

Celebration of Members

February Birthdays

Birthday Wishes to the following people celebrating 80 years of life or more!

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| 2 - Anna Meyer - 89 | 11 - Betty Magee - 96 |
| 2 - Ila Nelson - 81 | 13 - Nelda Minzel - 90 |
| 3 - Gloria Mills - 84 | 16 - Sharon Van Lengen - 82 |
| 4 - Duan Bohlen - 83 | 19 - Elmer Murman - 89 |
| 5 - Larry Wilson - 80 | 27 - Aletha Bennett - 91 |
| 7 - Donna Grothen - 84 | 27 - Elvera Winbolt - 87 |
| 9 - LaVerna Petzoldt - 84 | 28 - Margaret Anderson - 97 |

March Birthdays

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 - Norma McWhirter - 93 | 15 - Wayne Timm - 82 |
| 2 - Ardyce Biede - 87 | 20 - Norma Penning - 91 |
| 3 - Mary Wood - 84 | 26 - Philip Sweet - 84 |
| 9 - Virginia Lewis - 86 | 27 - Larry Schnase - 87 |
| 15 - Nina Jensen - 103 | 30 - Ordean Dravland - 84 |

April Birthdays

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 4 - Jeanette Grothen - 86 | 13 - Dr. Nancy Krueger - 80 |
| 4 - Dixie Hutchison - 83 | 15 - Ilene Weber - 85 |
| 5 - Janice Lukas - 80 | 17 - Morris Lewis - 88 |
| 7 - Evelyn Theisen - 87 | 20 - Elizabeth Classen - 80 |
| 8 - Weir John - 90 | 20 - Colleen Hohlen - 89 |
| 8 - Helen Miller - 87 | 27 - Gordon Sinner - 88 |
| 12 - Roma Moul - 86 | |

Journal of Life and Growth

Transferred to Church Triumphant

- December 19, 2018 - Norma Spady
 December 24, 2018 - Pamela Morris
 December 29, 2018 - Robert Peterson
 January 2, 2019 - LaVon Bienhoff
 January 21, 2019 - Ronald Saylor

Baptisms

- January 6, 2019 - Bennett Allen Faimon
 January 13, 2019 - Maren Noel Molholm
 February 3, 2019 - Violet Molly Johnson
 February 9, 2019 - Leo Sylvester Milovac

Wedding

- February 16, 2019 - Tyson Wademan and Stacie Hamburger

February Wedding Anniversaries

With joy & thanksgiving we celebrate the following milestone anniversaries:

- 2 - Gregory and Ann Auten - 1980
 8 - Thomas and Susan Riggs - 1975
 10 - Ordean and Evelyn Darvland - 1957
 12 - John and Patricia Boltz - 1983
 14 - Robert and Coleen Dygert - 1965
 14 - Tom and Debra McCoy - 1975
 15 - Alan and Connie Hoagland - 1975
 16 - Keith and Janice Bonifas - 1985
 18 - Randy and Kathy Uhrmacher - 1994
 19 - Daniel and Nancy Yurk - 1977
 21 - Paul and Jeanette Grothen - 1952
 22 - Charles and Juanita Sears - 1952
 28 - Matthew and Michelle Roesener - 1992

March Wedding Anniversaries

- 2 - Richard and LeAnne Blau - 1985
 10 - Larry and Donna Harrenstein - 1973
 15 - Ronald and Dena - 1986

April Wedding Anniversaries

- 6 - Raymond and Joy Marsh - 1974
 9 - Ronald and Janet Drudik - 1983
 10 - Dave and Linda Brown - 1976
 11 - Dennis and Janet Piel - 1981
 15 - Rodney and Kimberley Hunt - 1989
 17 - Paul and Shari Brei - 1982
 17 - Mitchell and Connie Stark - 1982
 24 - Marlin and Joan Hartman - 1954
 24 - John and Florence Woodward - 1976
 25 - Mike and Caprice Lueth - 1992
 27 - Roger and Paula Pair - 1974
 28 - James and Janice Lukas - 1963
 30 - Robert and Amy Stutesman - 1994

Communion:

Saturday - 6:00 p.m.

March 2 & April 6
(Traditional)

Sunday - 8:25 a.m.

March 3 & April 7
(Traditional)

Sunday - 10:35 a.m.

March 17 & April 28 (Contemporary)

Easter Sunday
All Services

Worship



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"Together we are discovering, sharing and connecting people to the love and Truth of Jesus Christ!"

First Connections

No. 2, 3 & 4

February/March/April 2019

LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,
PREPARATION, AND RENEWAL

Dear First St. Paul's Lutheran Church

As we make our way through these cold months of winter, we look forward to the season of Lent and spring! There are many opportunities to grow in faith in the months ahead. We want to draw your attention to a few specific opportunities.

Our Lenten midweek worship services will draw our attention to The Road Map. Each Wednesday, we'll discover the road map that helps us walk the way of faith, through interactive interviews with members of our congregation. In addition to services, we offer a modified Ichthus schedule, starting with a meal at 5:00 p.m., classes for all ages, Confirmation, Soul Café and more.

We invite you to Walk This Way for weekend services. This series will provide an opportunity for Pastor Joel to share about his travels to the Holy Land, as well as give us an opportunity to learn about people who walked to Jesus. Bring your Bible to church each weekend and learn new things about old stories of those who encountered Jesus.

In addition to services, we encourage you to join us in service activities. Once again, we invite you to bring in non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry to stock the shelves and partner with local organizations meeting food needs in our congregation. We also will continue our partnership with World Vision for the Judas Purse Offering. Finally, we invite you to read along with the Lenten Devotional included in this packet.

We look forward to Lent with much anticipation. We hope to see you at worship, choir, meals and the many other opportunities available. We invite you to join us in making a difference locally and globally through generous giving of food items and Judas Purse offerings. We anticipate all God will do in and through First St. Paul's this season. Take some time to read through the newsletter to learn about what is ahead for First St. Paul's in the months ahead.

In Christ,

Pastor Joel Rem-

mers

Pastor An-

drea Paulson

Lent Connect

Easter/ Holy Week

Ichthus Schedule During Lent

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Lenten Supper
6:00 - 6:45 p.m.	Kids Choirs, Adult Education, Confirmation
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship in Sanctuary
8:00 - 9:30 p.m.	Soul Café (Sr. High Ministry)

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Wednesday, April 17th	5:00 p.m.	Lenten Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Ichthus Activities
	7:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
	8:00 p.m.	Soul Café
Maundy Thursday, April 18th	4:00 & 7:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship in Sanctuary (First Communion)
Good Friday, April 19th	7:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
Easter Saturday, April 20th	10:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt in C.C.
	6:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
Easter Sunday, April 21st	6:30 a.m.	Traditional Sunrise Service
	7:30 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
	9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship in C.C.
	10:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship in C.C.



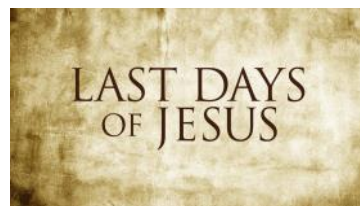
Easter Garden

This year we are looking to change things up by having an Easter garden. Which means that we will be offering different flowers along with the Easter Lilies. Please watch the bulletins for order forms.

The Last Days of Jesus Bible Study

From Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to His glorious resurrection, the *Last Days of Jesus* Bible study provides a fantastic overview of six major events surrounding Jesus' death and resurrection! Each of the six sessions starts out in Israel, showing key locations such as the Garden of Gethsemane and the Mount of Olives.

This Bible study will be lead by Chad Power and will start on **March 6th** and continue on Wednesdays during Lent at **6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary.**



Judas Purse with World Vision

We are teaming up with World Vision again this year. World Vision is focused on providing clean water in every community they work in, Each week will focus on certain aspects in our daily lives that we take for granted. Last year we were able to provide 30 deep water wells. Our goal this Lenten season is to provide enough funds for 50 wells. United, we live it: by giving water and changing lives!



Ichthus Menu

February

Feb. 20th

Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Green Beans, Salad/Veggie Bar and Ice Cream.

Feb. 27th

Baked Potato Bar with Chili or Cheese Toppings, Broccoli, Salad/Veggie Bar and Peaches

March

Mar. 6th

Chicken Noodle Soup, Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Salad/Veggie Bar, and Pudding

Mar. 13th

Irish Beef Stew, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar and St. Patty's Dessert

Mar. 20th

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce or Alfredo Sauce, Garlic Bread, Salad/Veggie Bar and Ice Cream

Mar. 27th

Stuffing Topped Baked Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli with Cheese Sauce, Salad/Veggie Bar and Fruit

April

Apr. 3rd

Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Garlic Bread, Green Beans, Salad/Veggie and Dessert

Apr. 10th

Potato Soup, Ham & Cheese Sliders, Salad/Veggie Bar and Dessert

Apr. 17th (Easter Meal)

Broasted Turkey, Cheesy Potatoes, Corn, Coleslaw/Veggies and Easter Dessert.

Apr. 24th

Goulash, Mash Potatoes, Garlic Bread, Green Beans and Ice Cream



Information

Meet Alexa Hintz

You may notice a new face around the Church. Alexa is originally from Colorado. She has a Undergraduate Degree in Business Administration and a Masters Degree in Marketing both from Concordia University, Nebraska. Alexa is married to her husband Kale and they enjoy going to movies and spending time with their dog, Diesel.



Dear First St. Paul's Members and Friends,

We want to thank you for your faithfulness to the mission of the church over the past year. Because of your generous support, First St. Paul's not only met but far exceeded our 2018 financial needs. We are excited for the year ahead and look forward with anticipation to how God will work in our church and community in the year ahead.

First St. Paul's Congregational Council, Pastors and Staff

Website News

We have a new website! If you hadn't noticed that our old website was needing a bit of an upgrade. It took a little bit of time to get everything in place and looking good. Now there are still some things that need to be updated and changed, and we are learning the new system and with that all we ask is for your continued patience.

Give Online or Auto Withdrawal

Would you like to simplify your giving to the ministry of First St. Paul's? We have an app for that! Contact Dee Kohmetscher to learn about EasyTithe or Auto Withdrawal options.

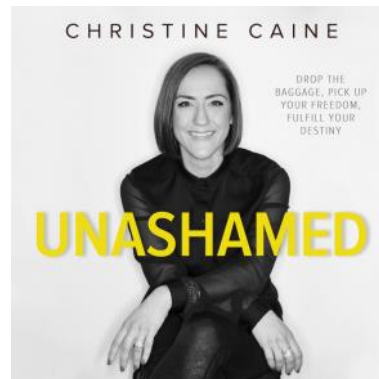


Thank.Full Adult Mission

Adult wanting to go on mission? Newly married, with a heart to serve? Empty nester looking for a challenge? Newly retired and want to serve God in a whole new way? First St. Paul's is excited to offer an Adult Mission. The location is still to be determined but will be in the U.S., serving a community impacted by severe weather. Contact Pastor Andrea with questions, for information or to say YES! More details to come, but for now, save the date!
November 2 - 9, 2019.

Adult Ministries and Studies

Unashamed Woman's Bible Study



This study is for all women, 18 - 98. Invite your mom, your daughter, your neighbor, your child's teacher, you're bestie, your yoga instructor - any woman you feel will benefit, grow and bloom as they discover the message of FREEDOM in Christ.

We will gather at 6:45 p.m. at First St. Paul's Lutheran Church for community and conversation. The study will begin at 7:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided by the Jamaica Mission team for a free-will offering. Please RSVP to First St. Paul's if you need childcare.

Please RSVP to the Church Office (402.463.1329) or via the Facebook Event so we have the correct number of study guides. Hosted by Pastor Andrea Paulson and Becky Mohling

Orange Conference

We will be taking a group of passionate people to the Orange Conference on May 1-3 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Orange believes that two combined influences make a greater impact than just two individual influences The Church + Home = greater impact Light (yellow) + Love (red) = Orange

Orange provides curriculum, events, leadership, resources, and community to help you create a better experience this week for kids and teenagers.



Elexio



Coming soon in 2019! We are excited to announce that we are switching to a new membership management software system. This is going to be a great asset to our church. You as a member will be able to sign up for small groups, check weekly announcements, and a bunch more. Be on the look out for an official roll out!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

We are excited to share, God Made Me Preschool received \$3,265 in charitable outreach funding from Thrivent Choice Dollars in 2018. These dollars help support many ministries within the church and the preschool. This year's supported ministries include: The Youth Soup Dinner, Ice Cream Social recipient, the Easter Breakfast, Literacy Program and Healthy Food Choices and Nutrition.



Kids Ministries

Contact Chad Power chad@firststpauls.org

First Communion Retreat / Seder Meal



On Saturday, April 6th, all 5th Graders are invited to attend the First Communion Retreat. They will spend the day learning the history of Israel, about Passover and how it helps us to understand communion. The retreat begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Christian Underground. Kids should bring a sack lunch and plan for a fun filled day!

At 5:00 p.m., parents, siblings, grandparents and godparents should join their child for the Seder Meal, held in the Celebration Center. This is a special event, designed to help 5th graders prepare for their First Communion. Post cards have been sent. Please contact the Church Office to RSVP for both the retreat and Seder Meal.

Youth will receive their First Communion as part of the Maundy Thursday Service on April 18th at 7:00 p.m.

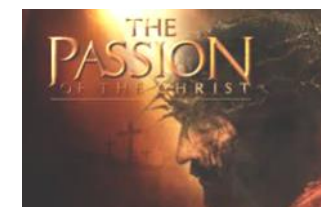
Youth Ministries

Contact Pastor Andrea Paulson andrea@firststpauls.org

Confirmation

7th Grade

We'll begin with *Passion of the Christ* on March 6 and 13th. Then, Pastor Joel is heading to the Holy Lands! As a result, there will be some schedule changes. Attending worship will be required each week! Please check the Remind App!



8th Grade

What if life isn't about us? What if it's about Jesus? Jesus is greater than trying harder, doing more, and being good enough. During Lent, our 8th graders will discover that faith isn't about routine and ritual. Instead, it's about grace, hope and freedom in Christ.



Confirmation Service will be on April 28th, 2019

Soul Café

"Follow Me." This call of Jesus is an invitation to die, so that we may truly live. In this series, we'll get a biblical picture of what it means to truly follow Jesus. We'll discover what it means to be called and transformed by God, then dive in to what that means for the mission of the church - and our mission in life.



SAVE THE DATE

Senior Recognition will be Sunday May 5th at the Service of your choice. This is for Seniors and your parents. Please contact the Church Office to let us know what service you will be attending.

Easter Egg Hunt



It's Lent, which means we're on our way to Easter, which can only mean one thing: Easter Egg Hunt!!!

We love this day filled with candy, children's laughter and a great message of Jesus amidst the chaos! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 20th at 9:00 a.m.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is a fun day for the families of First St. Paul's and our community. We look forward to seeing you at the Easter Egg Hunt!

VBS - June 10-14, 2019



"Are you ready to raise your game?"

Summer Camp

Are you or someone you know interested in sending your kids to Summer Camps? Contact Chad at the Church Office for more info!