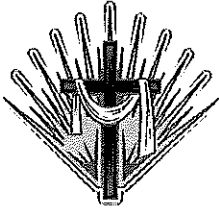

...THE LETTER OF ST. PAUL

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**The Mission Statement of
St. Paul Lutheran Church**

By God's grace, we exist to prepare hearts, minds, and souls for life in the world and in eternity.

We welcome our new director of music, Mr. Jeff Kiel, who begins his ministry with us on March 1st. He introduces himself in a message on page 2.

After a month's vacation, Pastor Ramirez returns to serve as our vacancy pastor on Sunday, March 2nd.

Thank you to all who give of their time, talents, and treasures to support the ministry of St. Paul.

WORSHIP SERVICE
Sundays, 9:00AM

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND
BIBLE STUDY, 10:30AM**

ASH WEDNESDAY OBSERVANCES **MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES &** **SUPPERS**

The beginning of Lent is Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Ash Wednesday services, including the celebration of Holy Communion, will be held at *11 am and 7 pm*. During our Ash Wednesday services, ashes will be placed upon the forehead of those desiring this outward sign of our inward repentance. Ashes will be imposed during the time of Holy Communion, before the bread and wine are distributed. Those wishing not to receive the ashes are asked to simply bow their heads into their hands as the distributor of the ashes passes by. Parents are encouraged to speak with their children beforehand about the ashes and their meaning. Ashes will not be given to children without their parent's consent.

All members are invited to a *free* continental breakfast that will be served by the Ladies Guild on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, at *10 am* in the Timothy Room. Please come to enjoy food, fellowship, and inspirational singing! The Ash Wednesday morning service follows at *11 am*. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** If you are able to help with a food donation for the breakfast, please sign the "Food Donation" sheet on the counter outside the church office. There is **NO** Lenten supper on Ash Wednesday.

You are also invited to join us for our midweek Lenten services at *7 pm* on Wednesdays, March 12, 19, & 26 and April 2 & 9. Our services this year will take us, along with Jesus, to "Places of the Passion" as we visit Jerusalem, Bethany, the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane, among others. Please join us for a Lenten supper in the Timothy Room from *5:30 to 6:30 pm* each of these evenings. A free-will offering will be received. A hymn-sing follows in church at *6:45 pm*.

GOD BLESS YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY!

INTRODUCING OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC...

My name is Jeff Kiel and I will be serving as your new Minister of Music. I am honored and humbled to be replacing Ruth Sievers who has dedicated herself to making music for this congregation for many years. You have been blessed to have her serving here, and I hope to carry on the fine work she has done here with excellence. Thank you very much for the opportunity.

My roots take me back to Chicago's East Side community, where I was baptized and attended school at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (now closed). It was here where my interest in playing organ began, having studied from age 7 and played my first service at age 12 using the "TLH Page 15" worship setting. My education continued at Luther High School South and then Concordia University, River Forest, where I studied music under Carl Schalk, Paul Bunjes, Victor Hildner and Robert Busse. But I had decided to pursue a degree in Computer Science, and a career in this field soon followed. During this time I kept active with music, playing for various churches as an avocation and developing some skills along the way including working with choirs and praise teams.

After 20 years of computer programming, God laid a burden on my heart that it was time for a change. While I was subbing on organ one Sunday, I met a Pastor who asked if I had worked with Praise Teams, which I had. He was considering a call which involved creating a contemporary music ministry, so one thing led to another and I ended up accepting a part-time job at St. John Lutheran Church in Forest Park where I live. The position became a full-time job after their organist moved on, so the responsibilities of the entire music ministry were under my belt, and thus I had begun a new career as a church musician using a wide variety of music skills. As needs changed at St. John, I accepted a music position at St. Paul, Melrose Park, which included teaching music and choirs in the school, plus leading an adult choir and two praise teams.

Now I am ready to start a new journey serving the people of St. Paul, Oak Lawn by playing organ and piano, planning worship, and directing choirs throughout the year. It was mentioned that there is interest in bringing back the handbell choir, so I am planning on that as well tentatively for Easter Sunday (watch for announcements soon). For the first couple of weeks, I expect to be getting familiar with St. Paul's vast music library and selecting music to prepare for Lent and Easter.

I am thrilled to be returning to my South Side roots. I look forward to working with the people of St. Paul in making beautiful music in praise of our Lord, and I pray that the music we make together draws us all closer to the glorious God we serve.

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To view our Sunday services, calendar, and newsletter, visit www.stpauloaklawn.org

The deadline for placing articles in the newsletter is the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Send submissions to sbarry@stpauloaklawn.org.

GROW IN CHRIST ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday School meets in Room 8 each Sunday at 10:30 am after the Sunday morning worship service. Teens and adults are also invited to gather together to study God's Word after the Sunday service in the Timothy Room. **The Bible study series is called "God's Love: Knowing God through the Psalms"**. Grab something to eat and drink and join us!

(Please note that the time of both has been changed back to 10:30 am to better reflect the actual time the sessions begin and to allow a brief time for food and fellowship after the church service ends.)

ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to our flower chairperson, Terry Hornburg, for the beautiful floral arrangements she has been blessing us with each Sunday to celebrate a special occasion or "just because". To place an order for flowers, you may reserve a date on the flower calendar in the narthex and/or call the church office at 708-423-1040. Please make your check payable to *Terry Hornburg*.

We should soon be receiving information from Fasel Florists for ordering Easter plants! Please watch for bulletins and e-mails that will give details when they arrive. Thank you to all who order the plants!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact the church office (708-423-1040) or email sbarry@stpauloaklawn.org if you have recently moved, or if your phone number or email address has changed. Thank you!

BREAKING NEWS: VOTERS' MEETING TO CALL A PASTOR

Please come to vote for our next pastor on *Saturday, March 15, at 10 am!* More details in the "Message from the Pastoral Call Committee" in this Newsletter.

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WHEN YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED

Please call the church office to let us know when you or a member of your family has been admitted to the hospital. We want to include you in our prayers and will arrange for a pastoral visit when necessary.

REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

OUR MEMBERS: Sandy Barry; Betty Beegle; Vic and Marty Both; Jan Briede; Delphine Cherry; Loretta Frank; Louis Clayton Frank; Jennifer Garcia; Arthur Gerth; Amanda Greene; June Hagberg; Katherine Hice; Kevin Hickey; Roy Hodgeman; Herta Iversen; Graham Jackson; Janice Janiszewski; Flora Jones; Robert Kaczmarek; Ron Klingensmith; Betty Kruckow; Elaine Lebron; Jan Leise; Ingrid Lesko; Warren A. Miller; Regina Nordquist; George Oberg; Dorothy Pavella; Barbara Prendergast; Janice & Rich Przybycien; Rosa Richardson; Lori Safstrom; Kurt Seehofer; Beverly Sellers; Norma Silinski; Carol Small; Keith Vanselow; Bill Volk; Susan E. Volk; Sarah Weber

OUR MEMBERS IN CARE FACILITIES: Betty Larson; Gloria Meyer; Melva Smith; Delores Stegemann

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION: Lisa Anglin; Barbara Apt; Devon Apt; Carrie Aspan; Lance Barrientos; Cathy Becker; Sue Berg; LeRoy Bitner; Henry Bonder; Sharon Bryant; Selma Carmichel; Frankie Coglinese; Judy Collins; John Darge; Dana DeAngelis; Rudy DeAngelis; Bridget & Nick DeAngelo; Shirley Demyres; George Dodaro, Sr.; Shirley Fairchild; Justin & Ashley Fasel; Emily Feehan; Triston Ferry; Gloria Folsom; David Franzone; Jerry Gross; Ted Gross; Donald Hakanson; Shawn Harland; Charley Heitz; Amanda Hermansen; Ann Herold; Phyllis Hicks; Elaine Hoffstetter; Doreen Holford; Carl Hoppe; Vern Howe; Louise Hrynkow; Kyle Hughes; Rich Huscher; Ray Jackson; Marissa Jiminez; Dana Kahn; Monica Kato; Debby Kehrli; Jimmy Kennedy, Jr.; Julie King; Debra Kleeman; Herb Kleeman; Evelyn & Ron Konieski; Christopher Kosary; Jerry Kreten; Glen Krietsch; Dorothy Kroll; The Lamberth family; Carol Loecherbach; Margaret Lundgreen; Ron Lunt; Adrian Martinez; Iris McCoy; Carol Jean and Tim McPhillips; Audrey Metes; Carol Milazzo; Marie Miller; Daniel Musser; Roberta & Carlos Owens; Pam Palhegyi; Patricia Paulsen; Gail Pennay; Sandy Plath; Jackie Plichta; Barb Potter; Doris Potts; Fred Raddatz; Guillermo Ramirez; Raquel Ramirez; Kimberly Rooney; Sophia Salus; Elmo Schultz; Rhonda Scott; Allyson Seehofer; Linda Shuman; Al Silinski; Kim & Shawn Skelton, Sr.; Sarah Skelton; Anna Stendic; Janet Trierweiler; Bernadette & Rich Trusk; Jose Urena; Wayne Volk; Vicki Warren; Michael Watkins; Gene Wawrzynikowski; Cindy (Joens) Wendel; Katherine Zeleny; Jean & Al Zirbel

THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Mark Brown (son of Pam Brown and nephew of Beth Matusevicius) Navy Reserves/Great Lakes Naval Base, Chicago); Aurora DeAngelis (daughter of Michelle and Curtis Simonson), USACE, Detroit, MI; Peter Scialabba (son of Susan Scialabba and nephew of Sharon Helmbold) Special Forces; Adam Skelton (grandson of Rich and Jan Briede) stationed in Dover, Delaware; Christopher Skopec (son of Steven and Debbie Skopec) stationed in North Carolina; Sean Rosales (son of Ed and Mia Rosales) stationed in Washington.

(Please let the church office (708) 423-1040 know when your need for our prayer list is over.)

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MESSAGES FROM OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF ELDERS

Dear Fellow Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church:

The Elders give thanks to God for the wealth of activities that take place at St. Paul throughout the year. We were happy to host the Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on Sunday, 16 February, honoring the many members required to assist during worship services and fellowship events, manage church outreach programs, and maintain St. Paul's physical plant. Our members are a blessing to us and to the local community.

We are now approaching Lent and Easter, and St. Paul will celebrate this most holy time of year with appropriate solemnity and festivity. We will offer two services on Ash Wednesday, 5 March. The morning service will begin at 11:00 am and will be preceded by a continental breakfast at 10:00 am; the evening service is scheduled for 7:00 pm. There will be weekly Wednesday evening services during Lent at 7:00 pm on 12, 19, and 26 March and on 2 and 9 April. These services will be preceded by a supper at 5:30 pm and a hymn sing at 6:45 pm. During Holy Week, we will have one service on Palm Sunday, 13 April, at 9:00 am and two services on Maundy Thursday (17 April) and Good Friday (18 April) at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. There will be one service on Easter Sunday, 20 April, at 9:00 am. We pray that you will take the opportunity to attend as many of these worship services and events as possible.

The world around us is a dangerous, illusionary, bewildering, troublesome place. It is often difficult to know how we as Christians should behave and what we should accept or reject. At times of doubt or confusion, we should turn to God, as the Psalmist did, and cry out: "Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul" (Psalm 143:8). God promises to respond when we listen to his Word, pray for guidance and understanding, and model our lives on his example. In Deuteronomy 4:29, we are assured: "But if... you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul."

Let's all pray for God's guidance as we look for ways to strengthen St. Paul in its mission to spread the Gospel and minister to the world around us.

Yours in Christ,
David Witkosky
St. Paul Board of Elders

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE

The Call Committee recently conducted interviews with three pastors, one of whom could become the next pastor here at St. Paul. As could be determined by the interviews, all three pastors are men of God, with a deep desire to preach, teach, and spread the good news of Jesus to our church and community.

The committee has reviewed and compiled summaries of these three pastors for presentation at a call meeting of the voters assembly on *Saturday, March 15th at 10 am*. Please plan to attend this important meeting! Please also pray for the call committee and the man God has already chosen to be our next pastor.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM/PARISH EDUCATION

Well, it looks like we are out of the deep freeze, at least for now! As we all know God is good and has given us sun and higher temperatures to get us through the rest of winter.

The Everything Baby campaign has ended, and St. Paul did it again!! We have a very generous church family. We were able to collect nice new and used baby items. In addition, the Southside Pregnancy Center received a \$445.00 monetary gift. We also need to be grateful to Thrivent. I was approved for a \$250.00 Thrivent gift card and with the assistance of a representative from the Pregnancy Center, we were able to find nice bargains at Walmart, but the gift card went pretty fast. Thanks again ,St. Paul family.

Our board is responsible for the New Member and Confirmation Receptions. I don't believe we have any recent new members, and we need to talk to Pastor about Confirmation!! We will keep you informed.

Our Board will be serving the Lenten Dinner on Wednesday, April 9th at 5:30 pm in the Timothy Room. The menu includes Mostaccioli, salad, bread, butter, desserts, and beverages. St. Paul is going into a busy church season and we would love for everyone to enjoy the season by joining us for special services and good meals!!

MESSAGE FROM THE (FORMER) DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Our long search for a director of music to replace me came to an end after our interview with Mr. Jeff Kiel, who we felt would serve St. Paul well leading our music ministry. Please consider joining our adult or bell choir. Watch for rehearsal details in coming weeks!

Thank you also for your support of me through my years of music ministry at St. Paul. I will still be around helping out where needed! Ruth Sievers

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MESSAGE FROM OPERATION BARNABAS

Spring is here, even though we may have some more snow. Well, we sent 12 care packages out last month! I received a text message from Chaplin Joe Seifert, stationed in Okinawa. He said "Thank you for your work with Project Barnabas. I am sure the marines and sailors will enjoy the snacks." Know that you, through the care packages, have raised the morale of a lot of troops. These troops are far from home, and for some it's the first time they are outside the US. The care packages give them a little taste of home and a reminder that there is a large group of citizens who care and support them.

If you care to send a note to a service man or woman, there will be blank note cards in the narthex to the right of the church office door. When you are done writing your note, just seal the envelope and address it to "THE TROOPS", then drop it in the "Military Mailbox", next to the blank cards. We will add the cards to the care packages. So, all you have to do is write the note. Thank you for your help and contributions.

We are supporting the veterans at Manteno Veteran's Home with a luncheon that will be on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 17th. The luncheon will be catered by Olive Garden restaurant. More news next month.

You do make a difference.

Thank you! Thank you for your help and **may GOD bless us all.**

MESSAGE FROM FAITH IN ACTION/SOCIAL MINISTRIES

**Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.
Ephesians 4:32**

We are so thankful for what God has done for us that we are sharing His love for Easter. Preparations are being made for our Easter holiday bags which will be distributed on April 2nd and April 16th. We were blessed to get a great BOGO on pork tenderloins at Jewel, and we have been checking our shelves and sales for holiday items. An Easter flier is available in the narthex and also in this newsletter.

We had another record breaking food pantry in February. In **February**, we served 96 families and 277 individuals, and received 12 new clients. We are so happy God put these wonderful people in our path, and that we are able to be the hands and feet of Jesus to share His love with them. It can get really hectic in the hallways and driveway on food pantry days. Since Ash Wednesday, March 5th is a food pantry day, please be patient with our food pantry friends; we will be sharing our ministry space in the afternoon. Our food pantry hours are 2-4 pm, but some clients arrive early and some may arrive late. We would encourage parishioners coming to

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church in the morning on Ash Wednesday to park in the St. Paul lot, as the Hilton lot is used for food distribution for our pantry.

We are happy to nourish the souls of our food pantry clients through the Lenten devotional booklets distributed in their bags. You are not only helping feed their bodies, but you are also feeding their souls through St. Paul's devotionals and your prayers.

Through you and our partners, we have been blessed to serve those in need. With a grateful heart, we thank Thrivent and our grant writer Pastor John Moeller for the \$250 in a Visa card that was used in our food pantry in February. Pastor John was a great support in our food pantry and even knew many of our clients by name.

We also collected 2198 pounds of rescued food, including Panera, Operation Blessing, Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry, Immanuel Hillside, Jewel 95th & Pulaski, Elsie's Pantry, District 123, & Grace Lutheran Willow Springs Food Pantry items include meat, frozen meals, fruit, vegetables, dairy, deli items, bread, dessert, snacks and shelf stable grocery. You never know what will be rescued, but we are very thankful for God's intervention. We also shared 175 pounds of bread with our sister pantry Operation Blessing.

The men's cook team prepared a BEDS-Plus shelter dinner that included an Italian meatball sandwich in marinara sauce with mozzarella cheese in February. They served baked beans, salad, chips, oranges, & milk with their meal. Our wonderful volunteer baker Linda Fogarty prepared a delicious red velvet cake with cream cheese frosting to finish the meal. Linda makes these wonderful desserts as a donation for our BEDS friends. We thank Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry for some of the donations that were used in the February meal above.

Gardening season is coming soon, and we are already planning for the gardening season! More to come in the April newsletter. Before you toss those poinsettia and Easter pots, we can use them for our garden! If you need to get closer to God's creation, watering the St. Paul gardens is a great place to meditate and reflect. Our watering schedule will begin in May-October; only once per month. Think about God connecting to you through gardening,...

Thank you for your constant support of our missions. You are always welcome to join our team, just call the church office and leave us a message (food pantry x18). We are still looking for someone to help us with food rescue, and we always welcome businesses or schools to have a food drive for our pantry. Keep in mind: Stamp Out Hunger Postal Drive is Saturday, May 10th.

Again thank you for your generosity, and sharing the love of Jesus.

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A tribute to our food pantry client Kim Sierzega: Kim passed away on Wednesday, February 11th, after her long battle with pancreatic cancer. Kim was a longtime client with the St. Paul Food Pantry, until her recent move to Racine, WI. Both Kim and her mom, Bernie, loved St. Paul Food Pantry, and they would come in to just chat. Hearing their family stories brought us so much joy. We remember the day Bernie shared her video of Kim ringing the cancer bell. We pray for peace and comfort for Daniel, Kim's husband and her daughter Caitlyn, also her mom and dad Bernie and Leon Nawrot. We are happy knowing that Kim is no longer suffering and is with God now. Kim, we will miss you until we are reunited one day in heaven.

MESSAGE FROM THE LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild is again serving a continental breakfast at 10 am on Ash Wednesday, March 5th in the Timothy Room. **ALL** are welcome to enjoy breakfast goodies, coffee, juice, fellowship, and a short time of Lenten singing before the 11 am Ash Wednesday communion service. Ladies Guild members are reminded to bring their donations of muffins, coffee cakes, bagels, etc. by 9:45 am so setup is complete by the 10 am start time.

Our February meeting had to be cancelled due to the cold weather. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 25th at 1 pm** in the Timothy Room. Please join us for devotions, a short meeting, refreshments and a topic/discussion on "Learn How to Enjoy Reading Your Bible", led by Marilyn Bitner. Bring a friend! All are welcome!

The women of the guild will serve the Lenten supper on Wednesday, April 2nd. The menu will again include beef vegetable soup, bread, salad, and desserts – and all are invited! An April meeting on April 22nd - Earth Day – has been added to our calendar. Terry Hornburg will lead a presentation on flower arranging. This is another opportunity for women of our congregation and their friends to meet for fellowship and an interesting discussion!

MEMORIALS

Given by:

Cathy Kumke
Mary Lou Degidio
Murray Family
Cathy Kumke
Laura & Mel Safstrom
No Name Given / Unknown
Karen & Donald Nordstrom
Jean & Karen Racek
Murray Family

In Memory Of:

Edna Johnson
Edna Johnson
Edna Johnson
Geraldine "Gerry" Keipert
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MESSAGE FROM THE LCMS BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

God's Instruments, God's Stewards

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Eph. 2:10) Some pastors refer to these words as “the most forgotten words in the Scriptures.” They are forgotten because they follow the familiar and critical words before it. The preceding two verses that overshadow Ephesians 2:10 are words of justification: “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Eph. 2:8–9). These are words preached regularly and assigned as confirmation verses. They carry with them the very heart of what it means to be a redeemed child of God!

Precisely because the previous verses are so central to salvation, they often overpower our practice of stewardship! We have been saved by grace. This is certain and sure because of Jesus. Works play no role in our salvation. No credit taking for us! Grace is freely given. Faith is miraculously created by the Spirit and joyously received. This truth is so wonderful and so encompassing that we often miss out on WHY we are redeemed.

The grace of God revealed in Jesus calls us to faith. But St. Paul doesn't stop with grace and faith. He continues to the logical conclusion. Just like the creation declares the handiwork of God, the redemption of sinners like you and me declares His greatest handiwork! Redeemed stewards are created to reflect the grace and mercy God showers on us to others.

As Lutherans, we understand that good works flow from faith in Jesus Christ. They are the fruit of the tree of salvation into which we have been grafted by grace. Sanctification and stewardship are both on-going and active confessions of what the Lord has done in us. These works are not always spectacular. Many times, they are simply parents showing Jesus to their children. They are compassionate actions that live out the truth of the Gospel to co-workers and even complete strangers. While they can be grand endeavors, more likely they are simple, beautiful works which highlight what Jesus has done in us.

These works aren't random either. They have been planned by God. God planned to use you as a faithful steward as you walk the road that leads you through your daily life. There are no chance encounters or coincidences. They have been planned by the Lord of the universe for the benefit of His creation. Good works are what point to God's greatest work: Jesus! He calls you and me to walk in this faith, which flows from this grace, which has been poured out on us in Jesus. But even this is not to our credit. We are simply called to be faithful stewards of God's grace so that we may share it with those who need it as much as we do. God's Spirit carries us along in this. We are just the steward — the instrument in His hand to accomplish His Plan and glorify Him!

EASTER PANTRY NEEDS

Stuffing/Gravy Packets

Beef or Chicken Broth/Instant Mashed Potatoes

Peas/Carrots/Canned Tomatoes/ Apple Sauce

Jello or Pudding Packages / Sliced Pineapple

Cake or Brownie Mix/Frosting

Extras: Olives, Mushrooms, Manwich,
Salad Dressing

\$\$\$ MONEY IS ALWAYS WELCOME! \$\$\$

Can you even believe it?? Easter is just a few weeks away! During the month of March, we are preparing Easter bags for families in need. On April 2nd & 16th, these holiday bags will also include a pork loin roast. We need your help! FIA is asking for monetary donations to help offset the cost of these special additions to our bags. If you would like to help, any monetary donation would be appreciated. Monetary donations can be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church via a church envelope or 'Simply Giving' on-line, but please designate FIA donation on the by line. Your support with donations of non-perishable food is always appreciated, and a list of needed items for the holiday bags are listed above. We thank you ahead of time for your generosity, and we do not mind shopping for you!

OTHER PANTRY ITEMS REQUESTED ARE: Pork n' Beans, Chili Beans, Corn Muffin Mix, Pasta & Rice Sides, Mixed Vegetables, Canned Beets, Meals in a can, Pasta Sauce, Stew & Chili; Jelly, Spam, Canned Chicken, Canned Fruit, Hamburger Helper.

THANK YOU!!



*The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him
my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart
exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.*

Psalm 28:7

CALLING ALL SINGERS! Rehearsals for the Spring season of the **Southwest Lutheran Chorus** have begun and will be held every **Monday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 4660 West 94th Street in Oak Lawn at 7:00 PM.** All singers are welcome. You can park north of the church and enter at the door on the right, which will be marked. We look forward to seeing you!

For more information, please contact Deborah Hochgesang –
dhochgesang@comcast.net or (708) 499-2866.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays at 9AM

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH EVENTS

Continental Breakfast in Timothy Room at 10:00 AM
Communion Services at 11 AM and 7 PM

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays, March 12 through April 9 at 7 PM
*Suppers are served each Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm in
Timothy Room
Hymn Sing begins in the church at 6:45pm*

**THERE IS NO WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE ON
April 16**

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday: April 13 Communion Service at 9AM

Maundy Thursday: April 17 Communion Services at
11AM & 7PM

Good Friday: April 18 Tenebrae Service at 11AM and 7PM

Easter Sunday: April 20 Festival Communion Service 9AM

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Oak Lawn, Illinois

March 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p>2</p> <p>9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30 am Sun School & Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 pm SW Lutheran Chorus rehearsal</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 am Bd of Elders</p> <p>6:30 pm Bd of Evangelism/Parish Ed</p> <p>6:30 pm Faith In Action</p> <p>6:30 pm Bd of Trustees</p>	<p>5 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>10:00 am Ladies Guild host a Lenten Breakfast</p> <p>11:00 am Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>FOOD PANTRY</p> <p>2:00 pm Food Pantry</p> <p>7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30 am Sun School & Bible Study</p> <p>*Begin orders for Easter Lilies and Daffodils*</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 pm SW Lutheran Chorus rehearsal</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 am Ladies Guild Board</p> <p>10:30 am Operation Barnabas</p> <p>6:30 pm Church Council</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:30-6:30 pm Lenten Supper</p> <p>7:00 pm Lenten Worship</p> <p>8:00 pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00 am Special Voters Meeting to call new pastor</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30 am Sun School & Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>3:00 pm BEDS Cook Team</p> <p>7:00 pm SW Lutheran Chorus rehearsal</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>FOOD PANTRY</p> <p>2:00 pm Food Pantry</p> <p>5:30-6:30 pm Lenten Supper</p> <p>7:00 pm Lenten Worship</p> <p>8:00 pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
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