

March 2026

St. Paul's Community Church

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St. Paul's Newsletter

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

A Shield Around Me

March announces the end of winter and the beginning of Spring. It's also known for St Patrick's Day, Corn Beef, and Cabbage.

St Patrick is famous for his prayers, especially the "Breastplate Prayer."

It begins, "I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through a belief in the Threeness, through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation." He continues, "Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left".

Don't we all want Christ like that! Imagine Christ all around you! Psalm 3:3 says:

"But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high."

This March make it your prayer - for God to be a shield around us.



Pastor Kim



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March Red Hats

A Chorus Line!

This groundbreaking, Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning concept musical set a new standard for Broadway and remains relevant, provocative and explosively entertaining as it captures the tension and spirit of an ensemble Broadway audition. Featuring powerhouse numbers "What I Did for Love," "I Can Do That," and "One," this show is a brilliantly complex interplay of song, dance and compelling drama.

Date: Saturday, March 28

Time and Place: 2:00pm Matinee at the Lakewood Cultural Center
(1:15pm at the church)

Cost: \$37

Late Afternoon Meal: TBD



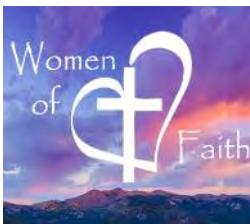
This event was just planned, but tickets are selling out very quickly!

We have already changed the date because the original show had just a few scattered tickets left in the theater. We are hoping to get a group of tickets for the 28th, but Katie will need to purchase the tickets **TOMORROW**, Monday, March 2. We have 10 reserved but hope to get more if needed.

We need a **YES by TODAY!** So sorry for the rush!

Please note an RSVP YES means one of those tickets will be yours and you will need to reimburse Katie for the cost!

Christian Women of Faith



Our Women of Faith will be meeting one more Saturday morning at the church hoping to avoid icy roads.

Come join us on Saturday, March 21 at 10:30am!

Pennyrae will be teaching the next lesson in her "Women of the Bible" series. The clue for this month's lady is "**Seven**".

Helen and Cookie will provide the refreshments!

Daylight Savings!



Daylight Savings begins Sunday, March 8. Our clocks need to "spring forward an hour on Saturday night, March 7!

Corned Beef Potluck Luncheon

After service March 15 we will enjoy a St. Patrick's Day Corn Beef Luncheon. A sign up for the corn beef will be posted with the rest of the meal being potluck (covered dish). We will need 5-6 corn beef for the meal. Mark this down on your calendar and plan to attend!



Palm Sunday



Once again, our Palm Sunday Service, 29 March, will begin with our Praise group leading a processional around the sanctuary, singing and waving palm branches. This is a wonderful time of celebration of Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday

6 pm Thursday evening, 2 April, come join us as we reflect on the night Jesus was betrayed. We will look at the events that transpired those final days of Jesus life and ministry leading up to His death, burial, and resurrection. The evening will conclude with everyone gathering around the table for the Last Supper, sharing in the bread and the cup.



5th Sunday Event

We have a fun, Sunday evening event on the 5th Sunday of the month, which occurs four times this year. These evenings are usually Game Nights (summer) or Movie Nights (winter, darker months). This month, March 29 will be a movie night - which includes popcorn of course! The Movie will be announced soon, and will be related to Jesus and the Passion Week leading up to Easter.

Bob's Pretty Easy Trivia



Topic: Food and Cooking

1. The Guinness World Records named a new pepper as the world's hottest in 2023. Its name is Pepper X and it measures 2.69 units on the pepper heat scale. What is the name of this heat scale?
 - a. The Richter Scale
 - b. The Scoville Scale
 - c. The Glasgow Coma Scale

2. A sauce that consists of basil, garlic, oil, grated cheese, and pine nuts is called:
 - a. A Hollandaise Sauce
 - b. A Bearnaise Sauce
 - c. A Pesto Sauce

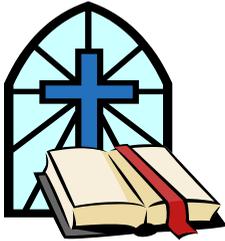
3. A thickening agent made of flour and melted butter is called:
 - a. Simple sugar
 - b. A roux
 - c. A compote

4. When meat is browned in a pan, bits of food may remain in the hot pan. These can be dissolved in a liquid such as wine or stock. What is this dissolving process called?
 - a. Deglazing
 - b. Caramelizing
 - c. Blanching

5. A baby Portobello mushroom is known as a:
 - a. Portobellini
 - b. An enoki
 - c. A cremini

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SERMONS AND SCRIPTURE



March 1

"Nick at Night"

Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5
*John 3:1-17

March 8

"Water for Life"

Psalm 95:1-7
Romans 5:1-5
*John 4:5-15

March 15

"He's the Guy"

Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
*John 9:1-12

March 22

"Death is Dead"

Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
*John 11:1-16

March 29

"Palm Sunday"

Psalm 118:26-29
Philippians 2:5-11
*Matthew 21:1-11

*Message Scripture

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Carol Greene | 13 Marge Wamser | 24 Ray and Cindy Sczekan |
| 3 Melinda Cody | 18 Elaine Wagner | 25 Gary and Patty Jackson |
| 6 Eloise Hollyfield | 28 Don Gesink | |
| 7 Basia Kmita | 29 Mike Greene | |
| 11 Susan Eagan | 31 Shauna Hetherington | |



St. Paul's WiFi Password: community

March 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Team 4 10:00am Service Fellowship after Worship	2	3 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening	4 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast	5 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study	6	7 Daylight Savings Begins! Clocks ahead one hour! 
8 Team 5 10:00am Worship Service Fellowship after Worship	9 6:30pm Choir and Praise Practice	10 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study	11 5:30pm Church Event Planning 6:30pm Church Council	12 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study	13	14
15 Team 6 10:00am Worship Service St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck after Worship 	16	17  10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study	18	19 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study	20 First Day of 	21 10:30am Women of Faith Church Garden Level Fellowship Room
22 Team 1 10:00am Worship Service Fellowship after Worship Newsletter Items Due	23 6:30pm Choir and Praise Practice	24 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study	25	26 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study	27	28 2:00pm Red Hats Play at Lakewood Cultural Center
29 Team 2 10:00am Worship Service Fellowship after Worship 5th Sunday Event Movie Night! 	30	31 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study				

February Attendance

Worship Service	Tuesday Bible Study	Thursday Bible Study
February 1: 66	February 3: 18	February 5: 15
February 8: 58	February 10: 12	February 12: 17
February 15: 61	February 17: 15	February 19: 14
February 22: 49	February 24: 17	February 26: 15
Men's Prayer Breakfast February 4: 9		
Red Hats February 13: 8		
Olive Garden Lunch February 15: 53		
Women of Faith February 21: 10		

Church Event Planning (Cookie Spatafora)

Attendance: 8 (Cookie, John, Candy, Bette, Marge, Sharon, Marilyn, Pastor Kim)

Happy March! Spring is coming! The CEPG had their 2nd meeting of 2026 on February 11. Here are some of the highlights we discussed.

March: St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck Sunday, March 15. (See details in newsletter)

April: April 5th is Easter Sunday! Praise Jesus!

A baby photo guessing game Who's / Who will start for the month of April, winner to be announced on Mother's Day, May 10, 2026.

May: The catered Mother's Day Luncheon will be Sunday, May 10. Details to come.

June: Saturday, June 27th will be our Pancake Breakfast with a small/ large car show! (We need participants - Hint Hint!)

July: Still working on July. Suggestions? Other topics discussed - a church picnic.

August: A 5th Sunday month which will be a Game Night with grilled hot dogs and maybe homemade ice cream!

Thank You! Cookie

Church Council (Gary Jackson)

I hope that everyone survived the February cold snaps, they were rough.

Hopefully there will be no more bad ones this year.

I would like to update everyone on our current church council members.

Gary Jackson	President
Peggy Taylor	Treasurer
Helen Erickson	Finance Secretary
Phillis Evens	Secretary
Candy Ferentchak	
Mike Greene	Facilities
Frank Nekvasil	Facilities
Terry Taylor	Compliance
Clark Wright	
*Pastor Kim	

Should you have any input for the church, please contact me or one of the council members.

We hope everyone enjoyed the Olive Garden Fellowship Luncheon, in February.

March 16th will be the Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef - Potluck at the church. There will be a sign-up sheet, particularly for the corned beef.

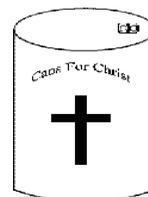
There is some repair/maintenance now occurring at the Parsonage for Pastor Kim and Family.

All Bills are paid and we are in good standing. Wishing everyone a warm spring.

In Christ, Gary J.

Cans for Christ (Shauna Hetherington)

Starting Balance 2/1/2026	\$	0.25
Income	\$	54.00
Outgoing (Convoy of Hope)	\$	<u>-54.00</u>
Ending Balance 2/28/2026	\$	0..25



An Irish Prayer:
MAY God give you, For every storm, A rainbow,
For every tear, A smile,
For every care, A promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends, A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, A sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.



Apple Pie Filling Cinnamon Rolls

As served by Marge Wamser at Women of Faith and Sunday Fellowship

Ingredients

2 large cans Pillsbury Cinnamon Rolls with icing

1 can apple pie filling

Directions

Empty pie filling into a bowl and cut up the apple slices some.

Cut the cinnamon rolls into fourths. Mix together.

Pour into a 9x13 pan. Bake in 350° for 40-45 minutes.

Cool, then cover with icing.

Getting Ready to Look Back - Baby Pictures!

We are going to look into the past. We need your help!

We are going to have a Who's Who baby picture contest!

Find a baby picture of yourself, target age 6 months to 5 years, and target size 2x3 to 3x5. Put your picture in a sealed envelope with your name and your age when the picture was taken written on the envelope. And bring it to church! Bette will be the picture curator and the only one to see the names matched with the pictures.

In April, we will display the pictures for all to see and try to identify! Guesses will be collected and counted with the results being announced at the Mother's Day Luncheon!

The more adorable baby faces we have, the more fun this will be! Use the month of March to find and bring in your picture!



Answers from Bob's Pretty Easy Trivia (page 4)

Answers: 1.b 2.c 3.b 4.a 5.c

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MISSION MOMENT (PASTOR KIM)

Feed the Children

Feed the Children is committed to ending childhood hunger. They believe that no child should go to bed hungry, and so they provide children and families in the U.S. and around the world with the food and essentials kids need to grow and thrive. Last year, 2025, Feed the Children distributed more than 75.1 million pounds of food and resources and 14.9 million people in the U.S. and abroad received help. Children need proper nutrition to grow, learn, and thrive. At the heart of their mission, they distribute food and essentials to children and families in the United States to help improve food security. St Paul's is happy to support them in their efforts this March.



Missions