



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

"Extending Christ's Love To You"

The St Paul's Epistle-Letter March 23, 2022 www.stpaulswatertown.org

Fourth Sunday in Lent: Fourth Sunday in Lent: Isaiah 12:1–6, 2 Corinthians 5:16–21, and Luke 15:1–3, 11–32. *Jesus Christ Has Reconciled Us to the Father.* God the Father has opened His heart to us in love. While we were "still a long way off," He saw us and "felt compassion" (Luke 15:20). Therefore, He gave His only begotten Son for us, making "him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor. 5:21). By the ministry of reconciliation, He runs to us, embraces us in mercy and clothes us with His glory as beloved sons in Christ Jesus. And so, we give thanks unto the Lord our God, who has taken away our sins and turned His anger from us (Is. 12:1). Because He has become our salvation, our strength, and our song, we "will trust, and will not be afraid" (Is. 12:2).

Stewardship Notes for the Fourth Sunday in Lent—Luke 15:12 – "And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them." This prodigal son only sees the father as a source of wealth. Give me my inheritance now! Which is to say, "You are better off dead in my eyes." This is the sin at the heart of all greed, valuing things over people. This parable calls us to "come to our senses" as well. It calls us to see God as the loving Giver of all good, the true Father to be valued above and beyond all the things of this world.

Serving in God's House Wednesday, March 23

Power Point: Janine Knutson

Usher:

Elder: Welk



Serving in God's House Sunday, March 27

Acolytes: Gabriel Tredray, Sam Schauer

Greeters: Scott & Marjorie Bohler, John & Jessica Marsolek, Henry & Judy Becker

Power Point: Christ Tredray, Jim Bart

Ushers: Travis and Reed Schauer, Randy & Patti Cordes

Elder: Tredray, Schauer

Memory Verse Challenge: The church confesses to Christ, "You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). The church is encouraged to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Col. 3:16). Psalm 1 teaches us to meditate on God's Word day and night. Week of March 27, 2022 **Zephaniah 3:17** "The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."

Life Quotes from Lutherans For Life March 27 "I cannot ponder every day the full life of Christ in the Gospels. But I can during the year on various days celebrate and ponder His Annunciation, Nativity, Presentation, Baptism, Temptation, Transfiguration, Triumphal Entry, Last Supper, Agony in the Garden, Arrest, Trial, Passion, Carrying of the Cross, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Resurrection, Great Commission, or Ascension." James M. Kushiner, executive director, Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



The Next Week Ahead March 23 to March 30

March 23 Wednesday, 5:30 pm Lent Supper, 6:30 pm Lent Worship,

March 24 Thursday, 7 pm Jail House Rock play by CCLS students at MLHS Fine Arts Center

March 25 Friday, 6:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study (Bohler)

March 27 4th Sunday in Lent Isaiah 12:1–6 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16–21 Luke 15:1–3, 11–32.
8 am Worship w/Communion 9:15 Bible Study/Sunday School/Youth Gr 10:30 am Worship w/Communion

March 29 Tuesday, 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Cambronne)

March 30 Wednesday, 5:30 pm Lent Supper, 6:30 pm Lent Worship

Reminder: LWML Salad Luncheon slated for Saturday, March 26th has been cancelled.

Fifth Sunday in Lent: Isaiah 43:16–21, Philippians 3:(4b–7) 8–14, and Luke 20:9–20. God’s Beloved Son Has Redeemed Us. Our life and works apart from Christ, no matter how they may glitter to the eyes of the world, are ultimately rubbish and have no righteousness. Rather, in the scandalous cross of Jesus, we find our righteousness alone *“through faith in Christ”* (Phil. 3:9). By such faith, we *“know him and the power of his resurrection”* (Phil. 3:10). For the same God who brought Israel out of Egypt has done a *“new thing”* for us in Christ Jesus (Is. 43:19). He has sent His beloved Son into His vineyard to be killed by sinful men and to become *“the stone that the builders rejected.”* Yet, the One rejected by men *“has become the cornerstone”* of His Church (Luke 20:17). Through the waters of Holy Baptism, He provides us daily refreshment in our earthly pilgrimage, *“a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert”* (Is. 43:19).

Stewardship Notes for the Fifth Sunday in Lent—Luke 20:16—“He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.’ When they heard this, they said, ‘Surely not!’” The crowds were shocked at Jesus’ parable because they took the grace of God for granted. They never thought that God would actually take “the vineyard” away from them. But we only have access to God by faith. And we can drive faith and the Holy Spirit away. That is the warning of the parable. The Lord has graciously given us His Kingdom. Let us not take it for granted but instead respond with humble thanksgiving!

Serving in God’s House Wednesday, March 30

Power Point: Cindy Olson

Usher: Randy & Patti Cordes

Elder: Boysen



Serving In God’s House Sunday, April 3

Acolytes: Hannah Ficker, Jacobi Buhr

Greeters: Deb Schaust, Jim & Pam Zabel, Jim & Connie Schmidt

Power Point: Janine Knutson, Chris Tredray

Ushers: Roger Roy, Russ & Karen Bloomdahl, Al & Ranae Burtman

Elders: Hoese, Bohler

Serving in God’s House Wednesday, April 6

Power Point: Janine Knutson

Usher:

Elder: Schmidt

Memory Verse Challenge: The church confesses to Christ, “You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68). The church is encouraged to “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ...” (Col. 3:16). Psalm 1 teaches us to meditate on God’s Word day and night. Week of April 3, 2022 **Revelation 21:4** “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Life Quotes from Lutherans For Life April 3 “You and I are God’s workmanship as well.

In and of ourselves we have nothing to offer God. But He gave us His Son, eternal life, forgiveness of sins, as well as the grace to serve Him. By God’s tender-mercies we are

qualified to serve Him now and forevermore!” Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



The Next Week Ahead March 30 to April 6

March 30 Wednesday, 5:30 pm Lent Supper, 6:30 pm Lent Worship

April 1 Friday, 6:30 am Men’s Small Group Bible Study (Bohler)

April 2 Saturday, 8 am Trustees

April 3 5th Sunday in Lent Isaiah 43:16–21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b–14 Luke 20:9–20

8 am Worship w/Communion 9:15 Bible Study/Sunday School/Youth Gr 10:30 am Worship w/Communion

April 5 Tuesday, 9:30 am Women’s Bible Study (Cambronne)

April 6 Wednesday, 5:30 pm Lent Supper 6:30 pm Lent Worship 7:30 pm Elders

Holy Week Worship is as follows: April 14 Maundy Thursday 7 pm, April 15 Good Friday Tre Ore 12 pm, Cross Walk 6:00 pm, Tenebrae 7 pm, April 16 Easter Vigil 7 pm, April 17 Easter Sunrise 6 am, Breakfast 7 am served by the Youth Group, Easter Worship 8 am and 10:30 am.

We welcome little children in Worship! There are Activity Bags for toddlers that are available to help you share the worship experience with your child; located in the Cry Room off the Narthex.



Take it to the Lord in Prayer: **Mary Lou Ketcher:** fighting a serious infection, **Dennis Hilk:** ongoing health issues, **Jason Martin:** ongoing health issues **Barb Lunow:** healing for health issues, **Judy Hoogland:** continued healing for health issues, **Brenda Severson:** healing for health issues, **Tamara Paschka:** ongoing health issues, **Denise Berg:** continued healing, **Marilyn Paschka:** continued healing from a procedure on her heart, **Karen Bloomdahl:** healing from surgery on broken arm.

Hearing Assistance Device is available on the table in the Narthex.

Someone you Know doesn't know Jesus as their Savior. Someone you know has drifted away from the church. Take a moment this week to pray: Heavenly Father, someone I know needs Your mercy and forgiveness. Someone I know doesn't know you as their Savior. I especially lift before you _____. Open their hearts and minds to receive this message. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Lent Suppers: On March 23 supper is served by the Parish Board of Education and the Sunday School staff (serving pulled pork, mac & cheese, beans, salad). March 30 supper will be served by the Youth Group. April 6 supper will be served by the Elders. Supper is at 5:30 and Worship at 6:30 pm. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship and worship among Christian friends.

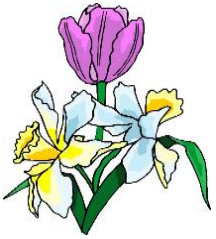
April birthdays: Marlene Hecksel, Lucinda Klein, Meghan Kustritz, Renee Parochka, Lowell Schubert, Nathan Streich, Laura Lemanski, Marilyn Swanson, Jayne Cambronne, Gretta Holmes, Brenda Severson, Janine Knutson, Neil Kuhnau, Laura Streich, Betsy Menth, Gina Wasser, Adam Cox, Jeanette Schuettpelz, David Emon, Barbara Spomer, Laura Burns, Roger Mueller, Debora Wasser, Jim Welk, Jacob Baumann, Carter Cavanaugh, Matt Gray, Derek Jopp, Kimberly Karels, Holly Schneerman, Madeline Strei, Grace Daly, Monica Kohls, Carol Stern, Andrew Busch, Zachary Bohler, Michael Schneider, Nathan Strei, Pamela Zabel, Marlow Hecksel, Garrett Jueden, Phyllis Ketcher, Aundrea Schrupp, Beverly Domjahn, Amanda Griebel, Scott Severson, Chelsea Wagner, Mark Sagstetter, Ronald Dressel, Jayne Unglaub, Becki Kohls, Derek Zabel, Kenneth Klein, Shirley Ittel, Donald Stern, Judy Becker.

April Anniversaries: Eric & Cindy Olson, Darys & Paula Bauman, Allan & Ranae Burtman, Michael & Cushie Carlson, Bryan & Lynette Dykhoff, Todd & Susan Neumann, Peter & Amy Sauter, Andrew & Kelly Busch, David & Kimberly Karels.

Prayer 3:16- St. Paul's Church Council recognizes that our congregation is facing challenges during this time. But we also are very aware of the abundant blessings that we have! The greatest blessing that we have is Our Lord Jesus Christ who calls us to "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7. We want to rely on the mighty God that we serve and utilize one of his gifts to us- prayer. So, set aside the time of 3:16 p.m. each afternoon. Stop and take one minute to pray for the ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Pray for any needs that you know the church may have. But also pray for God to richly and abundantly further this ministry in the way only He can do. We will all be praying at the same time daily for one minute. This is based on John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life."

Memorials: There is a list available of suggested items that memorials can be dedicated to for our church. The list is available from Pastor George or the church office. Any other ideas for this list can be submitted to our coordinator, Jayne Cambronne at 952.955.2864 or jaynesue@frontier.com

Website: St. Paul's needs a Website coordinator. You would be working with the church office to keep it updated and current. Please call the church office if you are interested or have any questions.



Easter Flowers: It's time again to take orders for flowers to help beautify our church for Easter Sunday. Orders will be taken after both services on March 27th in the Fellowship Hall. You may pay by cash or check payable to St. Paul's LWML. If you are unable to place your order in church or have any questions, contact Joyce Schmidt at 952.955.2302. On Easter Sunday there will be a sheet put in the mailboxes listing those that have provided flowers and if they are in memory of someone special. Your flower may be taken home with you after 10:30 service on Easter Sunday April 17th. The ones left will be placed

back in church the following Sunday or can be picked up during office hours. Thank you in advance for your order. **Flowers & prices:** Tulips (red, purple, yellow) \$8.50, Easter Lilies \$9, Mums (purple, yellow, white) \$9, Hydrangeas (pink) \$16.50, 12" Pansy Bowl (assorted colors) \$16.

Friends For Life Foodshelf: Barnabas will again be collecting hygiene products for the Watertown Foodshelf. They especially need toilet paper and unscented laundry detergent. Collections will be from now until April 7. Place your donations in the designated basket by the church office. Barnabas will be sorting and filling the bags on Thursday, April 7 and delivering them to the Food Shelf.

Update: In the spring of 2021, the Barnabas group made a request to their dinner guests to consider supporting our local food shelf by dropping off a donation for the food shelf at our monthly meal. During the previous twelve months, Barnabas and our congregation have made donations to the Watertown Food Shelf totaling 1,441 pounds of food and hygiene items plus \$641.00. Thank you to everyone for supporting our community food shelf.

Parish Board of Education: The annual **Passion Walk and Easter Egg Hunt** will be taking place at Christ Community Lutheran School on Saturday, April 9th. We will be providing the kids with prizes and Candy as they walk through the stations and learn about the resurrection of Jesus! Thank you for all the donations as we have received plenty! If you are interested in volunteering at the event, please reach out to Lynette Dykhoff, Amanda Griebel or Mollie Hoese."

Aluminum Can Recycling! There is a trailer located at the Christ Community Lutheran School parking lot to drop off all your aluminum cans. You may drop them off at any time that is convenient for you.

Friendly Reminder: Be sure to check your church mailbox for important information.

Contributions: Thank you for your continuing support of our congregation and its ministries. Contributions can be given as part of our regular worship, by mailing it to the church, dropping it off at the church office, subscribing to the Joyful Response automatic giving, or by clicking the "Support" link on our website. Please keep your church in your prayers as well.

Youth Group has envelopes that are displayed on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. These envelopes will be used to pay for their trip this summer to the National Youth Gathering.

Parish Planning and Finance Committee has put up a maintenance fund raiser board in the fellowship hall by the mailboxes. This campaign is for replacing the ceiling fans in the Sanctuary. There are envelopes with various amounts on them for you to help.

Marriage Encounter: Times have been stressful! Attend the Marriage Encounter on April 2nd and 3rd and bring newfound hope, enrichment, trust, and joy to your marriage! Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for additional information or call 651.454.3238.

Grain Train: We are collecting clothing from now until the end of April. Place the clothing and shoes (Adult/Children) in the boxes in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions, please call Ken Kirchenwitz at 952.955.3721. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer Shawl Ministry is looking for knitters or crocheters. If you know how to knit or crochet, we are looking for people to make Prayer Shawls. The yarn and needles will be provided. If you have ever wanted to learn how to knit or crochet, now is the opportunity. We would be glad to teach you! There are easy directions and different patterns to choose from. Contact Susan at 612.599.2873 if interested.



Christ Community Lutheran School www.ccls.net 952.955.1419

Your child's education is so important! It's vital to consider all your options to ensure the best fit for your student and family. We welcome visitors daily and CCLS is currently offering **\$1,000 OFF tuition** for all grade 1-8 families new to our school! New kindergarten families deduct **\$500 OFF** their first year of tuition! Please contact us for a tour.

Jailhouse Rock! Musical: Kindergarten through sixth grade will all be taking part in this production, which will be performing in the Mayer Lutheran High School Fine Arts Center auditorium at 7 pm on Thursday, March 24th.



Gertens Flower Sales: The Gertens Spring Bedding Plants & Perennials Fundraiser is ready! This has typically been a fundraiser for the 7th & 8th grade Washington D.C. class trip. However, they will not be attending DC this year, but potentially will have other plans. If you would like to start fundraising for your younger child (hopefully for future Washington D.C. trips) you're welcome to start now! Here is the link to share with friends or family! To access the site and place an order go to www.gertensfundraising.com Enter the Store ID code "35" provided into the text field, Click 'Enter ID to Continue'. Your student will receive 30% plant sales & 15% card sales Reminders: Indicate "SELLER's NAME" at checkout for family credit. Orders with "no seller's name" or "CCLS" will be used for the next class trip! *Place your order early for best selection! Some items have limited quantities and may be sold out before the ending date of the program. Don't wait for the last minute!* Site will close at 10 PM on April 7th (No orders will be accepted after the site has closed) Pick up May 3rd Please wait for a fast direct message to indicate they are ready! Students/Sellers will be in charge of distributing their personal orders!

The CCLS Legacy Courtyard: Purchase a laser-marked brick paver as a lasting remembrance inscribed for a past or current loved one, anniversary, special event, honorable mention, or publicly show your support for CCLS etc. The brick can be personalized with a high-quality text, graphic, or a combination of both. There are brick samples in the CCLS school office and in the church narthex. All proceeds from the sale of the bricks will go directly to CCLS. To save on shipping costs we will be combining orders and only shipping a few times a year. The sale of these engraved bricks is an ongoing fundraiser. **You can order bricks at any time.** Orders placed now will be included in our next scheduled shipment, which will be installed in Spring.

G.R.A.C.E.: The next GRACE meeting will be April 10th at 6:30 pm

Spring Event: Mark your calendars for the Spring Event scheduled for April 30th from 4:30 to 9 pm. Uncle Neddy's grilled pork chop dinner with all the trimmings and a kid's hot dog meal is available. There is an on-line Silent Auction, Wine Pull, and Drawings. Donations either monetary or homemade items are accepted by dropping them off at the school. More information coming. For questions, please contact the school office at 952.955.1419.

Theme for the 2021-2022 School Year is "Armor Up" based on Ephesians 6:11-17: *"Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."*



Save the Date for a 60th Anniversary Service on April 24. In celebration of 60 years of preparing Christian leaders, Mayer Lutheran will be holding a 60th Anniversary Celebration Service on Sunday, April 24 at 2 pm. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Keith Grimm ('83), with Rev. Josh Parris ('13) as the

liturgist and Rev. Fred Hinz ('70) as the scripture reader. Following the service, there will be a light luncheon and an opportunity to explore the MLHS campus. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Mayer Lutheran High School is seeking candidates for the following positions:

Mayer Knights Art Camp Teacher-The Mayer Knights program is looking for a person who is passionate about art, ceramics, painting AND KIDS, to teach our Knights Art Summer Camps! If you might be interested, please call Knights Director Barb Christopherson at 763-257-7447 for details. There is flexibility as far as dates, times, and content.

Event Planner for Celebrate His Harvest-Mayer Lutheran is looking for an event planner for the Celebrate His Harvest Gala in 2022. For more details, please contact Executive Director Joel Landskroener at joellandskroener@mayerlutheran.org

Substitute Teachers-Mayer Lutheran is looking for substitute teachers. A teaching degree is not required but is beneficial. For more information or to get an application, please contact Mr. Wilaby, Principal or call 952-657-2251 x1008.

Substitute Bus Drivers-Mayer Lutheran is looking for substitute route drivers. Routes typically leave in the morning around 6:15am and are completed by 8:00am. Afternoon routes begin at 3:15pm and are typically back by 4:30 pm. The pay is \$18.00 per hour. If you are interested, please contact Transportation Director Kris Gustin at kris.gustin@mayerlutheran.org or call 612.720.8250.

Mayer Lutheran requests your prayers as we continue to go through the process of calling faculty for the 2022-23 school year. Here are updates on the call process.

- Ben and Amy Cooper have returned their call to MLHS and will be staying in their current positions at Valley Lutheran High School in Saginaw, Michigan.
- A call to teach math at MLHS has been extended to Brittany Erdmann, who is currently teaching math at Lutheran High School West in Rocky River (Cleveland), Ohio. Please pray for Brittany as she seeks God's will concerning both her current call and the call to MLHS.
- Keith Traska has accepted the call to serve as principal of Trinity Lutheran School, St. Joseph, Michigan, which means that he and his wife, Kay, will be leaving MLHS after the current school year. Keith currently teaches math and Kay teaches Spanish.
- MLHS is currently seeking applicants for math, life science and Spanish teaching positions for next year. Please forward any names of possible candidates to Joel Landskroener at joel.landskroener@mayerlutheran.org

Thank you for your prayers for Mayer Lutheran as we continue the process of finding faculty for 2022-23.

"Your impact on others is bigger than you think. Someone still giggles when they think of that funny thing you said. Someone still smiles when they think of the compliment you gave them. Someone silently admires you. The advice you give has made a difference for people. The support and love you've offered others has made someone's day. Your input and opinions have made someone think twice. You're not insignificant and forgotten. Your existence makes a positive difference, whether you see it or not." (from Power of Wordz)

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another." John 13:34-35