



St. Paul's

# "Epistles"

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## From the Pastor's Desk

### Pre-Lent?

In Advent 2021 we took back up the Historical One Year Lectionary (readings that you hear on Sunday) which were commonplace in the church until the 1970's. With this, the old names by which the Sundays were called were brought back before us. We learned that the names of the Sundays in Advent derived from the first words we sing from the Psalm in the Introit for that day. The explanations were listed in the bulletin for each week.

There is now more to shine a light upon. Whereas before our change back to the One Year Lectionary the Transfiguration of Our Lord immediately preceded Ash Wednesday, it now precedes what is known as Pre-Lent. What is Pre-Lent? It is just as the name suggests - the time before Lent begins. It is three Sundays that are preparatory to move toward Lent and all of the themes that are unpacked there. The *Collect of the Day* (the prayer at the beginning of the Service associated with theme of the day) for each Sunday in Pre-Lent are as follows:

*O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness...*

*O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity...*

*O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil...*

The Sundays in Pre-Lent serve as a sort of countdown to the forty days of Lent and its season of repentance which leads to Easter. In relation to the forty days of Lent, the Sundays of *Pre-Lent* are given the names which in Latin are:

*Septuagesima* - "Seventy Days"

*Sexagesima* - "Sixty Days"

*Quinquagesima* - "Fifty Days"

Before the church gets to Easter, she first reflects upon why Jesus must die and rise.

Pre-Lent helps us get there. Notice the language in the Collects of the Day:

*...we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered..*

*...we may be defended against all adversity...*

*...having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us...*

We are mercifully delivered, defended, and set free from the bonds of our sins through the cross and resurrection of Jesus. Pre-Lent and Lent lead us through this preparation and confession and make all the more sweet Jesus' victory. The church year is always working together to bring forth these fascinating and true details that you would be continually strengthened in the one true faith.

In Christ,  
Pastor Suggitt

# HIGHER THINGS CONFERENCE 2022

## FOR YOU

"BROTHERS, I AM MAKING KNOWN TO YOU THE GOSPEL . . . THROUGH WHICH YOU ARE SAVED."

(1 CORINTHIANS 15:1–2)

Six letters. That's all you need. Six letters to explain the point of everything. Six letters to make crystal clear the entire Christian faith. What are those letters? FOR YOU.

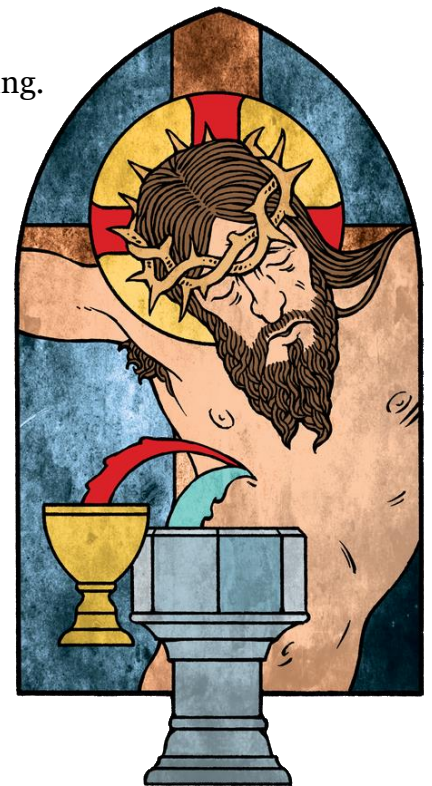
"For you" makes the Gospel, well, the Gospel! The Gospel isn't that Jesus died and rose. No, that's just history (even the demons believe that). What the Lord did isn't just historical fact. He did it all for a reason, and His merits—His perfect life, death, and resurrection—are for someone. FOR YOU!

**YOUTH SIGN UP IS NOW!**

**July 5-8, 2022**

**The University of Scranton, Scranton, PA**

See Pastor Suggitt for sign-up and any questions.



On this side of eternity, Christians can expect moments when they feel like they're wandering through this life alone. While we can't replicate what it will be like when we're all finally at the Feast of the Lamb, those who attend a Higher Things event get a foretaste. Packed to the brim with historical, Lutheran worship, intense, challenging teaching, and tons of steam-blowing fun, this time spent in fellowship with other believers will fill the registrants' buckets with all of the gifts that God has to give, enabling them to go and live their vocations, serving their neighbors with joy. Join us, won't you?



## Valentine, Martyr

A physician and priest living in Rome during the rule of Emperor Claudius, Valentine became one of the noted martyrs of the third century. The commemoration of his death, which occurred in A.D. 270, became part of the calendar of remembrance in the Early Church of the West. Tradition suggests that on the day of his execution for his Christian faith, Valentine left a note of encouragement for a child of his jailer written on an irregularly shaped piece of paper. This greeting became a pattern for millions of written expressions of love and caring that now are the highlight of Valentine's Day in many nations.



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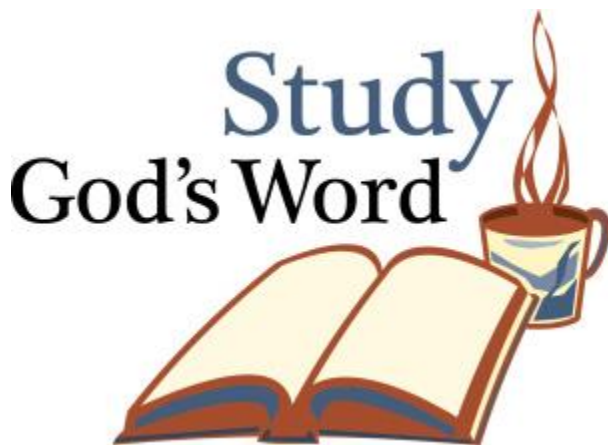
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Come and grow in faith as we read and digest God's Word on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Sunday School *Jesus Loves Me* Party is **Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**. We will be singing *Jesus Loves Me* during church that day. During class, Pastor will have a group message. Then we will be playing some fun games and making some crafts. All Sunday school families will receive *God's Love Bible verse cards* to enjoy. The cards are intended to be used at home: each day read a card; then read the Bible verse that goes with the card; then discuss the verse with your family.



Sunday School and Youth Group will be having a Bowling and Pizza party on **Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** at Charmont in Cass City. There is a sign-up sheet in the North narthex. **The last day to sign up is Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**, so pizza can be pre-ordered. This event will be free to everyone! Monies from the Soup and Sweets Sale will pay for this fun family event.



Sunday School will be providing Lenten Supper on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Volunteers will be needed for setup, serving, and cleanup. I also request that each family bring a dessert. I will cook the meal.



Then join us for another fun family event on **Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** @ Caseville Roller Rink for skating and lunch. This event is also free to all families, I only ask that you sign up

ahead of time, so I can plan enough food, drinks, and snacks. Skate rental is included, but you are welcome to bring your own skates or blades. There is also a sign-up sheet in the North narthex.

Youth group will be providing Easter Breakfast on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. We will be prepping and setting up on April 16<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Youth are asked to be at church by 6:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday to help with cooking and serving. Wear a Thrivent shirt to serve; you will have time to change into your church clothes at 8:15 a.m. for the 8:30 a.m. Easter Festival service.



Sunday School will have an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt immediately after 8:30 a.m. service. There will be no class, but please stay to let your children hunt for eggs and prizes.

I am also working on a plan to have a Youth Group/Sunday School Swimming Party at Caro Pool on April 30<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We will plan to go to Pizza Hut for lunch immediately afterward. This will be a free event to all youth and Sunday School families. Monies from the Easter breakfast will help pay for this family friendly event. Everyone must sign up by Easter Sunday, so I can give the pool an accurate count for lifeguards. Thanks.



Lastly, Recognition Sunday will be May 15<sup>th</sup> and Graduate Sunday will be June 5<sup>th</sup>. The entire congregation is invited to come for donuts and beverages after service to recognize our students.

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# Sunday School AND Youth Group Stuff

We continue to teach God's word each week during Sunday School. Please make church a priority with your family. Families are encouraged to stay and visit at coffee hour while the kids are in class.

Here's the Sunday School/Coffee Hour Snack schedule for the next month.

Feb 6: Reehl & Holland  
Feb 13: Faye Errer  
Feb 20: Sprague & Dyer  
Feb 27: Ondrajka & Schwartz  
Mar 6: Ewald & Deming

Please bring 3 dozen treats/snacks each.

Youth Group met on Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> to sort and organize Soups and Sweets for pickup. We had 7 kids attend. Pastor Suggitt had a short message and we enjoyed a delicious supper together.

We raised about \$2000 with this fundraiser. The money will go to the following causes:

\$500 donation for Seminarian  
Family Bowling and Pizza Party  
Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt

We also donated extra soup to Birch View AFC and Fiddler's Green Retirement Home.

Thanks to everyone who donated or purchased!

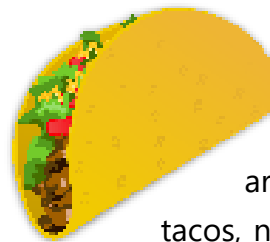
*Thank  
you*



## Looking ahead to the Mother-Daughter Banquet

**Saturday, May 7, 2022  
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Plans are underway for Mother Daughter Banquet; **TACO-BOUT A PARTY!**



All moms, daughters, aunts, grandmas, and female friends/neighbors are invited to come and enjoy tacos, nachos, and churros; plus we will play some fun games and make a nice craft. We will be making Modge Podge flower vases and taking home bouquets in those vases.

If you have extra clear glass vases at home (not too big, not too small), and you're willing to part with them, please bring to the fellowship hall and place them in the box. We will need enough vases for every woman and girl who attends. Thanks in advance.





## ***Relief for Human Need Worldwide***

There will be a signup sheet in April, so I know how much food to prepare.

Orphan Grain Train of Sebewaing needs to restock the shelves with suitable used clothing. The center (126 E. Main Street) is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Clothing: *gently used or new*

- Infant, children's, women's and men's clothing
- Shoes – clean and wearable
- **New** underwear (**only**) – all ages and sizes (*Customs officials will levy fines if used underwear is sent in our shipments.*)
- Socks (*good used or new*)



Spring cleaning will be upon us soon. When you clean your closets please keep OGT in mind. You can bring clothing to the warehouse in **plastic bags** or place in the barrel by the coat rack.



Any of these items are welcome for the Food Pantry at any time.

Crackers  
Cereal  
Pancake Mix & Syrup  
Canned Vegetables  
Canned Fruit  
Fruit Juices  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Ketchup  
Mustard  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Laundry Detergent  
Dish Detergent  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Tooth Paste  
Canned Spaghetti-O's  
Canned Ravioli, etc.  
Tuna Fish  
Boxed Mac & Cheese  
Spaghetti  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Canned Beans of all kinds  
Ramen Noodles



**In case of inclement weather**, please tune in to WLEW 1340 AM to see if services are cancelled.



### **The St. Paul Verlinden Pipe Organ**

God be praised for all of your contributions! The balance of the restoration of our pipe organ has been paid off! May our Lord bless not only us but also future generations with the beauty of the music of the Church. Sing praise to God, the highest good!

*Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.*

*- Martin Luther*

### ***Life Quotes***

"Because of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, our Father now holds His hand out to each and every human being: perfect inclusion, perfection belonging—no exceptions! You are chosen! You are a branch who has received the Life of the Vine!"

*Marie MacPherson, author  
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life  
lutheransforlife.org*

# **Newsletter**

Articles for the March issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" are due Sunday, February 20th.

Please place your articles in the "Epistles" mailbox at the church or email them to Sandy at [salcido.sandy8@gmail.com](mailto:salcido.sandy8@gmail.com).

Don't forget those "Hats Off" items!

## **Issues, Etc.**



*Christ-Centered Cross-Focused Talk Radio*  
**[www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)**

Want to listen to good theology concerning current topics, the Bible, and Christ crucified for you? Check out *Issues, Etc.* on your computer or smartphone.



Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Les Schaper

3<sup>rd</sup> - Russell Wise

4<sup>th</sup> - Lisa Halleck

4<sup>th</sup> - Lilly-Anne Provost

7<sup>th</sup> - Scott Wright

8<sup>th</sup> - Ava Dubs

9<sup>th</sup> - Harold Weisenbach

10<sup>th</sup> - Karen Britt

11<sup>th</sup> - Kennedy Bismack

12<sup>th</sup> - Charlotte Metzger

12<sup>th</sup> - David Ondrajka

12<sup>th</sup> - Racheal Parrish

12<sup>th</sup> - Lila Stein

13<sup>th</sup> - Chad Timmons

16<sup>th</sup> - Bradley Barnum

17<sup>th</sup> - Tiffany Shepard

20<sup>th</sup> - Lola Stein

21<sup>st</sup> - James O'Hare

22<sup>nd</sup> - Dena Harris

23<sup>rd</sup> - Fern Dubs

23<sup>rd</sup> - Nicholas O'Hare

23<sup>rd</sup> - Owen Reibling



Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jim & Sue Albrecht

4<sup>th</sup> - Herschel & Barb Adams

18<sup>th</sup> - Matt & Kari Ricker

19<sup>th</sup> - Steve & Michelle Gayari

## IN HIS SERVICE

### ELDERS

Feb. 6 - Ron Tabar & Robert Haag

Feb. 13 - Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague

Feb. 20 - Joe Salcido & Ken Haley

Feb. 27 - Ron Tabar & Robert Haag

### TITHE COUNTERS

Feb. 6 - Patti Reinhardt & Kari Ricker

Feb. 20 - Jen Timmons & Brandy Gunsell

### FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD

Ruth Kumaus

Joyce Metzger

### FEBRUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Joyce Metzger: 989 678-4330

Ruth Kumaus 734-730-0129

### FEBRUARY SNOW PATROL

Feb. 6 - Timmons

Feb. 13 - Stoeckle

Feb. 21 - Stoeckle

Feb. 27 - **Volunteer**

### FEBRUARY

### SS/COFFEE HOUR SNACK SCHEDULE

Jan. 30: Gunsell & Mandich

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# February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		<b>1</b>  <b>6:15 PM</b> Elders  <b>7:00 PM</b> Council Mtg.	<b>2</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b> Bible Study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>5:30 – 7:30 PM</b> Bowling & Pizza Party Charmont
<b>6</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Service  <b>9:30 AM</b> SS & Coffee Hour  <b>Ladies Aid Meeting</b>  <b>1:30 AM</b> Catechism	<b>7</b>  <b>6:00 PM</b> Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b> Bible Study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Service  <b>9:30 AM</b> SS & Coffee Hour  <b>1:30 AM</b> Catechism	<b>14</b>  <b>6:00 PM</b> Choir	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b> Bible Study	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
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