

## **Announcements for Sunday, March 18, 2018**

**As we draw close to God** in worship, let us also draw close to others in love and friendship. Pray earnestly, sing joyously, listen intently and greet one another sincerely.

**To our guests**, we extend our warmest greetings to you and pray that God will bless you as you visit today. If you are searching for a Church home, we invite you to consider being a part of the St. Paul family. If you would like to know more about becoming a member, check the little box on the St. Paul Care Card or call the Church Office (815-963-5435). Please join us for worship again soon.

### **Serving in God's House at Central Site Today:**

**Ushers:** 8:00am – Group 1

**Preacher:** Pastor Fisk

**Elder:** Mike Woolery

### **Serving in God's House at Northwest Site Today:**

**Preacher:** Pastor Fisk **Ushers:** Group D

**Elder:** Jon Schuknecht

**Receiving Holy Communion** - The Bible teaches us to receive communion after faithful preparation. If you recognize the true body and blood of Jesus in The Lord's Supper and sincerely come in repentance and share in fellowship with the teachings of our church, you are making proper preparation. Grape juice with a drop of wine in individual cups are available upon request. ***We also have gluten free wafers available for those who have are allergic to gluten products. Please inform the Pastor, an Elder or Usher prior to communion so we may make this readily available.*** If you have not communed at St. Paul before, please talk to the Pastor before Communion. God bless our sharing of His Supper.

**Prayer for the Day** is a daily devotional ministry. To hear a devotion recorded by Pastor Ciprys, please call the special Prayer for the Day phone number (815-963-7641) and then press 3 when the call is answered.

**St. Paul Care Cards** – We hope you will fill yours out so we can take note that you were here. Please pass the completed cards toward the inside aisle *during the offering* for pickup by the usher. At the same time, please also pass in any unused cards so that we might reuse them another time. They will be picked up afterward as the usher comes back from the altar.

**The Semi-Annual Voters Meeting** will be held today, at the Northwest Site immediately after the 10:30 worship service. Please plan to attend this very important meeting.

**Voters Meeting Meal**-SPYS will offer a light lunch for the voters meeting today. SPYS are needed to help serve.

**Monday Morning Bible Class is Back!** Beginning tomorrow, March 19<sup>th</sup>, Monday Morning Bible class will meet in the undercroft at 10:00am. Pastor Rub will be leading it. Please join us! Everyone is welcome!

**Mid-Week Lenten Services continue** Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Our services will be 10:30am at the Central Site and 7:00pm at the Northwest Site.

**POTLUCK LUNCHES WILL NOT** be hosted by Ladies Guild after the 10:30am Lenten Services during February. The kitchen in the Undercroft is presently unusable, and until repairs and renovations are completed the Potluck Lunches WILL NOT take place.

**SPYS Meeting** - SPYS (confirmation and up) and PARENTS, please join us for a meet and greet with Pastor Fisk. We will meet at the NW Site prior to Lent Services on, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m.

**Join us for Sunday School!** All children Pre-K through High School are invited to attend Sunday School at the Central Site at 9:15am in the school band room. There will be three classes: **Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup>** grade will be learning how the Holy Spirit leads the apostles - led by Mrs. Woolery and Mrs. Grocholl; **6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>** grade will be studying Luther's Catechism and how it applies to their lives - led by Mr. Sautel; **High School** age students will have devotion time and a surprise!! – led by Mrs. Temple. Don't miss out on the four M's of Sunday School this year – MUSIC, MISSIONS, MEMORY VERSE AND MESSAGE!

**Mission Accomplished!!** Since September 2016, St. Paul's Sunday School children have collected \$30.00 to send to Africa for the purchase of mosquito nets to help fight the battle against malaria, \$50.00 to send to the American Bible Society to purchase 10 Bibles for our U.S. Troops, \$85.00 for Lutheran World Relief to purchase a piglet and chicken with chicks to send to families in need overseas, \$90.00 for Rockford's local Carpenter's Place to help those who are homeless and in need of job training, \$146.00 for Lutheran's in Africa who are building seminaries in Kenya, \$61.00 for Lutheran World Relief to purchase ducks and worms to improve gardens of families in need overseas, and canned goods plus \$43 to the Rockford Rescue Mission. NEXT UP....We are collecting offerings for the Orphan Grain Train. Thank you, kids, for your enthusiasm to share!!

**Are you interested** in being a St. Paul Bell Ringer? We have a small group that has been meeting on Sunday mornings during Sunday School time (9:15 am) in the band room. We are looking for a few more ringers High School age and up! No experience necessary! If you have questions, please see Liz Temple.

**Keep saving your Box Tops!** Look for collection boxes at both sites.

**Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Services** will be held at the Central site at 9:00am. There will be no services at Northwest Site those two Sundays. The "Epistle" has the Easter Lily order form that says Central or NW. Please ignore the NW. All Easter Lilies will be at Central Site. Please get the word out to friends and family who may not be regular attenders. Thank you!

## + St. Paul School News +

### **Volunteer opportunities for St. Paul School!**

#### **Pre-School Aide**

An hour or two a day(s) Monday - Friday

Help with snack time

Classroom Activities

Any other ways you can help!

#### **Lunch Room Aide**

Monday – Friday, Noon – 12:30pm.

Please contact Sue in the school office (815-965-3335) if you are willing to help with any of these opportunities.

**8:30am/10:30am**

***We Worshipped God Last Week:108/86 = 194***

***We Worshipped God Last Year: No Information from last year***

***Sunday Morning Bible Class: 30***

***Sunday School: Central: 20***

***Monday Morning Bible Class: Cancelled***

### **This Week at St. Paul**

#### **Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am – Worship/Communion

9:15am – Bible Class/Sunday School (Central Site)

10:30am –Worship (Northwest Site)

11:45am – Voters Meeting (Northwest Site)

11:45am – Jr. Confirmation (Northwest Site)

#### **Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am - Monday Morning Bible Class (Undercroft)

#### **Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am - Piecemakers (Northwest Site)

#### **Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

7:00am – 8:15am – Men’s Devo & Prayer (Spring Garden-Loves Park)

10:30am – Lenten Worship (Central Site)

7:00pm – Lenten Worship (Northwest Site)

#### **Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

11:00am - Knitting Etc. (Northwest Site)

6:00pm – Chancel Choir (Northwest Site)

#### **Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> *Palm Sunday***

9:00am – Worship/Communion (Central Site ONLY)

10:15am – Bible Class/Sunday School (Central Site)

11:45am – Jr. Confirmation (Northwest Site)

**+ Intercessions & Thanksgivings +**  
**March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

**Those with special needs:** Shirlee Aldrich, Bonnie Ciprys, Fran Dettman, Helen Dobratz, Jane Edmonds, Shirley France, Gerry Hill, Joan Kern, Margie Mahon, Jan Pope, Dewey Starnes, Gene & Margaret Thornton,

**Our members of the week:** Marie Hill, Ruth Hintz, Jim & Joan Hocker, Vicki & Larry Hubbard, Tiffany, Charles, Phoenix, Isis & Lennon Hundshamer.

**Our Shut-Ins:** Pat Atwood, Joyce Mueller, Luella Moore

**Our Service men & women:** Zack Beck (Army), Christopher Dierking (Army), Levi Thies (Marines), Nathan Mallow (Air Force), Justin Hartenberger (Marines), Seth Best (Army), Nick Weidner (Marines), Kaylea Cortes (Air Force), Brittany Smith-Troxell (Illinois National Guard) and those serving at home and abroad along with their families who wait for their return.

**Prayer Requests from the St. Paul Care Cards:** For the unemployed and underemployed, continued healing & strength for baby Hope, baby Huntley, Betty, Tiffani, Deb and all those suffering, for all with cancer, for those depressed, for our Country's leaders, the community housing options for special needs people, our church and school, blessings for St. Paul School as we move forward in our ministries, God's guidance for the church.

**Prayer:** – "O Lord, our God, the world is a perplexing place with the devil himself prowling like a roaring lion, seeking to devour us from every side. Even friends, neighbors and family can and do betray us at times. We at times do the same to You and them. Yet You are our faithful Lord, who never leaves or forsakes us. Your faithfulness is unfailing, especially in that you sent Your own Son Jesus to become part of the chaos of this world to rescue us through His fully obedient life on our behalf, His sacrificial death on the cross in payment for our sin, and His victorious resurrection so that we can find our eternal deliverance in Him. Great is Thy Faithfulness, O Lord, our God! Keep us faithful in and to You. Amen."