



Newsletter

SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE
WITH THE WORLD

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Sunday
Worship Services
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

THE 40 DAYS OF LENT AT SAINT PAUL

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The forty days of Lent ~ Ash Wednesday through the Vigil of Easter, not including the five Sundays, which are always celebrations of the resurrection ~ provide us with a time to prepare our hearts and examine our lives for the coming drama of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ.

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This Lenten season we reflect on our call in baptism through the lens of the paradox and promise of our Christian faith. Our texts focus on seeking and self-suspicion, asking:

* **“We are not blind, are we?”**

* **“Where can I find this living water?”**

* **“Why, Jesus, did you let my loved one die?”**

* **“Are you really the Son of God?”**

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How do such contradictory themes come together in our lives of faith and in our witness? Come and see!

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Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday,
March 9, 2011
12 Noon & 6:30pm



PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

Pastoral Ponderings: *Time to put away our Alleluia's!*

Alleluia or from the Hebrew, *Hallelujah*; it literally means praise the Lord. This is a great word of resurrection. On March the 8th we will host our traditional Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday) pancake dinner. Following the dinner we will have a burial of the Alleluia service with the burning of palms, as we prepare for Ash Wednesday.

But why do we “bury” our Alleluia? Because of the penitential character of the season of Lent, singing or saying the word "alleluia" has historically been suspended during Lent's forty days. This period of individual and congregational reflection on the quality of our baptismal faith and life suggests that the joyful nature of alleluia is more appropriately reserved for our Easter celebrations when it is given full and jubilant voice. An alternate gospel acclamation for Lent that omits the alleluia is provided for all settings of Holy Communion in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

The omission of alleluia during Lent goes back at least to the fifth century in the western church. The custom of actually bidding it farewell, however, developed in the Middle Ages. The hymn "Alleluia, song of gladness" (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* #318) contains a translation of an 11th century Latin text that compares an alleluia-less Lent to the exile of the Israelites in Babylon. The text then anticipates the joy of Easter when glad alleluias will return in all their heavenly splendor.

Alleluia is appropriately bid farewell on the Sunday preceding Ash Wednesday (the Transfiguration of Our Lord, also called the last Sunday after the Epiphany). This is the last Sunday when alleluia will be used until the Vigil of Easter.

Lent is an opportunity for us to “Return to the Lord our God.” Lent is an opportunity to use the forty days to reorient our hearts and minds and lives to God. We remove our Alleluia's to center us around removing the clutter from our faith lives. Many people give up things for Lent, but Lent is also an opportunity for us to take on spiritual practices that help us return to God.

The season of Lent calls us into moments of washing in our baptism and recalling the promises made, to return to those we have not kept, and renew them. Lent provides us as a congregation many opportunities to stop in the middle of our week both at 12noon and 6:30pm to stop, to pray, and hear God's gracious words of promise and forgiveness.

I look forward to our journey together as a congregation as this Lenten pilgrimage begins. From the removal of our alleluia's, to the ashes placed on our heads, until that Easter morning; we walk together returning ourselves to the things of life that matter most and put away the things that distract us from our relationship with God.

Let the journey begin,

Pastor Kevin

PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

Council News

At our congregation meeting last month Beth Drane, Floyd Johnson and Charlie Malin were elected to serve as the 2011 nomination committee. The church's constitution and bylaws document was also ratified. The church council has now received the report from the ad-hoc committee which is looking at possible options for reducing and eliminating our church's building debt and improving our current financial position. In the next few weeks council will be presenting information within open forum meetings about our mortgage loan, endowment fund, financial position and ministry needs. Following your input, council will put together a final plan for you to vote on at a called congregation meeting in the next few months. Thank you for your input as we work together growing and serving.

Tom Sims
President St. Paul Lutheran Church
sims51@charter.net

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

SUNDAYS IN LENT 8:00am & 10:30am Worship Services

Gospel Greatness!

The five Sundays in Lent bring us readings from the Gospel's of Matthew and John that are rich stories of the faith. The Worship Ministries Team will be preparing the Sanctuary to intensify our focus on our baptism and to help us reflect on these gospel stories. Come hear God's abundant love for his children through scripture.



Children Gather Around the Word

During the Sundays of Lent, we will invite the children of the congregation to come forward after the Prayer of the Day. During this time, the pastor will help prepare the children to listen to the scripture lessons for the day and help them appreciate other signs and symbols of the season.

During this season of Lent, we will hear about God's love stories and how we are part of the great drama. All children are welcome. None should be forced to come forward. Those who are interested but are hesitant may certainly be accompanied by a parent, grandparent, or godparent.

WEDNESDAYS OF LENT Wednesday Worship at Noon

During our 12 noon Mid-Week Lenten services we will have an opportunity to gather as the people of God for a short prayer service and hear each week the Hebrew Scriptures come alive in our midst. As we come and hear of God's miraculous grace. God's keeping of God's covenantal promises. This service will be about half an hour.

Wednesday Worship at 6:30 pm

Each Wednesday evening during Lent, our community will gather in our Sanctuary following our mid-week meal. As we gather each week we will come in contact with various characters that have a story to tell. Come and hear stories of Faith. Come and see how God's grace will always be there and we are his beloved children. We will be using the Holden Evening Prayer for our evening liturgy.

Once again this year, we will worship every evening between Palm Sunday and Easter Day.

Worship begins each evening at 6:30 pm except for Good Friday at 7:00pm and Easter Vigil at 8:00pm.



WORSHIP MINISTRIES

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHY WE HAVE ACOLYTES?

The word acolyte means 'follower' or 'attendant'. In the early days of the church, serving as an acolyte was one of the steps toward becoming a pastor. Today, no one expects every acolyte to become a pastor. But acolytes are needed because they have a special ministry to perform

To be an acolyte is to be a special kind of minister, for he/she will be serving at the altar of God, handling holy things, assisting the pastor, and helping everyone focus on why we worship.

They are needed to:

- Help the church get ready for worship
- Know the flow of liturgy
- Participate and minister with reverence and care
- Remember that worship is a holy event



In the Methodist and Lutheran traditions, acolytes participate in the worship service (or Mass) by lighting and extinguishing the altar candles, and ringing the church bell to call the congregation to worship. In these traditions, the lighting of the altar candles in the worship service is a symbol of Jesus' coming into the presence of the worshipping community. Before lighting the candles the acolyte is supposed to bow at the altar. Before the extinguishing of the last altar candles, the acolytes relight their "candle lighter" and then process out into the narthex. This symbolizes that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere. It also symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are called to serve. Similar to those in the Anglican tradition, acolytes in these traditions wear robes called albs with a cincture.

Acolytes are ministers of the church. They are part of a long tradition in the Christian church, bringing to each service a useful and special ministry.

(Taken from St. John Episcopal Church Handbook, Plymouth, MI. and Wikipedia)

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**Tuesday,
March 8th
5:00pm**

St. Paul Youth will be serving pancakes
A freewill offering will be taken to help raise
funds for youth to attend
AFFIRM this summer.

**A *Burial of the Alleluia* Service
will take place after supper.**

St. Paul Congregational Family

BINGO Night

Friday, March 25

6:30pm - 8:00pm



DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

The Apostles Creed ~ Interpreted by:

The 7th and 8th grade Confirmation Class;

Kelsie Bruch, Dana Conzemius, Samantha Fowler, Emily Jakobsen, Emily Kaufman, Joey King, Taylor LeBlanc, Brianna Mandrekas, and Arielle Tollefson

I believe in God the, Daddy, the awesome God, baker of every topping imaginable!

I believe in Jesus the only dude of God.

Who was creatively seasoned by the magnificent Spirit and born of the teen mom Mary.

He suffered under the dictator of death, was nailed to a ginormous cross, he died and was buried.

He went to hell and back in three days, took an everlasting trip to the golden gates of heaven.

He sits in a comfy chair at the right foot of his daddy, he will come back to be the judge of the next best living and the dead.

I believe in the wonderful Spirit, in God's universal home, the gathering of the cool guys, the apology notes of the rule breakers, the repeat of the never ending song and the non-stop party of our lives!

This is definitely true!!

Thank You St. Paul!

Because of your generosity St. Paul Youth was able to donate \$1,315 and 845 food items to the Blount County Community Food Connection.

Nationwide, 17,936,412 youth participated in the 21st Annual Souper Bowl of caring, raising, \$4,523,861 and 4,057,335 pounds of food.



St. Paul Youth

6th - 12th grade

**Sunday,
March 27th
11:45am**



We will attend the Hunger Awareness Meal being served by the Serving Ministry team then car pool to Family Bowl in Knoxville. The cost is \$7.00/ person - for two games and shoes. Bring extra money if you would like snacks or want to play video games. We should return by 3:30pm.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY GROUP – March 2011

Sunday School News

All Classes – 9:30 to 10:15

We encourage parents with children in Preschool to Grade 2 classes to take their children to their classrooms and check for them at the end of Sunday school. This is a good way to meet your child's teacher and will let the teacher know that your child has arrived at church.

Preschool Teachers Needed

The Education Team is looking for additional Preschool teachers. Please contact Winnie Johnson if you are interested in becoming a part of the Preschool teaching team. Call Winnie Johnson – 982-2237 or e-mail – winann35@gmail.com.

Confirmation News

All Confirmands will attend Wednesday evening Faith Alive classes as well as Sunday school class on Sunday morning. There will be a retreat style meeting once a month for both grades with supper being served at 5:00. **The March class will be on Sunday the 20th – 5:00 to 7:00.** Parents will be called on to provide supper for these classes.

High School Sunday School

During the month of March the High school class will have conversations about their relationship with God and others. The topic for these conversations will be based on short videos that touch on issues relating to our beliefs and understanding of these relationships. Class begins at 9:30 in the Youth class room.

Adult Bible Study News

Grab a cup of coffee and come join the Adult Bible Study in Room #2 (Cry Room) at 9:30. Every Sunday – *“Christ invites you to follow him . . . daily”* – join this study on Daily Discipleship with a study of that Sunday's gospel. This study is designed for small groups and does not require preparation by participants.

March

2nd:

5:30-6:15pm MEAL

6:30-7pm Worship

7pm Adult Choir

9th: No Meal

6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion

7:15pm Adult Choir

16th:

5:30-6:15pm MEAL

6:30-7pm Lenten Mid-Week Service

7pm Adult Choir

Faith Alive

23rd:

5:30-6:15pm MEAL

6:30-7pm Lenten Mid-Week Service

7pm Adult Choir

30th:

5:30-6:15pm MEAL

6:30-7pm Lenten Mid-Week Service

7pm Adult Choir

SERVING MINISTRIES

The Community Food Connection (CFC) first began operation in May 1991.

At that time, Floyd Johnson, other lay people and a group of ministers determined that a food pantry was crucial to serve



those in need of emergency food in Blount County. In 1993 Floyd was elected second President and served as Chairman of the Board of Directors. In 2002 the CFC became incorporated.

- **Frank Rutherford** serves on the board as Vice President, a position he has held since May 2001. He and his wife, Julie, write grant proposals to seek financial resources for the organization.
- **Merl Krull** also serves on the board as Volunteer Coordinator - he coordinates all volunteer groups and individuals.
- **Suzanne Bielenberg** is volunteer coordinator for St. Paul.

St. Paul provides volunteer workers every second and third Wednesday of each month. In addition to working at the CFC, numerous members of our congregation donate food, give monetary contributions and help with special events such as food drives. A dedicated contingent of St. Paul members provides an essential role in the annual U.S. Postal Service food drives. This is the CFC's largest drive, necessitating many hours of driving and food retrieval to make it successful.

The Youth of St. Paul participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 6th. Through their efforts and your generosity, over 800 food items and over \$1300 were collected for Community Food Connection.

In 2010 this organization distributed bags of food to 19,386 families. The CFC fed 58,767 people, of whom 17,599 were children. This brings to light the impact of this serving ministry within our community. Thank you for your continued support.

Serving Ministry Spotlight on: Floyd Johnson

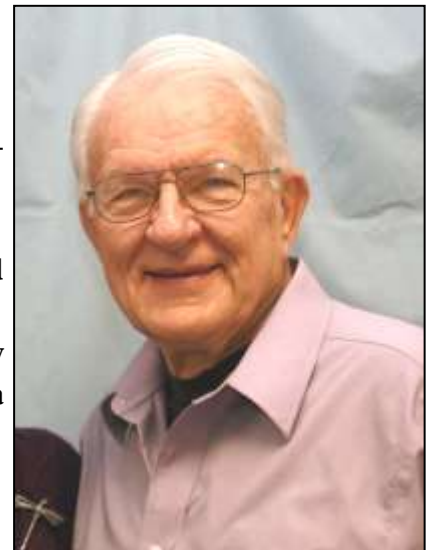
Floyd Johnson has served as a patient and family volunteer with Blount Memorial Hospice since September 1994. At times during his volunteer service he has provided as many as 18 hours a month to the care and support of patients and families within the hospice program. Electronic record keeping of volunteer service began in April 2003. Between then and December 2010, Floyd has driven 1699 miles and provided 302 hours of patient and family support.

Floyd additionally travels throughout the local counties to photograph gravestones and post them online at www.findagrave.com. This allows those unable to travel or working on genealogy to view a gravestone.

Most recently Floyd has been a leader in a new program, We Honor Veterans. A Korean War Veteran himself, Floyd visits other US Military Veterans within the BMH Hospice program. He personally thanks the patient and presents a framed certificate of appreciation and a handmade red, white and blue lap robe. These visits provide the dying Veteran with a very personalized thank you. The visit also provides an opportunity for the two Veterans to affirm their service and to witness to the impact this has had throughout their lifetimes.

Additionally Floyd is active volunteering at St. Paul's. He is very active with SPAM, serves as a Eucharistic Minister, assists with the Community Food Connection food collection drives and volunteers with Thrivent.

We appreciate Floyd for his humor, his energy and the many ways in which he is a serving minister.



SERVING MINISTRIES



Hunger Awareness in Blount County

"Food Stamp Meal"
Sunday, March 27th
11:45am

The Serving Ministry Team invites you to gather around the dinner table and learn how your donations to the Community Food Connection help feed the hungry in Blount County.



Holy Week is also
Host week:
Family Promise
guests will be at
St. Paul April 17-24

Lent is a time of penitence and preparation for baptismal renewal. Traditional practices often taken up with renewed vigor by people of faith are **prayer** (justice towards God), **fasting** (justice towards self), and **service** (justice towards neighbor.) How timely to have the opportunity to serve as the Family Promise host church during Holy week – the final week of our Lenten journey. Many volunteers are needed for this on-going ministry for homeless families, and this is especially true during holy week when many members will be assisting with worship each evening, as well as Easter worship and breakfast bright and early on April 24th. Whether you have been involved before or not, you are encouraged to make the Family Promise ministry part of your Lenten journey. Signup sheets for hosting, food preparation and laundry will be available in the Welcome Center beginning March 20th.

If you are willing to serve as a host (either during the evening meal or overnight, with the privilege of interacting with guests) Family Promise volunteer training is required. **The next volunteer training session is 6:30 – 8:30 pm on Thursday, March 17th at Green Meadow United Methodist Church.** For more information about Family Promise of Blount County go to www.blountfamilypromise.org or contact Karin Bell (924-9016).

Global Women Work Day
March 26, 2011
7:30 am - 2:00 pm



Help make a difference in the lives of women and children in our community.

Meet at First Baptist Church of Maryville - 202 W. Lamar Alexander Pkwy (across from the Courthouse)

Breakfast and Lunch are provided at no cost
Work will be directed by a site leader

This event is open to anyone interested in offering a helping hand; you do not have to be a woman, or a member of Global Women to participate. Open to men and women; accompanied children 8 and older also welcome.

Projects will include organizing/sorting donated items, landscaping/yardwork, interior cleaning, painting, assembling birth kits, preparing lunch, general home repair
You must pre-register to participate as work projects will be planned in advance

Please turn registration forms in by March 13th (medical form and volunteer waiver forms also required, but may be brought to the event)

This is an opportunity to serve in our community alongside others from many different denominations. Registration forms are available on the Serving Ministry Bulletin Board or from Laura Mallette and can be returned to Laura. Contact Laura for more information about the Work Day or Global Women (984-6396.)

SUPPORTING/GROWING MINISTRIES



GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP™

The Great American Cleanup consist of several events and activities starting March 1st through June 10th.

- **March 1st:** Media Kick Off Day
- **March 12th:** 10:00am-1:00pm - Blount County Recycling Days - Maryville Bicentennial Park Pavilion
- **March 19th:** Drug Take Back Day - Justice Center
- **April 9th:** 8:00am-2:00pm - Great American Cleanup and Volunteer Luncheon at Maryville Bicentennial Park Pavilion with a free lunch served from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm at the Maryville Centennial Park Pavilion. Satellite locations are being developed at Townsend, Walland, Louisville, Friendsville, Rockford, and Greenback.
- **May 2nd-20th:** Greening and beautification projects and neighborhood pride projects, which involves the elementary, middle, and high school students.
- **June 10th:** 11:00am-1:00pm Great American Cleanup Celebration and Bravo at the Chilhowie Club at 223 Clarion Ave.

For more details about this program contact Charlene DeSha – Keep Blount Beautiful 681-4809 or email keepblo@earthlink.net.

What a great opportunity for the family of St Paul Lutheran Church to use their time and talents to care for God's creation.

The Stewardship Ministry Group is planning to participate in the Great American Cleanup on April 9th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Sign-up sheet will be placed on the bulletin board in the church for members to sign-up as individuals or as a group. Everyone is encouraged to participate

The other option is you may report directly to the Bicentennial Park Pavilion (just behind the courthouse) in Maryville between the hours of 8:00-10:00 am for assignments. All participants should report to the Bicentennial Park Pavilion at 8:00 am on April 9th for assignments. Blount Beautiful will furnish supplies along with a free lunch from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm.

For more information watch for future announcements or see Jin Hall, Stewardship Ministry Leader.

REMINDER FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

If you want to sign up to send your stewardship gifts through Saint Paul's account at Mountain National Bank (MNB) using your bank's on-line system, here are the steps to do so:

1. Call me or e-mail me for St. Paul's MNB account number.
2. Go into your bank's on-line bill pay system and click on "Add Payee".
3. Enter the following information where appropriate: St Paul Lutheran Church c/o MNB, ATTN April Harvey, 1820 W. Broadway, Maryville TN 37801, tel # 865-984-9991, St. Paul's account number, and enter your envelope number on the memo line if possible.

In the last 2 months, five additional families have signed up making the total 17 who are contributing to Saint Paul in this way.

You can call me at 865-405-9474, or e-mail me on hpcp2@tds.net,

Herb Perry

SUPPORTING/GROWING MINISTRIES



February 2011

The Lenten season is near. March 9 we begin our journey through Lenten, acknowledging who and what we are and embracing whose we are as we look to the cross to see the grace of God, through Christ.

Average attendance continues to be steady, although we have recognized that there are three worshippers who have “taken a break” and two who have left for winter because of a career change. Another individual was reassigned by the Navy. While we don’t believe we’ll ever “lose” her, she will be missed as an active worshipper. We now employ a video camera to capture the Sunday’s messages on YouTube. We pray the messages might be another evangelism tool. You can connect weekly by going to Cross of Grace’s website, www.cross-of-grace.com, and clicking on the section, “About the Pastor.”

We continue to be thankful for the larger church. Bishop Julian Gordy led worship on January 23 to help us celebrate our first birthday. Forty-nine were in attendance. Delmer Chilton, Assistant to the Bishop, will be the homilist on February 27. Nancy Christensen, Mission Director for the synod, will facilitate a follow-up retreat the first weekend in March, helping us to continue to discern the will of God as we look to the future and what we are called to do with our hands for God’s work.

We are challenged for the Lenten season. The Jonesborough Area Senior Center is booked every night in the week. Our Savior has invited us to worship with them on Ash Wednesday. Our Wednesday evening Lenten times will be devoted to Opening the Book of Faith as we meet at the Limestone Ruritan Club.

One of our basic objectives is to create an atmosphere that assists worshippers in developing a more personal relationship with Christ. To that end, I will be a Spiritual Director at the Via de Cristo retreat the weekend of April 1. You can find out more about Via de Cristo at www.viadcristo.org/who.htm.

May your Lenten journey bring you to the foot of the cross,

Ed Wolff, Mission Pastor

1103 Miller Drive

Jonesborough, TN 37659

PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

Wednesday Night Lenten Suppers

5:30pm – Richardson Hall

With your help, we will again be offering our traditional Lenten Soup Suppers this year, along with a new twist. Alphabetical groups have been assigned to provide food for each meal.

Please join us in making this fun time to gather with our church family.

Since Lent and Easter are late this year, we are going to try and switch from soup and sandwiches on the Wednesdays in March to salads and sandwiches for the Wednesdays in April.

Not only will this give us a fun variety, but once the weather warms up we can also look forward to trying cool salads as well.

Please utilize the sign up sheets on the Parish Life bulletin board. This will help us to ensure that we have enough food to feed everyone.

**Finally, remember Lent is a time of simplicity and preparation
for the Easter Celebration.**

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Our goal is not a feast, but a simple meal.

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Each week will have a theme based on awareness of food issues around the world.

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ALL are invited to attend and enjoy a simple meal prior to Lenten Services.

PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

Soup Suppers and Alphabetical Teams Responsible

ALPHABET GROUP	March 16	March 23	March 30	April 6	April 13
A – G	Soup	Sandwiches	Off Week	Salad	Sandwiches
H – M	Sandwiches	Off Week	Soup	Sandwiches	Off Week
N - Z	Off Week	Soup	Sandwiches	Off Week	Salad
Clean up	Welca	Spam	MiM	Yams	Fellowship

Young Adults Married and Single



Next YAMS (Young Adult Married or Single) event will be **Saturday, March 26th at 7:00pm** at Lane McGinnis' house. We will gather to learn how and then play

poker together. Please bring a snack to share and BYOB. If you don't play poker come and we will play another game. If you have any questions, please contact Kara Birdwell.

Chattanooga.

At the Chrismon workshop in February several ladies began to learn how to make cross stitched beaded Chrismons and others worked on repairing and refurbishing the Chrismons that we have had for years. We learned that when the first Chrismons were made nearly 50 years ago, this was such a noteworthy event that Marilyn Stritter and Ethel Hartley appeared on television to talk about it.



Women of St. Paul are invited to several events during the month of March.

March 19 is the date of the next Chrismon workshop. We will meet at church at 10 a.m. for Bible study and working on Chrismons.

March 24 at 7 p.m. is the next WELCA board meeting. All are invited to come and share ideas for women's activities. One of the agenda items is to plan the special activity that is traditionally held each spring for all the women of St. Paul.



March 26 we will travel to Chattanooga to join other Lutheran women at the spring cluster meeting. There is a sign-up sheet on the WELCA bulletin board. Please sign up by March 15 so we know how many will be attending. Plan to meet at church at 7:30 a.m. to carpool to

SPAM



March 15th SPAM will take a guided daffodil tour of Cade's Cove, led by Warren Bielenberg, There are 19 spaces--first come first serve---so sign up now. We will **meet at church at 11:00am** and car pool to the Heritage Center where we will take the 'Cades Cove Heritage Tours' bus. Bring a sack lunch - for a picnic at the Cove.

“The Silver Whistle” It's time to sign up for the next SPAM trip. We will be car pool to Crossville TN, on **March 29th**. There are only 20 seats reserved. See Sign-up sheet on the SPAM Board.

Plan ahead :

- April- Lutherland tour of E. Tennessee
- May- Tour of Civil War sites in E. Tn.
- June- Oakridge
- July- Swim Party
- Aug.- Tour of Bush Bean Plant

PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES



Men In Mission ~ Chili Supper & Movie @ 6:00pm on March 3rd. Chili is provided - bring an appetizer to share. All men of the church are invited.

Annual MIM retreat @ Lutheridge on April 1st to 3rd: We are happy to announce that we will be led by the noted theologian Pastor Kevin again this year. The theme will be "Faith of our Fathers".

We will car pool to Lutheridge (Need a volunteer to coordinate car pool).

The cost of the weekend will be a nominal \$120 which will cover lodging and four meals at the Lutheridge dining hall. Contact Mark Fisher if interested.

A tentative schedule is as follows.

Friday

5PM Arrive @ Lutheridge

6PM Dinner in Dining Hall

7PM Session 1 Bible Study & Vespers

9PM Free Time

Saturday

8AM Breakfast in Dining Hall

9AM Morning Prayer

10AM Session 2 Bible Study

12PM Lunch in Dining Hall

1PM Free Time

5:30PM Session 3 Bible Study

6:30PM Dinner in Asheville 8PM Free Time

Sunday

8AM Breakfast in Dining Hall

9AM Morning Prayer

10AM Clean Up & Pack

11AM Worship

12PM Depart

Smokies Ballgame: The date is set for Friday, May 27th. We have been given the same great seats as we had last year for \$7.00.

Picnic at Louisville Park: Thursday, July 7th.

PROCLAIMING MINISTRIES

Member Spotlight for February is on Supporting/Growing Ministries at St. Paul



Kudos to Juanita and Charlie for all the special care they give to our church. Not only do they keep the visitor center well stocked and the pew envelope holders filled with envelopes and sharpened pencils, but they also serve once a month as Sanctuary Saints. Thank you Juanita and Charlie!
We appreciate all you do for St. Paul ELCA.

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Note: If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement for that Sunday.

Duties	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Assistant Minister	Warren Bielenberg	Charlie Malin	Joel Searfoss	Brian Kaufman
Communion Assistants	Jackie Kreider	Marianne Searfoss	James Hall	Justin Gillespe
Lector	Chris Mallette	Laura Mallette	Jim Pitts	Marianne Searfoss
Ushers	Mo Brueckner Floyd Johnson	Patty and Delaney Rostad	Tim Walker Leslie Walker Micah Walker	Bertha Franks Claude Abbott
Altar Guild	Bertha Franks	Suzanne Bielenberg	Brenda McClellan	Sandi Weber
Acolyte	Jillian Bruch	Dana Conzernius	Scottie Lindquist	Joey King
Crucifer	Jillian Bruch	Kaitlin Kuzman	Dana Conzernius	Sammy Fowler
Children's Church	Valari Burts Jenna Burts			
Nursery	Chris Mallette Laura Mallette	Betty Ludwig Carla McMillon		Joey King
Greeters	Heinz and Shirley Lips	Harry and Janet Kocotos	Chris and Laura Mallette	Gary and Carol Moehling
Sound Room	Will Ludwig	Mark Fisher	Greg Caldwell	David Walker
Tellers	Greg Caldwell John Beck	Joel Searfoss Gary Kinney	Chris Mallette Carolyn Speck	Will Ludwig
				Mike Kuzman
				Scott and Sarah Geyer
				Bertha Franks Emily Moritz
				Will Ludwig
				Mark Fisher
				Brian Kaufman Jan Hanes

Saint Paul Lutheran Church Weekly Calendar March

<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>	<u>Weeks</u>
<p><u>Tuesday, March 1</u> 10:00am Comm Food Conn 11:30am Out To Lunch Bunch 5:30pm Yoga 6:30pm GS Troop # 552 7:00pm Girl S Troop 20325</p> <p><u>Wednesday, March 2</u> 10:00am Prayer Group 5:30pm Faith Alive Meal 6:30pm Worship 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice</p> <p><u>Thursday, March 3</u> 8:30am Lutheran Loungers 5:30pm Yoga 6:00pm Men in Mission</p> <p><u>Friday, March 4</u> Pastor Kevin's Day</p> <p><u>Saturday, March 5</u> 5:30pm Bday Party</p>	<p><u>Sunday, March 6</u> 8:00am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service</p> <p><u>Monday, March 7</u> 5:30pm A D K Meeting</p> <p><u>Tuesday, March 8</u> 5:00pm Property 5:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30pm Yoga 6:00pm GS Troop #74 6:30pm GS Troop # 552</p> <p><u>Wednesday, March 9</u> 10:00am Prayer Group Noon Ash Wednesday Service 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:15pm Adult Choir Practice</p> <p><u>Thursday, March 10</u> 5:30pm Yoga 6:00pm Thriwent Blount County Chapter</p> <p><u>Friday, March 11</u> Pastor Kevin's Day off</p> <p><u>Saturday, March 12</u></p>	<p><u>Sunday, March 13</u> 8:00am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service</p> <p><u>Monday, March 14</u></p> <p><u>Tuesday, March 15</u> Newsletter Deadline 12:00pm SPAM 6:30pm GS Troop # 552 7:00pm G Scout Troop 20325</p> <p><u>Wednesday, March 16</u> 10:00am Prayer Group 5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:30pm Mid-Week Lenten Service 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice</p> <p><u>Thursday, March 17</u> 10:00am WELCA Morning Group 5:30pm Kiwanis - JB Johnson</p> <p><u>Friday, March 18</u> Pastor Kevin's Day off</p> <p><u>Saturday, March 19</u> 10:00am Christmon Workshop</p>	<p><u>Sunday, March 20</u> 8:00am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 5:00pm Confirmation</p> <p><u>Monday, March 21</u> 6:00pm Ministry Team Night 7:30pm Council Mtg</p> <p><u>Tuesday, March 22</u> 6:30pm GS Troop # 552</p> <p><u>Wednesday, March 23</u> 10:00am Prayer Group 5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:30pm Mid-Week Lenten Service 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice</p> <p><u>Thursday, March 24</u> 11:30am Out to Lunch Bunch 5:30pm Kiwanis - JB Johnson 6:30pm NAMI Support Grp</p> <p><u>Friday, March 25</u> Pastor Kevin's Day off 6:30pm Bingo Night</p> <p><u>Saturday, March 26</u> 1:00pm Out to Lunch Bunch 7:00pm YAMS - Poker Night</p>	<p><u>Sunday, March 27</u> 8:00am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Great American Clean Up 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Youth - Bowling 11:30am Food Stamp Meal</p> <p><u>Tuesday, March 29</u> 6:30pm GS Troop # 552 7:00pm GS Troop 20325</p> <p><u>Wednesday, March 30</u> 10:00am Prayer Group 5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:30pm Mid-Week Lenten Service 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice</p> <p><u>Thursday, March 31</u> 5:30pm Kiwanis - JB Johnson</p> <p><u>Friday, April 1</u> MIM Retreat - Lutheridge</p> <p><u>Saturday, April 2</u> MIM Retreat 4:30pm Blount County 4h - Chili Supper</p>



MARCH 2011

BIRTHDAYS & anniversaries

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March 1	Ruth Reinhardt	March 16	Savannah Blackman
March 4	Becky Merkord	March 18	Marcia Peyton
March 5	Ethel Hartley	March 20	Bob Trosen
March 6	Noelle Mandrekas	March 20	Dan Nurmi
March 8	Gloria Leonard	March 22	Joe Clark
March 9	Les Mann	March 23	Jim Hall
March 10	Sue Vollman	March 23	Roy Johnson
March 12	Greg Caldwell	March 26	Dearian Lindquist
March 13	Kristen Sheets	March 27	Gene Frye
March 15	Philip Taylor	March 29	Pamela Kloss
March 15	Eric Walker	March 31	Kathie Jakobsen
March 16	Alice Mansmith		

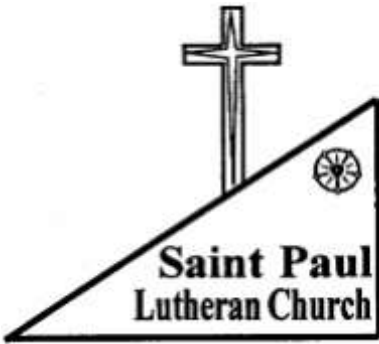
ANNIVERSARIES

March 6	Floyd & Janice Hoover
March 12	John & Dee Dee Walker
March 24	Randy & Bonnie Finn
March 26	Joe & Laura King
March 29	Bob & Jeannie Hawsey

50 + YEARS

March 8	Guenter & Lotte Heinrich
March 20	Ed & Eleanor Peck





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Sunday's in March Scripture readings:

Lectionary readings can be found at: <http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Worship/Lectionary/Year-A.aspx>

MARCH 6TH: EXODUS 24:12-18; PSALM 2; 2PETER 1:16-21; MATTHEW 17:1-9

MARCH 13TH: GENESIS 2:15-17, 3:1-7; PSALM 32; ROMANS 5:12-19; MATTHEW 4:1-11

MARCH 20TH: GENESIS 12:1-4a; PSALM 121; ROMANS 4:13-25; JOHN 3:1-17

MARCH 27TH: EXODUS 17: 1-7; PSALM 95; ROMANS 5:1-11; JOHN 4:5-42

Dates of Interest

Discipleship:

Friday, March 25 ~ Congregational BINGO night ~ 6:30pm

Parish Life:

Thursday, March 3rd ~ Men In Mission, Movie & Chili Supper ~ 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 16th & 23rd ~ Lenten Soup Suppers ~ 5:30pm

Saturday, March 19th ~ Chrismon Workshop ~ 10:00am

Saturday, March 26th ~ Yams ~ 7:00pm

Serving:

Sunday, March 27th ~ "Food Stamp Meal" ~ 11:45am

Worship:

Wednesday, March 2nd ~ Faith Alive Worship ~ 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 9th ~ Ash Wednesday Services ~ Noon & 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 16th & 23rd ~ Mid-week Lenten Services ~ Holden Evening Prayer ~ 6:30pm