

St Paul Lutheran Church

4167 Juddville Rd  
Fish Creek, WI 54212

920-868-2826

stpauljuddville.com

# Epistle

March 2023

## What's in this month's issue:

- Pastor's Page – 1
- March Calendar – 2
- Church Council Meeting Highlights – 3
- Volunteer Schedules – 4-5
- Church Life – 6
- Souper Bowl of Caring – 7
- Bible Studies – 8
- Jacob Beranek – 9
- Financial Update – 10
- Church Council Minutes – 11

### Thank You!

For your generously donated time and skills, we thank all of our superb volunteers! We'd be in the dark without all that you do for the Church.

Bless you!

## Congregation Council:

Pastor Frank Kauzlarich: 920-217-0204

Cathy Mestek: 262-470-9754  
Congregation President & Worship & Music Co-Chair

Pam Davis: 920-559-9806  
Congregation Secretary

Greg Ehlke: 920-868-1092  
Congregation Treasurer

Jeff Kuchenbecker: 608-770-0755  
Congregation Vice President & Worship & Music Co-Chair

Peder Nelson: 920-854-0136  
Property, Maintenance, & Cemetery Chair

Karen Peterson: 920-868-2928  
Local Benevolence Chair

Renee Schwaller: 920-868-9608  
Fellowship Ministry Chair

Steve Stringer: 815-670-5754  
Property, Maintenance, & Cemetery

Mary Sawyer: 920-868-2826  
Administrative Assistant



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

# Pastor's Page

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

After years of being vigilant, COVID came to our home. Anne and I are well and I thank you for your ministry while I was away. We have been doing ministry in new ways for years, so again, I had no doubt the congregation would step up. When there is opportunity to proclaim Christ, this community of faith always steps up. Thanks be to God!

I share with you some odds and ends.

As I write, I am wondering if we will be having Ash Wednesday worship on Ash Wednesday as a storm is on the way! If not, there is always next Wednesday. Adjustments abound.

Covid stimulus checks are no more, which means many who are in dire need of that money for food are looking elsewhere for help. Our expanded Super Bowl of Caring initiative (see Epistle Update) was a help as our Local Benevolence Team encouraged us to give out of abundance. The need in Northern Door County remains great. If you are able, remember to bring canned food each time you worship as a part of your offering. Also, Clarence and Mary Anne Scherer are looking for help with this ministry as they will be out of town from time to time. If you can help, contact them or the Church Office.

We continue to follow any news concerning what will happen to Good Samaritan Scandia Village. For sale, no buyer has yet to come forward. We know Scand is an essential part of this larger community. I pray daily for someone to come forward to take the mantle of leadership for this ministry of health and healing.

The larger Church, including the Lutheran Church, continues to change in numbers of congregations, number of leaders including clergy and ways in which congregations are sharing ministry in these challenging times. The Gospel continues to be proclaimed. St. Paul Lutheran Church continues to do the ministry to which we have committed ourselves and we continue to challenge ourselves to grow that ministry for the sake of neighbors in Christ.

Peace,  
Pastor Frank Kauzlarich



# March Church Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>
				6:15pm – 7pm Women's Spiritual Growth Group	8:30am Men's Bible Study	
<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
9am Worship Sanctuary & Parking Lot		10am Worship & Music Zoom Meeting	1:30pm Executive Committee Zoom Meeting	6:15pm – 7pm Women's Spiritual Growth Group	8:30am Men's Bible Study	
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
9am Worship Sanctuary & Parking Lot			1:30pm Church Council Zoom Meeting	6:15pm – 7pm Women's Spiritual Growth Group	8:30am Men's Bible Study	
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
9am Worship Sanctuary & Parking Lot				6:15pm – 7pm Women's Spiritual Growth Group	8:30am Men's Bible Study	
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
9am Worship Sanctuary & Parking Lot	6:00pm Jacob Beranek Premiere at Kress Pavilion			6:15pm – 7pm Women's Spiritual Growth Group	8:30am Men's Bible Study	

## Church Office

Office hours will vary in the upcoming months but, as always, the best way to get in touch or stop by is to plan ahead. Please leave a voicemail or send an email if the office is not open when you are in need.

## Schedule

Monday 10 – 1 \* Tuesday 2:30 – 5:30 \* Thursday 11 – 4



# Church Council Meeting Highlights

## Highlights of the February Council Meeting

- The Executive Committee approved an Urgent Need request via email. We appreciate those who give generously to fund this account for those in need.
- Council approved the transfer of an additional \$30,000 from Nicolet National Bank for the purchase of 6-month U.S. Treasury bills in order to generate additional income.
- Pastor's 2023 housing allowance was set at \$35,000. This does not change Pastor's total compensation approved at the Annual Meeting in October.
- Council received the 4th Quarter Endowment Fund Report with both the Everlasting Fund and the Emergency Fund showing a gain in the 4th quarter.
- Council heard that Mary Sawyer, the St. Paul Administrative Assistant, has accepted a new position at the Bailey's Harbor Library. Mary's office hours will be adjusted and publicized by various means.
- Council heard various property matters including: The elevator now has current permits. The Pathway to the Prayer Garden project will be scaled back to focus on repair of the uneven ground. A representative from Focus on Energy will be contacted to do an assessment of the sanctuary lighting. The Property Ministry will actively pursue an overdue survey of the cemetery.
- The Forward Planning/Transition Task Force members will be identified prior to the next Council meeting and will begin the work shortly thereafter.
- Council approved a revision of the Urgent Need Policy to remove the distinction between members/nonmembers in need and to increase the annual limit of aid to an individual to \$1000.
- St. Paul is on a waiting list for StarLink internet service. Greg Ehlke will update the application to a "best efforts" status in order to speed up the waiting process.
- Pam Davis raised the need for a new Church Picture Directory, since the prior directory from 2017 is outdated. Pam is willing to lead the effort to make this happen.

Full Council-approved minutes of the February meeting will be published in the April Epistle. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns and we'll look for answers together. As always, Council opened with prayers for guidance and closed with prayer for all in need, as well as gratitude for your ministry among us. Cathy Mestek Congregation President

# Volunteer Schedules

## Worship Volunteers - March 2023

### Wednesday Musicians

3-1 Doreen Holt  
 3-8 Doreen Holt  
 3-15 Doreen Holt  
 3-22 Doreen Holt  
 3-29 Doreen Holt

### Sunday Musicians

3-5 Shawn Mathys  
 3-12 Doreen Holt  
 3-19 Doreen Holt  
 3-26 Doreen Holt

### Pastor

Pastor Frank Kauzlarich

Volunteers	5 Sunday	12 Sunday	19 Sunday	26 Sunday			
9am Assisting Minister	Debbie Jones	Dennis Kaldor	Jane DeCock	Jane DeCock			
9am Indoor Usher			Dave DeCock	Dave DeCock			
9am Outdoor Usher	Andrea Esau		Tom Beranek	Andrea Esau			
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	01-Mar	08-Mar	15-Mar	22-Mar	29-Mar		
6pm Assisting Minister	Cathy Mestek	Dennis Kaldor		Cathy Mestek	Debbie Jones		
6pm Indoor Usher							
6pm Outdoor Usher	Andrea Esau			Andrea Esau			

Please contact the church office at 920-868-2826 if you would like to be added to the volunteer contact list.



# Shovel Volunteer Schedule



**PLEASE SIGN UP FOR SHOVELING THE SIDEWALKS AT CHURCH  
THANK YOU**

**CONTACT CLARENCE SCHERER**

**CALL OR TEXT: 920-559-1951 EMAIL: CMSCHERER42@GMAIL.COM**

DATE

NAME

FEB 24 THRU MAR 2 \_\_\_\_\_

MAR 3 THRU MAR 9 DAVE DECOCK

MAR 10 THRU MAR 16. \_\_\_\_\_

MAR 17 THRU MAR 23 \_\_\_\_\_

MAR 24 THRU MAR 30 CLARENCE SCHERER

MAR 31 THRU APR 6 \_\_\_\_\_

APR 7 THRU APR 13 DAVE DECOCK

APR 12 THRU APR 20 \_\_\_\_\_

SUE AND TIM TISCHLER WILL FILL IN ANY FRI THROUGH SUNDAY AS LONG AS THEY ARE HERE

# Church Life



The  
**CHOSEN**

VIDANGEL ORIGINAL

THINK YOU KNOW HIM? LOOK AGAIN...

## Experience "The Chosen" Series

Coming, Spring 2023, we will begin a new group educational study utilizing the groundbreaking TV series "The Chosen." Stay tuned for details! Everyone is welcome, especially friends and neighbors. Contact Jeff Kuchenbecker at [jlkuchenbecker27@gmail.com](mailto:jlkuchenbecker27@gmail.com)

"Take it from a critic and a Christian with an aversion to Christian entertainment: The show is good."  
- Chris DeVillie, The Atlantic



## Midweek Lent Worship Series Wednesdays in March at 6pm

We gather after a soup supper (5:00pm - 5:45pm), for worship, looking at this theme through the Word, prayers, hymns and Word proclaimed and the Meal.

## Responding To The Lord

Offering Envelopes are available in the narthex and from the outdoor usher. We return to God what God has first given us as we share in the ministry of the Gospel.

## The Lutheran Magazine

Available in the narthex or from the outdoor usher. Be informed concerning the ministry we share as part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

## Christ in Our Home Devotions

Available in the narthex and from the outdoor usher. Enter into the daily discipline of reading the world, reflection and prayer.

## Prayer Shawls

Thank you to all who have been distributing prayer shawls. If you are aware of someone in need of one, please pick one up from the credenza in the narthex or from the table outside on Sunday before or after worship or call the office during the week. For those of you who knit or crochet, we are always grateful for any contributions you make of these gifts of care and concern. For additional information, contact Debbie Jones at 651-328-1261 or [debbie.jones.pmp@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.jones.pmp@gmail.com).



# Souper Bowl of Caring

## Souper Bowl of Caring

Souper Bowl of Caring Champions at St. Paul

Thank you for your participation and generosity in our 2023 Souper Bowl of Caring.

Our final totals for the Souper Bowl of Caring are as follows:

- 31 Canned Fruits
- 22 Canned Vegetables
- 24 Peanut Butter
- 19 Jelly
- 51 Chunky Soups
- 50 Mac/Cheese Pasta Helpers
- 56 Canned Tuna
- 32 Canned Chicken
- 47 Other Items
- \$340.00 Cash

Our 332 items resulted in 344 pounds of donated food to Lakeshore CAP, Inc., which acknowledged and thanked us for our wonderful contributions.





# Bible Studies

## Men's Bible Study

The St. Paul Men's Bible Study group continues to meet on Friday's at 8:30 with the opportunity to meet via Zoom or in person at the Corner Café in Sturgeon Bay, while Julie's Café is closed for period this winter. For more information about the Zoom session or to receive a copy of the readings and questions, please contact Gary Jones at [gary.jones09@gmail.com](mailto:gary.jones09@gmail.com). To learn about the in-person meeting, please contact John Hermann at [john.c.hermann@gmail.com](mailto:john.c.hermann@gmail.com).



## Women's Spiritual Growth Group Winter Session

### Lent

During Lent (2/22 through 4/9), the Women's Spiritual Growth Group will once again be using the Lent daily devotional book (no charge) from Living Compass. The theme this year is "Practicing Compassion with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind." We will meet on Thursday evenings via ZOOM from 6:15-7:00pm beginning Thursday, March 2 for an unstructured discussion of our personal experiences, questions, challenges, deeper insights, whatever we are comfortable sharing related to the readings for the week.

If you are interested in learning more about our discussions or receiving the Lent devotional and ZOOM links, please contact Debbie Jones.

## Christian Women's Book Club

The Christian Women's Book Club is preparing for a new year of reading, discussion and good conversation. Won't you join us! Our first meeting of the season will be Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 1pm at the Kress Center in Egg Harbor. New members are always welcome.

The book will be "Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder" by Caroline Fraser

Anyone who grew up reading Little House on the Prairie will surely be fascinated by this tell-all biography of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Caroline Fraser draws upon never-before-published historical resources to create a lush study of the author's life — not in the gently narrated manner of the Little House series, but in raw and startling truths about her upbringing, marriage, and volatile relationship with her daughter (and alleged ghostwriter) Rose Wilder Lane.

Please contact Dolores Hermann at 920-743-1675 if you would like a copy of the reading list.

# Jacob Beranek, World Premiere

## Jacob Beranek World Premiere

March 27, 6:30pm

A month ago you read here about Jacob Beranek's World Premiere, and now it's getting closer by the day. In fact, the Julliard performance countdown clock is at 35 days, 22 hours, 59 minutes as of this typing.

In case you missed the earlier news, Jacob, a St. Paul member and musician, has received a rare musical competition award from the Juilliard School in New York City. This award entitles Jacob to have his classical composition, "Pilgrimage Overture," performed by an orchestra at Alice Tully Hall in the Lincoln Center, New York City on Monday, March 27th.

The concert is entitled, "Four World Premieres by Juilliard Student Composers," and will feature Jacob's work, followed by the works of three fellow students. The Juilliard is live-streaming the event for those who can't make the trek to New York City. This is a one-time stream only; the performance will not be available to stream afterward on demand. So, here's our chance! St. Paul has rented the Great Hall at the Kress Center in the Egg Harbor Library for the evening of March 27th so we can have our own watch party to celebrate Jacob's gifts and accomplishment. We'll gather at 6pm, share a few refreshments, and watch the 6:30pm performance together on the big screen.

This event is free and open to the public, so please spread the word. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us. Bring family and friends to celebrate and give thanks to God for Jacob's gifts shared among us. Hope to see you there!

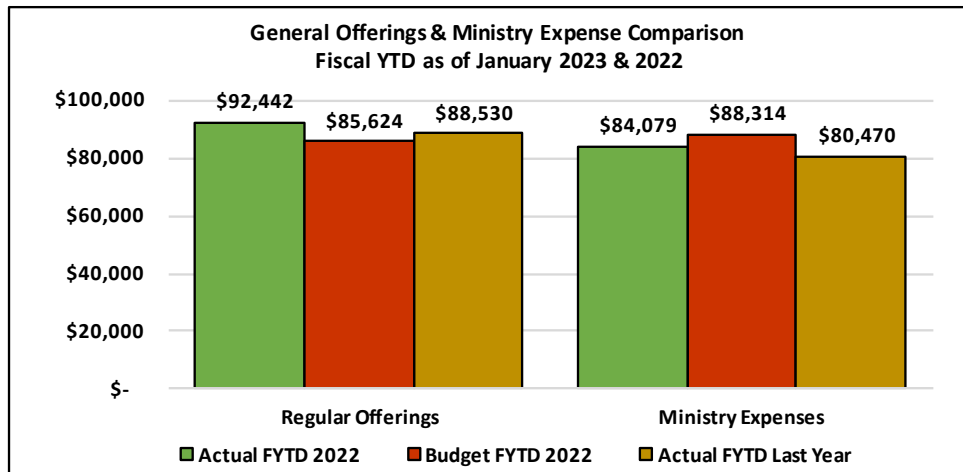


DONALD & CAROL  
Kress PAVILION  
& EGG HARBOR LIBRARY

Read, Create, Celebrate. It happens here.

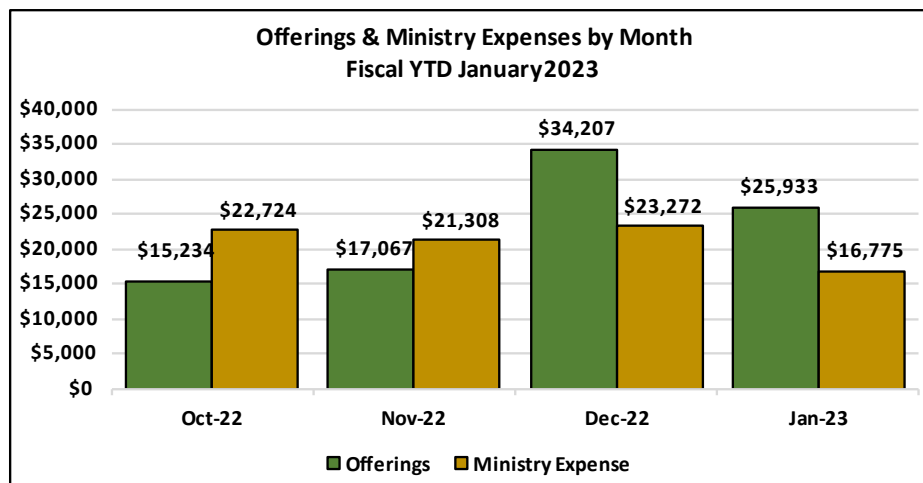


# Financial Update



- FYTD = Fiscal Year-to-Date. St. Paul Lutheran's fiscal year begins on 01-Oct.
- The 2022-23 fiscal year Ministry Expenses budget is \$258,868.
- General Offerings received in the first four months of the fiscal year were \$3,912 higher than in the prior year (\$92,442 vs. \$88,530) aided by a \$10,000 bequest received in January 2023 and were \$6,818 higher than budgeted
- General Offerings, including the bequest received in January, exceeded Ministry Expenses by \$8,363 (i.e., \$92,442 - \$84,079 = \$8,363)

1



- General Offerings in January included a \$10,000 bequest received and totaled \$25,933 as shown above; that monthly total was higher than the amount of General Offerings received in the first two months of the current fiscal year
- Ministry Expenses were lower in January than in December principally due to the timing of Benevolence disbursements, lower outlays for Supplies and lower Support Staff Expenses resulting from fewer Worship services in the most recent month

2



# Council Meeting Minutes

*Not Submitted*