

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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March **BOND**—2019

NO COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD IN FEBRUARY

TEAM REPORTS

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM REPORT

Ardus Cleveland – Chairperson

VISITATION – COMMUNION MINISTRY

(1) Communion Visit

(16) Telephone Calls

(2) Visits, No Communion

(4) Cards Sent

Communion Team Members:

Lorraine Bummert

Ardus Cleveland

Carol Dahl

Judy Brockman, Coordinator

HOSPITALITY

THANK YOU – Karen Pielhop, Beverly Scott, Marcia & Clar Brodt and Ardus & John Cleveland for providing refreshments for Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship in January.

STEWARDSHIP/OUTREACH

1. Hosted Washburn Neighborhood meeting 1/22/19
2. We are providing fifteen \$10 festival gift cards for Hamilton
3. Attended La Crosse synod meeting 2/2/19 regarding ELCA World Hunger
4. Sheila made envelopes for Souper bowl of giving on 2/3/19 and we placed collection

bins for wafer food. So far we have collected \$179 for world hunger.

5. We are readying our Lenten 40-days of giving program.
6. With much gratitude we thank Sheila for all of the help and technical support that she gives us—without her we would not be able to do any of this.

Committee members: John Heim, John Cleveland, Joyce Wichelt



Wednesday, March 6th.

We will have a worship service at noon with holy communion. This will be our only Lenten Service. Please worship with us on Ash Wednesday and then find a church to worship with on the following Wednesdays.



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10th.

Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before retiring for the evening on Saturday, March 9th.

During Lent 2019, St Paul's will join together with fellow Lutherans in carrying out God's work around the world. Participating in ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving, our Congregation has been called to pray and work for a more just world where all are fed. Statistics remind us that nearly 800 million people in the world live in extreme poverty (less than \$1.90 a day). As a Congregation and as individuals, we are asked to set personal goals. Years ago, we used the dime folder and then the quarter folder. What will you do in 2019?

As individuals and families working together as a Congregation and Synod, we can achieve things on a scale we could never do alone. For example, in 2018, the La Crosse Area Synod contributed over \$132,000 to World Hunger. St Paul's was an active participant.

For many generations during Lent, Christians have engaged in four traditional spiritual practices - self examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love. Beginning Ash Wednesday, take time to become personally involved in the above in your own way. Each week, you will receive a weekly study guide designed to assist individuals and families in delving more deeply into the Lenten practices of repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love. Set a goal for yourself. Special envelopes will be provided for your sacrificial gifts.

May God bless your 40 day Lenten journey to the Cross. May your Lenten involvement enrich your faith and your commitment to sharing in the work God is doing in our world.

As stated by Bishop Mark Holmerud:

- * Christ has no body but mine, no hands but mine, no feet but mine.
- * Mine are the eyes through which we are to see Christ's compassion for the world.
- * Mine are the feet with which Christ is to go about doing good.
- * Mine are the hands with which Christ is to bless now. Amen.

Your Outreach/Stewardship Team



To God you shall return

The traditional Ash Wednesday words "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return" might seem depressing. But in our often death-denying culture, some might find it refreshing to hear the frank statement that we can do nothing to save ourselves, physically or spiritually — that, no matter how we try to avoid sin, we can't untangle ourselves from self-interest. How liberating, then, to know we don't have to! God loves us as we are and sent Jesus to break sin's power over us.

A pastor described Ash Wednesday as the point you can pinch in the middle of a long piece of ribbon, such that when you lift it high, the two ends — one symbolizing our baptism and the other, our funeral — meet and touch. We come from dust and will return to dust, but we also come from God and will return to God. Ash Wednesday reminds us that we're always safe in God's love.



Mission of the Month Helping Hands

We continue to focusing on Helping Hands—fund within the congregation that assists individuals and families requesting help for necessities which are funded according to the monies available. The funds are distributed at the discretion of the Pastor. Donations may be designated for the Helping Hand Fund and placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.



Please remember these members with a prayer, card or visit



Bethany on Cass

Dorothy Schatzley

Bethany Riverside

Janice Elstad
Corrine Heins

Welcome Home

June Kjome

Eagle Crest South

Karen Kesselring


Onalaska Care Center

Carol Francis
Joan Ekberg

RBI Caring Hearts

Lorraine Fancher

- March 05 Roger Beckstrom
Gwen Lewandowski
Amanda Tomten
- March 08 Lester Johnson
- March 11 Merrill Gardner
- March 20 Dick Figgie
- March 29 Layne Sorenson
- March 30 Justin Tomten

	Mar 04	Marcia Brodt
	Mar 11	Jan Ostreng
	Mar 18	John Heim
	Mar 25	Kathie Vongroven



ATTENDANCE

02/03	59
02/10	39
02/17	41
02/24	No Service

Date	C & B 6% to the synod	Current All stays at St. Paul's	Design.	Total
02/03	\$1032.00	\$1255.00	\$305.50	\$2592.50
02/10	\$642.00	\$832.00	\$180.00	\$1654.00
02/17	\$994.00	\$905.00	\$820.00	\$2719.00
02/24		NO	SERVICE	

Worship Volunteers for March 2019

Ministries	March 03	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Reader	John Cleveland	John Heim	Julie Schroeder	Cheryl Peters	John Heim
Communion Assistant	Shannon Craig Ed Keuper	Jared Tomten	Kurt Schroeder	Julie Schroeder	Cheryl Peters
Chancel Care	Beverly Scott Fran Ellefson	Beverly Scott Fran Ellefson	Chris Everson	Chris Everson	Nancy Jones
Ushers	Roger Johnson Team	Roger Johnson Team	Roger Johnson Team	George Brockman Team	George Brockman Team

Sponsors—Flowers for March 2019

- March 03
- March 10 LENT—NO FLOWERS
- March 17 LENT—NO FLOWERS
- March 24 LENT—NO FLOWERS
- March 31 LENT—NO FLOWERS

FLOWERS—\$24

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. PAUL'S

If you donate the flowers, please take them after the service and distribute them as you wish.