



Messenger March 2024

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

Pastor Thomas Parrish

Your Faith in Jesus is not in Vain!

I Corinthians 15: ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

These verses in the Bible are three of the most important ever written. In fact, these verses are the bedrock, the foundation, the total focus of the Bible. Christianity rises and falls on the truth that Jesus is the only Savior in the universe and that he died and rose again bodily from the grave never to die again. If you remove this truth, then Christianity does not exist!

Be fully reassured that your faith in Jesus is not in vain! Jesus is who he claimed to be: God among us, the messiah, the beginning and the end. Beyond Jesus there is nothing more! His sacrifice on the cross has cleansed you and me who believe in him for eternity.

The day will come when we will all stand before Jesus and give account. Many will claim their goodness, keeping the commandments, helping the poor, loving one another, but that will not get them into the Kingdom of God. When you and I stand before Jesus and he asks why he should let us in we have but one Biblical answer: *"Nothing to the cross I bring, only to Christ I cling!"*

It is Jesus and his shed blood alone for you and me that opens the door to eternity.

This is why Jesus said:

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6.

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." Matthew 7:13-14.

When you surrender your heart, mind, soul and strength to Jesus and him alone you have entered by the narrow gate. As we celebrate Lent and Easter we must affirm over and over this truth. Rejoice brothers and sister because your faith in Jesus is not in vain!

Men's Saturday Fellowship

LED BY PASTOR TOM PARRISH

Saturday, March 2nd & 16th at 9:00am

Coffee & donuts are Provided!

Confirmation

Class

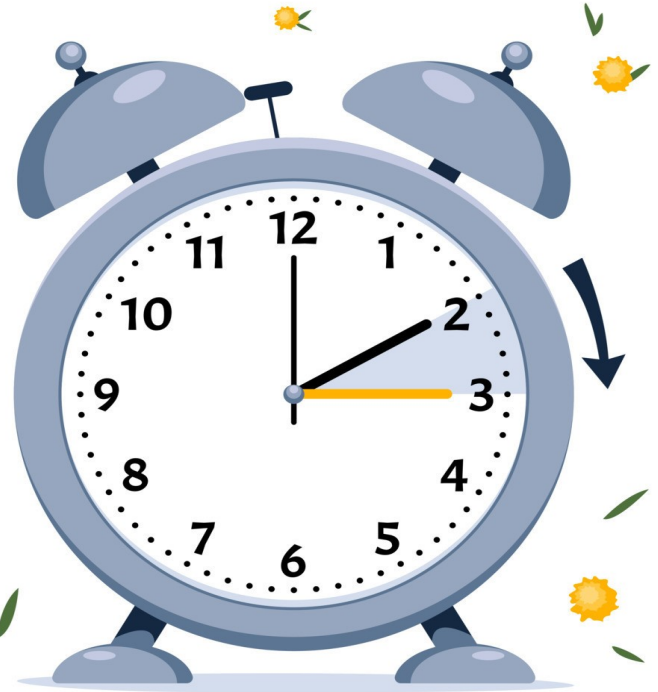
Wednesdays 5:00pm

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SPRING FORWARD

March 10, 2024



Prayer & Fasting



MARCH 17, 2024

Prayer & Fasting at St. Paul's 5:00pm–6:30pm on March 17th. United prayer in Sanctuary. 6:30 pm break fast with light dinner in the fellowship hall.

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



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 'TrueWay 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!

MARCH ADULT CLASSES 9:00 AM

Led by Phyllis Terwey

Join us each Sunday 9 am – 10 am in Fellowship Hall-lower level, for Adult Education a.k.a. Sunday school.

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 25th – March 17th 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.

Coffee and Tea are provided

Upcoming Adult Sunday School Classes

Feb 25-March 17: Phyllis: Legal Rights of a Christian

March 24: Elders answer Question Box

March 31: Easter Celebration – No Education classes for adults and children

April 7: Prayer Walk and Intercession This is an important activity in the life of our congregation. We only walk about five blocks, and we pray for people living in the community and the safety of the business around us. If you are unable to walk with us, Pastor Tom will be leading a prayer time for the people around us in the lower fellowship hall.

Spring Leaders training: April 6th 10:30-12:30 “Mentoring.” How do we develop leaders? People have many spiritual gifts and want to put them to work for our body of believers. Some would like to minister, but don't know how to fit in. They would like to work in a ministry but see others who are already leading it. How do you bring others alongside with you? How and when do you pass the baton of leadership to others? We will find the answers to these question on Saturday, April 6 at 10:30 in the lower fellowship room.



Lenten Celebration in Preparation for Easter at St. Paul's Church

Focus of Lent: Jesus Bled and Died to Make Us His Disciples.

Following Ash Wednesday Lent will be celebrated in the Home Churches focusing on these themes:

Five Truths for Effective Discipleship:

- Assurance of Salvation (Hebrews 13:5)
- Knowing Jesus Christ Beyond Salvation (John 20:31, Romans 10:17)
- Cleansed and Forgiven Forever! (Romans 5:6-9, 1 John 1:9)
- The Ministry of The Holy Spirit in Our Life (John 14:25-26, Eph. 5:18)
- Understanding Our New Identity in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17)

If you would like to join a home church for Lent, please call Misrak Adoga at the church office (612-874-0133) and she will share with you the times and locations of our seven House Churches so you can attend one at your convenience.

Current House Church Status 2024

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Minneapolis, MN

- 1. NW Suburbs: Host - Jean Gilbertson; Dwain Clink – Teaching Leader**
7313 Shadyview Lane N., Maple Grove, MN 55331
Currently Meeting on the **1st and 3rd Mondays at 5:30 PM** (with dinner)
- 2. Central Minneapolis: Host-Cheryl Rich; Teaching Leader – Carl Rich**
625 19th Street S., Minneapolis, MN 55404
Currently Meeting the **1st and 3rd Mondays at 5:30 PM** (with dinner)
- 3. Minneapolis: Host St. Paul's Church; Teaching Leader– Pastor Tom Parrish**
1901 Portland Ave S. Minneapolis, MN 55404
Currently Meeting the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 11:30am** (with lunch)
- 4. Eagan Host Lois Bodurtha Teaching Leader– Lois Bodurtha**
1565 Quarry RD #201 Eagan MN 55121
Currently Meeting the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30pm**
- 5. Northern Suburbs: Host – Rece Seufert; Teaching Leader – Cheryl Biel**
6419 Perry Ave. N., Brooklyn Center, MN 55429
Currently Meeting on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10 AM**
- 6. NE St. Paul: Host: Joel & Dawn Aarsvold; Teaching Leader – Pr. John Spaulding**
2650 Lexington Ave. N., Roseville, MN 55113
Currently Meeting the **2nd and 4th Saturdays at 10 AM**
- 7. Minneapolis So. Central: Host: Steve & Beth Goblirsch; Teaching Leader – Barb Haer**
(Currently on LOA with plans to resume soon.)



HOLY WEEK



Sunday, March 25 at 10:30am



Thursday, March 28 at 7:00pm



Friday, March 29 at 7:00pm



Sunday, March 31 at 10:30am



Coming April 20

Women's Retreat At WMPL House

232 Clifton Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55403

Theme "In Communion With the Father, Son and Holy Spirit"

Led by Pastor Kim Stephens

Arrive 8-9am

More Information to Come!





March Birthdays



Name	Date
Cheryl Jerde	03/01
Judy Smith	03/04
Roy Garza	03/09
Tom Parrish	03/19
Syann Jarrett	03/28

Missionary Birthdays	
Name	Date
Serafina Panzo	03/15
Jonathan Eide	03/21

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JOIN US
Online Or In-Person!
Sundays 10:30 A.M.