

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 - 90 | 11 - Betty Magee - 97 |
| 2 - Ila Nelson - 82 | 16 - Sharon Van Lengen - 83 |
| 2 - Ray Scholl - 80 | 19 - Elmer Murman - 90 |
| 3 - Gloria Mills - 85 | 22 - Barb Hinrichs - 80 |
| 4 - Duan Bohlen - 84 | 27 - Aletha Bennett - 92 |
| 5 - Larry Wilson - 81 | 27 - Elvera Winbolt - 88 |
| 9 - LaVerna Petzoldt - 85 | |

March Birthdays

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 - Ardyce Biede - 88 | 20 - Norma Penning - 92 |
| 3 - Mary Wood - 85 | 26 - Philip Sweet - 85 |
| 7 - Lucille Watts - 84 | 27 - Larry Schnase - 88 |
| 15 - Nina Jensen - 104 | 30 - Ordean Dravland - 85 |
| 15 - Wayne Timm - 83 | |

April Birthdays

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 4 - Jeanette Grothen - 87 | 13 - Dr. Nancy Krueger - 81 |
| 4 - Dixie Hutchison - 84 | 15 - Ilene Weber - 86 |
| 5 - Janice Lukas - 81 | 17 - Morris Lewis - 89 |
| 7 - Evelyn Theisen - 88 | 18 - Regina Lucas - 105 |
| 8 - Weir John - 91 | 20 - Elizabeth Classen - 81 |
| 8 - Helen Miller - 88 | 20 - Colleen Hohlen - 90 |
| 12 - Roma Moul - 87 | 27 - Gordon Sinner - 89 |
| | 28 - Barbara Murman - 88 |

Journal of Life and Growth

(October 1, 2019—December 31, 2019)

Transferred to Church Triumphant

- October 18, 2019 - Berdena Johnson
 October 23, 2019 - Lauretta Dill
 October 24, 2019 - Harvey Benker
 October 24, 2019 - Thurman Garner
 October 26, 2019 - Donald Schmidt
 November 3, 2019 - Ronald Chamberlain
 November 14, 2019 - Nelda Minzel

Baptisms

- October 20, 2019 - Baker Scott Wroughton
 December 8, 2019 - Filson James Bittfield
 December 22, 2019 - Nyla Colleen Cook

Wedding

- October 5, 2019 - Garrett Hughs and Jordyn Scott

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 - Victor and Mary Beaty - 1978
 14 - Robert and Coleen Dygert - 1965
 14 - Tom and Debra McCoy - 1975
 15 - Alan and Connie Hoagland - 1975
 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 Hohlen - 1986
 22 - Terry and Jodi Shuck - 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
 22 - Michael and Lisa Moore - 1995
 24 - Marlin and Joan Hartman - 1954
 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.
February 1 & February 29 & April 4
 (Traditional)

Sunday - 8:25 a.m.
February 2 & March 1 & April 5
 (Traditional)

Sunday - 10:35 a.m.
February 16 & March 15 & April 19
 (Contemporary)

Easter Sunday
 All Services

Worship



FIRST ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 2020

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.

The big question facing the church is the next generation. There is no question that millions of young Christians are disconnecting from church as they transition to adulthood. But these young Christians are not just numbers. They are real people, with real stories that we can learn from. Each Wednesday, during Lent, we will dive into an aspect of David Kinnaman's excellent book, *You Lost Me*. We invite you to get a copy, read along and reflect on how we can see, hear, learn from and engage the next generation of Christians. To order your copy, contact the Church Office. The goal is to have as many FSP members reading with us on this journey.

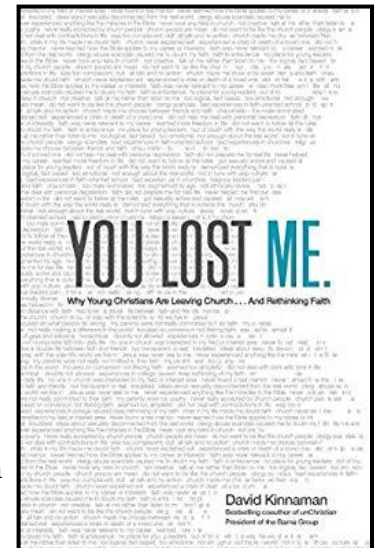
In addition to worship services, we will offer a modified Ichthus schedule, starting with a meal at 5:00 p.m., kids choirs, Confirmation, Soul Café and more. We encourage you to join us in service opportunities. Once again, we invite you to bring in non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry to stock the shelves and partner with local organizations meeting food needs in our community. Judas Purse offerings will provide First St. Paul's members an opportunity to partner with Experience Mission and support the community in Namibia where Desi Nienhueser will travel on Immersion in May. Please use the Judas Purse bag and calendar to support this mission throughout Lent. Finally, we encourage you to grow and mature in faith as you read along with the Lenten reading plan 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 more about what is planned in the months ahead.

In Christ,

Pastor Andrea Paulson

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Lent Connect

Lent/Easter/ Holy Week

Ichthus Schedule During Lent

12: 10 & 7: 00 p.m.	Lent Starts - Ash Wednesday
5: 00 - 6: 30 p.m.	Lenten Supper
6: 15 - 7: 45 p.m.	Kids Choirs, Adult Education, Confirmation
7: 00 - 8: 00 p.m.	Lenten Worship in Sanctuary
7: 30 - 9: 00 p.m.	Soul Café (Sr. High Ministry)

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday Saturday, April 4th	6: 00 p.m.	Traditional Worship
Palm Sunday, April 5th	8: 25 & 10: 35 a.m.	Traditional & Contemporary Worship
Wednesday, April 8th	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 9th	4: 00 & 7: 00 p.m.	Traditional Worship in Sanctuary (First Communion)
Good Friday, April 10th	7: 00 p.m.	Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
Easter Saturday, April 11th	10: 00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt in C.C.
	6: 00 p.m.	Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
Easter Sunday, April 12th	6: 30 a.m.	Traditional Sunrise Service
	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.



JUDAS PURSE

JOIN DESI ON MISSION:
SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN NAMIBIA!



Easter Garden

Donate a flower in honor of your loved ones.
Watch your bulletin for more information!

Lenten Reading Plan

PREPARE FOR EASTER | READ GOD'S WORD

Ichthus Menu

February

- Feb. 5th**
Stuffed Burritos with Cheese Sauce, Refried Beans, Nacho Chips with Cheese & Salsa, Salad & Veggies and a Dessert
- Feb. 12th**
Chili Soup, Cheese Tray, Cinnamon Rolls and Salad & Veggies
- Feb. 19th**
Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Green Beans, Salad & Veggies and Ice Cream
- Feb. 26th (ASH WEDNESDAY)**
Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Rolls, Green Beans, Coleslaw & Veggies and Peaches

March

- Mar. 4th**
Taco/Nacho Bar, Refried Beans, Chips with Cheese and Salsa, Salad & Veggies and Root Beer Floats
- Mar. 11th**
Irish Beef Stew, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar and St. Patty's Dessert
- Mar. 18th**
Chicken Enchiladas, Corn Salad, Salad & Veggies and a Dessert
- Mar. 25th**
Philly Cheesesteak Sliders, Pasta Salad, Chips, Salad & Veggies and a Dessert

April

- Apr. 1st**
Tator Tot Casserole, Salad & Veggies and a Dessert
- Apr. 8th (EASTER MEAL)**
Ham Balls, Cheesy Potatoes, Broccoli with Cheese, Salad & Veggies and an Easter Dessert
- Apr. 15th**
Baked Potato Bar, Chili or Cheese Topping, Green Beans, Salad & Veggies and Fruit
- Apr. 22nd**
Poor Man's Steak, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad & Veggies and a Dessert
- Apr. 29th**
Sloppy Joes, Potato Salad, Chips, Salad & Veggies and a Dessert



Information

IRA Donations to Charity can be Tax-Free

At age 70 ½ there is an annual "Required Minimum Distribution" from your IRA

Funds must be transferred directly from the IRA to an eligible charity; if you withdraw the money from your IRA and later donate it, it will not qualify as a tax-free qualified charitable distribution.

Ask your IRA administrator what steps you need to take. Procedures can vary from firm to firm.

Hi There, wanting to simplify your giving?

We have an app for that!

Contact Dee Kohmetscher to learn more about EasyTithe or Auto Withdrawl options!

Dear Members of First St. Paul's and Partners with us in the ministry of Christ, A new year is upon us and that means that once again we find ourselves in the throws of winter. I want to say thank you for your faithfulness and generosity over the past year. I am aware that sometimes weather can affect the ability to be physically present at church. However, we hope that you are still able to worship with us via the radio or Facebook livestream. If you aren't able to come to worship physically, we ask that we might continue to remember your gifts, tithes and offerings so that we can continue to provide the ministries of the congregation. As always it is my joy, my honor and my privilege to say that First St. Paul's is where I have been blessed to serve.

In Christ,

Pastor Joel Remmers

FSP Connect



LCMC Youth Gathering

Youth grades 8 - 12 are encouraged to join us for **Called 2: Love!** At Called 2: Love, we'll worship, attend breakout sessions, grow in leadership, complete service projects and more, all designed to equip youth to step into leadership in their church and community. The focus this year is on what it means to love God, understand our identity as a beloved child of God and how that overflows into love for others. You won't want to miss this week of fun and learning. **Dates:** July 21—24, 2020. **Cost:** \$200 per person covers everything! **Register by:** March 15, 2020. Contact Pastor Andrea for details.

Adult Ministries

Middle Mixers

THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY OR IN MARCH

APRIL MEETING

04.12.20 at 7:00 p.m.

GRIEFSHARE

Will be continuing their session. In addition to the support groups, the GriefShare website, www.griefshare.org is a great recourse. Grieving persons can sign up for daily email devotions of support on the GriefShare website.

LCW

ALL GROUPS ARE CONTINUING AS NORMAL. ANYONE WANTING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF THE LCW GROUPS PLEASE CONTACT LCW PRESIDENT, JEANNE LOCH.

KNIT • PRAY • CROCHET

MEETS THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 2:00 PM IN THE HERITAGE ROOM. ALL ARE WELCOME!

FIRST ST. PAUL'S MOWING

Volunteers Needed!

If you or someone you know is needing something to do this summer, we are needing help mowing during the summer! If interested please contact the Church Office at 402-463-1329 OR email us at info@firststpauls.org

FSP ARIZONA MISSION PANCAKE FEED

COME SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!

FEBRUARY 23, 2020
7:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

MARCH 22, 2020
7:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

APRIL 19, 2020
7:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Members: You have until March 31st to direct any 2019 Thrivent Choice Dollars to a qualifying agency. When directing your choice dollars, you might consider "First St. Paul's" or "God Made Me Preschool" as your recipient. Call 800-847-4836 or log into Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and/or direct your choice dollars.



www.lcmc.net

Kids & Youth

Kids Ministries

Contact Chad Power chad@firststpauls.org

First Communion Retreat / Seder Meal



On Saturday, March 28th, 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 will be sent out in the mail. 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 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Youth Ministries

Contact Pastor Andrea Paulson andrea@firststpauls.org

Confirmation During Lent

7th Grade: Will begin with *Passion of the Christ* on March 4th. Attending worship is required each week of Lent. Please check the Remind App for news and updates!



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. 8th Grade will meet in the Christian Underground during Lent!

Confirmation Service will be on April 26th, 2020.

Parents, watch your email for details, news and information about Confirmation Service.

Mission Arizona News: Did you know a group of 44 youth and adults are heading to Navajo Nation this summer?! We invite you to support this mission in the months to come!

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 11th at 10:00 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 8-12, 2020



"Take a Closer Look"

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!

Seniors: Save the Date

Senior Recognition will be Sunday, May 10th at the Service of your choice. This is a special day for Seniors and their parents. Contact the Church Office to let us know which service you plan to attend for your recognition.

Soul Cafe

Each week, we invite Senior High Youth to join us in the Christian Underground for worship, teaching and community, all for the glory of God! Watch Snapchat and Instagram for updates about events, series and more.

Worship!

Follow the FSP StuMin Worship Playlist. This list includes music added and suggested by our teens and college students. Check it out and add it to your worship rotation!

