

## **Called by Christ to Serve**

### **St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church & Lighthouse Preschool**

**Aberdeen, SD**

**March/April 2024**

Dear Members of St Paul's Lutheran,

What a joy as we approach Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord. I am amazed how every year my love for Jesus grows deeper and his sacrifice and resurrection means more to me than it did before. Having children makes you grateful for the forgiveness not only offered to you but to your loved ones. God is indeed gracious that he gave up His only Son to die that we might live. And not just our generation or the one that came before it but the generations that will come after us. Imagine it, Easter 2125 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, they will still be preaching Jesus risen from the dead just as we are just as our ancestors on the prairie and the ones who traveled from Europe and beyond. We are tied into thousands of years of church history, tens of thousands of years of Biblical history, we are just the next page and there will be many pages after us. Thanks be to God.

I would like to address a few questions I have received in the past few weeks. First, I consume all of the communion wine in the chalice. I had been asked why and I would like to give the congregation some information. First, the simple answer is that Christ tells us in the scriptures to take and "eat" not take and store or take and pour out somewhere else. Whereas pouring out the chalice on the ground is the second best choice, I like to be biblical and follow Christ's command. Where he says to take and drink and take and eat we will endeavor to do this. We will do our best to make sure these counts and preparation are as close as they can be so there is little "extra." Second, in the wake of Covid, I took to this practice to make sure that people knew that the wine in the chalice was not "reused" at a later service. Now those immediate concerns have gone away and yet a measure of peace is given I think that the wine for each service is consumed and not used again. Third, OUR LCMS Altar Guild Manual which is seen as a worship manual or sorts give us clear instruction that the preferred practice is to consume the wine in the chalice. This is in keeping with church history. Up until the time where the common cup fell out of practice in most Lutheran churches it was common for the pastor to consume what was left. This is not a "Catholic" but rather a "catholic" practice or a practice of the historic church. In the time of Luther it would have been commonplace to consume the elements and I would say, who is more "lutheran" than Luther. On a personal level, I have endeavored to treat the sacramental elements with care and high respect. The wine and the bread, Christ's Body and Blood are precious to me and I see this as the highest level of respect that when Christ tells us to eat and to drink that is what we do.

ON a different note, I thought I might add a bit of explanation. When I am not preaching but offering the sacrament I wear the chasuble. St Paul's has a chasuble for every church season and it is something I have always wanted to utilize but never have. The chasuble is meant to signify that the wearer is the celebrant. The celebrant is the pastor who is in charge of leading the sacrament section of the service. Now, we adorn the celebrant not to make the person special but rather to mark that the sacrament is special. We rejoice! WE sing special music in the sacramental liturgy and we wear special clothing to communicate that something very special is happening. I choose to wear it for three reasons then. To accentuate the theology mentioned above. To add a bit of color to the church service! And to feel close to the historic church where wearing a chasuble was commonplace as well.

I hope those theological explanations help in your worship at St Paul's. If you wish to speak more about these issues please let me know.

God Bless you as we prepare to celebrate the Risen Lord,  
Rev. Ryan Drevlow

## Five Loaves Supper



The next Five Loaves supper will be held on Wed., April 3rd at 5:15 pm. Menu is tater tot hotdish. Members are encouraged to bring a salad or a dessert to enhance the meal.

## Prayer Service



The next Prayer Service will be held on Sunday, April 14th at 12:30pm. All members are encouraged to attend the monthly prayer services.

## Gathering God's Flock

On the 3rd Sunday of each month, at 2:00 pm, we are going out to make inactive calls. We need your help to reach more people! We simply want to welcome members who have not been in church for a while back to receive all the many blessings God gives to us in His service. Groups can be husbands and wives, entire families, or just two to three people that want to help. Reach out to Pastor Smith or DCE Michael Leapley if you have questions.



**Palm Sunday**—March 24th

**Maundy Thursday**—March 28th—Worship times at 12:15pm & 6:15pm.

**Good Friday**—March 29th—Worship times at 12:15pm & 6:15pm.

**Easter Vigil**—March 30th-- at Our Savior Lutheran Church with Communion  
@ 7pm

**Easter Worship**— March 31st at 8:00am & 10:45am. No Sunday School or  
Bible Study.

**Easter breakfast** by St. Paul's youth. Free will offering.



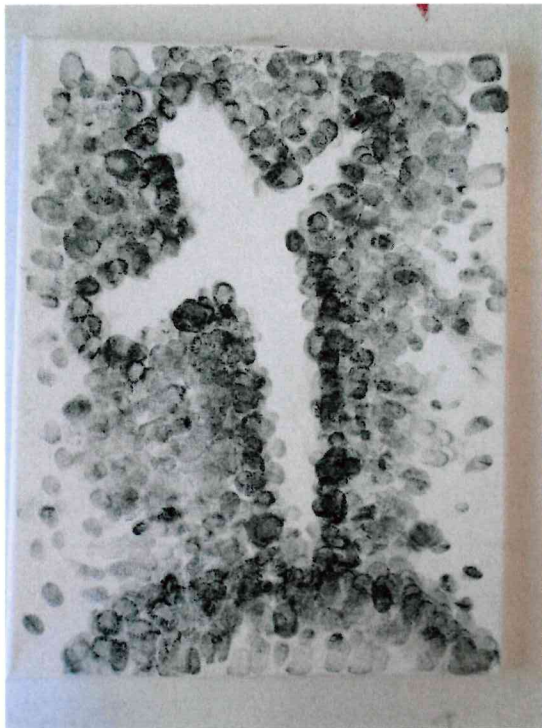
Confirmation will be held on Sunday, April 28th at the 10:45am service. This year's confirmation students are: Jackson Board and Luke Kaiser. A reception for the confirmands will be held at 9:30am on April 28th in the Fellowship Hall.

# Lighthouse Preschool News

Teaching God's children about their Creator, Savior, and Friend while preparing them for a lifetime of wonder, learning, and service.

March 2024

## Lent and Kids



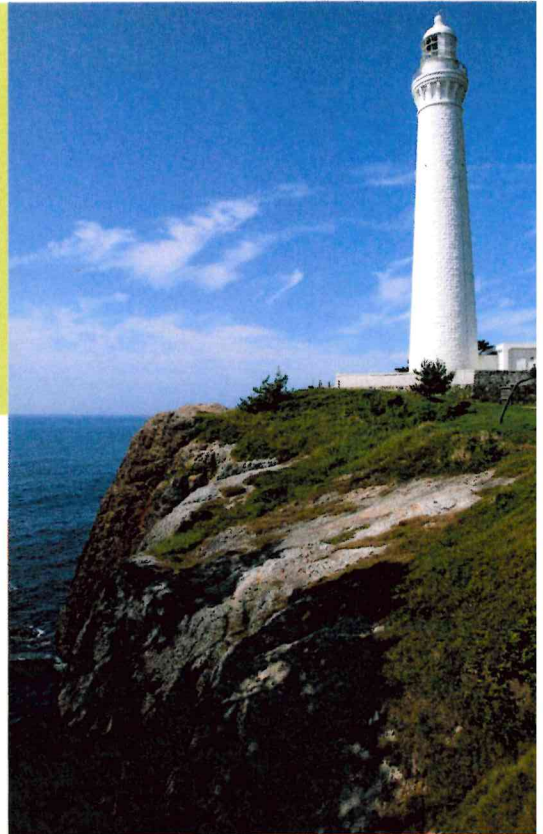
*You don't talk to kids about sad things like death and sin, do you?*

*In short, the answer is "Yes, we do."*

*Without children knowing the brokenness the world experiences, they have no context for understanding what a wonderful thing it is when Christ conquers sin, death, and the devil.*

*This doesn't mean we dwell on these realities or tell them about things that are too much of a burden on their small hearts and minds., but as we live our lives together and walk through sickness and death of family members and pets, it is an opportunity to speak of Christ, who created and redeemed the world.*

**We will soon be having our spring raffle fundraiser! We have some wonderful prizes this year! Please watch for more information in the coming weeks!**



## Upcoming Dates:

March 29<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup>  
No School- Easter Break

April 8<sup>th</sup>-May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Spring Raffle Fundraiser

April 12<sup>th</sup>-  
No School- Conferences

May 13<sup>th</sup>  
Spring Program &  
Graduation 6:15 PM

May 14<sup>th</sup>  
Last day of Preschool!

**We enjoyed our field trip to the museum!**



## Check It Out!

We had a great time at the men's retreat hosted by Lutheran Island Camp. There was quite a showing of gentlemen from the Dakotas (pictured on the left). We learned from Dr. David Coe of Concordia University, Nebraska about the book of Proverbs and how we can look at these words of wisdom through the lens of the 10 Commandments.

Thank you for everyone's support and participation in the Soup and Dessert Cookoff! Betty Ochsner was our winner for best dessert, and Courtnee Rae was our winner for best soup! We raised over \$500 for the Camp Minneboji scholarship fund. Thanks be to God! Please contact DCE Leapley to apply for a Minneboji scholarship. Early bird registration for camp is due by April 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Events and Information

- 3v3 Co-ed Basketball Tournament
  - Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 2-7 PM
  - At Aberdeen Christian School
  - Contact DCE Leapley to sign up
- Jesus Door-2-Door
  - Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Leave from Aberdeen at 7am
- Youth Group Rummage Sale
  - May 11<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 3pm
  - Accepting donations on April 1<sup>st</sup>




**St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)  
& Lighthouse Preschool**

**Rev. Ryan Drevlow  
Rev. Jacob Smith (586) 556-6077**



**Every Sunday  
Divine Service @ 8am  
Bible Study @ 9:30 am  
Divine Service @ 10:45 am**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
7  Coin Banks	8	9 6:45pm Choir Prac. 7:30pm Bell Practice	10 10am Bible Study 5:15pm Women's Bible St <b>6:15pm Worship</b> 7pm Confirmation 7pm Colossians Bible Study	11 9am LWML Meeting	12 Jesus Door2Door @ Milbank	13 9-3pm Circuit Youth Retreat
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