



# Proclamation

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From the Pulpit,

My Beloved ... what a crazy busy last few months that we have had. I have to start by saying how proud I am to be your pastor. The way I have witnessed you give to those who are in need, both physically and emotionally, over the past few months has been heartwarming to see. We have talked a great deal about being the body of Christ in action in our families and in our communities and that is what I have seen you all doing. I am beyond proud of your efforts.

As we enter this Lenten season, let us keep a couple very important things in mind. First, it is not wrong to give something up for Lent, but that tradition is meant to simulate a sacrifice on our parts to honor the sacrifice made by Christ. So, giving up chewing gum for 40 days is not something that should be considered worthy. If you plan on engaging in this traditional practice and choose to give something up, it should be something that will be extremely hard for you to do. Christ gave up his life for us, so nothing we can give up will truly compare to that, but it should honor that sacrifice of Christ.

Secondly, the season of Lent is a journey. It's a journey where mankind's failure is illuminated quite extensively. It's also a journey that despite mankind's failure, Jesus out of His love for all of us, gave up all that He had. Jesus held nothing back ... He gave His life in order to give us a path to salvation and an eternity with Our Father in Heaven. This is the biggest sacrifice ever made in the History of the world. This journey over these 40 days is an emotional roller-coaster to say the least. But I challenge you to take that journey as the body of Christ with me ... be excited about the great things that you will see. Be saddened and sickened by the sadness and despair you see as well. Allow yourself to travel through lent and try to experience the magnificence of this season. Its ok to be sad during this time ... but I challenge you to be more introspective this season than you have ever been before. As the body of Christ ... Go where He went, experience what He experienced, and learn the lesson of true love taught to us as He goes to the cross for all of us. Although this can be a very sad season at many of the turns in this journey it ends in utter jubilation as Christ defeats death. That resurrection gives us hope. Hope that we will one day be united with Our Father in Heaven because of the sacrifice of his Son ... The Savior of the world.

So, My Beloved, buckle up and let's go for a ride together ... one that hopefully, can never leave us the same. Amen?

Your Pastor,

Rev. G. Pomrenke

## From the Desk of the Congregational President

John Bowling Sr.

### President Newsletter March, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

It has been a very busy time here at St. Paul's as I look back over the past couple of months. There have been some great times as we celebrated the Ordination of our Pastor and his installation as our pastor here at St. Paul's and some sad times as we said good bye to two members of our church family. Through it all however, I have been very happy to see how we have all come together over and over again to work together and help each other in a loving and caring way. I pray that we all continue to work together to do God's will here at St. Paul's.

Please be sure to come to the special Voter's meeting on Sunday March 3rd right after the 10:30 service. The sole item on the agenda is to approve the purchase of equipment to be able to video the pastor's sermon and make it available on line to those who are homebound for various reasons or away and cannot attend our services but would like to hear the Sunday sermon. If you have questions about this please attend the meeting so everyone is on board with this mission outreach project.

Our Building and Grounds Chairman, Brad Clements is planning another work day on April 13th to clean up the church grounds after the winter rains, snow and wind. More information will be coming next month but please circle the date on your calendar.

In His Service,

John H. Bowling



## Sunday School News

With March's arrival, signs of spring will soon be popping out everywhere. It's been a long cold and rainy/snowy winter and I know that I am more than ready for warmer and sunnier days. Those first beautiful warm days fill us with so much happiness and excitement! Take some time to go outside and marvel at the awesomeness of God's creation as the trees begin to bud, the first flowers begin to bloom and the animals and birds begin to build nests. God is so good!

The Sunday School continues to come together each Sunday to learn more about the amazing love our God has for us. We were able to share that love with others in several mission activities last month including our children's visit to the Veterans Home in February. Wonderful smiles could be seen on both the Veteran Home residents and our kids as they visited, gave out their pictures and gifts and helped out during the service. Plans are in the works for our next visit!

As we begin the season of Lent this month, we will begin preparing for the celebration of the most glorious event of the church calendar, the Resurrection of our Savior on Easter Sunday. Easter will be on April 21st this year so watch for more information coming next month about our Easter activities.

Don't forget to clear your calendar for this year's Vacation Bible School "Roar" where kids will "explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life." This year's VBS will be held from June 24th through June 28th under the leadership of Meredith Johnson. Lots of help will be needed for this exciting mission outreach into the community so please consider volunteering!

In Christ,

Brenda Bowling, Christian Education Chairman

# LWML NEWS

Don't forget that if you want to attend the LWML Christian Life Retreat in Ocean City we need to start planning now. It will be at the Carousel Hotel and the theme is Perseverance: A Nehemiah Battle Plan. We can do fundraising to help curb the cost but only if we start now!

Prayer breakfast for the month of March will be Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>. It seemed that many people needed to leave early, would 8:30 work better? Please touch base with me and let me know what you think. We have a special guest coming, the President of the Chesapeake District!! She agreed to come and let us know what we need to do to become an "official" LWML chapter. Let's make sure we feed her well! I don't know about you but I have really enjoyed getting to know the other ladies of St. Paul's better and look forward to all the adventures we are sure to have!!

If anyone needs to reach me my cell number is 920-901-5840. Have a wonderful March!

# Building Grounds

Spring Cleanup Day has been scheduled for April 13, 2019 beginning at 8:30 AM. Projects include cleaning up the church grounds, trimming bushes on the right end and in back of the church, mulching the flower beds around the Educational Building and the Church. If you know of any other projects that need to be addressed on Cleanup Day, please let me know at [bclements@comcast.net](mailto:bclements@comcast.net) or by dropping a note in the Building and Grounds mailbox in the hallway adjacent to the kitchen.

During the Spring Voters Meeting, a list of proposed building and grounds improvements will be presented. This list will be used to propose to the congregation a strategic planning for future improvements to the building and grounds of our church.

## **Mission and Ministries**

***What's Going On??***

**March 2019**

Part of the mission of St Paul's as we minister to all of God's people is to be His light! From our hilltop we want those near and far to see St Paul's as a beacon for those who need a church home, help during difficult times, support through prayer and Christian fellowship. Our congregation does demonstrate all of this and strives to be that church family. There are of course many ways to serve and to minister. We have been working hard the last few months to try and ensure that our community is fed as our Lord told us to do and we celebrated our Pastor being ordained and installed in our church. We now look forward to how we will share the blessings we have been given.

March 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a pancake supper at our church from 5:30 to 7PM. This has been organized and provided by the Venture Crew. The event is open to the community as well and is free. Please come out and support these young folks and enjoy the fellowship.

I would very much welcome ideas for further mission work. Please join me in this endeavor as again we shine a light on God's love for all.

**Lois Beverage**

**Missions and Ministries Chair**

# **SHROVE TUESDAY** **PANCAKE DINNER**



**When?      March 5<sup>th</sup> From 5:30 to 7 Pm**

**Where?     Here at the Church**

**Who?        Sponsored by the Venturing Crew**

Pancakes & sausage will be on the menu along with OJ, milk & coffee!!!

For All further questions please contact David Nelsen with questions at 301.884.4631 or [danelson@alum.rpi.edu](mailto:danelson@alum.rpi.edu).



| SUN   | MON   | TUE  | WED                                       | THU                             | FRI | SAT                       |
|---|---|--|---|---------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| <br>3/5 – Abigail Drury      3/23 – Mary Guy<br>3/10 – James Hiller    3/27 – Russell Watson<br>3/13 – Megan Green     3/28 – Harry Price<br>3/20 – Meredith Johnson 3/29 – Kaleh Wollin |   |  |   |                                 | 01  | 02                        |
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| 03  | 04  | 05   | 06  | 07                              | 08  | 09                        |
| Service Times:<br>8:00 & 10:30 am<br>Adult Bible Class 9:15 am<br>Sunday School: 9:00 am  | <br>Venturing<br>7 pm<br>CEB Main Room   | Shrove<br>Tuesday<br>Pancake<br>Dinner<br>from 5:30 to<br>7 pm | Ash<br>Wednesday<br>Service<br>At 6:30 pm |                                 |     | Praise Service<br>at 5 pm |
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Traditional - 8:00 and 10:30 am

Sunday School: 9:00 am

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