

Reminiscere

The Second Sunday in Lent



“But she came and knelt before
Him saying, ‘Help me.’”

Matthew 15:25

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28 February A+D 2021

Welcome in Jesus' name to our guests this holy day. We pray God's richest blessings to you as we hear His Word and receive His gifts. If you're visiting for the first time, please sign our guestbook in the narthex.

Worship at St. Paul's is conducted according to the historic, liturgical worship patterns of the Christian Church throughout the ages. The rhythm of worship is from our God to us, and then from us back to Him. He gives His gifts, and together we receive and extol them.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of close communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. *We ask visitors who are not members of the LC-MS to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices.*

Reminiscere: The Sunday of the Syro-Phoenician Woman

"Christ Suffered the Weakness of His Disciples"

Holding God to His Word

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22–32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21–28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: *"Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."* This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. *"O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire"* (Mt. 15:27–28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1–7)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (Rom. 5:1–5).

Service Notes: The Common Cup is offered again for those who wish to partake. The Kantor for the 8:00 service is Derek Stephenson. The Kantorei for the 10:45 a.m. service is made up of Julia Burris, Diane Machmuller, and Pastor Tews. Nicole Stickler will provide distribution music at 8:00 a.m. Hector Raymond will provide distribution music at 10:45 a.m.

Prayer: O Lord, our God, as we come before You to worship You in spirit and truth, we ask You to open our hearts to the ministry of Your Word. Lead us to truly repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Divine Service

Setting Three

Prelude: *Partita on VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH (LSB #613: "To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All")*.....Johann Pachelbel

613 To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All

LSB 613



1 To Thee, om - ni - scient Lord of all, In grief and shame I
 2 O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray: O cast me not in
 3 O Je - sus, let Thy pre - cious blood Be to my soul a



hum - bly call; I see my sins a - gainst Thee, Lord,
 wrath a - way! Let Thy good Spir - it ne'er de - part,
 cleans - ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest a - way,



The sins of thought and deed and word. They press me
 But let Him draw to Thee my heart That tru - ly
 But grant that jus - ti - fied I may Go to my



sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 house at peace with Thee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.**
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 25:1–2a, 7–8, 11; antiphon: Ps. 25:6, 2b, 22

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.*

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;*

according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!

Good and upright | is the LORD;*

therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.

For your name's sake, | O LORD,*

pardon my guilt, for | it is great.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.*

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

Kyrie

LSB 186

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22–32

²²The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (Saturday)

Ps. 25:17–18

The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;*
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.
Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.

Gradual (8 a.m.) "If God Himself Be for Me" (LSB 724:1,3,10)

Gradual (10:45 a.m.) "O Lord Throughout These Forty Days" (LSB 418), arr. by Richard Geiske

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:1–7

¹Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ²For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. ⁷For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Tract

Ps. 106:1–4

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!
Who can utter the mighty deeds | of the LORD,*
or declare | all his praise?
Blessèd are they who observe | justice,*
who do righteousness | at all times!
Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your | people;*
help me when you | save them.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²¹ Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.
²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,**

**God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need

LSB 615



1 When in the hour of deep - est need We know not
 2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may
 3 For You have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's
 4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our



where to look for aid; When days and nights of
 meet be - fore Your throne; To You, O faith - ful
 cries in time of need Through Him whose name a -
 woes be - fore You lay; For sore - ly tried, cast



anx - ious thought No help or coun - sel yet have brought,
 God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.
 lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
 down, we stand, Per - plexed by fears on ev - 'ry hand.

5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;
 Absolve us through Your boundless grace.
 Be with us in our anguish still;
 Free us at last from ev'ry ill.

6 So we with all our hearts each day
 To You our glad thanksgiving pay,
 Then walk obedient to Your Word,
 And now and ever praise You, Lord.

Sermon "Faith Tested, Faith Strengthened" ~ Matthew 15:21-28

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. **Amen.**

Sit

Offering "Before Thy Throne I Now Appear"Johann Sebastian Bach

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C** **It is meet and right so to do.**
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- P** Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
- C** **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

G O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Piano Solo: 8 a.m. "The Lamb"/10:45 "We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died"

429 We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

LSB 429



1 We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who
2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see In shin - ing
3 The cross! It takes our guilt a - way; It holds the
4 It makes the cow - ard spir - it brave And nerves the



died up - on the cross. The sin - ner's hope let
let - ters, "God is love." He bears our sins up -
faint - ing spir - it up; It cheers with hope the
fee - ble arm for fight; It takes the ter - ror



all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.
on the tree; He brings us mer - cy from a - bove.
gloom - y day And sweet - ens ev - 'ry bit - ter cup.
from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;

5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,
The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner's refuge here below,
The angels' theme in heav'n above.

6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace
By bitter grief and anguish sore,
Be praise from all the ransomed race
Forever and forevermore.

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434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB 434



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
 Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

LSB 702



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
 My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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713 From God Can Nothing Move Me

LSB 713 (Please stand for verse 7)



1 From God can noth - ing move me; He will not step a - side
 2 When those whom I re - gard - ed As trust - wor - thy and sure
 3 The Lord my life ar - rang - es; Who can His work de - stroy?
 4 Each day at His good plea - sure God's gra - cious will is done.
 5 Praise God with ac - cla - ma - tion And in His gifts re - joice.



But gent - ly will re - prove me And be my con - stant guide.
 Have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.
 In His good time He chang - es All sor - row in - to joy.
 He sent His great - est trea - sure In Je - sus Christ, His Son.
 Each day finds its vo - ca - tion Re - spond - ing to His voice.



He stretch - es out His hand In eve - ning and in morn - ing,
 He res - cues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.
 So let me then be still: My bod - y, soul, and spir - it
 He ev - 'ry gift im - parts. The bread of earth and heav - en
 Soon years on earth are past; But time we spend ex - press - ing



My life with grace a - dorn - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.
 I leave death's fear be - hind me; His peace I have with - in.
 His ten - der care in - her - it Ac - cord - ing to His will.
 Are by His kind - ness giv - en. Praise Him with thank - ful hearts!
 The love of God brings bless - ing That will for - ev - er last!

6 Yet even though I suffer
 The world's unpleasantness,
 And though the days grow rougher
 And bring me great distress,
 That day of bliss divine,
 Which knows no end or measure,
 And Christ, who is my pleasure,
 Forever shall be mine.

7 For thus the Father willed it,
 Who fashioned us from clay;
 And His own Son fulfilled it
 And brought eternal day.
 The Spirit now has come,
 To us true faith has given;
 He leads us home to heaven.
 O praise the Three in One!

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.
A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.
P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen.

714 Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode

LSB 714



1 Who trusts in God A strong a - bode In heav'n and
 2 Though Sa - tan's wrath Be - set our path And world - ly
 3 In all the strife Of mor - tal life Our feet will



earth pos - sess - es; Who looks in
 scorn as - sail us, While You are
 stand se - cure - ly; Temp - ta - tion's



love To Christ a - bove, No fear that heart op -
 near, We shall not fear; Your strength will nev - er
 hour Will lose its pow'r, For You will guard us



press - es. In You a - lone, Dear Lord, we own Sweet
 fail us. Your rod and staff Will keep us safe And
 sure - ly. O God, re - new With heav'n - ly dew Our



hope and con - so - la - tion, Our shield from foes, Our balm for
 guide our steps for - ev - er; Nor shades of death Nor hell be -
 bod - y, soul, and spir - it Un - til we stand At Your right



woes, Our great and sure sal - va - tion.
 neath Our lives from You will sev - er.
 hand Through Je - sus' sav - ing mer - it.

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Postlude: "Praeludium, Fugue and Ciacona".....Dietrich Buxtehude

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News and Notes



Wednesday evenings beginning at 5:00 p.m.



**"Christ Crucified" ~ Lenten Worship
Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.**

NEW!!

Men's Breakfast Club (MBC)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church has a monthly Men's Breakfast Club for all interested men. The purpose of the MBC is to gather as one and enjoy a meal with fellow church members and visitors. There will be a short Bible Study period, breakfast and comradery. Gathering will start at 6:00 a.m. and last as long as anyone is willing to stay. Topics of the short Bible Study will start with a study of the book of Proverbs. MBC will be held on the first Tuesday of the month. Join us on March 2nd at the Railway Inn, 115 S. 12th St., Council Bluffs. For more information call or text: Ty Moreno (402) 669-9670, Pastor Sherrill (712) 310-4248, or Dan Wurdeman (712)310-8108.

"Christians are to show no partiality whatsoever. My brother in Christ who happens to have more melanin than I have in the paper-thin upper level of our skin—while all the skin below the paper is the same—is not of a different race than I. So-called 'race' is not even skin deep! That's mere upper-skin coloring, not race. Varying levels of mere melanin indicate that we're all coffee beans—some are blonde roast, some are medium or dark or espresso roast, but we're all coffee, we're all colored people." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Opportunities for Growth: February 28 – March 7, 2021

Sunday: 2/28/21

9:30 a.m. ~ SS/ABC

Monday: 3/1/21

6:00 p.m. – Hand Bell

Tuesday: 3/2/21

6:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast Club

8:50 a.m. – Chapel - SPLECC

11:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. – Elders/Ushers Meeting

Wednesday: 3/3/21

8:50 a.m. – Chapel - SPLECC

12:00 p.m. – Lenten at Noon Organ Recital/Lunch

5:00 p.m. – Christ Academy

7:00 p.m. – Lenten Worship

Sunday: 3/7/21

8:00 a.m. ~ Worship - C

9:30am ~ SS/BC

10:45 a.m. ~Worship – C



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Presents:

**Wednesday at Noon
Lenten Organ Recitals**

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church invites you to a series of
Lenten Organ Recitals to be held on Wednesdays at Noon during Lent.

The free recitals begin at 12:00 p.m. lasting 40 minutes.

No lunch will be served this year.

Please remember to practice social distancing. Masks are optional.

2021 Series includes:

February 17th ~ Jeffrey Hoffman

Organist & Choirmaster ~ St. Barnabas Catholic Church, Omaha

February 24th ~ Timothy Schreiber

Junior Organ Major, University of Kansas

Former St. Paul's Music Conservatory Student

March 3rd ~ Dr. Jeremy Owens

Professor of Music, Briar Cliff University, Sioux City

Former St. Paul's Music Conservatory Student

March 10th ~ Joan Ebersold

Organist, Saint John Lutheran Church, Council Bluffs

Former, St. Paul's Music Conservatory Student

March 17th ~ Timothy Conner, SPC

Part-time organist at Zion Lutheran Church, Manning

Current St. Paul's Music Conservatory Student

March 24th ~ Peggy Wolverton

"Retired" Organist, Omaha



Capital Campaign Corner!

Soon we will be kicking off our Capital Campaign called, "Honoring God's House." Our dearly beloved church structure is in desperate need of repairs. We, along with those who have gone before us in the faith, are proud of our God, proud of His Word and appreciative of His mercy seen especially in Jesus. While the church building is indeed a physical structure, it is also where God promises to meet us in Word and Sacrament, therefore God sanctifies this place by His presence. So we say with the psalmist, "Oh Lord, I love the habitation of Your house, and the place where your glory dwells!" Psalm 26:8

During our campaign we will be sharing tidbits of information under the above title in our bulletins. These will be fun facts, maybe a special announcement here or there or an update on how things are going. So, to get things started the right way, consider this...

Pastor Sherrill received a letter in the mail this week from Bob Hanusa from Wailuku, Hawaii. Bob shares, "Lois sent me the most recent "The Word" newsletter with the photo of my father standing in front of the cornerstone of St. Paul's building project. My mother is directly above him, the lady with the white band on her hat."

The Hanusa family has a rich history at St. Paul's, their family members even helping build our church! Want to know more, ask them! Don Kadereit also can share a lot with us, we may ask him to do so next week! Stay tuned!

February 11, 2021
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Council Present:

Alicia Burns - Online—
Becca Heinicke
Dan Wurdeman - Online
Dan Wych
Linda Yates – Online
Martin Cannon
Pastor Frank
Pastor Sherrill
Randy Milbrath
Wade Stephenson

1. Pastor Frank opened with reading/prayer
2. Randy Milbrath led discussion
 - a. Welcomed newest council members Alicia and Becca
 - b. Meeting Minutes
 - i. January minutes previously distributed by email and approved for distribution to the congregation
 - c. Financial Report
 - i. Council to look into financial review process and review financial software
 - ii. Financial report approval for January 2021 and December 2020 tabled due to account discrepancies
 - d. Pastors Report
 - i. Report shared ahead of February council meeting
 - ii. Suggestion to council to consider family sponsorship
 - iii. Proposed creation of children's bible for use at SPLECC and finished product donation to David's Harp
 1. Council recommends applying remaining funds of Redeemer Lutheran Grant
 2. Christ Academy funds available to support
 - iv. Pastor Frank is in the process of applying for technology grant
 - v. Member calls to be made by pastors
 - e. Church Property
 - i. General discussion on property and specific care of property
 - f. SPLECC
 - i. Board meeting with new members set for February 23
 - ii. Council request for SPLECC board to review SPLECC tuition assistance policy and use of funds
 - g. Education
 - i. Looking into ways to engage middle school/high school age youth per initiative announced at Annual Meeting.
 - ii. Will also look at ways to expand on the small group bible study initiative
 - h. Elders
 - i. Brief discussion on establishing security measures this coming year
 - ii. Discussion and intent to reinvigorate Usher teams
 - i. Capital Campaign
 - i. Brief discussion on campaign status
 1. \$Roughly \$82,000 pledged/given to date
 2. Congregational letter and case study to be mailed to members in March
 - ii. \$23K remaining on roof loan currently has small impact on monthly expenditures
 - j. COVID Response
 - i. Discussion held regarding process.
 - ii. Pastors and Elders to review worship guidelines for March council meeting
 - k. Martin Cannon moved to adjourn.
3. Pastor Sherrill closed with prayer



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St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center

St. Paul's Music Conservatory

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