



# Messenger February 2024

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
1901 Portland Ave Minneapolis, 55404

## Christians Must Have A Consistent Message!

Rev. Thomas Parrish

*For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.* Hebrews 4:12

*As You Like It* is a pastoral comedy by William Shakespeare believed to have been written in 1599. I love the title since it epitomizes how people want to live their lives and order their views. Not much has changed in the past 425 years. The truth is not the issue for most of us, too many of us want it the way we like it regardless of the facts.

The problem with Christianity in America is that nearly everyone develops their own theology based on particular passages they like. The Jesus that emerges from our “helter-skelter” approach to the Bible varies from church to church, person to person, believer to believer. No wonder the world is confused since we produce an inconsistent message using the Bible and Jesus as our backdrop.

This is what we look like to the world:

One Christian has a Jesus who accepts the gay lifestyle while another calls it an abomination.

One Christian supports abortion on demand as a women's right while another sees it as the killing of unborn children.

One Christian believes peace and justice infused with love and acceptance of all people as Jesus' message while another sees the call to repentance and submission to Jesus as biblical.

One Christian promotes wealth and riches for those who believe while another sees sacrifice and poverty as the truth.

Both cannot be true at the same time! How do we solve this problem? The answer is simple: *We must make and execute three commitments.*

**Commitment #1:** *I will seek the mind of Jesus and submit to what he says in His Word regardless of what the culture is saying.*

**Commitment #2:** *I will study God's Word systematically and seek to hear Jesus' message in its context.*

**Commitment #3:** *I will apply God's Word to life with ALL that Jesus has said and done not just selective portions I like.*

The Word of God has power. Properly used it can change hearts, minds and purpose for living. Those who claim to be Christians are the vehicles by which God's Word is transmitted to this world. Our goal is to be honest, consistent, and respectful of His Word so that it can change hearts and minds.



## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Services: February 14, 2024

Morning Service 11:30Am

Evening service 7:00PM

# FEBRUARY SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES

## 9:00 AM

Legal Rights – With all the talk about rights these past few years, it seems it’s important to talk about the ‘entitlement’ of believers in Christ Jesus a term the ‘World’ calls legal rights in our times.

On four Sundays, February 11th – March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will delve into the topic of Spiritual Legal Rights.

With insights from Janice Sergison’s book “Spiritual Legal Rights” and other sources including the Bible, we will gain insights regarding this topic. Items we will touch on include Sin- (personal and generational), Judgments and Expectations, Unforgiveness, Trauma, Occult Involvement, and more.

From this class, our hope is we will have a basic working understanding of what our rights are and are not.

Join us each Sunday 9 am – 10 am in Fellowship Hall-lower level, for Adult Education a.k.a. Sunday school. Coffee and Tea are provided. Led by Phyllis Terwey.



## Children’s Sunday School

### 9:00 AM

- ◆ Each Sunday we will offer classes for children ages 4-14.
- ◆ All classes will be held from 9-10 AM.
- ◆ Classes include music art and age appropriate Bible activities and discussion
- ◆ We follow the ‘True Way Kids’ curriculum for the younger children and ‘Answers in Genesis’ curriculum for the older children
- ◆ Classes meet every Sunday from September 17-December 17, 2023.
- ◆ Breakfast snacks are provided!

# KIDS Club



**Bible Lessons. Songs. Memory Verses. Snacks!**

**When: Every Wednesday**

**Time: 5:00**

**Where: St. Paul's Church at 1901 Portland Ave**

**Who: For Children Ages 5-12 & parents  
and older siblings**

**Contact: Cheryl Rich @ 651-333-0119**

Confirmation

Class

Wednesdays 5:00pm

## MEN'S SATURDAY FELLOWSHIP

LED BY PASTOR TOM PARRISH

Saturday, February 3rd and 17th at 9:00am

Coffee & donuts are Provided!

## Women's Ministry

**Save the Date!** The St. Paul's Women's

Retreat will be on **Saturday, April 20.**

Details will be coming soon.



# February Birthdays

| <b>Name</b> | <b>Date</b> |
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| Joy Broderson   | 02/06 |
| Katie Bopp      | 02/18 |
| Sandie Lawrence | 02/23 |
| Norman Augst    | 02/24 |
| Misrak Adoga    | 02/26 |
| Hannah Clink    | 02/26 |

| <b>Missionary Birthdays</b> |             |
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| <b>Name</b>                 | <b>Date</b> |

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| David Rich       | 02/07 |
| Judi Nordaas     | 02/08 |
| Becky Hagen      | 02/09 |
| Veronica Schultz | 02/14 |
| Paul Hagen       | 02/17 |
| Robin Ose        | 02/18 |

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Online Or In-Person!

Sundays 10:30 A.M.