

SEASONS-MARCH 2019

St. Paul Lutheran Church~2860 East Market Street~Warren, OH 44483~330-394-5741

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 am
SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10:30 am**

A LENTEN MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR:

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Matthew 4:17)

When Jesus said this, he was calling for a godly sorrow over sin. Yet, repentance is more; repentance is to turn from sin and toward the cross of Jesus Christ. This Lent, we have weekly opportunities to reflect on the cross of Christ, and to take his yoke upon our own shoulders.

We will be experiencing a series of mid-week prayer services with meditations on the Sermon on the Mount. This series takes us through some of Jesus’ most familiar teachings in Matthew 5-7, and relates them to the events surrounding Christ’s life, death, and resurrection. In the process, we will learn that the cross itself is the ultimate sermon on the mount for our journey of faith in this sacred season. If you attend, I am certain you will find blessing.

Logistics: We will begin at 6:00 pm with a potluck meal for fellowship on each of the Lenten Wednesdays. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share. Also, please bring your place setting and please pitch in to clear the tables as well. Then all of us will be able to easily attend the services and not be left behind cleaning up in the kitchen. Worship (evening prayer) begins at 7:00 pm. We have invited members of Prince of Peace and St. John, Champion, to join us as well, so be on the lookout for newcomers.

Pastor Ann Marie Perkins

YOUTH-LED SERVICE ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6: On Ash Wednesday, we will have as many of our children and youth as possible (ages 9 through high school) participating in our worship. All of these children and youth on our roster have been invited to participate, and everyone is welcome. They will be rehearsing their roles on **Ash Wednesday, March 6, at 5:00 pm** in the sanctuary. At **6:00 pm** we will enjoy a potluck supper, so bring your favorite dish to share. In order that the Fellowship Committee that works behind the scenes in the kitchen may be able to have a speedy cleanup, let’s all do our part: Bring your own place setting (plate, utensils, cup, etc.), be responsible for picking up and cleaning your own dish, and clear your place and place items in the trash. At **7:00 pm** we will all be ready to attend our Ash Wednesday worship service together.

TETÉLESTAI: Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries’ musical passion play “Tetélestai” will be presented at Champion Christian Church, 151 Center St. W., Warren, OH 44481, on **March 8, 9, and 10**. *Tetélestai’s* dramatic stage production and timeless music tell the story of Jesus’ trial, execution, and resurrection in a visual way that will leave a lasting impression. This is a great way to prepare for the Holy Days of the Easter season. Performances will be at 8:00 pm on Friday and Saturday and 2:00 pm on Sunday. Doors will open approximately one hour before performance time. There is no charge, but free-will offerings will be accepted. For more information, please visit: LiveThePassion.org. *Tetélestai* is a registered service mark of *Tetélestai, Inc.*

TWO EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPECIAL GIVING THIS LENT: (1) **Our Helping Hands offerings** are used throughout the year when people from the congregation and the community come to St. Paul for help. There is no budget item for this kind of discretionary aid. Pastor Perkins relies on this special giving to respond to local people’s special needs. You may put your offerings in the wooden box in the narthex, or take home a “Lenten Gift” box from the table in the narthex to collect your offerings. Return your boxes on Easter Sunday. (It is very helpful if you can convert coins to bills or a check when you return your donation.) (2) **Noisy Offering: ELCA World Hunter Appeal** sponsors 40 days of giving during Lent. Last year, we

purchased a cow, chickens, and goats for needy families to supply themselves with a food source. Let's see if we can match our giving of last Lent with a total of \$200.00. Our children will be passing the Noisy Offering jars for your donations each Sunday between March 10 and April 7. Let's be generous as our Father in heaven is generous with us!

CELEBRATE GRAND-FAMILIES: "Celebrate Grand-families" is a support group for grandparents raising their grandchildren. St. Paul is reaching out to support these families with Christian compassion and a place to meet and discuss their needs. *We now have 17 families who participate*, and more are welcome, if you know of anyone who would fit in. While the women meet, we will have crafts, games, bible stories, snacks, help with homework, tutoring, and a fun social time for children. Church members are needed to help with the children. Sessions in March will be on **Saturdays, March 9 and 23**, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Please contact Brenda Ceplecci or Pastor Perkins to help.

SPECIAL EVENT: Come join our Grand-families' support group for a Special Event. Are you caring for a child who has experienced a trauma? Join us as we welcome Tim Schaffner, Executive Director of Trumbull County Children's Services, who will make a presentation on the effects of trauma on children and tips for dealing with their behaviors. The presentation will be held on **Saturday, March 23, 2019**, at 10:30 am with brunch and conversation at noon at St. Paul Lutheran Church. **PLEASE RSVP by March 20** so we may plan seating, brunch, and free childcare. Call Pastor Perkins at 330-469-6296 or Brenda Ceplecci at 330-534-2388.

CALLING ALL TEENS: Winter Jam Tour Spectacular 2019 – Come hear the Newsboys, Dan Gokey, Jen Ledger, and more...**Sunday, March 31**, 6:00-10:00 pm at Wolstein Center, 2000 Prospect Ave. E., Cleveland, OH. For more information, talk to Liz Chapin or Pastor Perkins.

ST. PAUL NEWS & EVENTS

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Remembering those with medical challenges:

Diana Bartlett, Elaine Benka, Ron Benka, Pastor Richard Bowen, Tom Czoka, Hunter Groves, Jerry Groves, Stephanie Groves, Don Hazel, June Hutchison, Jim Illencik, Carolyn Marsh, Naomi Prox, Roy Seibert, Shirley Chambers, Ken Wareham, April Williams, Andrea Wollam

Remembering those who are home bound:

Charles English, Harriette Shaffer

Remembering those with special needs:

Aidan (no last name given), Lori Akins, Donna Baldwin, Gini Cage, Elizabeth Campbell, Del Cig, Cathie Cimini, Amber Ellis, Connie Fowler, Bryan Giocondi, Debi Houlf, Debbie Merkel, Ann Marie Perkins (David's daughter), Anita Rayburn, Cindy Robinson, Ondine Shiau, Everett Sillies, Diane Tullis Suloit, Shelley Town, Dean Voye, Mark Voye, Lisa Young

Remembering those in the Military:

Jonathan Benka, Kirk Groves, Michael Maradin

COFFEE CUP GREETINGS: Held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, March 3 & 17.

SPRING RAFFLE BASKETS: This is a great fundraiser for our church's general fund. The baskets will be on display from **March 4-14**, and tickets may be purchased during preschool hours as well as before and after worship on **Sunday, March 10**. Thank you to the congregation for your generosity and support of this project.

EASTER EGG HUNT: We are going to have an Easter egg hunt and we are looking for donations of wrapped candy for the plastic eggs. Please drop off your candy on the table in the narthex. Also, if anyone is willing to help, please contact Judy Dodge.

ARC FREE SMOKE ALARMS: The American Red Cross is installing free smoke alarms in homes without working smoke alarms or alarms more than 10 years old. Request forms for this Save-a-Life campaign are on the information table in the narthex.

HALL RENTAL: Any member wishing to rent Cassel Hall must call the office to schedule the date to be sure it is not already rented or in use by the church, the Preschool, DAR, the Red Cross, or The Solace Center. There is also paper work which needs to be filled out prior to renting.

FLOWERS AND MEDITATION CANDLES: Weeks are available for purchase, dedicated to your special intentions. The meditation candle is \$5.00 and flowers are \$30.00 for two vases. **Please use an Order Envelope and PREPAY your order at the time that you sign the flower and candle chart. PAYMENT ENVELOPES ARE BY THE FLOWER CHART.** On weeks where there is no paid order, the church will display silk flowers to the Glory of God. Please sign up for your special weeks while they are available.

SPLASH TODAY: Donations are always warmly welcomed, and with your continued support, we will be able to sustain this valuable ministry to young families.

GRIEF MINISTRY: Part of the Social Committee is Grief Ministry. Joyce Osborn (330-372-2136) is spearheading this ministry with Pr. Perkins' and God's guidance and help. When a loved one dies, Joyce sends a set of four books called "Journeying through Grief" throughout the first year. Each book describes the issues and feelings that a person tends to encounter at various points of grief and the books offer suggestions on handling them. If Pastor Perkins or Joyce can be of any help or if you have any questions during a time of grief, please contact either of them.

DUE TO GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS: In the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), churches and clergy can no longer make written or oral public announcements of health information regarding our members. Thus, unless specifically requested by a member to share other information, we are only able to indicate where a person is hospitalized or that they have been discharged.

BIRTHDAYS:

1 = Donald Brant & Hunter Groves
2 = Pastor Ann Marie Perkins
3 = Taylor Montgomery
5 = Lynn Gibson
6 = Drena Smith
7 = Noah Kerns
11 = Grace Gilger
14 = Christine Mymo
15 = Shaun Brown
16 = Marissa Colarich
19 = Justin Montgomery

20 = Victoria Muehlbauer
22 = Evelyn Brant & Cameron
Danklefsen
23 = Erika Smith
24 = Joey Sarko
29 = Cameron Mackowski
31 = Penny Jewell & Ava Waldron

ANNIVERSARIES:

7 = Seibert, Roy & Dorothy
12 = Preston, James & Cathie

ST. PAUL SERVANTS FOR MARCH 2019

Greeters

3/03 Lyda Vigorito, Marin and Evan Davis
3/10 Tim & Amy Martin
3/17 Lyda Vigorito, Marin and Evan Davis
3/24 Tim & Amy Martin
3/31 Terry & Brenda Ceplecci

Lectors

3/03 Kelly Hutchison
3/10 Brenda Hart
3/17 Linda Murray
3/24 Jerry Null
3/31 Marty Maurice

Flower Delivery

3/03 Diana Bauman
3/10 LENT – NO FLOWERS
3/17 LENT – NO FLOWERS
3/24 LENT – NO FLOWERS
3/31 LENT – NO FLOWERS

Refer to the sheet in the Sacristy for deliveries. Mark the date of delivery opposite the person's name on the sheet. Thank you.

Communion Assistants

3/03 Kay Paajanen
3/10 Debbie Cravotta
3/17 Linda Murray
3/24 Brenda Hart
3/31 Peggy Skoczylas

Acolytes 10:30 service: (agreed dates by parish youth)

3/03 Evan Davis
3/10 Chelsea Moorhead
3/17 Brooke Frazzini
3/24 Sarah Durf
3/31 Drew Thirion

Acolytes: Please be present ten minutes before the service begins. **If you are unable to acolyte as scheduled, please trade with one of the other acolytes and notify Christine Mymo – 330-647-2913.** Thank you for your help! We count on you to be here!

Ushers

3/03 Harry Pasku
3/10 Harry Pasku
3/17 Matt Kerns & Christine Mymo
3/24 Matt Kerns & Christine Mymo
3/31 Matt Kerns & Christine Mymo

Church Closing

Liz Chapin

Visitor Notes

Jean Maurice