

UPCOMING EVENTS:



March:

- March 2 - Sunny Side Up! Ladies Breakfast
- March 5 - CWF Meeting
- March 6, 13, 20 - Soup Suppers, 5:30-7pm
- March 23 - Men's Breakfast, 8-9:30 am
- March 24 - Palm Sunday Service
- March 29 - Good Friday Service, 6-7pm
- March 31 - Easter Service

April:

- April 2 - CWF Meeting
- April 6 - Sunny Side Up! Ladies Breakfast
- April 20 - Men's Breakfast
- April 27 - Friendship Banquet, 6 pm
- April 28 - Jonah's Druthers Musical

May:

- May 4 - Sunny Side Up!
- May 7 - CWF Meeting
- May 12 - Mother's Day
- May 18 - Men's Breakfast

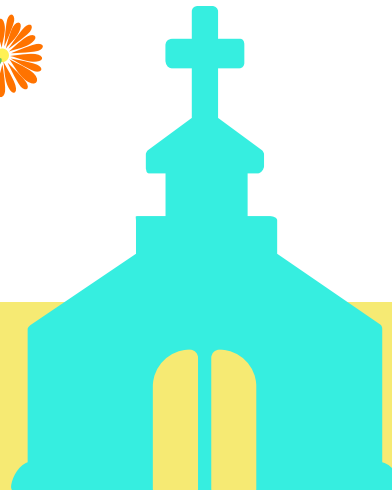


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ST. PAUL'S CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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NEWSLETTER GREETINGS

There Is One Gospel on Which We Stand

A wonderful song that we sing together on Sunday mornings is called, "There Is One Gospel." Verse One of this song says:

***There is one Gospel on which I stand for all eternity.
It is my story, my Father's plan. The Son has rescued me.
Oh what a Gospel, Oh what a peace.
My highest joy and my deepest need.
Now and forever He is my light.
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.***



This wonderful, true Gospel is what we have been looking at and reflecting on quite a bit lately at our church. Pastor Adam started preaching through the book of Galatians in January & it has been so encouraging to be reminded that there is no other gospel than the One True Gospel of Jesus Christ that we see clearly in the Scriptures.

We have been seeing reminders from Paul in Galatians that our salvation does not depend on our own works or righteousness. Our salvation is accomplished by God's work of justification, and as Pastor Adam has had us declare together on Sunday mornings: *Justification is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, for the glory of God alone.*

Here are some wonderful reminders from Pastor Adam's sermons in Galatians so far: God's Word trumps man's word and we as a church need His Word. We want to be a church that reject's man's gospel and remembers that we can't be people pleasers and servants of Christ. God grants us peace and grace in the Gospel because Jesus gave Himself for our sins. Remember that there is no other gospel & that distorted gospels are no gospel at all. Distorted gospels sabotage true gospel ministry, lead to slavery, and those who distort the gospel are accursed.

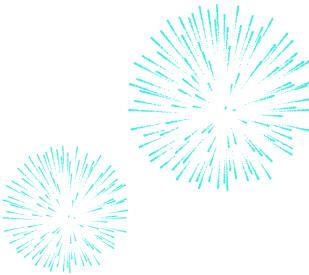
As we continue to sit together under the Word of God in Galatians on Sunday mornings, may we do what Pastor Adam has encouraged us to do as a church: Reflect upon our lives before Jesus & Rejoice in God's call upon our lives. May we continue to reject man's distorted gospels, uniting & standing together as a church around the One True Gospel & Scriptures, "that the truth of the Gospel might be preserved in us" (Galatians 2:5)

- Shirley Schultz - Apr. 13
- Barb Blandford - Apr. 15
- Cyrus Clark - Apr. 17
- Dave Barlow - Apr. 18
- Ellen Halmagyi - Apr. 18
- Ginny Woodruff - Apr. 18
- Lydia Grusy - Apr. 20
- Cathy Wells - Apr. 21
- Carol Bridgman - Apr. 22
- Carrie Cole - Apr. 23
- Robert Muehlberger - Apr. 24
- Georgia Hoffner - Apr. 25
- Kyle LaMar - Apr. 25
- Joel Eisenach - Apr. 28
- River Rose Strawser - Apr. 30



May Anniversaries:

- Don & Pat Steinmetz - May 12 (32 years)
- Gary & Donna Belitz - May 24 (68 years)
- Brian & Christy Martin - May 25 (6 years)
- Stephen & Ginny Woodruff - May 25 (44 years)
- Ed & Debby Rogers - May 27 (51 years)



May Birthdays:

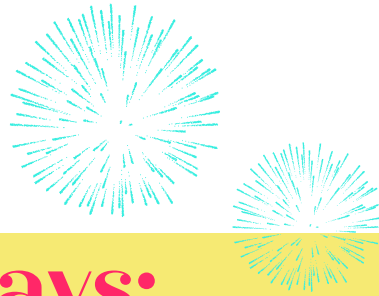
- Steve Zumbrun - May 2
- Patrick Huizingh - May 2
- Ryan Huizingh - May 3
- Sue Henry-Foose - May 6
- Isaac Knutson/Martin - May 12
- Jeff Halmagyi - May 13
- Debbie Croteau - May 14
- Betty Hoffner - May 14
- Joyce Ruff - May 16
- Joyce Giesick - May 18
- Irene Wiegel - May 19
- Barb Zimmerman - May 19
- Danae Rowe - May 19
- Ed Rogers - May 21
- Owen Preshaw - May 24
- Levi Van Ideeking - May 26
- Nancy Nocella - May 27
- Reid Preshaw - May 28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Anniversaries & Birthdays:

March Anniversaries:

- Adam & Sarah Strawser - March 6 (3 years)
- Rodger & Melanie Giesick - March 24 (45 years)
- Ryan & Sarah Huizingh - March 28 (15 years)



March Birthdays:

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| • Luke Van Iddekinge - Mar. 2 | • Phyllis Schultz - Mar. 13 |
| • Luann Barlow - Mar. 4 | • Bill Cron - Mar. 17 |
| • Brenda Kastner - Mar. 6 | • Kate Noce - Mar. 18 |
| • Larry Baumgartner - Mar. 8 | • Debby Rogers - Mar. 19 |
| • Theresa Burris - Mar. 9 | • Silas Cook - Mar. 20 |
| • Larry Ackroyd - Mar. 10 | • Jamie Cook - Mar. 23 |
| • Richard Foose - Mar. 11 | • Corban Cole - Mar. 29 |
| • Ruth Margheim - Mar. 12 | |



April Anniversaries:

- Jared & April Siron - April 8
- Rick & Barb Zimmerman - April 12 (54 years)

April Birthdays:

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| • Bruce Rowe - Apr. 1 | • Madisyn Cook - Apr. 3 |
| • Zoey Cole - Apr. 1 | • Claudia Sitzman - Apr. 5 |
| • Bob Zimmerman - Apr. 2 | • Sue Bridgman - Apr. 9 |
| • Helen Hergenreder - Apr. 2 | • Don Steinmetz - Apr. 11 |
| • Brooklyn Hanson - Apr. 2 | • Brian Martin - Apr. 13 |



NEW MEMBERS



In December of 2023, we brought 13 new members into our church!

We praise God for: Doris Cain, Bill & Ruth Cron, Heather Croteau, Jacky Derr, Ronn Groves, Robert Muehlberger, Ed & Debby Rogers, Mariana Rohn, Alan Sloan, Cathy Wells, & Deanna Zuniga!

Please make sure to introduce yourself to these new members & make them feel welcome!



CHURCH BOARD

At our Annual Meeting on January 28th, we recognized three new church board members: Kyle LaMar & Rusty Morgan as trustees, & Tim Van Iddekinge as the treasurer. Thank you to Dave Kerbs & Deb Miller who faithfully served on the church board for a number of years! We are so thankful for you! Please be praying for our church board that God would be giving them wisdom & unity in this year!

PRAYER FOR THE BOARD ON SUNDAY 2/11:



Church Board Members:

Adam Grusy, Jeff Halmagyi, Gary Vander Wal, Tim Van Iddekinge, Lynn Weitzel, Mark Bridgman, John Coleman, Ken Fulton, Steve Zumbrun, Richard Klein, Kyle LaMar, Rusty Morgan, George Santacruz, & Jared Siron

LADIES CHRISTMAS HOUSE MAKING FUN

On December 9th, the ladies of St. Paul's got together for a lovely time of fellowship at the Ladies Christmas Luncheon. The theme this year was "Festival of Trees." The food provided by CWF was delicious & we enjoyed a program that included Sue Kerb's granddaughter, Addy, sharing with us about God's work in her life. **Thank you to CWF** for blessing the ladies of St. Paul's with this fun event every December!





GINGERBREAD LUNCHEON



On December 16th, we had a fun time of making gingerbread houses together. So many different, creative houses were made. And there were so many fun treats to decorate with. The main challenge is to focus on creating more than eating. 😊
Thank you to everyone who donated candy for this event! THANK YOU also to Katie Shilts for putting this on!



Thank you to Claudia Sitzman & Sue Kerbs, who worked really hard to organize this & put it on! 💕

Psalm 1
*Blessed is the man... whose delight is in the law of the Lord...
He is **like a tree planted** by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.*



look at all these options!

CHRISTMAS CHOIRS/INSTRUMENTS

We had a wonderful Christmas season together as a church! We celebrated our Savior's birth by numerous choirs singing, special music, the advent candles being lit each Sunday, and rejoicing together at the Christmas Eve Candlelight service that we look forward to each year.

What a blessing it is to celebrate together each year the wonderful, true story of Jesus taking on human flesh to save us from our sins. He was born as a baby, lived the perfect, sinless life we could never live, died on the cross for our sins, & rose again in victory. Emmanuel - God With Us! What hope we celebrate at Christmas!

Youth Playing Instruments for the Prelude:



Jeremiah Huizingh



Noah Huizingh



Matthew Huizingh



Kendra Van Iddekinge



Lydia Grusy



Children's Choir



Young Women's Choir



Adult Choir

