



THE Messenger

March Edition, 2022

In-Person Worship

In-person worship will begin February 27, 2022. Our communities of faith will have to find ways of being together knowing that there could be different levels of willingness to interact with each other based on perceived risk. With this in mind, our near-future in-person worship services will also be streamed live on YouTube. More information will be provided.

Sacrament of Communion



Communion will be held Sunday, March 6, 2022. The distribution of the elements will be done with the use of the "Fellowship Cups."

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting has been set for Sunday, March 6, 2022 for 2:00 pm. The ACM will be virtual. A Zoom invite will be emailed out to all on the emailing list along with a link to the Annual Reports. You may request a printed copy of the Annual Report by phoning Patty at the office (306-634-2885).

Leadership Team

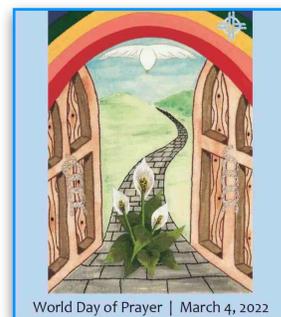
A number of positions on the Leadership Team will be coming open due to completion of terms and resignations. Our thanks to Mike Little, Jim Pratt, and Gail Schlamp for their many years of dedication and service on St. Paul's Leadership Team.

You are needed to serve on the LT. Don't wait to be asked, step up and volunteer to be nominated.

World Day of Prayer 2022

St. Paul's is hosting the World Day of Prayer in-person on March 4, 2022 at 4:30 pm. All are welcome.

This year's WDP is written by the women of England, Wales & Northern Ireland. The theme is "I Know the Plans I Have for You".



Vision: *to be considerate of all members of our church family and find ways to ensure that all are welcome, safe and comfortable.*

Fair Booth

The Energy City Ex is scheduled for June 9-12, 2022 with the Midway occurring over all four days. The KCRA Rodeo is coming to town on the weekend, which is the later days of the event. If you are interested in convening St. Paul's Fair Booth during this time, please contact the office (306) 634-2885. The Fair Booth is a great fundraiser for our church.

Lenten Book Study

Jeri-Lee will be holding a Lenten Book Study. For more information contact Jeri-Lee at (306) 421-4390 or the office (306) 634-2885.



Notes of Sympathy and Celebration

From time to time, St. Paul's expresses its sympathy and/or joy of celebration by sending out a card to members of our community of faith. Please contact the office if you have an interest in taking on this responsibility for St. Paul's.

Lenten Services

Lenten Services are being planned by Estevan Ecumenical Ministerial Group. They will begin Friday, March 11, 2022

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Doe Moo Thay and K'nyaw Paw on the birth of their son, Simon Fraser Thay on February 14, 2022.



Upcoming Events

March 2 - April 14, 2022 — Lent
March 4, 2022 @ 4:30 pm — World Day of Prayer (WDP) held at St. Paul's.
March 6, 2022 — Worship with Communion
March 6, 2022 @ 2:00 pm — Annual Congregational Meeting (virtual).
May 29, 2022 — Community Worship at St. Paul's @ 11:00.
July 31, 2022 — Community Worship Service TBD.
October 30, 2022 — Community Worship Service at Trinity Lutheran @ 10:30

What is Lent?

Lent is the Christian season of spiritual preparation before Easter. In Western churches, it begins on Ash Wednesday. During Lent, many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial, and spiritual discipline. The purpose of the Lenten season is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ—to consider his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection.

During the six weeks of self-examination and reflection, Christians who observe Lent typically make a commitment to fast, or to give up something—a habit, like smoking, watching TV, swearing, or a food or drink, such as sweets, chocolate, or coffee. Some Christians also take on a Lenten discipline, like reading the Bible and spending more time in prayer to draw nearer to God.

The 40-day period of Lent is based on two episodes of spiritual testing in the Bible: the 40 years of wilderness wanderings by the Israelites after the exodus from Egypt (Numbers 33:38 and Deuteronomy 1:3) and the Temptation of Jesus after he spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13).

Lenten Prayer

Our Rainbow after the Storm

*God of the journey,
we wander through the wilderness
hoping to find what we are searching for.
As we search, may we be strengthened
by your presence;
our water in the desert, our rainbow after
the storm.*



COVID-19 Guidelines

- The following guidelines are presently in place for St. Paul's until February 28, 2022:
 1. **Safe Attendance**
 - * Congregation members and staff are asked to self- screen for COVID symptoms
 - * Signage at front entrance will direct that anyone exhibiting COVID symptoms is asked not to enter or attend
 - * Hand sanitizing and mask stations will be available and kept stocked
 - * Cleaning protocols and procedures will be utilized after each use of our building
 - * Air circulation in the church will be optimized
 - * Congregation will be informed of any COVID outbreak
 - * Use of facilities by non-exempt groups will be required to wear a mask
 - * **Safe Practices**
 - * Congregation is required:
 - ✓ to wear a mask
 - ✓ maintain physical distancing unless family group
 - * Offertory plates placed in the Narthex for offerings