

Jesus answered Nicodemus,
“Truly, truly, I say to you,
unless one is born of water and
the Spirit, he cannot enter the
kingdom of God.

John 3:5



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As we gather for worship we will to study and proclaim the magnificent truth that God’s love for the world counts us righteous through faith (believing in His only-begotten Son)—the ancient promise to Abraham, articulated by Paul, and the only way of salvation for us. “My help comes from the Lord” (Psalm 121:2), not by any of my own works of the Law. **We welcome everyone to God’s House.**

The Lord’s Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. If you are not partaking of the Lord's Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please come up to the communion rail when sent by an elder, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest. The Pastor will then know that you desire a blessing.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US.

Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in the narthex of the church or by using the QR code.

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

Children are a vital part of our church family. They learn and grow in their faith by regularly worshipping with us. We welcome all children to be actively participating in the service but if for any reason you want or need to take your little one out, there is a Nursery available for your use. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

We are not merely passive or silent spectators of Jesus’ passion – we are right there with him, suffering and dying and rising through the power of the Spirit. As Christians, we confess that while, for us, Lent is about Jesus; for Jesus, Lent is about us. May this truth drive all doubt and cowardice out of our hearts and turn us into bold, confessing believers – just as it did for Nicodemus. What will this bold confession look like? Every time we remember our baptism, every time we drive to church early in the morning or late at night, every time we confess our sins and are absolved, every time we receive the Sacrament, pray out loud before a meal in a busy restaurant, prioritize worship over sports and recreation for ourselves and our children – by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit – **we are standing shoulder to shoulder with Nicodemus, confessing boldly and publicly: “truly, this is the Son of God.” Amen** ∞ Our Savior Lutheran Church, McFarland, WI (2/2/22) ∞

Bell Choir "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

Opening Hymn 708 "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"
(1 John 4:19; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 4:11; 1 Thes. 4:14-17)

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 28:19b)

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
(Hebrews 10:22)

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.** *(Psalm 124:8)*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *(Psalm 32:5)*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*
C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit *Ps. 105:4-7; antiphon: v. 8*

P He remembers His covenant forever,
C **the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.**

- P** Seek the LORD and His strength;
- C** **seek His presence continually!**
- P** Remember the wondrous works that He has done,
- C** **His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,**
- P** O offspring of Abraham, His servant,
- C** **children of Jacob, His chosen ones!**
- P** He is the LORD our God;
- C** **His judgments are in all the earth.**

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- P** He remembers His covenant forever,
- C** **the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.**

Kyrie ∞ *Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)*

LSB 186

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C And with thy spir - it.

- P** Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

The Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 12:1–9

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

P O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C **the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

P who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C **and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

The Epistle Lesson

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his
sin." . . .

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The Holy Gospel Lesson

John 3:1–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you

hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to Him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, We speak of what We know, and bear witness to what We have seen, but you do not receive Our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 798 “The God of Abraham Praise” *vs. 1-4, 9*
(*Ex. 3:6, 14; Ps. 142:5-6; Ps. 9:7-11; Rev. 4:8*)

Sermon "Abraham's Account and Our Own" *Rom. 4:1-8, 13-17*

1. Works count for nothing before God, but faith _____
_____ .
2. Trying to inherit by the Law voids God's "check" to us, but _____
_____ we can count on.

Hymn 729 "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"
(Is. 12:2; Matt. 28:18-20; Is. 26:3)

Prayers

Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

G Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P The Lord be with you. *(2 Timothy 4:22)*



G And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus *Let Us Bless (Psalm 103:1)* *LSB 202*

P Bless we the Lord.



G Thanks be to God.

Benediction *(Numbers 6:24-26)* *LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



G A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn 542 "When I Behold Jesus Christ"

(Rom. 5:8; 1 John 4:9-10; John 15:13)

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CHRISTIAN MEN - AWAKE!

If you're at least 18 years of age, wake up on Wednesday morning every other week and join in a Bible Study at the Bremen Hospital cafeteria conference room at 6:30 AM. Enter the cafeteria area entrance on the south side patio to the left of the main entrance portico. The cafeteria has an excellent breakfast menu and we enjoy our study with discussion and fellowship until 7:30 A.M. Bible study is a means of strengthening our understanding of God's plan for us and strengthening our faith, which we all can use in the daily challenges we face. Bring your Bible and join us as we study, eat and fellowship! The dates we will meet in 2026 are as follows: 3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15, 4/29, 5/13, 5/27, 6/10, 6/24, 7/8, 7/22, 8/5, 8/19, 9/2, 9/16, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/9.

If you have questions, please contact Dave Burcham or Tom Coxe.

Spring Quarter Sunday School for Grades 1-5, are using the Pilgrim's Progress book and lessons. "Christian" began his journey from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City. The Pilgrim's Progress written by John Bunyan was originally published in 1678. The Bible is the only book that has ever sold more copies. This timeless classic is an allegory which is a story with two meanings. First, this is an exciting adventure story of a man and his friends on a journey to a wonderful place. On their way, they meet many challenges, dangers, and enemies. But it is also a story that teaches important truths about Jesus and every Christian's journey through life. **The version of Pilgrim's Progress we are using is written in today's English** and the curriculum is designed for children ages 6-12. As they travel on their journey with Christian, they will discover that they, too, deal with similar obstacles in their own lives, and that Christ saves, leads, and protects them. Along with the story, the children will learn more about each lesson through scripture, games, songs and activities.

From the Hospitality Crew: Our next meal preparation will be Wednesday, March 18th at 9:00 am. We will be making lasagna and are asking for donations of lasagna noodles, spaghetti sauce, mozzarella and parmesan cheeses, hamburger, cottage cheese, and fruit cups. Thank you.

Calendar of Events

TODAY.....March 1st, 2026

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service..... 9:30 am

Scrip Day

Adult Basketball..... 3:00-5:00 pm

Bell Choir..... 5:00 pm

No Adult Choir

MON:

Parish Fellowship Meeting..... 3:30 pm

5th/7th-8th Grade Band Concert @ BPS..... 7:00 pm

TUES:

WED:

Preschool/Day School Chapel..... 11:00 am

Lenten Meal – Chili

Worship Service..... 7:00 pm

THURS:

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study..... 9:30 am

FRI:

Preschool Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY..... March 8th, 2026

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am

Bell Choir..... 5:00 pm

Adult Choir

Please join us Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm in the Bethany Room for chili and then stay for our 3rd Lenten Worship Service at 7:00 pm.

2nd Thursday Bible Study will resume March 12th in the Emmaus Room at 6:00 pm. We are using the Bible study “Strength in the Struggle”. While the book prefaces that it is a study for women on letting go of fear and anxiety, it is most definitely applicable to anyone and not just women. We all face fears and anxieties in our lives and we welcome anyone who would like to join us. Each “lesson” is independent from the others so it doesn’t matter if you begin on Lesson 1 or Lesson 5. This study is led by Elaine Young. We’d love to have you join us.

There are many, many, many open dates if you’d like to place flowers on the altar to glorify our Lord and/or remember or celebrate your loved ones. Please check out the flower chart in the Narthex next to the Altar Guild Room.

Upcoming Lenten Meals – Wednesdays at 6:00 pm:

- March 4th – Chili
- March 11th – Potluck
- March 18th – Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread
- March 25th – Potluck with White Chili

All donations from the meals will go to Trinity Hope Haitian Feeding Program. Trinity Hope is dedicated to feeding over 60,000 children daily through Christian Schools, providing nutritious meals and sharing the Gospel.

Once again, the Board of Christian Ed is in need of individually wrapped candy donations to fill over 1000 eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Donations may be placed in the designated bin located in the Narthex. Thank you for your support!

The next ingathering for Grace Food Pantry begins next Sunday, March 1st through March 15th. There will be papers on the table in the Narthex with items most needed by the pantry. If you are able, please help us be a light by providing to those in need as we look forward to celebrating our risen Lord this Easter.

We will be hosting a blood drive through The South Bend Medical Foundation following the service on Sunday, March 15th, 2026. Sign-up sheets and info are in the Narthex.

YOUTH NEWS

Each Wednesday through Lent - Youth will be assisting with the Lenten Meals on Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm before the Worship Service.

tubing at Wilson Park today has been cancelled due to lack of snow.

Easter Breakfast – Youth in grades 6-8, please let us know if you can help with the Easter Breakfast on **April 5th at 8:00 am**. We need help with serving and clean-up!

Look for more Youth Group information via our “St. Paul’s Youth” GroupMe chat (*If you’d like to be added, let us know) or contact Youth Board Director **Scott Hundt** with any questions.

Things to Remember in Prayer This Week

Thanksgiving: For through faith, we are counted as righteous and heirs of God’s promise.

Special Concerns:

That we exclude any notion of works righteousness but understand that God's righteousness is freely credited to us and our sins are not charged against us through faith in the gracious promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

For the Pastor Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores family.

For the Micah Wildauer family as their ministry is temporarily refocused.

That the Lord would bless our offerings that we give today.

For our country and her leaders.

For those who serve in their vocations of soldiers and first responders.

For the Lord's grace, healing, and protection for our Christian brothers and sisters who are displaced, suffering, or being persecuted in America and throughout the world. **We must shine the Gospel light!**

Worship Anew can be viewed on Sunday mornings at 11:30 am on: the local CW station-channel WCWW-TV 25 out of South Bend, Dish Channel 266 or Direct TV channel 377. For you travelers, you can view anytime at <worshipanew.org>

SCHOOL CORNER

Thank you to those who have purchased items from the Teacher Wish List Tree! We appreciate your generosity and support of our staff and school!

We had several students, Grades Kindergarten through 2nd, who scored in the upper 25% and higher range in the nation from our recent NWEA testing:

Math Top 10%- Darina King (k), Tessa Menzie (k), Allison Brock (2), Judd Menzie (2), Maverick Tibbs (2), Eli VanSoest (2); **Math Top 25%-** Harper Prior (k), Ellery Hershberger (k), Josephine Miller (1), Remi Bowling (2), Cayden Comparato (2), Cash Flores (2), Teodora King (2), and Abby Kulcsar (2).

Reading Top 10%- Ellery Hershberger (k), Darina King (k), Tessa Menzie (k), Harper Prior (k), Callum Marin (1), Josephine Miller (1), Cash Flores (2), Abby Kulcsar (2); **Reading Top 25%-** Truett Glinge (k), Vee Hill (1), Ed Nielsen (1), Remi Bowling (2), Cayden Comparato (2), Teodora King (2), Judd Menzie (2), and Maverick Tibbs (2).

Two students ranked in the Top 1% for Reading – Adelyn Flores (1) and Allison Brock (2)!

**That is 95% of our students in Kindergarten through 2nd Grade!
Keep up the good work, students and teachers!**

Preschool and Kindergarten Round-Up is March 12th, 5:00-7:00pm!
Please encourage family and friends to learn more about St. Paul's! We offer a Christian alternative to education for Preschool through 8th Grade, not only focusing on core curriculum, but also providing a Biblical, Christ-centered focus. **With our comprehensive scholarship program, a Christian education can cost little or nothing.** *Scholarships are even available for Pre-K!* Word of mouth is the best form of advertisement, so please encourage your family/friends to check us out!

If you are interested in joining the playground committee, please contact Beth Miller.

Please note February's Star Students on the bulletin board! These students, nominated by the staff, have exemplified one or all of the three "Rs"- Respect, Responsibility, and Righteousness. New Star Students will be highlighted each month.

Please see updates to the SGO announcement!

SGO Announcement

The donations do not have to end at the end of the year! Donations for 2026 have started! See all the benefits below and please encourage businesses to donate.

Update to the new federal tax credit:

- This is a 100% Federal Tax Credit, up to \$1,700 per taxpayer.
- Taxpayers can begin making donations on January 1, 2027.

Taxpayers would receive the Federal Tax Credit when completing taxes in the **spring of 2028 (individuals, not businesses)**. Further details are available on the bulletin board.

Other benefits to donors-

- **LSGO is MATCHING donations from new donors up to \$1000 per donor (\$5000 per school)!**
- **Universal Charitable Deduction has been restored!**
Taxpayers can receive a \$1000 Federal Charitable Donation, even if they can't itemize, beginning January 1, 2026.
- Taxpayers still receive a 50% state tax credit!

We use the SGO both for elementary school scholarships and Pre-K scholarships, and it has been a great benefit to our families. **(The Choice Scholarships for Kindergarten through 8th Grade only provide for 75% of tuition. SGO supports the rest.)** Please continue to give, and receive the tax credit and deduction for your donations! **Now, there is a**

link to donate to the LSGO on the church's website under the School drop-down menu.

You can also find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction, and a 100% federal tax credit for individuals up to \$1700 (starting in 2027). These scholarships make a big difference for our families. Please contact Jennifer Harman, in the school office, if you have questions.

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.

Voters' Assembly Minutes – Copies of the minutes from the Sunday, February 22 Voters' Assembly meeting are available on the table in the narthex. The minutes contain activity reports and future plans of the various boards of our St. Paul's congregation and information regarding the restructuring of St. Paul's administrative boards. If the supply has run out and you desire a copy for yourself, please contact Ken Eichinger. If you prefer an electronic copy, email Ken at keneichinger@gmail.com.

Servants for Today's Worship March 1st, 2026

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Ellen Augustine

Ushers: Eric Thornton & Brantley Thornton

Acolyte: Wiley Napper

Elder: Terry Miller

Video Streamer: Tyler/Dakota Schmeltz

Servants for Next Week's Worship March 8th, 2026

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Mark Wildauer & Dakota Schmeltz

Acolyte: Josie Wildauer

Elder: Terry Miller

Communion Assistant:

Video Streamer: Bruce Schmidt

Sunday School – Spring Quarter Offerings

All Sunday Morning classes are 8:30-9:15 am

(Sunday School classes will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 5.)

Pre-K – Grade 2 (Nazareth Room)

Children will learn what “bearing good fruit” means as we place God first in our lives, the meaning of “servanthood,” and the ultimate love and forgiveness God gives us through His Son, Jesus. Bible stories include “Jesus Teaches about Bearing Good Fruit,” the parable of “The Prodigal Son,” “Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet,” and “Jesus is Tried and Crucified.” This class is taught by Wendy Coxey.

Grades 3-5 (Mrs. Roger’s Classroom)

Jeanette Rettinger will lead a study of **The Pilgrim’s Progress**, a famous 17th-century Christian allegory by John Bunyan. The book chronicles a man named Christian’s journey from the “City of Destruction” to the “Celestial City” (Heaven). It symbolizes the struggles, temptations, and ultimate victory of the Christian life through adventures, encounters with allegorical characters, and spiritual trial.

Middle School Grades 6-8 (Mr. Miller’s Classroom)

will continue their study and discussion of the book of **Ephesians**. This class is taught by Barb Middaugh.

High School (Emmaus Room)

will continue its study of the importance of **Prayer**. This class is taught by Mark Wildauer.

Adult Bible Class (Bethany Room)

will continue its study of the book of **James**. This class is taught by Dave Burcham and Terry Miller.

Other Opportunities for Bible Study:

Men’s Wednesday Morning Bible Study Enjoy breakfast and lively discussion at the Bremen Hospital Cafeteria! This class meets alternating Wednesdays (March 4/March 18),6:30-7:30 a.m.

Thursday Morning Ladies’ Bible Study (Emmaus Room)

All ladies are welcome to join Barb Middaugh in the study entitled, **Wherever Love May Lead**. See how God guides and leads us throughout our lives. 9:30-10:45 a.m.

My most sincere apologies to Elaine Young. I completely forgot to turn in her article for the March Epistle. Elaine works very hard putting together information to enhance our spiritual life, give us a little church history, and bring to light some facts we don't know or may have forgotten. Below is that Epistle article. Please take a few minutes to read it over and on the flip side are the Sunday School, Bible Class, and midweek Bible Studies for the Spring Quarter. Once again, I am so sorry Elaine that I did not get this in the Epistle. Feel free to fire me.

**St. Paul's 180th LITURGICAL YEAR † **March 1 –
March 31, 2026****

*Worship Opportunities To Bless Our Lives * Celebration of Holy
Communion*

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Mar 1 The 2nd Sunday in Lent

Mar 4 3rd Lenten Wednesday **7:00 p.m.**

Mar 8 * The 3rd Sunday in Lent

Mar 11 4th Lenten Wednesday **7:00 p.m.**

Mar 15 The 4th Sunday in Lent

Mar 18 5th Lenten Wednesday **7:00 p.m.**

Mar 22 * The 5th Sunday in Lent

Mar 25 6th Lenten Wednesday **7:00 p.m.**

Mar 29 Palm Sunday / Sunday of The Passion / 6th
Sunday in Lent

MINOR Festivals: 7 Perpetua & Felicitas, Martyrs

- **17** Patrick, Missionary to Ireland ● **19** St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus
 - **25** The Annunciation Of Our Lord ●
 - 31** Joseph, Patriarch (*son of Jacob*)
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THE WINDOWS OF ST. PAUL'S

“Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name;

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.” Psalm 29:2+

The use of stained glass to adorn Christian Church buildings began in the Middle Ages. Gothic cathedrals, with vaulted ceilings and arched supports, provided for entire walls of windows, most depicting the 'great stories' of the Bible; and due to the illiteracy of the times, were a means to teach the masses, using illustrations, about God and the faith. ▲

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM 1958

(front window, north side): *In memory of Mr. & Mrs. William (Elizabeth) Foltz*

The DESCENDING DOVE is a Biblical symbol of the Holy Spirit, from the account of Jesus' baptism.

John 1:32

The CRUCIFORM, or Tri-Radiant HALO shows the Spirit to be God; the Third Person of the Trinity.



The Sacrament itself is symbolized by the FONT;

which traditionally has 8 sides – representative of spiritual regeneration by the Spirit as He works faith in our hearts. Taken from I Peter 3:20,21:

eight souls saved by the waters of The Flood.

BLUE 'Ribbons' evoke the Visible Means: water.

The CROSS testifies it is *into* faith in Christ that we are baptized: *"Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life."* Romans 6:3,4



**Save the date
for VBS 2026
June 22nd -
June 26th**



St. Paul's
Eggciting
Easter Party

9:00-10:30 a.m. | Saturday, March 28

2 year-olds to Grade 3 Meet in the Fellowship Hall