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Symbols in the church teach. That is their purpose. Just as you hang pictures on your wall at home to teach your children about grandpa and grandma and the years of handwork they endured and the sacrificial love they gave for their family, so also the church is adorned to teach you things of Christ. There are symbols and images. Do you notice them? Have you ever wondered what some of them mean? Many are obvious but others may have you asking questions. Come to Bible Study and ask. If you're wondering, so are other people.

Most significantly the cross is prominent and rightfully so. This is good for reasons I feel I don't even have to state. Yet Scripture really knows nothing of empty crosses. You are called to take up and bear your cross which is the Christian life. Whoever would follow Jesus must daily deal with attacks on our Lord's teaching and word, be ridiculed and shamed for bearing His name and not conforming to the world. And this cross full of trial and tribulation is a blessing. For within it Christ is proclaimed and we are turned away from seeking earthly glory and fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

But the highest and best cross is the one upon which Christ hangs. Open your eyes and look - we are in Lent. Repentance recognizes the sin which put Christ on the cross is mine and at the same time sees Christ on the cross as the most wonderful mystery. When the poisonous serpents bit the children of Israel in the desert, God commanded Moses to provide a remedy; the bronze serpent on a pole. Everyone who looked at it would live. So it is with the cross of Christ. To see Christ hanging there is to look upon our sin. He had to die as a payment for our poisonous hearts, things done and left undone. Lest we think of our sins too lightly, gaze upon the Savior nailed to the tree.

But there He is, the Savior, in the very act of saving – a truly beautiful spectacle to behold. Some may have trouble gazing upon it because yes, the body on the cross makes it all very real. My sin is real, but also very real is my saving in this glorious mystery of love. As Jesus is lifted up He draws all men to Himself. And there is glory here – the glory of God in His love in sending the Son for you. Only the lowliest of criminals were crucified, in what was a public spectacle of humiliation. But that makes us love it all the more. The greatest of all took the lowest spot and we have simply songs of thankfulness and praise.



To gaze upon that cross is to see God's love most clearly. The love of Christ who willingly offers Himself up as a sacrifice for those who have rejected Him. The love of God the Father, who offers up his Son. The Holy Spirit who takes the blood that flows from our Lord's side, the blood that comes from the place where the spear has pierced his skin, filling up our chalice, and becoming the life giving baptismal water.

As the picture of grandpa and grandma teaches, so does the image of Christ on the cross and wonderfully so. To that end, an addition of a crucifix will be made to our processional cross at the beginning of Lent. To gaze upon it is to be taught the faith, reminded of the Savior's act of saving, and be secured in the fact that you are ransomed in this mysterious payment and loved through this greatest act of self-sacrifice.

*Upon the cross extended
See, world, your Lord suspended.
Your Savior yields his breath.
The Prince of Life from heaven
Himself has freely given
to shame and blows and bitter death.*

*Your cross I place before me;
Its saving power restore me,
Sustain me in the test.
It will, when life is ending,
Be guiding and attending
My way to Your eternal rest.
(LSB 453 st. 1,7)*

In Christ,
Pastor Suggitt

LENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

SHADOWS OF THE CROSS

Come on Wednesday evenings to pray, sing hymns of Christ, and hear of the cross as proclaimed in the Old Testament.

Ash Wednesday, March 2

+ Divine Service +
with imposition of ashes
5:30pm @ Good Shepherd, Caseville
7pm @ St. Paul, Linkville

SHADOWS OF THE CROSS

3/9 @ Good Shepherd, Caseville

7pm Evening Prayer
Gift of Curse - Rev. Christopher Suggitt

3/16 @ St. Paul, Linkville

6pm Supper 7pm Evening Prayer
Three Trees - Rev. Steve Bagnall

3/23 @ Good Shepherd, Caseville

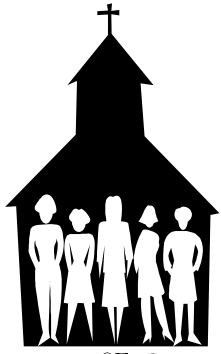
7pm Evening Prayer
Jesus Says Yes For You - Rev. Steve Stolarczyk

3/30 @ St. Paul, Linkville

6pm Supper 7pm Evening Prayer
Suffering Servant - Rev. Steve Bagnall

4/6 @ Good Shepherd, Caseville

7pm Evening Prayer
Far Away and Near - Rev. Steve Stolarczyk



Women OF THE Church

The regular meeting of St. Paul Ladies Aid was called to order by President Ruth Fluegge immediately following our worship service on Sunday, February 6, 2022. Eight ladies answered roll call.

Pastor Suggitt joined us for a devotion based on an Old Testament reading – *"For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Jesus Christ"*. Jesus Christ is the mediator between God and man. His Atonement made possible a way for people to repent of their sins and become reconciled to God.

Our treasurer Ruth Kumaus reported that there is about \$22,000 in our checking account. She said we made about \$3,500. on the cheeseball fundraiser in November.

Old Business:

1. Our secretary reported that we had received thank you cards from a number of organizations for the gift we gave for Christmas. These included:

Good Samaritan

Interfaith Council for Community Affairs –

Cloth-A-Child

Orphan Grain Train

Owen-Gage School which included a picture drawn by one of the recipient children

Safe Place

Bad Axe Schools

2. Pastor Suggitt stated that he is researching the cost and variations of paraments but doesn't have a dollar amount for us yet. He also stated that the new computers have been purchased with the grant the church received but the new software has not. We once again stated that we would be willing to help with the cost of that program.

New Business:

1. Discussion was held concerning the upcoming Lenten supper that we will sponsor on March 30th. Suggestions were made as to what we will serve. We decided we would do casseroles. We will make a firm plan at our March meeting as to who's furnishing what. Several ladies volunteered to help with the meal – Ruth Kumaus, Janet Truemner, Marge Weisenbach.
2. We agreed to replace the microwave in the kitchen at church. The old one got overworked the day we made the cheeseballs and no longer works. Ruth Fluegge and Sandy Salcido said they would research microwaves before our next meeting and report back.

A motion was made by Joyce Metzger and supported by Marge Weisenbach to adjourn the meeting; carried. The meeting concluded by singing the doxology and praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Sandy Salcido, Secretary

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.



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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON MARCH 13TH

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.



The 2021 flower calendar has been posted in the church office.

FYI – Due to the solemn nature of the Lenten season flowers are withheld at that time.

Flowers may be placed on the altar for lots of reasons, or for no reason at all. If you would like to furnish flowers for the altar for a specific date just sign your name on the line next to the date.

You can order and pick up the flowers yourself or contact the people on the flower committee to do it for you. The names of the ladies on the Flower Committee are posted in the bulletin and/or newsletter. Give them a call and they'll be happy to take care of it for you.

LIFE QUOTES

If your boyfriend or girlfriend won't go to church with you while you are dating, he or she probably won't when you're married either. How long can you keep your faith life going if your spouse thinks praying, Bible reading, and churchgoing are stupid wastes of time? Abraham went to great lengths to find a believing wife for Isaac.

*A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •
lutheransforlife.org*



Sunday School & Youth Group Updates-Stay Informed!

The Bowling and Pizza Party on February 5th was a great night! We had 42 people attend – 28 children and youth bowled with a few adults. Pizza, doughballs and no-bake cookies were enjoyed by all.

We had lots of kids to sing in church on February 13th. They knew the hymn by heart, but they still need a little more encouragement to sing LOUDER. Believe it or not, kids learn from their parents, so please sing out during church to show them by example.

Sunday School will be providing Lenten Supper on Wednesday, March 16th at 6:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed for setup, serving, and cleanup. I will cook the meal – homemade soups, fresh baked bread, veggies and dip and fresh fruit. *Sunday School families are asked to bring desserts.* Speaking of Lent; it would be nice to have more families attending midweek Lenten services. Please try to fit them into your busy schedules.



Our next church family event is roller skating and lunch at Caseville Roller Rink on Saturday, March 19th 11:00 a.m.

– 1:00 p.m. You can bring your own roller skates or roller blades, or the rink has plenty (including helmets). This event is FREE to everyone, but you must sign up by March 13th, so I can prepare enough food. Christ the King's COLLIDE youth group and their families have also been invited to join us. Please make them feel welcomed!

Snack schedule for the next month:

March 6: Ewald & Deming

March 13: Romzek & Reibling

March 20: Swartzendruber & Suggitt

March 27: Holland & Haag

April 3: Reehl & Mandich

Please bring 3 dozen treats each, so we have enough for the kids, teachers, and coffee hour crew.

Things to know about Sunday School: All students 3 years old through 7th grade are invited to attend each week. Friends are always welcome to come! Class runs immediately after church service until approx. 10:30am. We collect an offering and we have snacks before class. The kids sing or play bells during church once per month and on special occasions. Besides learning stories from the Bible, the kids also enjoy crafts, activities, and games. All families are encouraged to bring their children. Things to know about Youth Group: All youth in 5th grade through college are invited to be part of our youth group. We help in our church and community with service projects and fundraising. We have meetings and outings. And we learn about God's Love. Please encourage the youth in your family to be part of Youth Group!

All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children. Isaiah 54:13



Taco Bout A Party

Mother/Daughter Banquet

Saturday, May 7, 2022

Plans are underway for Mother Daughter
Banquet – **Saturday, May 7th**

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

TACO BOUT A PARTY! All moms, daughters, aunts, grandmas, and girlfriends/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 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! There will be a sign-up sheet in April, so we know how much food to prepare.

This event will be an opportunity for St. Paul to benefit our community. We will be collecting items for SAFE PLACE. There is a flyer in the

North Narthex regarding SAFE PLACE. The organization is in need of the following donations:

Grocery and gas gift cards

8-12 piece Dinnerware sets (microwave & dishwasher safe)

Cereal/soup bowls and large cups

Large nonstick skillets, pots & pans, bakeware

Tupperware and Gladware

Silverware sets

Food donations – Fresh, frozen & pantry

Soups, spaghetti sauce, chili bean mix, canned chicken & tuna, salt, pepper, garlic, mayo, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter & jelly, Bisquick, crackers, baked beans, stuffing, potatoes, snacks, like pudding, fruit & oats, granola bars, canned fruit, cereal, cereal bars, white rice, cake /brownie mix, juices, nuts, dried fruit, olive oil, vegetable oil, vinegar, salad dressings, marinades, ketchup.

Cleaning donations

Laundry detergent & fabric softener, Dryer sheets, Toilet paper, Paper towel, Cleaning supplies with disinfectant/bleach & All-purpose cleaners, Disinfectant cleaning wipes, Lysol spray, Microban cleaner & spray, Antibacterial liquid hand soap, XXL Garbage bags 33 gallon, Bleach, Dish soap, Dish & pot and pan scrub and sponges, Washcloths, Aluminum foil, Toilet bowl cleaner with bleach, Motrin/Tylenol, Ziploc baggies sandwich and large freezer bag size. They also accept used cellphones.

Any questions please contact Susan Schember – 585 246-4567



Farm Fresh Faith – Where We Grow In Faithfulness VBS 2022

St. Paul Vacation Bible School will be held June 27th – 30th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Children ages 3 years through 7th grade (going into 7th grade) are invited to come grow with us!

Dinner will be provided to everyone. We will have Bible lessons, crafts, music, and recess each night. Volunteers are needed in all areas. The older youth group kids are also needed to help. Let me know if you can volunteer!

Susan Schember 586 246-4567



Have you picked up your copy of St. Paul's newest photo directory? If not, they are next to the mailboxes. Grab one today.

Newsletter DEADLine

Articles for the April issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" are due Sunday, March 20th. Please place your articles in the "Epistles" mailbox at the church or email them to Sandy at salcido.sandy8@gmail.com.

Don't forget those "Hats Off" items!



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.



A new Lenten devotional booklet has been printed and is available at either entrance of the church. Please stop by and pick up yours ASAP.

IN HIS SERVICE

Elders

Feb. 27 – Ron Tabar & Robert Haag

March 2 @ 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday

Ron Tabar & Robert Haag

March 6 – Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague

March 13 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley

March 16 @ 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Joe Salcido

March 20 – Ron Tabar & Robert Haag

March 27 – Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague

March 30 @ 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Marc Reinhardt

March Tithe Counters

March 6 – Patti Reinhardt & Kim Krohn

March 20 – Jylan Shope & Chris Gettel

March Altar Guild & Altar Flowers

Diane Dubs 989 553-0921

Annette Prich 989 551-2836

March Snow Patrol

March 2 @ 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday

Timmons

March 6 – Stoeckle

March 13 – Fluegge

March 16 @ 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Volunteer Needed

March 20 – Timmons

March 27 – Stoeckle

March 30 @ 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Flueg



March 1st – Kayla Deering

Alexander Rogers

2nd – Richard Dubs

Kendyl Reehl

3rd – Doug Fritz

Lonnie Fritz

Shana Adkins

4th – Lance Deming

Scott Thies

5th – Devin Prich

7th – Taylor Engelhardt

8th – Abby Truemner

9th – Richard Renn, Jr.

10th – Ellery Fritz

Linda Schweitzer

14th – Laura Swartzendruber

15th – Kristi Howard

16th – Rowan Higgins

17th – Blake & Brody Verbeek

18th – Henry Gies

Terry Gettel

19th – Bonnie Nowaczyk

Kenneth Rathje

Henry Haag

20th – Braedon Perzanowski

Blain Renn

Amy Haag

22nd – Ken Haley

26th – Lucille Welchner

Stacey Farmer

27th – Harper Shuboy

Ron Tabar

Valerie Fritz

28th – Adam Metzger

Heidi Perkins

Kelly Haley

29th – Lisa Sprague



March 7 – Van & Suzanne Fritz

March 27 – Harold & Marge Weisenbach

Larry & Annette Prich

March

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		6:15 PM Elders Mtg. 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	5:30 PM @ GS Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM @ SP Ash Wednesday Service			
6 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM Sunday School Ladies Aid Mtg. 1:30 PM Catechism	7 6:00 PM Choir	8	9 7:00 PM Evening Prayer Service @ GS	10	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM Sunday School 1:30 PM Catechism	14 6:00 PM Choir	15	16 6:00 PM Lenten Supper @ SP 7:00 PM Evening Prayer Service @ SP	17	18	19 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Family Roller Skating Caseville
20 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM Sunday School & Coffee Hour 1:30 PM Catechism	21 6:00 PM Choir	22	23 7:00 PM Evening Prayer Service @ GS	24	25	26
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**Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday**

Service @ 7:00 p.m.