



## ST. PAUL'S NEWS

March 2024

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**"Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow.**

**Though they are as red as crimson, they will be like wool."**

**Isaiah 1:18**

For three summers in college, I worked on the MLC paint crew. We would go through the empty dorms and offices, touching up what needed to be done. As you can imagine, by the end of the summer, my work shirt, shorts, and shoes were covered top to bottom in paint splatches (photo for reference). There was no way any of those splatches were coming out in the wash, and every day I'd come back with a new stain I *could not* get out. Maybe you've had that frustrating experience too – your favorite shirt ruined by some of the hardest stains to get out (red wine, tomato sauce, coffee). Even when you go at it with a tide stick, or with some expensive detergent that promises to fight the toughest stains, that stain still sticks around.



Sometimes the sin we commit, whether it's big and small, can feel like a nasty stain. As much as you scrub and scrub to try and get rid of it yourself, there's always a faint reminder. You carry it with you wherever you go. It becomes the first thing you think about when you look in the mirror. Here God's Word describes sin as a dark red stain, not just on a tiny area that you could cover up with a jacket, but one that covered you completely. And it's not just on the surface, sin has been rooted deep down in us since the beginning of our lives. There are certainly methods, home remedies, that people may try to get rid of sin – justifying it with a million excuses, rewriting the history of events to paint yourself in a better light, love-bombing those you've wronged with a pile of good deeds to cancel out the bad – but none of that works to completely blot out the stain.

Enter in: Jesus, the Lamb of God without *any spot or blemish*, the ultimate Stain Remover. This is his method for removing your stains completely – Step 1: He was **"born of a woman, so that he would be born under the law, in order to redeem those under the law."** (Galatians 4:4,5). He actively avoided all of the sinful slop that the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh have coated us with, perfectly obeying the will of the Father. Step 2: He suffered and died on your behalf, so that you could **wash [your] robes and make them white in the blood of the Lamb** (Revelation 7:14). Step 3: He rose on Easter Morning, and is coming again **to transform our humble bodies to be like his glorious body** (Philippians 3:21). His sacrifice means that you are washed clean of every last one of your sins, from crimson red to sparkling white. Take that to heart as you follow Jesus to the cross on Good Friday and see him rise on Easter Morning. He has redeemed you, forgiven you, and washed you clean!

*"I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God; he bears them all and frees us from the accursed load. I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains white in his blood most precious till not a spot remains."* (CW 798:1)

### St. Paul's News

**LENT MEALS AND WORSHIP** Lent worship service continues for on Wednesdays in March. In Mauston worship will be held at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. with a meal served in between services. In Adams-Friendship worship will be held at 6:00 p.m. with a meal offered beforehand starting at 4:30 p.m. The Ash Wednesday service will be a normal length service with Holy Communion. The other five services to follow will be about 30–40-minutes each.

## PASTOR JEFFREY P. MAHNKE RETURNS CALL TO SERVE OUR ST. PAUL'S CONGREGATION

On Saturday, February 24, 2024, we received a phone call as well as an email letter which was read in both Churches on Sunday/Monday, February 25, 2024, informing us that after extensive deliberation, Pastor Jeffrey P. Mahnke is returning and declining our Divine Call to serve our St. Paul's congregation's vacancy Pastor position.

Quoting Pastor Mahnke's words: "He believes that it is best for our Lord's Kingdom that he remains where he is now serving at St. Peters in Schofield/Wausau". He added, "the decision did not come easily, and there were multiple reasons, all compelling, for him to accept our Divine Call, but in the end there also were/are compelling reasons for him to remain where he is."

Our 2nd Call Selection meeting will now be held on Sunday afternoon, March 10, 2024, at 1:00p.m., in the St. Paul's Mauston Church Fellowship Hall.

May the Good Lord guide us in bringing a third Shepherd to be part of our St. Paul's Pastoral team.  
Ron Pfaff, President, St. Paul's

## SPECIAL VOTER'S 2ND CALL MEETING TO BE HELD IN MAUSTON CHURCH:

On Sunday Afternoon, March 10, 2024 at 1:00pm, at the St. Paul's Mauston Campus Church Fellowship Hall, our entire St. Paul's Congregation members from both Mauston and Adams-Friendship campuses are all invited to attend a Special Voter's 2nd Call Meeting.

We value and appreciate all of our Congregation Member involvement in Church decisions even if you are not an eligible Voter. We encourage selfless service to Christ's Church and your willingness to keep informed about the business of our Church.

At this Special Voter's 2nd Call meeting needed to fill the vacancy position left by Pastor Sellnow leaving to accept a call in Arizona, our Circuit Pastor Dave Karow will represent our Circuit President and will present us with a slate of Pastors that he recommends could fit our needs. We will be given a small history of each Pastor on the slate and then we will discuss and vote by secret written ballot on which one we should call.

Note: If you are an Eligible voter and have not attended a Voter's meeting in the past calendar year, but you did attend the Special Pre-Call Meeting on Jan. 14, 2024, or the 1st Call Meeting on Jan. 28, 2024, or the January 28, 2024 Annual Church Voter's Meeting, then you did make yourself eligible to vote at this 2nd Call meeting because these meetings were all considered Voter's Meetings. Attendance at this meeting will make you eligible to vote at future Voter's meetings over the next calendar year.

Reminder: Our Constitution and Bylaws state that eligible voting members are those Male Communicant Members who have declared their agreement with the Constitution, who are at least 18 years of age, and who have attended at least one (1) Voter's Meeting in the previous calendar year, which means one (1) year previous to this present meeting.  
Ron Pfaff, President, St. Paul's

MID WEEK BIBLE STUDY INTRODUCING JESUS: A PRIMER FOR READING THE GOSPELS - In this study, we will take a look at the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John from a bird's eye view, appreciating both the relationship they have to each other and the unique perspectives of Jesus they bring to their audiences. This study will be beneficial not only for those new to the Bible, but also for Christians looking to connect the dots on the Scriptures they know well. Starting Wednesday, April 3, at 10AM & 7:30 PM in Mauston, and Thursday, April 4, at 10 AM in Adams-Friendship.

### *Lessons Include:*

*Part 1: "Introducing the Bible" – focusing especially on how to approach reading the Bible's 66 books*

*Part 2: "Introducing the Gospels" – exploring their historical genre and relationship to each other*

*Part 3: "Introducing the Whole Life of Jesus" – providing an overview of Jesus' life to help readers contextualize Gospel readings*

*Part 4: "Introducing Matthew: An Un/expected Jesus"*

*Part 5: "Introducing Mark: Epic Hero Jesus"*

*Part 6: "Introducing Luke: Global Jesus"*

*Part 7: "Introducing John: My God and My Friend, Jesus"*

*Part 8: "Harmonizing the Gospels"*

**THANK YOU FROM PASTOR SELLNOW** The past six years serving as your pastor have been a true privilege. I have been grateful to serve a group of Christians who are both faithful to God's Word and have a heart for the lost. I marvel at the many blessings God poured out on our work together despite our sin and failings. What a gracious Savior we have! Thank you to all of you who offered words of thanks and encouragement as our family said farewell to St. Paul's this past month. The many generous gifts and acts of kindness are appreciated. I will cherish your memory and pray for your continued growth in faith. Stay close to Jesus my dear brothers and sisters. God be with you all until we meet again – on this side of heaven, or at Jesus' feet. Your servant in Christ, Pastor Jasper Sellnow

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIPS** In recent years, St. Paul's Lutheran Church has been able to give out scholarships to our congregational members / their children who will be attending a Lutheran high school, college, or seminary. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about applying for a scholarship, please let me know by May 15, 2024. Thank you. Bob Storandt (bobstorandt@gmail.com or 608.393.7045)

## **Mauston News & Notes**

### **THANK YOU TO LEER MANUFACTURING, NEW LISBON FOR CHAIR DONATION:**

We would like to extend a huge Thank You to Leer Manufacturing of New Lisbon who graciously gave us 87 good quality chairs for our Mauston Church Fellowship Hall, as well as some office style chairs to replace some of our older office chairs in Mauston and Adams- Friendship. Not only did Leer donate them to us, but they also delivered them to us.

Thank You also to our member Debra Marschall who works for Leer. On Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024, she called to let us know that these chairs were available because Leers felt they needed to replace their lunch room chairs along with their tables and they were looking for someone to take them immediately because the new ones were arriving and they had no storage available for the ones they had. The chairs are all in good condition and we accepted the offer which was very hard to refuse.

On Friday morning, Feb. 23 rd , Debra and the Quality Control Director at Leers delivered the chairs free of charge. I would like to thank our Mauston Cleaning Crew of Robin and Nancy Primley, Bob and Kathy Buss, Howard and Kathy Radtke, Linda Skaer, and volunteers Marcia and Barry Voigt and Cindy Pfaff, who graciously unloaded the chairs from the flat bed, then washed and sanitized every chair before placing them around the tables. They also hauled all of the folding chairs out to store in our garage so we can use them to loan out to any of our Church Members who may choose to borrow them for family gatherings, etc. by signing them out. We also brought in from our garage about 15 good quality blue chairs which we have been storing, to use to fill for the 96 total we needed for the fellowship hall and other areas of the Church.

Ron Pfaff, President, St. Paul's

**LAWN CARE 2024** Unless there are any objections, I will maintain the 2023 lawn mowing schedule the same for 2024. If anyone is unable to mow during their assigned dates, please arrange a substitute. As I will be laid up following back surgery the first half of the year, I am looking for a volunteer to assist Todd.W. with mowing during my absence.for May 21st-27th, July 2nd-8th and August 13th-19th. Thank you for your assistance.

Dennis Montey, Buildings and Grounds/Mauston.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CLUB - DART BALL** The Men's Lutheran Fellowship club will begin the fall season on the third Thursday of every month. The next one is on March 21 at 6:30 pm. We will meet at church to have a devotion and then some friendly dart ball competition. See Pastor Wilke if you have any questions about the men's fellowship club – dart ball.

### **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP IN MAUSTON**

Join us starting next Sunday for Holy Week. Note the service times below.

*Palm Sunday: March 24 at 7:45 am & 10:30 a.m. & March 25 at 6:00pm*

*Maundy Thursday: March 28 at 4:00pm & 6:00 p.m.*

*Good Friday: March 29 at 1:00 pm & 6:00 p.m.*

*Easter Sunday: March 31, at 7:45 am & 10:30 a.m.*

*\*\*\*\*\*No Monday evening service on April 1st*

### EASTER BREAKFAST AT ST. PAUL'S

The congregation and guests are invited to participate in Easter breakfast here at St. Paul's Mauston from 8:45 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024. A free will offering will be taken at the door.

The Church Council and their wives will be organizing and working the breakfast and will be assisted by the church youth group who will receive the proceeds from the free will offering to use to support their group's needs. Any other willing volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

There are three (3) sign up clipboards in the Narthex with one being for Church Council and youth group volunteer duty signup and two (2) for needed food donations from the congregation, which includes eggs, diced ham, breakfast rolls/coffee cake/sweet rolls/etc., butter, bread for toast, milk, and orange juice. The dates and times also are listed for when these food items need to be brought to the church kitchen. Your donations will be greatly appreciated to again make this a successful fellowship event. Thanks, Barry Voigt/Fellowship

### CLEAN THE KITCHEN DAY

WOW is having a clean the kitchen day March 2nd at 10:30. We are asking Sunday school parents, JAM helpers, and anyone else that uses the kitchen regularly to help. There will be a free will offering pizza lunch. Reorganizing, cleaning the oven and deep cleaning are on the schedule. Come when you can. Many hands make for easy work.

THANK YOU TO the many congregation members who generously donated the various food items and drinks that made this a very delicious and successful farewell meal.

I would also like to thank all who volunteered to help set up the fellowship hall, serve the food and drinks, and clean up after for Pastor Sellnow's farewell gathering's here at St Paul's in Mauston. Sincerely, Barry Voigt/Fellowship Chairman

## **Adams-Friendship News & Notes**

### EASTER FOR KIDS MARCH 23

On Saturday, March 23, we will hold an Easter for Kids event here at church from 10:00 a.m. till noon. All children 12 and under are welcome. Please bring your children and invite those you know in our community. We will share the real meaning of Easter from the Bible, sing songs (including a song all are invited to sing on Sunday, March 24, in our morning Palm Sunday worship service), participate in an Easter egg hunt, and enjoy lunch provided by the congregation. If you would like to assist with this event please sign up in the church fellowship hall.

### EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN UP

Please sign up if you plan to join us for Easter breakfast so we can have an idea of how many people we will need to serve. You can also indicate if you plan to bring a dish to pass. All are welcome! Breakfast will start at 8:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday, March 31st.

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*Maundy Thursday: March 28 at 6:00 p.m.*

*Good Friday: March 29 at 6:00 p.m.*

*Easter Sunday: March 31, at 10:30 a.m.*

## **Lil' Lambs News and Notes**

In or out like a Lion or Lamb... which will it be? That's the old saying right?? March.... comes in like one and out like another. What a blessing to know that our Savior is BOTH -- Lion and a lamb -- the Lamb of God that takes away our sins and a lion that fiercely defends and protects us! At Lil' Lambs we will celebrate our Savior as a Lion and the Lamb!! We teach children the truths about His gentle loving saving grace AND about the fierce way he protects us and helps us through tough challenges. Our lion and Lamb -- what a blessing to be able to share these truths with our Lil' Lambs!

Will you help?? We are having a 'work day' on March 16th to put in some new ceiling tiles, put down some new baseboards, do some deep cleaning and change out some outlets/ switches! Please come join us at 9am -- many hands will make it go very quickly!! Thank you for your help!

# St. Paul's – Mauston

# March 2024

|   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| <b>31</b><br><b>Easter Sunday</b><br>7:45 am Worship Service<br>9:00 am Easter Breakfast<br>10:30 am Worship Service  |   |   |   |  | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>10:30 am Kitchen Clean up<br>11:00 am Rock and Shield |
| <b>3</b><br>7:45 am Worship Service<br>9:00 am Sunday School<br>Adult Bible Study<br>10:00 am Praise Choir<br>10:30 am Worship Service  | <b>4</b><br>3:45 pm Lil' Lambs Chapel<br>6:00 pm Worship Service<br>7:00pm Choir  | <b>5</b><br>6:00 pm Bible Information Class                                     | <b>6</b><br>11:15 am Lil Lambs Chapel<br>4:00 pm Lenten Service<br>5:00 pm Lenten Soup and Sandwich<br>6:00pm Lenten Service  | <b>7</b><br>11:15 am Lil Lambs Chapel<br>1:00 pm Lil' Lambs Staff Meeting<br>3:30 pm JAM                             | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b><br>9:00 am WOW Meeting                                   |
| <b>10</b><br>7:45 am Worship Service<br>9:00 am Sunday School<br>Adult Bible Study<br>10:00 am Praise Choir<br>10:30 am Worship Service<br>1:00 pm Special Call Meeting (2 <sup>nd</sup> )<br>Council Meeting @ Mauston | <b>11</b><br>3:45 pm Lil' Lambs Chapel<br>6:00 pm Worship Service<br>7:00pm Choir | <b>12</b><br><b>Pastor's Circuit Meeting</b><br>6:00 pm Bible Information Class | <b>13</b><br>11:15 am Lil Lambs Chapel<br>4:00 pm Lenten Service<br>5:00 pm Lenten Soup and Sandwich<br>6:00pm Lenten Service | <b>14</b><br>11:15 am Lil Lambs Chapel<br>1:00 pm Lil' Lambs Staff Meeting<br>3:30 pm JAM                            | <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b><br>10:00 am Fairview worship service                    |
| <b>17</b><br>7:45 am Worship Service<br>9:00 am Sunday School<br>Adult Bible Study<br>10:00 am Praise Choir<br>10:30 am Worship Service   | <b>18</b><br>3:45 pm Lil' Lambs Chapel<br>6:00 pm Worship Service<br>7:00pm Choir | <b>19</b><br>10:00 am Crestview service<br>6:00 pm Bible Information Class      | <b>20</b><br>11:15 am Lil Lambs Chapel<br>4:00 pm Lenten Service<br>5:00 pm Lenten Soup and Sandwich<br>6:00pm Lenten Service | <b>21</b><br>11:15 am Lil Lambs Chapel<br>1:00 pm Lil' Lambs Staff Meeting<br>3:30 pm JAM<br>6:30 pm Men's Dart Ball | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b>   |
| <b>24</b><br><b>Palm Sunday</b><br>7:45 am Worship Service<br>9:00 am Sunday School<br>Adult Bible Study<br>10:00 am Praise Choir<br>10:30 am Worship Service   | <b>25</b><br>3:45 pm Lil' Lambs Chapel<br>6:00 pm Worship Service<br>7:00pm Choir | <b>26</b><br>6:00 pm Bible Information Class                                    | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b><br><b>Maundy Thursday</b><br>4:00pm Service<br>6:00pm Service  | <b>29</b><br><b>Good Friday</b><br>1:00pm Service<br>6:00pm Service | <b>30</b>   |

# St. Paul's – Adams-Friendship

## March 2024

| Sunday  | Monday    | Tuesday                               | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday                           |
|---|-----------|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|------------------------------------|
| <b>31</b><br><b>Easter Sunday</b><br>9:15 am Easter Breakfast<br>10:30 am Worship   |           |                                       |  |   | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>                           |
| <b>3</b><br>9:15 am Sunday School<br>9:15 am Bible Study <i>Revelation</i><br>10:30 am Worship  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>                              | <b>6</b><br>4:30 pm Lenten Supper<br>6:00 pm Lenten Service  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>                           |
| <b>10</b><br>9:15 am Sunday School<br>9:15 am Bible Study <i>Revelation</i><br>10:30 am Worship<br>1:00 pm Special Call Meeting (2 <sup>nd</sup> )<br>Council Meeting @ Mauston | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b><br>Pastor's Circuit Meeting | <b>13</b><br>4:30 pm Lenten Supper<br>6:00 pm Lenten Service | <b>14</b>                                       | <b>15</b>                                       | <b>16</b>                          |
| <b>17</b><br>9:15 am Sunday School<br>9:15 am Bible Study <i>Revelation</i><br>10:30 am Worship   | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b>                             | <b>20</b><br>4:30 pm Lenten Supper<br>6:00 pm Lenten Service | <b>21</b>                                       | <b>22</b>                                       | <b>23</b><br>10:00 Easter for Kids |
| <b>24</b><br><b>Palm Sunday</b><br>9:15 am Sunday School<br>9:15 am Bible Study <i>Revelation</i><br>10:30 am Worship   | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b>                             | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b><br>Maundy Thursday<br>6:00 pm Service | <b>29</b><br>Maundy Thursday<br>6:00 pm Service | <b>30</b>                          |

## Mauston March Birthdays

- 1 Robert Buss, Jonathan Phillips
- 2 Robert Storandt, Cameron Dahlgren, Alyssa Mejia-Crowe, Harold Seeley, Arabella Berndt
- 3 Brian Daus, Talon Fielitz, James Culotta
- 4 Heather Green, Henry Miller, Wayne Kenke
- 5 Landon Harmon, Bob Skaer, Shar Weibel
- 6 Shirley Leak, Grace Miltimore, Stephanie Berndt, McKenize Jirousek, Mikel Goodwin
- 7 Noah Mills
- 8 Brad Hansen, Ashton Dahlgren
- 9 Shirley Dogs, William Rosier, Dorothy Radtke
- 10 Jane Hamburg, Isabella Tracy
- 11 George Jirousek, Clifton Trute, Preston Hemerley
- 12 Colby Puhl
- 13 Elizabeth Titus, Jessalyn Wollin
- 14 Christopher Jopling, Madisen Miller
- 15 Emberly Bell, Miranda Culotta
- 16 Thomas Winker
- 17
- 18 Jennifer Clough, Dennis Montey
- 19
- 20 Evelyn Cowan, Brittanie Coleman
- 21
- 23 Melissa Wollin, Skyylar Brescia
- 24 Morgan Firlus
- 25 Duane Leak, Lori Manville, Karrie Fritz, Annette Baumgarten
- 26 John Ouellett, Colton Smith
- 27 James Kufner
- 28 Jeanette Demaske, Taylor Dahlgren
- 29 Alexandria Beenken, Aubree Jacobson, Patricia Dorr
- 30 Francis Larson, Heather Goodwin
- 31 Christian Tooley

## Adams-Friendship March Birthdays

2. Christopher Collins
3. Ross Stanley, Chad White
4. Jane Bader, Brian Bailey
5. Jeffery Schultz
9. Jenna Dominguez
17. Myrtle Gurecki
18. Donald Jungbluth
19. Joseph Nicpon
21. Susan Paape
25. Evan Henthorne
26. James Goodman

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In Adams-Friendship: 511 West Lake St., Friendship  
Worship in Mauston: Sunday at 7:45 and 10:30 am, Monday at 6 pm  
Worship in Adams-Friendship: Sunday at 10:30 am  
Sunday School: 9:15 am in Adams-Friendship (during school year)

# *The Good News Letter*