

## St. Paul's Lutheran Family

February 2023  
NEWSLETTER

There's a Place for You at  
St. Paul's!



### PASTOR'S REPORT

What an exciting start to the new year. This church is alive with activity and excitement as we look forward to a new pastor.

Your Call Committee has begun the work necessary to offer a call for a permanent leader for St. Paul's with focus and dedication to the critical process of discerning who you are, what has been your history, and where are you going from here. The outlook is positive! Personally, I have gotten to know you better and offered what I pray is helpful advice during this period of transition.

After meeting with your worship leaders, we designed a new service format that began on January 29<sup>th</sup> while maintaining our Lutheran Setting II service. The full service was projected with words of worship and music, so more attendees could participate without having to use the Book of Worship that many find hard to read...yes, we are getting older.

At the 29<sup>th</sup> service, we received seven new members through transfer or reception from another denomination. We also saw some members return after the Covid crisis. We look forward to continued growth.

February sees us hosting a History Day on the 5<sup>th</sup>, a Chili cook-off on the 11<sup>th</sup>, helping LEAN with their kick-off luncheon at the Nevada Legislature, and a community-wide Ash Wednesday service on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We just found out that we may be receiving a grant from the Sierra Conference to help with technology. "Treasury: Dean talked about the treasury of our conference. Would like to propose that we give a tech grant to St. Paul's in Carson City, and an intern grant to Lord of Mercy in Sparks... \$500 each."

The future remains bright! We are on the right track to work on our ministry to the community as active participants in Carson City, and each of you is important to that work.

As we get ready for Lent and the Passion, remember to look inward at what you can do extra during these forty days to follow the path laid out for us by Jesus.

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A Statement on the Killing of Tyre Nichols  
1/27/2023 2:00:00 PM

"Christians in their longing for Christ find themselves deeply immersed in the sufferings of the world. Christians are not aloof spectators, watching the world's troubles. ... [F]aith leads us into solidarity with suffering." — ELCA social statement, *The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries* (2013).

As the nation watches another video exposing police violence against a Black man after a traffic stop, there will be great suffering and despair emerging from across the United States. In just over a week we have witnessed mass gun violence in California – twice – and the shooting of a protester at a future police training site in Atlanta. Each of these tragedies inspires grief, not only for the lives lost and forever altered but also for our loss of confidence in a system that continues to fail us, over and over.

It's important to remember that images are powerful and can retraumatize communities. The anticipated video footage of 29-year-old Memphis resident Tyre Nichols being beaten promises to stir many emotions and reawaken the grief of tens of millions of Americans who have seen this in their own communities. It will feel personal for those who have witnessed this trauma inflicted upon their own families.

As Americans, we must all face this problem. Together we must cry out, much as Rachael wept in loud lamentation, "How long, O Lord?"

How long, O Lord, will we need to suffer at the hands of injustice?

How long, O Lord, will we hear of lives taken by another shooting and fear for our own lives and our families' lives?

How long, O Lord, will we fear a system that is supposed to protect all lives?

Dear church, now is the time to focus, listen, learn, counsel, advocate for just reforms, and lament a grief that seems relentless, that is awoken again with each act of tragedy and injustice across this nation.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## President's Report

### Council Corner

Louise Griffith,

President



This article is dedicated to communicating the actions, decisions, and future action items of the Church Council. This article is intended to give the congregation the highlights of the Church Council meeting.

The transition of a church is about **Intentional Stewardship**. "Christians are called to be intentional about their stewardship, not just of money, but of their time and other resources as well. Intentional stewardship is bringing to consciousness and witness those things that we are already doing and those things that we intend, with God's help, to do in the future." (Transition Time for Congregation booklet, Sierra Pacific Synod). We are on a journey that will include some exciting roller coaster rides. In order for St. Paul's to be in the best position to welcome a new pastor, it will require all of us to work together; in other words, practice **Intentional Stewardship**.

When Council met on January 19<sup>th</sup>, we reviewed the financial reports. During the Treasurer's report, it was reported that the checking account had dipped below \$3,000, and the Treasurer was going to have to draw from the saving account to meet payroll. However, due to some generous year-end gifts, we ended with a balance of a little over \$35,000. The current trend in our income is only meeting 80% of our actual expenses since February 2022. We just received the bill for heating from Southwest Gas, which was \$1,024 for December. Please consider increasing your offering and gifts to the church, so that we may continue to honor our financial commitments.

Another commitment Council is asking for is a commitment of time. Over the next several months, the Call Committee will be holding a series of events to help answer questions on the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). The events will be held after the Sunday services. Some questions may be done by surveys or questions/answers worksheet. The MSP outlines to the ELCA and the Sierra Pacific Synod:

- Who are we?
- Who do we want to be?
- Who are our neighbors?
- What are we looking for in a pastor?
- What is God calling us to do?

The more members who participate in these activities, the better our MSP will be.

Already a History Day is being planned for February 5<sup>th</sup>. We will review our first 50 years already well documented at our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018. We need to bring our history to current day. What do you remember from the past years? What significant events do you remember and memories do you have? Do you have photos that you would like to share?

Other activities include:

- Defining our Core Values. Core Values are expressed by how people experience our congregation. They capture our uniqueness. They capture how we live out what we believe (being). Core Values will lead us to review our Vision and Mission Statement.
- Vision Statement pictures the future of our congregation as God has planned it to be (becoming).
- Mission Statement tells something about our purpose as part of the larger body of Christ and hints at how we will make our vision a reality (doing).

Other tasks that need to be done includes looking at our Constitution, policies, and procedures. The Council is already reviewing the Constitution. Minor changes have been made to align it with the ELCA changes. These changes do not require a congregation vote. However, many of the recommended policies and procedures are either out of date or do not exist. The policies and procedures can be created by a small group of members and then present them to the congregation at our next congregational meeting.

The goal of these Intentional Stewardship activities, events, paperwork, etc. is to:

1. Discover a new and deepened sense of identity and purpose for the congregation, and
2. To establish a healthy relationship with the next pastoral leader who will walk with the congregation in mission.

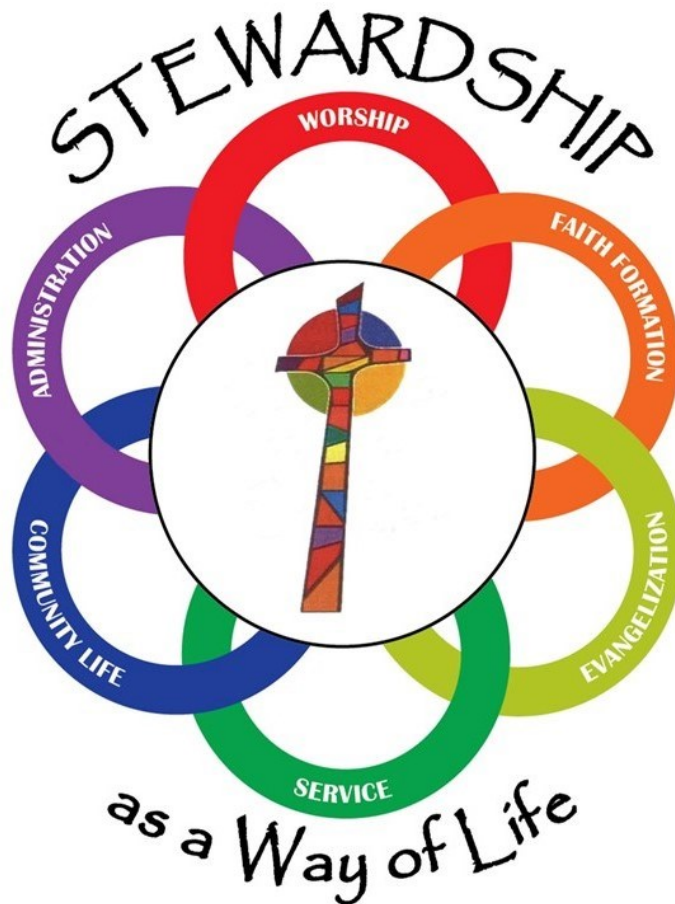
If you are asking, "How can I help?" please contact me. I promise to make it painless!  
I ask the congregation to unite in prayer each night at 8:00 p.m.

*Loving God, be with us and guide us during this time of discernment. Fill our leaders with your wisdom. Keep us mindful of the work you would have us do. Lead us and guide us, O Lord, to be about the work of your kingdom even as the search for a new pastor continues. Bless all who have taken on extra responsibility and fill them with a sense of your love and presence. We pray in your Son's name, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

God Bless You!

Louise Griffith, President

Phone: 775 232-7071 (in the evenings) Email: [ladylouise@gmail.com](mailto:ladylouise@gmail.com)



# Servants Serving

## Altar Guild for February

Hope Chowanski and Heidi Jones

## Greeters

February 5<sup>th</sup> Judy McPhail  
February 12<sup>th</sup> Nikki Rohrs  
February 19<sup>th</sup> Tim Hamilton  
February 26<sup>th</sup> Deanna Fine

## Readers

February 5<sup>th</sup> Steve Ranson  
February 12<sup>th</sup> Ken Beaton  
February 19<sup>th</sup> Ruth Fitzgerald  
February 26<sup>th</sup> Kendra Wastun

## Livestreaming Team

Jay Olshen, Deanna Fine, and Nick Cotsonis

## Musicians

Dave Lingsjo,  
Principle Musician  
Vicki Hamilton, Organist  
Carol Arneson, Choir Director

## Ministry Leaders' E-mail

Altar Guild: Vicki Hamilton  
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[davidharrell93@yahoo.com](mailto:davidharrell93@yahoo.com)

Communion Assistants: Judy McPhail  
[stpaulcarson@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulcarson@gmail.com)

Card Ministry: Peg Bradtke  
[fakenails@aol.com](mailto:fakenails@aol.com)

## Counters

February 5<sup>th</sup> Judy McPhail and Jere Schultz  
February 12<sup>th</sup> Nikki Rohrs and Deanna Fine  
February 19<sup>th</sup> Judy McPhail and Jay Olshen  
February 26<sup>th</sup> Jeanne Russell and  
Sharon Gesick

## Communion Assistants

February 5<sup>th</sup> Kim Neiman  
February 12<sup>th</sup> John Bradtke  
February 19<sup>th</sup> Jay Olshen  
February 26<sup>th</sup> Hope Chowanski

## Acolytes

Clay Woslum and Greg Griffith

## Youth Acolytes

February 5<sup>th</sup> TBA  
February 12<sup>th</sup> TBA  
February 19<sup>th</sup> TBA  
February 26<sup>th</sup> TBA

## Ushers

Dave Harrell, Kim Neiman, Judy McPhail,  
Holly McPhail, and Lorayn Walser.

## Ministry Leaders

Altar Guild: Vicki Hamilton  
Greeters: Ruth Fitzgerald  
Readers: Judy McPhail  
Counters: Mary DeFelice  
Communion Assistants: Judy McPhail  
Youth Acolytes: Traci Angel  
Card Ministry: Peg Bradtke

*If you would like to be a worship volunteer,  
please contact the appropriate  
ministry leader.*

*Thank you in advance for your service!*





**Valentine's Day** occurs every February 14<sup>th</sup>. Across the United States and in other places around the world, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint, and where did these traditions come from? Find out about the meaning and history of Valentine's Day from the ancient Roman ritual of Lupercalia that welcomed spring to the card-giving customs of Victorian England.

### **The Legend of St. Valentine**

Where did Valentine's Day originate? The history of the holiday—and the story of its patron saint is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. But who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become associated with this ancient rite?

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Still others insist that it was Saint Valentine of Terni, a bishop, who was the true namesake of the holiday. He, too, was beheaded by Claudius II outside Rome.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl—possibly his jailor's daughter—who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and—most importantly—romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France.

### **Origins of Valentine's Day: A Pagan Festival in February**

While some believe that Valentine's Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the anniversary of Valentine's death or burial—which probably occurred around A.D. 270—others claim that the Christian church may have decided to place St. Valentine's feast day in the middle of February in an effort to "Christianize" the pagan celebration of Lupercalia. Celebrated at the ides of February, or February 15, Lupercalia was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, as well as to the Roman founders Romulus and Remus.

To begin the festival, members of the Luperci, an order of Roman priests, would gather at a sacred cave where the infants Romulus and Remus, the founders of Rome, were believed to have been cared for by a she-wolf or lupa. The priests would sacrifice a goat, for fertility, and a dog, for purification. They would then strip the goat's hide into strips, dip them into the sacrificial blood and take to the streets, gently slapping both women and crop fields with the goat hide. Far from being fearful, Roman women welcomed the touch of the hides because it was believed to make them more fertile in the coming year. Later in the day, according to legend, all the young women in the city would place their names in a big urn. The city's bachelors would each choose a name and become paired for the year with his chosen woman. These matches often ended in marriage.

<https://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day/history-of-valentines-day-2>



February 21<sup>st</sup>



Mardi Gras refers to events of the Carnival celebration, beginning on or after the Christian feasts of the Epiphany (Three Kings Day) and culminating on the day before Ash Wednesday, which is known as Shrove Tuesday. Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday", reflecting the practice of the last night of eating rich, fatty foods before the ritual Lenten sacrifices and fasting of the Lenten season.



Ash Wednesday is observed by many sectors of Western Christianity - including Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Lutherans, and Methodists - and the traditions associated with the day span back centuries.

#### **What date is Ash Wednesday?**

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on **February 22nd**.

It always occurs 46 days before Easter Sunday, which marks the end of

Lent. Because Easter is a moveable feast, the date of Ash Wednesday also shifts annually. Easter Sunday itself falls on the Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, which this year will fall on April 9th.

Ash Wednesday, on the other hand, always falls on the day immediately following Shrove Tuesday - or Pancake Day, as it is more commonly known.

#### **What is the history of the day?**

While Shrove Tuesday entails the eating up of rich foods - like sugar, eggs and butter - in time for Lent, Ash Wednesday marks the official beginning of this 40-day period of abstinence.

Christians traditionally abstain from foods such as meat and dairy over Lent, although this has now extended into people giving up some of their favorite things like chocolate, or trying to give up bad habits.

These sacrifices are meant to reflect the 40 days and 40 nights that Jesus spent fasting in the Judean Desert, according to the Bible.

#### **How is it marked in Christianity?**

Christians often have ash crosses drawn on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday. Sometimes ash is also sprinkled over their heads during church services, but both practices are a sign of repentance.

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are made up of the palm leaves used in the previous year's Palm Sunday service.

Palm Sunday itself is celebrated on the Sunday before Easter, and commemorates Jesus's entry into Jerusalem before his crucifixion. Palm leaves are used in the service because it is claimed that people laid palm branches on the ground in front of Jesus as he rode into the city.


The ash used on Ash Wednesday is made by burning these palm leaves and mixing them with either Holy Water or olive oil. The mixture is then painted onto the heads of worshippers whilst a member of the clergy says either: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return", or "Repent and believe in the gospel".

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/lifestyle/mind-and-soul/ash-wednesday-2023-what-s-the-history-of-the-day-and-how-is-it-observed-in-christianity/ar-AAUsMk9>



**Worship services are held each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Faith L.I.N.K. (Sunday school) meets from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.**

Our worship service is live-streamed via YouTube.

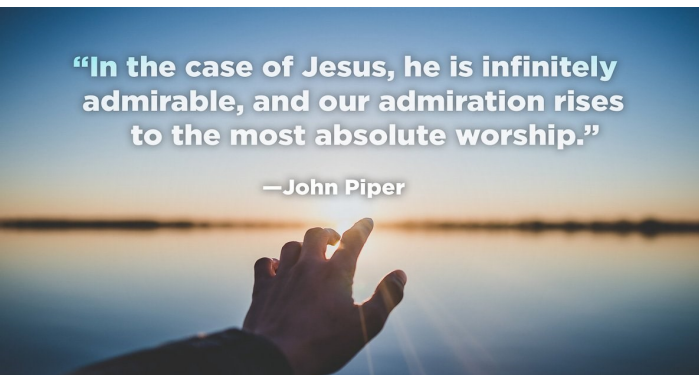
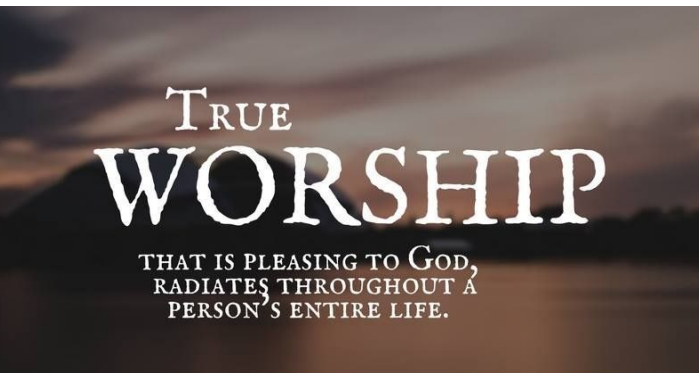
Directions for YouTube: 

Click on the hyperlink or copy and paste this link into your web browser.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCujH57tQGEsCKJhKyE8q2Lq>

The link will take you to St. Paul's YouTube channel where you can watch the live service.

To watch recorded services, click on "Playlist" and then choose the Sunday service/video you want to watch.



*St. Paul's community-wide Ash Wednesday service will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 p. m. and 6:00 p. m.*

**FIREFIGHTERS/PEACE OFFICERS**

Andy Steyn, Brian Hillenbrand, Tina Sherman, Mark Dickens, John Gould, Michael Gould, and Jason Wildblood.

**SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES**

Raelynn Norman (niece of Judy McPhail), Matthew Russell (nephew of Judy McPhail), Brandon Luterick, Heather Joyner (Johnson), Peter Elverum, Sarah McGee, Bryce Stimpka, Olivia Lesperance, John Duffy (nephew of Sharon and Tom Gesick), and Justin Snowden.



**Please don't forget the people and animals of Ukraine!**  
  
You can help with humanitarian aid via:  
<https://www.lutheranworld.org/> and <https://rolda.org/breaking-news-ukraine/>



# Announcements



St. Paul's welcomes its  
new members to the family:  
Bill and Sheila Anderson  
Sandra Jo Erikson-Duncan  
Judy Heckman  
David Lingensjo  
Jeanette Peck  
Jila Rostamimanesh



**You're Invited!**

**Nellie Revelle is moving to Arizona!  
Come say farewell!**

**Saturday, March 18th from 3:00 p.m. until  
5:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall.**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Family  
1201 N. Saliman Rd.  
Carson City**

**Light refreshments will be served.**

**Please RSVP to Karen Thompson by  
March 11th.**

**Text or call 480 330-6654 or e-mail  
[krevelle113@gmail.com](mailto:krevelle113@gmail.com).**

**Respectfully, no gifts, *cards only*.  
A group gift will be made at the party.**

**See you then!**



## WELCA Bible Study

Join us on the first Tuesday of each month from  
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for a lively bible study  
Vicki Hamilton is the leader of  
this wonderful group.

If you would like to be part  
of the card writing ministry  
that sends greetings cards  
to St. Paul's homebound,  
please contact Peg Bradtke.  
[fakenails@aol.com](mailto:fakenails@aol.com)



Please join us for "card signing and  
fellowship" at 10:45 a.m. on February 7<sup>th</sup>.  
This event follows the monthly Bible Study.  
All are invited to participate in either or both  
activities.

The February Fellowship  
Coffee Hour will be hosted  
by the Call Committee and  
St. Paul's Youth Group.



If you can find it in your hearts  
and your financial budgets to increase  
the amount of your offerings to  
St. Paul's in 2023, it would be  
greatly appreciated.  
The continuation of our ministry  
depends on your faithful generosity.  
Thank you!



## February Birthdays

- Steve Danforth, February 2
- Gloria Hamilton, February 6
- Isabella Hamilton, February 6
- Mia Hamilton, February 6
- Brita Steyn, February 11
- Sean Jones, February 14
- Dana Luterick, February 14
- Gail McComb, February 20
- Rachel Pesis-Segerhammer, February 23
- Jason Henkle, February 24
- Lauryn Bailey, February 28
- Katheryn Opperman, February 28

## Anniversary

Dave and Ellen Harrell  
February 14



Seniors are savvy.  
We know you can't buy love.  
However, you can adopt it!

Senior pets are available for adoption and will give you all the love you need. Many organizations waive adoption fees for seniors and senior pets.

Adopt a senior pet for Valentine's Day!



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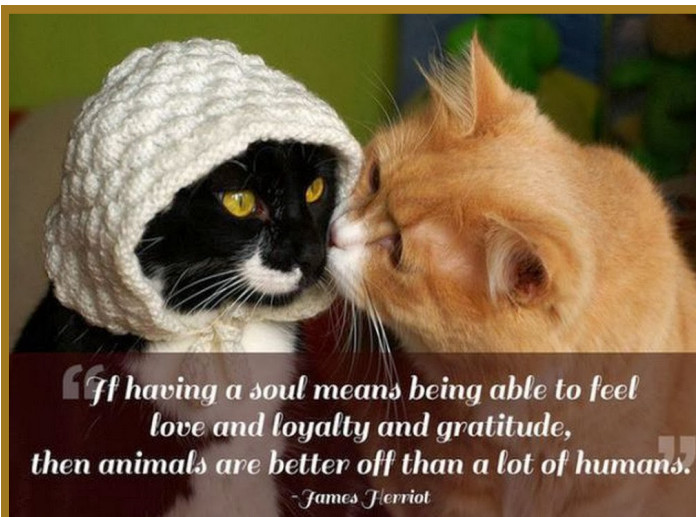
<https://www.catmanducc.org/>

Nevada Humane Society Carson City  
549 Airport Rd.  
Carson City, NV 89701  
775 887-2171



**Nevada**  
HUMANE SOCIETY

<https://nevadahumanesociety.org/carson-city-adoption-center/>



*"If having a soul means being able to feel love and loyalty and gratitude, then animals are better off than a lot of humans."*  
-James Ferriol



# Please Attend!

After our Sunday service on February 5<sup>th</sup>, please join us from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. as the Call Committee and Youth Group in partnership host a special Coffee Fellowship Hour with an interactive discussion of St. Paul's history.

The meeting will be held in the sanctuary to enable a livestream review of St. Paul's journey. After a short review of each decade prior to 2018, concentration will be placed on the years since 2018, with an opportunity for participants to write post-it notes with comments and questions.

Livestreaming allows those members of the congregation who are unable to attend in person to participate in this event. The best outcome will be achieved with the inclusion of as many congregants as possible.

Any member who cannot attend the meeting but wishes to share memories and/or provide feedback is invited to send their information to our Office Assistant at [stpaulcarson@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulcarson@gmail.com) by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

The goal of this exercise is to create a useful tool for the Call process. It will also be available to future pastoral candidates to learn about St. Paul's.



**STITCHERS** meet in Friendship Hall the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Contact Sarah Jevne for more information. [sarahj4821@gmail.com](mailto:sarahj4821@gmail.com)



St. Paul's Stitchers went above and beyond when they had a marathon quilt making day on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Eleven quilts were made for St. Paul's Youth Group Christmas project in conjunction with Carson High School.

A big thank you from me as I left for Wisconsin that day and was unable to help.

You ladies are the best!

Sarah Jevne, Chair

St. Paul's will host N.O.T.S. every night this month except for February 11<sup>th</sup>.



*Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Romans 12:13*



Choir practice is held each Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m.

If you are interested in joining St. Paul's choir, please contact Carol Arneson at [carol\\_arneson@yahoo.com](mailto:carol_arneson@yahoo.com).



## The Significance of Christian Ministry

The Bible clearly calls all Christians to a ministry of speaking truth. This call is not limited to teaching truth in a formal setting, but includes any avenue of speaking truth in the lives of others. Whether we consider ourselves mature believers or not, we are called to speak truth in whatever capacity we are able. Ministry falls

on the lap of every believer. As we continue to think about ministry, we ought to consider the message of a brief verse tucked in the middle of 1 Peter. This verse might only have a few lines, but the impact of these condensed words on ministry is powerful. Concerning ministry, Peter exhorts, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).

### Not "Should I?", but "How Do I?"

This verse assumes that every believer has been gifted - gifted for the purpose of service to the body of Christ. The verse does not say, "As each might have received a gift," but "As each has received a gift." Peter assumes - and rightly so - that every Christian has received a gift to build up the body of Christ. God has organized the church so that the necessary ministry can be accomplished by the body of Christ. He has provided the gifts and has enabled believers to serve one another in ministry (1 Cor 12:6). These gifts are numerous, but they all function for the unity and building up of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:7; Rom 12:3).

The question then for every believer is not, "Should I serve?" The Bible assumes that every Christian will serve with the gift that God supplied. Rather the question is, "How should I serve?" The "how" in this question does not refer to the avenues or ways of service, but to the manner of service. This is a question pertaining to the way in which someone serves. The answer in this text is clear: we are to serve "as good stewards of God's varied grace." This passage connects our serving in ministry with our stewardship of God's varied grace. The fact is that we are invited to ponder how we serve, not if we should serve.

### Ministry as Stewardship

Peter paints ministry as a stewardship. It is a stewardship of God's grace. As such, the issue really lies in the type of steward that each of us is. Every steward falls into one of two categories. Either we are a good steward or a poor steward. Either we manage God's gracious gift well or we don't. Failure to participate in ministry reflects poor stewardship, but engagement in ministry starts moving us into the category of good stewardship. Referring back to what Peter says here, I think it is helpful to be reminded of what our ministry involvement demonstrates in terms of stewardship. How we minister reflects our stewardship of God's grace. Did you hear that? Your participation in ministry represents your management of God's grace. All the grace of God that He has poured out on you – a grace that redeemed you, forgave you, and equipped you – becomes a matter of stewardship in how we serve. In other words, how we minister or fail to minister in the body of Christ reflects appreciation of all the ways that God has shown us grace in redemption, in mercy, in conversion, and in incorporation into the body of Christ. This reality ought to instill a renewed zeal to serve others through the ministry of the Word. ~ Dave Trepanier

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### FISH's Food Bank Needs Your Donations!

The top-needed foods are:

Spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, chili, pasta, milk, fresh produce, eggs, Ramen, sliced bread, coffee, and pet food.

Contact FISH for where to drop off donations: 775 882-3474

You can also drop off provisions in the church narthex. Thank you!



## WELCA CHILI COOK-OFF AND SILENT AUCTION WITH SPECTACULAR ENTERTAINMENT



### COME ONE, COME ALL TO OUR SPLF WELCA CHILI COOK-OFF, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023 AT 4:30 P.M.

We have limited seating, so please sign-up ASAP on the WELCA bulletin board. Please note the number in your party, and check off in the column to the right of your name if you are entering a chili for the contest.

Sign-up sheets will also be provided on the WELCA bulletin board for volunteers to sign-up. If you are able to help with set-up, bring listed items, complementary dishes to share, and stay to clean-up.

Contestants should have their chili entries at the church by 4:00 p.m. Judging will be at 4:30 p.m. All other complementary dishes and desserts should be at the church by 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be at approximately 5:30 p.m. People's Choice judging slips will be collected from your tables at 6:00 p.m. with winners announced shortly afterward.

If donating auction items, please contact Sharon Gesick at 775 443-8744.

If you would like to join the list of entertainers, please contact Hope Chowanski at 775 230-3131.

**The cut-off for entertainment sign-up and the receipt of auction items  
is Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.**

The fun festivities begin at 4:30 p.m. with the chili judging. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Judge's Choice Awards, along with the People's Choice Award, will be presented after dinner. All other contestants will receive a consolation prize.

**Thanks!**

**See you at the Chili Cook-off!**

**Linda Wilson and the**

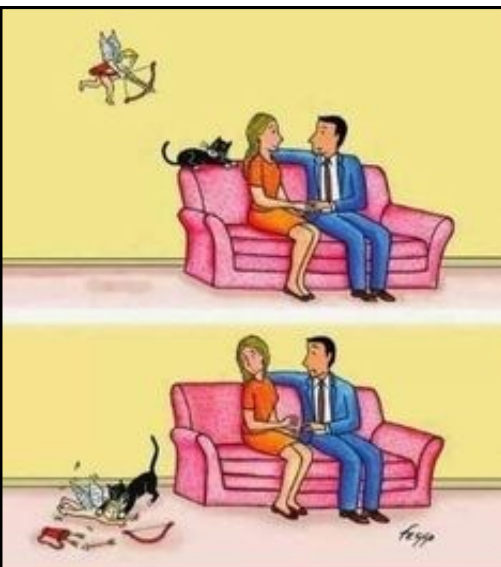
**Women of the ELCA** 

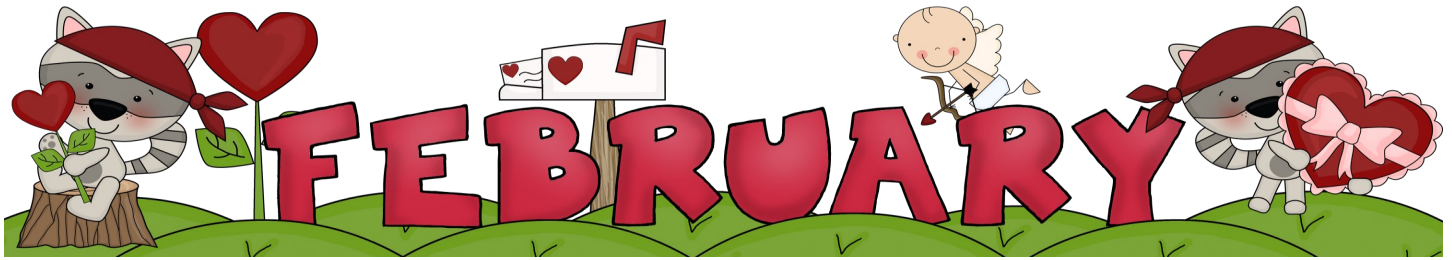


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GOLDILOCKS AND THE CHOCOLATE HEART





**Sunday Services 9:00 a.m.**

February 5<sup>th</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup>, and February 26<sup>th</sup>

**Faith L.I.N.K.**

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**Youth Group Meeting**

First and third Sunday after Faith L.I.N.K.

**Sundays**

NA  
7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

History Day  
10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

WELCA Bible Study  
9:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and January 28<sup>th</sup>**

Stitchers  
9:00 a.m. – noon

**Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Valentine's Day**

**Tuesday, February, 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Mardi Gras**

**Wednesday, February, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Ash Wednesday

**February, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Ash Wednesday Service  
12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**Every Wednesday**

Choir practice  
6:00 p.m. Contact Carol Arneson for more info.

**Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

Executive Meeting  
6:00 p.m. **via Zoom**



**Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

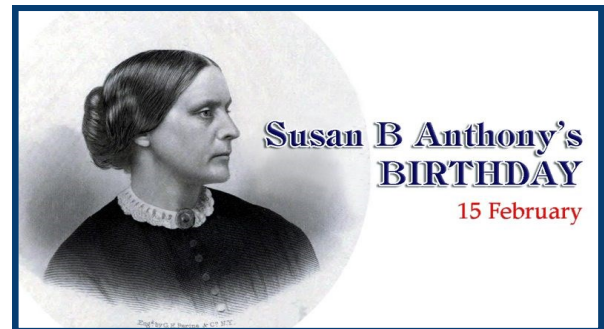
Council Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

**Thursdays during the school year**

Carson Strings practices in Friendship Hall  
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

Chili Cook-off  
4:30 p.m.



**The church office will be closed February 20<sup>th</sup>.**

