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The Messenger

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Pastor's Message

There is snow on the ground, Ash Wednesday has past and Lent is upon us. Though winter reminds us that it is not quite done, Lent is just another word for spring. What happens in Springtime? Plants, dormant through the winter, put out new foliage and blossoms. Animals, hibernating to avoid the cold and lack of food, begin to stir; many soon to have new offspring. Water itself, frozen and hard in lakes, streams, and the ground, begins to move to nourish it all, teeming with life and possibility. Against this backdrop, Lent might seem misnamed. Customarily a time of penitence and self reflection, Lent is associated with Christians emphasizing - as an old prayer book confession puts it - their acknowledgment and bawling of their "manifold sins and wickedness." People give things up to remind them of the season and their penitence. Churches take on purple, blue, and other dark colors as a sign of humility and mortality.

As the northern hemisphere moves into life, Christians might seem a few steps behind, even looking back towards the winter of sin. Yet if we think of Lent as a season of only bawling, we miss the point. Lent is meant to be a time of preparation for the spiritual Spring of Easter so we are ready to live as fully into the mystery of resurrection as we possibly can. If resurrection is new life springing forth, then Lent is the much needed preparation of our souls much like soil must be prepared in early spring to ensure the best growth. As ground must be broken and tilled, so our hearts must be broken with the acknowledgment of our sins. As ground must be weeded and freed from

toxins, so we must intentionally remove those things that keep us from following our Lord. As ground must be fertilized and watered to help give growth, so we must be nourished by the Word and Sacrament. Lent, then, is indeed properly named. It even starts with a harsh confrontation of our sin, much like Spring begins with a muddy melt-off. Both are harbingers of new life and growth.

As the same prayer book declares, "I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." The growing season will be on us soon enough, so together lets ensure our souls - like the soil in our valley - are prepared.

Eric+

Lent & Holy Week Schedule

Adult Lenten Studies

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26

6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Supper and Study @ St. Peter's parish hall

Holy Week

Mundy Thursday

7:00 pm @ Dansville Presbyterian

Good Friday

Noontime Crosswalk @ Church Park Gazebo

and 7:00 pm Service @ St. Peter's.

Loads of Love

Individuals can receive funding for 3 loads of washing and drying.
Families can receive funding for 5 loads of washing and drying.

Our schedule will be as follows:

Eagle Laundromat on West Avenue

March 7th: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

March 23rd: 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

April 4th: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

April 20th: 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Family Laundromat, 20 Franklin St.

March 9th: 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

March 21st: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

April 6th: 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

April 18th: 8:30 am - 11:30 am



*Please consider joining the team to help with this new ministry.
Contact Joan Brydges or Ann Myers.*

February Council Update

A new council has been installed and is ready to get busy doing the work of God and St. Paul's Lutheran Church for the coming year. Please be sure to thank our outgoing council members, Nancy Faulds, Cindy Wagner and Sally Jansch, for selflessly giving their time and talents over the last several years and for being good stewards of our church community. Please also thank Paul Button and Ann Myers for agreeing to join council and bring their talents over the coming year.

At the first meeting of the newly seated council, we elected council officers: Tom Miller/President, Ann Myers/Vice President, Penny Leven/Secretary, Penny Leven/Financial Secretary and Gerri Long re-appointed as Treasurer. Returning to council this year are Henry Robin/Property and Heather Robin/Youth Group. Everyone's commitment to our church community is so greatly appreciated.

We continued to discuss our partnership with Elim Gospel as they held their first services and had a fantastic turn out. There is a plan for them

to move to two Sunday's per month, up from just one that was originally planned. The folks at Elim have offered to paint the old Boy Scout rooms upstairs and to lighten up the downstairs hall as well.

This year's Ash Wednesday services will be held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church at *both* noon and 7:00 pm on February 26th. The dual service should provide convenience so that more parishioners may attend.

Pastor Eric Thompson has settled into his role as our new Transitional Pastor. He is such a blessing. His children's sermons and adult sermons alike have been outstanding. Our family spends the drive back to South Dansville each Sunday discussing our takeaways from what he has taught us. He brings many new ideas for partnerships with the other churches in our area to spread the Word of God. We look forward to growing together over the coming year!

Tom Miller
Church Council President

Sunday School



The Sunday School has finally decided! Thanks to your generous donations, we have chosen our Good Gifts! They include:

- 1 rooster
- 1 goat with a flock of chicks
- 1 goat
- 2 piglets
- 1 honeybee colony
- 4 fruit tree saplings
- 6 blankets
- 6 Bibles
- 1 Sunday school start up kit

We are learning so much about ourselves from each other in Sunday school. Lessons about Jonah and the whale and Noah and the Ark are teaching us to listen to Gods word. We will soon be learning more about Lent and how important it is. We will keep you posted on any future activities.

See you in Sunday School!
Joetta, Heather, and Penny

The kids really enjoyed discussing with one another their choices.



Youth Group is back in full swing!

We have 9 young people on a regular basis. We helped put together the health care essential kits for World Relief, and we talked to the kids about their blessings.

Our meetings are every other Monday from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. We are looking forward to the Hunger Hop after Easter and planning another community service event for the Spring.

Thank you, Penny



March Birthdays

- Abi Skelly
March 2
- Gerri Long
March 12
- Glenn Gates
March 14
- Nancy Smith
March 14

Please contact the Church Office if we missed anyone.

Counters: Tom Miller/Ann Myers *March*
 Tom Miller/Henry Robin *April*

Worship Helpers

DATE	DEACON	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	USHERS/GREETER
March 1	Ann Myers	Gerri Long	Ellie Mountzouros	Glenn Gates Bill Shaver
March 8	Carolyn Baker	Henry Robin		Dick Sahrle Bob Whiteman
March 15	Paul Smith	Tom Miller	Jocelyn Miller	Paul Button Rodney Button
March 22	Penny Leven	Olivia Miller		Tarry Priestly <i>and one other</i>
March 29	<i>(someone to read prayers)</i>	Glenn Gates		Glenn Gates Bill Shaver
April 5	Ann Myers	Henry Robin	Ellie Mountzouros	Dick Sahrle Bob Whiteman

If you cannot be a helper on your appointed day, please trade OR call the Church Office.

Easter Lilies

It is a tradition to decorate our sanctuary with a large cross of Easter Lilies. Dedicating a lily is a loving way to remember those who have passed on.

It is time to place your order!

Orders must be in by **April 1st**.

Make checks payable to: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

For more information call the Church Office (335-5260).



Lily Order

Your Name _____

Please check:

_____ In Memory of _____

_____ In Honor of _____

_____ To the Glory of God



Number of PLANTS _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Please check:

_____ I will pick up after the Easter Service.

_____ I will leave it to be given to a shut-in.

March 2020

☰	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Mar 1, 2020 Lent Begins 9:15am Communion	2	3	4	5	6	7
			9am ↻ Secretary in	6:30am Choir	6am ↻ Lent Eat & Study	9am ↻ Secretary in	8:30am LaundryLove-Eagle
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Daylight Savings Begins Lent 2 9:15am Worship 10:15am ↻ LittleCoffeeHr  Set clocks 1 hour AHEAD!	4:30am LaundryLove-Fam. 9am ↻ Secretary in	9am ↻ Secretary in	6:30am Choir	6am ↻ Lent Eat & Study	9am ↻ Secretary in	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Lent 3 9:15am Communion		Newsletter deadline St. Patrick's Day 9am Secretary in	6:30am Choir	6am ↻ Lent Eat & Study	9am ↻ Secretary in	8:30am LaundryLove-Fam.
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	↻ Geneseo Outreach Lent 4 9:15am Worship	4:30am LaundryLove-Eagle 9am ↻ Secretary in	9am ↻ Secretary in	6:30am Choir	6am ↻ Lent Eat & Study	9am ↻ Secretary in	 H.O.P.E. Lunch 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at St. Peter's Episcopal
	29	30	31				
	Lent 5 9:15am Worship		9am ↻ Secretary in				