

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

February is upon us as we head through another winter. The snow blows and the cold makes us bristle, but what a blessing to know that snow reminds us of God's love and grace.

"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." (Isa. 1:18) I have always loved snow, but not so much the cold. I enjoy the peace of a quiet morning after a huge snowfall. Of course, then the peace is broken by the sound of a snowblower!



February is also a month when many people think about the love of their lives on St. Valentine's day. Many give cards, candy and gifts. Others celebrate by having a nice quiet dinner together. Expressions of love are always a blessing in the lives of those who have vowed to love and cherish one another.

Of course, hearts also get broken. There is the brokenness of grief when a dear loved one passes on to the life to come. There is the brokenness of heart that comes when boyfriends and girlfriends break up. There are the broken hearts that come from infidelity, lies, and loneliness. What a blessing to know that "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those crushed in spirit" (Psa. 34:18) and that "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3)



The last Wednesday of February this year is a day in the church year that calls for another way of being "brokenhearted." February 26 is Ash Wednesday. It is a day where we are called to acknowledge our own sin in all its gravity and remember that our God is brokenhearted over our sinful, wayward ways.

February 26, 2020
10:00am & 6:00pm

Through the psalmist God spoke these words: "They are a people whose hearts go astray" and through the prophet Hosea God asked His people, "What can I do with you? Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears." (Hosea 6:4)

So we gather on Ash Wednesday to do something that most people in our world never do! We gather to express our broken and contrite hearts over our own sins and how we have failed God and others. It is good for the soul to do this. And there is a wonderful promise from our God: "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." (Psalm 51:17)

Thanks be to God that He was so brokenhearted over our sins that He sent His Son, Jesus, to pour out His heart on the cross for our redemption and salvation. Let's gather together to remember this in a deep and meaningful way this Ash Wednesday. See you then!

In Christ's Love, *Pastor Bender*

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Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class ~ “Everyone His Witness”

You will be strengthened in your faith, see others through the eyes of your Savior and most importantly, you will be equipped to share your faith in conversational, informal ways as you live your day to day life.

Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday Morning Bible Study

“A Man Named Martin” Join us for a video-based study on the life and impact of Martin Luther! We meet each Thursday morning in the fellowship Hall from 10:00 – 11:30am. See how one man influenced the church and the world through his study of the Scriptures and his desire for God’s truth!

Men’s Bible Breakfast –The Book of Zechariah

The Book of Zechariah contains many prophecies about the coming of the Messiah, the Savior of the world. We meet on February 15 & 29 in the fellowship hall. **(Note date change)** All men of the congregation are welcome. Come and learn the truth that God has always had a plan for his people in every day and age.

We gather shortly before 7am in the fellowship hall; 79th street doors are open. We eat breakfast, we pray, we grow together in faith, sharing God’s Word and our own lives. We’d love to see you there!

Monday Morning Bible Study – Enough For Now: Unpacking God’s Sufficiency

11:30am in the Library

Leader: Laurel Privatt

Thursday Evening Ladies Study

6:00pm in Room 202

“You Are The Girl For The Job:
Daring to Believe the God Who
Calls You

Leader: Heather Sanchez



**Class Begins
February 13th**

Brothers & Sisters in Christ at St. Paul’s,

It was such a blessing to be with you recently for worship and to share about the ministry in Uganda. Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel. God is working through you to help more people in Uganda hear the message of salvation. You are a blessing to me, personally, as well. Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement and support.

God’s richest blessings to you in Christ.

Rachel Meyer

Ladies Groups

Widows Lunch

The next Widows Lunch will be at 11:00 on February 12th (weather permitting) at Genesis Restaurant 3740 S. 108th Street.



Elizabeth Ministry



We have a facebook page for Elizabeth Ministry for our church!
It is – St. Paul’s Lutheran Church (@elizabethministrysplcwa). Please remember Elizabeth Ministries in your prayers and if you wish to join this group, please contact Julie Avila at elizabethministrysplcwa@gmail.com.

Ladies Book Club

Book Club will meet on February 10th at 6:30pm. The book for February is: *Angels Walking* by Karen Kingsbury.

Ladies Guild

Thank you to all who donated to the Mitten Basket. We were able to donate hats, scarves and gloves to St. Paul’s School. The socks, mittens, gloves *and a new coat* were taken to Hope Food Pantry. We appreciate all who donate to the LWML Mite Box which is in the narthex on the first weekend of each month. Small mite boxes are available in the narthex. Our March meeting will be March 23rd. All ladies are invited.

LWML Mite Box
Collection
February 1 & 2

Quilter's Patch

Anyone interested in quilting is invited to join our quilting group. We will meet February 3 & 17 in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00am.

Come to the Open House at Steeple View – February 16 from Noon – 3:00pm

Are you tired of mowing the lawn and shoveling snow? Is home maintenance getting to be too much of a burden? Why not take advantage of today’s hot real estate market and make the move to Steeple View? You will experience independent living at its best and the carefree lifestyle of an adult Christian community.

Steeple View offers a variety of sizes and floor plans in a suburban environment that’s conveniently located for shopping and all your daily needs. There’s one that’s perfect for your lifestyle. See why the residents of Steeple View have made their move and are already enjoying the numerous amenities and welcoming Christian environment.

Call 414-525-5500 for a personal tour or stop by the Open House on Sunday, Feb. 16 from noon – 3:00 p.m., 12455 W. Janesville Road, Muskego 53150

Christianity in a Post Christian Culture

The Church is no longer a dominant force in our Society.

Saturday, February 29, 2020

9:00am-4:00pm

at St. John Lutheran Church, 4850 S Lake Drive, Cudahy WI

Handicap Accessible

Contact info: stjohnncudahy.org stjud@yahoo.com 414-481-0520

Speaker: Brad Alles an Assistant Professor of Education at Concordia University WI, and in his 32nd year of teaching. He has won the CUNE Outstanding Student Teacher Award, the MLHS Heartland Funds Teacher of Merit Award, the South Wisconsin District Teacher of the Year Award, and the CUW Master Educator Award. Besides speaking nationally, Brad has two books: *Life's Big Questions, God's Big Answers* and *Starting at the End*. He also has a DVD called *Big Questions, Biblical Answers*.



**Our Groundwork Guatemala is selling coffee.
Orders can be placed at the Welcome Desk in the
narthex.
Deadline to place your order is February 26th.**

Servants of Christ Conference June 23-24

God's Peace to You!

Registration for the Servants of Christ Conference opens on February 1.

For 2020, we are changing the month and the days of the week for the Servants of Christ Conference.

The Servants of Christ Conference will ground youth in the grace of their baptism, teach them about the doctrine of vocation, give them information about college and careers, and allow them to take part in breakaway sessions led by CUW professors and other guest speakers. These sessions are designed to strengthen their faith and help them to live as servants of Christ in our challenging world. The Servants of Christ Conference is for all students starting grades 9-12 fall of 2020, and it will take place on June 23rd and 24th on our Mequon campus. The cost, \$25, covers lodging and three meals. Adult chaperones are welcome to attend for the same cost as students, \$25.

Please visit and encourage youth to visit this link for more information and to see the schedule and breakaway sessions from 2019 in order to get an idea of what to expect for 2020: www.cuw.edu/ServantsofChristConference

Thank you! In Christ,
Rev. Ron Mudge, Ph.D.

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Youth News

Sunday, February 9th **OPEN GYM** @ St. Paul's 3:00-5:00 P.M.



**Jr Youth
Bowling
February 9th**

Sunday, February 16th **Carnival Fundraiser**

*****Immediately after the 10:30 A.M. Worship Service!*****

We need as many people as possible!

**All proceeds benefit our Youth group and those attending the 2020 Summer Servant
Event**



Have you ever considered becoming a pastor or deaconess?

If so, Rev. Bill Wrede from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you at Concordia University Wisconsin – Mequon on February 24 or 25.

Rev. Wrede is interested in meeting with prospective students of all ages. Appointments are individual, informal, and family/friends are welcome to come with you. Appointments are not necessary but encouraged.

Please contact Rev. Wrede at 314-505-7221 or wredew@csl.edu for more details.



It's a girl!

All ladies are invited to join
us for a shower
honoring

Monica Kegley

SUNDAY FEBRUARY, 9 at NOON
Fellowship Hall

Coffee, tea, and dessert will be served.

Please bring a dessert to pass!

RSVP by February 1st online at
[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/
5080845AAAA23A3F85-monica](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080845AAAA23A3F85-monica)

Or by phone

to Chelsea Rudig at 414-793-8330

P.S. Baby girl already has a library full of books,
however you can still bless the family by
choosing items from the registry at
www.Babylist.com/monica-kegley

Music Notes



Calling ALL St. Paul Alumni & Friends

Come join the St. Paul's pep band on Friday February 21st to help support our team during the St. Paul's boys basketball tournament.

You may play for our pep rally Friday afternoon beginning at 1:30PM before the games begin AND/OR during our first team game at 7:15 PM. Contact Michelle Prince: michelle@splcwa.org or the school 414-541-6251 to let us know if you can join us! Let's praise the Lord with our instruments and celebrate our team!



Choir Cantata -

Come join the choir on Thursday evenings-7:30 PM- in the church balcony, as we prepare a Cantata celebrating the life of Jesus and His walk through death and resurrection. We will be sharing the Cantata on Saturday April 4th at the 5 PM worship service. All voices are welcome!

Instrumentalists - Would you like to add to Easter Worship on Sunday April 12th?

We would love to add your instrument to our Easter songs. Festival Worship will be at 9 & 11 AM. You may join us for one or both services.

michelle@splcwa.org 414-541-6250 text: 414-552-4938

[A Vigil Service is Saturday Evening at 5 PM and a Sunrise service will be Sunday at 6:30 AM - if you would like to play for either service, please contact Michelle]

Other Music opportunities: Handbell Choir - Thursday evenings 6:10-7:10 PM- church balcony

Praise Team - Wednesdays 7:00 PM prior to 2nd/4th Sundays of the month

Vocal or Instrumental Solos/Small Groups - Contact Michelle and play/sing for an upcoming service

February Hymn of the Month:

LSB # 539 - Christ is the World's Redeemer

This hymn reminds us of the many ways Christ has won redemption for us. As we learn this hymn, take time to consider the message of the words:

Christ is the world's Redeemer, the lover of the pure, the font of heav'nly wisdom, our trust and hope secure. The armor of His soldiers, the Lord of earth and sky, our health while we are living, our life when we shall die.

Christ has our host surrounded with clouds of martyrs bright, who wave their palms in triumph and fire us for the fight. Then Christ the cross ascended to save a world undone and, suffering for the sinful, our full redemption won.

Down through the realm of darkness He strode in victory, and at the hour appointed he rose triumphantly. And now, to heaven ascended, He sits upon the throne whence He had never departed, His Father's and His own.

Glory to God the Father, the unbegotten One, All honor be to Jesus, His sole begotten Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the perfect Trinity. Let all the worlds give answer: Amen! So let it be. [text public domain]

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

Suggestions for Memorials and Special Gifts

At times, members or friends of St. Paul's come forward to give a special gift to support and enhance St. Paul's ministry. Often these gifts are in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special event. Sometimes gifts are given for tax purposes.

Several years ago, the Church Council began keeping a list of items which were needed or desired at St. Paul's. The list is intended to give suggestions and information to prospective donors. In the past, the list was used mainly by those planning a gift. But now, the list is being circulated to all members. Soon you will find a copy in your church mailbox.

As a preview, here are a few of the major list items.

- Building Security Items (Lincoln Avenue Building)-Phase 1
 - Shatterproof Film on Office Windows- (\$900)
 - Electronic Office Door Lock – (\$4,000)
- Kitchen Improvements-Phase 2A – (\$10,600)
To replace the remaining wooden cabinets on the south wall and upgrade sink arrangements
- Screens and Projectors in Church – (\$40,000)
To provide display of visual and text images during worship services
- Digital Handheld Radios – (\$3,000)
Hand-held two-way radios for all church and school staff to enable instant communication in the event of an emergency situation
- Shatterproof Film on Hallway Windows - Lincoln Ave. Building – (\$6,500)
- Church Security Cameras and Monitor – (\$13,000)
To provide security monitoring in the church and the 78th Street entrances

The first three items (underlined) are considered priorities 1, 2 and 3, respectively. Donors are asked to consider these items first. However, depending on the donor's preferences and funds available, any item may be chosen. A donor may give the full cost of an item or may give a lesser amount toward the cost of a large item.

Watch for the complete memorial list with additional details in your church mailbox. Consider whether you could contribute all or part of a needed item.

You may also contact the church or school office if you have questions.



Are you cleaning out your closets or just doing a little clothing purge after the holidays?

Divine Connections will again be accepting gently used clothing for our annual

Community Clothing Giveaway, which will be April 4, 2020.

The following dates for clothing collection and sorting at the ECC campus are:

February 8 and 22 from 9-11

March 7, 21 and 28 from 9-11

We could use help during these times with sorting as well, so please join us.

It is also helpful if your clothing is already sorted please label with gender (ladies, men or children) and sizes. Thank you for your continued support.



Sharing God's Bounty



Have a Heart

February: the month devoted to love. Stores are filled with heart-shaped boxes of candy and heart-shaped cards and vases of flowers with heart-shaped gift tags. All this is available for the consumer so that he can find the appropriate expression of his devotion to his loved one. If that expression of love has been preceded by a year of thoughtful and loving words and deeds, it is welcomed and cherished by the recipient. If not, it is just an empty ritual, done out of duty rather than true devotion.

Our relationship to the Lord is similar. God, too, desires our sincere devotion, not empty lip service. *“The Lord says: ‘These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me’ ”* (Isaiah 29:13).

Stewardship is serving, helping, giving, but love is the basis for stewardship. Without love, our good deeds are empty and without merit. The first act of true stewardship is to *“love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength”* (Deuteronomy 6:5). Jesus called this the most important commandment (Mark 12:29, 30). With that love for the Lord in us, we are enabled to be good stewards. Then we can do acts of good stewardship, acts of true devotion. We are enabled to . . .

- *“Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart”* (Deuteronomy 15:10).
- *“Carefully observe [his decrees and laws] with all your heart and with all your soul”* (Deuteronomy 26:16).
- *“Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality”* (Romans 12:13).
- *“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men”* (Colossians 3:23).

God, through Ezekiel, promised, *“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws”* (Ezekiel 36:26-27). This promise he has fulfilled in his Son, Jesus, who has followed his Father’s decrees and kept his laws for us. As we strive to live fruitful lives of stewardship, at the same time, we rest in Christ who has been the perfect steward for us.

Tithing is an outgrowth of a sense of thankfulness. Since God’s mercies are constant and unfailing, our response should be of the same nature in proportion to our ability. The “grace of gratitude” has high rating in the Christian standard of virtues. It is developed by saying “Thank you” to God. At the entrance to life abounding stands the cross of self-denial.

Renewed in Christ Hope • Strength • Soar



Groundwork Guatemala News

GROUNDWORK GUATEMALA NEWS: FEBRUARY 2020

We are nearing the “finish line” with our preparations. Our lesson plans are nearly complete, and we will have a “dress rehearsal”/critique at our next meeting, then revise as needed. We spent a day visiting classrooms and sharing our Guatemala experiences, and thoroughly enjoyed the kids and their questions (hearing about volcanoes was a big hit, meals of rice and beans not-so-much...). On February 19, we will present the kids’ Chapel Service and you are welcome to join us in the Sanctuary at 8:15.

Packing night will be Feb. 17. We have 9 huge suitcases to load with donations, and there is still space to fill. Groundwork Guatemala remains reliant on donations, especially with the school year having just started in January, and ongoing health issues. PLEASE consider making donations; baskets are located in the narthex and near the 1st floor elevator.

SCHOOL NEEDS: 24 ct crayons, 12-ct colored pencils, 8 ct jumbo crayons, construction paper, 1-subject spiral notebooks, speckled composition books, 5 subject spiral notebooks, 2-pocket folders, children’s scissors, 10 ct broad-line markers, 12” rulers (metric on one side), 100 sheet wide ruled paper, erasers, white glue, blue, black, red ballpoint pens, #2 pencils, pencil sharpeners

MEDICAL SUPPLIES: Acetaminophen, ibuprofen, naproxen, antacids, zantac, Prevacid, Nexium, Tums; anti-fungal ointments calamine lotion; children/infant pain reliever/fever reducer; cough/cold/allergy/sinus meds for all ages (liquor and tablet); cough drops (incl. sugar-free); decongestants; hydrocortisone cream, infant vitamin drops; metformin, nausea meds, meclizine, nystatin cream and suppositories; parasite/worm meds; pregnancy tests, strep tests; triple antibiotic ointment, UTI test strips, silver oxide ointment; VITAMINS: adult, children, prenatal NO GUMMIES.

Love

God gives His love to you and me,

Freely

Humbly

Sacrificially

There is no other love that can equal God's love for you and me.

For He sent His Son to save us on the cross of Calvary.

Elaine Lemke



Away in a Manger, no crib for a bed...

There may not be snow where we are in Asia, but we still rejoice that it's Christmas time once again. This holy time of the year, we rejoice that our Lord was born as one of us, in order to take our sin, die our death, and rise again for us in victory. This is the message we are privileged to share with those around us, and to equip our church partners to carry far and wide.

We pray that this holy time of Christmas will be one filled with joy and peace, knowing that Christ not only came, but came FOR YOU and for your forgiveness. God grant you opportunities to speak of this joy and peace to those around you, wherever God in Christ has placed you in your vocations.

Yours in Christmas joy,
The Ferry Family
Charles, Cheryl, Caleb, Caitlin, Carissa, Cassandra,
Chloe, and Charlotte



February 2020

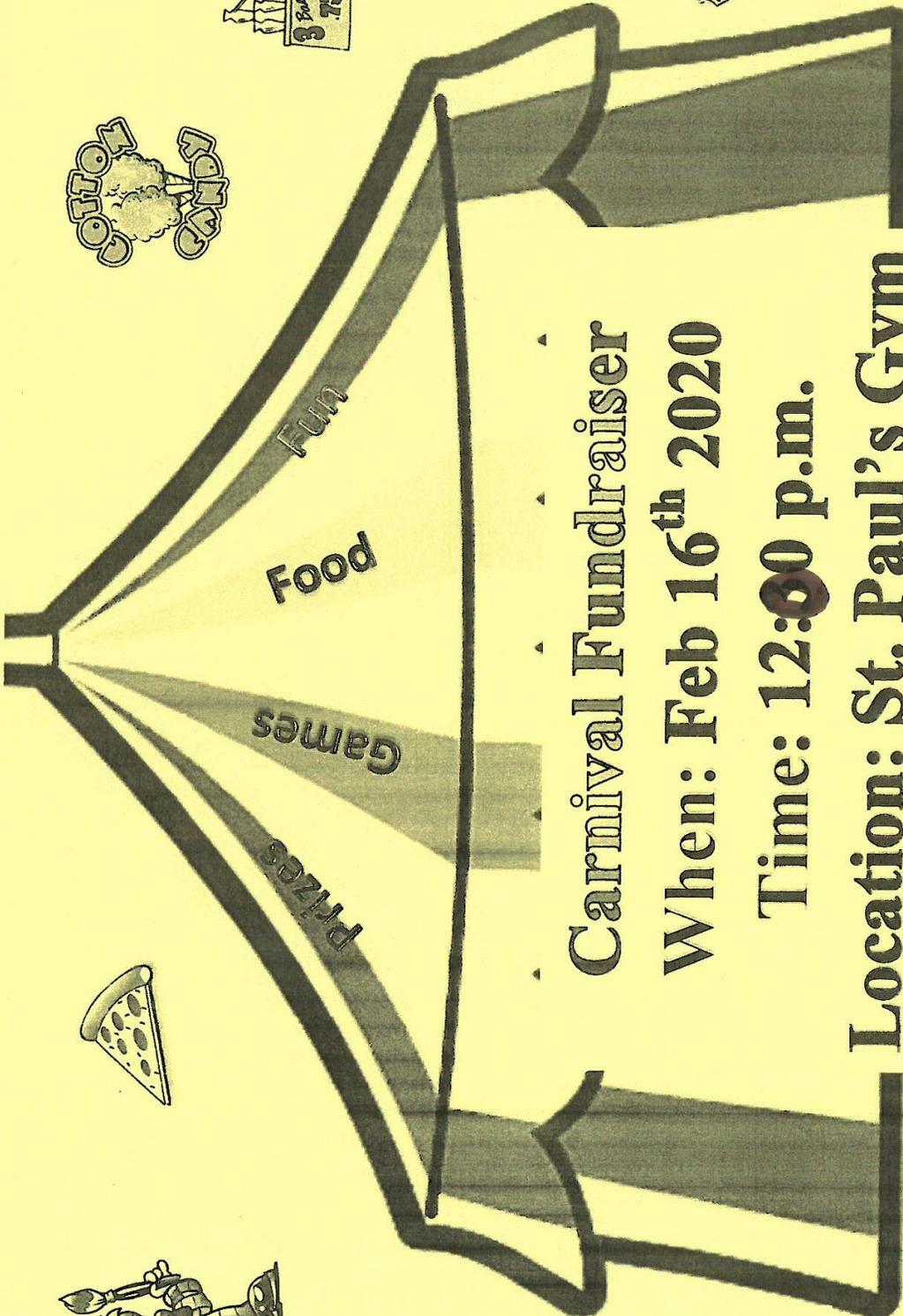
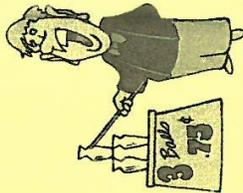
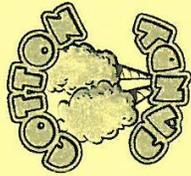
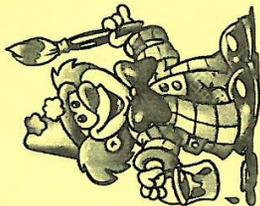
Monthly Planner

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**Come one Come all ~buy tickets, play games,
eat carnival food, win prizes, have a blast!**



Carnival Fundraiser

When: Feb 16th 2020

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: St. Paul's Gym

Parents must accompany children- thank you

