Interest	1,309.40	-0-	1,309.40	100.0%
Miscellaneous	2,063.00	-0-	2,063.00	100.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>239,545.38</b>	<b>252,840.00</b>	<b>(13,294.62)</b>	<b>94.74%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>243,102.70</b>	<b>243,840.00</b>	<b>(737.30)</b>	<b>99.7%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(3,557.32)</b>	<b>9,000.00</b>	<b>(12,557.32)</b>	<b>-39.53%</b>

The above information include only those funds for which a budge is adopted. Home Purpose, Building and Debt repayment.

### Balances - December, 2022

	<b>Home Purpose</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Debt Repayment</b>	<b>Memorials</b>	<b>Crisis</b>	<b>Seminary</b>
Cash Balances	<b>79,596.59</b>	<b>38,644.23</b>	<b>97.61</b>	<b>27,612.40</b>	<b>1,358.81</b>	<b>8,888.22</b>
Indebtedness	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>13,200.00</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>
Net Assets	<b>79,596.59</b>	<b>38,644.23</b>	<b>(13,102.39)</b>	<b>27,612.41</b>	<b>1,308.81</b>	<b>8,888.22</b>

Respectfully Submitted, Norma Schlesselman

**Notes:** Home Purpose cash balance includes \$6,795.36 in Community of Calling funds.



# ANNUAL MEETING

## ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL MEETING

Our congregation gathered on January 15<sup>th</sup> to hear reports and conduct the business of the church at its Annual Meeting. Annual reports are available for pick up here at church, or we can drop one off or mail one if requested. Elections were held for the following positions:

Treasurer: ..... Krista Poe

Council: ..... Josh Jackson  
..... Hannah Schweitzer

Cemetery: ..... John Oelrichs

Synod Assembly: ..... Janice Gerken  
..... Norma Schlesselman  
..... Greg Bredehoeft  
..... Kelly Viebrock

Nominating: ..... Tara Anderson  
..... Robert Farrington  
..... Ellen Harms  
..... Randy Oelrichs

Please contact Tom Oelrichs, any member of Council, or Pastor Stephen with any questions about the meeting.



A special thank you to those who served our church in 2022! You may have been on the council, you may have been on a committee, you may have been a volunteer or you may have shared a prayer. But each and every one of you is very important to each and every one of us.

Thank you!



Oh, my goodness! Thank you so much for acknowledging my 25(ish) years here at St. Paul's as your church secretary. I am not comfortable having the spotlight on me so, it was a little challenging to say the least. However, I am extremely touched and appreciative of your kindness. Thank you so very much.

God's Blessings,  
Shirley





# SCHOLARSHIP

## Central States Women of the ELCA Scholarship Available

"... support one another in our callings,  
engage in ministry and action ...".



These words reflect a small portion of the Purpose Statement of the Women of the ELCA. In keeping with these words, the Central States Women of the ELCA sponsor an education scholarship for women who are members of an ELCA congregation.

This scholarship became part of our ministry in September 2014, when it was approved at the women's annual convention. The scholarship is available to high school graduates:

- Women who are seeking to further their education beyond high school,
- Women pursuing a higher degree, or
- Women seeking to career change.

This is a one-year scholarship which is non-renewable and does not exceed \$1000 per recipient. Multiple scholarships may be given each year, depending on the monies available.

Applicants are to obtain a written recommendation and signature from their pastor, mentor, unit president or a unit representative. They also are to submit an essay that describes their participation in church, school, and in the community.

Applications can be found on each of the ushers' stands. The application must be submitted by March 1 (address provided on the form). If you have any questions, please contact Janice Gerken (660-281-7380).

This scholarship is an opportunity for the Central States Women of the ELCA to uplift and support ALL women of the ELCA.





## COMING EVENTS!

### SATURDAY CASUAL SERVICE



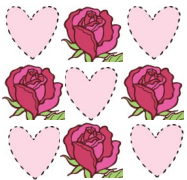
Don't forget on those weeks that you have a Sunday morning commitment, Saturday worship begins at 5:30 pm and all are welcome!

### 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.



### "ONE STITCH AT A TIME"



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

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Women's Retreat is Saturday, **February 4th**, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, at Heit's Point. Come join for a half day retreat with women of all ages and any friends. The event is free and includes lunch (thanks to the Communities of Calling grant). Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Link, contact Pastor Kim, or call the church office. Any questions see Pr. Kim.



### SOUPER BOWL

The Cole Camp Food Pantry has once again challenged local churches and organizations to compete in the annual Souper Bowl. Whoever collects the most food items by the day of the other "big game" (**February 12th**) will be the winner of the annual traveling trophy. This year we are returning to a collection of soup and crackers to fulfill the needs of the Food Pantry. However, we are encourage to think beyond just canned, prepared soup. What about donations of soup ingredients: canned tomatoes, canned beans, canned meats, etc. What about including a recipe for a soup to accompany the ingredients? We are encouraged to think creatively to provide food for those who visit the Food Pantry. Let's see if we can bring the trophy back to St. Paul's!



### PANCAKE DINNER



Is it Mardi Gras? Shrove Tuesday? Pancake Day?? Yes!! Luther League is inviting you to a pancake dinner to celebrate all of the above occasions on Sunday, **February 19th**, just after worship.

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## MORE.....

We'll have pancakes and other breakfast foods, along with activities and other ways to celebrate and learn more about how we prepare to enter the Lenten season. We'll even have a parade!! (Families are invited to decorate a wagon to bring along and walk in the parade around the Fellowship Hall.) A free-will offering supports the Luther League activities. More details will be coming soon, but mark your calendar now for a fun time together!

### ESTHER CIRCLE



The Esther Circle will meet Monday, **February 20th** at 7:00pm in the home of Ellen Harms. Jeannette VonHolten will be the hostess. The study will be from Book IV.

### SUNBEAM

The Sunbeam Committee will meet on Wednesday, **February 22nd** at 3:00pm. Please turn in all articles no later than Monday, February 20th.



### 2023 WOMEN OF THE ELCA CONVENTION

Plans are underway for the 2023 Central States **Women of the ELCA Convention**. It will be held on June 23-25 (Friday evening through Sunday morning) at the Stoney Creek Hotel in Independence, MO (18011 Bass Pro-Drive). The theme of the convention will be **The Lord is My Light**.

This is the 35<sup>th</sup> annual convention, therefore, the board has been working hard to make this convention motivating, energizing, and inspiring. Plans are in the works for exciting activities, speakers, key-note, music, Bible study and worship all with a focus on **sharing the light, walking in the light, leading with the light, and touched by the light**. Grants are available for first-time attendees, which will cover the cost of the convention registration. Please put this date on your calendar – this is an event for **all women** (the young and the more senior). **Come and be inspired to follow the light to love and to serve!**







◆ Heavenly Father.....

## NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS

Shirley Boose  
(mother of Melisa Balke)

Annie Bright

Gerald Goodson  
(uncle of Melisa Balke)

Adam Gumbel  
(son of Jim & Kim Gumbel)

Karen Haase  
(sister-in-law of Gene Beckman)

Wayne Hall

Mary Haluptzok

Bill Hampton

Rebecca Heimsoth  
(friend of Norma Schlesselman)

Gordon Ives

Dewey Jobe

Jeffery Jones  
(son of Bonnie Bohling)

Doug Knox  
(brother-in-law of Donnie Brown)

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

Marvin Logan  
(brother of Gale Logan)

Ronnie Logan  
(brother of Gale Logan)

Kyle Luetjen

Reagan Phillips

Kathy Regekr

Jackie Ross  
(sister of Randy Healan)

Huth Schlesselman

Dorothy Schroder  
(friend of Debbie Vaughan)

Kiley Simon  
(friend of Jenna Nash)

Judy Smith

Alex Stevens  
(friend of Tina Ives)

Bill Talbot  
(friend of Connie Gerken)

Nathan Vanderlinden

Kayla Wasson  
(family of Diane Banks)

Family member of the  
Kreisels and Browns



### **\*Nursing Home\***

Vern Dean Bohling (*Ambrose Park #4*)

Wayne Hall (*Warsaw Health & Rehab #106*)

Kathy Hallauer (*Loving Arms #205*)

Huth Schlesselman (*GSCC #307*)

Irene Viebrock (*Homebound*)

Luella Viebrock (*GSCC #305*)

Marie Viebrock (*GSCC #219*)

Florence VonHolten (*GSCC #302*)

Cecelia Wiedemann (*GSCC #310*)



◆ Thank you for your service.....



## MILITARY

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Public Affairs Officer  
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(grandson of Connie Gerken)  
National Guard

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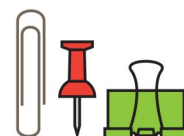
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◆ A Time To Celebrate.....

## SPECIAL OCCASSIONS

### BIRTHDAYS:

2/2 Janice Gerken  
 2/2 Kevin Tatum  
 2/3 Wayne Viebrock  
 2/3 Jeannette VonHolten  
 2/4 Amber Carver  
 2/4 Angel Gregory  
 2/4 Blair Olson  
 2/6 Lauren Brown  
 2/6 Joyce Schlesselmann  
 2/6 Matthew VonHolten  
 2/8 Scott Cash  
 2/9 Debbie Eckhoff  
 2/11 Dennis Balke  
 2/11 Ida Oelrichs  
 2/11 Lesa Richards  
 2/12 Preston Carver  
 2/13 Gary Viebrock  
 2/14 Vern Bohling  
 2/14 Laura Rehmer  
 2/16 Greg Moellman  
 2/17 Lauren Bailey  
 2/17 Julie Cronin  
 2/18 Wyatt Gooch  
 2/18 Joyce Webb  
 2/19 Jeffrey Cronin  
 2/19 Garrett Elliott  
 2/20 Lee Ann Ramel  
 2/21 Ainsley Kullman  
 2/21 Braden Poe  
 2/22 Larry Viebrock  
 2/24 Jacob Brockfeld  
 2/25 Zoey Gates



### BAPTISMS:

2/1 Ronald Eickhoff  
 2/1 Korbin Kyle  
 2/2 Lenny Gerken  
 2/5 Tucker Nash  
 2/5 Owen Rehmer  
 2/7 Tara Anderson  
 2/7 Randy Viebrock  
 2/10 Audra Warden  
 2/11 Donald Eckhoff  
 2/11 Scott Gerken  
 2/11 Mandy Schlesselmann  
 2/11 Carter Wienberg  
 2/13 Ryan Schlesselman  
 2/14 Nova Harris  
 2/14 Clark Oelrichs  
 2/14 Carol Oelrichs  
 2/18 Bryan Harms  
 2/19 Willamina Flude  
 2/19 Noah Gerken  
 2/19 Andrea Johnson  
 2/20 Doug Canida  
 2/21 Alex Ingersoll  
 2/22 Paul Kelly  
 2/23 Alex Cash  
 2/23 Bruce Wienberg  
 2/24 Calihan Hilton  
 2/27 Jennifer Donnell  
 2/27 Janice Gerken  
 2/27 Owen Smith  
 2/28 Philip Luetjen





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## SPECIAL OCCASSIONS

2/16	Cecil & Joyce Schlesselmann .....	50
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2/22	Dewey & Kay Jobe.....	64



### MOWING



Bids are being accepted for mowing at St. Paul's Cemetery. Anyone interested in submitting a bid may contact Mark Oelrichs, Bill Viebrock or John Oelrichs by **Sunday, March 30th.**

### FOR YOU

There are Annual Reports available for anyone who would like to have one. There are still offering envelopes and giving statements ready to pick up in the Link.



### WITH SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers surround the family and friends of Orlyn Brauer who passed away on Wednesday, **January 4, 2023**. We give thanks for the sure and certain hope of the resurrection through Jesus Christ as we mourn those who have died.



### NEW BABY



Congratulations to Tyler and Shaila Marquess on the arrival of their daughter, Emma Jean. She was born on Saturday, **January 14, 2023**. Emma Jean is the granddaughter of Donnie and Amy Brown and great-granddaughter of Frank and Ruth Ann Kreisel.





## EVANGELISM MOMENT

I pray that my understanding of and ability to evangelize, that is, to share the GOOD NEWS continues to deepen and grow. Years ago, more than I care to calculate, my understanding of the term evangelism was very naïve and limited, and thus my desire to share the good news, was very limited. I remember having an image of perhaps walking door to door, either inviting people to attend an event or church services. My initial perception of when taking a pastoral counseling practicum at a hospital as part of a college course was of perhaps handing out Bibles and making sure the person's local Pastor, if he or she had one, was in contact. I came to understand that sharing the Good News was not an activity-oriented behavior. Evangelism was a SHARING behavior. If we focus on an activity, a "doing" behavior, we are missing the point, I think.

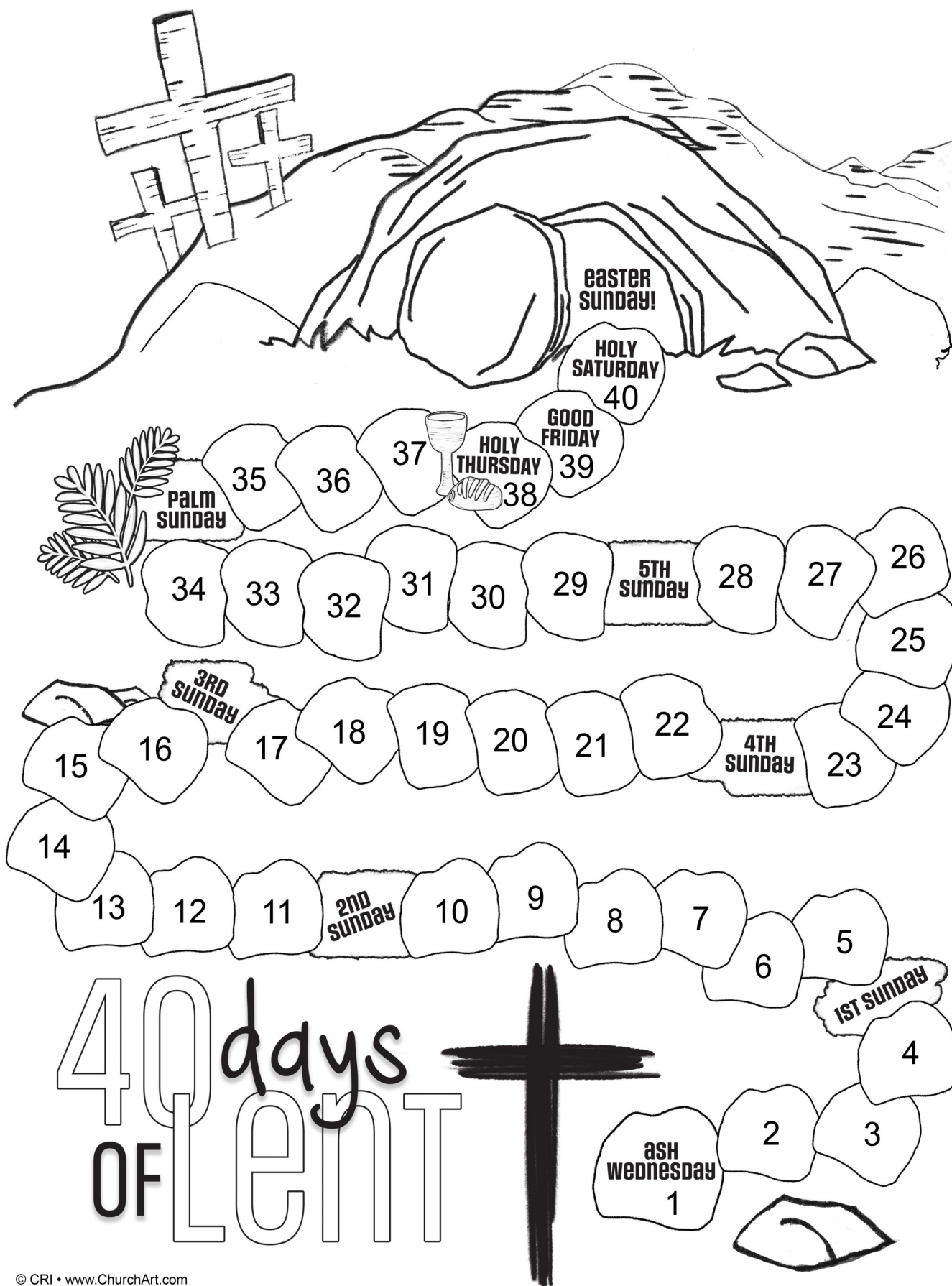
My youngest sister, a nurse, went to Haiti during the summer one year, to medically care for people, and to share Christ's love with those in need. My middle sister, also a nurse, was for many years a nurse during Lutheran summer youth camps, caring for scrapes, poison ivy rashes, and a few broken bones. I helped at youth camps with sports activities, donating

a week of vacation time, to help troubled youth. These events were all activity oriented, but opportunities to share God's love through our participation and caring, taking time to talk, to interact with others. Each step along this path, my understanding of the evangelism process has grown. The activity just provides a vehicle, a "car", if you will, towards a destination. That destination is the opportunity to Share God's love through giving of ourselves, whether it be our attention, interest, our advice, experience or knowledge, but mostly our time and actual caring to demonstrate God's love, to share the Good News through our behavior and our experiences learning about Christ's love. I am looking forward to learning and growing more in this manner.

submitted by Paul Fuelling



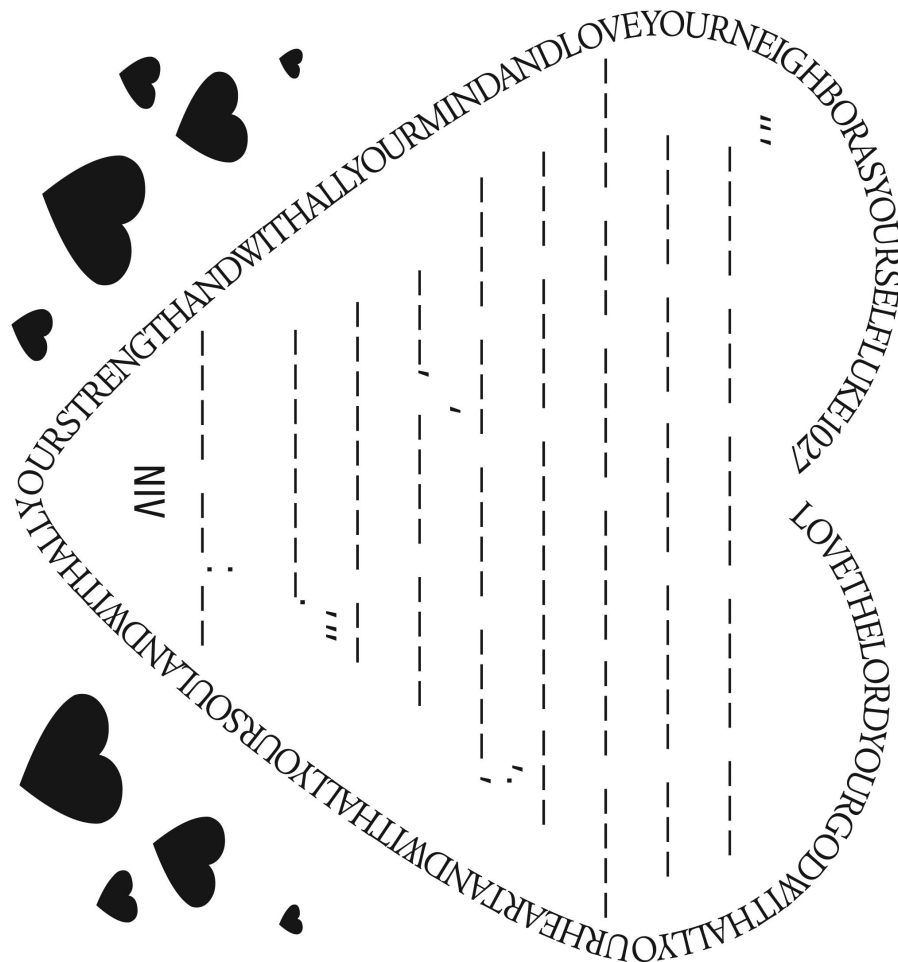




# FEBRUARY ACTIVITY PAGE

## Puzzle!

Draw lines to separate the words in the heart outline. Then, starting with "Love," write the words in order inside the heart to complete the two greatest commandments.



Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27, NIV

## Children of the LIGHT

This craft celebrates that now we are light in the Lord (see Ephesians 5:8).

### What you need:

- A gallon zip-top plastic bag
- Permanent markers (dark colors)
- Black construction paper
- White cardstock
- Scissors

### What you do:

1. Draw a self-portrait on the outside of the bag. Add details.
2. Insert the black paper and set the bag flat on a table. It should be tough to see your picture now.
3. On the white cardstock, draw a picture of a flashlight with a long beam of light coming out. Color the flashlight but leave the beam white.
4. Cut out the flashlight and light beam. Place them in the bag, over the black paper. When the white beam covers the black background under your picture, you can see your self-portrait clearly.



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St. Paul's Mission Statement  
"BEING TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S  
GRACE TO LOVE AND SERVE."

**Sunday, February 5, 2023**

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany  
Holy Communion at the Altar

**Sunday, February 12, 2023**

Sixth Sunday of Epiphany  
Holy Communion by Stations

**Sunday, February 19, 2023**

Transfiguration of our Lord  
Holy Communion by Stations

**Saturday, February 26, 2023**

First 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

You can also find our worship services  
online, or call us to receive a DVD copy:

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