

## News From St. Paul's

St. Paul Ev Lutheran Church, Jordan, MN March 2010



### ***“Drawn to the Cross”***

Powerful magnets attract metal, an almost irresistible attraction. Jesus talks about a drawing power that comes only from the Father, “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him” (John 6:44). He is talking about how the heavenly Father draws us to His cross for salvation.

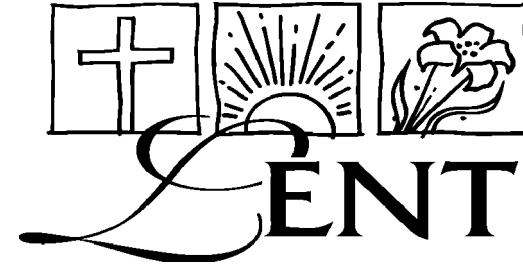
Unfortunately, we often follow the wrong attractions. We revere magnetic personalities – professional athletes, entertainers, or political figures. Many times they draw us astray.

The only drawing power that works is the cross of Christ. We see it in the women who watched near the cross and later visited the tomb. We see it in John the beloved disciples, who stood there with Jesus’ mother. We see it in a Roman centurion who was transformed by the drawing power of the cross as he said, “Surely He was the Son of God” (Matthew 27:54).

Despairing of the phony magnetic attractions, we are drawn by the Father to the rugged cross where Jesus died to pay in full for the sins of the world. We are drawn to the cross, where we receive forgiveness and eternal life. Jesus gives us pardon, purpose, peace, and power – and our witness is used by God to draw others to that same saving cross.

*Prayer: Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed, With healing gifts for souls distressed, To find in you my life, my rest, Christ Crucified, I come. Amen.*

**“See You in Church!”**



### ***Lenten Series “What Shall I Do With Jesus?”***

- March 3      What Shall I Do With Jesus – Betray Him?
- March 10     What Shall I Do With Jesus – Deny Him?
- March 17     What Shall I Do With Jesus – Crucify Him?
- March 24     What Shall I Do With Jesus – Forgive With Him?

**Church Services held on Wednesdays at 1:00 & 7:00 PM**

- Thurs. Apr. 1    What Shall I Do With Jesus – Dine With Him?
- Fri. Apr. 2     What Shall I Do With Jesus – Die With Him?

### ***Maundy Thursday & Good Friday***

***Worship & Communion at 1:00 & 7:00 PM***

Easter Sunday - What Shall I Do With Jesus – Live With Him?



***Sunrise Service with Communion 6:30 AM***  
***Easter Fellowship Breakfast 7:45 AM***  
***Festival Service with Communion 9:00 AM***  
***Minutes of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church***  
***Council Meeting – Tuesday, February 9, 2009***

**Meeting** called to order, opened with prayer.

**Attendance:** As noted in official minutes.

**Secretary's Report:** **MMS&P** to approve January 2010 report.

**Treasurer's Report:** **MMS&P** to approve the treasurer's report from Jan 2010.

**Membership Changes:** **MMS&P** Received by Profession of Faith: Lori Steinhagen and children David, Greta, Martha. Funeral: Lucille Kipp.

**Elders:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Evangelism:** Letter from Celebrate Jordan – we are registered and set to go.

**Education:** Sent out a series of letters to parents to encourage some involvement in the memory work for kids. Still looking and recruiting teachers for next year.

**Trustees:** Been plowing snow, some times it is getting done by some one else?

**Fellowship:** Soup suppers are set and ready to go. Huge response from congregation for donations of food. Polka service – willing to do it and waiting to set up a date.

**Stewardship:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Councilman at Large:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Pastor's items to Report and for Discussion:**

1. I have prepared a list with Betty of members to be contacted by mail to see if they are interested yet in church membership, are going elsewhere, or we need to remove them. It is quite lengthy!

2. Four couples attended the pre-marriage seminar on Jan. 30. Two for 2010 and 2 for 2011.

3. Lent is prepared and run – “What Shall I Do With Jesus?”

4. We need to present the 3 proposals to the congregation for action. Some may no longer be valid due to time passage. Discuss and decide – or take a chance on the old system.

5. Will someone check with Wayne on the progress on sound deadening panels for the Fellowship Hall?

6. Visitations/Ministrations: Jan visitations – Schule Haus 8; St. Gerts 1; LeSueur 1; TLH 2; 9 hospital visits; private counseling; overnight with HiTeens; review sound system proposals with 3 different companies.

7. Remember Annual Meeting – Sunday, Feb 28, 9:00 AM. We need all council there!

8. No Monday night service during Lent – people have the opportunity for evening worship on Wednesday - Lent Worship at 1:00 and 7:00 PM.

9. Need new pictures of new council members and rearrange other pictures.

**MMS&P** to accept all reports.

**Old Business:** Sound system offers – we will be presenting these to the congregation at the annual meeting for guidance. Bids are still too high for our comfort level.

**New Business:** No new business at this time.

**MMS&P to Adjourn.** Closed with Prayer.

Jeremy Kalal, Secretary

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## *Schwan's Truckload Fundraiser Sale*

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, March 21*

*8:30 – 11:30 AM*

Schwan's Fundraising will have a truck at Church on Mar. 21 from 8:30 – 11:30 AM. Based on the dollars sold that day, Schwan's will donate a percentage of the dollars to St. Paul's for our building fund. The truck will have over 300 of Schwan's quality products to choose from. Simply come by, place your order to the Schwan's representative and take your products home to enjoy.

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### *Adult Information Class*

For those wishing to join St. Paul's or simply wish to learn or review what we believe, teach and practice will be Sat. Mar. 20, 9AM – Noon; Sun. Mar 21, 12 noon – 2PM; Mon. Mar. 22, 6:30 – 8:30 PM. No strings attached, all welcome to attend, if you wish to become a member you must attend all 3 sessions.

## THOSE WHO SERVE

### March Ushers

- 3/3 7:00 PM** Paul Robling, Chad Henderson  
**3/7 8:00 AM** Chuck Ochsner, Kyle Ochsner, Brian Ochsner  
10:15 AM Ron Jabs, Paul Jabs, Nathan Jabs  
**3/10 7:00 PM** Bill Stocker, Josh Stocker, Luke Weldon  
**3/14 8:00 AM** Jeremy & Angela Kalal, Nick Brandt  
10:15 AM Tom & April Hennen, Dan Hennen, Brett Carlson  
**3/17 7:00 PM** Gene Martin, Brad Quatmann  
**3/21 8:00 AM** Lowell Hoffman, Terry Stier, Francis Stier  
10:15 AM Paul Woestehoff, Glenn Sellnow  
**3/24 7:00 PM** Chad Bohnsack, Kent Soeffker  
**3/28 8:00 AM** Clyde Bandy Jr, Nathan Bandy, Tanner Bohnsack  
10:15 AM Ken Jabs, Don Hanel, Mark Eisenpeter

### March Acolytes

- 3/7 8:00 AM** Sarah Dorey & Abby Brandt  
10:15 AM David Schabelski & Cody Kerkow  
**3/14 8:00 AM** Katelyn Weirke & Michael Jabs  
10:15 AM Jacob Hennen & Conner Bulau  
**3/21 8:00 AM** Ryan Robling & Timothy Huss  
10:15 AM Jenny Sorenson & Haille Bares  
**3/28 8:00 AM** Abby Brandt & Sarah Dorey  
10:15 AM Cody Kerkow & Tony Eichten

March	Taper	Driver
<b>3/3 7:00 PM</b>	Cole Bohnsack	Clyde Bandy Sr
<b>3/7 8:00 AM</b>	Heather Kerkow	Harry Kerkow
<b>3/10 7:00 PM</b>	Josh Stocker	Judy Morlock
<b>3/14 8:00 AM</b>	Nathan Bandy	Waldo Fahrenkamp
<b>3/17 7:00 PM</b>	Olivia Kendall	Allen Erickson
<b>3/21 8:00 AM</b>	Megan Weldon	Don Hanel
<b>3/24 7:00 PM</b>	Amanda Stocker	Bill Stocker
<b>3/22 8:00 AM</b>	Luke Weldon	Gene Martin

### March – Fall Service Group

Group Leaders – Elaine Stier & Ramona Pauly

### March Altar Guild

Karen Bushaw & Sharon Keen

# Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:15 AM  
(No Monday Night Worship Feb. 15 thru Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>)

Lent Worship on Wednesdays 1:00 & 7:00 PM  
Feb. 17 thru Mar. 24

### *March Shut-In Visits*

Pastor Bushaw will be making his visits to the Schule Haus, Lutheran Home and shut-ins the week of March 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Betty will give you a call.

### *Ladies Aid*

Ladies Aid will meet on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM for their regular monthly meeting.

### *Tuesday Night Bible Class*

Tuesday Night Bible Class begins at 5:30 PM.

### *Lutheran Pioneers*

Children 5 years thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join. Pioneers meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month at 6:30 PM, beginning with a short devotion then splitting into group activities. Meeting dates in March are on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. The Pioneers need adults to help teach life skills – call Dianne at 492-2540 if you can help.

### *Monday Night Card Club*

Do you enjoy playing cards? On the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday nights of the month at 7:00 PM, join others from church for a variety of card games. Dates in March are the 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## *Wednesday Night Service Groups*

Each Wednesday after 7:00 PM worship a service group is scheduled to bring dessert, serve and clean up.

Soup Suppers begin Wednesday, February 24. Soup will be served from 5:30 – 6:45 (or as long as it lasts). The service group that is on for dessert is also asked to have a few people at church by 5:15 PM to help serve and clean up soup suppers.

Mar. 3 Winter Service Group – Ramona Pauly & Elaine Stier

Mar. 10 Spring Service Group – Donna Bohnsack & Sue Bohnsack

Mar. 17 Summer Service Group – Karen & Nancy

Mar. 24 Fall Service Group – Cheryl & Sue (Pie Night)

Apr. 4 Easter Breakfast – Winter & Spring Groups

## *Lenten Soup Suppers*

Soup will be served on Wednesdays, March 3, 30, 17 & 24  
5:30 – 6:45 PM (or until soup runs out)



**Sign up for the Easter Memorial Garden. You have a choice of Easter lilies, tulips or mums.**



### *The Paradoxes of Christ*

He is the Light, yet He hung in darkness on the cross.

He is the Life, yet He poured out His soul to death.

He is the Rock of Ages, yet He sank into the depths of hell.

He is the Son of God, yet He died a criminal's death.

He knew no sin, yet He took our place and suffered and died in our stead.

He invited the weary to come to Him for rest,  
yet on earth He found none for Himself.

He spoke and it was done, yet He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death.

He is the Mighty God, yet He became a Servant of all.

He is the desire of all nations, yet He was despised and rejected.

He is the Fountain of Life, yet on the cross He cried, "I thirst."

He experienced death, yet through His resurrection

He brings us life, full, free and forever.

Radio broadcast of the Wednesday night Lenten Service will air on Thursday morning at 9:00 AM on KCHK radio