

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maryville, TN

THE GOOD NEWS

March 2019 Edition



Mid-week Lenten Reflection

Wednesdays;
March 13th - April 10th

Noon & 6:30pm

Worship Times

Sunday Morning
8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School
9:15am

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PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

A Message from Pastor Rick: Our Lenten Offerings will be designated for Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR). We have always been good at supporting disaster relief after some horrible event, but we often forget how LDR sticks with affected areas for the long run as people rebuild their lives and their communities. Several members of St. Paul went to Ocean Springs, MS, (the site of my 1st congregation) following Hurricane Katrina. Long after other relief groups had packed up and left, LDR stayed for several years to assist with recovery. Even though you might not see any huge disasters on the news this minute. LDR is still actively involved in recovery and rebuilding efforts resulting from disasters from storms, floods, and fires which may have happened 3 or 4 years ago. Additionally, LDR can always use our support as they prepare for the tragedies we all know will come sometime in the future.

To let you know more about LDR, below is some information about them from the ELCA website:



We are a church that is a catalyst, convener and bridge builder. Lutheran Disaster Response collaborates with other disaster response organizations and religious entities in the United States and around the world. This enables the greatest stewardship of resources and maximum impact of response. We are a welcome partner because we respect the perspectives and strengths of others.

We recognize that every disaster is local. Because of this, we believe every response needs to be rooted in the community; we work to accompany that community from immediate relief through long-term recovery. In our international work we partner closely with companion churches and other Lutheran and ecumenical relief agencies to make sure local needs are being addressed and met. In the United States, we work through our extensive affiliate network and other partners to address these same concerns.

Lutheran Disaster Response strives to help the church continue to be church in the midst of disaster — following Christ's call to bring hope and healing to our neighbor in need.

Some key areas of work include:

- Providing emotional and spiritual care for people who have been affected by a disaster and for leaders who respond to a disaster
- Coordinating volunteers through our local affiliates
- Assisting refugees in a holistic way by meeting the varied needs of the community
- Promoting disaster risk-reduction by helping communities build their assets thereby reducing the effects of likely disasters
- Providing long-term recovery efforts by addressing the unmet needs months or even years after a disaster strikes.

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/How-We-Work>

Please prayerfully consider how you can support this vital ministry of the church this Lent.

Peace,
Pastor Rick

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

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PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL



A Message From the Council President

At the February 18 Council meeting, it was reported that the front door to the church was found unlocked that morning and the key was hanging from the chain on the box to the left of the door. I have been asked to point out to all of you that this action could have lead to a serious problem. If you come into the church using the key from the box or a personal key, you must lock the door again using

the key before you leave. Give the door a tug to make sure it is locked. If you used the key from the box, put the key & chain back in the box and change at least 1 code number on the box.

If you no longer need a personal key to the church, please turn it in to Sue Tyler.

New Time and Talent Commitment sheets will be available at the Ministry Team Fair Sunday, March 3rd. Please fill one out, a door prize will be drawn from those who fill one out and turn it in that day. The Fair is a great opportunity to see what each team is involved in and where your interests, time and talents might fit.

One of the Council's goals for 2019 is to look for ways to increase interaction with each other and with our guests. One way is to encourage all of us to wear our name tags every Sunday.

If we all do wear our name tags, the embarrassment of not remembering someone's name is gone and conversations start easier. Also, when we all wear name tags, visitors can pick up our names easily in case they missed hearing it in the initial introductions.

Yours in Christ –Herb Perry



Fat Tuesday on Sunday Morning
ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES
Sunday, March 3rd ~ 9:00am

St Paul Youth will serve.

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

MINISTRY FAIR



*You can
make a difference!*

How can you be a piece of the puzzle, that connects us all to God's amazing creation through the Love of Jesus?

Find out about all the amazing opportunities for Service, Fellowship, and Leadership we have here at St Paul and in our Community.

WORSHIP

Elizabeth Anger - Coordinator



Wednesday, March 6th

Noon & 6:00pm

Imposition of Ashes
and Holy communion

SERVING

Volunteer Needed - Coordinator

Family Promise

It was our honor to host two families here at St. Paul from February 3rd - February 10th.

One of the families consisted of a couple and daughter (who celebrated her first birthday with us). The other family consisted of a couple and 4 children (ranging in age from 16 to approximately 6 weeks old), including a set of 7-year-old twins.

Both men had jobs which they went to each night.

With great help from our new support church, The Vineyard, we were able to assist in keeping these families from being homeless while they work to provide housing for themselves.

Led by our Coordinator, Deb Johnson, approximately 25 volunteers from our church were involved in such activities as laundry, meal preparation, evening, overnight and Saturday hosting and setting up and taking down beds.

The Vineyard furnished an equal number of volunteers. Our guests were very thankful and appreciative that each night they had a place to stay and food to eat. Deb reported that our guests praised us as one of the best churches that they have stayed at; that if they needed anything it was taken care of right away. Deb noted that on the last night as they were saying their goodbyes to those at St. Paul, the mother of the 6-week-old gave Deb a hug and said, "thank you". We in turn thank each of our members who worked, as well as those from The Vineyard, to make this possible.

It is not too early to begin planning for our next host week June 2nd - 9th of this year.

Because of our support church, while we provide the sleeping quarters for a whole week, we only feed and supervise for four of those days.

What can you do to help? Please watch the bulletin boards, SPEN, and the monthly newsletter for further information; better yet make plans to assist during the week. **Check with Deb Johnson for more information about training to be a Family Promise Volunteer.**

Prayer: Lord of all that we have, we thank you for those who see the needs of the world around us, and do something about it. **Amen**



SUPPORTING

Tom Sims - Coordinator



Stewardship Moment

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for God has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

What does it mean to be content? One definition is this:

Contentment is accepting with a spirit of peace and a spirit of restfulness what God has given us.

Does that mean that as Christians, our lives are never to be marked by a desire to improve things? Not really. We sit today in a building lit by electric light bulbs because Thomas Edison was dissatisfied with gas lights. We mow our lawns with power mowers because someone was dissatisfied with cutting grass manually. We use pianos that can play in all musical keys because over 300 years ago, someone was dissatisfied with keyboard instruments that could only play in one key.

But when our lives are marked by a spirit of contentment, we do not quarrel with God about what we have concerning our finances and material possessions, Instead we give thanks and praise.

If we have a lot, we praise God and use what we have for God's glory. If we have a little, we praise God and use what we have for God's glory.

PARISH LIFE

Barb Miller - Coordinator



Adults 55+

Who: Storyteller Roxanna Jones, *Stories From a Mountain Kid*
When: Noon, Tuesday, March 18
Where: St. Paul

Lunch will be catered by Lambert's Pie and Sweet Shop (baked spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and tea) \$10. You may bring your own lunch if you prefer. Please signup on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Please see Tim or Leslie for more information and to pay.



WELCA's Sewing Project

Wed March 6 at 2p.m.

Join us with your sewing machine to sew shields and bags. We will need non-sewers with scissors too. Come and join us!

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St Paul WELCA invites you to visit our display at the Ministry Fair on Sunday, March 3rd between services. Take a look at all the things that we've been doing and check out what may interest you to help us with in the future.

Speaking of going forward, be sure to mark your calendars for the following Events.

April 6th ~ WELCA Cluster Meeting
 Embrace Grace @ Messiah Lutheran



April 11th ~ WELCA Fundraiser Dinner for the Blount County Historical Society. We will need a lot of help to decorate, prep food and clean up. Watch for more details soon.

Also save the date, May 11th for a beach party right in Richardson Hall at 2 o'clock in the afternoon details to follow



Thursday, March 7th ~ 7:00pm

The men's group will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall for a presentation by Warren Bielenberg. He will be presenting a first hand experience picture program of the western wildfires. All men are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship, refreshments and program on Thursday March 7th, at 7pm.

Tom Sims president Men In Mission.



ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

Note: If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement for that Sunday.

Duties	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31					
	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.					
	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.					
Assistant Minister	Joel Searfoss	Toni McSorley	Warren Bielenberg	Jean Beck	Jean Beck	Art Hafner	Joel Searfoss	Marsha Bryant		
Communion Assistants	Jackie Kreider Steve Zrioka	Elaine Fisher	Beth Drane	Betty Ludwig Loda Wylie	Tom Sims	Joel Searfoss Steve Zrioka	Marsha Bryant	Toni McSorley Nan Wylie	Sheri Martin	
Lector	Betty Ludwig	Beth Drane	Carolyn Speck	Elizabeth Anger	Toni McSorley	Ann Hall	Chris Ems	Susan Ward	Will Ludwig	Shari Martin
Ushers	Herb Perry Denny Mansmith Robert Bryant	Tom Sims James McMillion Roy Johnson	John Beck Robert Bryant James McMillion	Herb Perry Bob Ullom Linda Ullom	Perry McClellan René Zimmer Robert Bryant					
Altar Guild	Bertha Franks	Carolyn Speck	Suzanne Bielenberg	Alyssa Rundle	Marsha Wynn	Linda Zrioka	Karin Bell	Jackie Kreider	Janice Hoover	
Acolyte /Crucifer	Drew Ohsieck	Hannah Rundle	Alyssa Rundle	Alyssa Rundle	Nathan Rundle	Nathan Rundle	Nathan Rundle	Jackie Kreider	Noah Ohsieck	
Torch Bearers	Warren Bielenberg Carolyn Speck	Elaine Fisher Art Hafner								
Nursery	Carol Perry Ben Ward	Dorine Keeble Alyssa Rundle	Warren and Suzanne Bielenberg	Ed and Jackie Kreider	Anne Sims Drew Ohsieck	Anne Sims Drew Ohsieck			Marianne Searfoss Ben Ward	
Greeters	Mo Brueckner	Suzette Stauffer	Will and Betty Ludwig	Patricia Harmon	Warren and Suzanne Bielenberg	Ed and Jackie Kreider	Denny and Alice Mansmith	Bertha Franks	David and Liz Lanzer	
Sound Room	Steve Zrioka	Noah Ohsieck	Paul Rogers	Perry McClellan	Joel Searfoss	Will Ludwig	Ben Ward	Steve Zrioka	Drew Ohsieck	
Tellers	Warren Bielenberg Joel Searfoss	Jan Hanes Will Ludwig	Tom Sims David Lanzer	DeeDee Walker Kris Zimmer	DeeDee Walker Kris Zimmer	DeeDee Walker Kris Zimmer			Herb Perry James McMillion	

FELLOWSHIP

Dorian Caldwell - Coordinator



10:30 Service Fellowship Teams

Each team is responsible for providing cookies or donuts, setting up and cleaning up the

Fellowship time after the 10:30 service. Contact Jacqueline Conzemius for more information.

March 3 NO 10:30 coffee -Pancake Breakfast

March 10 Jacqueline Conzemius,
David & Charlene Dubs

March 17 Lorraine Geary, Sue Stauffer,
Dorine Keeble, Patty Harmon

March 24 JB & Sylvia Johnson,
Bob & Linda Ullom

March 31 Tom & Anne Sims,
Kris & Rene Zimmer



Wednesday's, March 13th-April 10th 6:00pm

Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy a simple meal During Lent. Hearty Soups and Bakery style breads will be provided by the Fellowship Team. No dessert will be served.

Members are asked to help only with clean-up*, as indicated below. 2-3 people a week are needed.

Please let Dorian know when you can assist with clean up.

*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.

MARCH Birthdays & Anniversaries



March 3	Susan Ward
March 5	Ethel Hartley
March 8	Gloria Leonard
March 11	Bernie Codding
March 11	Merl Krull
March 12	Greg Caldwell
March 15	Eric Walker
March 16	Alice Mansmith

March 17	Jaelee Johnson
March 20	Bob Trosen
March 20	Teddy Joyal
March 20	Dorothy Martin
March 21	Kathy Rokavec
March 22	Joe Clark
March 23	Jim Hall
March 23	Roy Johnson
March 24	Bud Muly
March 26	Darien Lindquist
March 27	Gene Frye
March 27	Neenah Dressler
March 31	Susan Rothe

ANNIVERSARIES

March 6	Janice & Floyd Hoover
March 12	John & Dee Dee Walker
March 18	Dave & Charlene Dubs
March 24	Bonnie & Randy Finn



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With the World*

Dates of Interest

Check Calendar for times and places

Council:

Sunday, March 3rd ~ Ministry Team Fair

Monday, March 18th ~ Ministry Team Night/Council Meeting

Fellowship:

Sunday, March 3rd ~ Pancake Breakfast

Wednesday, March 13th, 20th, & 27th ~ Lenten Soup Suppers

Parish Life:

Thursday, March 7th ~ Men In Mission

Thursday, March 14th & 28th ~ Creative Hands

Worship:

Sunday, March 3rd ~ Transfiguration Sunday

Wednesday, March 6th ~ Ash Wednesday Services - Noon & 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 13th, 20th, & 27th ~ Mid-week Lenten Services