

Family Newsletter

2019

LENT 2019 MIDWEEK SERIES

The Book of Exodus: Let My People Go!

In the book called Exodus, Moses asks Pharaoh to let God's people go seven times and Pharaoh finally does it! When he does, God's salvation is so amazing that the event becomes the Gospel of the Old Testament.

Throughout this book, God reveals who He is through His absence and His presence, through His silence and His speech, through His wrath and His mercy, and through His judgment and His amazing grace. In doing so, the book paints a beautiful portrait of Jesus.

Date	Time	Theme
March 06	12:15 & 6 PM	Ash Wednesday: "Big Things with Small Stuff" (Ex 2:1-10)
March 13	12:15 & 6 PM	Week 1: "How God Changes Us" (Ex 3:1-14)
March 20	12:15 & 6 PM	Week 2: "Stop Trying and Start Trusting" (Ex 14:1-29)
March 27	12:15 & 6 PM	Week 3: "Strike the Rock!" (Ex 17:1-7)
April 03	12:15 & 6 PM	Week 4: "Mine!" (Ex 20:1-17)
April 10	12:15 & 6 PM	Week 5: "Digging Ourselves into a Hole" (Ex 32:1-14)
April 14	8:15 & 10:45 AM	Palm Sunday: "A New Beginning!" (Ex 34:1-8)
April 18	12:15 & 6 PM	Maundy Thursday: "Access!" (Ex 24:1-11)
April 19	12:15 & 6 PM	Good Friday: "Agnus Dei" (Ex 12:1-13)
April 21	8:15 & 10:45 AM	Easter: "Against All Odds!" (Ex 15:1-18)

A light meal will be served after the 6:00 PM service
(see page 8 for those serving)

Pastor's Page

In God We Trust



Are you a good driver? I am, I think.

Let me tell you why: I follow the speed limits, I don't text while I'm driving, and I don't even pay attention to the commercial signs on the side the road. I devote my full attention to the traffic.

However, on my way to work this morning, for some strange reason, instead of focusing on the road condition, I paid attention to this sign – "IA lottery: \$322 million estimated jackpot. Imagine the moment."

Is that all?! 322 million dollars?! Imagine the moment!!!

So, I took a deep breath and kept driving. No! I shouldn't have paid attention to that sign at all. I shouldn't... I shouldn't.... God, I am sorry!

But... but I can use that money to pay off my house loan, buy the best embroidery machine for my dear wife, and retire early. Wouldn't that be nice!? On top of that, I will give a big portion of MY money to my church so that they wouldn't have any financial struggles anymore.

Wouldn't that be great, God?! I have this perfect plan for You! I'm not greedy because I don't want it just for myself, I want it for You! And, if, and only if, there are some leftovers, I'll use it to upgrade my truck.

Hey! Stop dreaming!!!

Why? Is it wrong to be rich? Is playing lottery a sin? Well, what is your answer? What's on your mind when you dream about becoming a lottery ticket winner?

I know that you are the few exceptions, but many people do think that once they've won lotteries, a lot of their problems in life will simply go away, but will they really? Is money really the solution to many issues in life?

If you do some researches, you will find this shocking truth: many lottery winners filed bankruptcies not many years after they have become "rich!" Many, instead of being content with what they already have, they just keep buying and buying and hope somehow that more stuff will make them happy.

Have you ever wondered why, in the wilderness, God gave His people manna only good for one day? Have you ever wondered why, in the Lord's Prayer, Jesus didn't teach us to pray to God the Father to give us this day our 'yearly' or even 'life time' bread but 'daily' bread?

It's certainly not wrong to be rich. God is NOT against us being rich, and He never said that Christians had to be poor. However, it is wrong to put our trust in earthly things than God Himself.

I know many of you don't play lotteries at all. However, to some extent we do subconsciously put our trust in our stock market investments and retirement plans. There is nothing wrong to have retirement plans and it is wise to put some of the money God has given us into investments. However, if the market goes down, will you still be content with whatever you already have and trust that God will always provide? Or will you be like many people in the world who get very upset and say, "I lost a lot of money today. I'm not sure what is going to happen to my retirement."

Remember God is our loving Father. He is in charge of everything. He provides all our needs. He wants us to be good stewards of money, not to depend on it.

What is that important line on all our currencies? "In Money We Trust?" No! It is "In God We Trust."

Matthew 6:31–33 — *Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.* (ESV)

Youth and Young Adult Events

Happy March everyone!!!

Well, February just flew right on by but that was because we were so busy with awesome youth events! Last month we had our Valentine's Dinner & Auction and we took the youth to Drop Zone. Now we are planning for our Epic Nerf Battle on March 8th with all the youth in the Siouxland area!

I would just like to take a moment to thank each and everyone (adults and youth) that helped make the auction what it was! Together we raise over \$5,500! This is the biggest fundraiser for the youth and it helps send the youth to events like our National Youth Gathering this summer and smaller events throughout the year like the Junior and Senior Youth Gathering, Adventureland in June, Drop Zone, Cosmic Tubing, Pumpkinland, and so much more, so thank you!!

On March 8th SLIMM is providing a city-wide high school Nerf Battle at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Our sign ups are in the youth room or come talk to me! We are asking the youth to bring their own nerf guns and we will provide everything else! This is a free event and all the youth are encouraged to invite their friends as well!

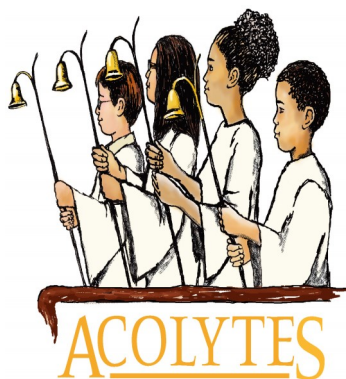
Our Children's Ministry is going well as we are getting ready for our Easter Egg Hunt which is April 13th. We are taking donations of small prizes, candy and eggs! If you would like to donate anything, please call the office or talk to me. I will help you with that. Also if you would like to help out with our Easter Egg Hunt, please come talk to me. We would love to have you!

We are also starting to get ready for this summer's Vacation Bible School "Shipwrecked." (I know crazy that VBS is back!) We are still debating VBS dates due to the school's snow days so those will be out soon. If you are wanting to help out with our VBS this year, please come talk to me! It will be in the mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday!

Blessings,

Shannon Porter

Acolytes for March



DATE	6 p.m. Saturday	8:15 a.m. Sunday	10:45 a.m. Sunday
March 2-3	Marla Anderson	Cameron Black	Ava Hannemann
March 9-10	Charlotte Coleman Elijah Coleman	Avery Petersen	Emerson Sulzbach
March 16-17	Carter Sulzbach		Noah Swearingen
March 23-24	Marla Anderson	Jacey Kennedy	Sara Sparr Emma Sparr
March 30-31	Marla Anderson		Reagan Granstrom



Dear Friends in Christ,

During Lent, look to the cross and the One who died there in our place. As Mary and Martha stood at the grave of their brother, Jesus reminded them that He, Himself, was the resurrection and the life. (John 11:25) Let's remind our family and friends of that this Lenten season as we prepare our hearts for His resurrection celebration.

Please, write down these dates:

March 3rd – Waffle Brunch (8:00AM – 1:00PM)

March 3rd – (8:15 & 10:45 AM) The choir sings

March 9th – Craft Fair/Flea Market (9:00AM – 2:00PM). Kids sing at 11:00AM/Cookie Table. Contact: Candace Leff

March 20th – End of 3rd Quarter/Dismiss at 1:00PM

March 25th - We dismiss at 1:00PM for Parent/Teacher Conferences

April 5th – No School

Have a Blessed Lent! Celebrate the fact Jesus died for your family!!! He is the resurrection and the life. We need to live lives of thankfulness for His sacrifice.

A Fellow Worker in Christ,
Alyce Strong Davis

Support our school with Scrip!

How it works ...You buy gift cards from the school, and the school earns money. If an order is placed on Friday, March 8, it may be picked up Friday, March 15.

We also carry a variety of cards in the office. To order, call Sarah Gunn at (712) 223-1238 or stop in the church office.

Scrip is a year-long fundraising program that supports St. Paul's Lutheran School and its families. Scrip cards are simply purchased for everyday expenses, such as food, clothing, gifts, gas, etc.

To order go to www.shopwithscrip.com or stop in the office.

RUMMAGE & CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

9:00AM - 2:00PM

CONCESSIONS

**For vendor space and info:
ST. PAUL'S (712) 258-6325**

splutheran@cablone.net

**All proceeds go to:
St. Paul's Lutheran School
curriculum.**

**St. Paul's Lutheran School
612 Jennings St.**



Pajama Day



Valentine's Dinner and Auction Hosted by St. Paul's Youth Group





MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 04	Richard & Connie Brown	47 Years
March 12	Charles & Cheryl Ball	27 Years
March 16	Lori & John Bowitz	28 Years
March 17	Rich & Barb Lee	47 Years
March 26	Duane & Sherri Benson	47 Years
March 26	Sara & Nick DeAnda	15 Years
March 28	David & Kelly Siefker	38 Years
March 28	Brendan & Erin White	21 Years
March 30	Justin & Shelli Tuttle	19 Years
March 31	Lewis & Tresa Matthews	30 Years

(If you see any discrepancy in names, day or years in our birthday or anniversary list, please let the church office know, so we may update our records.)

Stewardship

Scripture Reading:

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do no destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:19-21).

Prayer:

Lord, You are the provider and controller of all things. Help us to put our trust and faith in You rather than in worldly things. We thank You for Your wonderful love that was shown through Your Son, Jesus. In Your precious name, we pray. Amen.

**Either we follow God’s ways
or our own. There is no middle ground.**

**“No one can serve two masters.
You cannot serve both God and
money.” (Matthew 6:24).**





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BIRTHDAYS

March 1

Brady McCormick

March 2

Natalie Powell

Karen Sherrill

March 3

Wanita Lane

Mike Mertens

Melissa Van Etten

March 4

Bill Hanna

Frieda Lehr

Leticia Robles

March 5

Tony Figge

Matthew Lee

March 6

Bev McCallister

James Wagner

Kim Weier

March 7

Meadow Gardner

Tubby Mitchell

March 8

Alle Grant

March 9

Adam Wagner

Brendan White

March 10

Carson Jager

Pam Schulz

Kelly Winegar

March 11

Jim Ellickson

March 12

Jacob Popken

March 13

Joni Perera

March 14

Vera Stoltze

March 15

Gabbie Schweigert

March 16

Rita Raeside

Doug Siefker

March 17

Kathy Donaldson

Chantilly March

March 18

Brandon Kasdorf

March 19

Pastor Kenny Hsu

Joyce Segebart

March 20

Gola Bales

March 21

Kenny Kasdorf, Jr.

Dorothy Will

March 22

Steven Benson

Charlotte Hansen

Sue Munson

March 24

Gerald Collins

Chelsey Worden

March 25

Enid De Vries

Reta Lantis

Ruth Moore

March 26

Kara Holland

Andrea Hsu

Barry Hueschen

Robert Koepp

Heather Koll

Amanda Morehead

JoAnn Williams

March 27

Rodney Feller

March 28

Jodi Becks

Candi Martin

March 29

Suzy Joines

Mckenzie Steele

Frances Sulzbach

March 30

Natalie Schulz

Bryan Siefker

Arilynn Van Etten

Jean Wetrosky

March 31

Megan Beck

Jan Black

Zach Carter

Anamarie VanCura

Notes from St. Paul's

Blood Pressures

9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 10, in the back of the church.

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Evangelism



What do you live for? Family? Job? Retirement? How about GOD? We give God glory by telling others about him. This is a great privilege introducing others to Jesus, helping them discover their purpose, and preparing them for their eternal destiny. You may hesitate. But don't worry. God will give you what you need if you will just make the choice to live for him. Look around—there is someone who may need your help. A kind word or just listening or a Great Big Hug.

From the Evangelism Committee — Marlis Hilden

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Main Street Living — Local Lutheran Worship

“This is the Life,” followed by Lutheran Worship Service, led by local LCMS pastors.
10 a.m. Sunday mornings on KCAU Channel 9.

Watch these programs on demand at mainstreetliving.com.

Comments and financial support may be sent to: 2113 Ridge Road, Sioux Center, Iowa 51250.

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Mercy Meals of Siouxland

Regular packaging events will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 23, at Faith Lutheran Church. For more information, contact Larry Joines at (712) 258-0808.

Mercy Meals relies on the generosity of donors to purchase materials and supplies to provide rice/soy meals and the Gospel to hungry and starving children in the U.S. and worldwide.

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A light meal will be served following the 6 p.m. Wednesday service.

Those serving will be

March 6 — Youth Group

March 13 — Fellowship Club

March 20 — Sunday School

March 27 — Elders

April 3 — Karen Baker & Liz Sanders

April 10 — Evangelism

Young at Heart Club

"Young At Heart Club" will meet Sunday, March 17, after the late service in the church basement "fellowship" hall for a noon potluck meal. Bring your favorite potluck dish and join us for a great meal and fellowship. — The committee

Mission News

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!
Connie and I are so thankful for the support which God has provided for His ministry through congregations and organizations in our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, especially how He has made you a partner with us in the sharing of the Gospel. You are using earthly treasures to bring heavenly gifts into the storehouse! (Matt. 6:19-20)

We are thankful for your sharing in this blessed work; please know that we hold our supporters close in our hearts as co-workers of our Lutheran mission in St. Petersburg, Russia. We pray that the Lord would continue to bring forth these amazing fruits of faith for the sake of bringing the Gospel throughout Russia.

We plan to be in the United States this summer on “Home Service.” Hopefully we will be able to meet with you and your congregation and describe the work God is doing in Russia.

Thanks so much in Jesus’ name for praying for us, and helping us accomplish His work through His blessing going forward for the next year and longer!

Your partners in mission and your missionaries,
Rev. Dr. Charles & Connie Cortright
LCMS Missionaries, Eurasia Region—Russia

Dear Friends at St. Paul’s,

Thank you so much for your gift to Lutheran Bible Translators for our ministry. We appreciate your support and partnership as we work to share God’s Word with the Khwe people in southern Africa.

We are doing well and are looking forward to going back to Botswana. After Tim’s accident, the doctors have finally said he can go back, so the plane tickets have been bought. We are leaving February 12 and will get home on the 15th or 16th. We hope the house is still standing.

Please continue to pray for our translators and for the whole project. Because we have been gone for so long, Moses, Splash, and Moronga have had to shoulder a lot of burden by themselves. Please ask that God would continue to guard and keep them and the project in His care.

Thank you for supporting us and our ministry.
God Bless, Rev. Tim and Lisa, Aaron and Andrew Beckendorf
(*This “thank you” was received from the Beckendorfs the first part of February*)

Support Our Missionaries

- Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump (www.TheTrumps.org)
- Rev. Charles & Connie Cortright (charles.cortright@lcmsintl.org)
- Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf (tbeckendorf@LBT.org)
- Rev. Henry & Ruthie Witte

March 2019

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3 8 a.m. Waffle Brunch 8:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 9:45 a.m. Laminin LYF 10:45 a.m. Worship/ Communion 5 p.m. Elders Meeting	4	5	6 9:30 a.m. Lamplighters at St. Paul's 12:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service 5 p.m. Confirmation 6 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service	7 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall 1 p.m. Women's League 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice	8 6 p.m. Youth Nerf Battle at Redeemer	9 9 a.m. Craft Fair 6 p.m. Worship
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LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES

2019 Outreach Opportunities at St. Paul's

Month	Events	Dates	Group
January	Women's Shelter	Month of January	St. Paul's School
	Lamplighters		
February	Her Health	Month of February	Social Concern
	Soup Kitchen	Feb. 25 & 26	
	Lamplighters		
March	*Lamplighters at St. Paul's	March 6	
April	Easter Egg Hunt	April 13	Fellowship Club
	Lamplighters at Trinity	April 3	
May	Soles 4 Souls	Month of May	Social Concern
	Lamplighters at Calvary	May 1	
	Soup Kitchen	May 27-28	
June	Block Party	June 2	Evangelism Committee
	V.B.S.	June 3-7	Sunday School
	Lamplighters at Concordia	June 5	
July	Lamplighters at Faith	July 3	
August	Soup Kitchen	Aug. 26 & 27	
	Lamplighters at Hope	Aug. 7	
September	Moving on baskets for CSADV	Month of September	Social Concern
	Friendship Sunday	Sept. 22	Evangelism Committee
	Lamplighters at Redeemer	Sept. 4	
October	Trunk & Treat	Oct. 20 or 27	Evangelism Committee
	Lamplighters at St. Paul's	Oct. 2	
November	Dried food for Gospel Mission	Month of November	Social Concern
	Soup Kitchen	Nov. 25 & 26	
	Lamplighters at Trinity	Nov. 6	
December	Mittens & Hats for Women's Shelter	Month of December	St. Paul's School
	Lamplighters at Calvary	Dec. 5	

*** The Lamplighters volunteer their time to share Christ's Gospel message of compassion and love with people in care facilities in the Siouxland area.**

Servants for the Month of March

Altar Guild:

Charlotte Grothaus
Bernice Johnsen

Elders:

Sat., 6:00 p.m.: Randy Johnson

Sun., 8:15 a.m.: Ron Cason &
Robert Greene

Sun., 10:45 a.m.: Tim Draube &
Randy Johnson

Ushers for March

03/03	1st Service	Nick Gunn Team
	2nd Service	Bob Grothaus Team
03/10	1st Service	Steve Segebart Team
	2nd Service	Randy Johnson Team
03/17	1st Service	Dallas Schulz Team
	2nd Service	Mike Popken Team
03/24	1st Service	Jack Smith Team
	2nd Service	Bob Milbrodt Team
03/31	1st Service	Jack Smith Team
	2nd Service	Jack Smith Team



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