



# News and Announcements

**ST. PAUL'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Sunday, March 19, 2023**  
*The Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

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## Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Whether you are joining us in person or online, we would love to know you are here, and how we can connect with you in the midst of our life together. You can use your device to scan the QR code ([or click on the image](#)) to the right that will take you to an online info and attendance form.



**SCAN ME**

As we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion in all of our worship services today, please know that you are welcome at this Table. We practice an open table at St. Paul's, where all are invited to receive the gifts of God's grace in bread and wine, without precondition, membership status, or frequency of worship. The Spirit who gathers us as a community, also gathers you to receive bread and wine.

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## Congregational Meeting Invitation

Our church leadership has begun exploring strategies for strengthening the financial future of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. As a first step, we have commissioned a study, led by Scott McKenzie of Horizons Stewardship, to assess the feasibility of moving forward with a capital campaign to support some or all of the priorities outlined in a [Case Statement](#) available at the worship entrance station, and mailed to households this past week. We invite you to attend a **special congregational meeting on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 11:15 a.m., directly after our combined worship service at 10:00 a.m.**, at which Scott and several of our church leaders will review an early plan for a possible campaign, answers questions, and facilitate discussion. This meeting will be held onsite in the historic sanctuary and online by Zoom, with credentials available through the Wednesday newsletter and home mailing.

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## Easter Candy Fundraiser



Do you like Easter candy? Aren't cream-filled chocolate eggs delicious? Well, it's time to place your order! The Creative Fundraising Committee's handy, dandy, candy connoisseurs are ready to use their considerable candy-making skills to create homemade chocolate treats for your upcoming Easter celebrations. See the green insert at the worship entrance station for additional details to place your order!

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## Easter Flower Dedications

Help adorn our worship space for Easter with flower memorials and dedications! We have pre-ordered a select amount of tulips, hyacinths, and lilies, available on a first-come, first-available status. You may also make a financial gift in honor or memory without receiving a flower. The deadline for flower orders is Monday, March 27, 2023, and [you can sponsor through the green order form](#) available at the worship entrance station or by contacting the church office.

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## This Coming Week at St. Paul's

**Sunday, March 19** - Contemporary Worship @ 9:00 a.m. (Spangler Hall) ~ Praise Team Rehearsal (Spangler Hall) & GIFT Hour @ 10:00 a.m. (SH classrooms) ~ Sanctuary Worship @ 11:00 a.m. (historic sanctuary + Facebook Live)

**Monday, March 20** - Executive Committee Meeting @ 10:45 a.m. (Zoom) ~ Pastor Ed's Public Office Hours @ 1:00 p.m. (Timonium Panera Bread)

**Tuesday, March 21** - Study This Sunday @ 12:30 p.m. (Zoom) ~ Chancel Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30 p.m. (PH Music Room) ~ Congregational Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. (SH Youth Room)

**Wednesday, March 22** - Midweek Lent Worship @ 7:00 p.m. (historic sanctuary + Facebook Live)

**Sunday, March 26** - Combined Worship @ 10:00 a.m. (historic sanctuary + Facebook Live) ~ Congregational Meeting @ 11:15 a.m. (historic sanctuary + Zoom)

## Lenten Outreach

*Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ. When Jesus washes his disciple's feet, he is engaging in an act of humble service as a way of commissioning them for carrying on the work of the Gospel. When he finishes that washing, he says they should go and do likewise. In this way to carry on that work, we engage in this collection and assembly to serve those in need.*

Natural disasters and conflict-driven emergencies ravage the lives and livelihoods of hundreds of millions of people each year. In the days and weeks after a disaster, **Lutheran World Relief** is on the ground helping to meet people's immediate needs. **Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits** provide the basics that families need to care for their newest members. We ask you to shop for these babies so that they have a chance.

On Maundy Thursday, St. Paul's will assemble *Baby Care Kits* at a special time during the service and continue our many year's tradition of assembling care kits for those in need.

**Please purchase as many of these items listed below as you wish.**

*They can be purchased at area stores like Target, Walmart and 'Dollar' stores or on Amazon.*



- **Lightweight cotton t-shirts - no 'Onesies' (2)**
- **Long or short sleeved sleepers or tops and bottoms (2)**
- **Medium-weight blankets, cotton - like receiving blankets 36" or 52" square (2)**
- **Sweatshirt with hood or sweater and include a baby cap (1)**
- **Socks (2)**
- **Dove full size bath soap in original wrapping (2)**

*All Kit items should be new, sizes between 6 and 24 months, nothing decorated with US flags, patriotic, military or religious symbols and no camouflage. The number listed after the item is how many items go into each Kit, (just FYI).*

Monetary donations are welcome and will fund diapers (4), diaper pins (2), and towels (1), to purchase items to fill out the Kits and shipping supplies. If you give by check, please make your check payable to St. Paul's and write "LWR Baby Kits" on the memo line. Place items in the gray Social Ministry collection bins in Spangler Hall and outside the Wilkening Room. Collections continue through Sunday, April 2.

## Update Your Contact Information

In advance of a printing of our Church Directory, we would love to have your updated contact information and/or household photo! [You may use the online form](#) and share a recent digital photograph by using the submission link or contacting the church office via Sharon Greason at [office@stpaulslutherville.org](mailto:office@stpaulslutherville.org). Responses are due by Sunday, April 2. Thank you!

## Praying for Our Community

**Prayer List:** James Albright, Jackie Bosley, Jim Buechting, Claudenia Burgemeister, Gabriel DeJesus, Joe DePasquale, Carter Diamond, Ellie Fader, Christine Ferciot, Joe & Cindy Feinour, Giacubeno family, Gurkin family, Barbara Hoban, Annette Howard, Zachary Hueter, TR James, Jeri Johnson, Kendall Kelly, Maureen Kelly, Ed Kemp, Melissa Krofka, Kathy Lumsden, Luke Markins, Mike McDuffen, Donna Morris-Snoussi, Donna & Mike Nagrabski, Samantha Nagrabski, Nikki Ortuglio, Merton Peitersen, Pyles family, Walt Radek, William Randall, Martha Rediehs, Sara Reynolds, Rich Rosario, Alexander Russo, Jearlean "Jeri" Sanders, Olga Schmidt, Bob Schult, Marianna Shea, Joan Sheckells, Walter Sprinkle, Dee Taylor, Michael Taylor, Renate' Taylor, Pat Thompson, Paul & Dot Tucker-Houk, David Visscher, Jeani & Marsha Wagner, Roxy White, Tom Wilhide, Dee Zimmer

*(Additions to the Prayer List this week are listed in italics)*