

### PASTOR'S COLUMN

#### LENT

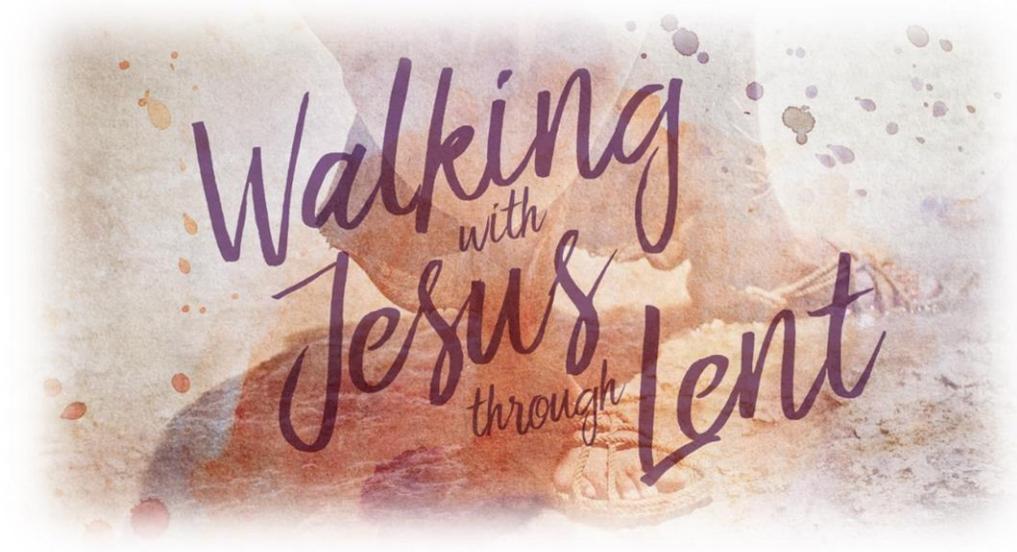
We have entered the special time of year called Lent. Normally Lent starts when we get really tired of the blahs of winter and that then opens us up to new things, to looking for change, and new life. But it seems that the worst of winter has bypassed us this year. No major snow storms. No being stuck at home and no prolonged cold snaps. So we cannot rely on the cold season to get us in the right frame of mind for Lent. But ready or not, it has begun and it is time to turn inward for a while; to wonder whether there are parts of our lives that need a change and whether it might be a good thing to engage in some disciplines.

I have friends who are giving up carbohydrates (think pasta, bread, rice, cake, etc.) for the season in the hopes of not only shedding a few unwanted pounds, but also to grow and learn through the feelings of lack and want. I think it is commendable but what they are doing is not for everyone.

Each one of us has to walk his or her own path with God through the season of Lent, being mindful and hopeful that our walk will lead us to new life at Easter.

Have a blessed Lent and keep walking.

*~Pastor Anne*



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*THE GOSPEL*  
*Matthew 4:1-11*

*At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert*

**Jesus,  
Word of God,  
you walked the desert  
and you thought and prayed.  
Who was it that you had chosen to be?**

**The devil slithered around  
and hissed, "Choose me! Choose me!"**

**But instead,  
You chose the Father, above all things,  
and you loved your neighbors  
even as you loved  
your Father.**

**And so we choose you. Jesus. Take us also  
to a desert; speak to our hungry hearts.  
Deepen our understanding of  
who you really are:**

**our true  
bread  
of  
life.**

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<https://liturgy.slu.edu/1LentA030120/prayerpathmain.html>



March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1  
at St. Paul's, 6:00 p.m.



At 12:00 noon, \$5 per person:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 4	St. Paul's Lutheran Church
March 11	Zion Lutheran Church
March 18	River of God Church
March 25	Enola First Church of God
April 1	Our Lady of Lourdes Church

### WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS

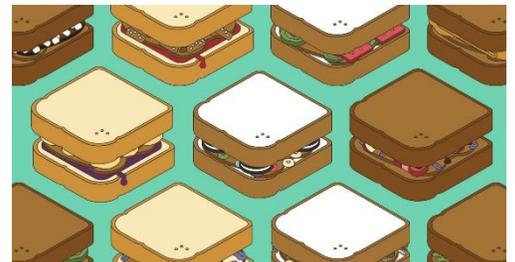
MARCH	1	8	15	22	29
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Mason Miller	Dillon Epler	Mary Jane McMillan	Keith Gilbert	Ron Shawler
<b>Lector</b>	Wendy Cekovich	Ann Gilbert	Dillon Epler	Cheryl Gilbert	Seana Miller
<b>Head Usher</b>	Stewart Trout	Stewart Trout	Stewart Trout	Stewart Trout	Stewart Trout
<b>Usher</b>	Mike Peck	Mike Peck	Mike Peck	Mike Peck	Mike Peck
<b>Usher</b>	Drew Kugler	Drew Kugler	Drew Kugler	Drew Kugler	Drew Kugler
<b>Usher</b>	Seana Miller	Seana Miller	Seana Miller	Seana Miller	Seana Miller
<b>Communion Set Up</b>	Keith & Cheryl Gilbert	Kris & Trudy Getz	Chris Frampton	Ann Gilbert	Seana Miller
<b>Communion Clean Up</b>	Ann Gilbert	Vicki Barnhart	Bob & Jean Seiple	Dottie Foore	Mike & Vicky Peck
<b>Building Lock Up</b>	Gary Dolbin	Gary Dolbin	Gary Dolbin	Gary Dolbin	Gary Dolbin

\*If you cannot serve on your assigned day, please find a replacement and inform the church office.



### SANDWICH MAKERS NEEDED ASAP!!

Every March through October, our Willing Workers make and sell around 2,000 sandwiches. The proceeds go toward supporting the life of our church, its members and outside causes. This year we are in danger of losing this valuable fundraiser due to lack of sandwich makers. Please let Deb Stoner or the church office know if you can help assemble sandwiches on any fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 a.m. If they do not get enough volunteers, sandwich sales will cease.



## **LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS**

*Cleanliness may not actually be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.* <https://lwr.org/personalcarekits>



Until Easter, we will be collecting the following **NEW** items for personal care kits:

- **Light-weight, dark-colored bath-size towel (between 20"x40" and 52"x27")**
- **Bath-size bar of soap, any brand**
- **Adult-size toothbrush**
- **Sturdy comb**
- **Metal nail clippers (with or without attached file)**

Please donate any or all of the items above.



**Due to the solemnity of Lent, altar flowers are not available to sponsor; however, bulletins may still be sponsored for \$15/week.**

**EASTER FLOWERS** Now taking orders! Forms are attached to this newsletter and orders/money are due in the church office by Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Orders cannot be accepted after this date.

## **SUMMER CAMP**

A variety of camps are offered for children in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. There are discounts available and St. Paul's will pay half of the camp fees if you submit your payment/registration through the church office by March 26.

For more information:

[www.LutheranCamping.org](http://www.LutheranCamping.org)

## **NEW HOPE MINISTRIES**

In addition to the typical canned food, New Hope also needs diapers, wipes, diaper cream, shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, and laundry detergent.

## ST. PAUL'S COMMITTEES

There is a myriad of opportunities to become involved in the outreach and life of St. Paul's beyond Sunday morning worship. If you have time and/or talents to share, please attend a meeting, talk to someone already participating, or contact the church office.

1. **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP** is responsible for the following activities and programs:
  - Sunday School classes, Vacation Bible School, weekly Bible study, confirmation classes,
  - Church/confirmation camps, CROP Walk, Easter egg hunt, church picnic/backpack blessing, trunk & treat,
  - Community recognition Sunday, Advent festival and various other activities
  - Committee meetings held on the third Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.
2. **FINANCE** oversees the financial affairs of the congregation to ensure they are being conducted efficiently and accurately, including prompt payment of all obligations and regular benevolence monies to the Lower Susquehanna Synod. It shall, subject to the approval of Council, be responsible for the congregation's investments and its total insurance program.
3. **PROPERTY** monitors the condition of our church property and oversees and/or completes all ongoing maintenance and repairs of church buildings and property. The committee meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and has a scheduled work day the Saturday following the meeting, that normally runs from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
4. **SOCIAL MINISTRY & STEWARDSHIP** primarily focuses on the outreach ministries of the church and encouraging stewardship in the congregation. This committee organizes and supports various fundraising and outreach events, such as sandwich sales, annual holiday bazaar, sewing group, and nursing home visits. Funds are distributed to local charities and families in need. This committee is also responsible for publishing a church photo directory every five or six years. Monthly meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
5. **WORSHIP & MUSIC**'s mission is to proclaim the good news of God's loving presence by preaching, teaching, music, and sharing God's Word and Sacrament. From singing in the choir, ushering, to helping to lead worship as an Assisting Minister, church members can support this mission in a variety of ways. Meeting times vary, but are normally held on a weekday at 10:00 a.m.



<b>March</b>	1	Betsy Treharne	<b>April</b>	8	Gerald Meek
	10	Steve Hoffmaster		8	Galen Witmer
	12	Lana Stitzel		9	Judith Cryder
	17	Mason Miller		9	Pastor Reeves
	17	Ronald Shawler		11	Amy Early
	18	Marlene Atherton		13	Jordan Boehm
	18	Brian Verchick		15	Lisa Foore
	20	Julie Baker-Hitz		15	Dorlene Morgan
	20	David Hultberg		19	Doris Trout
	21	Patricia Kenes		20	Steve Casella
	23	Scott Maier		20	Mary Jane McMillan
	30	Robert Seiple		21	Todd Umbrell
	30	Kaylin Vardzik		24	Arthur Shaffer, II
	31	Alvin Sprague		27	Stew Trout
<b>April</b>	4	Donald Putt, Jr.		30	Jordan Lumby
	5	Deb Stoner		30	Vicky Peck

<b><u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u></b>	
Vicki Barnhart, President	(717) 695-4859
Chris Frampton, VP	(717) 319-0382
Cheryl Gilbert, Secretary	(717) 514-3992
Beverly Daum	(717) 571-0059
Gary Dolbin	(717) 645-4239
Trudy Getz	(717) 732-5340
Duane Jumper, Jr.	(717) 756-5130
Gary Stitzel	(570) 426-8631
David Wood	(717) 728-8889

### **PRAYER LIST**

Loretta Bernhisel - cancer	Judy Barrett	Paul Currie - brother-in-law of Carole J. Sutch
Levi Stoner - grandson of Stoners	Ann Getz	Kathy Hare - cancer/treatment (co-worker/friend of Steve Hoffmaster)
Rich Stetts – recovering from cancer surgery (David Woods’ co-worker)	Kaylin Vardzik	Angelia Compton – heart problems (cousin of Trudy Getz)
Clyde Barnhart - Seana Miller’s grandfather	Kylie Hunter	Donna Miles – stomach problems (Karina Keller’s Mother-in-law)
Cindy Metts - friend of McMillans	Mason Miller	Pat Brinser – surgery complications (Seana Miller’s aunt)
Zelda Coleman – Trudy Getz’s mother	Jean Seiple	Steve & Melissa Kline - Chris Getz’s co-worker & wife
Bob DeVaughn - Chris Frampton’s uncle	Pat Martin	Mike Krobath and family – Vivian’s passing (friends of Jan Adams)
Jim Gebhardt - Seana Miller’s father	The Rettig Family	Mary Valvenzuela (Vicki Barnhart’s cousin)
Steve Cutler - friend of Judie Barrett	Nicole Hoffmaster	Yolanda Garlinger – friend of Lana Stitzel
Verna Stoner - Mike’s mother	Arla Hunter	
Gilbert Campbell – Gary Stitzel’s step-father	Claris Lutz	
	Barbara & Leon Gilbert	

**And Our Home-Bounds:** Ann, Helen, Thelma, Carol Jane, Jim, Gerald, Ruth, Dee, Vicky, Anne, Mary

**And those in Christian Mission:** New Hope Ministries, Rancho del Rey, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, James Dunlop, Council members, Bishop Mwaikali, Bishop Mwaipopo, our Pastor and the community of believers at St. Paul's Church



## EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Easter is April 12<sup>th</sup>



If you would like to order flowers to decorate the church for Easter, please complete this form and place it, along with cash or check (made payable to St. Paul's), in the offering plate or send to the church office. All flowers come in 6" pots and colors are assorted, except where noted.

FLOWER	PRICE	# of flowers	IN HONOR OF	IN MEMORY OF
Tulips	\$6.00			
Hyacinths	\$6.00			
Easter Lilies (white)	\$7.50			

**ORDERS DUE BY Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Total Enclosed</b>	\$	
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Please check to donate flowers to our home-bound members or nursing home residents \_\_\_\_\_

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