

The Monthly Herald ~ March 2023

Stuck in the Middle With You

Though there might not be clowns to the left of you, or jokers to your right, this March may truly seem like being stuck in the middle. March has always been an odd month for me, it can be a month that feels like Spring, it can be a Month that is holding on to winter. Football season has come to an end, but baseball hasn't quite started yet (for all of you wondering, I do not follow the NBA, although March Madness is fun). We are not quite at the end of the school year yet, but we are well past its middle. It is a month of Lent, sometimes being its end but oftentimes just being in the middle of it. This is one of those years where March is just in the middle of these things. There is no Ash Wednesday, and no Easter. It is just stuck in the middle.

Life can often feel like March, just stuck in the middle. It's not going great, but it's not going awfully either. We have gotten past one big event, and are now just waiting for the next. We just keep our heads down, putting one foot in front of the other, not experiencing any highs or lows. It is times like this where we can feel stuck, or as if nothing is going on. If we are honest it is these times that we can quickly forget about God. We hear in Church all the time about how Christ is with us, carrying us when we are at our lows. We are reminded constantly about how we ought to give thanks to him, for he has brought us to the high's in our life. But what about the middle? Where is Christ when nothing is going on?

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Well, he is right there with you then too. Even then, you can be sure he is doing something- he just might not reveal it to you. I heard a preacher recently say that God wants a long term relationship with us- while we want everything in the immediate short term. He has a long-term plan to reveal what he has been doing, but we want to know every detail the minute we become Christian. This is why God tells us to wait on him. I imagine that the disciples were often tired of waiting. They had Jesus, they had the Messiah right there! I even heard someone once say that Judas only betrayed Jesus so that Jesus would finally start acting like the Messiah and restore his people. But that was not the plan, the disciples would have to wait.

They did not understand what they were waiting for, and when the time came for Jesus to act as the Messiah by going to the cross, they were filled with dread. This is not the Messiah that they signed up for! But it was the Messiah they needed, he went to the cross for them. Everything he did was for them, preparing them for that moment. Even though they were impatient with Jesus, he was patient with them. He came back to them and he restored them, and sent them out into the world to make even more disciples! And yes, in that process there would be more waiting as well.

So do not lose hope if you are in a time of waiting. If you are in a time of life where there is not much going on, Jesus is still at work leading us somewhere! We may not always know where he is leading us, but it is always somewhere good for us. So whether you are in the high's of life, the low's or even somewhere in between wait on the Lord, knowing that he is with you.

Pastor Josh



Lenten Mid-Week Worship

Each Wednesday in Lent at

10:00am & 6:00pm

This year's Lenten theme is "Real Life Repentance and God's Amazing Grace." To repent is to turn away from sin, turn back to God for grace and mercy and then go forth seeking to live according to God's will and God's ways. God's amazing grace cleanses us from past sins and at the same time empowers us to live in newness of life. Please join us on Wednesdays at either 10am or 6pm. The evening service is preceded by a wonderful meal starting at 4:45pm. The following are the service themes and sermon titles and Scriptural basis:

Advent 1 Midweek – March 1, 2023: Grace to the Unfaithful

Sermon: "God's Faithfulness in Spite of Us" Exodus 34

Advent 2 Midweek – March 8, 2023: Christian Confession and God's Grace

Sermon: "A True Confession of Grievous Sins . . . And?" 2 Samuel 11-12; Ps. 51

Advent 3 Midweek – March 15, 2023: God's Grace When We want to Hide

Sermon: "God's Grace Finds Us" 1 Kings 18-19

Advent 4 Midweek – March 22, 2023: Christian Contentment with Grace

Sermon: "Grumbling, Complaining and Still God Satisfies" Exodus 16

Advent 5 Midweek – March 29, 2023: God's Grace in Death

Sermon: "I Know My Redeemer Lives" Job 19; John 11

A Lenten Meal will also be served each Wednesday beginning at 4:45pm in the fellowship hall.

March 1 – Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Dessert

March 8 – Chili, Toasted Baguettes with butter, Veggies, Dessert

March 15 – Chicken Noodle Casserole, Tossed Salad, Dessert

March 22 – Sloppy Joe's, Chips, Veggies, Dessert

March 29 – Beef Tacos, Beans, Rice, Dessert

Hotdog meals will be available weekly, as well as coffee, juice and milk.



Bible Studies



Men's Bible Breakfast - The "I AM" statements of Jesus in the Book of John

This men's Bible study group continues to wend our way through these most important statements of Jesus in John's gospel. Every time Jesus said, "I AM" he was claiming to be God come in the flesh. These statements Jesus made point us both to His work of salvation and His relationship with us, His precious people.

We meet shortly before 7am on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. In March we will take an in-depth look at Jesus' claim "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life" (John 14). This is the sixth of the seven "I AM" statements. We meet on March 11 & 25 shortly before 7am.

It's a great time to gather, eat some breakfast, pray to our God, and grow both in Faith and as brothers in Christ. All men are welcome. 79th street doors are open.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class – The Book of Psalms

Ever been upset with someone you might consider your enemy or even one of God's enemies? Do you see the evil in the world and wonder why God doesn't DO something? Well, the imprecatory psalms the cry out for God's righteous action against our enemies give us a wonderful perspective on how, as Christians, we deal with this issue spiritually.

During the first part of March, we will be looking at Psalm 35, one of these imprecatory psalms. Later in the month we will delve into Psalm 116, a psalm that truly brings us to the Upper Room of Maundy Thursday. In the future we will look at Psalm 22 (Good Friday) and Psalm 118 (The Lord's working of our salvation).

We meet at 9:15a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. Those who come are blessed to grow together in the truth of God's Word, strengthened to live out our Christian life in the world around us. Hope to see you there!

Thursday Morning Bible Class: The Book of the Twelve

Pastor Josh is leading a study taking a summary look at all twelve prophets, but then focusing on just three. After the summary study, the prophetic Book of Hosea will be the first booked studied more in depth. We meet Thursdays at 10:00am; there is always some wonderful treats and great fellowship among God's people. Come and join us!

CPR/First Aid training on March 18th at 10:00 am
in Fellowship Hall elders and ushers encouraged to
attend. Open to anyone else interested.





Ladies Groups



Widows Lunch

All widows in the congregation are invited to lunch at Mo's Irish Pub on Bluemound Road on Wednesday March 8th at 11:00am.

Quilter's Patch

Thank you to the person that left the quilters three bags of yarn. We no longer use yarn for tying the quilts so the yarn was given to the school art teacher. It will be used to make some beautiful artwork to grace our halls. If anyone is doing spring cleaning, we could use the poly/cotton flat sheets, twin size or larger. We do not use the jersey, microfiber or flannel sheets for the quilts. The sheets are used for the backs of the quilts, any color other than white is preferred.

Come join us in the fellowship hall on the 1st, 3rd, or 5th Monday of the month. We are there 9am until 11:30am.

Quilting dates for March thru May are:

March – 6th and 20th April – 3rd and 17th May - 1st and 15th

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

Ladies Guild

Thank you to EVERYONE that filled a baby bottle during January for A Place of Refuge. A total of \$880.61 was collected. It greatly surpassed our goal of \$500.

We also want to thank everyone that contributed to the mitten basket for Hope Lutheran Church. We have had some unusual weather this winter, but we all know hats, mittens and scarves are good to have handy.



Have you noticed the purple box in the narthex? Are you like me, when I first joined the church, and wonder what a Mite Box is? I thought it was for the kids to give contributions to church. Also, I thought how much of an impact can a few coins make in the grand scheme of things. BOY, WAS I WRONG! At the national level, all of the \$2,150,000 grants have been fulfilled. At the district level, \$65,000 of the \$205,000 total grants have been fulfilled. Anyone can take a box home, fill it with money and return it to church the first weekend of the month.

The Mite Box is based upon the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4). The Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the Synod. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program. We would like to invite all the ladies of the church to attend our upcoming meetings in the fellowship hall at 6:30pm. March 27, 2023 – Meeting, and May 23, 2023 - Pot Luck and Meeting.

This June we will "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations" at the LWML Convention in Milwaukee June 22nd to 25th.

For additional information you can contact Toni Dunn at cell, text, 414-335-3553 or tdunnusa@outlook.com OR Dawn Ziolecki at cell, text, 414-841-6097 or dzwolf2012@gmail.com

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Lutheran Women's Missionary League Charity Golf Scramble



June 21st

Western Lakes Golf Club

W287 N1963 Oakton Road Pewaukee, WI

\$100 Donation Entry Fee

Hole in One Prize: \$10,000

Visit lwml.org/golf for all the details

Sharing God's Bounty

“A young man dressed in a white robe . . . said, ‘You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

But go, tell his disciples and Peter . . .’ ” (Mark 16:5-7).

“Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb.

They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid” (Mark 16:8).

Who wouldn't tremble and be afraid! You go to anoint a body to prepare it for a proper burial, but the body is missing. Then some ethereal creature tells you the body isn't there because it is no longer dead but alive. Who could take it in? *“Don't be alarmed”* the man in white said. Yeah, right!

Yet, looking back, perhaps the women remembered the thousands he had fed with only two fish and five loaves of bread (Matthew 14:15-21). Maybe they thought again about the raising of Lazarus from the dead (John 11:38-44). After all, he was the one who had stilled the raging sea (Mark 4:35-41).

Somewhere, sometime, that trembling and bewilderment turned to joy and faith, for they did go tell his disciples and Peter (Matthew 28:8). And Jesus met them and greeted them, and they worshipped him. *“Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brothers . . .’ ”* (Matthew 28:9-10).

Jesus' last command is the same as this one: Don't be afraid. Go and tell. We can understand the fear of the women at the empty tomb. What are we afraid of? Trouble? Or hardship? Persecution? Or famine? Nakedness? Or danger? Or sword? There is no fear in these things! *“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us”* (Romans 8:35, 37). We have the benefit of history. The women at the tomb couldn't fathom the outcome, but we have God's Word that assures us of our victory in Christ. We have his promise, *“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age”* (Matthew 28:20). So don't be afraid! Go and tell!

Looking forward to Easter next month! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! **Alleluia!**

Ask yourself: *Do you ever find time for the work of God? There is a wide choice of things which you can do for God and neighbor, in and through your church community - if you have the good will. With goodwill you also will find the necessary time for such projects, even though you may have to cut and pare in other directions.*



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



Youth News



Hoopathon - Our next fundraiser to go to Idaho is a Hoopathon! The weekend of March 19th our students will be shooting baskets to raise money. Contact Pastor Josh or one of our High Schoolers who are going on the trip, to sponsor a youth so they can go serve in Idaho! If you can't donate we will be having youth shoot their baskets after services that weekend. Support our youth as we shoot some hoops to go to Idaho!

Movie Night - Pastor Josh is hosting a High School Movie night at 6:00 on March 19th at his house- contact him for his address. A meal will be provided, what it is depends on how many come! Boys bring snacks, girls bring drinks to share! We will be watching the first Guardians of the Galaxy movie, and having a Bible Study on what true Christian Fellowship looks like. Contact pastor for further information!



DONATION NIGHT
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8
 4PM-8PM

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUSINS

Hello St. Paul's Families,

The 8th-grade class is excited to provide an awesome opportunity for the school community, fellowship, and fundraising for our 8th-grade trip.

On Wednesday

March 8th from 4-8 pm

St. Paul's will be having a "night-out" at Cousins Subs at 9124 W. Lincoln Ave. There are no forms or codes that need to be filled in, just show up and support our 8th graders! We are looking forward to seeing you there!



Daylight Savings

When you go to bed on
March 11th
 turn your clocks 1 hour
AHEAD!

Trinity Lutheran Classical High School - Opening Fall 2023

TLCHS, a new LCMS high school opening in West Allis, is currently enrolling 9th and 10th graders for the 2023-2024 School Year. The school's headmaster will be Rev. Brandon Koble, Pastor of Oklahoma Ave and Trinity Lutheran Churches.

Trinity Lutheran Classical High School seeks to nourish our students with a classical education that instills truth, goodness, and beauty through an emphasis on and adherence to the Holy Word of God. Focusing on the traditions and teachings of the universal Christian Church, we will prepare our students to faithfully serve in the home, the Church, and the public life of the community. Through careful attention to our students' spiritual, mental, and physical habits, Trinity Lutheran Classical High School will unite with parents and the Church to form a loving partnership focused on teaching the students to imitate Christ and lead them to grow in fear, wisdom, knowledge, and love of the Lord.

For more information on TLCHS, please go to <https://trinitywa.org/classical-high-school/>. For more information, you can reach Pastor Koble at pastorkoble@trinitywa.org. He would be happy to meet with your family, explain classical Lutheran education, and see if TLCHS would be a good fit for your family. TLCHS is participating in all three of our state's parental choice programs.

Three opportunities for financial aid/scholarships for church worker students

KORN Scholarship Fund for College Students Preparing for Church Work

The Korn Scholarship Fund at St. Paul's Lutheran Church assists students financially who are preparing for full-time church work in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Applications are available in the church office. Please return applications to the church office **by June 1st**.

South Wisconsin District Financial Aid applications are **due May 15**. Anyone attending a Concordia University or Seminary, is a member of an LCMS congregation in the SWD and is preparing to be a full-time church worker (pastor, teacher, deaconess, DCE/DCO, DFLM, DPM, lay minister) is encouraged to apply. There are two applications required (District Financial Aid Application and Personal Aid Application). Visit the SWD website – swd.lcms.org/resources/student-aid-applications/.

LWML Female Church Worker Scholarship

The LWML South Wisconsin District awards scholarships to women from South Wisconsin District who are preparing for church work in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The number and amount of scholarships varies from year to year depending on the funds available that year. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2023-2024 school year. **How to apply?** Complete the LWML scholarship application forms and return them to the LWML SWD Scholarship Committee. All applications and references **must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2023**. Application instructions and forms are available online at <http://www.lwml-swd.org/scholarships>, scroll to the bottom.

Save the Date

April 9, 2023

Our Easter Breakfast Has Returned!

We will be serving an Easter Breakfast at 7:30 – 10:45am
on Easter morning.

Come and enjoy eggs, sausage and pancakes.

This will be a fundraiser for our
High School Youth attending the Idaho Servant Event this Summer.



Open House at Steeple View Christian Senior Community

12455 W. Janesville Rd. Muskego, WI

March 10th from 2:00 -4:00pm

Find out why everyone enjoys the carefree, maintenance-free, and worry-free lifestyle of Steeple View's senior independent living! Can't make the Open House? Schedule a personal tour by calling 414-525-5500 or info@steepleview.org



"O give thanks unto the Lord, for His steadfast love endures forever."

We thank God for you and the generous gift to Trinity. (Historic Trinity in downtown Milwaukee) We look forward to the day we can host you for a meal! A blessed pre-Lent to all the saints at St. Paul's.

In Christ, Pastor Peters

Many thanks for your generous and kind donation of dishes for our church. It was a pleasure working with Mr. Folger during our pick-up. May the Lord bless you and keep you. Amen!

Jeanne Peterson, Fellowship Committee at Trinity

Many blessings for your generosity to our congregation.

S.L. Yancey & Latera Radcliffe, Kitchen Committee at Trinity



Hi St. Paul's,

On April 20th-22nd, 2023, several students will be leading a Feed My Starving Children MobilePack event at CUW. The goal is to pack 385,000 meals, or enough food to feed 1,000 children for a year. To fund this event the students are attempting to raise \$95,000 and gather 1,500 volunteers. I'm a member of that student team and I'm reaching out to LCMS Churches in the South Wisconsin District for help. CUW is generously offering use of their facilities, but fundraising is up to us! A little bit goes a long way, 25 cents funds a whole meal and \$88 feeds a child for a year. We would love to serve with you, so consider joining us to help pack during the event!

To donate or volunteer, please go to <https://give.fmssc.org/cuw>

Blessings,
Alex Nelson



Board of Missional Community

The Board of Missional Community is partnering with City Light on Saturday, April 1st for an **Easter Egg-stravaganza!** The event is from 11am-1pm at Liberty Heights Park in West Allis. There will be games, prizes, and lunch. Each child will receive a special egg with the Easter message! The event is free, and St. Paul's will be hosting a sidewalk chalk area. If you are interested in volunteering or want more information, please reach out to Heather Sanchez at heather.loomans@gmail.com or 608-228-6376.



Looking for volunteers! St. Paul's is helping at **City Light's** family fun night on Friday **March 3rd**, 6:30-8:00 PM at Horace Mann Elementary. City Light is a Christian non-profit benefiting families in West Allis, and St. Paul's has a great opportunity to represent our school and church at their March 3rd event. The theme for March 3rd is March Madness. If you would like to volunteer at this fun event, contact Hannah Frazier at 262-364-4386.

EASTER FLOWERS: Lilies, Tulips, Daffodils and pink or blue Hyacinths will be available to order this year. The cost is \$16.00 each. Envelopes are available at the welcome desk or in the elevator room. Orders must be in by March 20th. You may pick up your flowers after the late service on Easter Sunday.

