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St. Paul's Epistles

Confessing from a Place of Salvation: by Pastor Shawn

Genesis 3:17-19 to Adam he [God] said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

These were the words God spoke to Adam upon his rebellion in the Garden of Eden and from this judgement, the seemingly never-ending cycle of human tragedy and sin began.

In the prayer book of the church of England, you'll find at the end of it "The 39 Articles of Religion" which is their original statement of faith. This said, these articles contain one of the most vivid descriptions of the never-ending cycle of human tragedy and sin that has ever been penned. It reads:

Original sin is the fault and corruption of the Nature of every man, that naturally is engendered of the offspring of Adam; whereby man is very far gone from original righteousness, and is of his own nature inclined to evil, so that the flesh lusteth always contrary to the Spirit; and therefore in every person born into this world, it deserveth God's wrath and damnation.

Moreover, the statement continues, "This infection of nature doth remain, yea in them that are regenerated... although there is no condemnation for them that believe and are baptized..." To say it another way, as a result of Adam's sin and God's judgement, you and I and every man and woman who has ever been born is infected to their core with a tendency to think and do wrong. Along with this, original sin is a disease that is never healed. With the intervention of grace, sin is forgiven and God begins his project of making us new, but still, we are never completely free of this monster until death.

Friends, these truths have much to say about our Lenten Journey. Beginning Ash Wednesday, we came forward to receive Ashes and hear the words that God spoke over Adam, "You are dust and to dust you shall return." In doing this, we were acknowledging our place in the never-ending cycle of human tragedy and sin that begin so long ago. We were declaring, "I am an offspring of Adam you is far from original righteousness, inclined to evil, and lusts after ways that are contrary to the Spirit. I deserve God's wrath and damnation!"

Thankfully though, that is not the end of the story. For example, in John 5:24, Jesus declares, "²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has

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Sunday School 9:00am
Preschool-5th grade

**Join us for
worship
Sunday
mornings at
10:10am
or
Watch our
livestream at
stpaulssarver.com/
livestream**

To activate St. Paul's
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**Serving for the month
of March**

Ushers: Eric & Lisa Olson,
Will Fleske, Chris Cashell

Communion Assistants:
Autumn Sperski, Terry Braden

Tellers:
Nancy Altman, Marlene Lacanic,
Meridith McGinnis

Lectors:
3/2 Terry Braden
3/9 Autumn Sperski
3/16 Al Reyer
3/23 Brena Callithen
3/30 Dave DiSanti

**There will not
be an April
Newsletter**



Luther's Corner

“In Baptism the voice of the Trinity is heard, and the words of Baptism must not be understood or received in any other

way.” -Martin Luther’s Lectures of Genesis 47:31

**St. Paul's is Hosting the
first Community
Midweek Lenten
Service**

Wednesday, March 12 @noon

Midweek Community Services

Date	Host	Speaker
3/12	St. Paul's	Seth McClymonds
3/19	Summit	Shawn Smith
3/26	St. Luke's of Sax.	Jonathan Fehl
4/2	Cabot	
4/9	Zion	Matt McClain

passed from death to life.” What this passage is saying that for those who trust in Jesus’ work on their behalf receive eternal life. They have passed from the death—ashes to ashes, dust to dust—of Adam, into the resurrection life of Jesus, the second Adam.

What this means for our Lenten journeys and really our whole Christian life is this: we confess our sin from a place of salvation. That message is hidden in the ashes we started Lent with as well. For we were marked with ashes made in the sign of the cross which recalls our baptisms where we were delivered the fruits of the cross of Christ: deliverance from sin, death, and the power of the devil. This message is further brought home by the fact that the ashes are mixed with Chrism Oil—the same that were placed upon our heads in baptism when the pastor declared in Christ’s name, “Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.” Though we feel the weight of Adam’s sin from time to time, we are no longer judged. Rather, Jesus Christ became our sin for us and nailed it to the cross. We are washed sin and made new.



**St. Paul's Midweek Lenten Services
Year of the Catechism the Means of Grace
Wednesday evenings at 6pm**

- 5/12 Baptism: What it Means & What it Gives
- 3/19 Baptism: Baptism a Way of Life
- 3/26 Confession
- 4/2 Communion: What it is & What it Gives



Sunday, April 13 ~ Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 17 ~ Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7pm
Friday, April 18 ~ Good Friday Worship Service 7pm
Sunday, April 20 ~ Easter Sunday Worship Services 6:30am & 10:10am



Join us this Easter Sunday for a sit down breakfast given between the two worship services. There will two seatings available: 7:30am & 9:15. Both will include pancakes, bacon, sausage, and eggs. See you there!

Time for an updated family photo?
Monday, March 17 & Tuesday, March 18



It's not too late to be included in our new church directory and get a complimentary family portrait!

Sign up online by clicking the link on our website
stpaulssarver.com



MARCH

Birthdays

- 3/2 Hal Callithen, Sr.
Joelene Hess
George Wright
- 3/3 Nelson Bastin, Sr.
- 3/5 Theodore Donatelli
- 3/6 Vicki Cooper
- 3/7 Kaylee Turner
- 3/10 Dan Marcinko
Doris McKinny
Kelly Warriner
- 3/12 Erica Conglose
Carter Johnson
- 3/13 Jessica Jopek
- 3/17 Andrew Ohl
- 3/18 Elaine Voke
- 3/19 Jonathan Pflugh
- 3/22 Joseph Jenkins
- 3/23 Tyler Myros
Shawn Scott
- 3/24 Terry Braden
- 3/25 Carol Lux
- 3/26 Kayla Ohl
Betsy Slater
- 3/29 Peg Hanna
- 3/31 Alessa Fleske

Category	February Total	YTD Received	Annual Budget
General	13,037.06	23,378.76	
Loose	794.00	1,475.00	
Flowers	-	-	
Memorials	350.00	1,280.00	
Initial	25.00	125.00	
Heide Hall	-	150.00	
Ash Wednes-	65.00	65.00	
Quilt Guild	150.00	150.00	
Other	493.41	493.41	
Total Current	14,914.47	27,117.17	202,921
Benevolence	794.00	1,392.30	15,550
Total Received	15,708.47	28,509.47	218,471
New Building	3,007.00	5,949.00	

*Thanks,
Everyone!*



Dear St. Paul's Church,
 I am truly grateful for your kindness during the holiday season. The two gift cards were such thoughtful gifts. I will definitely be using them over the course of this semester.

Sincerely,
 Maddie Boyer

**Welcome
Spring**

Congratulations
to the 2025 Chili Cook-off
Winners

- First Place: Karen Humes
- Second Place: Herb Speer
- Third Place: Dave Disanti



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Talk 10:10am Worship Service 6:00pm Confirmation	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday Services noon & 7:00pm	6 Bag Night 6:30pm	7	8
9 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Talk 10:10am Worship Service 6:00pm Confirmation	10 Council Meeting 6:30pm	11	12 Community Lenten Service ~ noon Midweek Lenten Service ~ 6pm Bell Choir ~ 6:30pm	13 Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm	14	15
16 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Talk 10:10am Worship Service 6:00pm Confirmation	17 Cabot Food Bank 8:30am & 5:30 pm Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions	18 Women's Group 9:30am Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions	19 Midweek Lenten Service ~ 6pm Bell Choir ~ 6:30pm	20 Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm	21	22
23 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Talk 10:10am Contemporary Worship Service 6:00pm Confirmation	24 Quilt Guild Sew In (all day)	25 VBS Planning Meeting 6:30pm	26 Midweek Lenten Service ~ 6pm Bell Choir ~ 6:30pm	27	28	29
30 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Talk 10:10am Worship Service 6:00pm Confirmation	31 Worship & Music Meeting 11:00am					



St. Paul's Preschool and Women's Group will be holding their annual Yard Sale on Saturday, May 3. Although we will be accepting donations at a later date, it's not too soon to start collecting items you wish to contribute! Please no large appliances and only children's clothing. Thank you in advance of your support of our ministries.

Log on to the NALC Website to download the NALC Lenten Devotions for 2025
<http://the-nalc.org/lenten-easter-devotional-2025>

