

St. Paul's Epistle

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Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. We will have Wednesday worship during Lent. Worship will be at 7:00 pm. Our worship theme this year is "Great Stories from the Old Testament." There will be supper at 6:00 pm each Wednesday. Plan to join us for Wednesday worship this Lent starting on Ash Wednesday, March 1st.



St. Paul's will gather money gifts during Lent to be used for World Hunger. There are World Hunger Barns to collect money gifts. The barns are in the church entry. Return your donations anytime before Easter and all of the donations will be sent to ELCA World Hunger.

Scholarship Fundraiser

The Social Action Committee of the church is doing fundraising for the St. Paul Lutheran Church Scholarship Fund. This Fund provides college scholarships to graduating high school seniors who attend St. Paul's. Our church has a very good group of church youth. As you can notice on a Sunday morning, we have a large number of youth in our church. That is always a good thing! It means that we will want to offer a larger number of college scholarships in the next several years. Currently, we are not able to give scholarships to all the applicants.

As a fundraiser, the Social Action Committee is serving a Soup, Sandwich and Salad lunch after worship on Sunday, March 26th. A free will offering will be received for the meal and the donations will be used for upcoming scholarships. We will serve past noon to include Sunday School families. The Fellowship offering for April will be used for the Scholarship Fund. Everyone is invited to attend the lunch on March 26th.

Spring Supper

Our Church Spring Supper is Sunday, March 5th. We will be serving from 4:00 – 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

The menu includes turkey, dressing, roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, coleslaw and dessert.

Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 6 – 12 and free for those 5 and under. Advanced tickets may be purchased after church on March 5th or tickets may be purchased at the door during the supper.

The Women of the Church are also having a raffle. There are many nice items as raffle prizes. They may be viewed at the church. The Raffle drawing will be Sunday, March 19th.

Invite your friends to join us for the Spring Supper on March 5th.

Bible Study

Join us for a Bible Study, "The Best Yes", by Lysa Terkeurst, on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am, except on Quilting days, the third Tuesday of the month. Talk to Loree if you need a Bible Study book. This study starts on March 7.



Youth:

March

5 - Youth Rummage Sale Committee meets after worship

12 - Youth "Run" committee meets after worship

17 - 6-7-8 LYO Event (stay tuned for more info.)

19 - Joyful Noise 6:45pm

19 - 9-12 LYO Movie Night 7:30pm

26 - Talk n Coffee (TnC) 7-12 graders 11:00am in couch room

Upcoming Youth Events: serving caramel rolls during fellowship on Palm Sunday, **April 9th**, serving Easter Breakfast on **April 16th**, serving an Appetizer/Dessert Theatre on **April 9th**. These are good fundraisers for youth activities.

The 7th-9th grade Bash at Camp of the Cross is April 7&8. Loree will send out more information in March.

The Youth Rummage Sale Committee meets March 5 after worship.

The Youth "Run" committee meets March 12 after worship.

If you would like to give an Easter Lily for enjoyment this Easter season, please fill in the information below. The cost of the plant will be \$18.00 and they will be purchased by the Church. To order a plant please place this completed form along with \$18.00 in an envelope and place it in the offering plate or send it to St. Paul's. Plants may be taken home by the purchaser after the 9:45 am worship on Easter Day. Ordering deadline is April 2nd.

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

YOUR NAME: _____



This is from a previous newsletter:

When I began my ministry 40 years ago there was a rather strong debate among pastors over whether there should be children's sermons in worship or not. At that time if 100 pastors debated the issue, 80 or more of them would have said there should not be children's sermons. As you probably know, I was not one of them. Children's sermons have been one of my great joys in ministry.

As a sign of that, a bunch of years ago Sue made a plaque for me as a gift. It's titled "Everything I ever needed to know about God I learned from a children's sermon." She had kids make a thumb print drawing to decorate it. Here's what we've learned over the years:

"God has blessed us with all kinds of animals-even cats are gift.

There are lots of ways to show people that you love them. Hugs and kisses are among the best.



When you see a cross, remember that God loved us so much he sent Jesus to save us.

We can learn about God in church, in Sunday School, from moms and dads and grandmas and grandpas, by reading the Bible, and in the creation.

God likes it when we help each other, so look for ways that you can serve.

No matter what the season, there are always fun ways to enjoy creation.

A friend to play with is one of the best gifts that God gives us.

Remember to thank God for all the blessings that you have been given.

Everything goes better when we work as a team, so keep passing the treats.

It's always good to pray."

God touches our lives in many ways. Keep looking for God working in your life every moment. God is always there.

Dick Hendrickson