

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maryville, TN

THE GOOD NEWS

February 2020 Edition



PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Fat Tuesday on Sunday Morning



ALL YOU CAN
EAT
PANCAKES

St Paul Youth
will serve.

Sunday, February 23rd
9:00am

A Freewill Offering will be taken to help
Send our youth to Affirm.

Worship Times

Sunday Morning
8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School
9:15am

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Mon-Thurs 8:30am-5:00pm



PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

A Message from Pastor Rick:

St. Paul has always generously supported ministries which serve the hungry, most notably the Community Food Connection and the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. In 2019, we contributed over \$2300 and even more in food donations to these two organizations. A majority of what we gave to the Food Connection was raised through the Souper Bowl of Caring, now in its 30th year.

The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer said by Reverend Brad Smith at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina:

Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.

22 churches raised \$5,700 in the first year. The number of groups involved has steadily grown each year, and so has the amount raised and put back into the communities. In 2019, more than 4,500 groups collected over \$9 million of food and contributions. Over the history of the event, more than \$143million in monetary and food donations has been raised. St. Paul has been a part of this event for over 2/3 of its existence.

As I looked through some of the information about the event, I noticed that quite a few NFL teams are official partners with the Souper Bowl, including our Tennessee Titans and your pastor's favorite team (I think most of you know who that is). You Packer fans might need to write the front office in Green Bay because I did not see them listed as a supporter.

Anyway, it is amazing to me how so many lives have been touched by a simple event started by a relatively small number of congregations. These founding churches didn't say, "I can't do anything to help the hungry. There are too many of them." Instead, they looked to see what they could do to help as many as they could in their communities.

By ourselves, we cannot change the world. With God's help, we can change the world one person at a time through one act of love at a time.

I always challenge you to give at least as much to the Souper Bowl as you have spent on your Super Bowl snacks. This year, I would like to put a twist on that. Through you monetary and/or food donations, let's see if every family can give at least \$30 (or more if you bought a lot of snacks/drinks for the game) to this wonderful cause. Every single item and every single penny raised will go directly to the Food Connection.

Peace,

Pastor Rick



The St. Paul Church Council meets monthly on the third Monday ~ 7:30pm

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PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

A Message from the Council President



Greetings Friends!

At our January Congregational meeting we learned about many accomplishments of St Paul during 2019.

Thank you to all who made financial contributions in December.

Through your efforts we were able to recover from a significant deficit in November.

Our Annual Report illustrated the many ministries of our church and the impact they have on our community.

As you read it, think about how you might share your time and talents in the coming year. You can contact Sue Tyler or one of the Council members to learn of ways in which you might serve.

If you did not receive a copy of the Annual Report, they are on the Usher Table in the Narthex. I hope that through the year you continue to pray for our church, our community, our country, and our leaders.

Blessings,

Warren Bielenberg - Council President



Please consider designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars to St Paul Lutheran Church or your favorite charity.

The deadline for designating funds is March 31 and can be done online or by calling Thrivent.

Online

1. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
2. In the Direct Choice Dollars section on the right, click "Get started now."
3. Log in, enter your user ID and password, and answer your security question.
4. Find the number of Choice Dollars available to direct.
5. Locate the organization to which you want to direct Choice Dollars:
 - a. To direct to a previous organization: • Click "Direct Now" next to the organization's name, or • Click on the "View activity history" link, scroll down and click on the name of the desired organization.
 - b. To direct to a new organization, enter keyword(s) like organization name, ZIP code, cause, etc. Click "Search."
6. Choose "Direct All" or enter a specific number and click "Direct Now." Follow the prompts on the confirmation page to direct Choice Dollars

By phone

1. Call 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice®." A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.
2. Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars (If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth.)

DISCIPLESHIP

Volunteer Needed- Coordinator

VBS Planning Meeting
Wednesday, February 12th
7:00pm

SPLASH
In God's Word



Wreath Making
Sat. February 29th
9:30am

Try something creative on your extra day this year!

Make a spring wreath for your door or to give to a neighbor. A couple of our Creative Hands ladies will be available to help with design elements. All supplies are provided, but you are welcome to bring some of your own. Sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board near room #8.

Hosted by the Discipleship team and Creative Hands

WORSHIP

Elizabeth Anger - Coordinator

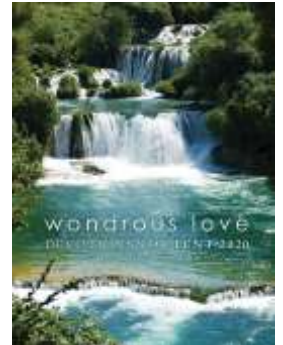


Wednesday, Feb. 26th

Noon & 6:00pm

*Imposition of Ashes
and Holy communion*

*Pick up a Lenten
Devotional book
after the service.*



The beginning of Lent gives us the occasion to admit that we will die and that we are sinners. On Ash Wednesday we are marked with ashes—a sign of our death and of our sorrow for sin—but the ashes trace a cross on our forehead, where the baptismal water first marked us with God's grace. <https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources#texts>

PARISH LIFE

Barb Miller - Coordinator

Ladies Group Monthly Meeting



2nd Monday of every month

Room #8

1:00pm

ALSO

Weekly Wednesday Bible Study ~ 10:30am

All women of the church are invited to join us.

Cluster 6 WELCA Meeting

Date: Saturday March 28th from 10AM – 3PM

Location: Grace Lutheran, 131 West Gettysburg Ave,
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Theme: Jars of Clay

Devotions: Judy Aebischer

Craft: Decorate your own Easter hat or fastenator

Lunch: Provided - Tea Theme

Bring: Hat or fastenator to decorate, non-perishable
food for food pantry, your own tea cup



PARISH LIFE

Barb Miller - Coordinator

SPAM Adults 55+

Valentine's Dinner
Tuesday, February 18th
2:00pm
O'Charley's Restaurant
Sign-up sheet is on the
SPAM Bulletin Board



Days for Girls will meet again on the first Wednesday of the month.

February 5th ~ 2:00pm
 We will continue sewing bags to hold the Days for Girls kits. Come and join us in this worthwhile project. Sewers can bring sewing machines and dark thread. Non-sewers are needed to press and finish off the kits. Bring scissors if you can.



LUTHERAN
MEN IN MISSION

St. Paul Men's Group

GAME NIGHT

Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 6th
7:00pm

Come and enjoy cards, board games, cornhole or bring your favorite game.

All you guys come and enjoy the fellowship and refreshments.

Tom Sims President

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SAVE THE DATE ~ Thursday, March 12th ~ 7:00pm

Men in Mission is hosting a special event for the congregation. Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Tom Werkema will be our guest speaker. He received this award in 2009 for his research on "Climate Change".

He is now a resident of Blount County and will present a program on *What we know, what we think we know, and what we don't know about climate change.*

The Men's Group is excited to have him as our program and want to invite everyone to come and enjoy this evening with us.

Tom Sims President Men in Mission tom0884@att.net



SERVING

Volunteer Needed - Coordinator

*Wrapping People
 in God's Love
 One Quilt at a Time*

**Quilt
 Fest**

*Come join us for a
 day of fun quilting*

When: Saturday, February 1st
 9:00am-3:00pm (set up @ 8:00AM)

What: Sewing charity lap quilts
 Kits are already cut

Bring: Your sewing machine and other
 sewing/quilting supplies

Provided: Coffee, light lunch, irons, ironing
 boards, large mats

Questions: Kris Zimmer - (865)681-7795
 Shirley Lips (865)856-6608 c-(865)292-5262



HOST WEEK
March 1st-8th

Watch for the sign-up sheets soon.

Help is especially needed for overnight and Saturday hosts. Talk with Marianne Searfoss or Merl Krull for more information about the Family Promise ministry and how it helps homeless families in Blount County.

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE
Note: If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement for that Sunday.

Duties	February 2		February 9		February 16		February 23	
	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Assistant Minister	Warren Bielenberg	Art Hafner	Charlie Malin	Charlie Malin	Jean Beck	Marsha Wynn	Carolyn Speck	Merl Krull
Communion Assistants	Jackie Kreider Carolyn Speck	Elaine Fisher	Betty Ludwig Carolyn Speck	Mark Fisher	Loda Wylie Nan Wylie	Gail Hafner	Jackie Kreider Steve Zrioka	Art Hafner
Lector	Joel Searfoss	Beth Drane	Betty Ludwig	Art Hafner	Carolyn Speck	Gail Hafner	Chris Ems	Ann Hall
Ushers		Tom Sims Linda Ullom		Herb Perry Denny Mansmith Rick Anger	Betty Ludwig	Patty Harmon Diana Carbon		John Beck James McMillion Linda Ullom
Altar Guild	Linda Zrioka	Janice Hoover	Suzanne Bielenberg	Alyssa Rundle	Bertha Franks	Teena Conrady	Betty Ludwig	Marsha Wynn
Acolyte/ Crucifer		Hannah Hatmaker		Nathan Rundle		Hannah Rundle		Alyssa Rundle
Nursery		Carol Perry Hannah Rundle		Brooke Nowak Alyssa Rundle		Judy Krull Darlan Lindquist		Anne Sims Drew Ohsiek
Greeters	Steve and Linda Zrioka	Anna Judway	Gloria Leonard	Suzette Stauffer	Susanne Bielenberg	Rick Anger	Greg and Do- rian Caldwell	Denny and Alice Mansmith
Sound Room	Steve Zrioka	Armando Carbon	Will Ludwig	Tom Sims	Greg Caldwell	Noah Ohsiek	Steve Zrioka	Perry McClellan
Tellers		Tom sims David Silseth		Jan Hanes Will Ludwig		Tom Sims David Silseth		John Walker
Torch Bearers							Nan Wylie Loda Wylie	Elaine Fisher Shari Martin
Flowers								

FELLOWSHIP

Dorian Caldwell - Coordinator

10:30 Service Fellowship Teams

- February 2** Denise & Kara Birdwell,
Elizabeth Runkle
- February 9** Herb & Carol Perry,
David & Ruth Silseth
- February 16** Tom & Lyla Lindquist,
Carla & James McMillion
- February 23** Barb & Bob Miller,
Tim & Leslie Walker

Each team is responsible for providing a light snack, setting up and cleaning up the Fellowship time after the 10:30 service.



Wednesday Evening's ~ 5:55pm
March 4th - April 1st

Soup served 5:55pm - 6:20pm

Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy a simple meal During Lent. Hearty Soups and Bakery style breads will be provided by Rene Zimmer. Members are asked to help only with clean-up*, as indicated below. Rotation of responsibilities is alphabetically by last name.

March ~ 3/4 A-L * 3/11 M-Z * 3/18 A-L * 3/25 M-Z April ~ 4/1 A-Z

*Clean-up entails: placing remaining soup in freezable containers, washing; soup kettles, utensils and storing items for future use, cleaning tables, and taking out the trash.

FEBRUARY Birthdays & Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS

- February 2 Judy Sorensen
- February 2 Glenn Ems
- February 4 Isaac Bryant
- February 4 Rachael Wyatt
- February 7 Hannah Rundle
- February 12 Ethan Patterson

- February 15 Eleanor Gordon
- February 16 Liz Boedefeld
- February 16 Thomas Finn
- February 26 James Speck
- February 26 Leslie Walker
- February 28 Randy Finn



ANNIVERSARIES

- February 14** Jerry & Judy Sorensen
- February 24** Greg & Tami Wyatt

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*Sharing Christ's Love
With the World*

Dates of Interest

Check Calendar for times and places

OFFICE CLOSED Monday, February 17th

Council:

Sunday, February 17th ~ Council Meeting

Discipleship:

Sunday, February 23rd ~ Fat Tuesday Pancake Breakfast Youth Fund-raiser

Parish Life:

Sunday, February 9th ~ WELCA Rose Sale

Thursday, February 13th & 27th ~ Creative Hands

Thursday, February 27th ~ Peace by Piece Quilters

Serving:

Saturday, February 1st ~ Quilt Fest

Thursday, February 6th & 20th ~ Prayer Shawl Ministry

Worship:

Sunday, February 23rd ~ Transfiguration of our Lord

Wednesday, February 26th ~ Ash Wednesday Services ~ Noon & 6:00pm

Fellowship:

Sunday, February 23rd ~ Fat Tuesday Pancake Breakfast