

GOOD NEWS



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9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast 100.1 FM

Pastor: Tim W. Muehlbrad

Director of Christian Education: Terry Carmichael

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT:

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to make Christ known;
As we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our
Faith through studying God's Word and Worshiping God.*



FROM THE PASTOR

On February 22 of this year we begin the season of Lent by worshipping on Ash Wednesday. Lent is the time of penitence when we reflect upon our lives and our relationship to God. We are sorry for our sins and we try to mend our ways. But why begin on Ash Wednesday, and Why call it Ash Wednesday? Lent is 40 days long (it does not include the Sundays), and since Easter is always on a Sunday, Ash Wednesday is always on a Wednesday.

The reason and meanings behind ashes is intriguing. The traditional, historical and Biblical meanings of ashes usually refers to destruction, mourning, and humility. When conquering armies came through Israel in Biblical times they usually burned the cities to the ground, and nothing was left but rubble and ashes. This relates to us today, in that, without the saving act of Jesus Christ we, too, would be destroyed and nothing would be left of us.

Ashes also symbolize mourning. Along with the ashes of a burned out city there usually came much crying because of the destruction of homes and the loss of life. At the committal service of funerals we still make reference to ashes in our mourning, "We commit his/her body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust." Ashes remind us of the grief we face because of the sinfulness of humans.

Ashes also symbolize humility. After a fire, great buildings, works of art, and valuables are reduced to ashes. We too remember and reflect on our vulnerability and our humility at the time of lent.

However, ashes also symbolize something else: cleansing. Fire was used to clear off land or burn off stubble after harvest. All that was left was ashes and clear land ready to start new. Some of you probably remember your parents or grandparents making their own soap. One of the ingredients was ashes.

Ashes are a sign of our being made clean in our Baptism. Our old selves are drowned in life-giving water and scrubbed clean of our

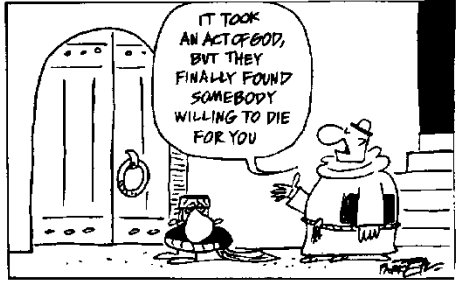
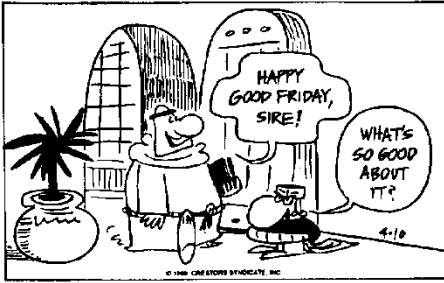
sins by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and we are made new children of God.

Come and worship during this time of Lent as we reflect upon our lives in the promises of Christ. It will help us feel the excitement grow as we draw near in celebrating Holy Week.

Peace,
Pastor Muehlbrad

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart





Church Council

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 10, 2023 – 7:00pm

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting of the Church Council of St. Paul Lutheran Church was called to order by Bill Klaevemann. Council members present for the meeting were Pastor Tim Muehlbrad, Bill Klaevemann, Boyd Weise, Linda

Peyton, Hope Jendrzey, Cathy Moritz, Pam Hoefling, Cindy Parma, Tina Boehm, and Kristin Schustereit. Katie Serrano was also in attendance.

2) **DEVOTION** Bill Klaevemann gave the devotion.

3) **MINUTES** The minutes from the November 15, 2022, meeting were approved with no corrections.

4) **REPORTS**

a) **Treasurer/Stewardship** – Cindy Parma made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Pam Hoefling seconded. The motion carried.

b) **Parish Education** – Rebecca Innocenti provided a written report: The nursery- through elementary- grade Sunday school students presented “Gifts for Jesus” on December 18th. Confirmation students painted the props, served as greeters, and passed out gift bags to the younger Sunday school students, which were filled with fruit, candy, bookmarks, and an ornament. The high school students fitted costumes, helped with program practices, managed the performance, and served as ushers during the program. The non-perishable food items collected during the Advent Season totaled 162.5 pounds and were delivered to YAM on January 3rd. Tina Boehm added: There will be no Sunday school on January 29th, due to the Annual Congregational Meeting.

c) **Youth** – Linda Peyton reported:

1. The Youth participated in Christmas caroling with the 4-H Youth. We then hosted a meal for the carolers afterwards. We had four trailers loaded down with people of all ages ready to sing. A good time was had by all.
2. We are going to have the Youth decorate postcards for Valentine’s Day and Easter for our shut-ins and nursing home residents.
3. For February, the Youth will be holding their 2nd Annual Father/Daughter Valentine Dinner.
4. We are looking forward to working with Terry Carmichael starting in February.

5. The next Youth Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 24th, 2023, at 6pm.
 6. The Money Wall fundraiser has raised \$40,094.00 to date!
- d) **Worship** – Boyd Weise made a motion for the Church Council to allow the Worship Committee to purchase two pre-lit artificial Christmas trees for the sanctuary for future use. Cindy Parma seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - e) **Evangelism/Outreach** – Hope Jendrzey reported: There has been some interest in offering a CPR class for church members. She will look into this.
 - f) **Social Concerns** – Cathy Moritz reported: Assistance was provided to one individual in November 2022 - \$100 to assist with a water bill. Assistance was provided to three individuals in December 2022 - \$100 to assist with a water bill, and \$200 to assist with two electric bills.
 - g) **Christian Life** – Pam Hoefling reported: The Christmas Feast was held on December 18, 2022. The meal was catered by Werner's. Approximately 99 attended. A poinsettia was placed on each table, all donated by Ressman's Nursery. Cupcake and chocolate chip cookies were made by Kara's Bake Shop. Christian Life did the clean-up. We are looking into having a reception for Terry Carmichael.
 - h) **Property** – Bill Klaevemann reported the following as of January 2023:
 1. Parsonage #2: Work has been completed and ready for moving in.
 2. Waiting on contractor to complete painting
 3. Replaced AC fan motor in sanctuary.
 4. Received and approved mowing contracts for church and cemetery.
 - i) **Cemetery** – Nothing to report.
 - j) **CEM** – Written report was provided.
 - k) **Pastor** – Professional activities during November 2022 included: 6 worship services, 5 hospital visits, 11 home

visits, 8 educational events, 11 church meetings and events, 2 professional meeting, 1 community event, and 1 week of vacation. Official acts included one burial. Professional activities during December 2022 included: 10 worship services, 5 hospital visits, 8 home visits, 7 educational events, 8 church meetings and events, 2 weeks of vacation. Official acts included 3 burials and 2 weddings.

5) OLD BUSINESS

- a) **Discuss and approve 2023 annual budget** – Cindy Parma made a motion to recommend the proposed budget to the congregation for approval. Hope Jendrzey seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) **Discuss and approve annual meeting agenda** – Cindy Parma made a motion to approve the proposed agenda for the 2023 annual congregational meeting. Cathy Moritz seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- c) **Update on generator project** – No updates.

6) NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Accept Bill Klaevemann’s resignation from council, effective January 29, 2023** – Cindy Parma made a motion to accept Bill Klaevemann’s resignation from council, effective January 29, 2023, after the congregational meeting. Kristin Schustereit seconded the motion. The motion carried. Boyd Weise will be taking over the president position.
- b) **Appoint Larry Gohmert as Chairman of the Property Committee** – Pam Hoefling made a motion to appoint Larry Gohmert as Chairman of the Property Committee. Linda Peyton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- c) **Approve new members** – Pam Hoefling made a motion to approve Larry and Carol Mueller and Bette Carruthers as new members of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Kristin Schustereit seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- d) **Consider Property Manager position** – Boyd Weise made a motion to not pursue hiring a property manager. Pam Hoefling seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- e) **Consider additional donation to off-site programs such as summer campers and retreat centers** – Boyd Weise made a motion to give \$2,500 from the Benevolent Relief Fund to Cross Trails Ministry. Cathy Moritz seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 7) **CLOSING** – Pam Hoefling made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Boyd Weise seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting closed with The Lord’s Prayer.

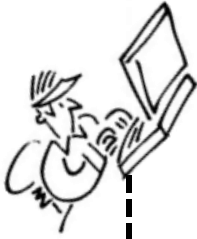
Respectfully submitted,
 Kristin Schustereit

2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT – Bill Klaevemann
 SECRETARY – Kristin Schustereit
 PARISH ED – Tina Boehm
 STEWARDSHIP – Cindy Parma
 WORSHIP – Boyd Weise
 CHRISTIAN LIFE – Pam Hoefling
 PROPERTY – Larry Gohmert
 SOCIAL CONCERNS – Cathy Moritz
 YOUTH – Linda Peyton
 EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Hope Jendrzey

Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2023	BUILDING FUND	YTD 2023
Beginning Balance	34,263.08	Beginning Balance	30,736.09
Income	25,949.10	Income	1,060.38
Expenses	<u>(18,120.61)</u>	Expenses	<u>(4,554.85)</u>
Ending Balance	42,091.57	Ending Balance	27,241.62
Investment	118,038.76	Totals as of 1/13/2023	
TOTAL	160,130.33		



RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

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YOUR ARTICLES

EARLY!

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NEWSLETTER

ARTICLE IS

Monday,

February 20, 2023



St. Paul has a new mailing address! Please address any church correspondence to: 234 N. Gohmert St., Suite A. After May, we will be closing our post office box and will no longer be receiving mail at the post office.

February Lent Schedule for 2023

February 21: 5 – 6:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Burning of the Palms in the Fellowship Hall.

February 22: Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 am & 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.





Shelby Claire Rohan
child of
Patrick & Sam Rohan
was baptized on
January 14, 2023

**The Annual Congregational Meeting
will be held Sunday, January 29,
2023 - immediately following the
Worship Service.**



Welcome,
Terry Carmichael

Help us welcome Terry Carmichael as our new Director of Christian Education. Christian Life will be holding a welcome reception on Sunday, January 29, 2023 during our Chili Meal. Please come out and give a warm greeting to Terry and his wife Susan to welcome them to our Congregation!



Preston Taylor & Paislee Mae Young
children of
John & Heather Young
were baptized on
January 14, 2023

A First Communion class will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023 for all 2nd graders and older who have not had a Communion Class before. The class will be 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Parents are welcome in the class if you choose to stay. The actual First Communion will be at our regular Sunday morning worship on February 12th. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tim.



*With
this Ring...*



God has blessed Charles Ruppert and Jan Threadgill as they were united in marriage on Friday, December 23, 2022. We pray them God's richest

blessings as they begin their life together as husband and wife.

The Sunday School students participated in collecting food items to donate to YAM during the Advent season.





What's happening at The Learning Garden!!

*Years from now,
 It won't matter what car I drove,
 What kind of house I lived in,
 How much I had in my bank account,
 Nor what my clothes looked like,
 But, the world may be a little better
 Because I was important in the life of a child.*

When I read this I always think of how true this is. My staff and myself are so blessed to be a part of all of these amazing little children's lives. To see all of their faces light up when they learn something new or when they run in to tell us what they did over the weekend is the greatest gift in our lives. To know that we all had a part in their lives sure is a blessing!

Open Door Policy:

Remember we do have an open-door policy. Anytime you would like to visit us just ring our doorbell and we will be glad to take you on a tour. If you would like to read books to our children or just sit and watch, we would love that too.

Enrollment: 43

Class	Number of Children	Waitlist	Staff
Infants	4	2	Samantha & Leticia
Toddlers	5	1	Brianna & Melissa
Twos	12	1	Megan V & Karli
Preschool	11	1	Megan F & Hailey
Prekindergarten	5	1	Cassandra & Jade
After School	5	0	

Director: Tracie
Cook: Debbie

Assistant Director: Shawn
Housekeeping: Elida

Activities for the Month:

This month all the classrooms will be making Valentine Cards for the Nursing Home.

Happy Valentine's Day from The Learning Garden!



We keep in our prayers the family and friends of:

Mary Gloor – who passed away December 31, 2022. Services were held January 1, 2023

May the power of the resurrection continue to provide them assurance.



In memory of Ann Adix – Building

Oleta Pattillo

In memory of Wallace Beck – Building

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

In memory of Janet Deason – Parking Lot

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Elaine Henze – Parking Lot

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Mary Gloor – Building

Kenneth & Nancy Hahn Ray, Amber & Family

Brenda Nash Jim & Joan Urban

Byron & Barbara Cramer Barbara Kerlick

In memory of Mary Gloor – Parking Lot

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Mary Gloor – Radio

Dr. & Mrs. John Frels

In memory of Peggy Laging – Building

Melissa Stolle and Sons Ronnie Afflerbach

Gracie Wolpman Carlton & Sandra Bolting

In memory of Werner & Elfrieda Henze Metting – Building

Sherry Metting

In memory of Charlie & Alice Weise – Building

Helen Breed

In memory of John Wilkerson – Building

Glen & Judy Henze Mary Lou Gerhardt

Dorothy Mayfield Gracie Wolpman

Kermit & Doris Koehler Carlton & Sandra Bolting

Jesse & Linda Hurta

In memory of John Wilkerson – Parking Lot

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Manroy Wolpman – Building

Calvin & Beverly Bruns

~Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of January 13, 2023.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday, February 5, 2023-5th Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

Psalm: Psalm 112:1-9 [10]

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20



Sunday, February 12, 2023-6th Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm: Psalm 119:1-8

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37



Sunday, February 19, 2023-Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm: Psalm 2

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9



Sunday, February 26, 2023-1st Sunday of Lent

First Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Psalm: Psalm 32

Second Lesson: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11



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YOUR FOOD UNTIL YOU RETURN TO THE GROUND,
SINCE FROM IT YOU WERE TAKEN.”

FOR
DUST
YOU ARE AND TO
DUST
YOU WILL RETURN.”



GENESIS 3:19, NIV