



## Mission Statement Of St Paul Lutheran Church

Led by the Holy Spirit we will

REACH out to those in need

PREACH the Good News of Jesus Christ

TEACH the grace of a loving God

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## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES



FOR YOUTH 2ND GRADE AND OLDER  
WHO HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED  
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**THURS. MARCH 8~6:30-8:30 PM**  
**& THURS. MARCH 22~6:30-8:30 PM**

PARENTS OR A FAMILY MEMBER ARE  
REQUESTED TO JOIN THEIR CHILD



## Spring Forward!

March 11, 2018 (2:00 am)...remember to set  
your clocks ahead one hour or you'll miss  
church service!! It's also a great time to  
replace batteries in your smoke detectors.

**PASTOR:** The Rev. David Brobston  
**WORSHIP:** Sunday School at 9:00 am  
Confirmation at 9:00 am  
Worship/Communion at 10:15 am  
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March 2018

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

When +Bishop Alex Black ordained me many years ago at First Lutheran in Parkersburg he asked me, "What Scripture verse gets you through the difficulties of life?"

My answer was quick and certain, "Bishop," I said, "Galatians 2:20 – It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me." He smiled and nodded, but there was almost a bemused look in his eyes as he did. He didn't say anything else about it, but I have always been curious about what the look might have meant.

25 years later and I think I may have a clue. For you see, if I was asked the same question today my answer would be quite different. Instead of Galatians 2:20 I would respond, "Mark 9:24 as the father of the boy cries out, "I believe, help my unbelief."

Mark tells this wonderful story just after Jesus and the disciples come down from the mountain on which James, Peter, and John saw Jesus transfigured.

*When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. When the whole crowd saw him, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him. He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" Someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so." He answered them, "You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you are able!—All things can be done for the one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" Mark 9:14-24*

I think perhaps in his wisdom Bishop Black knew that the brash faith of that young man he was about to ordain would change and mature throughout his life. I think he knew that faith would be tested and that there would be dark nights of the soul. I think perhaps he wanted to pat that young would be pastor on the head and say, "There there son, someday you will see more clearly."

Many television preachers say that a Christian should never have doubts, yet Thomas did. Many say that a Christian should never deny, yet Peter did. Many say that a Christian should never question, yet Paul did. Many say that faith should never waiver, yet for all of the giants of faith that we read about in history from Augustine, to Luther, to Bonhoeffer there were times of wavering faith. To doubt, to question, to waiver IS faith.

My prayer for us all as we journey towards the cross this Lenten season is this, "Lord, we believe, help our unbelief."

Blessings  
PD (+)

St. Paul Lutheran: Council Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2018

Attendance: Pastor Dave Brobston, Jim Ehlinger, Stacy Barker, Jason Frederick, Lori Brandt, Bill Parker, Julie Sasseen, Shirley Keller

Pastor Dave opened the meeting with prayer and devotion.

1. Pastor's Report

- a. Sunday night, 2/18/18, will start the bishop's bible study of Nehemiah. We will be meeting at Cosmos in Defiance at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.
- b. Pastor Dave will be gone on May 6<sup>th</sup> for Nicole's graduation. Julie will cover preaching that Sunday.
- c. Synod Assembly is June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> – meeting is on June 9<sup>th</sup>. We need 2 volunteers from our congregation to attend the assembly.
- d. We are the most stable ELCA congregation in Defiance Co. and most of the surrounding area. We need to find ways to partner in ministry with other congregations as our connections will be important over the next several years as it is expected that some congregations will need to merge parishes due to the lack of incoming pastors.
- e. Lenten Soup Suppers and Service will start on Wednesday 2/21/18.

2. Secretary's Report

- a. Minutes Approved (Bill/Shirley)

3. Treasurer's Report

- a. We received a contribution request from the Dare Program. It was decided that there would be no current monetary contribution.
- b. We received a request from the Defiance Area Foundation to round our utility bill to the next dollar amount to contribute to the Helping Hands Program. Approved (Dick/Bill)
- c. No profit and loss report to review as Lori learns the system and did not have access to the correct report. Will be able to review at the next meeting.

4. Youth and Family

- a. Sunday School numbers have been down since Christmas, partially due to weather conditions. Lent is a great time to come back and emphasize the Passion of Christ.
- b. Youth groups have been focusing on Lent and service this month. Participated in the burning of the palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Youth will be cleaning up at Soup Suppers. Youth will be journaling during lent about their faith. All youth are encouraged to attend Lenten Wednesday worship and sit together. Parents are reminded that youth can eat at church during Lent.
- c. Tent Revival – A dinner fundraiser will be scheduled after Easter.
- d. Recharge – The Women's Retreat was a success with the most women in attend in our retreat history. Thank you to Pastor Dave and our dedicated team who work long hours for the retreat. We are grateful for Pastor Dave and his dedication to the ministry which truly is life changing. St. Paul welcomed participants from Kentucky, Illinois, Colorado, Indiana, and Michigan, but mostly women from this area. Women came that had just seen the event posted on Eventbrite and knew no one here so a new outreach truly has been born. To say we are grateful to God and St. Paul for the support is an understatement.
- e. Deacons – It was wonderful to welcome retreat participants as presenters this month and to see how meaningful participation in Communion was for retreat attendees and team.

5. Discipleship

- a. Lectern readers are needed.

6. Stewardship – No Report

7. Trustee Report

- a. Building use requests: Steve Wendell – March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Rotary Room 4-6 pm , Terry Seimet – December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, Rotary Room, 12 noon. Both Approved (Dick/Jason)
- b. Boilers are in.
- c. Repair work to rental house was complete.
- d. Richland still needs to fix the soffits. Dick will need to contact them again and discuss not only repair but replacing with an upgrade due to it not being efficient enough before the damages. It can not handle the water flow off of the roof and we continuously have water draining into the kitchen during snow melts and rain.

8. Old Business – None

9. New Business

- a. Stay with 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month for Church Council Meetings.
- b. Constitution Review Committee
- c. Duplicator Contract – keep in mind to cancel before August so we don't fall into a new contract.
- d. New Church Sign – Dick to check in with Tim Moog on planning.
- e. Landscaping Edging – Dick to check with Tim and Jason.
- f. Sonit came in and went through updates with Lynn and corrected some issues with the phone lines.
- g. Elevator inspection was done today and the phone was not working in the elevator. We believe it may have been disconnected when Sonit was in working on the phone system and moved a clip that they didn't think was in use.

Motion to adjourn.

(Stacy/ Lori)

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer at 7:15 pm

Next Council Meeting will be held on March 13th at 6:00 pm.





Practice

# PRAYER

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN, 671 CLINTON ST.

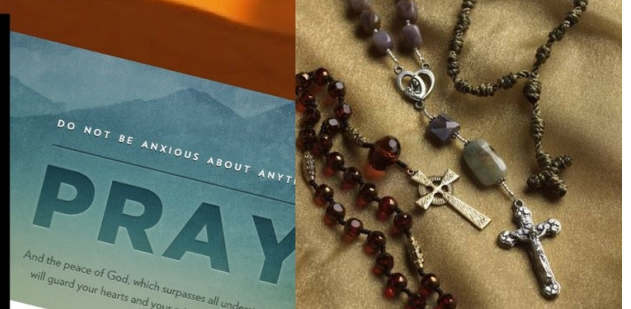
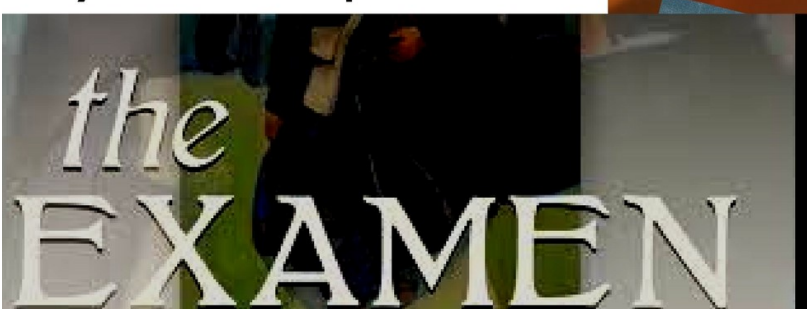
MARCH 3, 9-11 AM

It matters.

02 THE STATISTICS

**Pastor Dave will lead us in experiencing forms of prayer.**

Time is available for quiet prayer.  
Come & learn & take home.  
Prayer out loud is optional.





# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

THE YOUTH OF SPLC WILL BE HAVING A FUNDRAISER  
MAY 1ST THROUGH MAY 5TH

USE THE COUPON BELOW FOR A DISCOUNT OF 10% OFF  
YOUR PURCHASE WHILE YOUTH WILL RECEIVE 20%  
OF TOTAL SALES TO GO TOWARDS THE  
GATHERING IN JUNE!!

*10% off applies to:  
annuals, perennials, flats, roses,  
hanging baskets, etc!!  
Flowers make a great gift for  
Mom on Mother's Day!*





Kircher's Flowers  
& Garden Center

1119 Jefferson Ave., Defiance

**& ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Present this coupon to Kircher's on:  
**Tuesday, May 1st thru Saturday, May 5th**  
to receive 10% off your garden center  
purchase! In addition, Kircher's will be  
donating 20% of total sales to the youth  
of St. Paul Lutheran to help fund their trip  
to Houston, TX in June 2018!

(Coupon must be given to cashier at time of  
sale. Coupon may be duplicated.)

## From the Cherry St. Mission Ministries

Dear Friend,

Your support of \$7,500.00 has led to the beginning of a total life transformation in Kenethia, who recently graduated from Cherry Street's Vocational Call Center training. By overcoming generational poverty, barriers to skilled tangible career experience and no mentor, Cherry Street helped Kenethia discover the ability to build a new life for herself. Kenethia now enjoys her full time career, a retirement plan, a savings account, and has plans for the future because of the support system and programs at Cherry Street's Life Revitalization Center. Cherry Street is focused on our students and other guests creating a whole and healthy life.

Kenethia was joined by 15 other students who graduated at the end of 2017 from the Call Center vocational training and 13 found employment within 2 weeks. The next cohort has entered into their training and are scheduled to graduate in mid-March.

We treasure donors like you, and we welcome the opportunity to work together to transform lives for "the least, the last, and the lost" in Toledo and surrounding areas. Your gifts help us as we:

- Provide vocational programming to guests of Cherry Street and in the community living
- Provide shelter services to at least 250 men and women per day
- Provide almost 900 meals per day
- Provide comprehensive programs and a continuum of care services

If you have questions or would like further tours of our facilities, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dan Rogers

President/CEO

## From the ELCA Good Gifts...

Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$10,000.00 in support of the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

With generosity and imagination, you have made a gift that will change lives. Through the programs supported by your generous "Good Gifts," you are reaching out with a tangible symbol of Christ's love - a microloan for an entrepreneur, a scholarship for an emerging leader, a response kit for a household affected by a disaster, ongoing meal support for a family in crisis, a gift of livestock to help a family become self-sufficient.

Thank you for equipping others to live lives of abundance and witnessing to the healing and hope we share in Christ Jesus. Your generosity is making a difference!

In God's grace,

Christina Jackson-Skelton

Executive Director, Mission Advancement

## ***Thank You...***

Thank you to all who sent birthday greetings and cards for my 90th birthday. It was a wonderful surprise and was deeply appreciated! I am blessed to have a loving church family. Charlotte Warncke



## ***EASTER PLANTS BENEATH THE CROSS***

Easter plants can be ordered from Fancy Petals (419-782-4353), Kircher's (419-784-5321), or you may bring in your own arrangement. Lowes, Menards, Meijer, Kroger's...all have beautiful Easter plants.

If you would like to honor a loved one in the Easter bulletin with a plant to be placed beneath the cross, please write down your request and return it to me by March 27th. Easter is April 1st this year. Flowers are needed for on the cross, also. As in previous years, when you bring your plant in please take them to the lounge.





**SCHEDULES FOR March 2018****ACOLYTES:**

04 Ryne Maag, Lauren Melia

**CRUCIFERS: NONE DURING LENT****LECTOR: Steve Flickinger****USHERS:**

04 Team 1, Jason Frederick, Captain

11 Team 1, Jason Frederick, Captain

18 Team 2, Buggs Sierra, Captain

25 Team 2, Buggs Sierra, Captain

**FLOWERS:** 04 John, Joanne, Karen Wahl

11 Ron &amp; Susan McDowell

18 Dee King

25 Jim &amp; Lois Eis

**When you have flowers, please ask that days usher captain to remove them from the altar for you. Thank you.**

**BULLETINS:** 04 Barb Bibler

11 Mary Geiger

18 Dee King

25 Don &amp; Carol Samuelson

**COMMUNION SET-UP/PRESENT:**

04 John &amp; Mary Dale: Set-up/present

25 Jason Frederick: Set-up

29 John &amp; Mary Dale: Set-up/present

**COMMUNION SERVERS:**

04 Stacy Barker, Lori Brandt, Julie Sasseen

11 Julie Sasseen

18 Lori Brandt

25 Lori Brandt, Jason Frederick, Dyle Roth

29 Lori Brandt, Julie Sasseen

**LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS****Bill & Jane Parker****Don & Carol Samuelson****Dan & Jane Tuttle****FINANCIAL REPORT 2017**

December	<b>Income</b>	<b>\$32,316.21</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$20,037.65</u></b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,278.56</b>

Finished 2017 with a (+) balance of \$4,670.19

**FINANCIAL REPORT 2018**

January	<b>Income</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Total</b>	

February	<b>Income</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Total</b>	

**AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT 2018**

January - 100

February - 108

March -

**Altar Flowers and Bulletin Covers are needed for the following dates:**

**April: 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th****May: All Sundays****June: All Sundays**

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***Memorial Gifts******In Memory of George Vogel******General Fund***

Mr. &amp; Mrs. Dan Tuttle

Mary Vogel

***Endowment Fund***

Mr. &amp; Mrs. John Boesling

Our love and prayers go out to...

**Prayer list information**

Next time you're about to submit a request for inclusion on the prayer list please ask the following questions. Did that person give permission to the office? Does that person wish the information to be shared publicly? If the answer to either question is "NO" your prayer request violates the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA).

If we do not have personal permission for inclusion we will only publish first names. *These are the guidelines from the ELCA provided at last Fall's Synod Conference meetings.*

**Our love and prayers go out to...**

Coit Black	Debbie Doan	Fred Fitzenrider
Sharon Fitzenrider	Phil Fogt	Mary Frisinger
Kenny Frost	Mary Frost	Roger Grogg
Leland Guisinger	Hal Haviland	Liz Hermiller
Janice Johansen	Ruth Johnson	Charlene Larson
Brenda Leonard	Tammy McCoy	Ron McDowell
Jodie Mellos	Dani Merillat	Al Moll
J.T. Nusbaum	Cheryl Parsons	Dean Purdy
Marilyn Purdy	Esther Reimund	Bud Sailer
Kristen Sanders	Ella Suderman	Alexis Alice
Anne Baby Grace	Becky Z	Bob Chris
Corbin Devin	Don Doug	Elaine Eric
Gina Grace	Jane Jerry	Jim Jodi
John Jon	Josie Larry	Les Lori
Lucas Marlene	Marvin Mary	Matt
Myka Joy Pat	Pauline Phyllis	Rachelle
Richard Roland	Sally Scott	Sheena
Stacey Steve	Steven Sue	Tammy
Thelma Tom		

***Those who are in nursing homes, assisted living and extended illnesses:***

LeAnn Bohn, June Burke, Pauline Cordray,  
Ned & Dorothy Dunbar, Rosemary Mehring,  
Agnes Rudolph, Brenda Schultz, Wilma Seip,  
Rachel Sontchi, Charlotte Warncke

Also, please be aware that the pastor and church office are not automatically notified of your admission to a hospital, due to the HIPPA laws. If your stay is a planned one please contact the church office or have a relative contact us.

In some cases, even if you tell the hospital it is all right to contact us, it may not occur. You personally contacting the church office should be the primary way the message of your hospitalization reaches the pastor. Thanks for your help in this matter.

**Please continue to raise our nation, its leaders, and our personnel "in harm's way" in your prayers. Let us not forget to pray for them and to thank God for His blessings. We, as Christians, should also witness God's love by praying for our enemies in all this. Keep in mind Christ died and was raised from the dead for them also and we were called in our Baptism to witness to the entire world. We particularly commend the following who are members of our congregation:**

**Major Tamara Funari,**

Daughter of Ron and Connie Allgire

**Sgt. Kerry Schnitz,**

Son of Larry and Cheryl Burroughs

**We also remember in prayer those relatives of members.**

**St. Sgt. Mark Beck,**

Son-in-law of Wayne Davis

**Buck Sgt. Joshua T Bell, USAF,**

Nephew of Laurie Moll

**SFC E7 James Fluechtling,**

Grandson of Mary Frost

**USAF Jason Griffith,**

Grandson of Howard and June Burke

**USM 2nd Lt. Dustin Hughes,**

Grandson of Barb Bibler

**PFC E-3 Cole Jennings,**

Grandson of Roger and Mert Grogg

**Sgt. Chad McDaniel,**

Grandson of Barb Bibler

**Carl Melton,**

Nephew of Al and Dee King

**Staff Sgt. Kendra Oehlerich,**

Granddaughter of Charlotte Warncke

**OS2 Tim Rau,**

Nephew of Joe and Theresa Hiler

**SFC Frank Steed,**

Step-brother of Pastor Dave

**Sgt. Gaylord Proxmire III,**

Son of Gaylord & Pat Proxmire

**USM Micajah Hagerman,**

Son of Jolene Hagerman

**Members of the military in active service and their families. We are honored and pleased to pray for those in need. We do ask that persons asking for non members to be listed will keep us updated monthly.**



*The Bishop has called*

## 2018 THE YEAR OF PRAYER

and has written a Bible Study:

### **A Study of Nehemiah: A Life of Prayer**

Nehemiah was called by God to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

Before Nehemiah lays even one stone; Nehemiah prays.

He prays for strength.

He prays for protection.

He prays for forgiveness.

Nehemiah takes everything to the Lord in prayer.

Nehemiah is transformed.

Prayer is still transforming lives every day.

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with  
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6*



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 29 12 AND 7 PM

**12 PM COMMUNION &  
FOOTWASHING**

**7 PM FIRST COMMUNION  
FOOT WASHING &  
STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**



**MARCH 30, 12-3 PM**  
**ST. PAUL'S UMC @ 400 WAYNE ST**  
**COMMUNITY**  
**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

**Pastor Dave**  
**preaches at 12:30 pm**





**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**MARCH 30, 3 PM**  
**START AT**  
**ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC**  
**CONCLUDES AT**  
**ST. JOHN CATHOLIC CHURCH.**  
**ALL WELCOME!**





good friday  
IT IS FINISHED

MARCH 30, 7 PM  
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SOLEMN REPROACHES  
OF THE CROSS

Worship will include  
the ancient  
Good Friday bidding prayers

## THRIVENT – March 2018

2018 is the Year of Prayer—we were challenged by our Bishop Beaudoin to increase our prayer life. Have you noticed all the things, both happy and difficult, that come up each day in our lives that we could be praying about? Until we are faced with some of the big issues, most of us—I am including myself—forget to do any prayers during most of the day. Some habits of a small prayer before meals, a morning greeting and the evening prayers are easy to follow. But Pastor Dave challenged those of us attending his Sunday evening Bible study group to pray for someone who we may not want to help with prayer—perhaps they make us angry or their actions are annoying or have disrupted our day in some negative way. It may be a total stranger. It is not an easy one to do but God will help us if we ask him.



We continue having our soup suppers again during the Lenten season. Put together that new soup recipe or bring your favorite one and help the youth continue their fundraising efforts this year. The youth are getting closer to the deadlines for their funds needed to attend the National Youth convention. This is a great way to enjoy a meal and help others. Bring your appetite and stay for our worship service.

The Women's Retreat weekend was a great event and worship filled time at St. Paul. Thrivent has helped to provide some of the funds that support this event. If you have decided to become a part of the event for next year, we will continue to pray for your year of learning and prayer. A big thank you to all the women who continue to be supportive for this event all year and make this a very fulfilling and enriching time for all who attend.

Thrivent members are reminded to designate your Choice Dollars you earned in 2017. The final deadline is the end of March. If you have any questions or want help to do this, please let me know. I can walk you through the process online or you can call your Thrivent rep and ask for his help. These donations do make a difference.

Usually during the Lenten season, I try to 'give up' something. This year I'm trying to do something new. It's taking up more time to pray that I mentioned in the first paragraph. And I will try to memorize the bible reference given to us by Bishop Beaudoin: Philippians 4:6 **"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God"**.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Cathy Martin, Head Thrivent Congregational Coordinator

# **34th Annual CRAFT SHOW**

**Saturday, March 17, 2018  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm**



**Sponsored by:  
St. Michael's Altar & Rosary Society**

**Lunch Stand:    Sandwiches  
                         Soups  
                         Homemade Pies**

**For more information contact:  
Sandy Wagner @ 419-497-4551  
or 419-769-7926**



**K of C Hall  
111 Elliott Rd.  
Defiance, OH**



Join us for the  
23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Neighborhood  
“Clean Up Your Park Day”



**9:30am to 11:30am**

**Saturday, April 7th, 2018**

**JUST SHOW UP AT A PARK NEAREST YOU:  
BRONSON, KINGSBURY,  
LATTY'S GROVE, RIVERSIDE,  
DIEHL, PONTIAC PARK,  
FORT GROUNDS AND THE RESERVOIR**



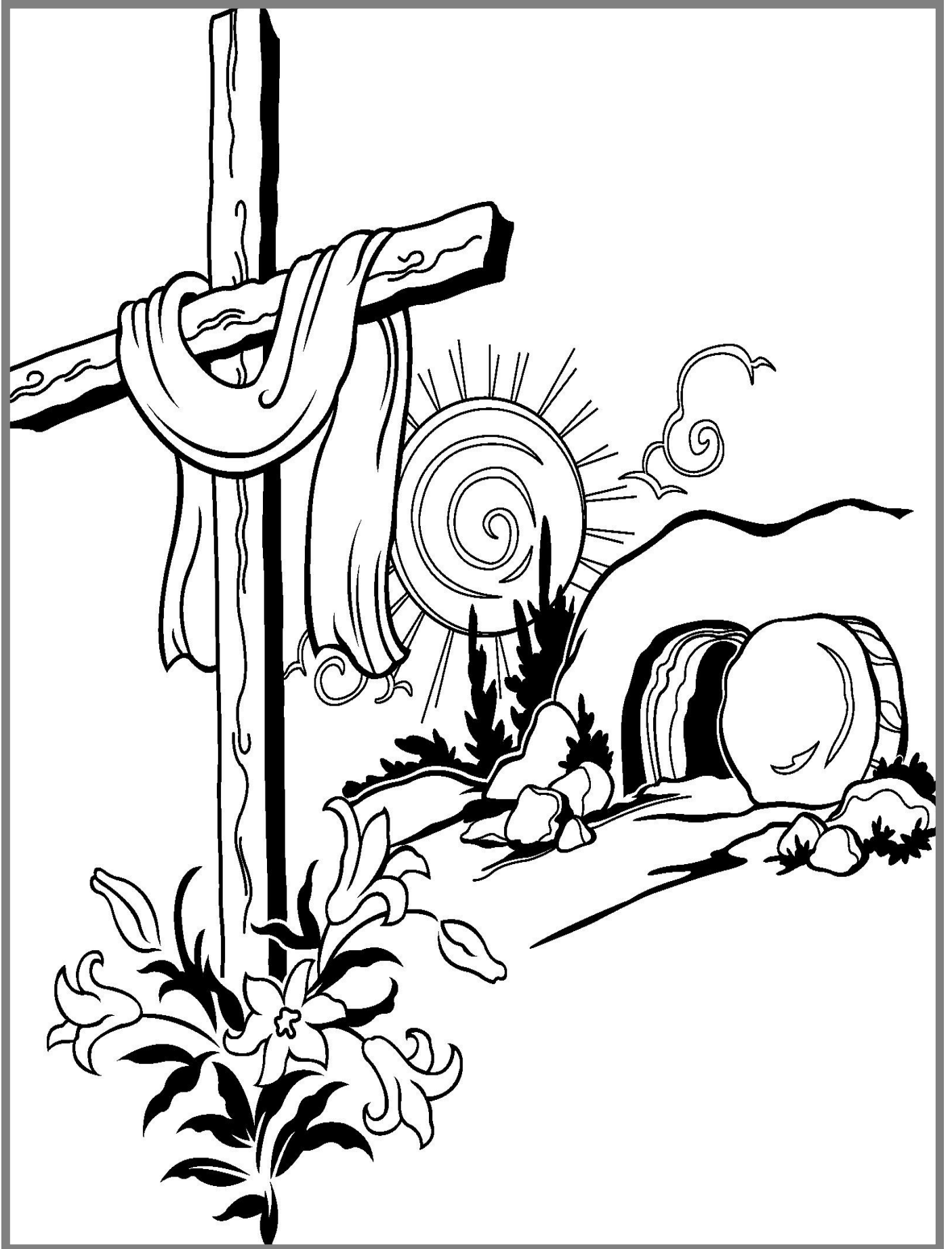
**~BRING ALONG RAKES, SHOVELS, BROOMS,  
GLOVES AND BOOTS FOR HELPING  
IN THE CLEANUP. DON'T FORGET  
TO BRING A FRIEND!**

**Lunch at Diehl Park @ 11:30am PLUS get a  
FREE T-shirt!**



**CONTACT PERSON:  
PARKS DIVISION — JACKIE (419) 782-2240**

**\*PLEASE CALL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS EVENT!**



# St. Paul Lutheran March 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <i>1st Saturday morning Practice Prayer @ 9am in Luther Hall</i>
4 9:00 am Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 am Worship  Bishop's Bible Study - Nehemiah @ Cosmos at 6pm	5	6	7 6-7:30 Youth Groups  6pm soup 6:45 pm Holden 7:30 pm Choir	8 6:30-8:30 pm 1st Communion Class  	9	10
11 Set clocks ahead 1 hour @ 2:00 am 9:00 am Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 am Worship  Bishop's Bible Study - Nehemiah @ Cosmos at 6pm	12	13 6 pm Church Council	14 6-7:30 Youth Groups  6pm soup 6:45 pm Holden 7:30 pm Choir	15	16 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	17
18 9:00 am Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 am Worship  Recharge: Faith Sharing @12:00  Bishop's Bible Study - Nehemiah @ Cosmos at 6pm	19	20	21 6-7:30 Youth Groups  6pm soup 6:45 pm Holden 7:30 pm Choir	22 6:30-8:30 pm 1st Communion Class  	23	24
25 Palm Sunday  9:00 am SS/Conf. 10:15 am Worship  1:30 pm Gentle Worship 6 pm Bishop's Bible Study - Nehemiah @ Cosmos	26	27	28 1pm Beta Circle @ Mert Grogg's  7 pm Choir	29 Maundy Thur. 12pm & 7 pm Foot washing & communion -both services 1st Holy Communion at 7pm	30 Good Friday... 12-3 pm @ SPUMC (PD @ 12:30) 3pm Stations of the Cross @ St. Mary's to St. John's 7pm SPLC	31



## Birthdays

3/1 Katie Replogle  
Alexandra Sasseeen  
3/2 Kaylee Brashear  
3/3 Levi Zachrich  
3/4 Ryan Barringer  
Jason Fenter  
Anne Flores  
3/5 Fred Fitzenrider  
Marilyn Grogg  
3/6 Cooper Snyder  
Chub Wahl  
3/7 Felicity Barker  
Fayth Glock  
Kari Rohrbaugh  
3/8 LeAnn Bohn  
Kamron Debina  
3/9 Jason Frederick  
Marcela Sierra  
3/10 Tateum Bailey  
3/11 Doug Cooper  
Brian Gutman  
3/12 Brandon McClure  
3/13 Lori Brandt  
3/14 Frank Chrisman  
Ned Dunbar  
3/15 Lynn Roth  
3/18 Stacy Barker  
Dion Helton  
Lauren Melia  
Theresa Swary  
3/19 Joel Martin  
Matt Thomas  
Charlotte Wendell  
3/20 Caleb Sierra  
3/22 Justin Davis  
3/23 Phil Fogt  
Madeline Geier  
Michael Maag  
3/24 Kelly Hartzell  
3/25 Piper Parks  
Lynda Prezkop-  
Hassen  
Kerry Schnitz  
3/26 Mari Fedderke  
3/27 George Essex  
Margaret Suderman  
3/28 Caleb Martin  
Cindy Rittenhouse  
3/29 Isaac Davis  
Alivia Knight  
Tori Leonard  
3/30 Jean Gaskill  
3/31 Kirk Boesling  
Suzi McBride  
Peyton Sierra

## March 2018



### Wedding Anniversaries

3/01 Dan and Jane Tuttle  
3/02 Ward and Katie Replogle  
3/06 Ken and Scarlet Zachrich  
3/11 Anthony & Laura Ramon  
3/14 Del and Jeannine Diemer  
3/18 Fred & Sharon Fitzenrider  
3/25 Jim and Lois Eis  
3/28 Ron and Amy Huner

### Confirmation Anniversaries

3/12 Lori Ashbacher  
3/12 Theresa Swary  
3/19 Becky Gutman  
3/20 Edison Beckett  
3/21 LeAnn Bohn  
3/21 Ann Essex  
3/22 Michael Bowen  
3/22 Russ Seip  
3/22 Pat Smith  
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3/26 Steve Flickinger  
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3/30 Richard Burk  
3/30 Cheryl Hahr  
3/30 Doris Noffsinger  
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Darlene Meade

Ryan Miller  
Caitlyn Schmidt

### Baptism Anniversaries

3/03 Carol Eitniear  
3/04 Michael Bowen  
3/07 Mary Geiger  
3/07 Michael Rittenour  
3/09 Joan Sierra  
3/11 Jackson Replogle  
3/12 Jennefer Garcia  
3/12 Janelle Seibt  
3/12 Chris Turner  
3/13 Jeremi Seip  
3/14 Roger Grogg  
3/14 Amy Huner  
3/17 Edison Beckett  
3/18 Frank Chrisman  
3/18 Charlotte Warncke  
3/19 Brette Griffith  
3/20 Kacey Hampton  
3/21 Alyssia McDowell  
3/22 LeAnn Bohn  
3/22 Ned Ewers  
3/22 Andrea Faykosh  
3/22 Jennifer Haviland  
3/22 Jenna Pauley  
3/24 James Yeager  
3/25 Gavin Barringer  
3/25 Al Moll  
3/26 Zoe Gomez  
3/27 Isaac Davis  
3/27 Chub Wahl  
3/29 Olivia Fett  
3/29 Cooper Replogle  
3/30 Kaylee Brashear  
3/30 Kris Heilman

### 1st Communion Anniversaries

3/01 Alex Schmidt  
3/16 Matthew Pfund  
3/24 Christopher Bauer  
3/24 Ryan Dale  
3/24 Kristen Fett  
3/24 Olivia Fett  
3/24 Zach Huner  
3/24 Brock McDowell  
3/24 Jacob Rosebrock  
3/24 Derek Turner  
3/24 Ryan Voll  
3/25 Brandon McClure  
3/25 Chad Stambaugh  
3/25 Rob Zeigler  
3/28 Taylor VanCleve  
3/28 Kelsey Capps  
3/28 Isaac Davis  
3/28 Ryan Lamb  
3/28 Taylor Schultz

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