

The Monthly Herald

March 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

“I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

(John 10:10b)



Abundant Life! This is why our Lord Jesus Christ came. The fullness of life with joys experienced, burdens carried, sins forgiven, and hope for the future and even for the life that is eternal, all of those things and more are included in the abundant life found in Jesus.

Abundant Life! I don't know about you, but life hasn't exactly felt abundant lately. I won't go into the details, because you all know them so well. Lots of things have been going on in our world that want to rob us of the abundant life found in Jesus. What is the answer to all of that: **“Return to the Lord.”** That is the theme of our midweek Lenten series this year. Abundant life comes when we turn from our sins, and return to the Lord in repentance to receive grace and new life. Abundant life comes when we take all of the things we are going through to the Lord . . . in prayer . . . and then trust that our God will hear and answer us.

Abundant Life! It is also about, even most especially about, hope for the future. I have great hopes for the future. Spring will surely come this month! Therefore I have hope beyond the cold weather we have experienced this winter. Spring will surely come, and with it flowers and plants and, perhaps, even a full baseball season for you Brewers and Cubs fans. Spring will surely come, and with it the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!! Easter brings us Hope that will never disappoint!!

Abundant Life! **“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people and God Himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away”** (Revelation 21:3-4, ESV)

Abundant Life! It is the life of the world to come. Now, we only see it through the eyes of faith. One day, on the grand and final day of Resurrection, we shall experience it in all its fullness! Abundant Life! I can hardly wait!! Hope for that life . . . and know that those hopes will never disappoint us because God is faithful!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Bender

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Lenten Mid Week Worship

“Return to the Lord”

March 3, 10, 17, 24

at 10:00am & 6:00pm



**PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 28, 2021**

St. Paul's
Radio Broadcast
Sunday 8:00am
“JOY” 1340 AM
and 98.7 FM



The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the plans of His heart to all generations.
Psalm 33:11

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Breakfast – Brand New Study Begins in March!

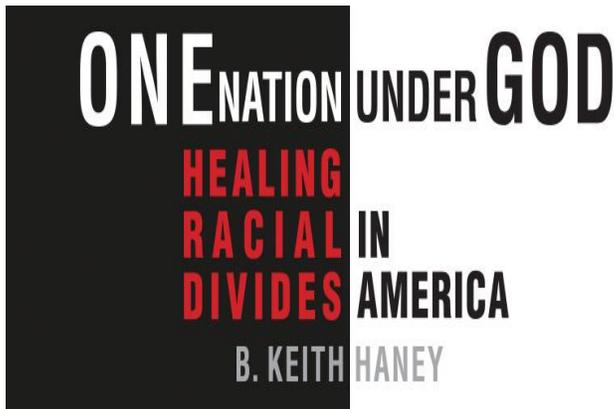
In the month of February, we finished up the Book of Zechariah. In March, Pastor Noah will begin a new study. At the time of printing the Herald, the topic had not been chosen yet. However, it will be a spiritual blessing to be sure!!

March is a great time to join or rejoin Men's Bible Breakfast. All men of the congregation and friends are welcome to join in. We meet on March 13 & 27; the fellowship hall is the place of gathering. The 79th Street doors are the way to gain entrance. We have some great conversation over breakfast, we lay our joys and burdens before God in prayer, and we study God's Word. Hope to see you there!

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class

We are in the midst of the study of Paul's letter to the Romans. This letter is just filled with God's truth that is good to "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" as the old prayer in a former hymnal put it. Come and study and you will be blessed! We meet at 9:15a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. During the month of March we will be working our way through chapters 3 and 4. Every Christian should do an in-depth study of this book at least once in their life. Why not join the study this month! It's not too late to join!

Thursday Morning Bible Class



Racism is sin. Racism, unfortunately, is part of American history and is still part of our society today. God desires us to live at peace with one another and in this study, written by Rev. Keith Haney, we will discover what it means to be the people of God when it comes to relating to people of different backgrounds and cultures so that we reflect the love of Christ and do our part in healing the racial divides in America. Join Pastor Noah on Thursday mornings from 10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. to learn more!

Group Discipleship Hour is Back!

When? Every Sunday! @ 9:15

Where? Gymnasium (please wear a mask)

Come join for a time of friendship, learning, and community!

Widows Lunch

All widows of the congregation are invited to Mo's Irish Pub 10842 W. Bluemound Rd - Wauwatosa on Wednesday March 10th (weather permitting) immediately following our 10:00 am worship service. Please contact Judy Hurst (414-543-5839) if you would like to attend.



Quilter's Patch

March 1, 15 and 29 at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions regarding the quilting group, please contact Dawn Ziolecki at 414-841-6097 or via email at dzwolf2012@gmail.com

Ladies Guild

Attention Ladies! LWML SPRING RALLY 9:00am on March 27th at Elm Grove Lutheran Church 945 Terrace Dr. Elm Grove, WI. A Bible Devotion and a speaker from International Outreach will be there. Greeting cards should be brought to the meeting. Posters with more information are in the church stairwells. Information on what to write on the cards are on the posters. You may write more than one. You may place the cards in Ruth Miller's church mailbox. Come and meet ladies from churches. See you there!

St. Patrick's Day Great Celebration!!!

The day has become a secular holiday.

Let us remember the real reason for the day.

That St. Patrick brought Christianity to Ireland. That's something to celebrate.

Elaine Lemke

Music Notes



Instrumentalists - Would you like to add to Easter Worship on Sunday April 4th? We would love to add your instrument to our Easter songs. Please have your instrument prepared with a cover, following the COVID-19 guidelines for instruments. Thank you!

Instruments will play for the Festival Worship services.

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

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

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

A Visit to the Holy Land of our Lord Jesus

I have always longed to visit the land of Israel, to walk the way of sorrows to Golgotha, to see the temple mount where a great temple once stood, where Jesus drove out the money changers, where sacrifice was made year after year. I would love to visit Bethlehem, the birthplace of our Lord, see Nazareth where Jesus grew up, walk the shores of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus taught the crowds and once calmed the sea. It would bless my heart to stand on the Mount of Olives where Jesus prayed, "Not my will, but Thy will be done" the night before He died on the cross for our sins. My wife, Jo, has the same longing.

So sometime in the year of our Lord, 2022 or 2023, we hope to make the trip. It would also bless our hearts if some of our brothers and sisters in Christ would like to join us in this endeavor. If you are interested in joining us, please send me an email at harold@splcwa.org or give me a call at church, 541-6250. May God grant us to make this journey and bless our hearts to see the actual places on God's earth where Holy History took place.



High School Youth Ministry News

Save the Date! **Sunday, March 28th 2:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

Go Karting! At **VELOCE** INDOOR SPEEDWAY

\$20 Per Student, 3 Races Total

***Must RSVP to Pastor Noah with Money by Friday March 26th**

***All Racers MUST Pre-Register Here:**

http://vismilwaukee.clubspeedtiming.com/SP_Center/register.aspx?tabid=1



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What Is the Take Heart Scholarship?

The Take Heart Scholarship was developed for Y.I. Club members, who are high school seniors and will soon advance to the next level of higher education. During these times of excitement, anxiousness and uncertainty, "take heart!" As Christians, we cannot anticipate that life will be perfect or familiar, but when we feel that the world has become difficult, take comfort in knowing that our God has overcome it all!

As you begin your new journey, LCEF's Young Investors Club wants to assist your transition by offering financial support through the Take Heart Scholarship with up to three awards of \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Applications close April 19, 2021. Winners will be announced on May 7, 2021.

How To Apply

In 1,000 words or fewer, answer this question:

Reflect on your faith walk during 2020. What steps did you take to stay connected with your church and your faith community at school or outside the church?

Here's the link for more information and to apply:

<https://lcef.org/scholarship/?fbclid=IwAR2bGMlK0qB7fZewQQg5VJ4JFDweuvvfoP7m2mP4yeS97BPqFksxDtfzjg>

FROM THE ELDERS:

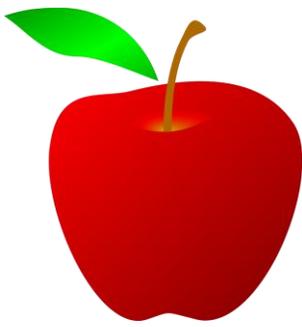


On Sunday March 14th after the 10:30 service, there will be a small gathering with communion for anyone interested. Please call the church office to sign up.

Thank you Jeff Haas for all your efforts and work taking great care of the sidewalks and entrances for people to come to our buildings!

THANK YOU MR. HAAS!





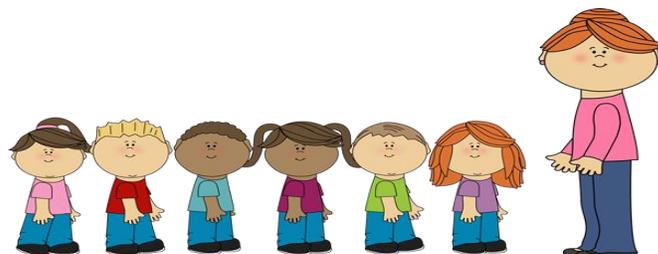
School News

Our school continues to be a busy place filled with activity despite the Pandemic that swirls on around us.

- **Registration** for the 2021-2022 school year has begun and is in full-swing. We would love to add to our St. Paul family and to see St. Paul's grow! To help get the word out about our school, we are trying a couple of new things:
 - The best form of advertising over the years has proven to be word of mouth referrals. You can receive a **\$150 Gift Card** simply by referring a new, **registering** family to St. Paul's!
 - We are advertising in Milwaukee Mom
 - We have created a short virtual Open House video for people to view on our school Home page
 - We have reorganized the school webpage to be more visitor friendly and added short teacher video biographies
- Tuition at St. Paul's for a full-time student is \$2950. Not everyone can afford that, and some of our families that do not qualify for Choice request Student Aid. The monies available for Student Aid are limited and are only there as the result of donations by members. If you would like to help replenish the **Student Assistance Fund** for the 2021-2022 please contact the School Office.
- We are blessed to be adding more student services here at St. Paul's. Through a grant from LCFS we are able to provide an in-school counselor. Through the use of Title funds, we were able to add Mrs. Danielle Kosek as our Reading and Math Interventionist.
- We are in the planning process for Spring sports and trying to determine what is safe to offer and have our kids participate in. Possibilities include Co-ed Soccer, Boys' Volleyball, and Track.

As you can see, despite the pandemic, we continue to be a busy, thriving place!

Principal Jack Burkee



Sharing God's Bounty

The Name that Is Above Every Name

Obedience has become an almost ignored concept. Some parents believe that requiring obedience from their children stifles their creative and emotional development. Many couples remove the word “obey” from the vows that brides give to their grooms. To expect employees to obey their employers is certainly not acceptable.

To God, however, obedience is not only acceptable, it is required. Disobedience to God is what is known as sin. And sin separates. Sin separates us from God and from each other. Sin prevents us from living the abundant life that Christ came to give us (John 10:10). On the other hand, obedience is proof of love: *“If you love me, you will obey what I command,”* Jesus says (John 14:15).

Unfortunately, as sinful beings, we are unable to obey our Lord’s commands fully. Even the great apostle Paul struggled with this reality. He confessed, *“I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out”* (Romans 7:18). As he relates his dilemma – the dilemma all Christians face – he asks, *“Who will rescue me from this body of death?”* (For as surely as day follows night, death follows disobedience) He answers exultantly, *“Thanks be to God – through Jesus Christ our Lord!”* (Romans 7:24-25)

Jesus has lived the perfect life in our place. Jesus willingly emptied himself, made himself nothing, *“and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name”* (Philippians 2:7-9).

Jesus did what we cannot do. Jesus triumphed over sin, death, and the devil. Jesus, dead and buried, would not stay there! Jesus has risen! He is exalted to the highest place! He has given us his Spirit, the Counselor, who lives with us and in us (John 14:16-17), to sanctify us for obedience to our Father and service to others. This Spirit equips and enables us to be faithful stewards of the Gospel and all his gifts. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Christian Stewardship is the practice of systematic and proportionate giving of time, abilities, and material possessions based on the conviction that these are a trust from God, to be used in God’s service for the benefit of all mankind in grateful acknowledgement of Christ’s redeeming love.

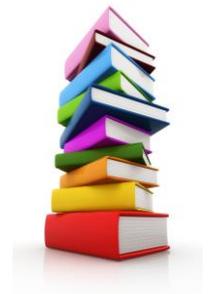
Book Club

- Please join us! We meet Tuesdays on Zoom from 4:00 pm- 5:00 pm.
- We will be reading and discussing *Something Needs to Change: A Call to Make Your Life Count in a World of Urgent Need* by David Platt

Zoom Information:

- Link available on the St. Paul’s Facebook Page!
- Meeting ID: 932 3460 0611
- Passcode: 782012

Email Sydney at sydney.rearick@cuw.edu for more information.



March 2021

Monthly Planner

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| | <p><i>1</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Quilters</p> | <p><i>2</i></p> <p>6:00 PM Board of Christian Education</p> | <p><i>3</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Lent Worship</p> <p>6:00 PM Lent Worship</p> | <p><i>4</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Class</p> <p>6:00 PM Finance</p> <p>6:10 PM Bells</p> <p>6:30 PM Public School Confirmation</p> | <p><i>5</i></p> | <p><i>6</i></p> <p>5:00 PM Worship</p> |
| <p><i>7</i></p> <p>8:00 AM Worship</p> <p>9:15 AM Bible Class and Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship</p> | <p><i>8</i></p> | <p><i>9</i></p> <p>6:00 PM Council</p> | <p><i>10</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Lent Worship</p> <p>11:00 AM Widows Lunch</p> <p>6:00 PM Lent Worship</p> <p>7:00 PM Praise Band</p> | <p><i>11</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Class</p> <p>6:10 PM Bells</p> <p>6:30 PM Public School Confirmation</p> | <p><i>12</i></p> | <p><i>13</i></p> <p>7:00 AM Mens Bible Breakfast</p> <p>5:00 PM Worship</p> |
| <p><i>14</i></p> <p>8:00 AM Worship</p> <p>9:15 AM Bible Class and Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship</p> <p>12:00 PM Small Group Communion</p> | <p><i>15</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Quilters</p> | <p><i>16</i></p> | <p><i>17</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Lent Worship</p> <p>6:00 PM Lent Worship</p>  | <p><i>18</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Class</p> <p>6:10 PM Bells</p> <p>6:30 PM Public School Confirmation</p> | <p><i>19</i></p> | <p><i>20</i></p> <p>5:00 PM Worship</p> |
| <p><i>21</i></p> <p>8:00 AM Worship</p> <p>9:15 AM Bible Class and Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship</p> | <p><i>22</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Ladies Guild</p> | <p><i>23</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Elders</p> | <p><i>24</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Lent Worship</p> <p>6:00 PM Lent Worship</p> <p>7:00 PM Praise Band</p> | <p><i>25</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Class</p> <p>6:10 PM Bells</p> <p>6:30 PM Public School Confirmation</p> | <p><i>26</i></p> | <p><i>27</i></p> <p>7:00 AM Mens Bible Breakfast</p> <p>5:00 PM Worship</p> |
| <p><i>28</i></p> <p>8:00 AM Worship</p> <p>9:15 AM Bible Class and Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship</p> <p>2:00 PM Youth Go Karting</p> <p><i>Palm Sunday</i></p> | <p><i>29</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Quilters</p> | <p><i>30</i></p> | <p><i>31</i></p> |  | | |

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