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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

I seem to get asked at least once a year about the duration of Lent. This question is brought up often enough I feel it may be worthwhile to address this to you all in case others have also noticed, wondered, but never inquired.

We talk about the season lasting 40 days, but if you look at a calendar and count out the days, you will quickly realize that 46 days pass from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, so it is perfectly reasonable to ask, *why do we act as though the season is only 40 days when it clearly isn't?*

Many believe the time frame was established to mirror the days Jesus spent in the wilderness while being tempted by Satan, while that is a reasonable answer, it isn't exactly that simple. Originally 40 days was based on a decision made during the council of Nicaea in 325 for that very reason, and Christians were encouraged to partake in the practice of fasting. In the 6<sup>th</sup> century, Pope St. Gregory determined it was not beneficial for the people of the church to fast on Sundays, as a celebratory tone was still in place on the Sabbath, even during Lent, thus reducing the season to 34 days. Debates would continue, and it would ultimately be agreed upon to compensate for the difference, and emulate Jesus fasting, the calendar was changed, raised back to 40, and settled upon in the 800's. Even though there are technically 46 days, with Sundays not considered days of fasting, we can count 40 days of Lenten observance.

The establishment of Ash Wednesday also played a role in the confusion, which was introduced in the 7<sup>th</sup> century, therefore dictating when the season would begin, but I will hold off on that story until next Lent.

Pastor Timothy Holt

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mission Statement*

*Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship, Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

3/01	Denise Berry	3/14	Juanita Hembree
	Liz Breitwieser		Sue Ellen Wening
	Lovella Osborne	3/17	Seth Neukam
	Larry Sendelweck		Lillian Schnarr
3/02	Sheila Birk	3/18	Martha Church
3/03	Bobbie Rasche	3/19	Austin Breitwieser
3/04	Roxanne Schepers		Marilyn Shelton
	Jesse Smith		Curt Potts
3/05	KayDance Fehribach	3/20	Aleah Popp
	Lexas Fehribach	3/22	Todd Popp
	Cohen Kempf	3/23	Andrea Spall
	Melanie Lottes	3/25	JoAn Breitwieser
3/06	Addison Humbert		Maria Schnarr
	DJ Kellar		Delbert Sendelweck
	Zachary Neukam	3/28	Julie Monetta
3/07	Kevin Denu	3/29	Gary Bair
	Jerry Hoffman		Kenneth Keller
	Robert Huebner		Terry Noble
	Jaxson Humbert		Dwayne Weisheit
	Christine Popp	3/30	Ella Himsel
3/08	Jayme Beck		Rhodes Storer
	Arlene Luker		Kara Stroud
3/12	Julie Breitwieser	3/31	Debbie Meyer
	Conor Hart		Melissa Potts
	Pat Opel		Jeff Schmitt
			Leroy Seitz

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

3/05	Tom & JoAn Breitwieser
3/09	David & Kamille Helming
3/11	Carl & Robin Bauer
	Ryan & Gretchen Brinkman
	Steve & Sandy Schnaus
3/12	Kenneth & Sharon Keller
3/24	Greg & Jenny Begle
3/27	William & Kelly Stroud
3/28	Jeff & Evonne Ruckriegel
3/29	John & Martha Church



**85 AND OLDER BIRTHDAYS**

3/7	Robert Huebner ( <i>Darlene Ziegler</i> )
3/12	Pat Opel ( <i>Donna Rasche</i> )
3/14	Juanita Hembree ( <i>Jeanne Hoffman</i> )
3/25	Delbert Sendelweck ( <i>Cheryl Hauser</i> )
3/30	Ella Himsel ( <i>JoAnn Schnarr</i> )



**FOOD BANK ITEM FOR FEBRUARY IS: PASTA**

**WELCA MEETING**

Our next WELCA Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6th, beginning at 6:30 PM. We are delighted to have representatives from the DOVE Recovery House for Women join us. Megan Durlauf and a few of the residents will be sharing their stories. We invite everyone to join us and show support for St. Paul's outreach program for 2024.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*March 2024*

3/3  
Preschool - 3rd: Story & Craft  
4th - 6th: Backpack Buddies

3/10  
Preschool - 3rd: Story & Craft

3/17  
Preschool - 3rd: Story & Craft

3/24  
NO CLASS - SPRING BREAK

3/31  
Easter Egg Hunt

# A SEASON OF HOPE

## LENT

Help spread God's love this Lent by donating items for Lutheran World Relief personal care kits. The kits will reach some of the poorest parts of the world. Collection will begin March 3rd through March 31st. There will be a container placed in the welcome center.

### HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

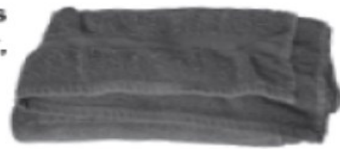
**WEEK 1**  
**Bars of Soap**  
 (2-3 bars, 4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)



**WEEK 4**  
**Combs**



**WEEK 2**  
**Bath Towels**  
 (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)



**WEEK 5**  
**Nail Clippers**  
 (metal, attached file optional)



**WEEK 3**  
**Toothbrushes**  
 (adult size, in original packaging)



**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**  
 LWR.ORG/HOPE | 800 597 5972



Any high school senior who is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church may apply for the \$500 Scholarship which is sponsored by Glenn & Marie Neukam. Applications are available on the welcome center desk and should be turned into the church office. **Deadline for scholarship applications will be March 31st.**

### NURSING HOME & HOMEBOUND

<u>Northwood/Good Sam.</u>		<u>Brookside</u>	
Gladys Chanley	Rm. 423	Mary Ann Jerger	Rm. 111
Wilma Buchta	Apt. 3	<u>Timbers</u>	
<u>Homebound</u>		Dian Gehlhausen	Rm. 410
Marcella Weisheit		<u>Cathedral Health</u>	
Robert Huebner		Kristi Fuhrman	Rm. 26



Austin Breitwieser  
 Redzikowo, Poland

AM-1 Luke Himsel  
 USS Theodore Roosevelt

Cooper Uebelhor  
 Colorado Springs, CO

### January Attendance

January 7, 2024	132
January 14, 2024	105
January 21, 2024	128
January 28, 2024	129

### HAM SALAD

WELCA will be making ham salad March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> with pick-up on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a volunteer sheet on the welcome center desk for anyone interested in helping.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

January	Month	YTD
<b>INCOME</b>		
OFFERING	\$20,792.82	\$20,792.82
BENEVOLENCE	\$1,371.00	\$1,371.00
OTHER INCOME	\$199.00	\$199.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,362.82</b>	<b>\$22,362.82</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
PROFIT/LOSS	\$755.14	\$755.14
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$26,925.83</b>	<b>\$26,925.83</b>
<b>OVER/UNDER BUDGET</b>	<b>-\$4,563.01</b>	<b>-\$4,563.01</b>

### St. Paul's Women of the ELCA- February 6, 2024

Blanket tacking began at 4:00 P.M. A light meal as served at 6:00.

Cheryl Hauser opened the meeting at 6:30, with a devotion on Preparing for Lent. 12 members were present.

Regular and Birthday offerings were collected, followed by prayer. Secretary report was read by Jeanne Hoffman. Correction on Lent meal, serving will begin at 5:30. Treasures report was read by Nancy Freyberger. Motion to accept by Marie Neukam, seconded by Donna Rasche. Motion carried.

Program and fellowship: March meeting will have a speaker from Dove Recovery House.

Stewardship and Service: \$250.00 was received from Thrivent, to be used to purchase items for blanket tacking. To date 114 large blankets have been completed. Baby blankets were delivered to Memorial Family Health (6), and Memorial Hospital (10), SWIACC (6), Crisis Connection (6) Tri Cap (6 will be delivered). Will be collecting soup or \$ donations on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 11 for Food Pantry. Personal Care Kits will be collected thru March 24th.

Visiting report was read by Nancy Freyberger.

Old Business: Lenten Meal plans finalized. Chicken salad will be made following church, Sunday Feb. 11. On Wed. the 14th, workers need be at church 3:30 to prepare meal.

New Business: Ham Salad dates are March 10, 11, and 12. Spring Cluster will be held at St. Paul's on April 13. Registration will be from 9 – 10. Cost is \$8. Program – SALT (Stand and Love Together). Bible study – Just Love. Love and Physical offering will be collected. SWIACC will be contacted for possibly speaking.

No World Day of Prayer will be held this year.

Correspondence: Thank you's were read from Community Food Bank, Dove Recovery House, Crisis Connection, and the Women of the ELCA.

Birthday Cakes for February: Marie Harder (Feb. 13) by Vicki Eisenhut, Glenn Neukam (Feb. 20) by Kathy Jarboe. Robert Huebner (March 7) by Darlene Ziegler. Food Pantry item for February is Cereal. Blanket tacking for February is 8th and 22nd.

President Hauser thanked the January committees. Visiting Melanie Freyberger, Nancy Freyberger and Sarah Giesler (cards). Flowers – Melanie Freyberger. Refreshments for evening Donna Rasche and JoAnn Schnarr.

February Committees: Visiting-Linda Mason and Charlotte Mann. Linda will also send cards. Flowers-Shirley Stallwood. No flowers during Lent.

Motion by Donna Rache to adjourn and seconded by Nancy Freyberger. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jeanne Hoffman

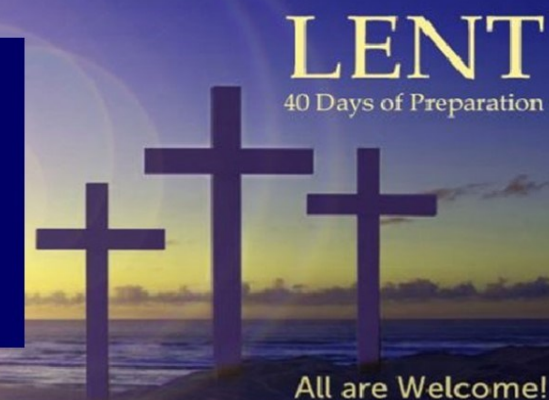
Women of the ELCA 

### Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30 PM

February 14th  
(Lenten Meal at 5:30 PM)

### Mid-week Holden Services @ 6:30 PM

February 21st, 28th & Mar. 6th, 13th and 20th  
(Lenten Meal at 5:30 PM)



February 14th – Women of the ELCA

Chicken noodle soup, chicken salad sandwiches, hot dogs and dessert.

February 21st – LYO

Spaghetti & Fettucine Alfredo, garlic bread, salad and deserts

February 28th – Evangelism

Pulled pork, macaroni salad, baked beans, chips and dessert.

March 6th – Worship & Music

Chili, cornbread, sandwiches and dessert

March 13th – Christian Ed.

Taco bar and dessert.

March 20th – Council

Hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, beans and dessert.



### Christian Education

Pastor will hold First Communion instruction on Sunday, March 17th and 24th at 8:15 AM with First Communion taking place on March 31st, Easter Sunday, at the 9:00 AM service. Additionally, 1st grade devotionals and 4th grade bibles will be distributed on April 28th during the Sunday morning worship service. A letter regarding these events will be sent to the parents of the children involved.

