

St. Paul's Cross†Roads

A Monthly News Publication Informing Members and Friends ~ Encouraging Fellowship and Spiritual Growth



MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PREFERRED LIVING 3/7 1:30 PM
CARE CENTER 3/7 2:30 PM
LENTEN 3/7, 3/14, 3/21 6:30 PM
PALM SUNDAY 3/25 10:00 AM
MAUNDY THURSDAY 3/29 6:30 PM
GOOD FRIDAY 3/30 NOON
EASTER 7:30 AND 10:00 AM

PRAYER CONCERNS

Karen Freier, Chris Meyer, Greg Arends, Bill Hines,
James & Charlotte Huppert, Gail Leonard,
Albert, Maine, Horton Maine,
JoAnn Strom, Roger Youngquist

In Care or at Home

Daryl Feuerhelm, Earl Kinneman,
Leon Langer, Lola Schingledecker, Judy Ortwerth,
Marjorie Peterson,
Anna Schingledecker, Dorothy Schulte,
Betty Ann Webster

In the Military Jake Huber

FAITH & FILM ON TAP *LARS & the REAL GIRL*
Clyde's Corner Upper Level doors open at 6:30 movie starts at 7PM

STEWARDSHIP MEETING 2/11 11:15 AM

CHURCH LIFE MEETING 3/14 6:00 PM

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING 3/14 4:00 PM

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING 3/17 9:30 AM

POTLUCK 3/18 after worship

MOVIE COLLATERAL BEAUTY 7:00 PM at Church

EASTER EGG HUNT 3/31 1:30—3:00 PM

January 2018 — GIVING

Our monthly budget for 2017 is \$10,032.18

Income - \$5,714.00

Expenses - \$11,338.36

As of 01/31/2018

Our Operating Fund Balance was

\$289.39

Prepaid Utilities—\$489.75

MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers

Mar 4—Gayl & Linette Greske
Mar 11—Matt & Rachel Bowen Family
Mar 18—Sunday School Students
Mar 25—The Ristow Family

Video Technician

Mar 4— Technician Needed
Mar 11— Denise Blaisdell
Mar 18—Gayl Greske
Mar 25—Maria Stress

Worship Readers

Mar 4—Glen Baumgartner
Mar 11—Kelly Shingledecker-Larson
Mar 18—Sunday School Students
Mar 25—Dolores Waltz

Hey St. Paul's (and friends of St. Paul's, too ☺)!

Greetings to you all in the Precious Name of Jesus Christ.

Well...

By the time you begin to read this March Newsletter, we will *likely* be deep into the Holy Season of Lent (or just beginning it)—a season set apart for self-reflection, a season dedicated to exploring God-led invitations for change and growth, and a season of preparation. For Lent is a season where God does a deep and abiding work in our lives and community, when we give God the space to do so. So, join me, as we journey together through this Holy Season of Lent.

Some cool things to be aware of:

We have a brand-new Logo!!! *Unveiling to yet to come... (It's really beautiful!)*

Faith and Film on Tap is Friday, March 2nd, at Clydes Corner. Doors open at 6:30pm and movie will start at 7pm. We will be watching, *Lars and the Real Girl*.

We are hosting the ecumenical Good Friday service this year at noon, here, at St. Paul's.

Then...

Don't forget that we are also having a movie night on Good Friday, here at St. Paul's, at 7pm, March 30th. Snacks and drinks (like pop and stuff) will be provided. Just come. Then, in the midst of the terrible events that unfolded on the original Good Friday, let us reflect together while watching the Will Smith movie titled, *Collateral Beauty*. A short reflective discussion will follow the movie.

Starting the Sunday after Easter, I will begin a brand new sermon series called, *Our Way of Life and Why It Is Important*. This entire series will examine and explain the *Way of Life* that has been created as part of our vision and mission as a church—a project accomplished in collaboration with the Holy Shifters/PPR Ministry Team. I hope to explain the reasons behind having a *Way of Life* to begin with, explore what it is, and invite you to participate in it with me. In fact, if you've wondered these things already and if you journey with me through this series, I hope to make clear why it was included in the documents that define who we are and what we are about as a faith community.

And... *Finally...*

Mark your calendars, Saturday, May 19th, with a new adventure. St. Paul's UCC is working in collaboration with Jack Hines, Atrium, Preferred Living, and several other organizations in our community to facilitate a *Senior Fishing Adventure and Picnic*—our first annual event (hopefully!). Our event will take place at Eau Galle Recreation Area in Spring Valley, WI, from 11am to 2pm.

And..

We need your help! We need people to bait hooks, cast lines, fix lines when they get tangled or break, and help with reeling in the fish. We need pontoons, if anyone has one. I am cooking (I know... Look out!). We could also use help with wait staff, making sure everyone has what they need, as well as folks, willing to just sit around with our seniors chatting and being with them. We have bingo, raffles, and other things planned, as well. And, because we are feeding everyone, we need an RSVP. So, if you are willing to give just a little of your time to this worthy cause—honoring our elders and loving our neighbors—please let me know. Okay?! *Be on the lookout for a signup, too:)*

Beloved of God's...

We have lots to do and lives to change. Let's do it together!

May God bless us all, through it all! I look forward to seeing the new ways the work of God will come through us, the love of God formed into us, and the realm of God brought amongst us.

Blessings and Peace!

-Pastor Adam

May the love of God sustain you, the presence of God ground you, and the Spirit of God both invigorate you and lead you. Amen!

Church Council Minutes – February 15, 2018

The Church Council meeting was called to order at 1833. Members present were: President, Dave Ottman, Gayl Greske, Glen Baumgartner, Glory Luebker, Steve Vogt, Beth Kidd, Bernie Larson and Pastor Adam

Beth did opening devotions.

The minutes from the January meeting were presented during the Secretary's report. Gayl moved, seconded by Glory, to accept the secretary's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Copies of the Treasurer's report were presented. Gayl moved, seconded by Steve, to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports as follows:

Christian Education: The Birthday Cake drive is in progress and will continue for a few more weeks.

Church Life combined with Pastor Parish and selected a new logo for our church. TLC cards were sent out including one to Kelly Shingledecker-Larson congratulating her on becoming an RN.

Church Property: The fans are up thanks to Scott and Brett Freier.

Memorial: There were no formal meetings but Pam and Glory have spoken about a better way to process memorials to the church.

Stewardship: is currently in the process of writing a prototype letter to encourage giving and to say thank you. They are also working on a letter timeline with an eye of beginning this in the fall.

There are two new committees, on the Technology Committee Pastor Adam is working on a plan to redo the church website. All church technology has been inventoried. The next meeting is not yet scheduled.

The next new committee is "Love Thy Neighbor" though this title is a work in progress. The purpose of the new committee is for outreach and extending the church mission beyond our four walls.

The Pastor's report: A new church logo has been designed, selected and paid for. Items being explored for the new website include a blog, live streaming which may require new sound equipment and an on line giving option. The vision for the website is that it would be a central location. The software for these items could potentially require new fees.

The next "Faith and Film on Tap" will take place March 2nd at Clyde's in Beldenville. A date has been firmed up for the fishing event for the seniors in our community. The date is May 19th. There will be a need for pontoons and volunteers. Pastoral care included a visit to Ed Greske. Confirmation for the current class is almost done.

The Ash Wednesday Service brought in approximately twenty five people.

There was nothing under old business. Under new business the times for Easter Service were confirmed to be at 7:30 and at 10:00. The youth will serve breakfast between the services.

After a tour of the sanctuary and discussion about the pulpit placement Glen moved, seconded by Glory, to switch the pulpit and lectern to create more room for the band. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave has proposed a church council retreat for the purpose of team building. He sees this as a three hour event that will include lunch. It is set for March 17th at the church. The council will be bringing lunch.

The Maundy Thursday service will be held on March 29th. Supper will be at 5:30 with service at 6:30. On Good Friday, St. Paul's will be hosting the noon service. Then at 7pm there will be a screening of the movie "Collateral Beauty."

Confirmation will be held on Sunday May 6th. There was discussion on how the confirmands would be doing their testimony.

Church usage regarding funerals came up. After discussion Beth moved, seconded by Bernie, to give Pastor Adam and Mary Jane permission to allow church usage for funerals under church guidelines. Motion passed unanimously.

Computers will need to be replaced before too long and there was discussion on the age of the various machines as well as laptop vs desktop. The church has the opportunity to receive three two year old laptops. There will be costs for software. The bookkeeper's computer needs to have a tower CPU as it's also the host. This, along with the printer contract, will be tabled until next month to give the Technology Committee time to assess the matter.

Bob Doheny has requested that remuneration that he might receive be donated to the youth's musical ministry. The council decided the best way to do that would be to pay Bob and then have him donate the money back with specification regarding its use.

Discussion about the use of money raised during Lenten services concluded that the money should go to the Area Resource Center (ARC) as has been done in the past. It's generally a modest amount and the organization provides emergency funds for things like rent, heat and food. Glory moved, seconded by Steve, to donate Lenten service funds to ARC. Motion passed unanimously.

The following clarification needs to be made on the January minutes: Dave gave the Church Life report. The farmer's market dates have been set to run from May 24th through October 11th.

Proceeds from the basket auction that will be held on April 29 will be distributed as follows:

25% general fund, 25% OCWM, 15% Pastor's fund, 15% loan, 10% Church Life, 5% building fund, 5% Area Resource Center.

Funds raised from the Farmer's Market will go back to Church Life.

Meeting adjourned at 2010.

Respectfully submitted: Beth Kidd

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Thank you to the person(s) that donated yarn, we will put it to good use!

The group met at the home of Ruth Baumgartner for a very good breakfast. We showed off our latest prayer shawl creations. We missed one of our faithful and most productive members, Mick Dodge, and wish her a speedy recovery. Our next gathering will be at the home of Denise Blaisdell on March 17th at 9:30. Please let her know if you plan to attend.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD

The Guild booklets will be ready for distribution by the end of February. A group gathered in the Fellowship Hall on February 14th to tie quilts for Turning Point. We will be meeting again on February 28th at 1 o'clock to tie again. Please join us if you can! Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on March 14th at 4:00 pm. This is a business meeting. Denise Blaisdell will be sharing devotions and Marlene Gutting will be our hostess.

Our Church Family in the News

Kelly Shingledecker- Larson passed all of her classes and is now an emergency room nurse at St. John's in Maplewood, MN.

Marissa Schumaker made the Dean's List in her first semester at U of WI-River Falls.

Jake Fuchs made the Dean's list at University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire

Many of our students made the Ellsworth High School Honor Roll for the second quarter. They were Seniors; **Kaitlyn Larson** and **Ginger Leonard**, Junior; **Emma Gutting**, and Sophomore; **Riley Schumaker**. Congratulations to each and everyone...keep up the good work

TURNING POINT

The barrels and boxes are out to be filled. There was a list of items listed in last month's Crossroads. A list is also posted on the bulletin board by MJ's office.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

New books have been added Check it out. There are books for all ages. A wide variety of topics in non-fiction and fiction too are available. Feel free to take and keep, take and return or add some of your own.

BIRTHDAY CAKE DRIVE

Thank you to all for donating birthday cake mixes, frostings, candles and supplies for the Sunday School Birthday Cake drive for the Food Shelf. It's the Sunday School's wish that no child in Pierce County be without a birthday cake on their birthday. Your help with this effort is truly appreciated. The collection is open through March 4th so you still have a little time left to bring items in.

Coming up in April

April 1—Easter
 April 4—Confirmation
 April 8—Stewardship
 April 11—Women's Guild
 April 15—SS Carnival/Euchre Tournament
 April 18—Confirmation
 April 19—Council
 April 21—Prayer Shawl
 April 29—Basket Auction



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					Faith & Film on Tap 7pm Clyde's Corner upper level doors open at 630pm	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9a Bible Study No Sunday School 10a Worship			5:30 Lenten Meal 6:30p Service			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9a Bible Study & Sunday School 10a Worship 11:15 a Stewardship Mtg.			4p Women's Guild 5:30p Lenten Meal 6:30p Service	6:30p Council Mtg.		9:30a Prayer Shawl
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Youth-led Worship Special Guest Tisha Brown here 9a Bible Study & Sunday School 10a Worship followed by POTLUCK			5:30 Lenten Meal 6:30p Service Confirmation to follow			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Palm Sunday 9a Bible Study & Sunday School 10a Worship				Maundy Thursday 5:30p meal 6:30p worship	Ecumenical Worship Noon Collateral Beauty 7pm	Easter Egg Hunt 1:30-3pm

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 Sherri Heise
 Mary Jane McEathron



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Lectionary

March 4— Third Sunday in Lent

Ex 20:1-17, Ps 19, 1 Cor 1:18-25 Jn 2:13-22

March 11— Fourth Sunday in Lent

Num 21:4-9, Ps 107:1-3, 17-22, Eph 2:1-10, Jn 3:14-21

March 18— Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jer 31:31-34, Ps 51:1-12 or Ps 119:9-16, Heb 5:5-10, Jn 12:20-33

March 25— Palm Sunday

*Isa 50:4-9a, Ps 31:9-16, Phil 2:5-11, Mk 14:1-15:47 or
Mk 15:1-39 (40-47)*

March 29— Maundy Thursday

*Ex 12:1-4 (5-10), 11-14, Ps 116:1-2, 12-19, 1 Cor 11:23-26, Jn
13:1-17, 31b-35*

March 30— Good Friday

*Isa 52:13-53:12, Ps 22, Heb 10:16-25 or Heb 4:14-16: 5:7-9,
Jn 18:1-19:42*