ST. PAUL’S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Pastor’s Desk**

**March 2018**

The Season of Lent continues through most of the month of March even though there is no sign of this thought-provoking season in most stores. What you see instead are aisles of chocolates, stuffed rabbits and chickens, colorful baskets and much more.

All of these things are fine, but they miss the point completely. Lent is a time to think about how well you keep the Ten Commandments, AND how desperately you need help. This help will not be found in the shape of a chocolate bunny. The help that you need comes only from God our Heavenly Father.

And near the end of this month, we begin Holy Week which details very clearly the help that God gives you. The help you need comes from Jesus’ suffering, death and his resurrection from the dead. Jesus’ death and resurrection give you a new life.

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”* (Ephesians 2:8-9)

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

Don’t forget to set clocks ahead an hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 10th.



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Members are invited to bring an Easter lily to church Friday, March 30th or Saturday, March 31. Please sign up on the sheets at either door by Sunday, March 25, so the names of those you wish to remember can be included in the Easter bulletin.

**MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES**

Mid-week Lenten Services will be at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday, with supper to be served from 6:00-7:15 p.m.

**Lenten Service and Supper schedule is:**

March 7 – St. Paul’s

March 14 – St. Matthew

March 21 – St. Paul’s

**HOLY WEEK**

Here is the schedule for Holy Week:

**March 29 –** 7:30 PM - Maundy Thursday Service,

 St. Matthew

**March 30 –** 7:30 PM - Good Friday Service,

 St. Paul’s

**March 31 –** 7:30 PM – Easter Vigil Service,

 St. Matthew

**April 1 –** 7:00 AM – Easter Sunrise Service with

 Breakfast after, St. Matthew

 8:00 – 9:30 AM – Easter Breakfast, St. Paul’s

 10:00 AM – Easter Service w/Holy Comm.,

 St. Paul’s

**LCW**

The LCW Meeting is next Wednesday, March 14th at 1:00 PM.

**LWML PRAYER SERVICE**

The Spring LWML Prayer Service will be held at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Ricketts on March 15th.  Coffee & rolls will be served at 9 AM with the Prayer Service beginning at 9:30.  ALL Ladies are welcome.

**VOTERS’ MEETING REPORT**

The Quarterly Voters’ meeting was held on Sunday, January 21 after church.

Those elected as officers or board members included:

*Elder:* Bruce Mohr

*Trustee:* Gary Goslar

*Board of Education:* Angie Teut

*Chairman:* Justin Hanson

*Secretary:* Joan Neddermeyer

*Treasurer:* Deanna Sorensen

*Stewardship Secretary:* Tammy Bramley

*Auditing Committee:* Nina Leitz, Gary Goslar,

 Don Petersen

*Endownment Fund:* Don Petersen

*Financial Committee:* Loretta Hinrichsen, Don Mordhorst, Teresa Mordhorst, Russ Rosburg, Heather Rosburg, Audrey Gust, Linda Seieroe, Dave Seieroe, Joan Hennings, Deryl Hennings, Leanne Thies, Denny Mordhorst, Barb Mordhorst, Becky Miller

**We give thanks for the faithful service of those who have completed their terms:**

Trustees – Bill Creese

Board of Education – Beth Ewoldt

Auditing – Terri Mohr

Finance Commitee – Kim King, Chris Christiansen, Linda Riddle, Don Petersen, Ronnie Goslar, Lou Anna Goslar

**FAITHFUL GIVING**

This year, along with supporting the gospel in your congregation, please consider supporting the District Missions and our congregational goal of $5,000 toward Zion School in Denison.

**PRAYER TIME WITH PASTOR**

You are invited to come and have prayer time with Pastor during the next few weeks.  There will be two opportunities each week, at St. Matthew’s on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:00 and at St. Paul’s on Fridays from 12:30-1:00.  Come to whichever one fits your schedule.  If you have question you may contact Pastor at 840-1652.  Prayer Time will continue weekly until March 23rd.

**“THY STRONG WORD”**

**‘**Thy Strong Word’ is a daily devotion airing at 6:25 a.m. Monday through Saturday on KDSN 107.1FM).

Mar. 5-10 Rev. Mark Kluzek

 St. John, Kiron

Mar. 12-17 Rev. Kurt Kaiser

 Zion, Denison

Mar. 19-24 Rev. Richard Merrill (vacancy)

 Triple Parish, Charter Oak

Mar. 26-31 Rev. Andrew Johnson

 Trinity, Manilla

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH**

We are listing Baptismal birthdays to remember and celebrate the day we were adopted into the family of God through the washing of the Holy Spirit. Those having Baptismal birthdays in March are:

Amy Riddle 4

Loretta Hinrichsen, Jaxson Thies 5

Emilee Meadows 8

Kade Ohlmeier 10

Norma Berens, Alyssa Thies 12

Lisa Thies 13

Kay Hanson, Gregory Hinrichsen 14

Kenley Bretthauer-Stephens 15

Kevin Savery 19

Landon Mohr 20

Carter Leitz, David Pohlman 21

Bryan Rosburg, Brenda Savery, Logan Vinke 24

Sharon Gosch, Virginia Keating,

Carolyn Seieroe, Kaitlyn Conto, Quintin Conto25

Duncan Purcell, Amanda Thies 26