

The Clarion

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Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this, I know many people are simply ready for this winter to be over. Between bitter cold and more snow than we are accustomed to the past few years, most if not all of us are quite weary of the winter season this year. The good news is that it is March and Spring is on its way. We look forward to the warmer temperatures, the growing and greening of fields, gardens, and yards, and being able to walk outside without bundling up and having to worry about whether we will slip and slide all over the place.

On the way to the ideal of Spring, however, we have to pass through the transition from Winter into Spring. We have to go through the melting snow, the mud and muck that are produced, and wait for things to dry out before we can truly rejoice in the conditions of Spring for which we are ultimately longing.

This month, we also enter into the season of Lent. Lent is a transitional season, as well, that ultimately leads us to Easter and the joyous celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, but in which we are summoned to deal with the mud and muck of our spiritual condition. It is a time in which we are encouraged to take stock of where we are in our life before Christ, taking an honest assessment of our spiritual health. (We should continually be doing this, but the Lenten season offers us a special time of focus to do so.)

If we are honest, we will find that our spiritual lives are all too often lacking. We fall prey to temptation far more easily than we should due to the pervasiveness of our sinful nature. Thus, we hear to the Lenten call to repentance, to return to God and His ways and desires for our lives, to humble ourselves again before God so that when the celebration of the resurrection comes again at Easter, we can experience the true and full joy that observance brings with it.

I encourage and entreat you to not shy away from the muck and mire of Lent, but spend time journeying through it. Wrestle with the Word of God as it calls you to examine yourself in light of God's will and desire for you. Humble yourself before the Lord, striving to increase your devotion to prayer, worship, stewardship, and witness, so that when you hear the joyous words of absolution and life found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, you are lifted up in the mercy and grace of Jesus to live the life to which He has called you as His disciple.

In Christ,

Pastor Ogilvie

Jesus' Humanity the Subject of Sunday Morning Bible Study

We know from Scripture that Jesus is true God and true Man. What is the full significance of the fact that Jesus is just as human as each of us? It means He hungered, prayed, felt pain, lived in a family—fully lived, died, and rose again. This will be the focus of our time in the Sunday morning Bible study beginning March 10. This study will tie in with our midweek Lenten services, offering a more in-depth look at topics relating to Jesus' humanity.

Join us in the Chamber Room on Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:15 a.m. If you have not been attending Bible study, this is a wonderful time to develop that practice and discipline.

Behold the Man This Lenten Season During Midweek Worship

With Ash Wednesday on March 6th, the Lenten season of reflection, remembrance, repentance, and rededication

begins. This holy season is one of private and congregational devotion in which we spend extra time and focus on the status of our relationship with our God, renewing effort on our part to maintain a healthy connection with Him.

Congregationally, one thing we do is spend additional time in worship with midweek services on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. This year during the midweek services, the theme will be "Behold the Man." We rightly acknowledge Jesus as God and Lord, but He also came in true human form. Jesus had a physical body just like we do. He had physical needs just like we do. He had personal relationships like we do. As we behold the humanity of Jesus, we will focus on what it means that we have a God and Savior who is also true human being.

Each week of the Lenten season, our midweek services will be preceded by a meal served from 5:00-6:15 p.m. All are invited to join together for a time of fellowship over the meal. Different groups will be serving the meal each week:

March 6 – Deb & Jolene Schaefer
March 13 – LYF
March 20 – Helen Ramsey, Mellissa Zuber
March 27 – Stewardship
April 3 – Mellissa Zuber, Helen Ramsey
April 10 – LYF

All are encouraged to make time for these services as well as to focus on prayer and meditation during the holy season of Lent. These midweek meals and services are also wonderful times to invite family and friends to join you for a time of fellowship and God's Word.

Lake Country Lutheran High School Band to Visit St. Paul

The Concert Band of Lake Country Lutheran High School, Hartland, WI, will be performing a concert at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Friday, March 22, 2019, as part of their Spring Concert Tour. The concert begins at 7:00pm and everyone is invited to attend.

The Concert Band, a 43-member ensemble under the direction of Mrs. Becky Garlock, will perform works by Ryan Nowlin, Randall Standridge, Johan de Meij, David Holsinger, Pavel Chesnokov, J. S. Bach, Percy Grainger, and David Marshall.

The Concert Band is the premiere instrumental ensemble at Lake Country Lutheran High School, a Missouri Synod Lutheran school serving 374 students. This is the eleventh tour for this outstanding ensemble.

Housing Needed for Lake Country Band Members

As the Lake Country Lutheran High School band comes to perform at St. Paul, we are looking for members who would be willing to play host to two or more band members, providing them a place to stay on Friday, March 22. If you would be able and willing to show hospitality to some fine young people, please contact the church office.

Seminary Representative to Visit St. Paul

Have you ever considered serving the Church as a pastor or a deaconess? Do you have questions about what it is like to study at the seminary? You have a chance to find out as Rev. Jaime Nava, an admissions counselor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will be making a stop at St. Paul on Wednesday, March 20, from 2:00-7:00 p.m. You can make an appointment to meet with Rev. Nava by contacting him by phone (314-505-7224) or by email (navaj@csl.edu). Walk-ins are also welcome.

Together in the Word.

Being in God's Word daily is truly a blessing. The readings that will be posted for the next several months are taken from the daily lectionary which is found on pages 299-304 in *Lutheran Service Book*. Blessings on your reading and meditation.

March 1 Job 33:1-18

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| John 10:22-42 | |
| 2 Job 33:19-34:9 | |
| John 11:1-16 | |
| 3 Job 34:10-33 | |
| John 11:17-37 | |
| 4 Job 36:1-21 | |
| John 11:38-57 | 17 Gen. 16: 1-9, 15-17:22 |
| 5 Job 37:1-24 | Mark 6:1-13 |
| John 12:1-19 | 18 Gen. 18:1-15 |
| 6 Gen. 1:1-19 | Mark 6: 14-34 |
| Mark 1:1-13 | 19 Gen. 21:1-21 |
| 7 Gen. 1:20-2:3 | Mark 6:35-56 |
| Mark 1:14-28 | 20 Gen. 22:1-19 |
| 8 Gen. 2:4-25 | Mark 7:1-23 |
| Mark 1:29-45 | 21 Gen. 24:1-31 |
| 9 Gen. 3:1-24 | Mark 7:24-37 |
| Mark 2:1-17 | 22 Gen. 24:32-52, 61-67 |
| 10 Gen. 4:1-26 | Mark 8:1-21 |
| Mark 2:18-28 | 23 Gen. 27:1-29 |
| 11 Gen. 6:1– 7:5 | Mark 8:22-38 |
| Mark 3:1-19 | 24 Gen. 27:30-45; 28:10-22 |
| 12 Gen. 7:11-8:12 | Mark 9:1-13 |
| Mark 3:20-35 | 25 Gen. 29:1-30 |
| 13 Gen. 8-13-9:17 | Mark 9:14-32 |
| Mark 4:1-20 | 26 Gen. 35:1-29 |
| 14 Gen. 11:27-12:20 | Mark 9:33-50 |
| Mark 4:21-41 | 27 Gen. 37:1-36 |
| 15 Gen. 13:1-18 | Mark 10:1-12 |
| Mark 5:1-20 | 28 Gen. 39:1-23 |
| 16 Gen. 15:1-21 | Mark 10:13-31 |
| Mark 5:21-43 | 29 Gen. 40:1-23 |
| | Mark 10:32-52 |
| | 30 Gen. 41:1-27 |
| | Mark 11:1-19 |
| | 31 Gen. 41:28-57 |
| | Mark 11: 20-33 |

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Sponsors

Congratulations and blessings to Brandi and Matthew on the birth of their daughter Shiloh Grace on January 21, Shiloh was baptized here at St. Paul on February 16, 2019. are Abbi & Jon Garling.

A very belated congratulations to Brandon and Caitlin (Hannan) Gahring on their marriage June 30, 2018. Brandon son of Barb and Dale Gahring.

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Congratulations and best wishes to Rachel Zuber and Chase Krueger on their marriage here at St. Paul on February 16th.

Our sympathy and prayers for the family of Grace Belland who passed away Feb 16, 2019. Her funeral was on Feb 18. Grace is the mother of Tom Belland.

New address: Nicholas, Megan, and Jameson Timm have a new address at 916 North St, Williamsburg.

If you need food or know of someone who does, the HACAP Food Reservoir Mobile Food Pantry is at the Williamsburg Kirkwood Campus from 3:00-4:00 pm on the last Tuesday (2/26 & 3/26) of each month.

Christian Service Committee News about our Church Family (all addresses are Williamsburg, IA 52361 unless noted)
Highlighted Birthdays and Anniversaries for March. Complete lists of birthdays and anniversaries are posted on the bulletin board at the west entrance.

Mar 1 – Russel Romberg 88, 707 Oak Street
Mar 3 – Don Mews 84, 301 Hampton Drive
Mar 3 – Adilyn Stutzman 2, 204 Page Street
Mar 6 – Charlie Delveau 5, 306 Westwood Rd.

Mar 7 – Marvin Muhlenbruck 89, 205 Valley Rd.
Mar 12 - Richard Meyer Jr. 50, 2438 280th Street
Mar 13 – Mike Bott 70, 2433 280th Street
Mar 14 – Randy Bohrn 60, 2043 310th Street, North English 52316
Mar 15 – Ronald Doehrmann 85, 301 Elm Street PO Box 568
Mar 15 – Paige Sherman 17, 2287 F 52 Trail
Mar 16 – Betty McCallister 80, 2397 310th Street
Mar 18 – Carol Jean Williams 80, 304 West Welsh Street
Mar 21 – Megan Finnegan 40, 605 Welsh
Mar 21 – Thelma Iburg 60, 3166 H Ave, North English 52316
Mar 21 – Darlene Read 83, 1204 West State Street
Mar 31 – Kamden Kruse 2, PO Box 281
Mar 31 – Zachary Zuber 16, 1926 Q Ave, Marengo 52301

Those in need of prayers or who are sick or in hospital

Christopher Doehrmann, 304 Taylor Dr., PO Box 557 Lone Tree 52755
Shane Mullnix 803 S. Highland Street Williamsburg, IA 52361 (Williamsburg student with heart ailment)
Pastor Tom Ogilvie, 2115 E Court St., Iowa City 52245 – heart surgery
Elvina Peterson, at Compass Memorial Hospital in Marengo due to a fall, she is back at Highland Ridge
Tate Schaefer, 115 Bedford Rd. Roland Williams, 304 West Welsh Street St

If you need clothes, check out the following places: Contact each store to find out the dates for their sales.

Crowded Closet 1213 Gilbert Court, Iowa City, 9:30-5:00 M-F, Sat 9:30-4:00 319-337-5924. Colored tag ½ price each week.

Good Will/Coralville 2551 Heartland Place, 319-248-4729

Good Will/Iowa City 985 Highway 6 E, 319-248-4705, 9AM-9PM M-F, Sat. 9-6 PM, Sunday 12-5PM

The Attic, Free clothing – call 668-2288 for an appointment (St. Paul Methodist), the hours are Monday 9-11AM, Thursday 5:30-6:30PM

Salvation Army/Iowa City – 1725 Boyrum St., 9AM-8PM, M-Sat. 319-339-4984

Clarion Deadline is March 20th

Clarion Assembly will be on March 27 at 1:00pm

Confirmation grades 7th & 8th will meet at 7:30pm on Wednesdays during the Lent season.

Daylight Savings Time on March 10th. Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour Saturday evening.

Elders will meet March 12 at 7:00pm

Evangelism will be meeting on March 26 at 5:30pm

His Too Class meets on Tuesdays at 3:00pm.

Meals being served before the Lent services

March 6 — Jolene Schaefer, Deb Knock—Chicken noodle casserole, homemade buns, salads, and desserts

March 13 — LYF

March 20 — Helen Ramsey, Mellissa Zuber

March 27 — Stewardship

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is now open for Registration for their 2019 Summer Program, By Faith. 319-848-4187 or WWW.CAMPIODISECA.ORG. For more information check the west entrance bulletin board.

The Lutheran Witness is ready for renewal. If you would like to receive a copy, the cost is \$15.96 a year. Sign up on the sheet on the West entrance bulletin board and make checks out to St. Paul Lutheran Church by April 28th

In our Church Library

Adult books

He Was Crucified: Reflections on the Passion of Christ by Gerald Joseph Stanley

This beautiful book offers reflections of a medical doctor on the physical and mental anguish Jesus endured in the hours leading up to His death. Enrich your meditation on Christ's passion using prayers and hymns paired with moving commentary and masterpieces of art from artists including Michelangelo, Rubens, Dali, and Siqueiros. This devotional book can be used any time during the Church Year to reflect on the Passion of Jesus, but is particularly appropriate during the seasons of Lent and Holy Week.

Power of the Cross by LaHaye

Many people think of the cross as an image that represents what Christ did for us in the past. Yet best-selling author Dr. Tim LaHaye says the cross is vitally significant not just to history, but to our lives today. In this not-to-be-missed study, readers will discover the amazing method God has used to prove His existence—the very method He is using to reach the world today. First God used creation, then revelation, and then Jesus Christ to reveal Himself. Today He reveals Himself by transforming lives—the lives we live and the lives of those around us. Every story of transformation is unique, yet all have one thing in common: the transformation begins at the foot of the cross.



Six Hours One Friday by Max Lucado

Does life feel futile? "Doesn't have to." Do some of your failures seem fatal? "They aren't." And your death. Does the grave appear to be the final stop? According to Christ, your death is just the start of something great. There is a truth greater than all the losses and sorrows of life. And it can be discovered in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In "Six Hours One Friday," Max Lucado delves into the meaning of Jesus' last hours on the cross. Through his death, your life has purpose and meaning. You are forgiven and loved by a Savior who died for you. And an empty tomb proclaims that death does not have the final word. "Peace where there should be pain. Confidence in the midst of crisis. Hope defying despair. "Does death have the last word?" I can see Jesus wink as he gives the answer, "Not on your life.""

Under the Midnight Sun by Tracie Peterson, Kimberley Woodhouse

Taylor Hale is ahead of her time as one of the first women naturalists. She has always loved adventure and the great outdoors, and her remote job location also helps keep her away from the clutches of the man to whom she once made a foolish promise. It seems she must keep running, however, and in secret, her boss from Yellowstone arranges for a new job. . . in Alaska. The popular Curry Hotel continues to thrive in 1929 as more visitors come to Alaska and venture into the massive national park surrounding Denali. Recent graduate Thomas Smith has returned to the hotel and the people he considers family. But when a woman naturalist comes to fill the open position and he must work with her, everything becomes complicated. The summer brings unexpected guests and trouble to Curry. With his reputation at stake, will Thomas be able to protect Taylor from the danger that follows?

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Best Family Ever by Karen Kingsbury

Much-loved storyteller Karen Kingsbury's Baxter Family books have captured the hearts of millions who have come to think of the Baxter family as their own. Now Karen Kingsbury and her son Tyler Russell tell the childhood stories of the beloved Baxter children--Brooke, Kari, Ashley, Erin, and Luke--to inspire and entertain younger readers. Brooke is the perfect older sister. For that reason, Kari and Ashley work hard to make their parents just as proud of them as they are of Brooke. Each girl has her own talents. Brooke is an excellent student. Kari is a great soccer player. Ashley, a talented artist. And they are always there for each other. But when the news comes that Dr. Baxter is moving the family from Ann Arbor to Bloomington, Indiana, and the Baxters need to leave the only home and friends they've ever known, no one is happy. Saying goodbye is hard but the family still has what's most important--their faith and their love for each other. The first book in the Baxter Family Children series, #1 New York Times bestselling author Karen Kingsbury and Tyler Russell tell the story of what it was like to grow up in the Baxter family, the best family ever.

Children's Books

Hey That's Not What the Bible Says by Bill Ross

An author changes some of the most popular stories of the Bible, from the Garden of Eden to Jesus's Birth, while a group of children remind him, "Hey, That's Not What the Bible Says," in a rollicking biblical adventure complete with wacky illustrations.

Let Me Hold You Longer by Karen Kingsbury, illustrated by Mary Collier

With lighthearted illustrations and a sweet, reflective tone, best-selling author Karen Kingsbury encourages parents to savor not only their children's "firsts"--like first steps and first words--but the "lasts" as well. With the tenderness of a mother speaking directly to her child, Karen reminds us not to miss last days of kindergarten and last at bats in Little League amidst the whirlwind of life.

Adapted from a poem in "Rejoice," mothers and grandmothers everywhere will identify with the tenderhearted reflections in "Let Me Hold You Longer." An ideal gift book for special occasions from baby showers to graduations.

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Views from our Shoes by Donald Meyer

In Views From Our Shoes, 45 siblings share their experiences as the brother or sister of someone with a disability. The children whose essays are featured here range from four to eighteen and are the siblings of youngsters with a variety of special needs, including autism, cerebral palsy, developmental delays, ADD, hydrocephalus, visual and hearing impairments, Down and Tourette syndromes. Their personal tales introduce young siblings to others like them, perhaps for the first time, and allow them to compare experiences. A glossary of disabilities provides easy-to-understand definitions of many of the conditions mentioned

LYF meets at 6:00 at the Education House/Fellowship Hall

Mid-Week— meets at 5:00pm on Wednesdays during Lent season

Adult Choir "Sunday Singing" will be March 10th. We will meet that Sunday at 8:30 AM to rehearse. Watch for information about special rehearsals for Palm Sunday and Easter if needed.

One Accord meets on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Quilters will meet each Monday in March at 9:00am.

St. Paul T-Shirts are for sale, sizes small –3x. They are red in color. Sizes Small –XL are \$8.00, 2X-3X are \$11.00.

Tuesday Morning Men's & Women's Bible Study meet at 9:00am

Women' Guild: met at 9:00 a.m. on February 14th due to weather. 13 members were present. Lynn opened meeting & suggested we study Bible study "The shepherds Peace in our LWML quarterly. Secretary report was read, with Loretta Glandorf & Beverly Kuddes exchanging serving. Treasury Report read. Correspondence read. Motion was made to give \$50 to the mites challenge along with \$5 challenge per member. The brunch was finalized. Rally was discussed which will be April 27th. Pastor Sears will be the guest speaker. We encourage all women to attend. The Orphan Grain Train clothing should be brought in black plastic bags & put in large box in hall. April refreshment serving was filled. Shane Mullnix needs our prayers as well as sending a birthday card on the 19th. It was moved to send a donation as well. We signed Valentines for shut-ins Closed with the Lord's prayer

St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel, our campus ministry at The University of Iowa, presents Variety! An Evening of Talented Performers and Delectable Desserts. The event will take place at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2301 E. Court St., Iowa City, on Saturday, March 30, 2019, at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM). All proceeds go to sending our students to the LCMSU National Campus Ministry Conference.

Tickets are:

Adults - \$10

Students and Children - \$7

2 and under – Free

Tickets are available at St Paul's Chapel. You may reserve your tickets and pick them up the night of the show by sending an email to stpaulschapel.iowacity@gmail.com subject line VARIETY! In the email please indicate the number of tickets you need. Tickets will also be available at the door. Please note: Advance ticket sales and reservations are most

appreciated and will help assure ample desserts and seating.

Thank you to all community members, St Paul friends, and family for making the celebration of my 90th birthday to be a very enjoyable time. The well wishes, cards and gifts remind me of how God has blessed me in these years. We also appreciate the use of the fellowship hall for the celebration. Thanks so very much. Erna Davies



