



MID-WEEK WORSHIP  
WEDNESDAYS AT  
10:00AM & 6:00PM

### Special Dates

Guest Preacher on  
March 17 & 18  
Rev. Dr. Ron Meyer

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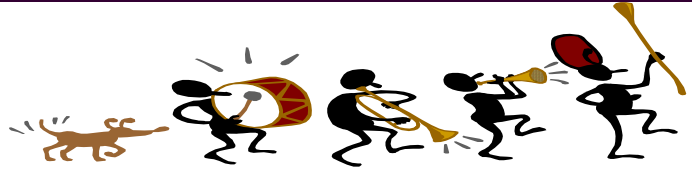
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### March 2012

#### From your Pastor

**March.** A month so named after Mars, the Roman god of war. Our neighbor planet in the solar system is named Mars because of its blood-red color. Soldiers are trained to *march* as a group, in step, a ritual that has its roots in the ancient order of battle. In my high school phys-ed days, our instructor taught us how to march – to the right face, left face, about face, halt – all of that. We also took turns leading a squad of our classmates, giving orders as we marched each other all over the gym. I recall



marching my group into walls, blind corners, and creating chaos out of order. I'm reminded that our Lord has called His Church into unity. Paul, in I Corinthians 12, describes the Church as the body of Christ...many parts – one body. "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is part of it." (I Corinthians 12:27) Each part of the body is important, the Apostle reminds us, each part has a role to play. "The eye cannot say to the hand,

'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!'" (12:21) How marvelous it is to join in ministry with all of you! The gifts, talents, and abilities God has given you to serve the body of Christ as we march together with Him before us, beside us, and behind us, is a wonder to see! Christ is our commander, and He leads us in mission and ministry as we follow Him into battle... and we move as one at His order to...*March!*  
*Blessings! Pastor S.*

#### St. Paul's Rich in History

- March 1987**  
Sherry Ugrotzi starts as Church Secretary
- March 18, 1997**  
Pastor Acton accepts call to serve as Senior Pastor
- March 20, 2001**  
City Council unanimously approves St. Paul's request for a special use permit for the Early Childhood Center building to

- replace the Grant St. school building.
- March 18, 2003** Voters approve list of improvements at Lincoln Ave. site( church office relocation, handicap accessible restroom, replace windows in classrooms, remodel kitchen & remodel gym)
- March 6, 2006** Cove lights in church used for the first time.



- March 25, 2007** Bylaws changed to make Pres. & V. Pres . Terms 2 years (can still serve 3 terms)

### February Council Highlights

The Council approved the request of the Board of Trustees to replace the old floor scrubbing machine at the ECC with a new machine from the Palmer Company. To fulfill an IRS requirement, the Council set the housing allowance guidelines for St. Paul's rostered employees.

*The Board of Trustees* reported that all of our rental units are now rented.  
*The Board of Christian Education* re-

ported that:

- two candidates are being interviewed for the Part-Time Youth Position;
- registration for the new school year will take place on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> for the majority of those who have attended our school or have told us that definitely they will be attending;
- March 3-10 is Lutheran Education

Week, and

- a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary observance for Mr. Woller and Mrs. Van Dyke is being planned for Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

*Submitted by Ralph Conrad*



## Group Bible Studies

### Kids Bible Hour

Sunday mornings at 9:15  
3,4,5 year olds Room 103  
Grades 1,2 Room 102  
Grades 3,4,5 Room 101  
Grades 5-8 Conference Room



### Psalms

Everyone is invited to join us on Monday's at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall as we discuss Psalms.  
Leader: Laurel Privatt

### Wednesday Evening Class

Will resume in April

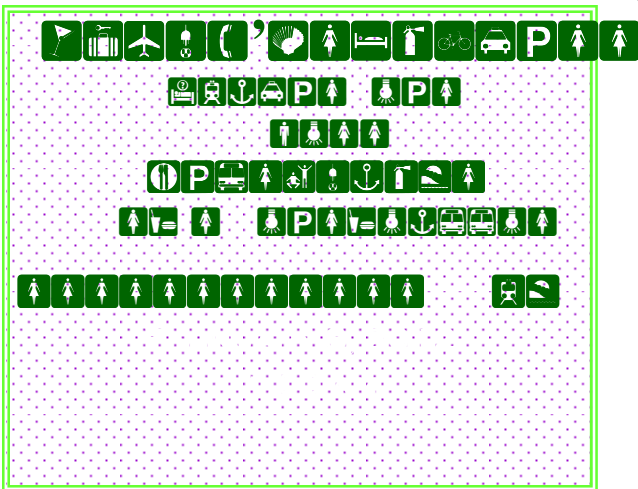
### Thursday Morning Bible Study

Be here at 10:00am each Thursday in the Fellowship Hall as we gather together to learn more of God's wonderful teachings.  
Leader in March: Frank Gabler

### The Pastors Class

Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall "ROMANS" By Charles A. Gieschen **BRING YOUR BIBLES!**

## Senior Pastor Call Update



### **AT OUR VOTER'S MEETING**

We placed a call to Rev. Harold Bender Jr. of Quincy, Illinois to become our Senior Pastor. Please keep Pastor Bender, his family and current congregation in your prayers as he considers this call.

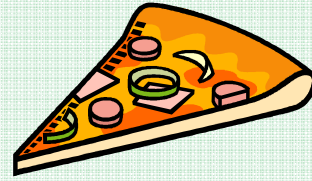
**It's time to order your  
Easter Flowers**  
 Order envelopes are by the  
 elevator & by the Flower Chart near the front doors of the  
 Church.

## Interested in Becoming an Usher?

The ministry of ushering is a vital part of our church ministry. Ushers represent the church in a very visible way, conveying friendliness and hospitality to worshipers, helping to set the tone in preparation for the worship service and contributing to the orderliness of the service. An usher crew typically serves at regular church services once every third week and more infrequently at special services during the week, such as at Lenten and Advent services. All usher crews share in serving at these special services. If you are a confirmed member of St. Paul's who would like to serve your Lord and share His love with your fellow members and guests as part of this important ministry or would just like more information about ushering at St. Paul's, please contact Al Couturier, usher chairperson, or the church office.



## Sr. Fun Seekers



Hopefully those of you who are going to Palermo's on Tuesday 3/13 have signed up. You should find directions in your mailbox.

We need to be there at 1:15.

Listed below are the other activities we have planned for the next few months. If any of these pique your interest we would be happy to have you join us. All of the events need reservations so we need to know if you are going and also your payment made by the dates listed with each event. All of the events are handicapped accessible.

May 4th Friday 8:00pm Cost: \$6.00

**Choral concert at Wisconsin Lutheran College.** Everyone enjoyed the Christmas Concert so we thought you may like to attend another one. We need to know by Sunday April 1st.

June 13th Wednesday 1:00pm Cost: \$24.00

**Lake Geneva Boat Tour.** We will be taking a full lake tour lasting about 2 hours. It begins at 1:00pm. We plan on stopping to eat after the tour. Place to eat to be determined. We need your reservation by Sunday May 20th.

August ?????

**S.C. Johnson Company in Racine.** They will not have their tour days and times finalized till sometime in May. We will schedule definite day and time then.

Lenten Services ~ Come ~ through God's Holy Word Let us walk with Jesus, Beholding all the events along the way. Bringing us to the foot of the cross where Jesus willingly bore our sins ~ Where Jesus willingly bore our punishment ~ Where Jesus willingly died ~ that we may live with Him forevermore in paradise.

By Elaine Lemke

## Lenten Meals

Lenten meals will continue in March through Lent. If you are able to spend an hour serving or helping with cleanup that would be great! Call Shelly Mueller if you're willing to join the fun!



**The Sojourner Family Peace Center** is looking for volunteers. There are many opportunities to volunteer on the Domestic Violence Hotline, with battered women and their children, at Sojourner Truth House and more. Please call Jessica at 414-933-2722 for further information.



## *LADIES AID*

Ladies Aid will celebrate St. Patrick's Day at their meeting on

Wednesday March 7th

in the

Fellowship Hall

"A Wee Bit of Ireland through history and music" will be presented by

violinist Laurel Privatt.

The meeting will begin after the Lenten Worship Service. We will also have the LWML

Happy Birthday to  
our wonderful  
Parish Nurse  
Gretchen Ficken.



Thank you for your many  
years of faithful service at  
St. Paul's !



# Amazing Volunteers

Did you know that we have **3 Ushers** who have provided their services to St. Paul's continually since the early **1960's**? That's over **50 years** of dedication!

AND....

The lady who began our Cradle Roll Program in **1962** is still volunteering her time & talents each and every month! She makes sure that our members from birth to age 3 receives inspirational mailings every two months; birthday cards, invitations to our Kids Bible Hour as well as other helpful parent information.

*What a wonderful ministry, and to do it for over 50 years!!!*

So, the next time you see someone around the church volunteering their time & talents, be sure to thank them for their faithful service! St. Paul's is a much better place thanks to the many wonderful people who have served here over the years.

## Thank You



Martin Luther High School Drama Dept. presents **"HONK"** on March 9 & 10 at 7:00pm and on March 11 at 2:00pm at the High School. Tickets range from \$2.00 – \$6.00. Call 421-4000 for more information..

Ladies our next book club is Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in the foyer at the Grant Street building. Our book selection is The Mercy. The third book in "The Rose" trilogy. We are all looking forward to this third and final book! If you would like to come to book club, we would love to have you! If you are coming to the March book club, please read The Thorn and The Mercy. These are really great books and are a pretty easy read. The books can be found at the library or can be purchased at the Family Christian bookstore on 76<sup>th</sup> Street. If you have any questions, please call or email me at 546-4652 or [4ricards@att.net](mailto:4ricards@att.net).



Thank you!  
Jennifer Ricard

The Ladies Guild thanks everyone for making the "Mitten Barrel" project a HUGE success.

Your donations were divided and taken to two different places in our community - The Good Samaritan on 59th & Burnham St. and Hope Lutheran Church who we send our food pantry items to. Both of these wonderful outlets were moved and deeply appreciated the generosity of the people of St. Paul's.

*Start saving for next Fall.*





# March 2012

## Monthly Planner

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*Pastor Stanton's Emergency Numbers*  
 414-327-1239 or 414-731-0152

# GUATEMALA TEAM NEWS

Our mission team was blessed to share our assigned Bible lesson, Mark 8:31-38, and teaching skits with the St. Paul's children's chapel service. In this lesson, Peter tries to tell Jesus that He should not have to suffer and die. Jesus tells Peter that he shouldn't be tempted by Satan, because Jesus has to be punished and die and rise for us so that we may be covered with Jesus' holiness and someday enter eternal life with Him.

The Bible verse we were given to teach is **Romans 1:16a: "I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes."** We will be teaching it in Guatemala, in Spanish. Jesus has made a commitment (promise) to us, so we should resist temptation and promise to follow Him as we are infused with His Spirit.

We plan to teach the Guatemalan children this lesson by engaging them in our three skits in Spanish. Skit 1 involves a mother needing help from her son who would rather play football with his friends and sasses back. A second scene is then acted out where the boy resists temptation to sass his mom and works out a solution with her to follow Jesus' way. Skit 2 involves a little girl given a doll found in the market place and her temptation to keep it instead of returning it to her friend. Again – follow Jesus. Commit! Skit 3 shows a gang of boys ready to spray-paint graffiti in the market place. One boy does not go along with this. A policeman (Bob Reynolds) appears. The boy is afraid he is in trouble. The policeman assures him that he is a Christian and not to be afraid of him. He tells the boy that he has chosen the right thing to do and that he may go home. The boy has followed Jesus.

One of the songs we will teach the Guatemalan children is "I Am Happy to Follow Jesus, Forevermore." We will teach this song in Spanish to the Guatemalan children as we did for the St. Paul's school children in chapel. "Estoy feliz Seguir a Jesus, Para Siempre."

The necklace cross (illustrated on the easel in the church narthex) shows what will be made by the 400+ Guatemalan children from the kits our own St. Paul's students prepared for us to bring.

The adults will be taught several Spanish songs, along with the lesson and Bible verse on their level. Each family will be given one of the 100+ patterned home crosses our ECC children made for them.

Our mission team asks you to pray each day we are gone (suggestions follow). We leave on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and return Sunday evening, March 11. Beginning March 4, SUNDAY, please pray that God would soften the hearts of the Guatemalans to receive the message of Jesus; MONDAY – that our team would have hearts open to serving in whatever way God directs; TUESDAY – that those who are visited in their homes would receive comfort and hope found only in Jesus; WEDNESDAY – that the people of Guatemala would look to God for provision of all their needs; THURSDAY – that all on our team and those in Guatemala would be safe from harm; FRIDAY - that God would continue to use and bless the ministry team of Groundwork Guatemala to reach the lost and to disciple the found; SATURDAY – that God would move the hearts of His followers everywhere to reach out and serve those He has placed in their paths.

Thank you so much for your prayers which have lifted and strengthened each of us as we make our final preparations for our departure; may God's perfect work be accomplished through our service. We thank and praise God for this special opportunity to share His work and to bring needed school and craft supplies, medicine, hygienic and other supplies to the mission house in Guatemala City.

Again, thank you (muchas gracias!), St. Paul's brothers and sisters, for your generous support and constant prayers.

***"A la verdad, no me avergüenzo del evangelio, pues es poder de Dios para la salvacion de todos los que creen." (Romanos 1:16a)***



## ON THE ROAD....

Roads and paths, Roman highways and shepherd's trails, Biblical Palestine was crisscrossed with them. People leaving somewhere and headed toward someplace...what's left behind can be as significant as what lies ahead.

Our 2012 midweek and Holy Week Lenten series focuses on some **roads to** and **from** in the Bible. Roads that we'll walk together.

Wednesday, March 7

ON THE ROAD TO BETHANY

*Questions With Wet Feet* John 1:19-28

Wednesday, March 14

ON THE WIDE ROAD

*It's A Broadway Show* Mark 7:13-14

Wednesday, March 21

ON THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

*When Fury Gives Orders* Matthew 2:1-18

Wednesday, March 28

ON THE ROAD TO NINEVEH

*When We'd Rather Go On A Cruise* Jonah 1:1-17

Maundy Thursday, April 5

ON THE ROAD TO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

*With A Hymn To Sing* Mark 14:12-31

Good Friday, April 6

ON THE ROAD TO A CEMETERY (Good Friday)

*With Something To Bury* Matthew 27:57-61

Easter Sunday, April 8

ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS (Easter Sunday)

*With A Good Case Of Heartburn* Luke 24:13-35

