



### **Purpose Statement**

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

### **News for Sunday March 19**

**Join us for Worship at St. Paul at 9:00 a.m.**

Click [HERE](#) for the St. Paul bulletin

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**We Remember in Prayer;** those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Lila Edeus, Lori Dewey, Harold Julifs, John Ukena, and Berta Beyer.

### **THIS AFTERNOON**

**6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Graders: Join us for Tri Church Teen Time at the Duis Center on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2:00 p.m.** We will be gathering during this open swim time at the Duis Center to share life and God's love together! We will also share some updates on the Abounding Love & Life Trip June 18-21! The Duis Center is located at 211 East 23rd Street in Sterling. Entry fee to swim is \$6.50. We want everyone to be able to participate—if you are in need of a sponsorship to participate please speak privately with Pastor Makayla. All 6th-12 graders are welcome! Y'all are welcome to head to a no host lunch after the education hour before we swim! Those participating will choose the location.

### **Card Shower!**

Let's shower Florence Pfundstein with cards for her 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Her birthday is Saturday, March 25. Her address is: 29020 Penrose Road, Sterling.

### **Synod WLECA Women's Retreat Saturday April 29 at LOMC from 9am-3pm**

Pastor Makayla is leading "Women at the Well" Retreat. Join us for bible study, fellowship, worship and more! Please let Pastor know by March 26 if you would like to attend so we can register a group from our church. Registration forms can be filled out and are in the back of the sanctuary.

### **Lent Happenings!**

There are two opportunities to join in **Lenten Midweek worship hosted jointly by St. Paul and Immanuel**. St. Paul is hosting an in-person day time service and Immanuel is hosting an evening in-person opportunity. **You are most welcome to worship with St. Paul on Wednesdays (March 1-29) at 12:15 p.m.** Lenten Lunch will be offered prior to worship. There is additional info about Lenten Lunches below. **Immanuel welcomes you to an evening prayer service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays (March 1-29).** The content of the 12:15 & 6:30 p.m. Lenten Midweek services will be the same with Pastor Makayla, Pastor Bree and Intern Michelle leading as they are able.

**Lenten Lunches:** During Wednesdays in Lent, (22, & 29) St. Paul welcomes you to enjoy a light lunch. **Soup, bread, and dessert will be served at 11:30 a.m.** Mid-week worship will be from 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. and you are welcome to eat after the service as well. To-go containers will also be provided.

### **Mark your calendar! DATE CHANGE**

**Spring Cleaning Outdoor Workday** – Saturday, March 25 – 9:30 a.m. – Bring rakes, gloves, etc.

Rain date – April 1 No foolin!

**Easter egg hunt | Candy needed:** Easter Sunday is **April 9**. Immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service, we will be having an Easter egg hunt for kids of all ages. We are planning for outside, but will still have the hunt inside in case of rain. Congregation, we are asking for donations of individually packed candy, stickers, little toys (needs to fit inside plastic eggs). You can pick up a bag of empty eggs at church, fill them, then bring them to the church no later than Sunday, April 2. Or, just bring your candy, etc. donation to the church and we'll fill the eggs. Thank you for your support of this fun event for the children and youth of St. Paul.

**Chili Supper** The Rock Falls Congregational Church (905 Dixon Avenue) is having a chili supper on Saturday, March 25, from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Chili, Soup, Dessert & Beverage will be served. Everyone is welcome! A free-will offering is greatly appreciated.

**The Morrison Ecumenical Chorus** will present the Lent and Easter portions of G.F. Handel's "Messiah" on Palm Sunday, April 2, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 601 North Jackson Street in Morrison. The concert, which is sponsored by the Morrison Ministers Council, begins at 7 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken to cover expenses, with any extra funds going to the Ministers Council to help with their activities. All are invited to share in this special way to begin Holy Week.

## **Children's Offering**

**In March and April** the children's offering will support our synod partners in Tanzania and India. The offerings will be sent directly to non-profit organizations that work with the North Central Diocese of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and the Arcot Lutheran Church (ALC) in India. The Friends of Mwangaza supports education programs that tackle issues related to teaching, learning, public health, empowering women, and building community in Tanzania. Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry supports education through financially supporting students at the ALC boarding homes in India. Check out both organizations here: <https://lutheranpartners.org/what-we-do> <https://www.mwangazapartnership.org/>

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### **THIS WEEK**

**Monday – Friday, March 20-24**

**The building will be opened for scheduled events**

**Tuesday – March 14**

LWR Quilting – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 22**

Lenten Lunch at 11:30 a.m.

*Host: Nancy Eilers*

*Soup: Immanuel*

*Bread: Immanuel*

*Dessert: Immanuel*

Worship at St. Paul at 12:15p

Worship – at Immanuel at 6:30 p.m.

**Friday – March 24**

**April Newsletter article deadline**

**Next Saturday – March 25**

Spring Outdoor Work Day – 9:30 a.m.

**Next Sunday – March 26**

Worship/Communion at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Teen Time at 10:00 a.m.

**Next week's Worship Assistants – March 26**

Opener – Chad Arians

Head Usher – Chad Arians

Acolytes – *Volunteer Needed*

Greeters – Audrey Cox, Cathey Cox

Ushers – John Renner, Keith Peugh

Reader – Keith Peugh

Sound – Jim Gorman

Closer – Arians family

Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer Needed*