***ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT*:**
"Be faithfully obedient to the living Christ in making disciples of all people."

ASH WEDNESDAY

In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, He says, "Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing" (Matthew 6:3). Jesus is emphasizing that our good works need not receive special recognition within ourselves, let alone the accolades of others. Jesus cuts right to the heart of our sin, knowing that our condition is so entrenched in us that we will manipulate even that which is good for our own pride. We ought to rend not simply our garments but also our hearts when confronted with this truth (Joel 2:12–13). But, like a master surgeon, Christ takes us in His hands, makes our hearts clean, and renews our spirits (Psalm 51). His hands were stretched out upon the cross, purely out of His divine love for us.

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: Jim Thies
Ushers: Steve Gust, Andy Kuhlmann
Organist: Lynette Thies
Soloist: John Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Linda Riddle, Deanna Sorensen
Finance: Linda Riddle, Bruce Mohr, Terri Mohr
Acolytes: Lydia Kiepe, Morgan Teut

Wednesday Service: Xavier Schaffer, Michael Sorensen
Next Sunday Acolytes: Josiah Peitsch, Landon Kiepe

Those Serving in April

Elder: Gary McCall
Ushers: Matt Kelm, John Mordhorst, William Sorensen
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Tanis Watke, Leah Schwery
Finance: Dave Seieroe, Linda Seieroe, Becky Mordhorst, John Thies, Harvey Thies

ABOUT THE SERVICE

WELCOME: We welcome you to St Paul's! It is a joy to have you here to worship with us. In Jesus Christ our Risen Savior we have reason for hope and joy and so we gather together to receive His good gifts and offer Him our prayers and praises. May God bless us all as we worship together in His house and grow as His children!

STANDING DURING HYMNS: An ancient part of Christian piety, honor, and respect has been shown throughout history by standing for God. We continue this tradition standing during the doxological stanzas of a hymn. —those stanzas which specifically state the Triune God's Name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sun:	9:30 a.m. –Sunday School
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service
Tues:	Pastor in Mapleton
	5:30 p.m. – Elders Meeting
	7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting
Wed:	4:30 p.m. – 5th - 6th Grades Class
	5:30 p.m. – 7th – 8th Grade Class
	5:30 p.m. – Lenten Supper
	6:15 p.m. - Memory Work
	7:00 p.m. – Lenten Service
Fri:	Pastor Family Day
Sun:	9:30 a.m. – Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	6:30 p.m. – LYF Bible Study

Updates will be done the second Sunday of each month
Next update will be March 9, 2025

	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	$165,744.84	$4,000.00	$3,000.00
As of 2/9/2025	$11,698.00	$275	$0
Still Needed	$154,046.84	$3,725.00	$0

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(Δ indicates worshipers stand)

ΔLitany for Ash Wednesday
Hymn..... #419
"Savior, When in Dust to Thee"
ΔConfession & Absolution.... p.167
ΔIntroit.....
ΔKyrie..... p.168
ΔSalutation and Collect..... p.172
Readings.....
Old: Joel 2:12-19
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Solo: "Come Walk with Me"
ΔGospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Children's Message
Hymn..... #761
"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"
Sermon "The Hand of the Lord Who Freely Gives"
ΔApostles' Creed p.175
Offering p.176
Δ Offertory..... p.176
ΔPrayer of the Church..... p.175
Lord's Prayer..... p.179
ΔBenediction p.183
ΔHymn..... #722
"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

- Wednesday Morning Bible Class (Meets in the LYF Room- 11am).

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASHES: You may remove ashes with water and soap when you return home.

BIBLE CLASS: No Wednesday Bible Class this week March 12th.

MONTHLY MEETING: Tuesday, March 11th Elders meeting is at 5:30 p.m. and Council Meeting is at 7 p.m.

SURVEY: There was a survey that the Board of Ed had put in last weeks bulletin and in the March newsletter for input on VBS and Christmas program. Please fill out the survey and put it in the box on the back table. There is also a sign-up sheet on the back table if you would like to help with VBS this year.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: Thrivent Choice Dollars are available to direct until March 31st? People can direct them through their online account or by calling Thrivent.

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING: This year our special mission is STEMM. Our goal is $3,000. There are some STEMM brochures on the back table for more information.

ACOLYTES SIGN-UP SHEET: Catechism students the sign-up sheet for acolyting is in the back on church on the bulletin board.

ALTAR GUILD: On March 23rd after the worship service there will be a short Altar Guild meeting.

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

CATECHISM: Starting March 5th during the Lenten season catechism class times will change to:

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. - 5 & 6 Grades
5:30 - 6:15 p.m. - 7 & 8 Grades
6:15 p.m. – Memory Work/supper

LENTEN SUPPER: We are in need of volunteers to provide Lenten suppers. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES: Mid-week Lenten Services will be at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday starting March 12th with supper at 5:30 p.m.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS: Lutheran Hour Ministries, Lenten devotion "*Servant of the Lord*" is available to pick up at both doors.

LYF BIBLE STUDY: LYF Bible Study is Sunday, March 16th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the LYF room. Bring a snack to share!

WATERING FLOWERS: There is a sheet on the back table for this summer watering outside flower. It is set up by a week at a time. You can do one week or as many as you would like.

PORTAL OF PRAYER: You can pick up the April thru June Portal of Prayer now at both doors. If you know someone else that would like one, please take another to share with them.

St. Pauls Lutheran Church—LCMS

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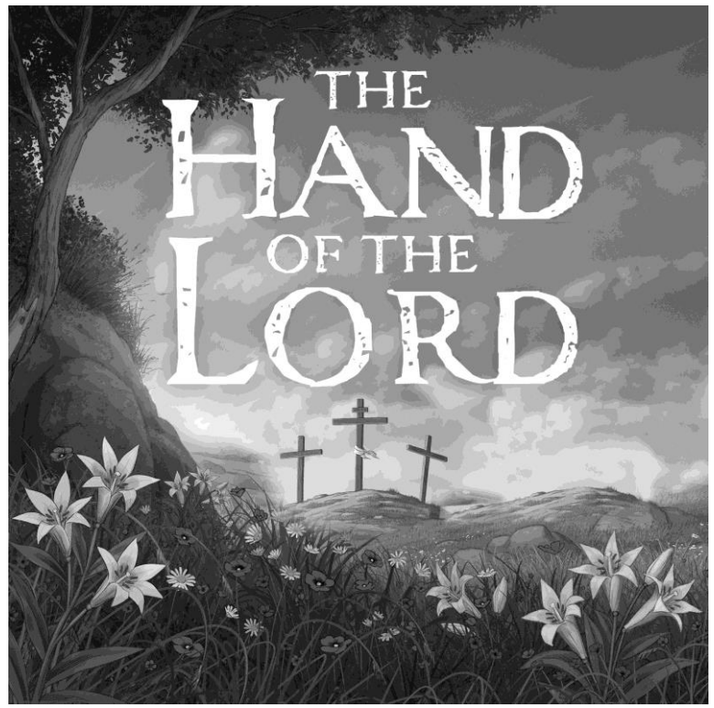
Ash Wednesday (observed)
March 9, 2025



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