

Epistle *March*

2025

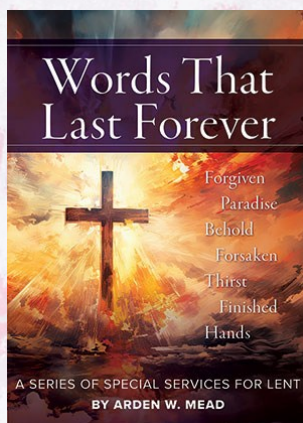
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OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

This year our Lenten Services will be from ***“Words That Last Forever”*** This classic series focuses on how Christ mapped out his way of suffering with seven famous last words—final phrases that served as tiny touchstones along his path to salvation for us. We will follow this each Wednesday during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday.



WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICES

Ash Wednesday:
March 5th 2025 7pm @ St. Pauls

Lenten Wednesday worship will be at St. Paul's with Soup and Sandwich preceding at 6pm, worship starting at 7:00pm.

Sunday March 16th: Worship will be @ Bethel

Holy Week

Wednesday - A blended choir service entitled ***“Not My Will, But Yours @ Bethel at 7:00pm***

Maundy Thursday - 7pm at Bethel with a meal beforehand @6pm.

Good Friday - Noon at Bethel and 7pm at St. Paul's.

Easter Sunday - 9am at St. Paul's and 11:15am @ Bethel.

March Birthdays

- Mar 3rd Jaiden Fellows
Jenna Fellows
- Mar 6th Rodney Kahler
- Mar 7th Jake Lutz
- Mar 10th Joey Valcarcel
- Mar 11th Robert Schell Jr.
- Mar 12th Liam McCloskey
- Mar 15th Scott Sube
Bill Cartwright
- Mar 16th Michaela Zeller
- Mar 18th Abigail Johnson
Joey Lutz
- Mar 19th Lori King
- Mar 24th Ronald Alexander
- Mar 25th Daniel Mildenstein
- Mar 26th Ellen Gupta
- Mar 28th Lauren Barrett



Help us decorate for Easter by purchasing an Easter Lily. They are available for \$13.00 each.

Sign up using the sign up sheet on the side bulletin board or call the Parish Office to purchase with a check or cash.

Remember, you don't have to throw these beautiful lilies away; they can be planted in your garden for next year's blooming!

***Please don't forget to designate your dedication.**

April 13th is the final date to order!



Victoria Park Spring Event

Sunday, March 23rd, Noon—2pm

Please join us for an afternoon of games with the residents at Victoria Park! We will be serving pizza and desserts. Please see the link below to sign up. Desserts can be brought to church on the day of the event or call if other arrangements need to be made.
www.PerfectPotluck.com/XOIB2781

Lori King 301-693-2328
Amy Mildenstein 301-646-3304

We are blessed to continue this relationship with the residents and live our mission of "Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind and spirit of all."



Join us Friday's during Lent @5:00pm for fellowship and conversation.

Starting March 7th, 5pm @ Glory Days on 7th Street in Frederick.

****We will not meet on March 14th but will resume for the remainder of Lent on March 21st. Details on future locations to follow.**



Cemetery plots available. Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick, Maryland, 3 spaces.

\$6,500, negotiable. Serious inquiries only.

Area "SS"

Lot No. 177-C containing spaces 4, 5 & 6.

These lots are in the newer areas and easily seen from the highway.

As of July 2022 lots in "SS" start at \$3,200 each (9,600) and will continue to increase making now a good time to purchase and be prepared.

Open to reasonable and fair offers. Must meet at the cemetery office to transfer deed with their attorney and witness. Seller willing to pay \$200 transfer fee for deed. Cash only. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

Pastor's Peace

"Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes." Daniel 9:3

As we approach the season of Lent, we are invited once again into a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal. Lent is a season in the Church Year that calls us to deepen our relationship with God, to remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and to prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

Lent is not simply a time of giving up something, but a season to draw closer to our Savior. It is an opportunity to examine our lives, confess our sins, and be renewed in our faith. During this holy time, we reflect on the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, fasting and praying, preparing for His ministry.

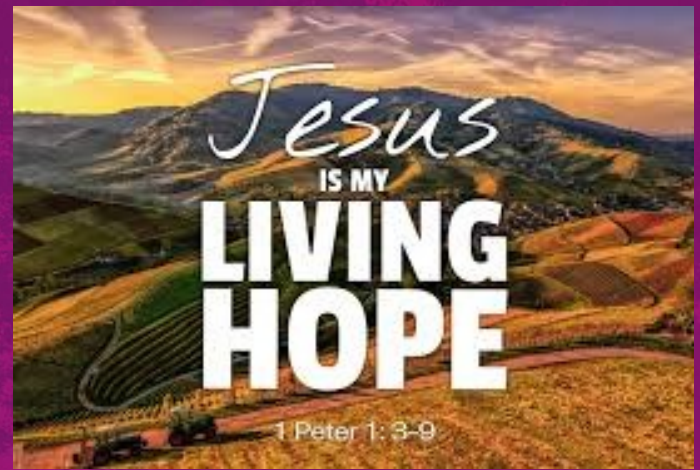
Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5th, a day when we receive ashes on our foreheads as a reminder of our mortality and our need for God's grace. This solemn day marks the beginning of our Lenten journey, as we reflect on our need for repentance and renewal. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus calls us to "repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near" (Matthew 4:17). Lent is a time to heed that call, a time to examine our lives, seek forgiveness, and recommit ourselves to following Jesus.

Ash Wednesday Service March 5, 2025 at 7PM. We will begin our focus on important words in our Lenten Journey with a conversation around the word Forgive. We will also celebrate the imposition of ashes.

Our Midweek Lenten Services will commence the following week with Soup and Sandwich in the Parish Hall at 6PM followed by worship in the Sanctuary March 12, 2025. We will gather for worship, prayer, and reflection each Wednesday during Lent. This year's theme will be "Words that Last Forever" focusing on key words leading up to Christ's sacrifice for us.

Holy Week Services:

- Palm Sunday: April 13th at 9:00 AM
- Wednesday of Holy Week April 16 th at 7:00 PM at Bethel Lutheran ***Not My Will But Yours***
- Maundy Thursday: April 17th at 7:00 PM
- Good Friday: April 18th at 7:00 PM
- Easter Vigil: April 19 th at 5:00 PM Location TBD
- Easter Sunday: April 20th at 9:00 AM



Pastor's Peace cont'd.

In addition to worship, we encourage you to take time for daily devotions throughout Lent. We will be posting daily Lenten devotions on our Facebook Page and will also be able to share devotions electronically if you would like to manage on your own. These devotionals will guide you in your reflections and prayers, helping you stay centered on the cross of Christ.

Lent is also an opportunity for us to share our thoughts and experiences with one another. Please join us on Friday evenings in Lent for Lager for Lent where we will focus on our own words for Lent beginning with Repentance. Let this season of Lent be a time of spiritual renewal for all of us. May we walk together with Christ toward the cross, ever grateful for His sacrifice and the promise of new life.

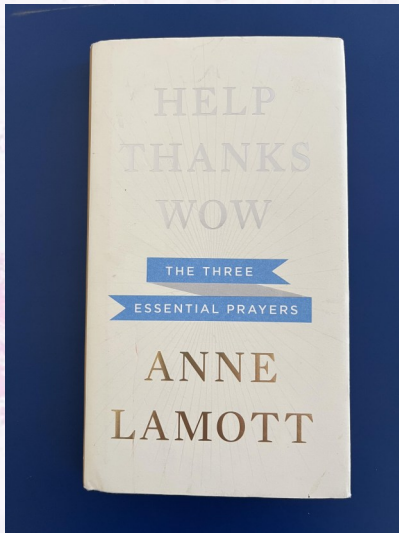
"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth" Psalm 145:18:

Should you have any questions or concerns, I am glad to speak with you at any time.

Peace Pastor Phil

Email: pastor@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org

Cell phone: 202-497-0584



As an option for a Lenten discipline, a short book study of *Help, Thanks, Wow* by Anne Lamott is being offered. If you have no prayer routine, don't know how to do "it", or want to expand what you currently do, then this is for you. The author uses humor and insight to explain how her view of prayer gets us through the day and shows us the way forward. Books will be provided. See Susan Hayes if you are Interested or call the Parish Office. We will meet right after the service. All are welcome, we just need to be sure that we have enough books on hand.

Time: 10:00-11:00 Sundays

Place: TBD

Dates: March 2nd Session #1 Receive books and general information (10-15 minutes)

March 9th Session #1 HELP

March 16th Service @ Bethel

March 23rd Session #2 THANKS

March 30th Session #3 WOW

The Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project.



It's March! floss sticks, dental floss, bath puffs, 3 in 1 body wash for kids!

Feel free to give monetary donations to Kay Wachter as well!

The Red Cross and St. Paul's continue to partner in 2025 to bring a blood drive into our community. Our first drive for the year is **March 21st**, please consider making your appointment today, your donation is needed!

See the weekly email for the link to sign up or call the Parish Office for assistance.



UPCOMING EVENTS

March

Faith Formation, every Sunday except first Sunday of the Month,
Ministry Sunday - March 5th, Midweek Service with soup and
Sandwich every Wednesday, **March 16th, Worship @ Bethel**, Spring
at Victoria Park on March 23rd

April

Faith Formation, every Sunday except first Sunday of the Month,
April 6th Ministry Sunday. Midweek Service with soup and Sandwich
every Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter!

May

Faith Formation, every Sunday, May 4th Ministry Sunday, May 17th
Strawberry Festival.

