

ST. PAUL & IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES

March 2024 Newsletter

Blue Earth, Minnesota



Receiving Forgiveness † Growing Disciples † Proclaiming Christ

Pastor Fretham's Ramblings:

A graduate prays, "Lord, now what?"

A teacher says, "Whatever a child does, the day ends. We start fresh in the morning."

A farmer plants the seed trusting God with the new crop.

Christians live with thanks for what has been. Even more, our lives are guided by the assumption that God will still be all the ways God has been at work in the past, and more. We have hope.

God's work never seems to be done. When we go through the tough times, we know that God will never fail us. No matter what hurts us, God is there working in or through us.

God is at work for the future of our 2 churches as we go through the call process. We just have to trust He knows what He is doing.

For Lent: March 6 service is about Simon of Cyrene

March 13 is about The Thief

March 20 is for the Centurion

March 28, Holy Thursday, is all about Jesus

March 29 Good Friday is for Joseph of Arimathea

March 31 Easter catches the Chief Priests off guard

Palm Sunday, March 24, Release time and Sunday School will be singing.

March 9 is set aside for our confirmation retreat on the Lord's supper.

God Bless!

Pastor Dave Fretham

March 6: Lent 3

Simon of Cyrene:

The Cross Now Carried,

Matthew 27:32; Mark 15:21

- Noon at St. Paul
- 5:00 p.m. Bars & Coffee
- 6:00 p.m. at Immanuel



March 13: Lent 4

The Thief:

Rejected, Then Believed,

Matthew 27:38-44; Luke 23: 32-43

5:00 p.m. Youth serving Tacos

March 20: Lent 5

The Centurion:

Truly the Son of God,

Matthew 27:51-54

5:00 p.m. Youth serving
Pork Loin

March 13th & 20th Noon and 6:00 p.m. Services will be held at St. Paul.



March 6 - 5:00pm Bars and Coffee at Immanuel

March 13 - Youth serving Tacos

March 20 - Youth serving Pork Loin

Serving from 5:00 to 6:00pm.



Flowers or plants will be needed for the Easter Memorial Garden. A Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. The deadline to sign up is March 25 to be included in the Easter bulletin. You may bring flowers or plants to the Youth Room on Friday, March 29.

Monetary donations can also be given if you wish the Altar Guild to purchase flowers or plants for you.

Questions? Please contact the office 526.7318.

Worship Services

St. Paul: Saturday Evenings at 5:30pm
Sunday's at 9:30am

Immanuel: Sunday's at 8:00am

Broadcast Schedule: KBEW 1560AM at 11 a.m. on Sundays

Wednesday at 3:10pm Lenten Services

Cable Channel 990 at 9am & 6pm on Wednesdays

Church Office: 507-526-7318

Church email: stpauloffice@bevcomm.net

Website www.stpaulblueearth.weebly.com



Palm Sunday Worship:

March 24
8:00am Immanuel
9:30am St. Paul

Joint Maundy Thursday:

March 28 At *Immanuel*: 6:00pm
with Holy Communion

Joint Good Friday: March 29

At *St. Paul*: 6:00 pm

No Services on Saturday, March 30.



March 31

Easter Worship Services

Immanuel: 9:30 am

Worship

St. Paul: 8:00am Worship

Youth serving breakfast

Time & Menu TBA

St. Paul March Meetings:

Sunday, March 3:

1:00 p.m. Call Committee

Tuesday, March 5:

1:30 p.m. Quilters

Thursday, March 21:

7:00pm Elders

Tuesday, March 26

1:30pm LWSP (Lutheran Women of St. Paul)

All women are welcome to attend!

Saturday: Pastor David Schultz

Cell: 507.848.0816

Email: lcmspastorschultz@hotmail.com

Sunday: Vacancy Pastor David Fretham

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Release Time Coordinator: Sarah Smith

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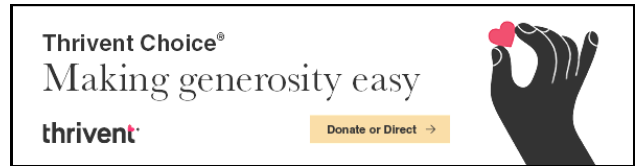


BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1- Emma Mertens
- 3 - Ben Haase
- 4- Alberta Greimann
- 8 - Joyce Ehrich, Corrie Rademaker,
Judi Prescher, Luke Mertens & Emmitt
Osmundson
- 9 - Breanna Eckhardt
- 10 - Stefania Paschke
- 12 - Isaac Jagerson
- 15 - Mildred Thompson
- 16 - David J. Anderson, Skylee Bell,
Stacy Hearn, Diana Johnson & Jaymee
Nelson
- 17 - Ken Haase
- 19 - Karen Osmundson
- 20 - Irma Franke
- 21 - Lawrence Wolf & Terry Hawley
- 23 - Marilyn Krieger, Kelli Ripley & Brooklyn
Rademaker
- 24 - Sawyer Ripley
- 25 - Nicole Foth & Carissa Bell
- 26 - Marc Bell
- 27 - Joel Eckhardt
- 29 - Vernice Mensing
- 30 - Gloria Quade

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- 7 - Paul & Jackie Willner
 - 11 - Andrew & Nicole Bell
 - 14 - Donna & Paul Nawrocki
 - 17 - Dean & Loree Vereide
 - 21 - Brad & Misty Wolf
 - 27 - Paul & Mary Schavey

▪Listed are birthdays and wedding anniversaries of church members. If there are any additions or corrections, please call the office at 526.7318.



In 2023 St. Paul received \$1,415 in Thrivent Choice Dollars® grant funding.

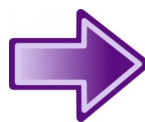
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 - or visit them at 216 N. Main St. Blue Earth



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The LWML Blue Earth Zone Spring Rally/ Mission Gathering

- 5pm registration, Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 305 E. Fifth Street, Blue Earth, MN
- 6pm Topic: "Spiritual but Not Religious, Millennials and the Church, Spirituality of Atheism", by Rev. Dr. Armand J. Boehme





≈ Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, March 9th from 9am to 4pm

≈ Youth will be serving Tacos before the Midweek Lenten Service on Wednesday, March 13th.

≈ Youth will be serving Pork Loin beginning at 5pm on Wednesday, March 20th.

≈ Easter Egg Hunt for Preschool to 6th gr. on Saturday, March 23rd. Time - TBA

* Donations for Easter Candy may be placed in the cart in the narthex.

≈ Children will process in with palms and sing on Palm Sunday, March 24th during the 9:30am Service.

≈ Youth will be serving Easter Breakfast. Time & menu- TBA

March Acolytes

9th Eliseanna Granillo & Noah Burgett

10th Kailey Boettcher & Olivia Ziegler

16th Nolan Hagedorn

17th Madie Redepenning & Sam Lawrence

23rd Jack Haase

24th Oliver Gustafson & Leila Woodwick

31st Easter Kailey Boettcher & Ava Boettcher

Wednesdays:

6th service at Immanuel

13th Nolan Hagedorn

20th Noah Burgett

Maundy Thursday 28th service at Immanuel

Good Friday 29th Oliver Gustafson

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1. Download the free Vanco Mobile app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store
2. Find our church by ZIP code 56013 or by searching for St. Paul Lutheran.
3. Donate!



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- Frequency
- (Next) start date
- End date
- Transaction amount
- Payment method
- Tile/Fund choice



KB EW dates open to sponsor a broadcast in March: 24 . Lenten Services: March 6, 13, and 20. The cost is \$42.

Please contact the office if you are interested at 526.7318 or email stpauloffice@bevcomm.net



March 10!
Spring Ahead