



MARCH 2018

From Pastor's Pen ...



We All Need His Strength

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of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or
grow weary; his understanding is
unsearchable. He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases
strength. Even youths shall faint and be
weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;
but they who wait for the LORD shall renew
their strength; they shall mount up with
wings like eagles; they shall run and not be
weary; they shall walk and not faint.***

Isaiah 40:28-31

It usually happens with a brand new pickle jar or mayonnaise from the store. After many attempts of twisting, tapping and muttering underneath our breath – that lid just won't budge! "Can you open this?" is the tone with exasperation. "Sure I can." And with a single twist! "How did you do that?" "It just takes some muscle."

Life is sometimes like that jar isn't it? Sometimes we just don't have the strength we need to tackle what's in front of us. No, this isn't moving furniture for spring cleaning or changing a flat tire. What this is something more than physical exhaustion...something that produces mental, emotional and spiritual exhaustion. It's the strength to deal with someone who makes our lives difficult. It's the strength to stay on top of the

schedule, to raise the kids and to cover all the bases. It's the strength to go to work and deal with people who are rude, inconsiderate or lazy. It's the strength to open the mail and see the bill that always seem to be going up. We may seem cool as a cucumber on the outside but inwardly, we are ready to collapse...*I need more strength!*"

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What should you do when you need more strength? Hand that stubborn jar of troubles over to the Lord! He has all the strength we need plus so much more. He has the muscle to get the job done. He is the One who created this universe. He is the One who created and continues to preserve you. And this wise, all-knowing, all-powerful God came in the person of Jesus Christ. This supreme Being with power beyond our imaginations came in human weakness to rescue you and me from our sinful nature and our eternal death. He was condemned. He suffered. He was crucified. He died. "Isn't that weakness...how could that weakness accomplish anything?" No! This very weakness of the God/Man, Christ our Savior is His greatest strength. Jesus used all His strength to remain on the cross until every single last sin was paid for. His physical resurrection from the grave proves it! "***Jesus was declared with power to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead.***" (Romans 1:4) Death is defeated! The stain, the guilt and sin itself is wiped out through Jesus'

strength. By trusting in Christ – new life and new strength is yours which you will enjoy in all its wholeness and completeness in heaven.

In the meantime...do you need more strength for today? The One who created you has it! The One who redeemed you has secured it for you! The One who sanctifies you through faith (the Holy Spirit) supplies it through the Word and Sacraments. Your triune God is the One who gives you strength to face each day with fresh confidence. Find that strength in His Word and Promises. Then be ready to soar. To soar on eagle's wing through the day to day challenges. To soar with His strength of His love for you that never changes or fades. Finally be ready to soar that when death comes, His strength, His might and His power will take you home, that special place that He has prepared just for you!

Prayer: O merciful and powerful Lord, each day is another good and special blessing that comes from You. Whatever each day brings, help us not to lose heart, to despair or walk away from Your Love and Strength. Whatever each day brings, help us to see that we walk through all the events and circumstances not by ourselves but with Your Love and Power. Unless You are with us, as You have promised, we would fail. Help us then to face each day of life with the courage born out of trust in You that You will not leave us or forsake us. May Your Will be done in Jesus' name, Amen.



JESUS CHRIST
IS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

Lent 2018 Continues

Our Lenten journey continues in our study of the Book of Hebrews. As God's people of old worshipped, the writer by inspiration, shows how Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise of redemption and salvation as Our Great High Priest. For us in the New Testament, the book of Hebrews is important because it shows us what Jesus did for our redemption and how the Old and New Testament fit together. Christ serves us by completing and fulfilling God's perfect will for a fallen world through His sacrifice.

****March 7 – Midweek Lenten Worship 4: 6:30PM**

Text: Hebrews 10:5-12

“Jesus Is Our Sacrificing Priest”

****March 14 –Midweek Lenten Worship 5: 6:30PM**

Text: Hebrews 13:10-16

“Jesus Our High Priest Serves”

****March 21–Midweek Lenten Worship 6: 6:30PM**

Text: Hebrews 10:19-25

“Jesus Makes Us Priests”

****March 29 – Maundy Thursday Worship: 6:30PM**

Communion Service

Text: Hebrews 8:6-13

“Jesus Is Our Mediating Priest”

****March 30 – Good Friday Worship: 1:00PM**

Text: Hebrews 9:11-14

“Jesus Is Better Than Any Priest”

****April 1 – Easter Sunday Worship w/Communion**

6:30AM & 9:30AM

Text: Hebrews 7:23-27

“Jesus Is Our Eternal High Priest”

Holy Week At St. Paul

Holy Week begins on Sunday, March 25, 2018 which is Palm Sunday. Services will be observed on Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 6:30PM and Good Friday, March 30 at 1PM. Please come for these special services! Like the season of Lent, they prepare us for the joy that our Lord's Resurrection brings on Easter Sunday, April 1 with services at 6:30 and 9:30AM.

Easter Breakfast Parent Meeting

All parents of youth in grades 6-8 are asked to meet on Wednesday, March 7 at 6:00PM in order to help plan the upcoming Easter Breakfast.



Easter Breakfast

Following Sunrise Easter Service on Sunday, April 1, the parents and students of St. Paul's Catechism class will be hosting the annual Easter breakfast with all the trimmings as in years past. Please come and enjoy! The breakfast will last until 9:15AM. A free will offering will benefit the St. Paul Youth Group Fund .

Easter Sunday Blooming Plant Display

The St. Paul Flower Committee is asking members of the congregation to consider a monetary donation to offset the cost of an assortment of 36 Easter flowers (lilies, tulips, chrysanthemums and hyacinths) to be displayed at both Easter Sunday Services on April 1, 2018. We had a nice selection of plants last year and we anticipate a beautiful selection this year again. After services on that day, donors will be able to pick the Easter flower of their choice to take home. Your gift of \$20.00 will cover the cost of the Easter flowers, plus replenish the St. Paul Flower Fund so that flowers can be placed on the altar on a regular basis.



Spring Clean-Up!

On Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 8AM, the Board of Trustees invites members of the congregation to a Spring Clean-Up for the church. Please plan to help. We have work for everyone – Dust, Sweep, Clean a Closet, Rake, Paint, etc., for 1 hour or whatever you can help out with. Good work is its own reward – Come Reward Yourself. Thank You in advance and God Bless – St. Paul Trustee's



Strategic Planning Committee Update

The results of the Strategic Planning Committee's January survey regarding the physical needs of St. Paul's buildings and grounds have been received, sorted, and organized. Your responses are currently being reviewed by the Board of Elders and Board of Trustees. We truly appreciate the time so many people have taken to contribute their valuable thoughts to help guide the decision making here at church.

A second survey regarding how we serve the spiritual needs of the congregation and surrounding community will be made available beginning March 11th. Paper copies of the survey will be available on the table at the rear of church or you can complete the on-line version of the survey by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SLKM3BB> and enter the password: INPUT

Once again, we ask that each member in your household please take time to provide us with their valuable input, as we plan for the future congregational needs of St. Paul Church. Thank you from the Strategic Planning Committee.

Gideon Bible Presentation

After each service on March 11, 2018; Steve Schilling from the Gideons will give a presentation about the work of the Gideon Society, a Christian service organization founded in 1899 here in Wisconsin that carries out a Bible ministry. The Gideons distribute Bibles to hospitals, medical offices, schools and colleges as well as jails and prisons. A freewill offering will be gathered on the day for their work.



The Gideons International
**Spreading the
Good News**

Ushers & Greeters Needed

It's a small thing but an important thing that happens every Sunday at St. Paul – being greeted with a smile and a friendly, “How-are-you-this-morning?” We are always in need of members of our congregation to do this. If you would like to be added to the Usher or Greeter list, please sign up on the sheet located in the fellowship area.

Ushers
&
Greeters
Ministry

Change of Confirmation Schedule

Due to a conflicting schedule for one of our Confirmation families this year; the date of Confirmation will be moved for this year only. Examination will be held on Sunday, April 22, 2018 with Confirmation on Sunday, April 29, 2018. This change of schedule was approved by the Board of Elders and Pastor Pope for this year.



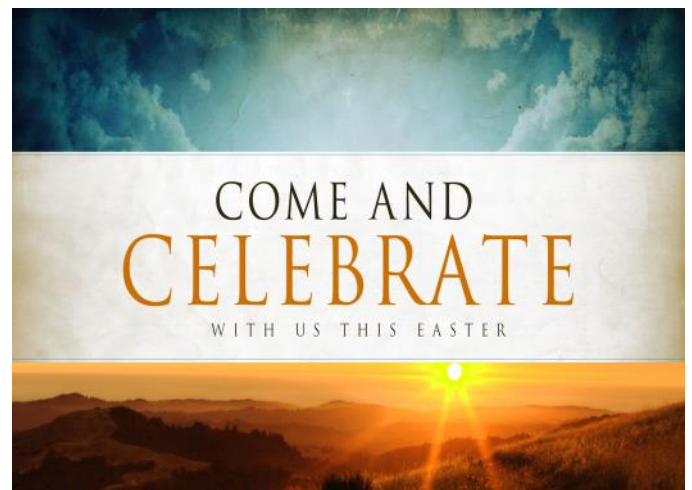
Easter Service Time Change

The Board of Elders together with the Church Officers of St. Paul have recommended to change the time of late service on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018. That service will be changed to one hour earlier at 9:30AM. In years past, St. Paul and Zion shared a church choir and a 10:30AM service accommodated the choir to be able to sing at both congregations on Easter. Now that each congregation has its own choir; it was felt that a 9:30AM service would work better following Easter Breakfast. So the schedule for Easter Worship at St. Paul's on April 1, 2018 is as follows:

Sunrise Easter Worship with Holy Communion:
6:30AM

Easter Breakfast: 7:30AM

Late Service on Easter Day: 9:30AM.



St. Paul Lutheran Church Church Council
January 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Paul Krause at 6:30 pm.

Pastor opened with a devotion.

Roll: Matthew Voigt, Pat Kons, Bob Wendt, Pastor Pope, Bobbi Marks, Mark Peters, Paul Krause, Kirk Delwiche

Absent: Doug Ehrenberg, Stewardship/Evangelism

Minutes: The minutes of the December 19, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Bobbi Marks, seconded by Mark Peters to approve the corrected minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer: A motion was made by Kirk Delwiche, seconded by Matthew Voigt to approve the presented treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Pastor: Pamentor Baptism will occur on an upcoming Sunday. District has been sending emails regarding ways to safe guard our church. We need to look at the overall security of the building and what procedures to follow, especially during a church service. Memorial gifts have been received from Alice Kester and Bucky Meydam. The winter book festival will begin soon.

Elders: Looking into security procedures in the church.

Trustees: Air intake should be looked at and cleaned. Also the chimney needs to be inspected.

Board of Education: Daycare budget down due to year-end bonuses. Youth are planning the winter chili luncheon.

Stewardship/Evangelism: None present. They discussed a new member welcome Sunday, which will occur in the upcoming weeks.

Old Business:

Master Planning: Went through results of survey. Organizing results into topics. Will meet with trustees to get their input. There were 27 responses to the survey.

New Business:

Budgeting: A completed budget is done, however, we need to move toward an operational budget which will take out items such as memorial gifts.

Investing: A recommendation was made for ways that we can invest some of the money we hold at the LCEF plus some of the money that we hold in our general fund. A full report will be given at the February meeting.

Westmeyer Committee: They need to meet to distribute scholarship money. Also a new committee member is needed. Pastor will schedule a meeting.

A motion was made by Bobbi Marks, seconded by Kirk Delwiche to adjourn. We adjourned at 7:31 pm.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted – Matthew Voigt – Secretary



March

Serving the Lord ...

- March 2 – Trevor Fleese
Abigail Wheaton
- March 4 – Billie Claassen, Tara Pomrening
- March 5 – Nicole Hillskotter
- March 8 – Ashley Loehrke
- March 9 – Charles Zeichert, Lainey Titus
- March 10 – Lacy Harris
- March 13 – Bill Buchholz
- March 15 – TC Bartol
- March 17 – Patricia Brogaard, Bill Mitchell
Ian Pope, Jerry Witkowski,
Jacob Gabriliska
- March 18 – Kristy Berrens
- March 19 – Kim Delwiche, Terry Fischer
- March 20 – Kris Buss
- March 21 – Tim Emond
- March 22 – David Baker, Debra Kester
Elly Kettner
- March 23 – Patti Beilfuss, William Hansen
- March 24 – Kadya Groholski
- March 25 – Britney Deruchowski
- March 26 – Grace Ebert, Corey Hillskotter
- March 27 – Holly Peters
- March 29 – Colton Connor
- March 30 – Braeden Landaal, Breeelyn Landaal,
Brooklyn Landaal, Tristin Bucholtz
- March 31 – Audrey Stichman



- March 6 – Jon & Cynthia Porter
- March 12 – Todd & Lori Arrowood
- March 15 – Jerry & Nicole Witkowski
- March 16 – Tim & Karen Lager

March 4 & 11

- Greeters** 1st – Jim & Lauri Struck
2nd – Boettcher Family
- Ushers** 1st – Paul & Dawn Krause
Logan & Austin Krause
2nd – Paul & Karen Hartrick
Tony & Sheri Boettcher

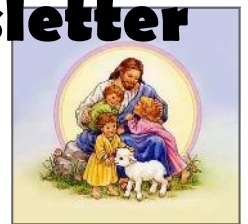
March 18 & 25

- Greeters** 1st – Mike & Karen Abraham
2nd – Bill & Candace Mitchell
- Ushers** 1st – Jerry & Bohdan Witkowski
Mike Abraham, Bob Wendt
2nd – Bill & Candace Mitchell
Terry Block, Pat Gorchals

ACOLYTES

- March 4** – 1st – Grace Ebert
2nd – Madison Hansen
- March 7** – Midweek Lent
–Carson Arrowood
- March 11** – 1st – Cooper Kester
2nd – Luke Ehrenberg
- March 14** – Midweek Lent
– Kahli Weissshahn
- March 18** – 1st – Blake Bartel
2nd – Reilly Claassen
- March 21** – Midweek Lent
–Colton Connor
- March 25** – 1st – Ellie Pomrening
2nd – Morgan Hansen
- March 29** – Maundy/Thursday
–Connor Delwiche

St. Paul Child Care-Preschool Newsletter



March 2018

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Telephone: 920-446-3633

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Preschool Program Teacher: Nancy Bleck School Age Teacher: Tammy Yonke Little Learners Teacher: Nan Young

Child Child Care Teachers: Shelly Kohl, Susan McGlin, Cindy Billington, Jane Freer, Tammy Ebert, Lori Gabrielson,
Becca Schalkowski, Dawn Kauper

Assistant Teacher: Karen Hartrick, Jordan Krause

CALENDAR

Monday, March 5

W-F No School St. Paul Open

Thursday, March 29

W-F No School St. Paul Open

Friday, March 30

Good Friday St. Paul Child Care Center Closed

Monday, April 2

W-F No School St. Paul Open

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6 6:30PM FAMILY NIGHT

All Little Learners, Preschool, and School Age Families are invited to come and enjoy a program by the children.

Enjoy pizza afterwards. Watch for more information.




April 1, Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 AM

April 1, Easter Service 9:30 AM



St. Paul Lutheran Church March 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 7:45 AM Worship w/HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship w/HC	5	6	7 10:30 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Lenten Supper 5:30 PM Catechism 6:30 PM Lent Worship	8	9	10 
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				6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Worship w/HC	1:00 PM Good Friday Worship	