Fifth Weekend of Lent

March 13th & 14th, 2016

Welcome in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you with us. We pray that your worship will be enriched and blessed by the Word of God. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the west side of the sanctuary.

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WELCOME

HOLY BAPTISM – 10:30 AM – SERVICE BEGINS ON PAGE 3

THE OPENING HYMN""My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Christian Worship #382



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THE INVOCATION

- **P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

- **P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- **P:** God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: Amen.

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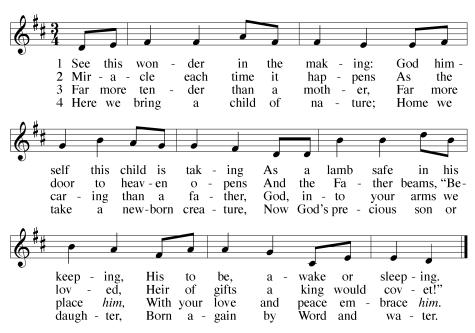
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HOLY BAPTISM 10:30 AM ONLY

THE OPENING HYMN "See This Wonder in the Making"

Christian Worship #300



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THE INVOCATION

- **P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for

baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

- C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.
- **P:** As baptized children of God we confess our sins:
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- **P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

P: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought this child to be baptized. Jesus told us: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

P: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Benjamin Bradley Schmidt and Jace Weston Ashworth, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Please Stand

EXHORTATION

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Benjamin and Jace may remain children of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

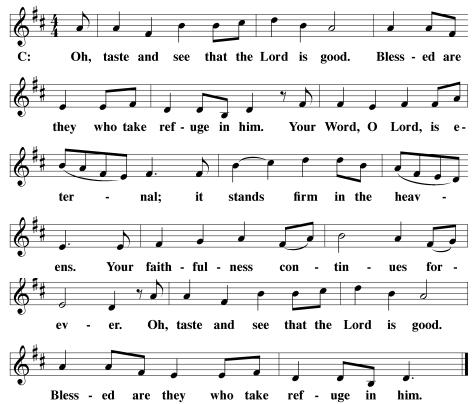
P: Let us pray: Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Benjamin and Jace and grant them a rich measure of your Spirit that they may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

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P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

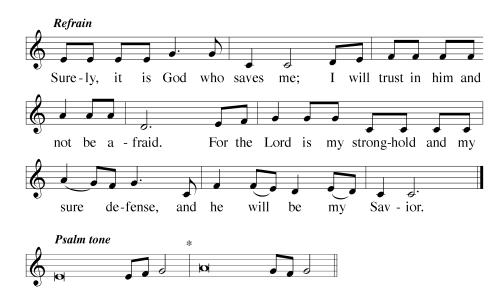


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THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 43:16-21

The powerful Lord, who delivered his people from the slavery in Egypt and the slavery of sin, continues to offer a new life of blessings to his faithful people.

¹⁶ This is what the LORD says— he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: ¹⁸ "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. ²⁰ The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, ²¹ the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.



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I am always with <u>you</u>, O LORD;* you hold me by my <u>right</u> hand.

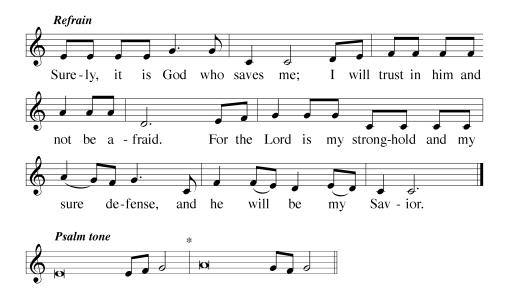
You guide me with your <u>coun</u>sel,* and afterward you will take me into <u>glo</u>ry.

Whom have I in heaven but you?*

And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

My flesh and my <u>heart</u> may fail,* but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for<u>ev</u>er.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.



THE SECOND LESSON Philippians 3:8-14

Our greatest treasure is the gift of salvation, whereby we are made righteous before God. This treasure motivates and strengthens us in holy living as we strive to live the godly life to which we were called. We cling to this treasure as we "press on to the goal" of eternal life.

⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON.....Luke 20:9-19

We find ourselves horrified by the actions of the evil tenants. In self-righteous anger we say with the Jews, "May this never be!" Jesus warns that the self-righteous Pharisees of the ages will be dashed to pieces against him, the Cornerstone. Even so, the owner of the vineyard again and again sends Word to the renters. His desire to reconnect with the wicked tenants is so great that he sends his own Son. Those who receive him with hearts of faith will gratefully bring forth fruit and, along with him, enjoy the Son's inheritance forever.

⁹ He went on to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. ¹⁰ At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. ¹² He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out. 13 "Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.' 14 "But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' 15 So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. "What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When the people heard this, they said, "May this never be!" ¹⁷ Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written: "'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone'? ¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed." ¹⁹ The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.



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6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was his home
But mine the tomb
Wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing;
No story so divine,
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624-83, alt.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER

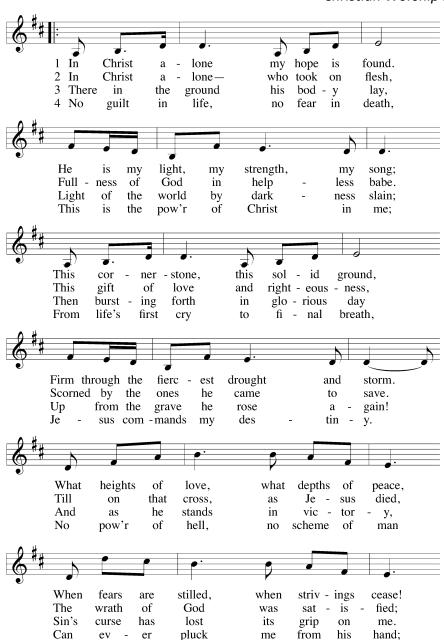
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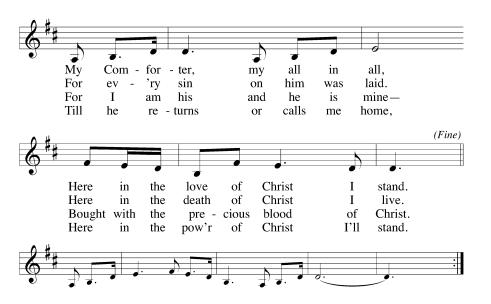
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CONGREGATION HYMN"In Christ Alone" Christian Worship Supplement #752



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Please Stand

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE BENEDICTION

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



Please be Seated

THE CLOSING HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Christian Worship #125



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: HAMBURG (LM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

Worship Participants

Liturgist and PreacherPastor Brian AdamsOrganistMrs. Bethany Parsons

Announcements

BAPTISMS: Today in the 10:30 AM service Benjamin Bradley Schmidt and Jace Weston Ashworth will be received into God's kingdom through holy baptism. Bradley is the infant son of Brad & Melissa Schmidt. Serving as his godparents are Jill Filut and Gary Schmidt. Jace is the infant son of John Ashworth & Jill Filut. Serving as his godparents are Dan Filut & Melissa Schmidt. May the Lord bless these families as they grow together in Christ.

VOTERS MEETING: There will be a Voters Meeting on Monday, March 14th at 7:30 PM to issue a Divine Call for a full-time Kindergarten teacher. At that Voters Meeting there will also be reports from the different Boards.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES:

Palm Sunday (Mar. 20) – 8:00 & 10:30 am; 6:30pm (Monday) Maundy Thursday (Mar. 24) – 3:30 & 6:30 pm Good Friday (Mar. 25) – 1:00 & 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday (Mar. 27) – 6:00 & 8:30 am

Please join us for worship!

ST. PAUL'S MOVIE MATINEE: As part of St. Paul's 150th Anniversary celebration we are pleased to announce "Lent Movie Matinee" with a showing of "The Return". This is a story of a young woman who makes her living as a thief. One day she meets someone who will change her life. This is a wonderful way to share the message of salvation and celebrate the season of Lent. Please join us for this inspiring film for all ages on TODAY at 2:00pm. The movie will be shown in church and has a run time of approximately 1hr and 20 minutes. There will be time for fellowship after the movie with cookies and juice/coffee. Feel free to invite your family and friends.

MARY & MARTHA PRESENTATION: Mary & Martha will be meeting on Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. Jeff and Annette Timm will be our guest speakers. They will give a presentation about "Truth in Love Ministries" which is a ministry to the Mormons, primarily in western parts of the U.S. This should be a very interesting and informative presentation. Everyone is invited!

BOARD OF OUTREACH: The Board of Outreach will meet on Tuesday, March 15, at 7:00 pm.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP BIBLE STUDY: All our church leaders, including all members of the different boards, are invited to join us for a Leadership Bible Study on Thursday, March 17, from 6:30-7:30 pm.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: For the seven months ended January 31, 2016, contributions were \$31,562 (10%) **below** budgeted needs. In addition, contributions for the seven months ended January 31, 2016 were **below** the prior year by \$14,807 (5%). Please prayerfully considered your contributions so that St. Paul's can continue to faithfully carry out its mission.

Although we are below our budgeted needs, our operating cash position is significantly improved over the prior year. We have approximately \$47,000 more in our operating cash account than we did as of January 2015.

General Fund	Budget	Actual	Ahead / (Behind)
Month of January	44,192	\$ 48,237	\$ 4,045
Fiscal Year-to-Date	331,442	299,880	(31,562)

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Capital Improvement Fund	Budget	Actual	Ah	ead / (Behind)
Month of January	\$ 9,000	\$ 3,932	\$	(5,068)
Fiscal Year-to-Date	63,000	36,904		(26,096)

Faith Needs Room to Grow	Actual
Month of January	\$ 10,782
Life-to-Date	2,718,273

150TH UPDATE: The new organ has been installed. What a difference it will make as we worship and celebrate what he Lord has given us. And we've raised \$53,828.00 through various generous gifts and donations. Thank you. However, we still have a ways to go. We are almost at our goal but we need your help. There are contribution envelopes in the Narthex. Any contribution is welcome and needed!

MIDWEEK LENT 2016: "Irony" is not a word that most people would ascribe to Jesus' passion. However, certain events in the gospel accounts—Caiaphas' unintentional prophesy, the Jewish leaders' hypocrisy, and others—are actually quite ironic. This year's theme is "Ironies of the Passion" will lead us to learn about the unique and lasting significance of Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection. The services are on Wednesdays beginning on February 10th at 3:30 pm & 6:30 pm. The schedule is:

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 10) – "This Man Went Home Justified" (Pastor Adams)

Lent 2 (Feb. 17) – "It is Better that One Man Die for the People (Pastor Unnasch)

Lent 3 (Feb. 24) – "He Had Been Waiting to See Jesus" (Pastor Gaertner)

Lent 4 (Mar. 2) – "We Have No King but Caesar" (Pastor Hoff)

Lent 5 (Mar. 9) – "Don't You Fear God" (Pastor Ellenberger)

Lent 6 (Mar. 16) – "Not During the Feast" (Pastor Marshall)

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS: The theme for our Sunday Bible Class is: "The House of the Lord." God intended for Adam and Eve to live forever with him in the Garden of Eden. What a wonderful proposition – perfect people living with the perfect Creator. But Adam and Eve sinned and had to leave the Garden. God could have let them go their own way and then started over. Instead, he again made it possible for him to live among his people. How he did that is the subject of this study. Using examples of the types of homes we might live in, we will see God's plan for making "houses" in which he could live among us here on earth and in eternity. Those "homes" are:

The Lord's First House (The Garden of Eden)

The Lord's Mobile Home (The Tabernacle)

The Lord's Palace (The Temple)

The Lord's Model Home (Jesus Christ)

The Lord's Current Residence (The Church)

The Lord's Dream House (Heaven)

Please come and join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15am.

CONFIRMATION CLASS PICTURES WANTED: As part of St. Paul's 150th Anniversary Celebration, we would like to collect as many confirmation class pictures as possible. If we are able to get most or many of them, they may be framed for permanent display. We already have pictures from 1994 to present. We need almost all from 1993 and as far back as possible. Pictures will be scanned and returned to you. Please label pictures with your name and confirmation class year. We would like to begin collecting these immediately. Pictures can be passed on to the pastors or turned into the church/school office. Thank you for your help.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING ENVELOPES: Children age 4 and older are issued their own set of church offering envelopes. If we've missed anyone, or if you have a younger child that would like their own set, please contact the office.

LUTHER PREP SPRING MUSICAL: Luther Prep will be performing My Fair Lady March 11-16 at 7:00 PM. For ticket information; call weekdays (920) 261-4352.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: St. Paul's is collecting box tops for our school. There is a container on the counter in the narthex to put them in. So far our church members have brought in 154 box tops! We have collected 7,002 tops since September. Our goal is 10,000 for the school year, so keep bringing them in! This is a great program for our school to earn money. Thank you for your help!

WLHS SACRED CHORAL: The WLHS Spring Sacred Choral Concert, *Begin the Song of Glory Now*, will be held Saturday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. The concert will feature the A Cappella, Cantorei, and Freshman Choirs of WLHS, Inspiration, Jubilation Handbell Choir. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert.

SAMARITAN PARTNERS - WELS CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: On Tuesday, March 22 from 6:30-8PM at St. John's Wauwatosa on Harwood and Dewey we will have our next gathering. We will be honored to welcome our guest speaker, Sarah Owens, WLIM, whose topic will be "Confronting our Emotions with Courage and Hope". The driveway door at the church will be unlocked after 6PM. There is parking behind the church. Signs will direct you to the St Matthew's room. Please RSVP to this email schatzy999@yahoo.com or Carol, 414-543-7532 or Paula, 262-782-0524. We do respect

privacy so if you are not a caregiver, please do come but let that be known to Carol before the event.

ANNUAL LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY CONVENTION: Next stop -- St. Charles, Illinois! Get your early bird registration sent in now for the 53rd Annual Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Convention, June 23 to 26. Early bird fees are available until April 1st. As we rejoice in our Risen Savior, let's keep in mind his Great Commission, given to his disciples then and now: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing... and teaching." At the Annual LWMS Convention, mission-minded women and men come together to worship, enjoy fellowship, learn about, and support missions across the continent and around the globe. This is a wonderful opportunity to see Jesus' Great Commission at work and an amazing inspiration for each of us to help support the spread of the gospel. Registration form and information about the convention are on the website, www.lwms.org. Remember, early bird fees are in effect only until April 1st.

Program welcomes students from all over the world. Each year a select number of students live with host families. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your Christian faith with individuals who might otherwise never have the chance to learn of their Savior. For more information about becoming a host family for the 2016-17 school year OR for short term respite care for the upcoming Easter Break from March 25-April 3 please contact the Director of the international program, April Goldschmidt at 414-453-4567 or april.goldschmidt@wlhs.org.

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK (March 13 & 14)

8:00 AM - Bob & Karen Hille

10:30 AM – Richard & Betty Patin

6:30 PM – Richard & Kathy Hinz

GREETERS FOR LENT (March 16)

3:30 PM - 7th and 8th Grade Students

6:30 PM – Don & Marge Gebert

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (March 20 & 21)

8:00 AM - Donn & Denise Johnson

10:30 AM – Carl & Carolyn Streeter; Eli & Sam

6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

USHERS FOR MARCH

8:00 AM – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Brad Johnson, Frank Krajewski

10:30 AM – TEAM #7 – Dave Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Brandon Wirtz, Austin Wirtz, Ian Wirtz, Randy Raduenz, Peter Eppen, Ian Eppen

6:30 PM - TEAM #9 - Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

USHERS FOR LENT (March 16)

3:30 PM - 7th and 8th Grade Students

6:30 PM – TEAM #6 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Bob Dittrich, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski

ALTAR GUILD:

March 9-15 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek March 16-22 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Gale Bartow, Beverly Garves

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, March 13

Worship Service	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School	
Worship Service	
Movie Matinee	2:00 PM

Monday, March 14

Worship Service	6:30 PM
Voters Meeting	7:30 PM

Tuesday, March 15

Pastor Circuit Meeting	10:00 AM
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Mary Martha	6:30 PM
Board of Outreach	

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Wednesday, March 16	
Midweek Lent Service	3:30 PM
Midweek Lent Service	6:30 PM
Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday, March 17	
Church Leadership Bible Class	6:30 PM
Friday, March 18	
School Devotion	8:30 AM
Sunday, March 20	
Worship Service with Communion	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School	9:15 AM
Worship Service with Communion	

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 104, Communed – 90 10:30 AM – 183, Communed – 100 6:30 PM – 45, Communed – 41 Total Attendance – 332 Bible Class – 20, Sunday School – 9

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