

March 24 , 2024 Palm Sunday



Lent is Here!

The **Wednesdays of Lent** will be marked by two services with **Biblical Portrayals at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.**

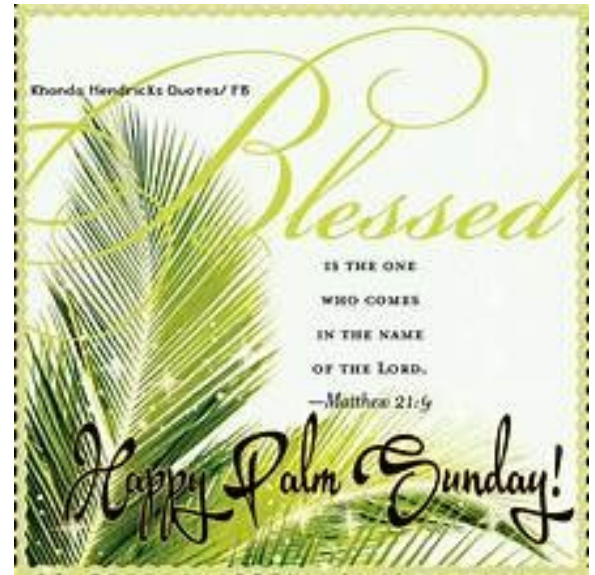
Noisy offerings will be taken up throughout Lent to support the ministry of ELCA World Hunger.

A light dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Donations are accepted and will go to support rent assistance in Jones County.

Devotionals based on the weekly Scriptures and written by ELCA World Hunger are available in the entrance of the church for you to take and use in faith sharing with your domestic church (i.e. at home), study group or in personal time.

Our Community Prayer for Lent will be borrowed from St. Therese Lisieux,

"Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks Compassion on this world, Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are his body. Amen"



Pi Day: Pastor Rodney participated in a pie eating contest at the Villages in Marion on March 14th after celebrating Eucharist with the residents, including Karol and Paul Pinney.

Dinner With Friends

We all need to eat, so why not mark the date of Thursday, April 25th on your calendar and come out to Boondocks to also enjoy time with friends? We plan to gather at 5:00 to share a meal and good conversation and hope to see you there!

Questions....Sherri Evans 319-981-0283





Calling all kids who are coming to celebrate the Good News with us on Easter! We will have a Special Egg Hunt after the

10:30 service. Come learn what makes Easter so special and why our Hunt is different then others. Come get to know St. Paul in a new way with our scavenger hunt style Egg hunt! After the Hunt, turn in your eggs for a special bag of goodies.

Easter Sunrise Service is Canceled

There will be no Easter Sunrise Service this year. Forecast is calling for rain and/or snow with temperatures that morning only around 25 degrees. We look forward to seeing you at either our 8:00 am or 10:30 am service.

April Birthdays

Karol Pinney	4/2
Bentley Paulson	4/2
Miken Wheeler	4/3
Rick Douglas	4/3
Riley Osterkamp	4/4
Josh White	4/5
Bernice Petersen	4/6
Andrew Huck	4/6
Marty Rowland	4/10
Virginia Danielson	4/13
Ella Giegerich	4/14
Tim Hollett	4/14
Megan Huck	4/15



Elaine Stigen	4/17
Kathy Dornbusch	4/18
Karen Biere	4/21
Jill Darrow	4/22
Dean Lambertsen	4/22
Grant Chrisman	4/22
Helen Seaton	4/25
Emily Hannes	4/25
Simon Robertson	4/27
Myra Powell	4/28
Jasper Pepmeyer	4/29
Kurt Vavricek	4/30

Prayer opportunities at St Paul led by Pastor Rodney!

Drumming Circle: Join others in the church chapel from 5:30-6:30 pm the ***third and fourth Mondays*** of the month for drum prayer (see dates below). 11 hand drums are available, first come, first to choose. We will begin with sharing gratitudes and intentions, then drum, ending with a drum wash to those who wish it.

Drumming is a form of contemplative prayer that invites us to be present to the Heartbeat of God. As we listen to and feel the drums, we experience the One pulse that gives rise to all the rhythms and energies of life. It is actually from the feminine energy of the divine that drumming emerges, and men drum to draw themselves from the head into the heart, seeking harmony.

Upcoming dates for 2024 will be: Mondays, March 25, April 15, 22, May 20, 27, June 17, 24

Thrivent Members

Thanks to us, Thrivent Members, we've helped...

- Our young people go on life-changing mission trips
- To send hand crafted quilts into refugee camps
- To put school supplies into the hands of children
- To fund local organizations that care for our community

...and the list goes on. How did we do this? By building Thrivent Action teams and by donating our Thrivent Choice dollars to organizations of our choice, including St. Paul. March 31 is the deadline for donating our Choice Dollars for 2024. Please check with Thrivent by phone or online to see if you have Dollars to donate. Then make your choice. Thanks!

Cruisin' for Camp Courageous, Sunday, May 19th

The 37th Annual Cruisin' for Camp Courageous is Sunday, May 19th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission is \$5 for adults, 12 and under are free. There is fun for the whole family.....silent and live auctions, camp activities, craft show, train rides, pinstriping demonstrations, food and music plus \$10 Zipline rides, games and more. If you have a car to enter in the show, registration is \$15/car from 8:00 am to Noon. The event will be held rain or shine. No alcohol or tobacco products are allowed on the grounds at Camp Courageous. Fun day for the whole family!!

Calling All Poets and Pray-ers!

With the spring season quickly approaching, I want to invite any of you who are inspired to do so to submit haiku poems to me for sharing in the Pulse's HAIKU CORNER. This form of poetry originating in Japan is a short, unrhymed poem that adheres to a specific three-line, seventeen-syllable format: the first line is five syllables, the second is seven syllables, and the third is five syllables. Traditionally, haiku are about nature and frequently reflect the changing seasons. Often, a haiku focuses on a single moment in time and, in many cases, juxtaposes two images. I use it as a spiritual practice, and I encourage you to try it as well. {if you share yours with me, I presume you give permission to print. blumlwa@gmail.com}. Don't be shy. Let's raise our poetic voices collectively to God!

Haiku Corner

(contributors this week are Virginia Danielson, Rodney Bluml and Kathy Brunssen)

Brown is my brother
Defenseless, at a border
My sister, we are

SPRING 2024

March winds blowing cold.
Old leaves and trash fill the air.
Winter won't let go.

VULTURES

Crowds gather quickly.
Violent death calling them.
Road kill! Road kill! Look!

AFTER WORSHIP

Old hymns fill the soul.
Does God weep with their beauty?
I see Him smiling.

NO HIDDEN MEANINGS

Red head bobs and taps
Look! He found a beetle.
Woodpecker success.

Love is happiness.
Talking with a friend today.
Watching a robin.

St Paul Finance Committee Report - February 2024

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whatever the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

This hymn recognizes the order of giving. First, God, the Father, gives to us. He gives to us all that we must support this body and life. He gives these things that we might use them, and especially that we would use all good things for giving glory back to Him.

Thank you for your generous donations to St. Paul. Your support is vital to our ongoing efforts to create a welcoming and inclusive space where individuals can experience God's love and find solace and strength. Your faithfulness in supporting St. Paul is deeply appreciated. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasures help us to make a positive impact in the lives of others.

Monthly Financials:

February Balances:	General Checking \$32,636.92
	Memorial Accounts \$30,761.62
	Land Maintenance and Development \$53,798.56
Income 2/2023 \$27,027.73.	Income 2/2024 \$20,130.39
Expenses 2/2023 \$58,352.80.	Expenses 2/2024 \$14,669.31

Our income compared to budgeted need for February was down compared to last year, our expenses were down considerably. The February 2023 expenses included payment for the removal of the building that was the lumber yard. All in all, it was a non-eventful month at St. Paul financially. We continue to keep even with our budget. Snow removal costs were up for the first two months, but thankfully we have been blessed with warmer weather for the past several weeks. Thanks to a very generous St. Paul community.

A reminder that we all can do your giving automatically through VANCO Faith. Go to our stpaulanamosa.com, under more... tab use Give Online. You can also go to: <http://www.stpaulanamosa.com/give-online.html>

Thank you for your generosity to St Paul Lutheran.

David Oldham

Communion Bread Making Opportunity!



When: Saturday, March 23rd 9-11am Where: The Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Come and help bake the Communion Bread for Easter and our Community for the Month of April! It is a family friendly time to sit and work with your hands and serve our community by giving of your time and talents. Please let Kaileen know if you are interested. 951-553-5728

From my sermon last Sunday

A Short Testament From Living Things by Anne Porter

Whatever harm I may have done
In all my life in all your wide creation
If I cannot repair it
I beg you to repair it,

And then there are all the wounded
The poor the deaf the lonely and the old
Whom I have roughly dismissed
As if I were not one of them.
Where I have wronged them by it
And cannot make amends
I ask you
To comfort them to overflowing,

And where there are lives I may have withered around me,
Or lives of strangers far or near
That I've destroyed in blind complicity,
And if I cannot find them
Or have no way to serve them,

Remember them. I beg you to remember them

When winter is over
And all your unimaginable promises
Burst into song on death's bare branches.

Please Pray for the Following

(Why people want prayers isn't important, *the prayers are!*)

We pray for all who need healing, strength or comfort. For peace in our nation & world, for safety in our schools and communities and for those seeking a safe home. To add a name call or email Kathy at 319-462-4841/stpaulanamosa@gmail.com. Names will be listed for 4 weeks and may be renewed.

GriefShare is available upon request. Please contact Nancy Douglas if interested 319-551-3358.

AA meets in the lower level of the CE building on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

Jones County Food Bank:

To donate money, checks may be written to Jones County Community Food Bank and mailed to 105 Broadway Place, Anamosa IA 52205. The ideal donation will enable a family to "make a meal," so items such as pasta and canned pasta sauce, canned tuna and/or chicken and/or beef, and Hamburger Helper items are great. Clients also like pancake mix and pancake syrup. Canned fruits or vegetables are great too. Personal care items are always welcome. Many people who don't use food stamps don't know that those on food stamps can't use that money for personal care items—only food. So, personal care items would be great — toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, facial tissue, tampons, diapers, etc. Giving is a great way of remembering our neighbors in need.

Recorded services are found on St. Paul website, YouTube page or Facebook page.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
Available 24 Hours
Languages: English, Spanish
800-273-8255

Bread Bakers:

March: Staci Sullivan
April: Kaileen Weaver
May: Pat Merritt

Deliver Food to Food Bank:

March: Myra Powell
April: Barb Kleis
May: Ralph & Sandy Andresen

Wednesday, March 20

* 8:00 am Men's Worship Group—CE Building

* 5:00pm Evening Service

Comm Prep: Nancy Lyon Douglas
Greeters: Nancy Lyon Douglas
Prayers: Nancy Lyon Douglas
Comm Server: Cathy Crowe/Nancy Lyon Douglas
PowerPoint: Myra Powell

* 6:30pm Evening Service

Comm Prep: Nancy Lyon Douglas
Greeters: Fred/Lindsey Austin
Prayers: Lindsey Austin
Comm Server: Fred/Lindsey Austin
PowerPoint: Jayden Capron
Streaming: L. Chrisman

Sunday, March 24

* 8:00 am Service

Comm Prep: Ed/Jean Allaire
Greeters: Don/Deb Hardersen
Readings/Prayers: Don/Deb Hardersen
Comm Servers: Don/Deb Hardersen
PowerPoint: Linda Kenny

* 10:30am Service

Comm Prep: DJ/Donna Condry
Greeters: DJ/Donna Condry
Readings: Gary/Carlene Vavricek
Prayers: Paula Sisler
Comm Servers: Gary/Carlene Vavricek
PowerPoint: E. Giegerich
Livestream: Elijah S.

Wednesday, March 27

* 8:00 am Men's Worship Group—CE Building

* No WD4—No Service

Thursday, March 28 Maundy Thursday

* 6:30 pm Evening Service

Friday, March 29 Good Friday

* 6:30 pm Evening Service

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday

* 8:00 am Service

Comm Prep: Linda Kenny
Greeters: Orlyn & Kathy Brunssen
Readings/Prayers: Virginia Danielson
Comm Servers: Jeff/Kristi Fortune
PowerPoint: Deb Hardersen

* 10:30 p.m. Service

Comm Prep: Ralph/Sandra Andresen
Greeters: Ralph/Sandra Andresen
Readings/Prayers: Scott Chrisman
Comm Servers: Scott Chrisman / R/S Andresen
PowerPoint: Elijah S.
Livestream: Grant / Luke

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mar 20	Wednesday Lent with Biblical Portrayals at 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm
Mar 23	Communion Bread Making Opportunity
Mar 24	Palm Sunday
Mar 24	Cheyenne Kaylin Vavricek Baptism
Mar 25	Drumming Prayer 5:30-6:30 pm Church Chapel
Mar 28	Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm service
Mar 29	Good Friday 6:30 pm service
Mar 31	Easter 8:00 am and 10:30 am Service
Mar 31	Lainey Rose Hardersen Baptism
April 2-8	Pastor Rodney on vacation
April 6	Dennis Hansen Sr. Service— 9-10:30 Visitation, 10:30 Funeral
April 8	All Council Mtg 6:00 pm
April 13	JoAnne Hollett Service—9:30-11 Visitation, 11:00 Funeral
April 15	Drumming Prayer 5:30-6:30 pm Church Chapel