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A Letter From Pastor Werk



Dear members and friends of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School,

Whenever I think about Jesus and His crucifixion, I am overwhelmed by how much love it took for Him to die in my place. Jesus loved me enough to suffer and die to pay for my sin. Jesus died so I could live. He intentionally took the punishment that was meant for me. I don't deserve that love. I could never repay that love.

14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (NIV)

Jesus love for you and me took Him on a journey to the cross. Every year we take time during the 40 days of Lent to follow Jesus on His journey. We remember with thankful hearts His incredible love for us and the sacrifice He made so we could be free from our sins and welcome in heaven.

As we journey through Lent with Jesus, we realize that He deserves so much more of our lives than we ever give Him. This Lent lets spend some time getting closer to Jesus in prayer and in reading and hearing together the Bible accounts of Jesus's determined march to the cross. And as we follow Jesus, let us commit ourselves to giving more of our lies to Him in service and devotion. May we be moved by His love to grow in love ourselves for one another.

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:7-10 (NIV)

May we learn from Jesus to love like He loves us. As we journey through Lent with Jesus, may our hearts and lives be transformed as we see and experience His love.

**We are a family of disciples using every gift that Jesus gives us
to take the heart of Jesus to the heart of our community
and to bring our community to Jesus.**

Pastor Allen Werk

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Let Us Put On Love

Colossians 3:12-14

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR



Flowers can be purchased in honor of a milestone occasion (Anniversary or Birthday) or in memory of a loved one to be placed on the altar at any Sunday Service. Please complete the Altar Flower Form located in the lobby. Bring the form and \$20 to the Church Office (2) weeks prior to the date.

Listening Aid Devices

Are available in the podium near the tower entrance to be used during services. Please help yourself.



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

FEBRUARY 2018

February 4 - "Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?"

There's much in science that witnesses to God. Dr. Meyer says telescopes and microscopes can further evangelism more than soap boxes. (Isaiah 40:21-31 (The almighty God of all creation))

February 11 - "Was Blind, But Now I See"

Would you rather be blind or visioned? That's an easy one. But, how does a spiritually blind person become seeing (2 Corinthians 4:3)

February 18 - "Pay Attention to What You Hear (Mark 4:24) "

Lent calls us to take deep into our being the life-changing words of God. The result? Obedience, changes in desires, and blessings. (James 1:12-18)

February 25 - "Living and Dying"

Looking at sinful mankind, Jesus found what he was willing to die, and to live for. Are we willing to do the same? (Romans 5:1-11)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May the Lord bless you as you celebrate your birthday, and may His blessing follow you through the coming year!

2/1	Parker-Roy, Laura	2/12	Tibbs, Elaine
2/1	Rigerman, Ruth	2/13	Smart, Randy
2/1	Williams, Austin	2/16	Drake, Ky Reese
2/2	Edson, Jonathan	2/17	Pangrazio, Chelsie
2/2	Wiatrowski, (Daniel)	2/18	Marchese, Riley
2/3	Baldwin, Cindy	2/18	Richenberg, Martha
2/5	DeMare, Maxwell	2/19	DeMare, Maggie
2/5	Prospero, Thomas	2/23	Kruger, Benjamin
2/6	Maier, Kimberly	2/25	Gogolack, Madeline
2/9	Klein, Emily	2/25	Gorski, Susan
2/9	Raglan, (Ardeen)	2/26	DeMare, Nadeen
2/9	Weicher, Gretchen	2/27	Snell, Gary
2/11	Reiss, Margie		



SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS

By Kathy White, Sr. Choir Director

Sr. Choir meets weekly *in the organ loft between services at 10:20a—10:45a*. We hope you will join us.

ER SINGERS REHEARSALS

By Ann Werk, ER Singers Director

ER Singers will meet on **February 4 & 18 at 5:00p.**

NOONTIME BIBLE STUDY

By Jackie Blank, Bible Study Leader

"Living a God-Sized Dream" is the title of the study we will do **Tuesday, February 6**. We will learn about the "other Rosa" who is a role model for service as a Lutheran woman. Come be inspired as we look into God's Word using the Bible study printed on pages 18-19 in the Winter 2017 LWML Quarterly. We will also use a 42 minute DVD, "The First Rosa," to answer questions about following God and serving Him. Bring your lunch to the library and enjoy conversation before our study which begins at noon. Copies of the study will be available.

QUILTERS

By Jackie Blank

The women continue to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief and have completed over 120. We are blessed to see some new faces who are helping to put together these quilts, which will provide warmth and comfort for many. We are always grateful for the workers as we share laughs and enjoy working together to accomplish the various jobs. All are invited to see what we do any Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. through April.

Donations of materials are needed! Especially needed are blankets, mattress pads, and other fillers. We also accept donations of sheets and fabric (cotton and cotton-blend.)

UNITED WAY GIVING

If you donate through the United Way of Greater Rochester, you can designate St. Paul School as the recipient. You must use the United Way Designation Form and indicate St. Paul Lutheran School along with donor designation # 2561. If you wish to make a donation or would like to set up regular donations, go to: <https://www.uwrochester.org/uwdb/give/givenow.aspx>

PRAISE BAND NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Praise Band needs your help. We are *in need of any musicians or singers to lend their talents for worship during the Contemporary Service at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday*. The goal is to have enough participants to create a rotation schedule which would allow everyone an opportunity to praise the Lord in our own special way. If you have any questions or want to find out what more is involved, please contact Kathy White or Tom Maier.

BELL CHOIR

By Linda Eick, Bell Choir Director

Looking for NEEDED additional members to join us for the Lenten and Easter Season. Some ringers are going south! **Our first rehearsal will be February 28th at 6:30**. We will (God willing) play on Good Friday and Easter Sunday morning. See Linda Eick or any member if interested in joining our bell family. We are not perfect but we love ringing praises.

A NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER

Please notice that there are envelopes available to give to Capital Improvements or Renovations. There are envelopes to designate to specific Capital Improvement Projects such as the Stained Glass Windows or Roof Fund in the Narthex. Include your Env. # and these will be added to your 2018 giving statement.

ST. PAUL YOUTH GROUP

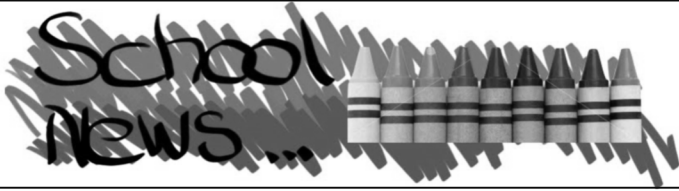
FEB 4—SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Our Youth Group will be collecting donations for the **Supper Bowl Of Caring on February 4th** after worship services. Look for the Soup pots to throw in your loose change or quiet money. No donation too small. Youth Group will match collection up to 100.00. All donations will be split between Care-a-van and Our Blessings Box!

Chew, Chat and Cards will be Saturday night at 7:00 pm on March 3rd. We will meet at McDonalds on East Main. Its a wonderful opportunity to bring a friend for a casual fun evening of Christian fellowship, food and fun. We will firm up plans for the 30 hour famine.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE! *We'll be meeting on Mon., Feb. 5 - 6:30 p.m.* in the church basement. We'll be helping to finish some quilts! If you can tie a knot—you're qualified. Come join us for an evening of service and laughter!!



January 29-Feb. 2 – National Lutheran Schools Week
 Feb. 2 - End of the second marking period
 February 3 - School Fundraising Auction
 February 5-8 - After School Parent/Teacher Conferences
 February 16 - Amerks' Game—Children Sing National Anthem
 February 19-21 - Presidents' Day Break NO SCHOOL

We are still offering the Main St. Pizza coupon cards at \$10 each for those who wish to get one. Anyone interested, please stop by the church office or reach out to any teacher.

VISUAL FAITH/BIBLE JOURNALING GROUP

Do you love to doodle and color; and would also like to focus more on God's Word? It's amazing how coloring can focus your mind and relax you; and when it is centered around Scripture—you can make a wonderful connection to God.

Bev Wicher will be starting a Monthly Visual Faith/Bible Journaling group starting Feb 12 and continuing the 2nd Monday of each month. I will have a short devotion on one scripture verse and then we will have some time to color and/or journal about that verse. I will have coloring sheets and Bible margins available to color as well as journaling pages available. If you are familiar with Bible journaling and have a journaling Bible or a favorite faith based coloring book, bring that along to use. I will have basic supplies available, but if you have favorite supplies, bring them along. We will start simple—I am not an expert—and see where God leads us. I will also have available resources on other Visual Faith activities. Any questions contact me at bev.wicher@gmail.com or 716-913-4140 text or call.

2nd Monday of each month
starting Feb 12 7-9 p.m.

St. Luke Lutheran Church, 900 Maryvale Dr.,
Cheektowaga

A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Friends of St. Paul,...Many thanks for all the thoughtful cards, messages, calls and gifts that helped me celebrate my, 90th birthday. God bless you all!

In Christ's love, Wilma Meyer

IN HIS HANDS—SIGNING CHOIR

In His Hands Signing choir will again meet in March at 9:30 -9:45 am on March 11th and March 25. We will continue to learn to sign the song THY WILL by [Hillary Scott](#).

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

By Sally Scroger, Director

Our Sunday School children had a Thrivent Fundraiser for All Babies Cherished. With the help of the members of the congregation, they raised \$368.12 plus the \$250.00 from Thrivent. This was enough to purchase items for 10 kits. Items include a laundry basket, diaper bag, soap, lotion, diapers, hooded towel, receiving blanket, pacifier, wash cloth, etc. Good job. They will soon be packing the kits.

Their next project will be our "Hearts for Jesus" campaign during Lent. They are thinking of an animal or a clean water project through Compassion International.

The dates have been set for our Vacation Bible School. That date is June 25th – 29th. Watch for more information as it becomes available.

We are once again going to suspend Sunday School for the summer months. Our last Sunday School class will be May 20th. We will begin again on September 9th.

There will be no Teacher's meeting in February.

AUTO BANKING WORKING WELL

There have been a few people who have set up automatic contributions to be mailed in the form of a bank check directly to the Church for their giving. Checks can be set up to be sent weekly or monthly. If you go online to your bank's website, you can set those up OR you can stop by your nearest banking branch and speak to someone about how to begin. It's as easy as 1-2-3. Sign up for what they call online 'Bill Pay' option. You can designate the amount you want to come out of your bank account and how often for them to do it. You can have them reference your Church Envelope number in the memo line if you'd like. Either way, it will be processed and added to your giving statement. If you are interested in knowing more, you can stop by the Church Office to talk with Michele about it...or contact your banking institution for more information.



Lutheran Women in Mission Ministry

LWML NEWS

By Sharon Wolff, President

We kicked off the New Year with our gathering of about 15+ women. We enjoyed the wonderful refreshments provided by Lori and Deb P. We made out cards to various congregational members and had a wonderful devotion on the Doors of Invitation, led by Ann. A brief business meeting followed.

Reminders:

Quilters meet every Tuesday at 9am in church basement.

Bible study with Jackie on February 6th bring a bag lunch to enjoy prior to the study beginning at NOON. Bring your Winter Quarterly.

Ladies Night Out is February 5th at 6:30 in the basement of the church. Tables will be set for us to work on some quilts...

Our next gathering is CHANGED to February 27th at 7 in Memorial Hall....please adjust your calendars. In-gathering will be WHITE ONLY washcloths for Cross-roads House.

Our March prayer service will most likely be CHANGED to Wed March 21st. That is the last Lenten service. Plans are to be firmed up still with Sharon and Pastor.

I just want to encourage all women and gals to pray about attending any of the meetings either the local or zone or district. LWML is a terrific organization where our MITES fund our mission programs and all that LWML does to spread the love of Jesus world wide. It is a great way to fellowship, meet new faces, and just enjoy the company of other women and gals. Bring a friend, a partner, a relative....All women and young gals in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, are members of Lutheran Women's Missionary League...women with the sole purpose of serving God in all areas of mission and outreach, with a heart of gladness.....see YOU in the future. - Sharon Wolff

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming dates to pray about and consider attending:

February 3 from 9-12 noon at St. Luke in Cheektowaga

ZONE event...we will be sewing children's caps for either a Rochester or Buffalo children's facility for them to use for surgery or other programs with their patients. We will also be coloring beautiful cards to send to these facilities as well. SO if you love to sew, love to color, love to spend time chatting and building relationships...come on out to this fun event. It is a fun way to meet other Lutheran women just like you and me!

April 28 from 9-? Our spring ZONE event. Program is yet to be decided. Will be held at First Trinity Church in Tonawanda

May 5 Quilt Auction and basket raffle at Camp Pioneer is a fund raiser for Camp Pioneer.

June 1-3 LWML District Convention in Niagara Falls, NY. This is a great opportunity to see how the District LWML functions, meet the officers, and committee members, and attend some pretty spectacular worship services, not to mention build some new relationships with women of faith.

August 21 5pm White Elephant sale followed by Potluck Dinner at 6pm at Camp Pioneer. Bring a "closet" goodie you would like to share with someone else and a dish to pass and come out for this fun event at beautiful Camp Pioneer. This is a ZONE event.

September 14-16 LWML District Retreat at Camp Pioneer. Don't want to miss this. Take a Saturday trip to this beautiful camp on Lake Erie, and spend the day getting soul food, great conversations, great entertainment, and great fellowship. OR spend the whole weekend! Pray and save now!

September 29 9-2 Fall ZONE event. Program as yet to be determined as well as the site.

SERVING IN FEBRUARY—2018

GREETERS

- 4 E— Deborah Fischer
L— Dave & Ruth Rigerman
- 11 E— George & Betty Van Nest
L— Harold Kiltbau
- 14 7pm Ash Wed Service—B. & L. Shell
- 18 E— Linda Snell
L— Al & Sally Scroger
- 25 E— Charise Donahue
L— Audra Klein & Family

LAY READERS

- 4 E— Mary Ella Loos
L— Dee Johnson
- 11 E— Tom Maier
L— Wayne Grefrath
- 14 7p Ash Wed—Brenda Seward
- 18 E— Charise Donahue
L— Joanna Weicher
- 21-7p Lenten Service—John Marchese
- 25 E— Sue Bobo
L— Lynn Eick
- 28-7p Lenten Service—Darlene Hinz

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 4 GREFRATH/EICK
- 11 WOLFF/WARNER
- 14-7p Ash Wed—GREFRATH/EICK
- 18 CANALE/BELL
- 25 EICK/VAN NEST

COUNTING TEAMS

- 4 EICK / M. SEWARD
- 11 THIELEMANN / M. SEWARD
- 18 GAMIN / M. SEWARD
- 25 B. SEWARD/M. SEWARD

ACOLYTES

- 4 E— Maggie DeMare
L— Henry Rigerman
- 11 E— Maddie Gogolack
L— Gabe Weicher
- 18 E— Austin Williams
L— Olivia Kabel
- 25 E— Dylan Maier
L— Chris Klafehn

ALTAR CARE

Sally Scroger & Betty Van Nest

COMMUNION WARE

FEB 4, 14, 18: A. & S. Scroger

FEB 11, 14 & 25: S. Wolff

ALTAR CARE

FEB 4 & 11 = Green

FEB 14, 18, 25 = Purple

USHERS

- 4 E— Team 7
L— Team 8
- 11 E— Team 9
L— Team 2
- 14 7p Ash Wed—Team 1
- 18 E— Team 3
L— Team 4
- 21 7p Lenten Service—Team 5
- 25 E— Team 7
L— Team 6
- 28 7p Lenten Service—Team 9

Feb-18

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 3:30P - SCHOOL AUCTION & SUPER SNACK SHACK
NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK						
4 YOUTH GRP SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 8:30A - CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 9:45A - SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS 10:20A- SR. CHOIR REHEARSAL 11:00A - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP-LS 5:00 ER SINGERS REHEARSAL	5 9:30A - SCHOOL CHAPEL 6:30P - LADIES NIGHT	6 9:00A - QUILTERS 12:00P - BIBLE STUDY 6:45P - SCHOOL BOARD	7	8	9	10
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES AFTER SCHOOL HOURS						
11 8:30A - CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP-LS 9:45A - SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS 10:20A- SR. CHOIR REHEARSAL 11:00A - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	12 9:30A - SCHOOL CHAPEL	13 9:00A - QUILTERS	14 9:30A - CIRCUIT PASTOR'S MEETING 7:00P - ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP	15	16 7:05P - ST PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL SINGS NATIONAL ANTHEM AT AMERKS GAME IN ROCHESTER	17 10:00A - CRASE CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO AN ACTIVE SHOOTER
18 8:30A - CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 9:45A - SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS 10:20A- SR. CHOIR REHEARSAL 11:00A - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP-LS 5:00 ER SINGERS REHEARSAL	19 6:30P - ADMINISTRATIVE and MINISTRY TEAM MEETING	20 9:00A - QUILTERS	21 5:30P - LENTEN SUPPER 7:00P - LENTEN WORSHIP	22	23	24 10:30A - STATE ST. MINISTRY
NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENT'S DAY BREAK						
25 8:30A - CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP-LS 9:45A - SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS 10:20A- SR. CHOIR REHEARSAL 11:00A - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	26 9:30A - SCHOOL CHAPEL	27 9:00A - QUILTERS 6:30P - BELL CHOIR 7:00P - LWML MEETING	28 5:30P - LENTEN SUPPER 7:00P - LENTEN WORSHIP			