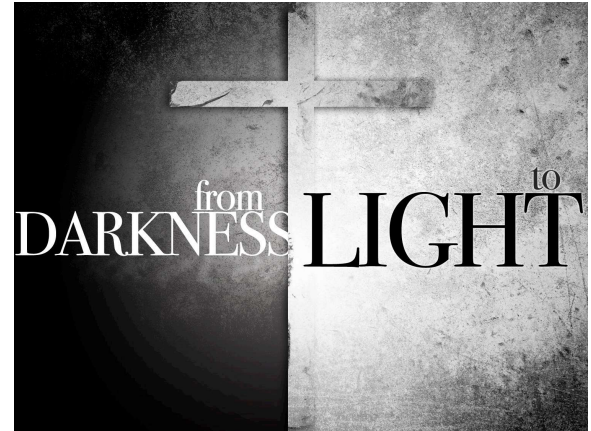


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Newsletter of St. Paul & Immanuel Lutheran Church-March 2025

We enter into another Lententide in March, spending these next 6 weeks walking our way towards Calvary and the Garden where we find our Savior dying and rising for our salvation, forgiveness & redemption. This year our theme is "Faith in the Midst of Darkness," and we will be joining with circuit 13 in a round-robin where each week another pastor reveals both the situation we find ourselves in and the God who has saved us from it. The schedule is:

- March 5: Ash Wed: March 5-Pastor Craig
- March 12-Pastor Fehrmann, St. Paul Bonduel
- March 19-Pastor Craig
- March 26-Pastor Kleinschmidt, St. Jakobi
- April 2-Pastor Zobel/Kaiser, St. James
- April 9-Pastor Conradt, Hermansfort/Stony Hill



Worship will be at 11 am @ St Paul & 7 pm @ Immanuel, with lunch/snack after @ SP & supper @ IM. Please sign up to provide at each congregation.

In preparation for Ash Wednesday, join us at St Paul for a Vespers service with the burning of the palms on March 4 @ 5:15 pm.



Gemeinschaft is organizing an outing on March 15 to the Green Bay movie theatre to watch the new religious movie, "The Last Supper." Movie is at 1 pm; if you wish to carpool we will leave around noon. We may look at going out for dinner afterward.

In keeping with the Confessions and historic practice in Lutheranism, Pastor Craig will be offering a time for private confession during the season of Lent. He will be at Immanuel on Sunday's from 3-3:45 pm in the chancel. There will be devotional materials in the mother's room for your preparation and if you need to wait. You can also make an appointment with him.



Our youth ice fishing event is set for March 1 on White Clay Lake, starting at 11 am. All youth of the parish are invited to attend and spend a few hours on the ice, with the men of the congregation and learn the sport. Please let PC know if you are planning on attending.





St. Paul & Immanuel were chosen a slot at the Red Barn this next summer. St. Paul will man it June 19-21 & Immanuel August

21-23. Please and make sure you sign up when the sign up sheets are out.

Kids-start making plans to attend the annual Easter egg hunt at St. Paul on April 12 starting at 9 am. If you know you will be attending, you need to register with Cindy so we can make sure to have enough prizes. We do need people to donate candy or prizes (money will also work)-please help out to continue this fun event.



Super Sundae's-February 9



Gambler's game outing-january 25



The season of Lent has often been misunderstood due to the way it was turned into a time of action for the worshipper tied into the penitential theology of the Roman church. Protestants took up the idea of “giving up” something and turned it into a minor time of self-denial, but then to go right back after Easter Sunday. But this is missing the entire purpose of spending these 40 days of focus on the sacrifice and glorious victory of our Lord Jesus.

As I've been preparing, I've been led to see in our Ash Wednesday texts the call, not to “give” up or sacrifice, or even necessarily to take up practices such as prayer or fasting (which is a Biblical exercise, as Jesus says in Matt 6, “When you fast...”)—but the heart of Lent is finally worship. For there is only one way that God has created so that a sinner finds and receives the forgiveness that Jesus Christ died and rose for—and that is via the means of His Church, and her preaching and administration of the Sacraments.

Which is why, “**Lent is about Worship;**” and why my “challenge” to you is to take up this mantle and live it to the full. Seek to make the church your 2nd “home” these next 40 days, attending each Sunday and Wednesday the services offered. Come to our prayer services during the week or take a hymnal home and pray the daily offices with your family. Let the message of Christ’s mercy become the sound of the season—because in doing, you will surely grow deeper in every respect to the message the Church has been tasked to proclaim and give to you.

