

Dear St. Paul Family,

**Happy March 1<sup>st</sup>!!** Spring is around the corner! The month of **March** is filled with opportunities for us to come together in **Worship, Fellowship** and **Sharing Gods Word**. So many things happening where do I begin?

### **Worship and Fellowship**

**3/2 Ash Wednesday Lenten Midweek Services** theme is **“In View of God’s Mercy”**

6pm Pulled Pork Dinner (yes, Henry’s famous pulled pork)  
Please bring a dessert to share

**7PM Service with distribution of Ashes**

**3/6 8:45 Service “Bread Sunday”**

**9:45** Please Bring a favorite **Bread**, jam or jelly to share  
Please bring a dessert to share

Thank you Pastor Wahl for this tradition!

**10:00 Our Bread Daily Bible Study** to share while we enjoy or coffee & Bread

**3/9 10:00 St. Paul Book Group** We meet discuss and order Lunch!

This month’s book is **One Friday Afternoon** by T.K. Chapin

**3/13 8:45 Service Daylight Savings Time Begins!**

**3/16 6pm Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner** (Please sign up by 3/9)

**7pm Lenten Service**

**3/20 8:45 Church Service**

**9:45** Coffee and.....

**3/27 8:45 Church Service**

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**3/30 6p Soup and Salad Dinner**

**7pm Lenten Service**

We are very excited for the Stewardship/Evangelism **Bible Discussion**. As before the **Bible study on March 6** begins at home with you! Read over the information, look up the Bible verses, then note your thoughts, reflections, ideas or questions to share when

we meet in person. We Chose **Our Daily Bread** because it ties in beautifully with **Bread Sunday. Jesus is Our Bread of Life!** This Bible study is also from LWML, and is also a one page study (short and sweet). We had a wonderful group of 18-20 women and men that attended the February Bible discussion, lots of sharing and discussion!!

**Lenten Devotions:** We have a few different Lenten Devotions available, and a few different ways to receive and study Gods Word during Lent.

Join The ***Pastor Fluechtling Lenten Challenge***. Read the New Testament starting now thru **Easter Morning**. Approximately 45 minutes a day or 6 chapters. You can read the Bible, listen to on the phone or tablet! Take up the Challenge!!

**Lutheran Hour Ministries *Suffering Servant*** is also available in a few different formats. You can pick up a Booklet at church, or delivered to your email inbox daily, podcast the audio devotional FREE app. You can also listen to it on Spotify, iHeart Radio, Alexa or Google Home. Visit <https://www.lhm.org/lent/> Wow that is a lot of ways to access. **Let's Discuss Devotional on FB** will also be **Lutheran Hour Ministries *Suffering Servant***. [www.facebook.com/groups/st.paul.discuss/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/st.paul.discuss/)

**Abundant Mercy Family Devotions and Activities for Lent** is also available in the parish hall. This booklet has a short reflection that illustrates God's extravagant Love, followed by Receive Mercy with a Prayer and Extend Mercy with ideas to show kindness and forgiveness.

More exciting news Starting **March 1, 2022** we are not requiring masks in the church per the Illinois mandate, but we still recommend wearing masks in church. Every other pew will continue to be roped off for social distancing.

As we enter into this **Lenten Season** and look forward to **Easter** please continue to support **Our Food Basket Program**. This year we will continue to provide Aldi gift cards for our families in need. If you would like to donate to help purchase the gift cards in place of items you would normally purchase, it would be greatly appreciated. Please note on your envelop for Social Ministry or Food Baskets.

Servant of Christ

Deb Brandy

## **OUR DAILY BREAD**

### **(Participant's Worksheet)**

**Daily Bread – Physical Needs** (See Luther's Small Catechism, Lord's Prayer, 4th petition)

- Who supplies our daily bread?
- What does daily bread include?
- Why does Jesus teach us to ask for bread for only "this day?" Read 1 Peter 5:7

**Not by Bread Alone** Read Matthew 4:1-4.

- Many religions require fasting for spiritual cleansing. What are the benefits of fasting?
- Why was Jesus fasting?
- Satan uses our physical desires to turn our attention away from our spiritual needs. What was his first temptation of Jesus?
- How did Jesus respond?

### **Thy Kingdom Come – Spiritual Needs**

- What is meant by "kingdom?" Read Romans 14:17 and Luke 17:21b.
- How does God's kingdom come?
- Why do we continue to pray for God's kingdom to come when Christ already rules in our hearts? Read 2 Peter 3:17, 18.

**Physical Needs vs. Spiritual Needs** Read John 6:25-35

- What did Jesus urge the people to do?
- Where could they get this spiritual food?

- What does God require of His children?

### **God Provides The Bread of Life**

- How do we partake of this Bread of Life?
- What does God want us to desire in life?

How does your church help you grow in faith