# HIS FINAL SEPS

"His Final Steps Led to a Dinner Celebration"

Ash Wednesday February 26 & 27, 2023

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Franklin, Wisconsin

# Ash Wednesday

elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. Also,

- f Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- f Our congregation stands at various times throughout the service. If your mobility is limited, please do not feel that you have to stand. You are welcome to remain seated!
- # We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus!
- f Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- f If you want to review or share today's service, you can find it on our website.
- f For upcoming events and activities, "like" us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!



The theme for this year's Midweek Lent services is: "His Final Steps." The series ponders the significance of the people and places on Jesus' resolute final steps to the cross and three days later, his first steps from the tomb.

#### **Worship Participants**

Liturgist and Preacher	Pastor Brian Adams
Organist	Miss Heather Schmidt

# Welcome to Worship

Please remain Seated

### Instructions for the beginning of Lent

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, God created us to know joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. By our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment but to turn to him and live. Therefore, God in his mercy has sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take our place under the law, to suffer for us, and to die the death we deserve. God made Jesus, who had no sin, to be sin for us so that in him, we might become the righteousness of God.

During the 40 days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God. The time of Lent reminds us that to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death. As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor.

I invite you, therefore, to confess your sins, ask our Father for forgiveness, and commit yourselves to this struggle

#### **Confession of Sins**

- P: Most holy and merciful Father,
- C: We confess to you and to one another that we have sinned by our own fault, by our own grievous fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
- **P:** We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.
- C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

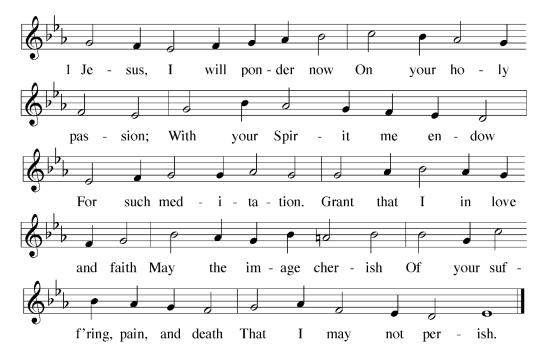
- **P:** We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved the Holy Spirit.
- C: Have mercy on us, Lord.
- **P:** We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives
- C: We confess to you, O Lord.
- P: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, our manipulation of other people
- C: We confess to you, O Lord.
- **P:** Our anger when our selfish aims are denied and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves
- C: We confess to you, O Lord.
- P: Our love of worldly goods and comforts and our dishonesty in daily life and work
- C: We confess to you, O Lord.
- **P:** Our negligence in worship and prayer and our failure to show the faith that is in us
- C: We confess to you, O Lord.
- **P:** Forgive us, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
- C: Forgive us, O Lord.
- **P:** For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward others, and for our prejudice and contempt for those who differ from us,
- C: Forgive us, O Lord.
- P: For what we think or say or do that is at variance with your will,
- C: Forgive us, O Lord.
- **P:** Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.
- C: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

#### **Absolution of Sins**

- **P:** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. During these days of Lent, let us implore God to give us renewal and his Holy Spirit. May we continue to abide in the true faith and at the last be received by him through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

# **Congregation Response**

# **Jesus, I Will Ponder Now** Christian Worship Hymn #98, verses 1 & 6



6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from you,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give you love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing your praise forever.

#### **Passion Reading**

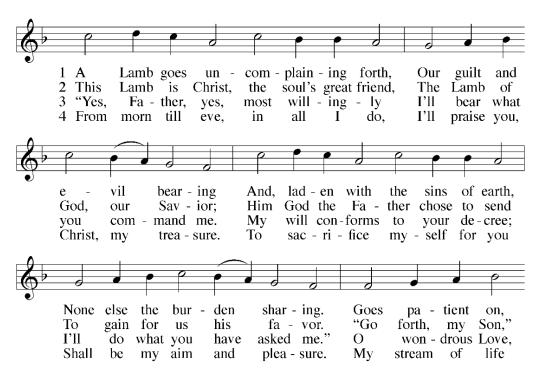
- <u>Pastor:</u> The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. Jesus said to his disciples,
- Men: "You know that after two days it will be the Passover, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."
- **P:** Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas.
- <u>W</u>omen: They plotted together how to arrest Jesus in some deceitful way and kill him.
- Congregation: But they said, "Not during the Festival, or else there might be a riot among the people."
- **P:** Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve. He went away and spoke with the chief priests and officers of the temple guard about how he could betray Jesus to them. They were glad and agreed to give him money. He promised to do it and was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus to them away from the crowd.
- W: On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples asked him,
- M: "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"
- P: He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and there a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Wherever he enters, tell the owner of the house that the Teacher says, 'Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."
- W: They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.
- **P:** When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles.
- M: He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."
- C: A dispute arose among the disciples about which of them was considered to be greatest.

- P: But he told them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are called Benefactors. But it is not to be that way with you. Instead, let the greatest among you become like the youngest, and the one who leads like the one who serves. For who is greater, one who reclines at the table or one who serves? Isn't it the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have remained with me in my trials. I am going to grant a kingdom to you, just as my Father granted to me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom. And you will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."
- W: Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father.
- C: Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.
- M: By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.
- C: Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God.
- **P:** He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist.
- W: Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.
- M: He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"
- **P:** Jesus answered him, "You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand."
- M: Peter told him, "You will never, ever, wash my feet!"
- P: Jesus replied, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me."
- M: "Lord, not just my feet," Simon Peter replied, "but also my hands and my head!"
- C: Jesus told him, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, but his body is completely clean. And you are clean, but not all of you." Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, "Not all of you are clean."
- W: After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again.

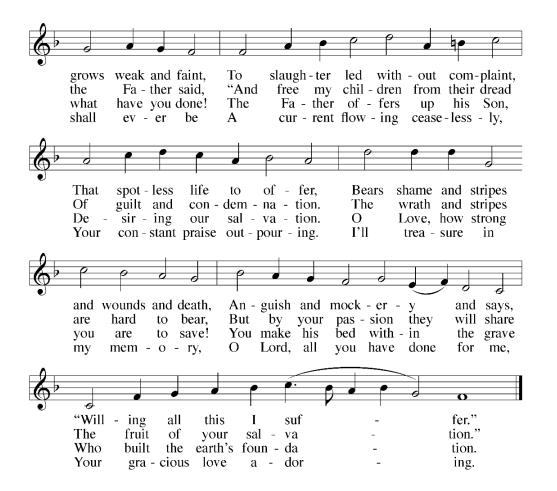
- P: "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you. Amen, Amen, I tell you: A servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."
- C: He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

# **Congregation Hymn**

#### A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth Christian Worship Hymn #100



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Sermon John 12:1-11

<sup>12:1</sup> Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

<sup>4</sup> But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, <sup>5</sup>"Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages."

<sup>6</sup>He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

<sup>7</sup> "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

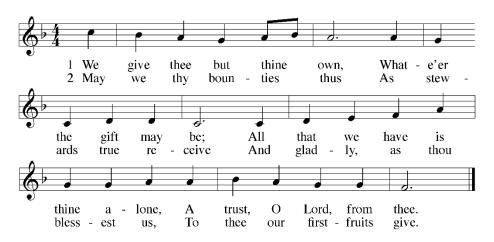
<sup>9</sup> Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup> So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, <sup>11</sup> for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.

# The Offering

Please Stand

# **Offering Hymn**

#### We Give Thee but Thine Own Christian Worship Hymn #485



# The Prayer of the Church

#### 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.

#### The Words of Institution

**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen.

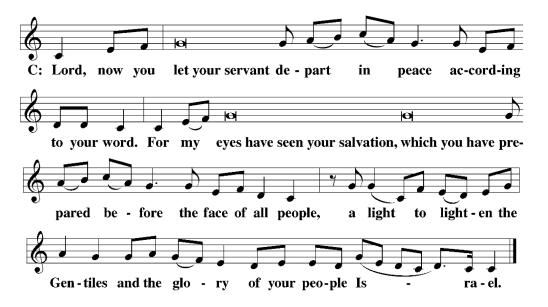
Please be Seated

# The Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice "close communion." We invite all who are members of St. Paul's or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact the pastor.

# Song of Simeon

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# **Prayer**

- **P:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: (sung) Amen.

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#### The Blessing

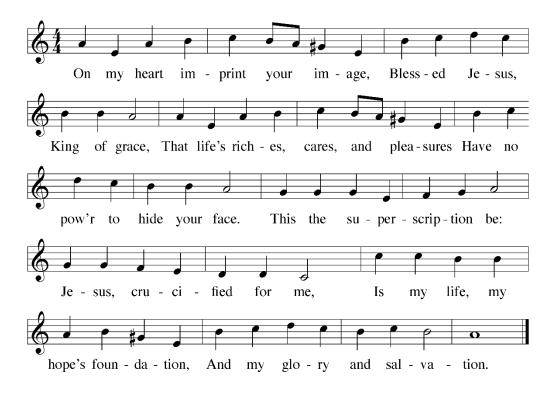
- **P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.
  - The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
  - The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.
- C: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

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#### **Closing Hymn**

# On My Heart Imprint Your Image

**Christian Worship Hymn #319** 





#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**: Due to the icy road conditions on Ash Wednesday, we cancelled both of our services on that day. We will be using our Ash Wednesday worship theme for this weekend's services instead.

**CHRISTIAN FUNERAL:** The Lord called Mrs. Marion Klug to her heavenly home on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. A Christian funeral service was held here at St. Paul's on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. "Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." (*Revelation 14:13*)

**ALTAR FLOWERS**: This weekend's altar flowers are given by Marge Gebert in celebration of her husband, Don's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**TEACHER CALL MEETING**: Our next call meeting for a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher will be Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

**HEATHER SCHMIDT CALL RECEIVED**: Dear Members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, This past week, I received a call to teach 5th and 6th grade at King of Kings Lutheran School in Maitland, Florida. I am now blessed and challenged with the opportunity to consider where I might best serve the Lord with my talents and abilities—whether it be here at St. Paul's or at King of Kings. I ask for your continued prayers during my deliberation and welcome any and all comments or input you may have. In His Service, Heather Schmidt

**THANK YOU**: Thank you to everyone that attended STEM Night last Thursday! We especially thank our volunteers – we couldn't have done it without you!

**CHURCH OFFERINGS:** The Church Council and Board of Elders would like to thank the congregation for their generous offerings this budget year. Our year-to-date offerings are 9% higher (July 2022 thru January 2023) than last budget year. We pray this pattern will continue. The Bible says the following in 2 Corinthians 9:6-7: Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**MEDITATIONS/FORWARD IN CHRIST RENEWALS**: It's time to renew! We have received the renewal notices VERY LATE, so please **sign up today** if you'd like to renew! All subscriptions are \$19.00 and are delivered to your home. Payment is due at sign up.

MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP SERVICES: The theme for this year's Midweek Lent services is: "His Final Steps." The series ponders the significance of the people and places on Jesus' resolute final steps to the cross and three days later, his first steps from the tomb. We will exchange pulpits with the pastors at St. Paul's, Cudahy and St. Lucas, Bay View. The services are at 3:30 and 6:30 pm. Our schedule is as follows:



**February 22** – His Final Steps Led to a Dinner Celebration (Pastor Adams) John 12:1-11

March 1 – His Final Steps Led to His Father's House (Pastor Unnasch)
Matthew 21:12-17

March 8 – His Finals Steps Led to Some Greeks (Pastor Marshall) John 12:20-33

March 15 – His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree (Pastor Adams)
Mark 11:12-14, 20-25

March 22 – His Final Steps Led to His Enemies (Pastor Unnasch) Luke 20:9-19

March 29 – His Final Steps Led to a Tomb (Pastor Gaertner) John 11 (Selected verses)

**ELECTRICAL SUPPORT – VOLUNTEER REQUEST**: St. Paul's is reaching out for individuals willing to volunteer their time to help maintain/repair any electrical issues that arise at the school or church. Requesting 1-2 hours a month to work on replacing switches, outlets, ballasts, and lights. If you are looking to volunteer your talents, please reach out to Jeff Graetz at 414-748-2656 or email at maintenance@stpaulsfranklin.org.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL STEEL BAND: We welcome the Steel Band from Wisconsin Lutheran High School who will join us for both worship services on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. The Viking Steel was started in 2017 and uses the steel pan native to the Caribbean islands of Trinidad and Tobago. Wisconsin Lutheran High School has the largest steel band program in the state of Wisconsin.



**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:** Our Holy Week worship schedule is as follows:

April 2 & 3 (Palm Sunday Weekend) – Sunday – 8 & 10:30am; Monday – 6:30pm

**April 6 –** Maundy Thursday – 3:30 & 6:30 pm

April 7 – Good Friday – 1:00pm; Tenebrae – 6:30 pm

**April 9 –** Easter Sunrise – 6:00am; Easter Breakfast – 7:00am; Easter Festival – 8:30 & 10:30 am

**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES**: Adult offering envelopes are here! They are in the Bible classroom. Children's envelopes have not yet arrived.

**FRANKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT GUEST SPEAKER:** Please join us on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM for a CPR-non-certification-hands only demonstration by Shannon Anthoine, Assistant Chief-EMS City of Franklin. All are invited to attend.

**2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**: The 2022 Contribution Statements are in your church mailboxes.

VIDEO/SOUND TEAMS: When lightning hit the church last summer, it did a lot of damage to electronics in our complex of church and school. One of the systems that was hit very hard in church was the video system that we use in church. A new system is being installed to replace all the damaged equipment. Once it is all fully installed, the company that is installing it will train us how to use it. We would like to put together teams of people who are willing to run it during the worship services. If this is something that you would like to be part of, please let us know. If you wish to help with this, please drop an email to Pastor Adams (badams@stpaulsfranklin.org), and we will put you on a list. Once it is fully installed, we will set up a time to train everyone who is interested.

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Our Adult Bible Class continues today at 9:15 in the Bible classroom, led by retired Pastor Andy Backus. All are welcome, including young people! We'll be studying an overview of the Scripture Lessons in this Weekend's Worship Services. They are: Genesis 3:1-15, Romans 5:12-19 and Matthew 4:1-11. A handout is available if you want to take notes. Join us, won't you?

**TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND:** St. Paul's has offered assistance to families through a "forgiveness program" in which the congregation has taken on the debt for part of their tuition. On average we have been able to help 10-12 families seek Christian Education here at St. Paul's through this method. What a great gift to share the love of Christ with others using the gifts God has granted us. We have a need and an opportunity to help families and we are asking you to help financially. In addition to your offerings, these additional funds will help support the education for families that may not otherwise be able to afford it. We thank you for considering and remind you of the words recorded in Matthew 25:40 "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." If you would like to give, please fill out the envelopes provided on the narthex counter and place in the offering plate.

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR SCHOOL - K4 Aide - Classroom Aide - After School Care: St. Paul's is blessed to have a great PreK program! We are looking for a teacher's aide to support our growing enrollment numbers. There are also other classrooms that would benefit from a part-time aide.

We are also looking for an individual or individuals that could help with our After School Care program. If you are available for a single day, a few days, or all days please get in touch with us. It is a great opportunity to connect with some of our students and help our families that are unable to pick their children up right away after school.

If you are interested in supporting your school by giving us a hand, please reach out to Principal Schulmeister by email at <a href="mailto:nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org">nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org</a> or by phone at 414-421-1930.

WLHS SPAGHETTI AND SONGS: On Friday, March 3, the WLHS Choral Associates hosts "Spaghetti and Songs," an evening of dinner and entertainment featuring Wisco Kids Show Choir and Inspiration Vocal Jazz Ensemble. Dinner is served 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The meal is "all-you-can-eat" and includes spaghetti with red sauce or chicken alfredo, garlic bread, salad, beverages, and desserts. Tickets can be purchased at the door at \$10 for adults and \$7 for students (through high school). Children three-and-under eat free.

WLHS PRESENTS BIG FISH: Based on the celebrated novel by Daniel Wallace and the acclaimed film directed by Tim Burton, the musical Big Fish – School Edition is coming to the WLHS stage. Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman, wants to live life to its fullest . . . and then some! Performances are Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, March 5, at 1:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at <a href="http://www.wlhs.org/musical">http://www.wlhs.org/musical</a>. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children (through eighth grade). For more information, contact WLHS Central Office at 414-453-4567.

**LUTHER PREP PRESENTS ANNIE**: Luther Preparatory School is happy to present this year's musical, Annie. Performances are on March 3, 4 and 5 at 7:00 PM in the Luther Prep auditorium. Holding onto hope when times are tough can take an awful lot of determination, and sometimes an awful lot of determination comes in a surprisingly small package. *Annie* has reminded generations of theatergoers that sunshine is always right around the corner! Tickets can be purchased online at <a href="www.ticketsource.us/lutherprep">www.ticketsource.us/lutherprep</a> or by calling LPS at (920) 261-4352 between 8:00am and 4:00pm.

**LUTHER PREP SACRED SPRING CONCERT**: The Luther Preparatory School's Sacred Spring Concert will be held on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. This concert will be held in the Luther Prep gymnasium. The concert will also be live-streamed: https://www.lps.wels.net/apps/pages/lpsconcertsstream.

**VIKING EXPLORER SUMMER CAMPS:** Looking for a productive and fun experience for your grade school students this summer? Summer camp at Wisconsin Lutheran High School allows students to explore a wide variety of activities and interests in a Christian setting. Camps include theater, a variety of sports, art, robotics, cheerleading, and more! For more information, visit <a href="http://www.wlhs.org/explorers">http://www.wlhs.org/explorers</a>.

#### **USHERS FOR FEBRUARY**

**8:00 AM** – TEAM #2 – Tony Tripoli, Larry McKee, Steve Mess, Micah Milhans **10:30 AM** – TEAM #6 – Bob Duchesneau, Nathan Riel, Randy LaPorte **6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

#### **USHERS FOR MARCH**

**8:00 AM** – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Todd Grunze, Frank Krajewski **10:30 AM** – TEAM #7 – David Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Randy Raduenz, Luke Raduenz

6:30 PM - TEAM #9 - Terry Plant, John Kiesow

#### **USHERS FOR MIDWEEK LENT (MARCH 1)**

**3:30 PM** – Grades 7 & 8

**6:30 PM** – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

February 22-28 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh March 1-7 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh

#### REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

February 26: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Diane Parker March 5: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Carl & Carolyn Streeter

#### THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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10:30 AM
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#### Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 137, Communed – 82 10:30 AM – 63, Communed – 70 6:30 PM – 30, Communed – 40 Total Attendance – 230 Total Communed – 192