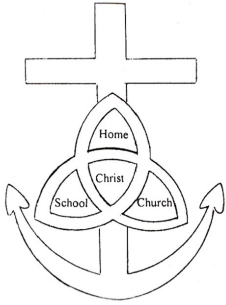


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The Lion and the Lamb

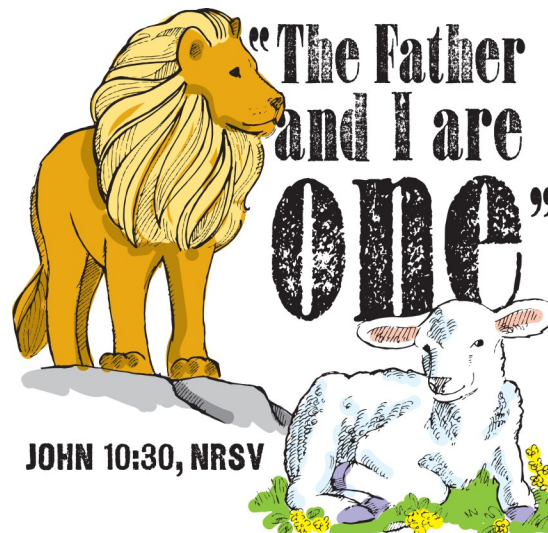
You have all heard that old saying, "March comes in like a lion and goes out like lamb." The meaning is that at the beginning of March, winter is often in full force. The winds and storms rage like the roaring lion. Hopefully at the end of the month, we will see fair weather, with bright and sunny days, gentle as a lamb. However, all of you know that with Illinois weather, this may not always happen. In fact, more than likely, it will not.

In a sense, that is where Lent is leading us. In Holy Week, we see Jesus coming into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday as the King, with all the loud accolades and fanfare. He is the Lion of Judah spoken of in Revelation 5:5. "Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep! See the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.'" While He is the King of kings, we see Jesus' riding in triumph, not on a black stallion, but on a donkey, the colt of a donkey. This was a foreshadowing of things to come.

The Lion that comes in on Palm Sunday becomes the Lamb Who takes away the sins of the world on Good Friday. We read in Acts 8:32, "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so He did not open His mouth." He is gentle and meek, never speaking evil of anyone even as they nail Him to the cross. Jesus comes in like a lion on Palm Sunday, and leaves like a lamb on Good Friday. He offers Himself as the perfect sacrifice for all sin.

On Easter He again becomes the Lion victorious over sin, death and the Devil, We can come into His Kingdom of grace like a lion, confident. As members of St. Paul Lutheran Church, we can be bold in our faith in Christ. In life and in death, we can have the boldness of faith to face anything with confidence. We can also go out into the world like a lamb, humbly seeking to love and serve others everyday as God has loved us in His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. If need be, we will face suffering and death for our faith. When the Lion comes again, we will roar with Him in the glory of heaven forever.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Michael D. Wolff





OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Our Lenten journey continues on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

The Lenten series this year is called "Cross Examinations." We will look at what the crucifixion means for people and what it meant for some people involved in Jesus' death on the cross. It will be a reader drama with two reading parts. If you would like to be a reader of our drama series, please sign up at the back of the church. Join us each Wednesday night during Lent at 7:00 p.m. for worship and the drama as we look forward to Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord, on, March 31.



President's Notes

At last month's meeting the congregation gave direction for the way forward. This has been no small decision on our part. I for one struggled with this choice, but after breaking it down to the pros and cons of each of the options I came to this same conclusion. As such, the Council will seek to procure bids for the sale of the parsonage and the back five acres. These offers will then be presented to the congregation for final approval at a future date.

We also received direction (in the form of a show of hands) regarding the ranking of several necessary improvements that we have been discussing for many years. Not surprisingly, air conditioning garnered the most votes. Given that consensus, we will update the costs for installation. I have two major concerns and that is ascetics and the amount of noise the units may generate. Hopefully we will be able to resolve those concerns and present installation costs in a few months' time.

As always feel free to contact me with any comments or questions

Bob Mortimer
312 316 6519

April Newsletter Deadline

March 15th

Please get your items in by the deadline.

Thanks!

MONTHLY MISSION OFFERING



This month we are blessed to be able to support a ministry that meets a deeply personal and heartfelt reality. "The Haven Network" is a wonderful and compassionate ministry for those dealing with the death of a baby. This heartbreaking life event many times is not dealt with and ignored.

As we believe life begins at conception and the life of a baby in the womb precious, we also grieve when that life ends prematurely.

We will joyously and lovingly be given the opportunity to offer our special gifts on **Saturday, March 16th** and **Sunday, March 17th**; a basket will be provided for your compassionate and loving gift.

THE HAVEN NETWORK

The Haven Network is an independent Christian Ministry serving families who have received a terminal diagnosis of their unborn or newly born baby by providing practical items, photography, comfort, and support

OUR MISSION

We believe each baby is handcrafted by the Triune God and is a valued member of the human family.

We believe each baby, pre-born or newly born, is worthy of tender, palliative care until natural death.

We believe every family member, regardless of race or creed, deserves to be treated with honor and dignity.

We recognize that parents have the primary role of caring for their baby and deserve support and encouragement, enabling them to be the best parents possible in their time of grief.

We are honored, as staff and volunteers, to be servants of Christ and will strive to model His example of compassionate care.

DESCRIPTION

The Haven Network, Northern Illinois' perinatal hospice and bereavement center, provides companionship on the grief journey to families who are facing a terminal diagnosis of their pre-born or newborn baby. The Haven Network also supports those families who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, ectopic pregnancy, SIDS and early infant death.

Through our journeys, The Haven strives to meet the needs of grieving families through caring, compassionate staff and volunteers.

The Haven was founded in 2004. The Haven Network offers practical support and assistance with: Creating memories through keepsakes; -Photography, -Memory Boxes; -Clothing and Blankets for any gestational age; -Foot and Handprint molds; -Memorial and Funeral guidance and planning; - Hospice and bereavement literature; -Follow up grief support for up to one year; - Monthly parent support group, "Healing Hearts;" - Call, cards and letters of support.

All services are provided to families at no cost. For more information go to: www.thehavennetwork.org

Special Congregation

Call Meeting

March 10 after worship

As Pastor Colin Dulling returned our Call, a new Call meeting will be held on Sunday, March 10th after our service. We will choose between Pastor Bollhagen and Pastor Mommens to issue a Call to.

Call Jeff Truckenbrod if you have any questions.
815-275-9942

Rev. Karl Bollhagen

Age: 50

Family: Married to Julie, four adult children

Current Church home: Trinity, Hampton, IA

Education: Indiana University, Fort Wayne, IN BGS 1994

Concordia Ft Wayne, IN 1998

Pastoral Experience: Vicarage St Peter, Waterford, WI 1996-97, Pastor Concordia/Messiah Warsaw, IL/Keokuk, IA 1998-2002, Trinity Hampton 2002—present

Rev. David Mommens

Age: 34

Family: Married to Ashley, four children, ages 18 months – 9 yrs

Current Church home: St Paul, Melrose, MN

Education: Concordia Seward, NE BA 2011

Concordia St Louis, MO MDIV 2015

Pastoral Experience: Vicarage Light of the Hills, Cameron Park CA 2013-14, Sole Pastor St Paul Melrose 2015--present

WORSHIP THIS MONTH

March 2	6:00 p.m.	Contemporary
March 3	9:00 a.m.	Liturgical w/Communion
March 6	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship
March 9	6:00 p.m.	Liturgical w/Communion
March 10	9:00 a.m.	Liturgical
March 13	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship
March 16	6:00 p.m.	Contemporary
March 17	9:00 a.m.	Liturgical w/Communion
March 20	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship
March 23	6:00 p.m.	Liturgical w/Communion
March 24	9:00 a.m.	Liturgical
March 28	2:00 p.m.	Thursday Fellowship Worship
March 28	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship
March 29	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Worship
March 30		NO Service
March 31	6:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Worship
	9:00 a.m.	Easter Worship



Easter Lily Sponsors

If you would like to order an Easter Lily, please sign in the back of church. The cost for each lily is \$8 and you may pick up your plant after the 9am Easter service. Please make your check out to St. Paul and turn it into the office or place in the offering plate labeled Easter lily.

Radio Broadcasts

Since our Sunday service is back on WRHL 1060am at 10am, the schedule for program sponsors is being developed. If you had a designated Sunday already, you will have the same Sunday. Any open dates will be announced at a later date. The cost remains at \$40 per week. Call the office at 815-562-2744 if you have any questions.

Worship Anew

	Comcast channel 138 on TLN—11:30am Sundays
March 3	“Christ Cleanses the Temple”
March 10	“Lifted Up”
March 17	“Greatness In His Glory”
March 24	“The Suffering Savior”
March 31	“Boy! Do I Love Him”

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

WRHL 1060 AM—7:30am Sundays

March 3	“Included In Such Company”
March 10	“All Bets are “Off”
March 17	“The Strangest Request”
March 24	“Repurposed Joy and Junk”
March 31	“Eucatastorphe”

Join us for our 9:00am Sunday service or listen to our broadcast on WRHL(1060AM) or (93.5 FM) at 10a.m. It is also on Facebook Live at



“He Is Risen” Easter Breakfast

Easter morning (3/31) between our 7:00 a.m. and 9 a.m. services in the fellowship hall.

The Inreach and Outreach Board invites you to the newly resurrected Easter Breakfast. The menu includes breakfast casserole, fruit cups and a sweet dessert along with a beverage. \$1 tickets must be purchased in advance to ensure we have enough. They will go on “sale” March 1st. They will be available after worship or in the church office.

The Parish Nurse's Notes:

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2



Several people attended the “brainstorming session” a few months ago and numerous items were listed as things to re-introduce or introduce as we strive to re-energize our congregation and seek to meet the needs of all ages. Two of these suggestions

were assigned to the Board for Health and Human Care and Parish Nursing.

One of the suggestions has been completed. Added signage for the parish nurse office has been obtained and posted on the doors going from the church toward the school—pointing to the parish nurse office.

The second suggestion related to offering resources for families who are trying to care for children with diagnosis such as ADD, ADHD, depression, and similar problems. Several years ago, we had a support group for persons who were parents with children who had ADD or ADHD. This group served a good purpose, but it ran its course, and the participants no longer had the need.

While some materials never become outdated, others do. Most materials over ten years old are not useful unless they fulfil one of two purposes. (1) If the article is describing the pathophysiology of a body part, it remains accurate. God created us and the creation was very good. The “pattern” has not changed. (2) If the article has some historical interest, it may still be useful. Any other resources that are over ten years old are probably not up to date so do not provide the most reliable sources of information. A brief update follows.

ADD is an outdated term within the medical profession, but it is still commonly used by lay people when referring to conditions which includes difficulty staying on task, forgetfulness, inability to pay attention to detail, and similar symptoms. A professional diagnosis is needed to rightly use the term. The correct distinction is ADHD with or without impulsivity.

ADHD can lead to depression when people have a hard time with the symptoms and the social consequences. Depression can also be secondary to learning difficulties or substance abuse. Teens with ADHD are 10X more likely than peers to develop depression. Adults with ADHD are 3 X more likely to be depressed. People can have ADHD and not be depressed; they can also have depression and not have ADHD. Professional evaluation is needed to differentiate and treat.

If you have specific health related questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the parish nurse of-
fice for assistance or referral.

In the healing Christ.....

Marcia Schnorr, EdD, RN-BC (DCM-Parish Nurse)

Parish Nurse Office Hours are Monday-Friday (8:00-11:30) unless noted otherwise. If uncertain, call ahead to verify. You may also call Marcy at her home (815-562-6823) after hours. If there is no answer, please leave a message. She will respond as soon as possible.



Senior Special will meet **March 1 at 10am** in the overflow room.

The Rochelle Police Department will provide a helpful presentation about scammers who target seniors. This promises to be informative and insightful for all. Plan to attend and invite others to join us. Light refreshments will be served.

1st Thursday (March 7) is our regular outreach to senior living sites in Rochelle. Marcy Schnorr leads the devotional time at Hawthorne Inn (10am), Lincoln Manor (11am), and Liberty Village (1:15pm—alternating between Manor Court and Memory Lane). Anyone is welcome to participate.

OK Club will meet at the New China Buffet on **Friday, March 8th** at noon. Participants may order off the menu or take the buffet. A 5 minute Bible study will be followed by some “birdwatching”. If you wish to participate, please contact Evelyn Hintzsche (815-562-4668).



Senior Special Activity for March will be on **Saturday, March 9th** leaving the church parking lot at 10:30am for Oregon where we will have lunch at Hazel's Café, visit Merlin's for browsing or shopping, and lastly a stop at the Village Bakery for a treat before returning home mid-afternoon. Reservations to Marcy by Wednesday (March 6) so we have sufficient transportation.

Parish Nurse Team Meeting—March 16 at 9am.

Board for Health and Human Care will meet Monday, March 4 at 4:30pm. Please note the date.

Senior Supper Club will meet **Friday, March 15th** at 5:30pm at church with chicken dinners from the Country School. A study of a psalm and a simple springtime table activity will be the diversion. If you wish to participate, please contact Dave Stewart (815-973-4938).

OK Club will meet at Aldos Pizzeria on Friday, March 22 at noon. A “photo gallery” from the Via Dolorosa will be shared. If you wish to participate, please contact Evelyn Hintzsche at 815-562-4668.



Thursday Worship Fellowship will be on **Thursday, March 28th at 2pm**. This service is specifically planned for people whose health care concerns make attending a regular week-end worship service difficult. Pastor Wolff will lead an abbreviated worship with communion. Marcy will be available to assist with any health concerns, and a time of fellowship will follow. If you need a ride to the service, please contact Marcy by Tuesday and every effort will be made to secure one for you.

The Senior Council will meet on **Friday, March 29th at 10am**. Members of the senior council and any other interested senior are encouraged to attend.

Senior Trip: Seniors (and sorta seniors) of St. Paul are planning a short trip to Shippshewana and nearby sites in Indiana. **(August 5-8)** Many people enjoy reading books about the Amish and some have asked for this opportunity to learn more about Amish culture and enjoy the Amish cooking. Transportation will be based on the number of people who register. We have one carload now. A group of rooms will be held at a nice inn in Shippshewana, but the actual number needed will need to be confirmed in early June. Prices will be based on the number participating—but will be kept as low as possible without forgoing comfort and safety. Contact Marcy in the parish nurse office for more information. Registration plus a \$100 nonrefundable deposit (payable to OK Club) should be given to Marcy by June 1st. Final payment will be due July 30.



Scholarships

If you are planning on attending an accredited college or trade school and are a member in good standing, we have some undergraduate scholarships that you might be interested in. Applications and more information can be found on the rack in the Narthex. The deadline for applying is April 1.

Thank You

Thank you for the cards, support, and love shown to me and Kathy at the loss of my sister. Don Kosterman

Thank you so much for all the wonderful baby items that were collected for We Care Pregnancy Clinic! These items will bless many moms and their babies! Thank you for partnering with us to save and transform lives through Christ's love. Blessings, Erin Andrews, Executive Director



Michelle Jozefowicz		3/1
Abby Metzger		3/1
Lucas Hayes		3/2
Lela Pemberton		3/2
Gary Schabacker	82	3/3
1326 Highland Rd		
Marilyn Murphy	83	3/4
1329 Northlake Ct		
Clint Myers		3/4
Tatum Robey		3/5
Brinley Belmonte		3/6
Glen Mehrings		3/6
Otto Volker		3/6
Knox Isley		3/6
Katie O'Rorke		3/8
Wendy Horn		3/9
Jared Warner		3/10
Eric Schulz		3/11
Patrick Pauser		3/13
Kyle Myers		3/14
Wyatt Doubler		3/15
Gerald Wistrand	91	3/15
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Jace Metzger		3/15
Charles Cole		3/17
Colton Rowley		3/20
Kate Friestad		3/20
Caleb Myers		3/21
Steve Chappa		3/24
Janet Sarver		3/25
Bob Hay	90	3/27
216 E McConaughy Ave		
Kayla Keller		3/28
Maggie Niemi		3/28
Doris Kucenski	95	3/29
140 Lake View Dr Aurora IL 60506		
David Mayer		3/30
Brandon Svela		3/30
Brooklyn Sarver		3/31
Don Kosterman		3/31

Anniversaries

M/M Bruce Johnson	3/5
M/M Mike Hayes	3/9
M/M William Nelson	3/21
M/M Bill Pemberton	3/28

If we missed your important day or have it listed incorrectly, please call the church office (815.562.2744)

St. Paul Lutheran School

“Putting Faith in Education”



Thoughts from the Principal...

Many of you know that I am an IHSA basketball official and have been reffing basketball since 1988. I don't do as many games as I used to, but I still officiate around 50 games per season. I also coached basketball for 32 years, often coaching two teams each season.

On Friday night (2/26) I was reffing basketball at St. John's in Lombard. I like going to Lombard to officiate because I was a teacher and principal there from 1986-2003. I developed many lasting relationships while I was there. One of them was with a young man who I taught and coached. He was a decent student, but he was an outstanding basketball player. As he became a young man he also became an outstanding golfer. He and I played golf together many times when he was in his late teens. Until....

They found a tumor in his sinus area. He fought hard and was supported with great love by his incredible parents and brother. He was also loved by countless others including yours truly. God soon called him home.

I tell you that to tell you this: There is a memorial to him on the wall of the gym at St. John's, Lombard. I was reminded of him Friday night when I looked up and saw the memorial once again. I remembered that during his battle he was still the same kid. He loved the Lord and was more concerned about others than he was himself. He knew how "unfair" it all was, but he accepted that God's plan was more important than his plan.

Matt attended St. John's Lutheran church and School from preschool through 8th grade. He knew his Lord and was a witness to others. Lutheran Schools make a difference.

Steve Hall; Principal
St. Paul Lutheran School



Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00. Mr. Hall and the school board will be presenting very important information regarding tuition, fees, and revenue sources for the future of our school. A letter with more detail will be sent to you via email and maybe even regular mail.

St. Paul is in search of a head track and field coach for the upcoming spring track season. Contact Mr. Hall (shall@stpaulrochelleil.org) if you have some track experience and are willing to explore the possibility of coaching track at St. Paul. The head coach must be at least 25 years old, but assistants can be 18 years or older. We need a coach to continue the program.



Our annual Curriculum Fair is coming up March 21 from 6:00-8:00pm. Academic projects and special music presentations will highlight the evening. All are invited to attend.

Our grades 6-8 choir ensemble sings in church on Sunday, March 10, and our K-2 choir sings in church on Saturday, March 16th. The Sunday service begins at 9:00am and the Saturday service begins at 6:00pm.



Work has begun on the St. Paul 2024-2025 school year calendar. It will be published after school board approves it at the board meeting on March 12.



We are still in need of donations to the Frieda Pickreign Fund, which is the scholarship program that allows families to attend St. Paul Lutheran School who otherwise might not be able to. Please consider an end of year donation to this essential program.

MARCH 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:00am Worship 10:00am Sunday School & Bible Class 11:00am Public School Confirmation 3:00pm - 5:00pm Game Day Extravaganza - All Ages	26	27 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise 6:30pm WOW Bible Study	28 8:45am School Chapel 9:45am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Lenten Worship	29	1 10:00am Senior Special - Rochelle PD on Scammers	2 6:00pm Contemporary Worship
3 9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:00am Sunday School & Bible Class 11:00am Public School Confirmation	4 4:30pm Board of Health & Human Care	5 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise 6:00pm Inreach/Outreach	6 8:45am School Chapel 9:45am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Lenten Worship	7 1st Thursday 10am - Hawthorne Inn 11am - Lincoln Manor 1:15pm - Manor Court 3:00pm Esther-Naomi Circle @ Church	8 12:00pm OK Club @ New China Buffet RSVP Evelyn 815-562-4668	9 10:30am Sr. Special Activity to Oregon 6:00pm Liturgical Worship w/Comm
10 9:00am Worship w/ Installation 6-8 Choir 10:00am Special Congregation Call Meeting 10:00am Sunday School & Bible Class 11:00am Public School Confirmation	11 5:30pm Elders	12 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise 1:00pm Hannah-Tabitha Circle @ Church 6:30pm WOW Bible Study 7:00pm School Townhall Mtg	13 8:45am School Chapel 9:45am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Lenten Worship	14	15 Newsletter Deadline 5:30pm Sr Supper Club @ Church RSVP Dave 815-973-4938	16 Monthly Mission Offering - "The Haven" 9:00am PN Team Mtg 6:00pm Contemporary Worship K-2 Choir
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24 9:00am Worship 10:00am Sunday School & Bible Class 11:00am Public School Confirmation	25	26 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise 6:30pm WOW Bible Study	27 8:45am School Chapel 9:45am Women's Bible Study	28 2:00pm Thursday Fellowship Worship 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship	29 10:00am Sr Council 7:00pm Good Friday Worship	30 NO WORSHIP
31 6:30am Easter Sunrise Worship 7:00am - 9:00am Easter Breakfast 9:00am Easter Worship	1 5:30pm Dayschool Board	2 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise 6:00pm Inreach/Outreach	3 8:45am School Chapel 9:45am Women's Bible Study	4 1st Thursday 10am - Hawthorne Inn 11am - Lincoln Manor 1:15pm - Manor Court 3:00pm Esther-Naomi Circle @ Church	5 10:00am Senior Special	6 6:00pm Contemporary Worship

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"For the
Son of Man
came to seek and
to save
the lost."

Luke 19:10