

### St. Mary's Lutheran Church

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March 18 & 19, 2023 The Season of Lent—Week 4

#### Welcome to Worship! We are glad you are here!

Pastor Kathy is out of town, so our pulpit supply is Rev. David Rebey. Pastor Rebey is a second career pastor and currently serves as the pastor at Breaking the Chains Church, which is inside the Felmers Chaney Correctional Center in Milwaukee. A second church inside the Kenosha Correctional Center was recently added when the need was expressed by someone who had previously been part of the church inside Felmers Chaney. We welcome Pastor David to the pulpit today. He will be available during the Coffee Kringle Mingle following the service for fellowship and further conversation regarding this important ministry.

**Next Week (March 25th & 26th)** will be traditional worship on both Saturday and Sunday WITH a very special "Meet 'N Greet" with our selected candidate for *Minister of Pastoral Care* after each worship service. Watch for the official mailing and the announcement this weekend!

## MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES, 2023: "MAKING CHANGE"

MARCH 22 @ 6:30PM IN SANCTUARY
Week of Lent 5 "Change of Circumstance"
Pastor Eric Silberschmidt, Interim Pastor at Trinity Lutheran
Church & Harold Frush, Holden Leader.

"We move from elementary to middle school, or from our hometown to a new community. We lose a job, or gain a child, or accomplish a goal, or relinquish a dream. Through it all, we learn to give thanks to God in all circumstances."

SOUPS ON - Lenten Soup Suppers have been well attended and so delicious! Gretchen has been making the soups, and the Youth have been serving and cleaning. A free will offering will be taken with all proceeds going to the youth program. We will start serving at



5:30pm. Our last soup supper is March 29th.

Youth News—Good Friday Rehearsals on Sunday Nights in the Sanctuary at 6:00pm-7:30pm. Fish /Fusion have a Project Night Planned: Tie Blanket Making! Meet downstairs in the Youth Room at 6:00pm. MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Youth Palm Sunday Breakfast is planned for April 2nd—Palm Sunday! \*\* More info to follow! \*\*

#### ST. MARY'S IS A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CHURCH, 2018

St. Mary's Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We welcome into our full life and ministry people of any sexual orientation, gender identity, age, occupation, ability, nationality and race.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Sundays during Worship! First Communion Instruction goes until 10:45am. Everyone, Come up for Kids Connection!

#### Something to Ponder...

"Here's mud in your eye! How is this good? Our story today demonstrates the importance of "seeing" the good in and for others **and** doing our part to share the Good News. Pass it on!"

#### WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE



First Communion instruction is **Friday, March 24th from 4:00pm-6:00pm** with First Holy Communion on **Sunday, March 26th—9:00am.** 

<u>smlcyouthed@gmail.com</u> Stephanie

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The Mission Exploration Team (MET) is excited at the responses to the previous two (2) weeks' surveys! Weeks 1 & 2 are still available online (or call the office). Completed surveys need to be returned to the church office in person, by mail, or electronically by the end of the day on each Wednesday following that week's group of questions. Week 3 is due Wednesday, March 22th. If you prefer to do this online, surveys are available using Google Forms and will be open until March 31st, the deadline for all submissions of Surveys! Here is Week 3's Google Form. Thank you for your attention to this! Any questions, you can contact Pat Gallo pgallowi@att.net or 652-2911 or Sue VanBendegom 652-1770 or svanbendegom@gmail.com



DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL SPIRIT NEWSLETTER IS THURSDAY, MARCH 23 (with a little added cushion til TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH if needed.) Please send all pictures separately in jpeg format attached to your articles!

Thank you!

ST. MARY'S QUILTERS have made almost 200 quilts since Oct. 1, 2022. We have spent over 2400 hours working both at church on Monday mornings and at home preparing quilts to give to Lutheran World Relief for international distribution and ELCA Outreach Center and Grace Welcome Center for distribution locally. Our tallies begin in October, as that is when The LWR quilts are collected. We give about a dozen to each local group each month.

We are always appreciative of fabric and sheet donations as well as dollars to buy batting. We also are able to use Thrivent Card donations from members to purchase batting and thread, etc.

St. Mary's Quilters are very appreciative of your support and welcome new members at any time.



# In-person Worship Attendance for March 11 & 12: 111

Our March 2023 Council Connection is Lana Woller. You can contact her at (262)909-1181 or email <u>t.woller3@yahoo.com</u>.

All church council members' contact information is available in every issue of <u>The Spirit</u>. "Key Contacts" is where you'll find the phone numbers and emails of our in-house staff AND our Council Leadership (March Issue, Page 11).

**OUR HARMONY CLUB**, (respite for caregivers) has openings for volunteers for the following positions at St. Richard's, (Racine)St.



Sebastian's, (Sturtevant) and Lord of Life church (Kenosha). We need people to be kitchen helpers, craft teachers, (simple 3 step crafts), companions and entertainers. If you would like to get involved with our program, please call Dawn 262-880-5301 or Danielle 254-319-2535 for more information about a rewarding, fun opportunity!



SUNDAY MAR. 19th	MONDAY 20th	TUESDAY 21st	WEDNESDAY 22nd	THURSDAY 23rd	FRIDAY 24th	SATURDAY 25th
9:00am Traditional Worship w/Guest Preacher (S) 9:00am Sunday School meets during worship. First Communion until 10:45am 10:15am Sunday Morning Book Study (Lo) 2-4pm Girl Scout Cookie Drive Thru Sales (E/W carports TBD) 6:00pm Good Friday Rehearsal (S) 6:00pm LSTC Luther Course (Zoom/Lo) 6:00pm Southport 12x12 (Zoom) Resumes In-	9:00am-3:00pm Office Open 9:00am St. Mary's Quilters (Gym) 5:00pm BBall (G) 5:30pm Jubilate! (S) 6:00pm All Youth Service Project Night (YR) 6:30pm BSA 533 Pack (D)	8:00am Women's Prayer Breakfast (Hillcrest) 9:00am-3:00pm Office Open 9:00am KAC Sprouts (N) 9:00am KAFASI Parent Group (Lo) 5:00pm KAFASI Parent Group (Lo) 6:30pm BSA Troop Mtg (D)	DEADLINE FOR WEEK #3 SURVEY 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Marina Garden) Noon-6:00pm Office Open 5:00pm BBall (G) 5:00pm KAFASI Ang. Mgmt (Lo) 5:30pm Soup Supper (FH) 6:30pm Midweek Lenten Service (S) 6:30pm BSA Troop Mtg (D) 7:15pm Adult Choir Reh. (S)	Pirst Co	9:00am- 12:00pm Office Open  4:00pm SS First Communion Instruction (K, FH, S) 5:30pm BSA #533 Set Up for Pinewood Derby (G)	5:00pm Traditional Worship Service (S) 6:00pm Coffee Kringle Mingle (FH) SPECIAL MEET 'N GREET of our Candidate for Minister of Pastoral Care!