

# MARCH 2018

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## A Letter from your Pastor

Dear friends in the Lord,

This month we celebrate one of my favorite holidays—St. Patrick's Day. Now some of you might wonder why St. Patrick's Day is so meaningful to me, when I don't have a single drop of Irish blood running through my veins. For me, this holiday is much more than an Irish celebration, it is a missionary celebration!

St. Patrick wasn't Irish at all. He was British, born and raised on Britain's west coast. When he was 16 years old, Patrick was captured by Irish warriors who took him to Ireland and sold him as a slave to an Irish shepherd. Sometime later, Patrick escaped from Ireland and returned to his homeland. Yet through God's amazing work in his heart, Patrick was moved to become a missionary and return to Ireland, so he could teach the people there about the Christian faith. Patrick spent the rest of his life sharing God's love with the people who had been his captors. Like the apostle Paul, Patrick was a traveling missionary who would establish a local church, then move on to another location to start another congregation.

This is why St. Patrick's Day is one of my favorite holidays. It's a chance for us to remember not only the color green, but also the color red – the red blood Jesus shed, which Patrick preached about throughout the entire Emerald Isle. May God make us as willing as Patrick to make personal sacrifices so that others may hear of the sacrifice that our Savior has made for them.

In Christ, the Savior who suffered on our behalf to set us free from captivity to sin,

Pastor Jenks

St. Patrick's  
Day



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### Our Mission is:

- To Know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,
- To Grow in faith through His Sacraments and Word, and
- To Go share His Gospel with love in our community and world.

## *Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, March 4*

*Holy Communion*

*8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*

*Lent IV*

*Wednesday, March 7*

*7:00 p.m.*

*Sunday, March 11*

*Loyalty Sunday*

*8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*

*Lent V*

*Wednesday, March 14*

*7:00 p.m.*



*Sunday, March 18*

*Holy Communion*

*8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*

*Lent VI*

*Wednesday, March 21*

*7:00 p.m.*

*Sunday, March 25*

*Palm Sunday*

*8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*

*Maundy Thursday,*

*March 29*

*Holy Communion*

*7:00 p.m.*

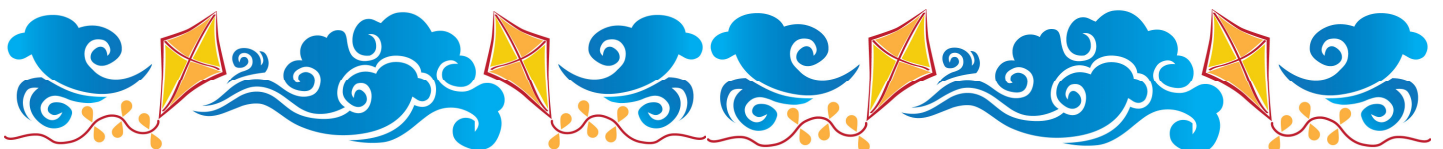
*Good Friday, March 30*

*7:00 pm*

**The Board of Evangelism is once again looking to send workers to Camp Okoboji on a mission trip. If you are interested in joining us on this mission trip there will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. So why not come and join your fellow Saint Paul family to get the camp ready for the season and enjoy some fellowship.**



**\* If anyone would like to go on a mission trip this year, see one of the Evangelism board members for details of funds available for this.**



**Easter Opportunity....it is that time in our church year once again, and the Women of St Paul LWML are beginning to plan for the 2018 St. Paul Easter Breakfast.**

The sign up sheet will be available the first Sunday in March, with an opportunity for everyone to be part of this very special day.

There are opportunities for young and old, big and small, talented and those with lots of enthusiasm, duties for Saturday or Sunday, and momentary contributions. Please look for the Easter Breakfast Opportunity Sign-Up Sheet on the bulletin board or if you have questions contact Ellen Sander at

[druellen@hotmail.com](mailto:druellen@hotmail.com).

Thank you in advance to everyone who takes advantage of these St Paul opportunities to help make this the BEST EASTER BREAKFAST at St. Paul.

# Easter Breakfast



By now you have received your letter and pledge card for initial support of the Director of Family Life position here at St. Paul. As you know, we are wanting to give this position's funding a jump start by asking for pledges for 2018 and 2019. If you have not already submitted a pledge, please give prayerful consideration to helping fund this exciting new position at St. Paul. Your pledges may be returned in the provided envelope, placed in the offering, or simply given to Tom or Cindy.



Serving Christ, Tom and Cindy Baas

**Thank you for your partnership!** Just as a congregation is dependent on the financial gifts of their members, so Iowa District West is dependent on the gifts we receive from our partner congregations. Last year you provided just over \$1.5 million to help us support Christ's mission. Those funds enabled us to support 5 missionary partners in IDW, support over 30 congregations with mission grants, provide workshops and resources in a variety of areas, support the work of the LCMS, and work with you as you carry out Christ's mission in your community. As a result, hundreds of individuals came to faith just in IDW, thousands were strengthened in their faith, and a new congregation was planted (The Gate, Ankeny)! Thank you again and may God richly bless our partnership in 2018. *Pres. Steve Turner and the staff of IDW*

**Rev. Dr. Steven Turner**, President

Iowa District West LCMS

## Stewardship

It's written in Proverbs 13:11: "Dishonest money dwindles away, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow." The St. Paul Lutheran Endowment Fund has been established to accept gifts "little by little" to help support St. Paul's ministry both today, and long after each of us reach our eternal rest. Financial gifts to the Endowment Fund can be made on an ongoing basis; as one-time special gifts; or as lasting legacies through bequests and estate planning.

The Endowment Fund currently has two funds: The Undesignated Fund, which will accept gifts to support a variety of projects as decided on by the congregation; and The Music Ministry Fund, established by a generous \$10,000 donation by a couple from St. Paul who wish to remain anonymous, to be used to support our music ministry each year. Members can make gifts to the established Undesignated Fund, or create their own endowment to support a ministry at St. Paul that is dear to them as a "living" donation to St. Paul long after they are gone.



While we desire to grow St. Paul's Endowment Fund through additional gifts to support even more programs in the future and to keep up with future inflation, it is not St. Paul's intent to just "sit on a pot of growing riches". As established in the Endowment Fund's guidelines, each year, 3.5% of the balance on July 1 of both the Undesignated Fund and the Music Ministry Fund are paid out to St. Paul to use for ongoing projects. Long term, this allows our church to help fund projects today, but still allows the funds to grow to generate their same buying power in the years ahead.

Last July 1, \$474.81 was distributed to St. Paul from the Undesignated Fund, which was used to purchase office equipment to support the new Family Life Ministry, and \$369.99 was distributed from the Music Ministry Fund and placed into the church's music account to meet needs that might arise during the year.

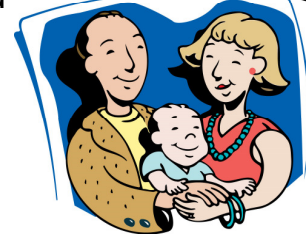
The Endowment Committee will be meeting in early April to designate what these payouts should be used for during fiscal year 2018-19. While it is impossible to know at this time how much the payouts will be, since the account balances fluctuate daily, we encourage members to voice your opinion as to how the payouts on July 1 should be used. Please contact a member of the Stewardship Committee, Larry Wiebel, David Hagen or Dennis Dobberke, with any ideas you might have, and we will take them to the Endowment Committee meeting for consideration.



**Family Photo Directory— October 2018\***

Lifetouch will take photos of members and provide each family with a directory. There will be no charge to us and everyone who has a photo will receive an 8 X 10 photo and have an opportunity to purchase more.

\*The exact dates will be announced soon.

**Church Photo Directory****Family Life***Sleep? Who needs sleep?*

Parents, mark your calendars and get your youth ready for the Junior Lock-IN: Sticky Faith – Let's get STICKY! On Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> overnight into Saturday, Apr 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Lock-In will kick off with Sign-in at 6:30 PM on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and will end at 7:00 AM Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. This event is for ALL 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth. They are also ENCOURAGED to invite friends to come along! (As long they fill out a registration form!) The Youth Board will also be extending an invitation to Memorial Lutheran Church and Ascension Lutheran Church in Ames.

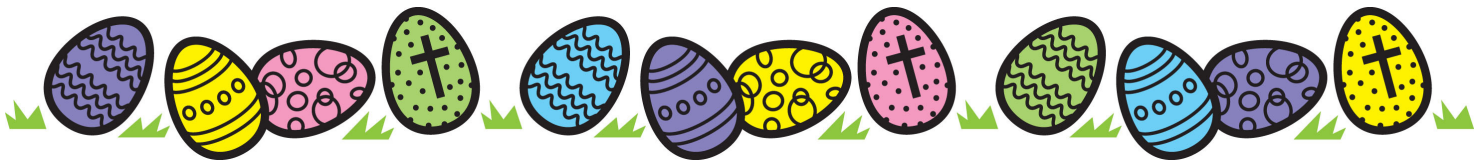
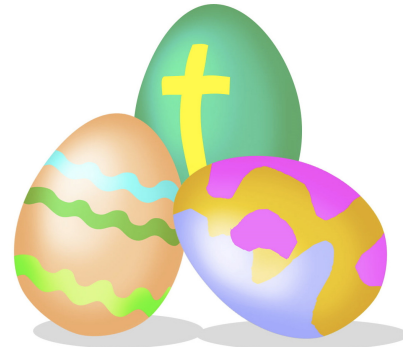
This Lock-In will be filled with fun Bible Studies and Devotions for the youth to gain an understanding of who they are as a Christian and where their faith is heading, along with FUN filled, and a little sticky, small and large group games and activities! Throw in some pizza, snacks, movies and maybe even a few hours of sleep, and we have a night to remember for years! (or at least months!)

Watch for registration information coming soon to your youth through Mid-Week and Sunday School, and through e-mail! If you have questions please contact: Carla Murphy or Thomas Wilson.

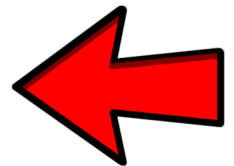


## Education and Youth

**The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Palm Sunday, March 25th from 2:00 - 3:30.** The theme this year is "Walk with Jesus". It is a family based interactive program for kids of all ages. Watch for further details.



**Reminders:** No Sunday School during spring break, March 11th and 18th. There will be adult Bible study on the 11th and 18th.



**Calling all members...**the Board of Education is always looking for Sunday School teachers as subs. You don't have to be a professional teacher to teach our students. All we ask is that you care and want to help our youth. Please contact anyone on the board if you are willing to help.

### Important dates:

No midweek on Wed. March 14, 2018

No Sunday school March 11th or 18th. Adult Bible study class will be held March 11th and 18th.

Confirmation: May 6, 2018 with recognition following church

Graduation Recognition: May 20, 2018

Last day of Sunday School: May 20, 2018

2018 VBS: July 29th - Aug 1st.



## Education and Youth

### Youth Dates to Note:

**March 7-** NYG Youth serve Lenten meal

**March 28-** Evangelism and youth attending camp serve Lenten meal

**April 1-** Easter with NYG Youth helping with breakfast

**April 6-7-** Youth Lock-in for grades 5-8

**April 14 & 21-** (9-11am) Youth practices for Youth Sunday Service in sanctuary

**April 22-** Youth Sunday Services (both)

### SUMMER CAMP WITH JESUS AT THE LAKE

It's time to start thinking about summer camp at Camp Okoboji! There are many camp opportunities including but not limited to:

Kids Kamp June 1-3 (grades K-2)

Technology Camp June 10-15 (grades 7-12)

Girl's Sports Camp June 10-16 (grades 4-8)

Jr. High Week July 8-14 (grades 6-8)

Cub Week July 15-21 (grades 3-6)

Sr. High Youth Week July 22-28 (grades 9-12)



Campers days are filled with Christian fellowship, recreation, Bible studies, camp-fire devotions, singing, swimming, canoeing, archery, Gaga ball, court and field games, crafts and so much more!

Funding is available through the Board of Youth, Evangelism, Iowa District West and Camp Okoboji. For more information, contact the church office, Carla Murphy or visit the camp website at [campokoboji.org](http://campokoboji.org).



**You won't want to miss the Lenten meal on March 21!!** Our Evangelism committee and the youth attending Camp Okoboji this summer will be serving a **Hickory Park** meal. A freewill offering will provide funding for the youth to attend camp at Camp Okoboji again this year. Remember how much fun they had last year: Let's send even more youth this year!!





## Youth & Education

### Love and Kindness

On Sunday, February 11 the Board of Youth and Human Care teamed up to decorate cookies, make cards and deliver them to some of our St. Paul shut-in members. The conversations and life stories were enjoyed by all.





## Youth & Education

### Get Discounted Adventureland Tickets

"Share the Fun" of Adventureland during Substance Free Weekends April 28-29 and May 5-6. Discounted tickets are \$25 per person (\$20 off regular admission) and are good for one of the four days. Children ages 3 and under are free.

This special price is available to St. Paul Church and Preschool families and friends.

To reserve your tickets, contact Carla Murphy, the church office or see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



### Youth Needed for Youth Sunday

We invite all youth grades 3-12 to participate in Youth Sunday on **April 22 at BOTH services**. This is the time where youth do all the service. We need youth to create bulletin covers, greet at the doors, serve as ushers, play in the youth ensemble, sing, read, give the children's message and be in a skit! **Practices will be April 14 & 21 from 9-11 am.** If interested in playing in the music ensemble, please contact Wayne Hagemoser, otherwise look for more info out soon.

## American Heritage Girls

**American Heritage Girls are working on social skills and Etiquette Badge requirements.** They will be having a tea party at St Paul on April 14, practicing these skills. Explorers will be reviewing many kinds of letters: personal letter, invitations, thank you notes, get well notes, sympathy letter, an apology, and a business letter. If anyone has a tea set they are willing to loan please contact Gretchen Zitterich. (No family heirlooms please.)



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## Women's Ministry

**Please help "Support our Sisters".** As you shop in the months to come please look for fantastic sales or clearance racks of something every woman needs---- supportive undergarments ..bras. All sizes, for the very young girls to the older woman. Our LWML district leaders have requested that we help fill a need identified for those who are disadvantaged. We will be gathering these items in the spring to take as part of the ingathering for the Iowa West District LWML Convention at Okoboji in June. There is a pink collection bin near the east entryway for these items.

### **LWML National 2017–2019 Mission Grant #6 — \$100,000 Lutheran Heritage Foundation– Children's Books Worldwide**

Lutheran churches, missionaries, and new Christian families around the world will be provided with Bible story books, translated into their languages that teach children about Jesus. These brightly illustrated books, such as *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* and *Bible Stories in Pictures*, are given free of charge to the parents and missionaries who need them.

**Children need Jesus in Mongolia!** In many countries, where Lutheranism didn't exist a generation ago, parents want to teach their children about Jesus. The major obstacle is that NO Lutheran children's books are available in their language. With your help, the Lutheran Heritage Foundation is changing this!

**I would like to take time to thank everyone who came to the Soup and Pie Supper!** To all the soup makers, and pie makers you are the best!...and all of those who helped in the kitchen!, a million "heart" felt thanks. So many delicious soups to choose from and ....OH the PIES! such great food and conversation and a wonderful service, Thank you Pastor.

FYI... MOVIE REVIEWS, from a Lutheran perspective

"Reporter Online" features reviews of popular films by award winning Lutheran critic Rev. Ted Giese. Online are reviews of the recent films "Wonder", "The Star" and "Blade Runner 2049" Reviews of older films--- such as "The Case for Christ" "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Shack" ---also are available. To see all of Giese's movie reviews, visit [blogs.lcms.org/category/reporter/movie-reviews](https://blogs.lcms.org/category/reporter/movie-reviews).

## Women's Ministry

**LWML Mite Update:** as of 1/31/18

**2017-2019 National Mission goal: \$2,075,000.00**

**Amount Received: \$769,805.55**

**Amount Needed: \$1,305,194.45**

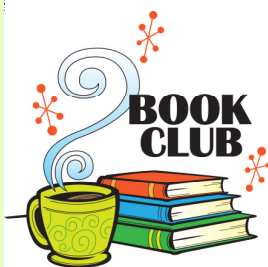
We normally collect mites for missions on the 4th Sunday of each month. For more information about LWML go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

**Do you know what is going on in the Iowa West District of the LWML?** The LWML IWD eNews is sent to all women of the congregation who have email. If you do not have email, a copy is printed and placed on the LWML bulletin board at the east end of the fellowship hall. You may read it and replace it when you are finished.

**FAMILY SERVICE** Family Service quilting group will meet on March 8 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This will be a Thrivent Action Team event. Please wear your Thrivent T-Shirts, bring a sack lunch and join us. We will meet again on March 22nd from 10:00 a.m. until noon. After a lunch break we will have our Family Service meeting with a devotion, business meeting and dessert. **We are in need of middles for our quilts so we would appreciate donations of gently used sheets, blankets or mattress pads. They may be placed in the quilters basket at the east entrance. Thank you.**



### “Book to Know to Help You Grow”



Our next Book club meeting is April 12 at 7:00 pm. (This is a change due to our Feb meeting being canceled.) We will discuss **“Her Daughter’s Dream”** by Francine Rivers. Barnes and Noble says: “In the dramatic conclusion to the *New York Times* best seller *Her Mother’s Hope*, Francine Rivers delivers a rich and deeply moving story about the silent sorrows that can tear a family apart and the grace and forgiveness that can heal even the deepest wounds.

Growing up isn’t easy for little Carolyn Arundel. With her mother, Hildemara, quarantined to her room with tuberculosis, Carolyn forms a special bond with her oma Marta, who moves in to care for the household. But as tensions between Hildie and Marta escalate, Carolyn believes she is to blame. When Hildie returns to work and Marta leaves, Carolyn and her brother grow up as latchkey kids in a world gripped by the fear of the Cold War.” **Everyone is invited to read this book and join us for the discussion.** \*Our church library has a copy of this book. The Ames Public Library has 2 printed copies and 4 ebook copies. **\*\*At our April meeting we will be choosing the books for the next year, so bring your suggestions.**

Date	Hostess	Book
Apr 12, 2018, 7 pm	Maureen Friedrich	“Her Daughter’s Dream” by Francine Rivers
Date- TBA	Gretchen Zitterich	“In the Presence of My Enemies” by Gracia Burnham



# March 2018 Service Roster

	March 4 8:30	March 4 11:00	March 11 8:30	March 11 11:00	March 18 8:30	March 18 11:00	March 25 8:30 am	March 25 11:00
Organist	Zach Heilman		Ellen Sander		Praise Team		Zach Heilman	
Elders	Phil Voge	Ron Coy →						
Lectors	Dennis Dobberke	Becky Jackson	Dennis Dobberke	Becky Jackson	Dennis Dobberke	Becky Jackson	Dennis Dobberke	Becky Jackson
Acolytes	Jackson Stensland	Mia Vogel			Emma Buttery	Tate Ploessl		
Greeters	Reiny & Maureen Friedrich, Drue & Ellen Sander	Irene Holthaus, Steve & Marlene Johnson →						
Ushers	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke, John Murphy, Vic Schulz	Lori Jenks, Becky Jackson, Tom Henriksen, Steve Vollstedt →						
Coffee Fellowship								
Coffee Time Greeter	Becky Jackson →							
Altar Flowers								
Offering Counters	Larry & Nancy Wiebel →							
Power Point	Cindy Baas	Cindy Baas	Cindy Baas	Cindy Baas	Judy Peter	Judy Peter	Judy Peter	Judy Peter
Sound Board	Tom Baas	Tom Baas	Tom Baas	Tom Baas	Tom Peter	Tom Peter	Tom Peter	Tom Peter
Altar Guild	Connie Buss, Gretchen Zitterich,	Karen Belz →						
Video Recorder	Harry Mundt →							
Collate Bulletins	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke →							

## *March 2018 Lent Service Roster*



	<b>March 7 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Lent IV</b>	<b>March 14 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Lent V</b>	<b>March 21 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Lent VI</b>	<b>March 29 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>March 30 7:00 p.m. Good Friday</b>
Organist	Ellen Sander	Ellen Sander	Ellen Sander	Ellen Sander	Ellen Sander
Elder	Reiny Friedrich	Tom Henriksen	Ron Coy	Chris Hand	Phil Voge
Acolyte				Ty Choate	
Lector	Brenda Dryer	Steve Johnson	Connie Lastine	Reiny Friedrich	Keith Folkmann
Ushers	Scott & Brenda Dryer, Inez Smith, Vickie Roach	Steve & Marlene Johnson, Thomas & Lisa Wilson	Drue & Ellen Sander, Bob & Marilyn Walker	Reiny & Maureen Friedrich, Tom & Judy Peter	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Matthew & Ryan Latuska
Greeters	Gretchen Zitterich, Gloria Lewis	Kent & Jan Ziebell, Tom & Beth Henriksen	Irene Holthaus, Tom & Cindy Baas	Janelle Swenson, Connie Buss	Becky Jackson, Dennis & Karen Griffin
Offering Counters	Larry & Nancy Wiebel	Larry & Nancy Wiebel	Larry & Nancy Wiebel	Larry & Nancy Wiebel	Larry & Nancy Wiebel
Power Point	Judy Peter	Stephanie Mandernach	Greg VanNostrand	Tom Baas	Julie Coy
Sound- board	Tom Peter	Jordan Mandernach	Harry Mundt	Tom Baas	John Murphy
Collate Bulletins	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke

