



# The Connection

March 2018

**St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Sonshine Kids Preschool**  
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### Sunday Schedule:

9:00am Worship  
10:30am Sunday School for all ages  
11:30am Worship interpreted for the deaf

The deadline for the April issue of The Connection is March 19. Please have all items submitted by 8:30am. Thank you. ~ Laura  
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## Sonshine Kids Preschool News

Wow! What a busy month February has been.

The three year olds had a wonderful month. We started out talking about penguins and polar bears. It is fun to pretend to be both of these snow loving animals. We had a visit from Coldwater Family Dentistry, they taught us so much about keeping our teeth clean and healthy. But mostly, we learned that the dentist is not anything of which to be afraid. You can see a picture on St. Paul's facebook page. When we talked about keeping our hearts healthy we learned that exercise is very important and also lots of fun. We went to see Coach Corey Parker at Crossfit Livewire where we exercised with our grown-ups. That was really exciting. The end of the month will bring a celebration of Dr. Seuss. His books are so much fun to read and we will all try green eggs and ham. Do you like Green Eggs and Ham?

In the four year old class, after learning about exercise from Ms. E at the end of January, we learned how to relax and rest with Ms. Y. She taught us that it is always good to get enough sleep and that taking care of ourselves keeps us healthy. Next we met Mr. G and he taught us that everyone needs a home and that not all homes are the same. We also learned how many people live in our houses and put that on a

graph to discuss. Ms. T taught us all about our teeth and how to take care of them. We had a visit from Dr. Koyle and Leigh Griffin to share with the kids about the importance of good dental hygiene.

We will end our month of February with Ms. S and her super socks. She will teach us about the different kinds of pets we have in our homes. Along with pets, we will be honoring Dr. Seuss.

We also took a trip to the bowling alley this month as part of our Valentine celebration. Its always a great experience for the kids and for their families to be able to join in. A big thanks to Scott at Coldwater Recreational Bowling Alley.

Thanks for coming along with us on our journey to learn!  
Miss Courtney, Miss Lisa, & Miss Michele

Below: 3 year olds make snowmen for snack



4 year olds go bowling



Greetings in the name of Jesus,

May the Lord keep you throughout these 40 days. March is upon us and our time here at St. Paul will be dedicated to the remembrance of our Lord's sacrifice on the cross for our sins. We rededicate our hearts to repentance, prayer, and almsgiving during this penitential time. I want to encourage you to join us as we consider our "Return from Exile" on Wednesday evenings. We will enjoy each-others cooking and company, and be filled with good food to nourish our bodies and souls.

The nomination team is preparing for the upcoming election of officers this month. I want to encourage you to open your heart and prayerfully consider how you might best serve the Lord in His house in the years to come.

The youth group will be taking some time off of Wednesday nights to make room for our Lenten dinners, but we will see them as we gather for breakfast on Easter Sunday. We have a year left before the National Youth Gathering, and things are already coming together for them. Let us continue to show our support for our young Christians and help them make the best of this wonderful experience.

Don't forget to Spring Forward this year, Daylights savings is on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Check your fire alarms batteries and brew some coffee.

Blessings on Your March,

Pastor Aaron



## Beginnings Care For Life Love Offering

Beginnings Care for Life (BCFL) is a Christian based pregnancy center. They provide education and support for women and their partners. Participants complete learning packets intended to build healthy families to earn points that they can exchange for baby items including diapers, clothes and other household items.

St. Paul has participated in the BCFL Diaper/Bottle Drive annually however BCFL staff have informed us that they currently have plenty of diapers but are in great need of funds for their Earning and Learning Program.

On March 18th, we will be celebrating LIFE Sunday and plan to have a Love Offering available for BCFL. If you were thinking about participating in the annual Diaper Drive, please consider donating the funds to this offering. If you would like to donate but won't be available on March 18, please contact Karin Kennedy at [517-617-4829](tel:517-617-4829). If you want to write a check, please make it out to Beginnings Care For Life Center.

## Book Club

**March 10 @ 10:00am**

**Vienna Prelude** By Bodie Thoene

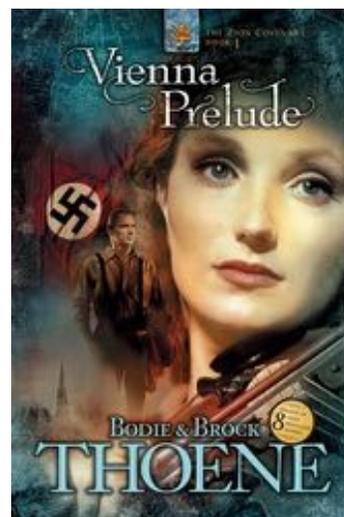
Read the book and join us for discussion.  
Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there.

In 1936 Nazi darkness descends upon Europe. Every person is only one step away from being swept into the nightmarish tide of evil. Blond Elisa Lindheim, a violinist with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, adopts an Aryan stage name for protection. But her closest friend, Leah, a talented Jewish cellist, is in a perilous position.

There are those who choose to fight Hitler's madness. Elisa's father, Theo. A courageous American reporter, John Murphy. Winston Churchill, the British statesman. A farm family in the Tyrolean Alps. The Jewish Underground. But will all their efforts be enough to stop the coming Holocaust?

And now Elisa must decide. If she becomes part of the Underground, she will risk everything . . . and put everyone she loves in danger.

~ amazon.com



# Upcoming

EVENTS

- March 4 Laser Tag - Youth  
 7, 8, 9 Family Promise  
 10 Book Club - *Vienna Prelude*  
 11 Green Volunteer Sheets Due  
 13 LWML Lunch & Meeting  
 18 Life Sunday  
 22 St. Paul Hosts CAMA Meeting  
 29 Seder Tasting Meal - Maundy Thursday Worship  
 30 Good Friday Worship



**LWML Mites** are collected the first Sunday of every month, during the offering time at worship. Mites go to support the mission grants of the LWML.



## Birthdays

- 5 Gail Tryner  
 5 Cheyenne Akers  
 10 Andy Post  
 12 Madison Donbrock  
 13 Ryan Akers  
 13 Ron Smith  
 15 Toni Dalchow  
 19 Chris Pavka  
 23 Sally Stewart  
 24 Cheryl Downs  
 26 Chelsea Seegmiller  
 29 Nakota Dayton  
 30 Kenny Cramer  
 31 Eric Scherer

## Anniversaries

- 11 Fred & Harriet Jenner  
 26 Keith & Insa Raymond

## Baptism Birthdays

- 4 Jessica Harfst  
 5 Ron Patch  
 6 Becky Taden  
 10 Liz Donbrock  
 11 Gene Neuendorf  
 12 Scarlett Powell  
 13 Jamie Moore  
 16 Ken McDonald  
 16 Jason Dalchow  
 21 Lydia AcMoody  
 21 Lois Bearden  
 22 Ben Vainner  
 24 Kay Kaepf



## Family Promise®

### Feed & Care for the Homeless

We are blessed to be serving families of Branch County through Family Promise in March. On March 7, 8, 9 we need volunteers 4:45pm - 8:30pm to open the church (Community of Christ), prepare dinner and eat with the guests, and clean up. Find some friends to sign up with you or sign up as a team, a family, or a small group. Also, during that week we need volunteers to sleep there as chaperones. Talk to Alice Conrad if you're interested in dates and details. Sign up is on the bulletin board. Be sure to include your menu and phone number when signing up.



### 2018 Ladies event

**Save the date May 19<sup>th</sup>. @ 1:00 P.M.**

"A Taste of Africa" with Missionary Tracy Bowers (Director of Outreach at Cornerstone Church) in Grand Rapids. She will be discussing her role as a missionary in Kenya and of her upcoming trip to Senegal. We will also be entertained and take part in a few African style dance moves by Aerobics/ Zumba instructor Erma Crammer.

We are asking that children under the age of 10 years not attend this program this year.

Thank you, The Fellowship Team.



### LWML Monthly Meeting

March 13 @ noon

Bring your lunch, chat with friends, eat dessert, enjoy a Bible study, and participate in a short business meeting. Learn what the LWML is and what our chapter does at St. Paul.

Dessert and coffee are provided.

All women are invited!





### Dinner Wednesdays @ 5:30

Come have dinner with your church family. Free-will donations to help cover the costs are appreciated.

- February 21 - Mexican
- February 28 - Italian
- March 7 - German
- March 14 - Homemade Soup & Sandwiches
- March 21 - Chili & Baked Potato Bar (by the Youth)

See the bulletin board to sign up to bring food and get some ideas on what to bring. Building will be unlocked at 4:30pm. Please have your food ready to serve at 5:30pm. Money to help cover the cost will be available from the church office.

### Worship Wednesdays @ 6:30 Fellowship Hall

Pastor Aaron will lead us through a study and sermon series, "Return From Exile," as we prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Week and Easter.

### St. Paul Memorial Garden

### Buy-a-Brick Fundraiser

- 4"x8" bricks - \$100 donation
- 8"x8" bricks - \$200 donation
- Gray, or Red, or Tan
- Custom engraving

Pick up an order form from the Meeting Room and return it to the office with your payment.

All proceeds will go to the new roof fund.

Please see Bill & Barb Tunison with orders and questions.



# HOLY WEEK



**March 25**  
 9:00 Worship - Children's Procession with Palms  
 11:30 Worship



**March 29**  
 6:30pm Seder Tasting Meal with Holy Communion



**March 30**  
 7:00pm Worship



**April 1**  
 6:30am Worship  
 7:30am Easter Breakfast  
 9:00am Worship  
 10:30am Easter Egg Hunt (no Sunday School)  
 11:30am Worship

## Don't forget to...



# SPRING FORWARD!

In the USA, at 2 a.m. on 11 March 2018, clocks will be forwarded one hour, marking the beginning of Daylight Saving Time

### Volunteer Green Sheets

This is how we schedule our volunteers for Sunday mornings and occasional special services. It's a great way for you to be involved and serve in a place where you're needed.

Sheets are in your mailboxes. Please return them **no later than March 11** to the Ingathering Station or Laura's office. There are extra blank forms at the Ingathering Station (blue bin in the cubby by the main doors).

If you would like to volunteer for something that is not on the sheet, just write it down and we will connect you to the right person. **Thank you!**

