

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

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Please pray for Roger Blum, Joyce Kenitzer, Miles Eisenbeisz, Barbara Dahme, Gladys Felix, Harry and Fern Preston, Sheyenne Seely, Janet Smith, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Courtney Frohling, Dawn Dohn, Lorelei Hartung, Baelyn Schwab, Pam Dutenhoffer, Karen Johnson, Chet Lane, Sally Kushman, David Mammenga, Ella Jaaska, Dan Lingor, Viril Layton, Cody Bahn, Diane Hickenbotham, and LaVonne Helmer.

Please inform the Pastors or the church office when you or a loved one is hospitalized.

Midweek Lent services continue each Wednesday at 12:15pm and 6:15 pm. Soup and sandwiches will be served.

Bobby Family Farewell & Card Shower: March 19th at 9:30am – Please join St. Paul's in a farewell reception for Pastor Bobby, Erica, and family. A breakfast of rolls, breads, and fruit will be served. No Sunday School or Bible Study on that Sunday. We thank Pastor Bobby for his years of blessings he have given to St. Paul's and pray for his new calling to serve the Lord.

You are invited to an in-house congregational Bible Bowl at Our Savior Lutheran in Aberdeen on Sunday, March 19th. We will have pizza for lunch at 1:00 before the friendly competition begins! Topics are Genesis chapters 37-50, Exodus 1-20, and the 10 Commandments with explanation from Luther's Small Catechism. Gather a team of three to four people, and call the office at Our Savior 605-225-7106 so we will know how much pizza to order. Please sign up by March 12th. Any questions, contact Eric Johnson at 605-216-6701.

The Lighthouse Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Please call 725-1855 for more information or pick up an application in the South Narthex.

Organist: Sunday – Cyrece Kono **Wednesday** – Cindy Jung & Judah Bobby.

Please sign the fellowship booklet for attendance

Camp Minneboji: Registrations for Camp Minneboji are open! Camp Minneboji is our District Youth camp for youth completing grades 4-9 held every year at Camp Okoboji in Milford, IA. This year's camp dates are **June 18-24** and the theme is "Way + Truth + Life = JESUS" from John 14:6. Early bird registration is open now through April 1st and the regular registration **closes May 1** or when we are full so register early! We are also always looking for potential counselors and counselor assistants (CA's) to help us run Camp Minneboji. To register or get more information, please check us out at minneboji.com or on the South Dakota District website.

Romans Bible Study: Wednesdays, from 7-8 pm. Join us for a study on an epistle that Martin Luther calls the "most important piece of the New Testament." The book of Romans is full of the gospel in its purity. Let us go together to this fountain of salvation and drink deeply. Bring your Bibles and your thirst! This study will be led by DCE Michael Leapley and we will study 1 chapter per week.

Coed 3v3 Basketball Tournament – Inviting all girls, boys, and adults to join us for some friendly competition between Circuit 1 churches at Aberdeen Christian School on Sunday, April 2nd, 2023. The co-ed 3v3 basketball tournament will start at 2:00 pm and end around 7:00 pm, or when the championship game is finished (whichever comes first). Churches can bring as many teams as they want. A team must have 1 girl on the floor at all times, and no more than 1 adult on the floor at a time. No limit to the number of players on any given team. And even if you don't have a team, come anyway and we'll provide you with teammates! We will also have a Bible study and pizza will be provided depending on the length of the event. Register no later than Sunday, March 26th by emailing DCE Michael Leapley with your team's name and players: michaell@stpaulsaberdeen.org.

Offering: March 5, 2023 - \$10,902.00

Sunday School - \$11.00 Coffee - \$88.00 Missions - \$84.00

Amount to meet Budget: \$13,615.00 per week

Sunday Attendance – March 5, 2023:

8:00am – 95 Communed - 80 **10:45am** – 132 Communed – 74

Wed: 12:15pm - 43 6:15 pm – 78 Communed - 62

Bible Study: Sunday – 65 Wed: 6am – 7 10:45 – 6 5:15pm - 6
7pm - 12

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S: (Mar. 12 - Mar. 19)

- Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**
9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee and donuts
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Prayer Service
5-7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting
- Tue 6:45 pm Choir Practice**
7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice
- Wed 10:45 am Pastor Smith Bible Study**
12:15 pm Lent Worship Service
12:45 pm Soup and Sandwich
5:15 pm Women’s Bible Study – Zoom
5:15 pm Soup and Sandwich
6:15 pm Lent Worship Service
7:00 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Romans Bible Study
- Thur 9:00 am Quilting**
7:00 pm Rural Gospel Initiative Meeting
- Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**
9:30 am Farewell Reception/Card Shower
10:45 am Worship Service
2:00 pm Gathering God’s Flock

Reading *Genesis 12:1–9*

L A reading from Genesis, chapter 12.

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading *Romans 4:1–8, 13–17*

L A reading from Romans, chapter 4.

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . .

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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Reading *John 3:1–17*

L A reading from John, chapter 3.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these

things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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March Baptismal Birthdays

Thomas Agnitsch	Zachary Harry	Terrill Meier
Scott Bender	Kay Heupel	Scarlet Meyer
Cassy Bitz	Cory Huff	Vivian Meyer
Adeline Blair	Theodore Jones	Norma Miller
August Bobby	Evan Jung	Teresa Peterson
Nathan Bode	Maddon Klapperich	Rochelle Rice
Terry Ellingson	Conner Kolb	Corey Sauerwein
Wendi Gilbert	Debra Kones	Betty Streckfuss
Aiden Glaser	Daniel Larson	Janna Struss
Bennix Harry	Janice Mammenga	

March Wedding Anniversaries

Ron & Deb Droog
Jeff & Jennifer Schaunaman
Markus & Linda Selzler
David & Hedi Swanhorst

(If you should be on this list and are not, please contact the church office.)