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COVID UPDATE

Because the COVID cases are still very high in our community, and to do our part in slowing the spread, we will continue masking (no fellowship time or Wednesday meals) through February 13th at which time the church council will reevaluate.

Adult Education hour will be taking a hiatus during this time as well. Sunday School continues as normal following the worship service each Sunday and our Wednesday youth activities and worship will continue.

We will continue in person & online worships, join us as you are able. Please help share this information!! Thank you and be well!!

"Come and See" Lent 2022

Join us as we focus on how
Jesus is inviting us into
ministry with him.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday,
Wednesday March 2, 2022
6:00pm Worship



Shepherds Voice

Do you enjoy quilting?

The PLC quilters need your help. Do you enjoy quilting but would like to do it in the comfort of your own home? Then we have a deal for you! We have a lot of quilt tops laid out that need to be stitched together and quilt squares to be cut. Both can be done at home. The PLC quilt group has been the recipient of many yards of cotton quilt fabric from church members or friends of church members. This fabric needs to be cut into 10" squares which will then be used to create mission quilts.

If you have some cabin fever and would like to socialize on Monday afternoons from 12:30 - 2:30 we could sure use your help with quilt tying. We have a good time and no sewing skills are required. We will teach you all you need to know. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kathy Lura via phone 612-839-4092 or email kathylura@yahoo.com. Thank you for any help you can give us.



We're Giving Away MONEY!

In the over 30 years since our endowment was established, we have been fortunate enough to give close to \$500,000 to individuals and organizations dedicated to meaningful work in the church and in the world. A large amount of that has been given to young people of our congregation for scholarships in education, music, and to send them to camp. We are so thankful for the sustaining gift given by faithful saints of our congregation.

The Endowment Committee is now accepting applications and encourages any person or organization seeking funds to apply to the Paynesville Lutheran Church Endowment. We receive applications from ministries within our congregation, community ministries, or ministries of the larger church and community. We look forward to reviewing applications and continuing the incredible impact of this gift we have as a congregation. **The deadline for applications is April 15.**



February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 9:00am worship 10:00am Fellowship/ Education Hour	7 12:30pm Quilt- ers	1 3:00 Just For Kix	2 3:00pm iQuest 6:00pm Worship 6:30pm Sowers/ Confirma- tion/Sr. High Youth Group	3	4	5
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27 New Member Sunday 9:00am worship 10:00am Fellowship/ Education Hour	28 12:30pm Quilt- ers	22 3:00 Just For Kix	23 9:00am Men's Bible Study 3:00pm iQuest 5:30pm Meal 6:00pm Worship 6:30pm Sowers/ Confirma- tion/Sr. High Youth Group	24	25	26

February Birthday Blessings to...

- 1 John Buermann
- 2 Donna Fry, Callie Squires
- 4 Bryan Kotten
- 5 Shawnta Ludwig, Carol Smith
- 6 Crystal Ley, Sharon Oman
- 7 Emma Shumaker
- 8 Karen Whitcomb
- 9 Ellary Jacoby
- 10 Daniel Johnson, Alex Hoiseth, Megan Rose Inselman
- 11 Lilah Hammer, Stacy Schmitz, Kendra Shepherd, Aylah Utsch, Case Eich
- 12 Nick Gabrielson, Colleen Moyer, Richard Lieser, Daniel Grothe, Brexton Tri
- 13 LeAnn Hellermann, Dia Hellermann, Brady Swafford
- 14 Marcy Thompson
- 15 Becky Quast, Owen Paulson, Luan Johnsrud
- 16 LaVonne Arvidson, Gretchen Roeske
- 17 Erin Guzy, Annika Jacoby, Michele Johnson-Amundson, Kaitlin Klein, Don Reutzel, Helen Grothe
- 18 Jacob Christenson, Laurie Moser, Brenda Reutzel, Arlo Albright
- 19 Abbie Armstrong, Robert Fry, Ella Johnson, Barb Barlau, Marlene Theel, James Grothe
- 20 Timothy Kieser
- 21 Marcia Larson, Kathy Lura
- 22 Emily Andreasen, Daniel Christenson, Darla Kimber, Jim Loomis, William O'Fallon
- 23 Paul Evans, Jordyn Bebus
- 24 Dave Johnson, Amanda Mattheisen
- 26 Dianne Beihoffer, Jeanette Ellingson, Alice Gronli, Jeffrey Johnson
- 27 Mark Szabo

Are you interested in becoming a member?

If you're new to PLC and have been wondering more about our congregation or would like to know more about what it means to be a member of our worshipping community, please plan on joining us for our upcoming New Member Workshop. We'll share some information about our church, our beliefs, our mission, and the ministry we share!

If you're planning on attending or if you would like to join PLC, but you are unable to make it to the New Member Workshop, please contact the church office at 320-243-3624.

February 20 New Member Workshop
February 27 New Member Recognition



February Mission of the Month

The quilting ministry of PLC is vital to our mission of loving others generously and gracefully. The quilts our Monday Quilters make are sent all over the world to provide comfort and reassurance to those who are in need of care. Last year 155 quilts went out from this place to graduates, mission areas, and people who need them most. And YOU help make that happen! With your generous gifts and support of this ministry we are able to do so much to bring God's love to all people. During February, our Mission of the Month will be to continue our congregation's support of our Monday Quilters and what they do. Donations can be dropped off in the gathering area, please mark "quilters" in the memo line of checks. We sincerely thank you for all the ways you continue to support what the Monday Quilters do and the impact we as a church have on the world!





If you or someone you know is going thru a difficult time and is in need of a prayer shawl please stop and see Tammy in the church office for shawl.

ONLINE GIVING

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Your support is essential to the mission and ministry of Paynesville Lutheran Church. Consistent giving is a help to this congregation as we plan for ministry expenses throughout the year. If you've found it challenging to give consistently, this may be an opportunity for you to begin doing so. We thank you in advance for all your continued

gifts, financial and otherwise.

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at www.paynesvillelutheran.org,
- 2) Click on the "Online Giving" tab on the homepage,
- 3) Click on the "Online Giving" button,
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

You can also contact the church office for a paper form.



To check on weather related announcements pertaining to Paynesville Lutheran please check our website www.paynesvillelutheran.org, our Facebook page; Facebook.com/PaynesvilleLutheran, or the KWLM radio station. Please use your best judgment when venturing out during the winter months.

Just Press Play!



Were you unable to be with us last Sunday? Want to remember something you heard in worship? Just can't get enough? Head to the Paynesville Lutheran Church YouTube page for past sermons, worship services, and other video content for you to enjoy! Another great way for you to stay connected to what's happening at PLC! Just search 'Paynesville Lutheran Church' to see what's playing!



The women's Bible study group meets on the second Thursday of every month at 10:00 in the church chapel and all are welcome. We use the Gather magazine Bible study and there are copies available for those who don't have one. In February's Bible study we will be studying the kingdom of God and some of its different meanings. I hope you will join us on Thursday February 10th at 10:00. Please plan to wear a mask.



Sunday Morning

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Fellowship

Education Hour

Wednesday Evening

6:00 p.m. Worship

You Shop, We Benefit!



For those who are not aware, Teal's Market has a wonderful "1% Receipt Rebate Program." It is an easy way for local non-profits to earn money for their organizations. Simply shop at Teal's Market, bring us your receipts, and we'll earn 1% back on all your qualifying purchases. Paynesville Lutheran Church already utilizes this program, so please bring your receipts from Teal's Market to church and put them in the box in the Gathering Area to help us earn more from this great program. This is an ongoing program so you can bring in receipts from any past purchases. We also collect Box Tops for Education, Country Hearth & Village Hearth Bread bar codes as well as Our Family Products bar codes. These items are to help support Paynesville Elementary School. Thank you to all who have supported these programs!

THE VALLEY & THE PASTURE

Pastor Paul Shumaker

We are in that season. The post-Christmas, cold and flu, dark winter, pandemic season. We are in the season of the valley that Psalm 23 tells us about. We are living through a heavy time. A time of uncertainty a time where there is no shortage of voices telling us what to think and what to do. It may seem like a dark valley to you, and I want you to know that I hear you.

We are living through a time where everyone is feeling something. Pain and loss is coming out sideways. Even though frustration and irritability are commonplace, now they seem to be amplified. Relationships that we once filled with understand and compassion are now messy.

But here is the hope that perhaps you need to hear today, I know it is the hope I need to hear today. Messy is what we do! Messy is what the church is supposed to be good at! Messy is real life and real struggles and real hurts! You and I, we are the church, we are God's church and messy is what we do!

We don't always do it well, and sometimes we lose sight of the fact that we, as the church, are supposed to be right in the thick of the mess, proclaiming - God is with you!

In this season of darkness and valleys your God is here with you! I pray that you know that, that you find hope in that gift. Now more than ever we need to be that messy church together. Where we can support one another in the midst of philosophical differences. Where we can say that we are a part of the body of Christ as imperfect as we are. Your care and support are needed now more than ever.

It has been a very difficult time to be church. More than any other time, we have seen every decision that we have made scrutinize with animosity. If we ask people to mask, some are relieved while others are angered. If we do nothing, some are angry while others go on as if nothing is happening at all.

Recently our church council asked everyone to mask as a part of a request by our medical facilities. Now this request is only for a short time, and we know through studies that it will actually save lives. Real human lives.

In any other time in our history that would be enough for this worshipping body to come together to do what we can for the least of these. Unfortunately, the valley we are in is a deep one. It is frustrating, it is hard, and it is challenging. We are called to do what we can for each other and right now in this valley that means doing some things we don't particularly like. We need to come together now more than ever. I am pleading with you to wear a mask, please prayerfully consider getting vaccinated and above all be kind to one another.

This is messy. May we as God's messy church and messy people do the work that we are called to. May we roll up our sleeves and get to the work of loving one another even when we don't particularly like each other very much. Being a follower of Christ is messy, having faith in uncertain times is challenging. Know that this church, your church is ready to get messy with you!

Psalm 23 goes on to remind us of the green pastures, the comfort of our Creator and of God's goodness and mercy. We will one day get through this valley, it will happen! God's church, God's people, have walked through many valleys, this is not new. One day we will look back over this valley from the splendor of the green pastures. My prayer is that we will be filled with pride, hope and gratitude at how we weathered the valley and cared for all of God's precious sheep!

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff —
they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long. Psalm 23