



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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HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Men in Mission
Saturday
March 14
9:00 a.m.
Keever Hall

Fabulous Friday Event
March 20
6:00 p.m.
Keever Hall

Youth Spring Retreat
Camp Agape
March 27-29

FROM PASTOR JONATHAN

Recently, I had a friend take a picture of my family and me. When he shared it with us, my first thought was, "Do I really look like *that*?!" I was shocked to realize I did not look like Brad Pitt after all! What the picture showed me was I needed to get back on a regular diet and gym routine which both had gone on the sidelines after a very busy Christmas season.

My "non-Brad Pitt" moment got me thinking about how as a whole, humanity does not like to look at itself. Sure, more and more of us are taking pictures that are called "Selfies" (pictures that feature us) but rarely do I know anyone who actually goes back and looks at those selfies. It's like our pictures never match up to our idea of what we look like.

To me, that is why I am glad we have the season of Lent. Lent is a time when we can pause and take a deep look in our mirrors or at our selfies and gauge what is real and what is pretend. Lent is a time when we can assess what we are doing right, and work on the things that we can do better.

Lent is also the time for us to look at ourselves not through our eyes, but through the eyes of God. It is important for our spiritual life, our faith formation, to spend time on the fact (not pretend) that God sees us differently.

For this Lenten season, I welcome you to join me for a three-step daily devotion. All you need are a cross, a phone (or mirror), and yourself. First, look at the cross and ask yourself "Why did Jesus die?" Count to five seconds and then look at yourself using your phone or mirror. You will find your answer looking right back at you.

Don't let your selfies or mirrors fool you. Lent is the season where we remember that even as we look and judge ourselves for all we are not, God sees us for who we truly are (warts and all), and loves us with all His heart.

And while our bodies might change, God's love never will.

LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 7 - April 1
Wednesday Lenten Services
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
Worship at 6:45 p.m.

Holy Week

April 5
Palm Sunday
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

April 9
Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 p.m.

April 10
Good Friday Service
12:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

April 11
Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 a.m.

April 12
Easter Sunday Services

NOURISH NC SNACK PACKS

Nourish NC is a local organization formed in 2008 to address food insecurity of children in New Hanover county. Nourish NC works directly with the New Hanover County School System, afterschool programs, social services, and medical practitioners to identify children who could benefit from their programs.

They provide schools, community centers and other nonprofits that serve children with emergency food, fresh fruits & vegetables, and healthy snacks. This is a direct way to provide children with free, nutritious food. In middle and high schools, they stock emergency food pantries for students to access during the week. At community centers and other nonprofits that serve children, you will find them delivering healthy snacks like fruits, veggies and granola bars.

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St. Paul's will be partnering with Nourish NC in April to provide Snack Packs. Snack Packs are a quick, ready-to-go snack option that contains a juice box and three snacks for kids who need a little extra fuel for their after-school activities.

Snack Pack in 1, 2, 3...

1. 1 Quart Ziploc Bag
2. 3 Snacks - choose one snack from EACH category:

Category A: Fruit Squeeze Pouch

Category B: Granola Bar or Sandwich Cracker

Category C: Raisins, Bag of Dried Fruit, or Fruit snacks

3. 1 Juice

Our goal is to work with Nourish NC on a regular basis, beginning with Snack Packs and possibly moving on to other projects.

We are asking for donations of items needed for the Snack Packs: quart Ziploc bags, Fruit Squeeze pouches, granola bars, sandwich crackers, raisins, dried fruit, fruit snacks, and juice boxes.

Donations can be dropped off at the church office.

We will have a Snack Pack Packing Party in Keever Hall on Thursday, April 2 at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to come help us put these packs together!

If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Coleman, Connie Edwards, Kathy Poole or Kathleen in the church office.



Sample Snack Pack Items

HANDBELL CHOIR



Handbells will resume practices on Wednesdays, beginning March 4 from 5-6pm.

New ringers are always welcome! No handbell experience is necessary; a rudimentary level of music reading is helpful. We are a stress-free musical group. We practice upstairs for an hour on Wednesdays in Keever Hall.

FAMILIES TOGETHER

March 29, 2020

10:15 am– 10:45 am

Where: Keever Hall

Theme: Holy Week

Read Scripture Together,
Pray Together, and Grow Stronger
in your faith together!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 11

10:00-11:30 am

10:00 am– 11:00 am:

Egg Hunt, Crafts, and Games

11:00 am: Hotdog Lunch

Birth– 5th grade invited to participate in Egg Hunt!

Teens in 6th-12th grade are invited to assist with egg-hiding and crafts!

Candy and Egg Donations are being accepted through April 6th!

AZALEA FESTIVAL PARADE PARKING

Saturday, April 4

Reserve your Parade Parking Spot for \$10.00! Sign with Deacon Susan Jackson or using available forms near the church doors. Checks are payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Proceeds will go towards this summer's mission trip and next year's ELCA Youth Gathering to Minneapolis!

VALENTINE BOXES

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Valentine Boxes project! Your generosity was so appreciated by the recipients.

Here are a few responses we received:

"Thank you so much for thinking of me this Valentine's Day! Getting a box full of goodies was a huge surprise that made me feel really special." - Erik Paulson

"Thank you so much for the unexpected Valentine's Day box. I was so surprised and really appreciated all the amazing cards and sweet treats." - Paige Pottle

"Thank you so much for the Valentine's box! It really made my day. It's so busy here, I am constantly doing something, so this box can remind me to take some time for myself." - Laurel Meitrodt

"Thank you so very much for the Valentine's gift you sent! Your kindness and thoughtfulness means so much to me, and certainly made my day!" - Allison Cummings

"A thousand times thank you for the very special Valentine's package. It was so sweet and made me feel so loved." - Anna Phelps

"Thank you so much for the Valentine's box! It was such a nice surprise and I can't wait to enjoy what's inside with my friends!" - Rebecca Vance

"Thank you all so much for my sweet Valentine's Day box! It is so thoughtful and it made my day! The snacks are perfect for my friends and myself to share and the cards were so nice and heartwarming!" - Kate Pottle



LYO ASSEMBLY

Nine youth and two adults loaded up the St. Paul's Bus and headed towards Greensboro on Friday, Feb 21 ready for a week of laughter, music, and learning what it means to be the Body of Christ! 507 students and adults engaged in small groups as leaders and participants, discussing how their faith and how they see themselves as part of the Church and World. Students asked important questions about God, faith, acceptance, and love to Bishop Timothy Smith through the "Bishops Hot Seat". Students also had fun through free time and a Saturday evening dance! Students were constantly reminded throughout the weekend that we are not alone— we are part of a greater body— the Church— which exists throughout the entire world!

During closing worship on Sunday morning, Bishop Smith reminded our students that they are an important part of our Church. All of God's people have important gifts to bring to the table. All of our students are a part of the body of Christ in their communities and congregations and can use their gifts to share God's love with others. Throughout the weekend, our students reflected upon their passions, social and economic issues that hit near their hearts, and how they can best use their gifts at St. Paul's. Javier Ramirez, our adult male leader, sums up the weekend by saying "This trip was very amazing and spiritually comforting."

People of God— the faith, passion, and love of our young people is alive and strong!

YOUTH GROUP

March 8, 5:30-6:30pm

(9th-12th) Dinner at Flaming Amy's (Oleander)

March 22, 5:30-6:30pm

(9th-12th) Dinner at El Cerro Grande

March 27-29

(All Grades) Spring Retreat at Camp Agape

March 29, Time TBD

(All Grades) Movie Afternoon!

A WEEK IN THE LIFE

After a short break, "A Week in the Life Of" continues:

Learn about Sam Beasley's Week below!

Sam wakes up, gets ready, and travels to school Monday– Thursday from 7am-2pm. He does homework from 3pm– until he is finished when he is not in music lessons or rehearsals. On Friday, Sam attends school from 7am– 2pm and then heads to work from 5pm-11pm.

On Saturdays, Sam tries to sleep in, catches up on life with his friends, has a music lesson from 12pm– 1pm and then heads to work from 5pm-11pm. On Sundays, Sam attends worship at 9am when he is not away due to band, work, or family obligations. He then finishes up his schoolwork from 11-4pm, works 5-10pm, and attends youth group as his work schedule allows.

Sam is currently preparing to take the ACT and SAT this spring. He is also planning to audition for NC All-State Honors Band on March 7th. Pray for his rehearsals, his travel to Lexington NC, and his audition!

SUMMER CAMP AT LUTHERIDGE

Summer Camp at Lutheridge!

July 12-18, 2020

Programs are available for Grades 1-12!

Speak to Deacon Susan Jackson if your child would like to attend Lutheridge Summer Camp and travel with the Confirmation students!

See www.lutheridge.org for more information!

Summer Programs are also available at Camp Agape (Fuquay Varina) and Lutherock (Newland, NC) and 2 out of state Lutheran Camps!

FOOD BANK EVENT

Saturday, March 21

10am-12:00pm

Superpeeps and St. Paul's Families Together

Eastern Food Bank Service Event

Families with children ages 5 and up are invited!

The Eastern Food Bank serves over 67, 910 people in the 4 county area surrounding Wilmington. Service will include sorting produce and other foods, packaging drinks, and preparing the Food Bank to assist those in need in our community! Sign-ups will be emailed in our weekly newsletter, available on the FB page, or contact Deacon Susan!

CONFIRMATION

6th-8th Grade Students are always invited to attend Confirmation Classes.

March 8, 4:00pm-5:00 pm

All About Lent

March 22, 4:00-5:00 pm

Holy Communion and Palm Sunday

**Kairos Confirmation Camp
Camp Lutheridge: Arden, NC**

July 12– 18, 2020

Theme: Blessed and Broken, Holy Communion, Registration due– March 12th, 2020, Grades 6-8th

Teens will learn about experiencing God and growing in their faith through Holy Communion through lots of music, prayer, small group time, workshop stations, and from speakers during small group time! Teens will also get to experience normal Lutheridge Camp activities and partake in an outing!

CAMP AGAPE SPRING RETREAT

March 27-29, 2020

Cost- \$60.00

Registration Deadline March 8

Who: 6-12th Grade Students

Theme: Listening & Experiencing God

Devotions, Zipline, low ropes course, GaGa Ball, Trail walking/hiking and lots of fun!

PICTURES FROM AROUND ST. PAUL'S



PICTURES FROM THE OYSTER ROAST



MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes (9 a.m.)

1
8
15
22
29 Nathan Holzberger

Acolytes (11 a.m.)

1 Jackson Armstrong
8 Daisy Gaither
15
22 Daisy Gaither
29 Audrey Dick

Altar Guild

1 Larry & Alice Hovis
8 Lynn Mickley, Mari-Louise Rannow
15 Joyce Presley, Terri Sandlin
22 Sue and Carla Wiechman
29 Fran & Walt Denninger

Caregivers

1 Frances Lamb
8 Susan Drescher
15 Becky Knott
22 Jody Pfeffer
29 Frances Lamb

Communion Assistants (9 a.m.)

1 Linda Evans
8 Billy Mason, Eric Mason
15 Bob & Cheryl Trapp
22 Cindy Killian, Kitty Solomita
29 Fran & Susan Bolger

Communion Assistants (11 a.m.)

1 Barbara Brown
8 Ralph & Melinda Sizemore
15 Lynda Shell, Jody Pfeffer
22 Bob & Peggy Erickson
29 Barbara Brown, Cris Dixon

Communion Guild (9 a.m.)

1 Susan Bolger, Bev Friese
8 Helen Romeo
15 Larry & Marlene Balan
22 Susan Bolger
29 Helen Romeo

Communion Guild (11 a.m.)

1 Lynn Mickley, Kathryn Crutchfield
8 Christa Gerfelder
15 Kay Kruklitis
22 Jessie Miars
29 Louisa Miars

Crucifers (11 a.m.)

1
8
15 Nathan Holzberger
22
29

Greeters (9:00 a.m.)

1 Dave & Voncile Echevarria
8 Larry & Tammi Gates
15 Bill & Anita Heston
22 Larry & Becky Knott
29 Billy Mason, Eric Mason

Greeters (11 a.m.)

1 Grover Canady & Doris Miller-Canady
8 Melinda & Ralph Sizemore
15 Ken & Shirley Koenig
22 Irma Forger, Christa Gerfelder
29 Fran & Walt Denninger

Monday Night Community

Dinner

2 Betsy Rullman, Mary Rullman, Anita Heston, Mike Leiser, Cheryl Meitrodt, Lucy Holman, Tara Law, John Gibbons
9 Anita Heston, Mike Leiser, Jim Bauer, Cheryl Meitrodt, Lucy Holman, Cathy & Dave Cummins, Tara Law
16 Peter Miars, Bob Erickson, Joe & Lynn Mickley, Steve & Judy Beach, John Gibbons
23 Linda Evans, Allan & Judi Pellnat, Teresa Cox, Robin Lamb, John Gibbons
30 Beth & Tom Pottle, Anita Heston, Cheryl Meitrodt, Paul & Carol Whitham, John Gibbons

Readers (9 a.m.)

1 Linda Evans
8 Jack Joiner
15 Lucy Holman
22 Tammi Gates
29 Kathy Chrien

Readers (11 a.m.)

1 Barbara Brown
8 Tom Bertelsen
15 Barbara Brown
22 Robert Weeks
29 Linda Hall

Ushers (9:00 a.m.)

1 Fran Bolger, Don Erickson
8 Robert Rehder, Bob Rehder
15 Jim Bauer, Brian Hopkins
22 Dave & Cathy Cummins
29 Debra Delektto, Lucy Holman

Ushers (11 a.m.)

1 Peter Miars, Julian Burnett, Matt Fox, Allen Mason
8 Betty Huggins, Lynda Shell, Bettielou Weddle, Jody Pfeffer
16 Mike Walton, Jere Walton, Ralph & Melinda Sizemore, Reed Higgins
22 Larry Hovis, Nicky Grubbs, Nate & Sarah Askwith, Ron Ackerly, Mark Bergman
29 Al Cheatham, Wilson Horton, Joe Augustine, Walt Denninger, Larry Lewis

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



1 Griffin Cox
Michael McGrew
2 Ann Tinder
3 Patricia Wilson
4 Bruce Mahlandt
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
15 Archie Barringer
Audrey Dick
Cheryl Trapp
16 Don Woods
17 Dylon Coleman
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
Laura Woods
23 Ron Malpass
Meghan Stello
LeeAnn White
24 Mary Schussler
Jere Walton
25 Dylan Paulson
27 Janna Bauer
George Schutt
28 Allison Cummings
Nathan Dixon
30 Cindy Kauth
31 Louise Jacobsen

ST. PAUL'S MARCH 2020 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 a.m. Celebration Service 10 a.m. First Sunday Break-fast 11 a.m. Traditional Worship	2 7 p.m. Monday Night Community Dinner	3 2 p.m. Circle 4 (Maria McLeroy) 2:45 p.m. Staff Meeting (Library) 8:30 p.m. Gateway NA (Keever)	4 5 p.m. Handbell Choir 5:30 p.m. Prayer Group 6 p.m. Wednesdays Together (Keever) 6:45 p.m. Lenten Service 7:30 p.m. Church Choir (Parlor)	5 6 p.m. TOPS (Parlor)	6	7 5 p.m. Walking Tall (Keever)
8 9 a.m. Celebration Service 11 a.m. Traditional Worship 4 p.m. Confirmation 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	9 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting (Annex) 7 p.m. Monday Night Community Dinner	10 9 a.m. Quilting Workshop (Keever) 2:45 p.m. Staff Meeting (Library) 6:30 p.m. Constitution Review Team (Library) 8:30 p.m. Gateway NA (Keever)	11 5 p.m. Handbell Choir 5:30 p.m. Prayer Group 6 p.m. Wednesdays Together (Keever) 6:45 p.m. Lenten Service 7:30 p.m. Church Choir (Parlor)	12 6 p.m. TOPS (Parlor) 6 p.m. Kairos Cookie Making (Keever)	13	14 9 a.m. Men in Mission 5 p.m. Walking Tall (Keever)
15 9 a.m. Celebration Service 11 a.m. Traditional Worship	16 9:30 a.m. Project Linus (Keever) 7 p.m. Monday Night Community Dinner	17 9 a.m. Quilting Workshop (Keever) 2:45 p.m. Staff Meeting (Library) 8:30 p.m. Gateway NA (Keever)	18 5 p.m. Handbell Choir 5:30 p.m. Prayer Group 6 p.m. Wednesdays Together (Keever) 6:45 p.m. Lenten Service 7:30 p.m. Church Choir (Parlor)	19 6 p.m. TOPS (Parlor) 6:30 p.m. Evangelism Team Meeting (Library)	20 6 p.m. Fabulous Friday Event (Keever)	21 5 p.m. Walking Tall (Keever)
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