

ALL  
THINGS  
TO ALL  
PEOPLE

1 Corinthians 9:22

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN  
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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a  
Congregation in the Wisconsin  
Evangelical Lutheran Synod.**



### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We want to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending this worship service! Especially to you who are guests and visitors, WELCOME!

We at St. Paul's Lutheran share a common belief in **Jesus** as **our Savior** from sin and as the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, revealed in the Bible. We want to share God's Word with as many people as possible because we know that Jesus lived, died and rose from death to save us and all people. We're happy to have the opportunity to share the saving truths of the Bible with you!

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Worship during these times:** We offer distanced seating on one side of the sanctuary. We also encourage compliance for all who are able to wear a face covering to honor God's representatives in our state government. Contact surfaces such as door handles are cleaned between Sunday services. Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex. All responses and songs are printed in your bulletin, which should be taken with you or discarded after worship. Offerings may be placed in the designated boxes in the narthex.

**Communion** is offered in worship each month on the 2nd and 4th weekends. Members who are not yet comfortable returning to worship during the pandemic may schedule a communion appointment with a pastor.

**DVDs:** DVDs of our worship services can be made per request. Please contact the office to make arrangements. In order to ensure cleanliness, you do not need to return a DVD. Please consider a small monetary donation (\$2) to cover the cost of the DVD if you request one.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (The WELS) and was founded in 1862. We have our Lutheran elementary school (pre K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.**



## THE COMMON SERVICE

**Today's Worship Focus:** *Last week we saw Jesus preach in a synagogue and heal a demon-possessed man there. Today, we see him minister to so many more, an entire town. He even left a crowd who wanted him to stay because he came to preach to more towns and more people. Just one group wasn't enough. That would be too small a thing for the Lord. He came to bring his salvation to the ends of the earth. He leads us to become all things to all people so that more may hear the gospel. Lord, help us to Grow Forward -- Growing in Zeal for the Lost.*

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### WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* | 84

- 1 **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**
- 2 **To him shall endless prayer be made  
And endless praises crown his head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.**
- 3 **People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
Praise his great love with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his name.**
- 4 **Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
The pris'ner leaps, unloosed his chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all who suffer want are blest.**

**5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
Worship and honor to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen.**

*Please stand.*

## INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant

of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray. Dear Lord Jesus, how great is your compassion, that you came to preach and heal and enlighten so many. Give us the same zeal for others, that more might hear and believe your good news, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

*Be seated.*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 49:1-7*

*It is too small a thing to restore my people Israel; I will make you a light to bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.*

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name. <sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver.

<sup>3</sup> He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

<sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God."

<sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says—he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength—

<sup>6</sup> he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

<sup>7</sup> This is what the LORD says—the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

### SOLO

*Carry the Light*

In this world of darkness we are given light: hope for all the dying. How will they know? How will they know that Jesus loves them, and he died to save them?

*Refrain:* Carry the Light; carry the Light. Go and tell the children they are precious in his sight. Carry the Light; carry the Light. Go and preach the

gospel 'til there is no more night. In the name of Jesus Christ carry the Light.

Count them by the millions, blinded slaves to sin. Inside, they are dying. How will they know? How will they know that Jesus loves them, and his heart is breaking? *Refrain*

Go ye into all the world. Go ye into all the world, and carry the Light the Light; carry the Light. *Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

## 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

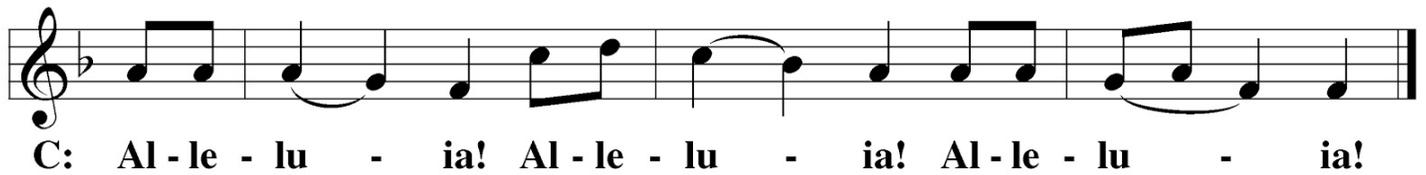
*Paul was willing to become all things to all people so that he could preach the gospel to as many people as possible.*

<sup>16</sup>For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup>If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. <sup>23</sup>I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

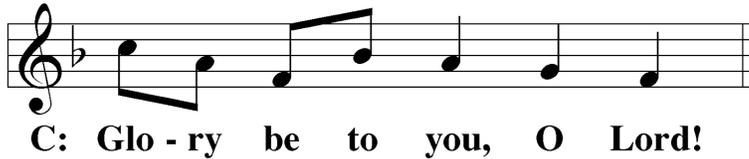
## VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Alleluia.



*Please stand.*

M: The Gospel according to Mark chapter 1.



## GOSPEL

*Mark 1:29-39*

*Jesus ministered to many people, making sure to preach throughout Galilee.*

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. <sup>30</sup> Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. <sup>31</sup> So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

<sup>32</sup> That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. <sup>33</sup> The whole town gathered at the door, <sup>34</sup> and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

<sup>35</sup> Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. <sup>36</sup> Simon and his companions went to look for him, <sup>37</sup> and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

<sup>38</sup> Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." <sup>39</sup> So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*We All Are One in Mission | 566*

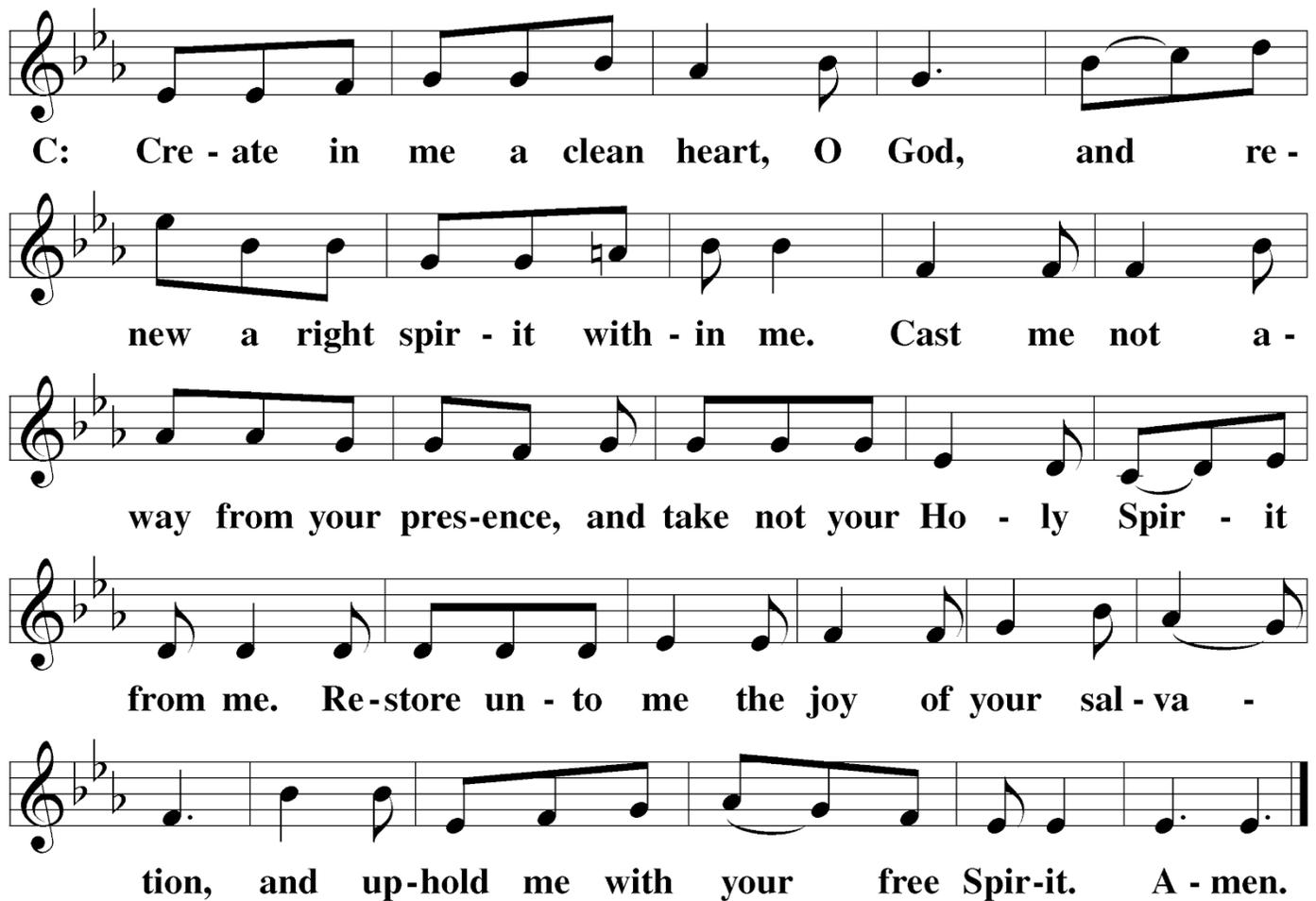
- 1 We all are one in mission; We all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission Compels us from above  
To plan and work together That all may know Christ's love.**
- 2 We all are called to service, To witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are diff'rent; Our purpose is the same:  
To touch the lives of others With God's surprising grace,  
So ev'ry folk and nation May feel God's warm embrace.**
- 3 Now let us be united, And let our song be heard;  
Now let us be a vessel For God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission; We all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.**

# SERMON

# 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A Growing *Forward* Congregation Wants to Win  
A winning message \* A winning style

*Please stand.*



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

*Be seated.*

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS *(listed in the announcements)*

### OFFERING

*Online giving options available*

In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord's work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.



*Please stand.*

## SPECIAL PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## HYMN

*Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word | 576*

- 1 Spread, oh, spread the mighty Word; Spread the kingdom of the Lord  
Ev'rywhere his breath has giv'n Life to beings meant for heav'n.**
- 2 Tell them how the Father's will Made the world and keeps it still,  
How his only Son he gave All from sin and death to save.**
- 3 Tell of our Redeemer's love, Who forever does remove  
By his holy sacrifice All the guilt that on us lies.**
- 4 Tell them of the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,  
Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.**
- 5 Up! The rip'ning fields you see. Mighty shall the harvest be,  
But the reapers still are few; Great the work they have to do.**
- 6 Lord of harvest, grant anew, Joy and strength to work for you,  
Till the gath'ring nations all See your light and heed your call.**

*Please stand.*

**M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



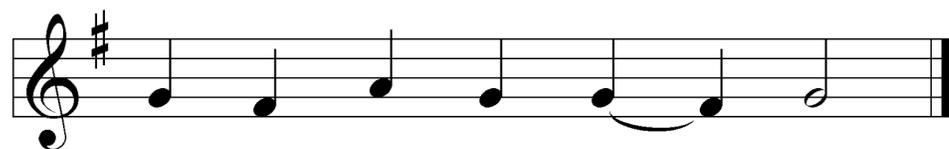
C: A - men.

## THE BENEDICTION

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Be seated.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*Lift High the Cross* | 579

### *Refrain:*

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,

Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

### *Refrain*

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**MONDAY PIANIST:** Megan Bramstedt

**SOLOIST:** Karl Leverenz

**ALTAR GUILD:** Marilyn Eirich, Lori Wehrmann, Christina Sprenger, Rachel Rehbein.

**USHERS:** 8:00 a.m.- Corey Schroeder, Clay Schroeder, Brian Stauss, Andy Sprenger, Kevin Oleck; 10:30 a.m.- Jeff Plass, Todd/Zac Marten, John Marten, Dave Probst, Jon Probst.

**OFFERING: 01/31 & 02/01 - \$9,729.34 (WEEKLY BUDGET GOAL: \$15,700)**

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE 1/31 & 02/01 : 71- 8:00AM SERVICE; 69- 10:30AM SERVICE;**

**39- 6:00PM MONDAY SERVICE.**

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## **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **Office hours** are Monday - Wednesday 7:15 - 4:00. You can reach Erin at [secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org).
2. **Sunday Bible Study!** The book we are studying is Zechariah, a great spiritual encouragement to God's people for *remembering him*. **Today we start lesson five in the gymnasium and pick up where we left off in Zechariah 8. Study begins at 9:25.**
3. **Parenting Bible Study:** Join us for our last session of "Living Christian Values in the Home".
  - Tues., Feb. 9 @ 6:30: Teaching Our Children About ResponsibilityBabysitting is provided. Contact Luther Curia with any questions. 920.287.8575; [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org)
4. **Mindful Moms** - Join us February 10 at 8am for Muffins and Meditations - Hymns for Her. This 20 minute study will focus on hymns from different seasons of the Church Year, who wrote them and how God uses them to bring his encouraging truth to us still today. Activities provided for kids.
5. **Meditations Renewal** - There are half sheet forms in the member room to renew or start your Meditations subscription. Your completed form and payment of \$16.50 is due by February 14th, at the latest. Please drop your forms in the labeled box slot in the member room or give them to Erin in the office. Please do NOT place forms/payment in the wooden box in the office. Thank you!
6. **Women in the Word** - Join us in our NEW Bible reading challenge! Starting in February, we will be reading through the book of Matthew and portions of Isaiah that share prophecies about Jesus. This is a wonderful opportunity to review all Jesus did for us and how the Old Testament points to his coming, especially as we lead up to and start Lent. Also, join us on the Slack app for encouragement and discussion about the readings.

7. **Sharing Love and Jesus-** Make a special craft along with Mindful Moms to give to those who aren't able to receive visitors right now! Valentine craft packets for kids will be available in the member room. Please return completed crafts to the office by February 8th.
8. **The *Growing Forward* Capital Campaign:** this Sunday is already the fifth in our eight weeks! Thank you for your prayers and participation. We are still encouraging every member to attend one of these small group cottage meetings. You will learn more about St. Paul's exciting ministry along with expansion opportunities. It's only 45-55 minutes. We are also establishing two more Sunday morning opportunities during the Bible study hour in February. [We also have a online link from a recorded session or a DVD for those who prefer.]
 

Sun. Feb 7th 11:45 (after Church)	Mon. Feb 8th 7:00 (after Church)
Sun. Feb. 14th 9:15 (After 1st Service)	Tues. Feb. 16th 6:30 (PTF Meeting)
<b>Virtual</b> - Wed. Feb 18th @ 6:30	<b>Personal Visit</b> (at home or church)

Most small group cottage meetings will be held in one of the classrooms and will run approximately 1 hour. You can sign up electronically through links sent in Capital Campaign email updates or members of the Capital Campaign are available to assist you with signing up following today's services.
9. **Financial Class** - In this class we seek to grow in how we manage the LORD's money to his glory.
10. **Sunday School Planning:** This semester we have Sunday School with a class for 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> graders, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders, and 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders. 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to join in the next youth group class, likely after Lent. We are not able to have the little ones in PreK or K in-person this semester due to COVID mitigation procedures. We do offer remote Sunday School for PreK and K. For an idea of what this is, check this link. To register for remote Sunday School, please speak with Pastor Bode. For further inquiries into our Sunday School program, please speak directly with Pastors Mueller or Bode.
11. **Lent worship:** The season of Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday on February 17. We will have a worship service with communion at 6:30 pm. The Wednesday Lent series will focus on the "Hands of the Passion". Whether they were lifted to bless God's chosen people or to stone God's chosen prophets, hands in the Bible are rarely noticed but always in action. Our series explores the many roles hands played during the Passion History, from waving palm branches to nailing our Savior to the cross. Due to the ongoing climate with the pandemic, the Church Council has decided to forego the lenten suppers this year.
12. **Altar Guild** will be meeting on Saturday, February 20th at 10:00 a.m.
13. **Fast Fundraising February:** During the month of February, Kwik Trip will be offering a 10% discount on scrip cards. Scrip cards can be purchased during school office hours and in the narthex on Sunday's. There is also BP, Culver's, Festival Foods, Meijer, Menards, Miesfelds, Pick 'n Save, Piggly Wiggly, Walgreens, and Walmart available.
14. **Marriage Enrichment Retreat:** St. Paul's will be hosting a marriage enrichment retreat at the Osthoff Resort Friday-Saturday, March 19-20. Learn how to give your marriage the attention it needs, build connections by taking time with one another, and tune in to each other - all while

remaining connected to the Lord and his Word. At the Distracted Marriage retreat we'll talk about communication, turning off distractions to your marriage, fighting fair, and listening well. Flyers with event details and registration forms can be found in the member room. You can also register online [HERE](#). Contact Luther Curia with any questions: [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org).

15. **Confirmation** - On May 2 in the late service, 12 young people from congregation and school will be confirmed in the Christian faith. Their names and pictures will be in the February newsletter. There will be a meeting for the parents of the confirmands on February 14 after late service to go over planning and some details for that weekend. Please speak with Pastor Bode with any Confirmation questions.

16. **St. Paul's Variety Show:** The Stewardship committee is excited to present a livestreamed variety show on Friday March 5 @ 6:00 p.m. BUT in order to have a variety show, we need some... VARIETY!

- **Ages 6-100:** We're looking for volunteers to show us their talent: singing, dancing, magic tricks, jokes, drawing/painting, playing an instrument, juggling, gymnastics, dog training, double-jointed body contortions, etc. The committee will give you a timeslot to perform live from St. Paul's for all the at-home viewers!
- **Kids 5 and under:** Take a video of you presenting a brief show-and-tell of your favorite toy, stuffed animal, pet, etc. Keep the video to under a minute and send it to Mr. C @ [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org).
- Sign up with this form by Monday, February 22. *Slots are limited, so sign-up soon!* Let's make this an evening to remember! Contact Luther with any questions: 920.287.8575; [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org)

17. **Installation** - Our congregation's officers and board members will be installed in services today. We thank the Lord for their faithful service and ask him to bless their efforts as we seek to grow in faith and go to others with that faith. Please check out the new bulletin board in the commons to put faces with these names!

**Officers:** Todd Marten, Jim Van Alstine, Kevin Reinemann, Brett Horne

**Elders:** Bill Reichardt (Head Elder), Eric Eickhoff, Eric Vant Hul, Mike Austreng, Peter Hahn, Mark Kolosovsky, Don Last

**Board of Christian Education:** Dan Radue (Chairman), Chad Marohn, Thomas Cameron, Zach Theobald, Justin Radue, Pastor Bode

**Evangelism:** Pastor Mueller (Interim Chairman), Bev Gumm, Audrey Kolosovsky, Rose Lindemann, Brittney Stromski

**Stewardship:** Tim Bull (Chairman), Brittany Bull, Brandon Lis, Melissa Lis, Luther Curia, Elissa Nesemann, Jeremy Nesemann

**Trustees:** Terry Roehrborn (Chairman), Mark Eichhorst, John Marten, Trevor Wehrmann.

**Council:** Bill Reichardt, Eric Eickhoff, Dan Radue, Tim Bull, Terry Roehrborn, Todd Marten, Jim Van Alstine, Kevin Reinemann, Joseph Balge, Pastor Mueller, Pastor Bode, Luther Curia, Chad Marohn