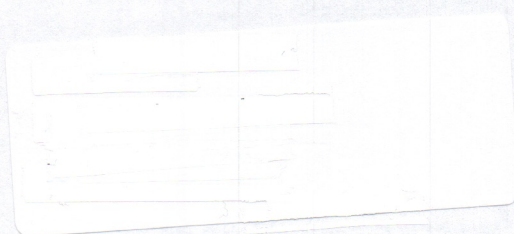




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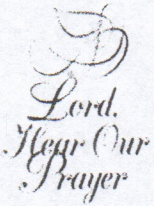




St. Paul's
EPISTLE

February 2020

Prayer List



*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

The family and friends of Sue Vandervate, with special prayer needs: Richard Schaible, Marge Misek, Jack White, Tonya Burke (Dolly's niece), Andrea Evans, Lynn Jerde, Gerry Norton, Libby Tipton, Kay Watson, Jackie Reusch, sister-in-law of Anna Appleby (Raymond's wife), Karl Croffoot.

Our shut-in: Anna Appleby.

If you would like to serve as a "prayer warrior" on the Prayer Chain and pray or know of someone who needs prayer, please call Barbara Schaible at (815-591-3306). And if you can provide an update on anyone on this list who is not a church member, please contact the pastors. Thank you.



Parish Calendar of Events

<u>Event/Mtg.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Contact</u> <i>(in case of ?)</i>
Trinity Making Filled Noodles	Sun., Feb. 2	After worship	Trinity	Karen Koester
St. Paul Annual Meeting	Sun., Feb. 2	11:30 a.m.	St. Paul	Don Crawford
Elizabeth Nursing Home Worship	Sun., Feb. 2	1:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Nursing Home	Pastor Bruce or Pastor Lisa
Pastors at Continuing Ed.*	Mon., Feb. 3- Wed., Feb. 5			Pastor Bruce or Pastor Lisa
Community of Christians Meeting	Wed., Feb. 5	1:30 p.m.	St. Paul, Elizabeth	Pastor Bruce
Quilting at St. John	Thu., Feb. 6	9:00 a.m. - ?	St. John	Eileen Hughes
Confirmation class*	Thu., Feb. 6	5:15 p.m.	St. Paul	Pastor Bruce or Pastor Lisa
Hanover Community Meal	Sun., Feb. 9	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	VFW, Hanover	Lois Baker
Parish Women's Group Meeting*	Mon., Feb. 10	12:00 p.m.	Charlie's in Hanover	Pastor Lisa
Trinity Council Meeting	Mon., Feb. 10	7:00 p.m.	Trinity	Pattie Krippendorf
Confirmation class*	Thu., Feb. 13	5:15 p.m.	St. Paul	Pastor Bruce or Pastor Lisa
St. Paul Council Meeting	Sun., Feb. 16	11:30 a.m.	St. Paul	Don Crawford
St. John Council Meeting	Tue., Feb. 18	7:30 p.m.	St. John	Rene Albrecht
Trinity WELCA meeting	Wed., Feb. 19	Quilting @ 9 a.m., lunch @ noon, mtg @ 1 p.m.	Trinity	Marilyn Wurster
Trinity WELCA Sewing	Sat., Feb. 22	9:00 a.m.	Trinity	Marilyn Wurster
Elizabeth Community Meal	Tue., Feb. 25	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Community Building	Monica Groezinger
Ash Wednesday service*	Wed., Feb. 26	Noon	St. Paul	Pastor Bruce or Pastor Lisa
Ash Wednesday service*	Wed., Feb. 26	3:00 p.m.	St. John	Pastor Bruce or Pastor Lisa
Ash Wednesday service*	Wed., Feb. 26	7:00 p.m.	Trinity	Pastor Bruce or Pastor Lisa
Elizabeth Nursing Home worship service	Sun., March 1	1:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Nursing Home	Pastor Bruce or Pastor Lisa
Chili/Filled Noodle Supper*	Sun., March 1	4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Trinity	Karen Koester
Mutual Ministry Meeting	Tue., March 3	7:30 p.m.	St. Paul	Chris Beyer

Parish Announcements



Ash Wednesday Services

We invite you to start your Lenten journey with Jesus towards his Cross by joining us at an Ash Wednesday service. Because this service is so important to acknowledging our need for forgiveness and repentance on our road to new life with Christ that we find on Easter morning, we will again offer services at 3 different times so that all may participate. We will begin with a service at noon at St. Paul in Hanover, followed by a 3:00 pm service at St. John in Massbach, and finally an evening service at 7:00 pm in Derinda at Trinity.

Trinity Chili/Filled Noodle Supper



Come celebrate heritage and fellowship with the handmade filled noodles and homemade chili, salads, and desserts that will be at Trinity's annual Chili and Filled Noodle Supper. Come dine in or pick up from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Sunday evening, March 1st in Derinda.

Lenten Services and Study

On Wednesday nights in Lent we will have our traditional mid-week Lenten service using Haugen's Holden Evening Prayer service with a book study following. For the book study we will once again use one of Adam Hamilton's books, *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus*. You do not need to purchase the book to come and join in. There will be a video that shows the locations of major events in Jesus' life that interpret the Bible passages that we will study.

Parish Women's Group Meeting - PLEASE NOTE TIME/LOCATION CHANGE

The Parish Women will meet for lunch at Charlie's Place in Hanover on Monday, February 10 at noon. One of our ladies suggested having a meeting at Charlie's, and your friendly pastor thought it was a lovely idea. Please bring your Bible, *Gather Magazine* and appetite!

Pastors on Continuing Education

Your pastors will be on Round Two of their Advanced Clergy Clinic continuing education from Monday, February 3 through Wednesday, February 5. They will be checking their emails and phone messages throughout the day should you need to reach them.

Newsletter Submissions













We love to get articles, thank yous, information on events for our newsletters. If you have anything you wish to submit, please send it to the parish email at scenichillsparish@gmail.com or contact the pastors by phone or text. By hearing from you we can improve our newsletter!



Thank you,
Laura Marquez, Editor

need that energy for the times when I feel drained and cold and out in the dark.
 Church matters to me. The Bible is an oasis and vacation land to me. Prayer is a warm stream of light for me. I would really like to move to Florida permanently. But in times of winter, my time with my Savior is as essential as a furnace and a winter coat.

May you feel the warmth of our Lord on all your cold winter nights,
 Pastor Bruce.

Sunday Services

Date	St. John 9:00 a.m.	Trinity 9:00 a.m.	St. Paul - 10:30 a.m.
February 2			
February 9			
February 16			
February 23			

 Denotes service with Holy Communion
 Denotes service without Holy Communion



Parish Ministries Meetings

Church Council

Monday, February 107:00 p.m..... Trinity
 Sunday, February 16.....11:30 a.m.St. Paul
 Tuesday, February 18.....7:30 p.m.....St. John

Annual Meetings

Sunday, February 2.....11:30 a.m.St. Paul

Mutual Ministry

Tuesday, March 3.....7:30 p.m..... St. Paul

Women's Group Ministry

Monday, February 1012:00 p.m..... Charlie's Place in Hanover



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Notes from the Pastor's Desk

"Warmth in Winter"



It's been hard watching snowbirds fly south for the winter. It's even harder when they call up and talk about the great weather their having as I slip and slide through the day freezing. Unlike Pastor Lisa, who lived in Florida for five years, I have never lived anywhere that didn't have winter. And if you asked me in Spring, Summer, or Fall, I would likely tell you that I like the change of seasons and would miss not having them.

But it's winter. And I'm thinking about how we experience winter in our lives. Some people spend time thinking about things like what would it be like if our lives never had any bad things happen (they're called philosophers and they have really long academic names for topics like this.) And theologians like to think about what happens after death and what the Bible promises to those who die in the faith (and of course, we call that heaven.) And the Bible seems to talk about heaven as a place with no night, no rain...sort of sounds like no bad weather in heaven. I just can't imagine heaven with black ice, a foot of snow, and wind chills of 30 below. But then I didn't grow up in the north, maybe that is heaven for some folks.

But when I think of winter in our lives, I wonder what it would be like, not to live in spiritual Florida, but to live in Antarctica without any summer. I watch some people go through life without summers, or at least very few of them. And I know that for me, vacations to warmer climates is what can keep me going on the coldest nights. I know I can stand the cold because I have felt the warmth of Jesus' love in my life. I know I can get through a blizzard because I have experienced pleasant days of worship in the Lord's resort and spa called church. I know that I will be better equipped for long nights because I spent time walking in the hot summer sun of the Holy Spirit in the past. I relish my times praying, reading the Bible, and enjoying times of worship because I

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9:00 a.m.

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10:30 a.m.

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