



FEBRUARY 2013 LAMPLIGHTER

DOES WORSHIP MATTER?

During our Lenten journey this year I invite you to come and share in a time of exploring worship. Does worship matter? You probably know my answer to the question. I invite you to come and explore with me some of the questions and discover again why worship is important.

We will begin our Lenten journey again on Wednesday, February 13th at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Each Wednesday during our Lenten journey we will explore a different part of our worship experience.

We will explore the following:

- **WHY DO WE WORSHIP**
- **ENCOUNTERING GOD IN WORD**
- **ENCOUNTERING GOD IN THE SACRAMENTS**
- **ENCOUNTERING AND RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND MEDITATION**
- **WORSHIP AND THE WORLD**

Each of our times together will be a time to explore part of the pattern and the rhythm of worship and we will talk about why we do those things

We will **Gather**, that is come together.

We will **Encounter**, that will be the “main dish”.

We will talk about **What Matters**.

We will then **Send** each other.

So, **COME** to the journey that we call Lent. Let’s come together and explore what it means to worship in this day for us as a church.

Wednesdays 11 AM & 7 PM

February 13, 20, 27 March 6, 13, 20

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 11 AM & 7 PM

Good Friday, March 29, 10 AM, 3 & 7 PM

Easter Sunday, March 31, 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Our Stewardship - (December, 2012)

Worship Attendance:

Sun., Dec. 2	133
Sun., Dec. 9	94
Sun., Dec. 16	157
Sun., Dec. 23	118
Sun., Dec. 30	93

Pastor’s Devotional Line:
651-203-4195

Christmas Eve Worship, Dec. 24 = 252 + 156 = 408

Christmas Day Worship, Dec. 25 = 45

Average attendance in December on Sunday morning = 120

Balance on hand as of 11/30/12	\$ - 2,017.80
Income to General Acct.	+ 28,988.33
Expense	- 23,721.37
Balance on hand as of 12/31/12	\$ + 3,249.16



CONFIRMATION

Grades 7 & 8th will meet at 6:00 p.m. for class on Wed., Feb. 6, 20 & 27th

A light meal is served from 5:15-5:45 p.m.

NO CLASS on Ash Wed., Feb. 13th

7th & 8th Grade **ACOLYTE Schedule** for Ash Wed.
in February

(those who signed up are:)

Ash Wed., Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. - **Brooklyn Blasing & Brittani Desmond**

9th Grade Confirmation in February will be on Sun., Feb. 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Tom Becker, Lori Collins, Connie Harmeyer, Gary Johnson, Gary Novotny, Cari Pfarr, Jim Reddemann, Pastor Dave Aaker and Treasurer Marilyn Novotny Absent: Marsha O'Malley, Heidi Sladek

Opening devotions/prayer by Pastor Dave

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion made by Jim, seconded by Gary J. to approve minutes written - Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance of \$2,171.57 with all bills current. A total of \$2,000.00 paid back that was borrowed in 2012, with \$4,500.00 remaining.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship - No meeting in December

Youth and Education - No meeting in December

Evangelism and Worship - Discussed upcoming Lent season

Property and Management - Awaiting 2nd bid on boiler. Elevator code update paid for by our ELCW. Chad Anderson will submit bid to House of Insurance to repair stains that have run down sanctuary wall.

Pastor's Report: Preparing for Lent. Has been on call for First Lutheran/LeSueur Taking some time off Feb. 3rd - 8th.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by Gary N., seconded by Connie to approve the agenda, motion carried.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee Report: Dayna Thelemann will be placed on ballot for open council seats along with Gary Johnson and Gary Novotny who would be starting a second 3 year term.

Audit Books: Bonnie Hartwig and Rebecca Blum have completed the annual audit of books.

Bowler Funds: Research is being done on creating a new gathering space within our church building. Gary Johnson proposed that we move ahead with pursuing an estimate, which will include engineer and architect fees. Motion made by Gary N., seconded by Jim to approve this work, motion carried.

Agenda for Annual Meeting: Reviewed agenda for annual meeting on January 27, 2013. Motion made by Gary J., seconded by Connie to approve agenda. Motion carried.

New Business:

Post Prom Request: Letter received requesting donation for TCU Post Prom Party for 2013. Motion made by Connie, seconded by Tom to donate \$100.00. Motion carried

Resolution for Endowment: Resolution was submitted that specifies which Endowment committee members are authorized as administrators on the ELCA Endowment Pooled Trust Fund. Motion made by Gary J., seconded by Jim to accept resolution. Motion carried.

Fair Rental Value/Parsonage and Parsonage Allowance:

Motion made by Gary N., seconded by Jim to accept two resolutions presented in regards to fair rental value of the parsonage and housing expenses for tax purposes. Motion carried.

Next council meeting to be Wednesday February, 2013, at 7:30 PM.

Closed meeting with The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Lori Collins



SOUPER BOWL - February 3, 2013

The Stewardship emphasis for the month of February is our support of the ELCA World Hunger Fund and our local Le Center Food Shelf. There will be bowls in our worship on February 3rd and we invite your generous support. There may also be a football game going that day. You certainly can cheer for your favorite team but we invite you to cheer for those who have need for food.

Our local food shelf gets called on more and more to provide food in our community. Let's support them generously. The ELCA World Hunger Program reaches out to many, many parts of our world. They are there during disaster times and they remain long after the disaster is over to work in the rebuilding of those communities. Let's support them generously.

One half of your offering that day will go for the ELCA World Hunger Fund and one half will go to the Le Center Food Shelf.

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES IN F E B R U A R Y
2013

February 3

Barbara & Matt Stuart
Kyle & Elisa O'Malley
Richard Peterson
Christine Reese
Scott & Amy Schley
Dorothy Simonsen
Stacy & Jake Sycks

February 17

Rich Heilman
Charles Jenson
Randy Knish
Aaron & Michelle Liebhard
Timm & Renee Moravec
Natasha Onken
David & Teri Preisler

February 10

Tom & Jessie Vavra
Verna Ziegenhagen
Gladys Ballman
Roger & Marilyn Boettcher
Tyler Chadderdon
Russ & Tracy Ehlers
Aaron & Christina Fredrickson

February 24

Betty Sapp
Addie Sieveke
Paula Sylvester
Jason & Jodi Weller
Wayne & Helen Zuelch
Debbie & Mitch Blaschko
Jeanie Braun



Let us pray for each other . . .

*We pray for those in our church members & *non-members that have been sick, hospitalized, having surgeries, or are now home recovering. **Prayer Concerns** – remember the following: Doc Meyer, Marilyn Boettcher, David Novotny*

Our Christian Sympathy & Prayers to:

The family of Adela Scheffert, age 92. Her funeral was held here at St. Paul Lutheran on January 12, 2013.

Bob & Sheryl Heilman and Mary Miska & families. Sheryl & Mary’s Stepmother Arlene Miska’s funeral was held on January 16, 2013 at the Catholic Church in Nicollet. She was 93.

Gift of God: *Brian Jr. & Leanne (Ykema) Gieseke are the proud parents of a baby girl, Lizbeth Grace born on Dec.21st at Mayo Health Center in New Prague.*

Gift of God: *Jim & Amanda (Clark) Heilman are the proud parents of a baby girl, Hailey Rae born on Jan. 15th at Mayo Health Center in Austin.*

Gift of God: *Joe & Wendy (Morrow) Claffey are the happy parents of a baby boy, Colton William born on Jan. 22nd.*

Mark your Calendar for our ELCW Salad & Hot Dish Luncheon which will be held here on Thurs., May 9th, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Memorial Gifts received to honor the memory of **Tony Kaisershot:**

St. Paul Lutheran Funds:	
Organ Repair	\$500.
Organ/Music Fund	90.
ELCW/Sympathy/Lunch Ladies	100.
Property/Maintenance	70.
Roof Repair	40.
Total	\$800.

God bless his memory, these gifts, and those who gave them.

A Gift of \$200 was given to the Sunday School Fund in honor of Olivia & Owen Onken by their Grandparents Jerry & Patty Scheffert. - Thank you.

LENTEN SERVICES begin on Ash Wed., Feb. 13 at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion; and continue each Wed. with a worship service at these times during Lent.

You’re Invited to the ‘Le Center Volunteer Ambulance Sweetheart Spaghetti Dinner’ on Fri., Feb. 8, 4:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Mary’s Community Hall. Pre-Sale Tickets: \$7 (ages 10 & up - \$8 at door); \$4-ages 5-9 and ages 4 & under free. Tickets available from any Ambulance member.

Worship Assistants
in **FEBRUARY 2013:**

Altar Guild: *Pam Dunkelbeck, Sue Schmidt, and Ellen Erkel*

Bulletin Sponsors: (cost: \$20.00 in 2013)

- Feb. 3 – Bob & Jane Sapp
- Feb. 10 – Jason & Jodi Weller
- Feb. 17 – Wayne & Barb Krohn
- Feb. 24 – Pearl Wolf

Readers:

- Feb. 3 – Jane Sapp
- Feb. 10 – Ruth Schley
- Feb. 17 – Michelle Liebhard
- Feb. 24 – Youth

Ushers:

- Feb. 3 – Bob & Jane Sapp
- Feb. 17 – Tom & Tracy Doheny
- Feb. 24 - Youth

Count Money:

- Feb. 3 – Wayne & Barb Krohn
- Feb. 10 – Gary & Connie Johnson

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** was held on Sun., Jan. 27th. Annual booklets were given out – please add Kathy Erkel’s name to the altar Guild report of members on page 29 – she serves on the guild and her name was unintentionally omitted. Our apologies to Kathy.

Prepare For Worship
FEBRUARY
Readings



Read the texts for Sunday before you come to church.

Readings for Feb. 3 – *Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

Psalm 71:1-6

Lessons: Jeremiah 1:4-10 and
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gospel: **Luke 4:21-30**

Readings for Feb. 10 – *Transfiguration of Our Lord*

Psalm 99

Lessons: Exodus 34:29-35 and
2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2

Gospel: **Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]**

Readings for Feb. 17 – *First Sunday in Lent*

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Lessons: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and
Romans 10:8b-13

Gospel: **Luke 4:1-13**

Readings for Feb. 24 – *Second Sunday in Lent*
Psalm 27

Lessons: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 and
Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Gospel: **Luke 13:31-35**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Mark Kubat, Nadia Lewis
- 2 Dylan Cesafsky, Wendy Claffey, Tom Oak, Jill Steinborn
- 3 Terry Overn, Dominic Holicky
- 4 Molly Grundhoffer, Emma Mason, Mary Janovsky
- 5 Lindsey Lloyd
- 6 Paul Schley, William R. Novosad
- 8 Lorraine Veen, Erin Buss, Dave Blaschko
- 9 Evelyn Lukes, Bruce Welckle, Gabriel Coryell
- 10 Julie novotny, Colton Tousley
- 11 Charolette Traxler, Carey Roemhildt, Dave Farm
- 12 Keeley Oak, Dave Blum, Tammy Rockvam
- 13 Emma Olson
- 14 Lyle Braun, Tyler Sladek
- 16 Mary Ann Braun, Jake Peterson
- 17 Harriet Loney, Mamie knish
- 18 Marilyn Lawrence
- 19 Verna Ziegenhagen, Bo Johnson, Fahtima Rentz
- 20 Emilynn Liebhard, Sue Hrdlicka
- 21 Molly Ehlers, Jackson Kempenich, Madeline Kempenish
- 22 Dayna Thelemann
- 23 Bob Bohlen
- 24 Vanessa holicky, Rebecca Blum, Kim Sapp, Chloe Johnson
- 25 Curt Kuethe, Cody Bunting
- 26 Susie Soulek, Emily Onken, Helen Tiede, Katie Engel
- 27 Patti Simonette, Kathy Eager, Shane Roemhildt
- 28 Carter Simon
- 29 Brennon Holicky

Easter Lilies: If you wish to order an Easter Lily in honor of or in memory of a loved one, let the church office know or our flower chair, Arlene O'Brien 357-4586 to order. You may take your flower home following the Easter service on March 31st. ***Deadline for ordering the lilies will be Friday, March 15th.*** Cost is \$12.00 (same as last year). Checks make payable to 'Altar Guild'.

Old 'St. Paul Lutheran' COOKBOOKS Wanted!

We've been asked by a few members wondering if any of you have some of the old Lutheran cookbooks "sitting around" or in your possession that you no longer want or need and would be willing to part with – bring them to the church for others to use and keep.

2012 AARP Free Tax Help: Joan & LeRoy May, Bob Hansen & Ricki Anderson are volunteers through the AARP Tax Aide Program, which is sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service & AARP. They will be available to prepare & e-file your 2012 tax returns on Mon., March 11 at St. Mary's Church from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Bring your tax records & forms. Also, bring your 2011 tax return. These tax returns must be simple – no businesses or farm taxes. Open to older adults & people with low incomes. Volunteers are NOT liable for errors. Appointments must be made to have your tax returns completed. Please call St. Mary's Church office 357-4838 to make your appointment.