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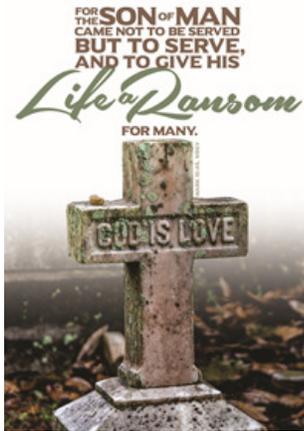
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LASTING LOVE

I have loved you with and everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Jeremiah 31:3



Sometimes human love fails. In 1908, when he was 26 years old, the Hungarian musician Bela Bartok began to compose a violin concerto for his lady friend, a violinist. But by the time he had finished it, his beloved had married someone else. She accepted the concerto as a gift but laid it away and never looked at it. It was not found until after her death in 1956.

Divine love is not like human love. God's love is not subject to changes – to whims, untable emotions, or a change of heart. God declares through Jeremiah *"I have loved you with and everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you."* And through Isaiah, *"For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed."* (54:10)

The apostle John follows through on these declarations of God' love, saying, *"In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."* (1 John 4:9-10) What gives God's love such validity is the performance of it. What John wrote of God's love nearly 2000 years ago is still true. We can rely on it.

After the example of God's love, we too remain steadfast in our Love to God and to one another. Love that changes with the wind is useless. Abiding love is precious. Gifts of love , whether Bartok's violin concerto or any other expression of love, are to be appreciated and put to good use. That is what God wants. He desires that we pass on His love, and that we can do only if we cling to it ourselves.

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Thank-you God for your lasting love to me in Jesus Christ. Help strengthen my love for you and to the people around me.

Your Pastor,
Rev. Richard A. Salcido

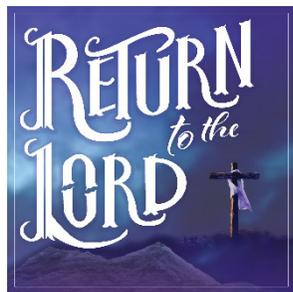
NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for *ANY ITEMS* for in the **March Newsletter by February 10.**

Remember it's up to you or your family members to let the church office know if you are hospitalized.

CHURCH NEWS

OFFICIAL ACTS Transfer: Camden Wych to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Council Bluffs, IA
Weddings: Eric James and Christine Bennett, Kent Krager and Karlie Mandernach.

2021 Lent, Holy Week, and Easter



Wednesdays February 17 – March 27
Holy Week – March 28 – April 2
Easter Vigil – April 3
Easter – April 4

“Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster” (Joel 2:13). God’s invitation and promise finds its fullness in Jesus Christ, who personified and accomplishes all that God declares. Follow different events during the Pasion,

specifically focusing on the people that followed Christ, to see how God calls His people to return to Him this Lenten season.

February 17 – 7:00 PM - Ash Wednesday: “A Call to Return”

February 24 – 7:00 PM - “Return to Prayer”

March 3 – 7:00 PM - “Return from Betrayal”

March 10 – 7:00 PM - “Return from False Witness”

March 17 – 7:00 PM - “Return from Denial”

March 24 – 7:00 PM - “Return from the Kingdom of God”

April 1 – 7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday: “Return to the Table”

April 2 – 7:00 PM - Good Friday: “Return to the Truth”

April 3 – 6:00 PM - Easter Vigil: “Return to the Church”

April 4 - 6:30 & 9:00 AM - Easter Sunday: “Return and See



If you would like to continue (*or begin*) your subscription to the **Lutheran Witness** magazine (*with the Iowa District Supplement insert*) use the special envelope in your box of Offering Envelopes or send a check directly to the Church Office. Make your check payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. A one year subscription is \$23.00. A side note - they no longer include anniversaries, birthdays, etc.

FROM THE ELDERS *Sean Benner, Brandon Johnson, Doyle Brown, Jeff Gilbert, Brent Harm, Aaron Hoffman*

St. Paul Lutheran Church Elders are here for you, and interested in your input or concerns.

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FROM THE BOARD OF HUMAN CARE *Daisy Thayer & Glenda Hausman*

PARISH NURSE The vaccine for COVID-19 may be available in the next few months for the general public. For some groups even sooner. The following is information from the website: [.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/expect](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/expect). The website has other information about what to expect when you go to your appointment to get the vaccine if you are interested in further information.



Vaccines (shots) are one of the tools we have to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

To stop this pandemic, we need to use all of our prevention tools. Vaccines are one of the most effective tools to protect your health and prevent disease. Vaccines work with your body’s natural defenses so your body will be ready to fight the virus, if you are exposed (also called immunity). Other steps, like wearing a mask that covers your nose and mouth and staying at least 6 feet away from other people you don’t live with, also help stop the spread of COVID-19. Studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are very effective at keeping you from getting COVID-19. Experts also think that getting a COVID-19 vaccine may help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19. These vaccines cannot give you the disease itself.

The vaccines are safe. The U.S. vaccine safety system makes sure that all vaccines are as safe as possible. All the COVID-19 vaccines that are being used have gone through the same safety tests and meet the same standards as any other vaccines produced through the years. A system in place across the entire country that allows CDC to watch for safety issues and make sure the vaccines stay safe.

Different types of COVID-19 vaccines will be available. Most of these vaccines are given in two shots, one at a time and spaced apart. The first shot gets your body ready. The second shot is given at least three weeks later to make sure you have full protection. If you are told you need two shots, make sure that you get both of them. The vaccines may work in slightly different ways, but all types of the vaccines will help protect you.

The vaccines may cause side effects in some people, like sore muscles, feeling tired, or mild fever. These reactions mean the vaccine is working to help teach your body how to fight COVID-19 if you are exposed. For most people, these side effects will last no longer than a day or two. Having these types of side effects does NOT mean that you have COVID-19. If you have questions about your health after your shot, call your doctor, nurse, or clinic. As with any medicine, it is rare but possible to have a serious reaction, such as not being able to breathe. It is very unlikely that this will happen, but if it does, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

When you get the vaccine, you and your healthcare worker will both need to wear masks. CDC recommends that during the pandemic, people wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth when in contact with others outside their household, when in healthcare facilities, and when receiving any vaccine, including a COVID-19 vaccine.

Even after you get your vaccine, you will need to keep wearing a mask that covers your nose and mouth, washing your hands often, and staying at least 6 feet away from other people you do not live with. This gives you and others the best protection from catching the virus. Right now, experts don't know how long the vaccine will protect you, so it's a good idea to continue following the guidelines from CDC and your health department. We also know not everyone will be able to get vaccinated right away, so it's still important to protect yourself and others. Suzanne Salcido FCN, RN

LIFE QUOTE “Christians are to show no partiality whatsoever. My brother in Christ who happens to have more melanin than I have in the paper-thin upper level of our skin—while all the skin below the paper is the same—is not of a different race than I. So-called ‘race’ is not even skin deep! That’s mere upper-skin coloring, not race. Varying levels of mere melanin indicate that we’re all coffee beans—some are blonde roast, some are medium or dark or espresso roast, but we’re all coffee, we’re all colored people.” James M. Kushiner, *The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • lutheransforlife.org



Lutherans
For Life

COMMUNITY BASKET Donations for Febuary: Laundry/Kitchen Items: detergent, bleach, dryer sheets, fabric softener, dish soap.. All items are appreciated as well, as they can always use donations. The Community Basket is open on Thursdays (except 3rd Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM. The **Mobile Pantry** will be at the Odebolt Community Center, **February 18th, from 4:30-5:30PM.**

FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP & MISSIONS Brad Zobel & Deb Clausen

TWO FRUIT BASKETS for Christmas were delivered to Horn Memorial Hospital to thank our local frontline workers for their dedication and long hours. A BIG Thank You to Tracy Johnson and Jackie Hoffman for their assistance with the purchasing and delivery.

We are hopeful and prayerful that things will begin to return to some degree of normalcy as the virus vaccine is delivered and the positivity rate goes down. We will be checking into some mission projects that we may be able to involve our midweek students and congregation; any ideas or suggestions are appreciated.

When we, through faith, give God our first and best, we know that God is honored. Jesus said, “*Freely you have received, freely give*” (Matthew 10:8).

FAITHFUL
OF
STEWARDS
God's Gifts

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

According to Genesis 1:26, God did not give us ownership of creation, but “to rule over” creation. God is the source of all things and has retained His ownership. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 4:7 that all things come from God. “*What do you have that you did not receive?*” With this knowledge and

understanding, we would be correct to substitute the word “returning” for “giving” because, through our giving, we are simply returning to God what He has already given to us. When we consider how much to give (return) to our church and other Christian causes, we will then be asking ourselves, “How much of God’s money am I going to keep?”

STEWARDSHIP GIFTS are not only financial but also involve our time and talents. We are still working on a type of volunteer survey sheet that can be incorporated into a database. Please continue to pray for our congregation as we need volunteers to be faithful stewards to serve in God’s kingdom here on earth.

FROM SHARA OSIRO IN KENYA



We thank God for being with all of us through this most unusual year, and granting us His wisdom, grace, mercy and peace as we faced challenges and celebrated joys. Although our travels have been limited this year, Michael and I remained focused on the work that the Lord put before us. We are thankful for time together this year the blessing of each other as we grow together as husband and wife.

Shara was able to travel in February to attend the CMCR conference in Ethiopia and the State of Project 24 Forum in Kenya. With the onset of the Coronavirus, life quickly changed as the world made adjustments to a "new normal". Our LCMS field became one unified Africa region. With that Shara took on some new responsibilities. The LCMS continued to walk alongside our church partners across the region supporting them through COVID-19 grants. Michael has stayed busy as his company continues to grow. We thank God for keeping us safe and look forward to 2021. As we celebrate this season of Advent, may we give thanks to God for the gift of Christ to the world and for His sacrifice on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. May the love that came that Holy night light all your days with hope and joy. We want to say thank-you for all of your love, all of your support and all of your prayers as we serve the Lord in Africa. Our hearts are full of joy knowing that you are all part of this journey with us.

Wishing you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and God’s blessings for a HAPPY NEW YEAR.
Together In Christ...Shara & Michael



MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS Mission Central – LCMS World Mission

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Be sure to check the bulletin board in the hallway by pastors’ offices for information on Missionaries visiting Mission Central this month.

MILITARY BIBLESTICK – VISION 2033



Thank-you for your contribution! St. Paul Lutheran Church sent a check for \$5,590.00 to Faith Comes by Hearing. That amount will be doubled because it was received before December 31st. An additional \$250.00 was sent after the initial check. That is a grand total of \$5840.00! Every \$25.00 gift provides a valuable service member or veteran with a Military BibleStick and more... Your generosity will also equip others — those living in the outermost areas of the world who have little or no access to Truth — with the vital weaponry of Audio Scriptures. This is Faith Comes By Hearing’s Vision 2033: To share God’s Word with the oral majority by the year 2033 whether that’s a service member, village, community, or persecuted church. And there’s more. Because our congregation **surpassed** \$2,033, Faith Comes By Hearing will partner with our missions’ outreach by providing free resources empowering our church family to reach those within your sphere of influence with God’s Word. By working together, we can fulfill the Great Commission.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES *Ross Ladwig, Jeremy Mason, Doug Hanson & John Brinkman*

Project Updates:

- Repairing Education building heating and air-conditioning.
- Installation of outdoor solar lighting outside north entrance doors.
- Investigating installation of cameras at all exterior doors.

FROM THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM / ASSIMILATION Jen Hoffman & Kristy Gilbert



MAIN STREET LIVING IS A LUTHERAN TELEVISION PROGRAM that is endorsed by the Iowa West District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The program receives no funding from the District, but is totally funded by viewers and congregations of the KCAU Viewing area. The program is broadcast on **KCAU, the ABC network affiliate in Sioux City on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00 AM.**

The first 30 minutes are remastered episodes of the popular “This is the Life” series that was very popular in the 70’s and 80’s. The second half of the program is a modified Lutheran worship service that features a different Pastor each week, from the station’s broadcast area.



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FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Jon Devitt & Robyn Devitt

4th - 6th grades and 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation- have resumed classes on Wed evenings
Wednesday Morning Bible Class -have resumed classes on Wed mornings

FROM THE BOARD OF YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE Amy Bennett

Lutheran Youth Fellowship FEBRUARY 2021
Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

Higher Things Conference—Forgiven 2021

July 20-23, 2021

Calvin University, Grand Rapids, MI

NOTE: All events are subject to change or be cancelled due to COVID-9.

Evil vs. an Omnipotent God “The Way”

Theme: The Problem of Evil
Sunday, February 21 from 6:00-7:45pm St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ida Grove



“The Truth” Bible Class (Sundays

@10:15am-11:15am)

Sunday, February 7th: **The Gospel of Mark**
Sunday, February 14th: **The Gospel of Mark**
Sunday, February 21st: **Sunday at the Movies**
Sunday, February 28th: **Sunday at the Movies**
(cont’d)

Sub Sales

Coming in March...

Keep an eye on your e-mails, Facebook, and Instagram (@stpaulig_lyf) for information on future events.



Puzzle!

Discover the identity of a biblical person. First, assign a number value to each letter, starting with M=1, N=2, O=3, ... A=15, etc. Then use the code to complete the clues.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
15 1 2 3

FIRST CLUE: 15 7 15 13 3 9 2 21 11 5 2

22 19 25 23 26 26 19 18 7 3 1 19 3 2 19.

SECOND CLUE: 22 19 11 15 7 8 19 2 18 23 2 21

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THIRD CLUE: 15 7 15 16 15 16 13 22 19 11 15 7

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16 15 7 25 19 8 23 2 8 22 19 2 23 26 19 6 23 10 19 6.

Who is this person? _____

Answer: Moses



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Elders 7:00PM	3 9:30AM Bible Study 5:45-6:45PM Midweek 5 th -6 th Grades 7 th & 8 th Confirmation 10:30-4:30 Bloodmobile	4	5	6
<i>Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany</i> 7 9:00AM Worship w/Communion social distancing parking lot tune into 97.1 10:15-11:15AM 7 th -12 th Grade Bible Study 2:00PM online & local cable channel	8	9 Church Council 7:00PM	10 9:30AM Bible Study 5:45-6:45PM Midweek 5 th -6 th Grades 7 th & 8 th Confirmation	11	12	13
<i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> 14 9:00AM Worship social distancing parking lot tune into 97.1 10:15-11:15AM 7 th -12 th Grade Bible Study 2:00PM online & local cable channel	15	16	17 Ash Wednesday 9:30AM Bible Study 5:45-6:45PM Midweek 5 th -6 th Grades 7 th & 8 th Confirmation 7:00PM Ash Wednesday Worship w/Communion	18	19	20
<i>First Sunday in Lent</i> 21 9:00AM Worship w/Communion social distancing parking lot tune into 97.1 10:15-11:15AM 7 th -12 th Grade Bible Study 2:00PM online & local cable channel	22	23	24 9:30AM Bible Study 5:45-6:45PM Midweek 5 th -6 th Grades 7 th & 8 th Confirmation 7:00PM Lenten Worship	25	26	27
<i>Second Sunday in Lent</i> 28 9:00AM Worship social distancing parking lot tune into 97.1 10:15-11:15AM 7 th -12 th Grade Bible Study 2:00PM online & local cable channel						