

St. Paul Lutheran Church

March 2023

Worship Schedule

Wednesday	March 1	6:00 pm Soup Supper– St. Paul 7:00 pm Worship– St. Paul
Sunday	March 5	9:00 am St. Paul Lutheran
Wednesday	March 8	6:00 pm Soup Supper– St. Paul 7:00 pm Worship– St. Paul
Sunday	March 12	9:00 am St. Paul Lutheran 11:00 am St. John’s Lutheran
Wednesday	March 15	6:00 pm Soup Supper– St. Paul 7:00 pm Worship– St. Paul
Sunday	March 19	9:00 am St. Paul Lutheran
Wednesday	March 22	6:00 pm Soup Supper– St. Paul 7:00 pm Worship– St. Paul
Sunday	March 26	9:00 am St. Paul Lutheran 11:00 am St. John’s Lutheran
Wednesday	March 29	6:00 pm Soup Supper– St. Paul 7:00 pm Worship– St. Paul
Palm Sunday	April 2	8:45 am Burrito the donkey appearance 9:00 am St. Paul Lutheran
Maundy Thursday	April 6	7:00 pm Worship
Good Friday	April 7	7:00 pm Worship
Easter Sunday	April 9	9:00 am St. Paul Lutheran 11:00 am St. John’s Lutheran



Congregation News



Louise Woods	March 3
Mary Anderson	March 4
Ron Weldin	March 5
Clarence Moore	March 5
Larry Alquist	March 6
Issiac Walker	March 6
Alan Larsen	March 7
Chris Morton	March 7
Carolyn Berghoefer	March 9
Laura Showalter	March 10
Patrick Sietsema	March 17
Marcus Kofoot	March 19
Jim Kohls	March 20
Orlin Schwab	March 20
Mari Cramer	March 21
Kyson Koster	March 21
Beth Whalen	March 24
Sheila McCormick	March 27
Jerrod Wikert	March 28
Kyle Donnenwerth	March 29
Kohen Norman	March 30



Darrell & Janell Brinkman	March 25
Jerry and Toni Groven	March 27
Larry & Darlene Spear	March 28
Gary and Sharon Askew	March 29




Prayer List:

Terry Wheeler, Justin Mejia, Arvin Stadlander,
 Gary and Curtis Askew, Steve Sandvig, John Sandvig,
 Marlys Peterson, Verna Humburg, Leland Dhondt,
 Nancy Knipfel, Marian Kay Foster-Thomas and the
 Call Committee Process.



**If you would know of someone
 or you yourself
 would like to be added
 to the prayer list,
 please call or email
 the church office.**

Participating in Worship:

Date	Reader	Coffee Hour	Greeters	Ushers
March 5	Diane Weldin	Lydia and Marlee Maas And NEED	Jo Coonley and Toni Groven	Sam Showalter Jason Van Wert Michael Norman Tanner Miller
March 12 	Diane Weldin	Cael and Blaek Burmester and Dorothy Madetzke	Jo Coonley and Toni Groven	
March 19	Katie Hilton	Oliver Arenholz and Diane Weldin	Larry and Darlene Spear	
March 26	Katie Hilton	Rayne and Reeve Wagner, Eldean Madetzke and Carolyn Berghoefer	Larry and Darlene Spear	

Coffee hour There are new coffee hour schedules out in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to meet the Youth in the congregation, this is a great way to do that.

Radio Broadcast If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a birthday or anniversary, the cost is \$40.00 There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Stewardship Report

	Giving
February 5	\$ 6,394.00
February 12	\$ 2,745.00
February 19	\$ 2,541.00
February 26	\$ 2,806.00
Total	\$ 14,486.00



SET YOUR CLOCKS
Ahead!

Daylight Savings Time Begins...

Don't forget to Set your Clocks Ahead on Sunday, March 12th!

WELCA NEWS



Once again we are collecting items for
Lutheran World Relief
Personal Care Kits.

Here is a complete list of items needed.

One light-weight bath-size towel between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27". A dark color is recommended.

Two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping.

One sturdy comb.

One metal nail clipper (attached file optional)

You may drop off items any time at the church Tuesdays thru Fridays 9-1.

Thank you!!



WELCA invites you to join them for
coffee and fellowship
every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
And Priscilla Circle will meet on March 16 at
St. Paul Lutheran beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 18, 2023 is National Quilting Day.



A note from Lutheran World Relief...

Lutheran World Relief, has a LOT to celebrate!

For more than 75 years, compassionate people just like you have put their faith into action and made quilts for people in need around the world. And not just a few quilts — nearly 28 MILLION QUILTS!

These gifts of love make life brighter, softer, and a bit more comfortable for our neighbors around the world struggling with chronic poverty, illness, natural disaster and conflict.

THANK YOU.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS!

Our Lenten Soup Suppers will begin Wednesday March 1. Each Board is asked to sign up to host a Wednesday night Soup Supper during Lent. If you would like to help contribute soup on Wednesdays please see the sign up sheet located in the Fellowship Hall. Supper will be served at 6:00 pm and worship is at 7:00 pm.

Thank you!

Lenten Schedule

LENTEN SCHEDULE - "The Voices of Lent" *Lenten services begin at 7:00 pm.*

- March 1– **Marah, the Woman who washes Jesus' feet**
- March 8– Simon Peter, the Disciple
- March 15– Dora, the Woman at the Well
- March 22– Nicodemus, the Pharisee
- March 29– Stephanus, the Rich Young Ruler


April 2-Palm Sunday– 9:00 am St. Paul -Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem, riding on a donkey as Messiah king. The crowds shout praises to God. Jesus will defy the people's expectations. Soon their cries of praise will change to demand for Jesus' death.

April 6– Maundy Thursday-7:00 pm St. Paul -Jesus gathers for a last supper with his disciples before he is betrayed and arrested. Christ invites you to his table of forgiveness and mercy, where he offers to you the gifts of his body and blood in bread and wine.

April 7– Good Friday- 7:00 pm St. Paul-Jesus is tried, and though innocent, sentenced to death. Crucified upon a tree, Jesus shows us the heart of God's love. Jesus dies that we may live.

April 9– Easter Sunday-9:00 am-St. Paul 11:00 am St. John's

The tomb is empty! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Join in the surprised joy of Jesus' disciples. Jesus has defeated sin and death, and his victory he gives to us!



Join Us For Breakfast

JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, APRIL 9
7:30 AM TO 8:30 AM
THE HIGH YOUTH WILL BE
SERVING BREAKFAST.
FREE WILL DONATION.

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Monthly Council Meeting
February 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mari Cramer. Those in attendance were: Mari Cramer, Paul Krull, Jason Van Wert, Steph Korth, Shelley Hilton, Jane Crawford, Patrick Sietsema, Robyn Kofoot, Kent Cramer and Charlene Richtsmeier.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2022 and the January 8, 2023 meetings was made by Paul, seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Financial summary, budget report and youth account was reviewed. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Paul, seconded. Motion carried.

Motion to purchase a CD at First Bank Hampton was made by Patrick, seconded. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

Call Committee: The call committee met with Pastor Liz from the synod. Robyn will be in contact with Pastor Liz weekly to see if progress is being made.

Education: Robyn-Attendance has been very low. The education committee will meet to brainstorm ideas how to get kids involved in Sunday School.

Life and Growth: Jane – There is a sign-up sheet for the upcoming Lenten soup suppers.

Property and Management: Patrick and Kent: Plans are being made to paint the interior of the parsonage.

Stewardship: No report

Worship and Music: Paul – Supply pastors are lined up through the end of April. Lenten services are planned.

Youth: Shelley – The youth served approximately 60 people following the annual meeting. Plans are being made for events in March. Youth will serve Easter breakfast.

WELCA: No report.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: Carey's Electronics will look at the projector and speakers.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steph, seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35.

Next Meeting will be March 15th.

Respectfully submitted:

Charlene Richtsmeier

Thrivent Members: Distributing Choice Dollars

Thank you to everyone who distributed Thrivent Choice dollars to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Last year, \$3,518.00 was given to the church through Thrivent Choice Dollars. Thrivent Choice Dollars must be distributed annually, even if you choose to give to the same organization. The deadline for 2022 Choice Dollar distribution is March 31. Use your online account or contact your Thrivent agent for help distributing your choice dollars. Undistributed Choice Dollars are not rolled over and lost.

Thank you for your support of St. Paul Lutheran Church!



To reserve your seats or learn more about the event, please visit comedycafe.org.

Lutheran Day on the Hill

March 14, 2023

The annual Lutheran Day on the Hill, sponsored by Lutheran Services in Iowa and the three Iowa ELCA synods, is set for Tuesday, March 14 in Des Moines.

More than 200 people will gather at St. John's Lutheran Church in Des Moines to learn about critical issues facing Iowa children, adults and families. The morning kicks off with a key note speaker, a welcome from LSI's CEO, John Twardos, and a brief message from one of Iowa's three bishops. Participants will then break into groups to learn how different service lines at LSI are supporting the most vulnerable Iowans. After learning how to advocate from LSI's lobbyist, everyone will head to the Iowa State Capitol for lunch and an afternoon to meet directly with legislators.

This year's event will focus on three critical issues:

Investing in a strong human services workforce

Support for services that empower refugees and immigrants

Support for Iowa's mental health system

Stay up to date with the latest news regarding Lutheran Day on the Hill by following Lutheran Services in Iowa on Facebook and Instagram and checking their webpage at www.lsiowa.org/LDH.

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Living in God's amazing grace

We are called through baptism to be a welcoming community of faith, grounded in worship and prayer, so that we may grow in Christ-like forgiveness and love.

Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world.