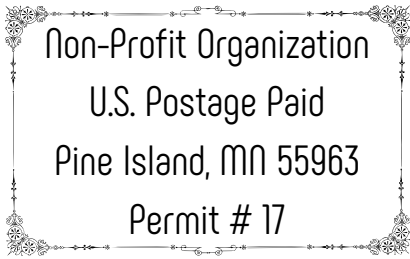


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Our Mission

*“Guided by God’s love, we are called to welcome, love, and work for God’s people
.....here, there, and every where.”*

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Lenten Meals

- March 5-
Walking Tacos and
Taco Salad
- March 12-
Lasagna Hotdish and
Cheesy Ham & Broccoli Spaghetti
- March 19-
Chicken Noodle Soup
and Chili with Caesar Salad
- April 2-
Pulled Pork Sandwiches
and Salad Bar
- April 9-
Scalloped Potatoes & Ham and
Hamburger & Rice Hotdish
- April 16-
Mac & Cheese and
Baked Potato Bar

A Word From Your Pastor



The Lenten season starts with Ash Wednesday worship. March 5th this year, there is no other worship service in the church year like it. After we admit our need for repentance and for God’s mercy, we receive the sacrament of Holy Communion, and our baptismal cross is traced in ash accompanied by the words: *Remember You Are Dust and To Dust You Will Return*. Marked with the cross of ash, we leave worship in silence; filled with sorrow and contemplating how we will live through the Lenten season.

One of the ways disciples of Jesus live through the Lenten season is by engaging in additional use of the four traditional Lenten disciplines of Study, Worship, Giving, and Service. The disciplines of *Study* and *Worship* can be fulfilled at mid-week worship. During the season of Lent, Sunday School and Confirmation Students are holding a “Penny War” to support the Pine Island Area Ministerial Fund. (the Ministerial Fund helps Pine Island area residents with food and gas emergencies) You can *Give* generously to this effort. The Pine Island community, Saint Paul Lutheran, and probably your place of work have opportunities to *Serve* the needy.

To assist the Saint Paul Lutheran worshipping community with the discipline of study this Lenten season, the message portion of mid-week Lenten worship will be reviewing the 10 Commandments. There is an ancient Christian tradition where those planning to join a church use the Lenten Season to prepare by studying the bible and catechism. The process is called Catechumenate and those studying are known as the Catechumen. In Lent 2025 we will all be Catechumen. (schedule below)

Our midweek worship service, which should last about 45 minutes, will be guided by the service of Holden Evening Service of Prayer and music.

To help people make room in their busy lives for the discipline of Lenten worship, the congregation’s youth will be serving meals 5:30-6:45. You may contribute to a free-will-offering with all proceeds going to youth ministries. (menu on this page)

- 3.12.25 History of 10 Commandments
- 3.19.25 Covenant and 10 Commandments
- 3.26.25 Commandments 1–3
- 4.2.35 Commandments 4–6
- 4.9.25 Commandments 7–10

May God’s many Blessings be obvious as you live thru this Lenten Season being diligent in your use of the Lenten Disciplines of Worship, Study, Service and Giving.

Shalom Pastor Marie



Important Dates

March

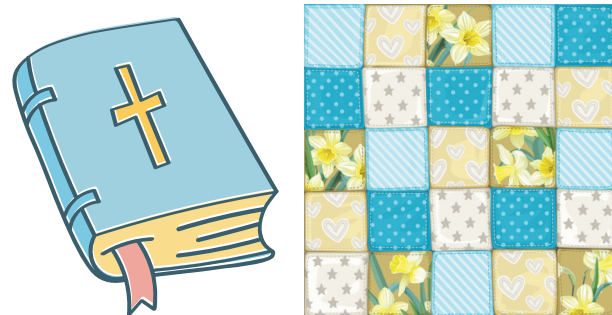
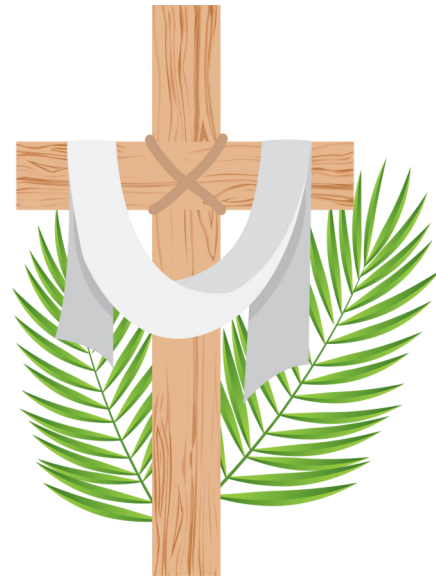
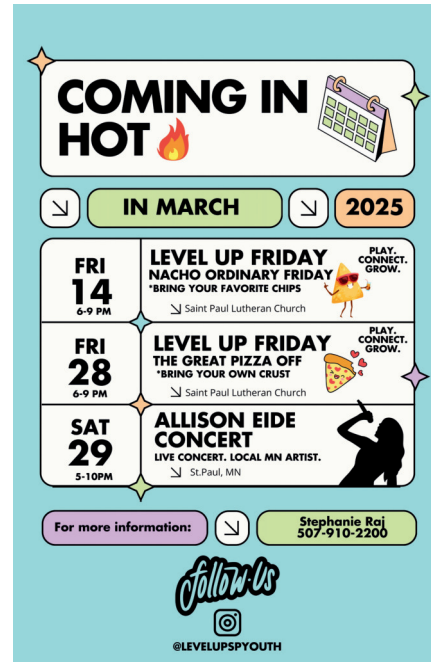
Ash Wednesday.....	March 5
Daylight Savings Begins.....	March 9
New Member Orientation.....	March 9 @ 10:15am
Confirmation Mentor Night Option 1.....	March 12
Youth Level Up Friday.....	March 14 @ 6pm-9pm
New Member Sunday.....	March 16
Council Meeting.....	March 20
No Sunday School.....	March 23
Council Installation.....	March 23
Confirmation Mentor Night Option 2.....	March 26
Youth Level Up Friday.....	March 28 @ 6pm-9pm
Youth Allison Eide Concert Trip.....	March 29 @ 5pm-10pm
No Sunday School.....	March 30

April

Palm Sunday.....	April 13
Maundy Thursday Service.....	April 17 @ 6:45pm
Good Friday Service.....	April 18 @ 6:45pm
Easter Sunday Services.....	April 20 @ 9am & 10:30am
Church Office Closed.....	April 21
Sunday School Helps in Worship.....	April 27

May

6th Graders Receive Bibles.....	May 4
6th Grade Gospel of Mark Class.....	May 4 @ 10:15am
Mentor Night.....	May 14
Final Night of Confirmation.....	May 14
Council Meeting.....	May 15
Final Day of Sunday School.....	May 18
Senior Quilt Sunday.....	May 18
Church Office Closed.....	May 26



A Word From Your Youth Director

Youth Super Bowl Watch Party Recap!

What an amazing night we had at the Youth Super Bowl Watch Party on February 9th! We had an awesome crew show up for a night full of fun, games, connection, food, and of course—football! The energy was high as three teams battled it out in friendly competition for the ultimate prize: the Saint Paul Lutheran MVP Youth Super Bowl Trophy! We had a blast with games like the Snack Tower Race, an epic Touchdown Dance Competition, and a high-energy Relay Race that had everyone cheering. It was a night filled with laughter, teamwork, and memories that will stick with us for a long time. Huge shoutout to everyone who came and made it such a special night!



March Youth Events – Let's Go!

Hey youth and parents—March is packed with fun, and we can't wait to see you there!

🎉 Level Up Fridays Are Here!

We're kicking off a brand-new Friday night hangout called Level Up Fridays—a time to play, connect, and grow together. We'll see how Fridays work with everyone's schedules and adjust if needed around future sports seasons. Our first Level Up Friday is happening on March 14th with our Nacho Ordinary Friday! We're talking a full-on DIY nacho bar. Youth—bring your favorite bags of chips, and we'll bring the toppings! Expect games, food, and lots of laughs.

🎵 Concert Trip – March 29th

For those still in town over spring break, we're heading up to Saint Paul for an awesome concert! We'll be seeing Allison Eide, a local Minnesota artist who went from NCAA athlete to pursuing her music career—right here in her home state. This is her first-ever concert in Minnesota, and we're going to be there to cheer her on! Space is limited, so if you want in, let me know, and I'll get your name on the list.

Parents – Let's Connect!

I would love the chance to meet you and hear more about your amazing kids. My door is always open—whether it's grabbing coffee or just a quick chat after church. Let's connect soon!

Thank You!

Again, thank you all for your constant support and encouragement—it means the world. I'm so excited to continue growing with all of you as we build something amazing together. 🧡 If anyone is interested in volunteering for future youth events, please let me know! I'd love to have you join in the fun.



News and Announcements

La Paz, Honduras Mission Trip

Are you interested in joining Saint Paul's next mission team to La Paz, Honduras? If so, please add your name to the sign up sheet on the board in the Fellowship Hall! Trip dates will be determined based on availability of those interested. Putting your name down is not a commitment, it is simply expressing interest to get more information.

New Member Sunday

If you are interested in becoming a Member of Saint Paul Lutheran, join us in Room A, March 9th at 10:15am for an orientation class. New Members will be welcomed into the congregation March 16th during worship.

Easter Flower Orders

Keep an eye out in your weekly announcements in the coming month for information on ordering Easter Lillies/Flowers. We are currently working with a local florist to get an order form set up.



Spring Awakening at St. Paul: Embracing Growth and Generosity

Dear Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and filled with anticipation for the coming spring! Like many of you, I am eagerly looking forward to the blossoming flowers and the renewal of life that this season brings to our community. At St. Paul, there is much to celebrate and look forward to: our remodel is progressing beautifully, our faith formation program is flourishing, and Stephanie (Youth Director) has been working diligently to plan exciting events for everyone.

As we continue to grow together as a congregation, I would like to remind you that if you or someone you know is in need of a visit from Pastor Marie—whether in the hospital or at home—please do not hesitate to reach out to the office. We have a voicemail option available after hours, and an emergency connection for urgent requests.

I hope you will be able to join us for our Wednesday Lenten services. These gatherings provide a wonderful opportunity for reflection, prayer, and community as we journey through this sacred season together.

This Lent, I have chosen to embrace the spirit of giving rather than focusing on what I might give up. I will be contributing to the penny wars to support my confirmation friends, and I encourage you to consider how you might give more during this time. Whether it's through acts of kindness, volunteering your time, or supporting our ministries, every little bit helps to strengthen our community and spread love.

As we reflect on the importance of generosity, I am reminded of the words from 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV): "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Let us all strive to give joyfully and with purpose this Lent.

Wishing you a season filled with hope, renewal, and abundant blessings.

In Christ's love,

Kirby Pace
Council President

Faith Formation

Sunday School

Lent is just around the corner & we are bringing back the change round up this year! Sunday School & Confirmation kids will compete for who can raise the most money! Prize(s) to be determined. This year, the money raised will be going to the Ministerial Fund. This is money gathered by local churches that helps cover requests for gas and food and other emergency needs. This one fund serves the community of Pine Island. Two large water bottles labeled Sunday School and Confirmation will be placed in the narthex during Lent. Faith Formation kids are asking for your help to place your change (cash & checks welcome too!) into the bottles to see our progress toward the \$1,500 goal! This challenge begins Ash Wednesday and runs through Easter. Stay tuned for results and thank you for supporting our kids at Saint Paul!



Confirmation

As Lent begins, confirmation class will begin a hiatus as the students will be attending Lenten Worship Services during their regularly scheduled class time. During Lent, they will also be meeting with their Mentors on either March 12 or 26. Classes will resume again after Easter on April 23.



March

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