

# Worship Services Saturday 6:00pm Sunday 8:15am & 10:45am Sunday Adult Bible Study 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am

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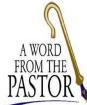
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# The Disciple's Connection

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Painesville, OH 44077

March 2020



We're fully into the season of Lent, that 40 day journey that calls us to focus on the Passion of our Lord. Some people give up something to help them remember what Christ gave up for them. Others choose a special project to do to help other remember Christ's suffering and death. I have found that music can aid people during their 40 day Lenten journey. Our Lutheran hymnody is filled with wonderful tunes and poignant verses that greatly enhance these 40 days. Let me share some of these verses with you

Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy passion; With Your Spirit me endow For such meditation. Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.

Grant that I Your passion view With repentant grieving. Let me not bring shame to You By unholy living. How could I refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure? [LSB 440 "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" vv 1, 4]

For me, this is my prayer to begin Lent. O Lord, let me in these 40 days, truly ponder again your Passion for me. Let me truly look at my sins with repentant grieving, for it was my sins that nailed you to the cross. Let that be your prayer these 40 days.

Come to Calvary's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall Here a pure and heeling fountain Flows for you, for me, for all In a full perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died

They that drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul renewing flood God is faithful; God will never Break his covenant of blood Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when he was glorified [LSB 435 "Come To Calvary's Holy Mountain" vv 1, 4]

The gracious invitation of God to come to the place of our Savior's death to be renewed by the blood of Christ is powerful. The invitation is not only for you, it is for all. All who are washed in the blood of Christ shed on the cross are signed and sealed in the new covenant. To quote another hymn briefly, "Nothing but the blood of Jesus"

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood. LSB 425 "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" vv 1-2]

I read these words and I hear these words of Scripture, "But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." [Galatians 6:14] After all it is the cross of Christ on which we focus our attention, all the more during the days of Lent.

In Christ, Pastoz Sundbom [Hebrews 12:1-2]





The Lenten Season will soon be upon us. Join us on Wednesdays for our midweek Lenten services starting Ash Wednesday, February 29, 2020. For the next six weeks come and learn how you can....

### "Fix Your Eyes on Jesus"

#### St. Paul's Midweek Lenten Schedule

The Lenten Season has arrived. Join us on Wednesdays for our midweek Lenten services and learn how you can "Fix Your Eyes on Jesus"

Midweek 1 - March 4<sup>th</sup> - "Betraying Eyes" (Mark 14:10-21, 32, 41-46)

Rev. Kurt Ziemann, Zion Lutheran Church, Painesville

Midweek 2 – March 11<sup>th</sup> – "Sleepy Eyes" (Mark 14:32-42)

Rev. Jonathan Schroeder, St. John's Lutheran Church, Geneva

Midweek 3 – March 18<sup>th</sup> – "Denying Eyes" (Mark 14:26-32, 66-72)

Rev. Steve Berndt, Grace Lutheran Church, Thompson/Holy Cross Madison

Midweek 4 – March 25<sup>th</sup> – "Murderous Eyes" (Mark 14:1-2, 53-65)

Rev. Freddy Davison, Lighted Cross Lutheran Church, Ashtabula

Midweek 5 - April 1st - "Worldly Eyes" (Mark 15:1-20)

Rev. Kevin Gyunn, Faith Lutheran Church, Mentor





Easter Flowers





St. Paul's will be offering spring flowers to decorate the church sanctuary for Easter. Flowers available for purchase this year are lilies, hyacinths, tulips and daffodils. There will be no guarantee on what colors are delivered. The cost is \$6.25 each. All flowers may be taken home after the late service on Easter Sunday. Look for the sign-up sheet to be posted on the double doors at the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions please contact JoEllen Graziadei.



#### THE GOSPEL CARRIED BY MUSIC TO HEARTS AND MINDS IN HYMNS:

# Saints Singing Their Faith

by Richard C. Resch

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (Col. 3:16).

ould it be any clearer? I think not! For here our God tells us that there is a simple, beautiful and joyous way for His dear Son to dwell richly in us. As the saints sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs together, they will be filled with Christ — and they are taught the faith.

A lifetime of singing psalms and hymns filled with scriptural truths is one of the main ways that saints of all ages have, throughout history, learned the church's doctrines. When asked what they believe about any doctrine, from angels to the Trinity, the saints will often answer with words straight from a hymn text learned through a lifetime of singing. The hymn had been their teacher all along, and they probably did not even realize it.

Soon after his first hymn hit the streets, Martin Luther witnessed something that surprised him. He saw that if he set words to music in the form of a hymn, he was able, quickly and effectively, to spread the content of that hymn to all ages. That's exactly what happened as his first hymn spread like wildfire throughout Germany and beyond. The hymn told the powerful story of faith that led to the death of the first two Lutheran martyrs.

As a musician, Martin Luther knew that music was powerful. After seeing what happened with his first hymn, he realized how combining music's power with the power of the Gospel in the form of a hymn would make it an extraordinary tool for the spreading of that Gospel. This is when "the Nightingale of Wittenberg" took flight. The result of this flight is a glorious inheritance of hymns that beautifully set forth the truths of Scripture as they let Christ dwell richly in the singer.

Another way to hear the Gospel set to music is by listening to the sacred music of Johann Sebastian Bach. This highest of all Lutheran cantors and composers is often called "the Fifth Evangelist," and for good reason, because his church music always preaches the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Listening to one of his cantatas, oratorios, motets or even his simple chorale settings will bring the good news of the Gospel to ears while carried by some of the most glorious music ever written. This is yet another case of someone, like Luther, who worked to

combine the power of music with the power of the Gospel in the task of spreading the Gospel. People throughout the world listen to Bach because they love his music. As they listen, they also hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed in the words paired with his music. Such musical proclamation is happening right now in all parts of the world.

When the saints gather in God's house around His Word and Sacrament, they sing together. And what a good, right and salutary thing it is for them to do! For in this singing — which is, by the way, no ordinary singing — the saints teach and admonish one another, and Christ dwells richly in them. God in His Word has told them that this will happen, and they believe it to be true. Week in and week out, this happens as they sing the Psalms of David, the canticles of Luke, the Sanctus of the angels, the Kyrie, the Agnus Dei, together with the rich bounty of hymnody and sacred music that all beautifully confess the faith.

What does Col. 3:16 mean for pastors, teachers, church musicians and parents? Since the passage is a description of the saints' life together, those who oversee what our children sing in the communion of saints have a responsibility. They make choices about what feeds not only the hearts and souls of our children, but also their minds and memories. The "teaching and admonishing one another" part of this passage is meant for even the youngest saint among us. It would be good for them, as they grow up, to be given songs to sing that are the best food. Actually, it is the same food that they will then be rehearsing for the rest of their lives as they gather around Word and Sacrament.

This is, then, how *hearing* and *believing* come together.

Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
May the light which
Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end! (LSB 578:5)

The Rev. Richard C. Resch is emeritus professor and kantor, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne.





## Life Quotes for March

March 1 "God only has one 'natural' child. He adopted all the rest. (See Galatians 4:4-5.)" Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life − A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

**March 8** "Parents make mistakes, and so do their children. Don't let the thought of failure prevent you, my friends, from going for the prize. If you have not been in it before, get in the game, follow Christ. If you have tried hard and feel you have not succeeded, don't give up. Fight the good fight. Run the race with full determination. With Christ, you will obtain the prize." Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, former speaker of "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

**March 15** "Everyone is warped. Everybody is broken … Our church communities should be places that uphold God's high standards but also places that extend welcome and warmth to people who know they need a Savior. No loathing, no hate, no bitterness, no selective indignation, no fear." Pastor Mark Jeske, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

March 22 "At home: can we be more loving and forgiving to those who mean so much to us? Can we take the time to show our unconditional love? At work: are we really a Christian example to our coworkers? Can we be more mindful of the struggles others are going through? At church: where sometimes, ironically, it's the hardest, can we put on the mind of Christ, giving ourselves to our brothers and sisters in the faith? ... [L]et the message of God's love in Jesus resonate boldly in your own life ... to God's glory." Dr. J. A. O. Preus – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

March 29 "Only God could call death a nap. Only God could do something about Jairus's daughter. Only God can give you life after death. Soon, soon you will personally witness the Son of God's unlimited power over death as He forces graves all over the world to yield the bodies in them." Pastor Mark Jeske, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org



#### **Upcoming Events**



#### Noisy Mite Weekend is Almost Here!!!

The LWML Ohio District fiscal Biennium ends March 31, 2020. At the present time about \$27,000 is needed to meet the mission budget for the district. We will have our semi-annual "NOISY MITES" collection on the weekend of March 14 & 15. Plan on making a **JOYFUL NOISE** with your coins and dollars as we prayerfully support the mission work of the LWML.

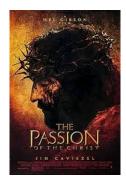






#### The Northeast Ohio Zone Spring Rally

The Northeast Zone of the LWML Ohio District will hold its Spring Rally at Faith Lutheran Church in Mentor on Saturday, April 18. Details are on the Friendship Circle board and a registration sign-up sheet will be placed on the board in Mid-March. The guest speaker is Jessica Stadt, Engagement Director with Bethesda. We will be making 9 **Birthday Boxes for Bethesda** for the Spring Rally ingathering. If you would like to participate – pick up a clear shoe box, lid and directions from the Friendship Circle table. Completed boxes are to be returned to the table *NO LATER THAN* April 13. If you have questions, please contact Billie Lelle (blelle@roadrunner.com or 440-867-2747)



#### **Movie Night**

#### The Passion Of the Christ

MARCH MOVIE MATINEE ... will serve to jump start us into Holy week. Join the Outreach Committee for the showing of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" on Sunday, March 22 at 2pm. Please note that this movie is rated "R" and it is not advisable for viewing by young children due to the portrayal of Christ's suffering for our sins. A snack bar will be open, serving hotdogs, candy and popcorn for a minimal price. Questions? Contact Kristy McConnell. Come join us and invite your friends!



# Updated Congregation Members Directory



- Do you have a new address?
- Do you have a new phone number?
- Do you have a new email address?
- Do you have a new member in your family?
   We would like to know!

In mid-April St. Paul's will be publishing a new congregation members directory. A form will be placed in your mail-box by March 14th containing the information we currently have for you with space to make corrections. Please make any changes or check the no changes needed box. Please put the form in the mailbox slot on the church office door by April 5th.

#### It's Bowling Party Time

Join us at Rich Lanes in Fairport Harbor for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Sign-up for the event can will be posted on the bulletin board located

out side the kitchen in mid-February.

When: Sunday, March 23, 2020 Where: Rich Lanes, Fairport

Time: 3pm to 5pm

Cost: \$7 in advance or at the door

Cost covers 2 hours of bowling, bowling shoes and food & refresh-

ments.



#### WINTER JAM 2020

Where: Wolstein Center—Cleveland, OH

When: Sunday March 29, 2020

Time: Doors Open: 5pm / Main Show: 6pm
Cost: \$15 at the door, No tickets needed

Info: jamtour.com or www.wolsteincenter.com





# March Birthdays

John Galayda	2nd	Bob Breedlove	20th	Sandy Heckler	29th
Suanne Luther	2nd	Don Bennington	22nd	Rich Szoradi	29th
Debbie Davis	6th	Kim Marella	24th	lan Nau	29th
Evan Nau	13th	Joe Hovath	25th	MetaCavender	29th
Ryan Nau	18th	Laurie Srebernak	26th		



## March Anniversaries

Russ & Karen Tuttle 48 years on March 4th
Scott & Kim Marella 15 years on March 19th
Frank & Laura Vosicky 21 years on March 27th



If your birthday or anniversary is not listed please let us know so it will be included next time.



### **Altar Flowers**

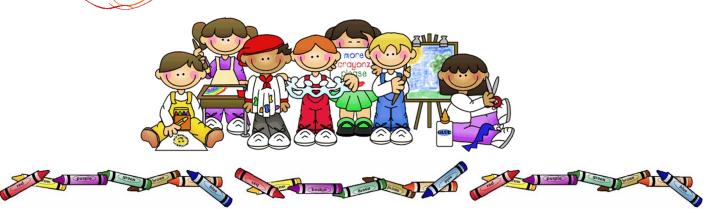


Is there someone special, a special date, or a special event you would like to honor. A great way to do that is with Altar Flowers. The Altar Flower Chart is posted on the wall next to the double doors leading out of the sanctuary. All you have to do is sign up next to the appropriate weekend. Be sure to print clearly what occasion is being honored and who the flowers are given by. Altar flowers are \$30.00. This can be placed in an envelope labeled "Altar Flowers" and the date of the weekend, then place in the collection plate.





## From the Preschool



The preschool would like to thank you for your continuous support of the preschool ministry. This spring we will be having a couple of fundraisers to us with our budget needs. Please help as you are able. Information about each fundraiser will be made available as they begin. Help us to continue to help families "Train a child in the way they should go..." Proverbs 22:6.

Also, registration for 2020-2021 is now open to all families. If you know of someone that may be interested in our program please have them contact the preschool office or give them a registration form which can be found at the back of the church. Anyone interested in placing forms in the community please contact Amy Marizek, she can get you copies that can be left in medical offices, libraries, community bulletin board and anywhere else you feel could benefit from our ministry.



#### National Lutheran School Accreditation

NLSA approves accreditation for St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool.

In recognition of their quality program of Christian Education as evidenced by their thorough self-study and acknowledged by the visiting committee, St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool accreditation has been extended from September 1. 2019 through August 31, 2024. The certificate can be found in the hallway outside of the church office.



Kevin Creutz from the NLSA presented Preschool Director Amy Marizek on Sunday February 2, 2020. Congratulations Preschool!!



#### Those Who Serve March 2020

#### **ELDERS**:

6:00 P Saturday John Doeing 8:15 A Sunday Craig McConnell 10:45 A Rich Szoradi Sunday

#### LECTORS:

02-29-20 6:00 Saturday Roy Greig 03-01-20 8:15 Sunday Dale Kerver 03-01-20 10:45 Sunday Terry Wakelee Pastor Sundbom 03-07-20 6:00 Saturday 03-08-20 8:15 Sunday Jack Lelle 03-08-20 10:45 Sunday Kathleen Pennell 03-14-20 6:00 Saturday Frank McVan Dale Kerver 03-15-20 8:15 Sunday 03-15-20 10:45 Sunday Eric West 03-21-20 6:00 Saturday Pavel Lindrose 03-22-20 8:15 Sunday Jack Lelle Ken Chaffe 03-22-20 10:45 Sunday 03-28-20 6:00 Saturday Roy Greig 03-29-20 8:15 Sunday Dale Kerver Kathleen Pennell 03-29-20 10:45 Sunday

COUNTERS: Peggy McDonnell, Laura Harris,

Billie Lelle

#### GREETERS

6:00 P Saturday

8:15 A Sunday Kristi McConnell

10:45 A Sunday

SIGN UP TO BE A GREETER FOR MARCH AND GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW DISCIPLES.

Sign-up sheet located an the double doors at the back of the Sanctuary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 6pm Youth Group	2 Preschool Chapel with Pastor	3 Preschool Chapel with Pastor Super Tuesday 7pm Choir Practice	7pm Midweek Lent Service	5 10:30am Midweek Bible Study 6:30 Preschool Dad's Night	6	7
8 12noon Confirmation Class	9 Preschool Morley Library 7pm Men's Bible Study	10 Preschool Morley Library 7pm Choir Practice	1 1 7pm Midweek Lent Service	1 2 10:30am Midweek Bible Study 6:30 Outreach Meeting	13	14 Noisy Mite Weekend
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12noon Confirmation Class 2pm Movie	23 7pm Men's Bible Study	24 7pm Choir Practice	7pm Midweek Lent Service	26 10:30am Midweek Bible Study 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	27	28
Matinee The Passion of the Christ"	Preschool Spring Break—No School	Preschool Spring Break—No School	Preschool Spring Break—No School	Preschool Spring Break—No School	Preschool Spring Break—No School	
29 5pm Winter Jam	30 Preschool Resumes	31 7pm Choir Practice	COMMUNION SERVICE	:	ORSHIP SCHEDULE Saturdays - 6:00pm - 8:15am & 10:45am ible Study - 9:30am	Bulletin Announcements Due Wednesdays