



SAINT PAUL'S EPISTLE

Our mission at Saint Paul's is to: **welcome** all people; **proclaim** the good news of Jesus Christ; **experience** a personal relationship with Him; and joyfully **share** God's love with others.

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SHROVE TUESDAY

Join us on Tuesday, March 5, from 6:00—7:30 p.m. in Keever Hall for a pancake dinner to celebrate Shrove Tuesday! There will be great musical entertainment and activities for the kids.

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 6

**12:15 p.m. Service with
Imposition of Ashes**

**7:00 p.m. Service with
Holy Communion and
Imposition of Ashes**

FROM PASTOR JONATHAN

Dear friends, this month I want to excited to introduce two initiatives that will help our congregation move forward and change our culture.

By "culture" I mean our spiritual mindset. Currently, I believe our mindset is based on fear. We are afraid of what the future has in store for us. And I can understand that way of thinking. Our world seems to get crazier, angrier, and meaner. People do not love one another and violence appears to be on the rise. The issues we face can lead many to be afraid of tomorrow.

We even see that fear when it comes to church. Questions like "are we going to make the budget?" and "where are the young people?" can cause consternation for many people of faith. With that anxiety leaves many believers afraid of tomorrow.

When our fears arise, we need to run to God and remember that God is with us. God's love and grace can overcome any fear. How do I know that? Because thanks to Christ's victory over death, I know and believe with my whole heart that God can take care of all our issues. God's got this. God's got us!

And since God has us, God calls us to look ahead. We need to put away our fears and live in the Grace, the Abundance, we have been given.

With that in mind I want to share with you the two new initiatives that I believe will lead us forward: Growing Young and Stewardship for All Seasons.

Growing Young was developed from a study released by Fuller Seminary (Pasadena, CA) that found 250 churches who have intentionally and successfully engaged young people in their ministries. Based on research, the Seminary developed a strategy congregations can implement to attract and retain young people

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HAPPENING THIS MONTH

*Shrove Tuesday Celebration
March 5
6:00 p.m.
Keever Hall*

*Ash Wednesday Services
March 6
12:15 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary*

*Spring Yard Sale
March 22 & 23
Keever Hall*



LENT 2019 CALENDAR

March 5

Shrove Tuesday Gathering
6:00 p.m.

March 6

Ash Wednesday Services
12:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

March 13 - April 10
Wednesday Lenten Services
7:00 p.m.

Holy Week

April 14

Palm Sunday
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

April 18

Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 p.m.

April 19

Good Friday Service
12:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

April 20

Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 a.m.

April 21

Easter Sunday Services
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

spiritually, numerically, and missionally. Growing Young will help us to assess our needs here at St. Paul's and implement ways to move forward in ministry together so that your family can be connected to the St. Paul's community, growing in faith together, for years to come. While Growing Young is geared towards ministry with young people, specifically ages 15-29, it is truly for the entire congregation. As our congregation engages in ministry together, we hope to see a shift that focuses on God's daily abundance rather than on the past.

Stewardship for All Seasons (SAS) is a program to help train congregations against the idea that stewardship is a once per year activity. The program is spread over a 12 month period in order to offer a comprehensive view of stewardship—time, talent, and treasure. So many people feel that the annual stewardship drive is for the pastor's salary and the electric bill. SAS interprets the ministry from a mission standpoint to understand that increased giving means more mission, not more salary for the pastor. I believe in SAS because my home church, Epiphany, went through it last year, and this past November reported an increase in giving of over \$100,000. Imagine what St. Paul's can do with that type of increase!

How can you help?

For Growing Young: Give your time as in taking an online assessment which will help the GY team create a vision for the congregation. You can also give as in your donation towards the GY fund which will cover the cost of GY (\$3,000) and resources that can be used to implement GY at St. Paul's.

For SFAS: The cost of the SAS is \$2400 which gives us nearly \$10,000 worth of resources. We welcome your contributions to pay for the program and for future resources such as print and electronic materials.

It is time for a culture shock to our system. Let us become people of Grace and not Fear. We are in a great situation where we can do so much good! More giving means more ministry! It is that simple. It is not about paying the bills or balancing the budget. It is about doing the work of God.

PALM CROSS ASSEMBLY

Mark your calendar!
April 12
10:00 a.m.
Keever Hall

AZALEA PARKING

Save the date!
Saturday, April 06, 7:00 am
Azalea Festival
Parking Fundraiser
\$10.00 per parking space

Reserve and pre-purchase your Saturday parking spot before Wednesday, April 3! Parking is available until 9:00 am, or your reserved spot may be re-sold! Contact Susan Jackson at (443) 614-2633 or SJackson@stpaulswilmington.org. On the day of the event, non-reserved parking spaces will be sold until lot is filled. *Adult volunteers are needed to assist with parking. Please contact Susan if interested. *

SAVE THE DATE!

April 20: Easter Egg Hunt
10am-12:00 pm
Hot dog lunch included.

St. Paul's Vacation Bible School:
Monday, August 5–Friday, August 9
9:00am–12:00pm

CAMP AGAPE

Grab your work gloves; it's time to tidy up camp. There will be plenty of jobs for everyone!! Come alone, come with a friend, or pull a crew together. Just plan to come to Camp Agapé April 6 or October 19, 2019 for one or both of our Work Days! There will be fun, fellowship and best of all breakfast and lunch are provided on Saturday! For more information or to register, call Mir at 919.552.9421 or email her at AceEd@agapekurebeach.org.

Visit www.agapekurebeach.org for more information and to register for any of their events.

SPRING YARD SALE

Friday, March 22
8:00 am– 5:00 pm
Saturday, March 23
7:00 am– 4:00 pm

Donations will be accepted Sunday, March 17–Thursday, March 21. Items may be brought to Keever Hall following worship on March 17. No electronics!

Volunteers are needed to help sort, price, and assist customers. Speak to Patsy Perhala or Susan Jackson for more information. Yard sale proceeds will benefit Youth Summer Mission Trip to Mexico City Beach.

YOUTH GROUP

March 10, 5:00 pm
Dinner and Devotions
March 22, 7am: Youth Yard Sale
April 6: Azalea Parking Lot Fundraiser
April 20: St. Paul's Easter Egg Hunt
Save the date: May 17-19
Agape Camp Retreat

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World"

In this ten-session study, author Joanna Weaver walks with us through the truths of "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" and into a deeper devotion to God. Thoughtful, practical, and encouraging, the study takes a look at contrasting sisters of the Bible, inviting us to recognize the "Mary" and Martha" in each of us.

Our ecumenical group meets at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Annex (corner of 7th and Market St. downtown) beginning Thursday, March 7, at 6:30 pm. Books can be purchased online through Amazon or Christianbook.com. You will need the book and the study guide. Cost is approximately \$20.00. Any questions please contact Tammi Gates at 910-200-4415.

MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes (9 a.m.)

3 Anna Phelps
10 Cole Fleming
17 Zachary Parker
24 Addie Kitchens
31 Nathan Holzberger

Acolytes (11 a.m.)

3 Anna Haskins
10 Addie Kitchens
17 Lily Gaither
24 Anna Haskins
31 Michael Walters

Altar Guild

3 Fran & Walt Denninger
10 Marjorie Carano, Voncile Echevarria
17 Debbie Farabee, Ruth Farabee
24 Irma Forger, Fran Denninger
31 Larry & Alice Hovis

Caregivers

3 Jody Pfeffer
10 Frances Lamb
17 Susan Dresher
24 Becky Knott
31 Jody Pfeffer

Communion Assistants (9 a.m.)

3 Linda Evans
10 Fran & Susan Bolger
17 Anita Heston, Cindy Killian
24 Dan & Susan Dresher
31 Larry & Tammi Gates

Communion Assistants (11 a.m.)

3 Tom Bertelsen
10 Ralph & Melinda Sizemore
17 Lynda Shell, Jody Pfeffer
24 Cris Dixon, Becky Mansfield
31 Shirley Koenig, Melissa Talley

Communion Guild (9 a.m.)

3 Michelle Beasley, Susan Bolger
10 Helen Romeo
17 Michelle Beasley
24 Susan Bolger
31 Bev Friese

Communion Guild (11 a.m.)

3 Christa Gerfelder, Larry Hovis
6 (AW) Bev Friese, Kay Krukltis
10 Jessie Miars
17 Louisa Miars
24 Lynn Mickley
31 Kathryn Crutchfield

Crucifers (11 a.m.)

3 Delilah Mills
10 Jacob Walton
17 Daisy Gaither
24 Adam Russell
31 Richard Walters

Greeters (9:00 a.m.)

10 Larry & Tammi Gates
17 Bob & Joyce Throop
24 Dave & Voncile Echevarria
31 Larry & Becky Knott

Greeters (11 a.m.)

10 Lee & Bettielou Weddle
17 Gwen & Grady Beck
24 Matt & Amanda Fox
31 Andy & Kay Krukltis

Monday Night Community Dinner

3 Betsy Rullman, Mary Rullman, Anita Heston, Mike Leiser, John Gibbons, Laurel Meitrodt
11 Anita Heston, Peter & Sandy Barrett, Jim Bauer, Mike Leiser, Laurel Meitrodt
18 Peter Miars, Bob Erickson, Steve & Judy Beach, Joe & Lynn Mickley, John Gibbons
25 Linda Evans, Allan & Judi Pellnat, John Gibbons

Readers (9 a.m.)

3 Linda Evans
10 Nathan Askwith
17 Archie Barringer
24 George Aubin
31 Michelle Beasley

Readers (11 a.m.)

3 Tom Bertelsen
10 Stan McLeroy
17 Douglas Russell
24 Richard Ulstad
31 Sarah Askwith

Ushers (9:00 a.m.)

3 Ron & Joan Fracalossi
10 Dave & Cathy Cummins
17 Larry & Tammi Gates
24 Joe & Lynn Mickley
31 Billy Mason, Eric Mason

Ushers (11 a.m.)

3 Al Cheatham, Wilson Horton, Joe Augustine, Walt Denninger, Larry Lewis
6 (AW) George Russ, Mike Flack, Jack Bailey, Tom Bertelsen, Bob Poole
10 Dan Huggins, Mike Mason, Nick Grubbs, Jim Bailey
17 Peter Miars, Julian Burnett, Matt Fox, Allen Mason
24 Betty Huggins, Lynda Shell, Bettielou Weddle, Jody Pfeffer
31 Jere Walton, Ralph & Melinda Sizemore, Irma Forger, Mark Bergman

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



1 Kaydence Bretz
Griffin Cox
Michael McGrew
2 Ann Tinder
3 Patricia Wilson
6 Elkie Fick
7 Grover Canady
Jeff Richter
8 Hilary Carriker
11 David Lyerly
12 Kaete Garriss
13 Roy Fuhrman
14 Bob Bodenstab
Amy Guyton
Linda McKinnon
15 Archie Barringer
Audrey Dick
Cheryl Trapp
17 Dylon Coleman
Julie Ploehn-Vigna
18 Jessica Guyton
Mason Guyton
Tom Paulson
19 Ashley Dunn
Sarah Higgins
21 Gary Dunn
Reed Higgins
22 Charleigh McGrew
Edith Paulmann
Mari-Louise Rannow
23 Ron Malpass
Meghan Stello
LeeAnn White
24 Mary Schussler
Jere Walton
25 Dylan Paulson
27 Janna Bauer
George Schutt
28 Allison Cummings
29 Nathan Dixon
30 Cindy Kauth

ST. PAUL'S MARCH 2019 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10 a.m. Praise Team Practice (Parlor) 5:00 p.m. Walking Tall Gathering (Keeper)
3 9 a.m. Celebration Service 10 a.m. Breakfast 11 a.m. Traditional Worship 4 p.m. Confirmation (Annex)	4 7 p.m. Monday Night Meal Service	5 9 a.m. Quilting Workshop 2 p.m. Circle 4 2:45 p.m. Staff Meeting 6 p.m. Shrove Tuesday 8:30 p.m. Gateway NA	6 12:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 5:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)	7 12 p.m. Ministerial Roundtable Lunch (Keeper) 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Annex)	8	9 10 a.m. Men in Mission
10 9 a.m. Celebration Service 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Traditional Worship 3 p.m. Super Peeps 5 p.m. Youth Group	11 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting (Annex) 7 p.m. Monday Night Meal Service	12 9 a.m. Quilting Workshop 2:45 p.m. Staff Meeting 8:30 p.m. Gateway NA	13	14 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Annex)	15	16
17 9 a.m. Celebration Service 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Traditional Worship 4 p.m. Confirmation (Annex) 5 p.m. Youth Group	18 9:30 a.m. Project Linus (Keeper) 6 p.m. Worship & Music Team Meeting (Annex) 7 p.m. Monday Night Meal Service	19 9 a.m. Quilting Workshop 2:45 p.m. Staff Meeting 8:30 p.m. Gateway NA	20	21 6:30 p.m. Evangelism Team Meeting (Library) 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Annex)	22 Yard Sale	23 Yard Sale
24 9 a.m. Celebration Service 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Traditional Worship	25 7 p.m. Monday Night Meal Service	26 9 a.m. Quilting Workshop 2:45 p.m. Staff Meeting 8:30 p.m. Gateway NA	27	28 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Annex) 7 p.m. Leland Bible Study Circle	29	30
31 9 a.m. Celebration Service 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Traditional Worship 4 p.m. Confirmation (Annex) 5 p.m. Youth Group						