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The monthly newsletter of
Paynesville Lutheran Church

Point others to Jesus • Love generously and gracefully • Cultivate disciples

Ash Wednesday

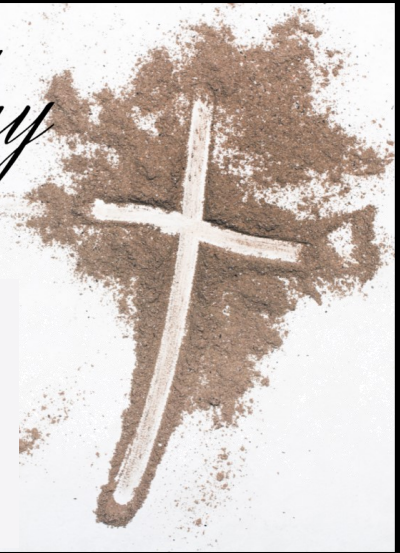
FEBRUARY 14

COMMUNITY MEAL

5:00PM-5:45PM

WORSHIP

6:00PM



We hope you plan to join us for worship during Lent and encourage you to come early and enjoy a meal and fellowship with others from our worshipping community. We will be serving supper in the fellowship hall from 5:00pm until 5:45pm on Wednesday nights before worship begins at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. Supper is a free-will donation. All are welcome!

Shepherds Voice

Communion Workshop March 24– 12:00pm - 1:00pm

“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children
come to me, and do not stop them.’” Matthew 19:14

At Paynesville Lutheran Church we believe one does not have to earn grace, and thus, one does not need to earn their way to the Lord’s table. On Sunday, March 24 we will be offering a Communion Workshop for people of ALL ages to come and learn about the gift of Holy Communion and wonder together about its practice. During our time together, Pastors Paul will lead activities and discussion about this Holy Sacrament. Then, on Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 6:00pm, we will share communion together with the entire congregation. You may sign up by contacting the church office. Young people of any age attending the event need to be accompanied by an adult. Please contact Pastor Paul if you have any questions.



Mission of the Month update

Thank you for your generous giving throughout 2023. As we begin a new year, we're going to try a new, ongoing mission project. There will be an area in the fellowship hall for collecting GENTLY used clothing for our Paynesville Community Center. (Clothing with stains, rips, missing buttons, broken zippers, etc. cannot be used. Thank you for checking the clothing you donate to make sure it fits the gently used category.) There is a high need now for men's clothing of all sizes. We hope we can keep this outreach project going throughout the year.

Looking ahead, February's mission of the month will actually begin the last Sunday of January. "Valentines for Veterans" will be our goal. After church on Wednesday, January 31st and Sunday, February 4th, there will be valentines on tables in the narthex for you to sign. The cards will be sent to the Veteran's hospital in St Cloud. Our youth will also participate, making their own valentines during iQuest. We hope to brighten the day of many veterans.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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February Birthday Blessings to...

- 1 John Buermann Jr.
- 2 Donna Fry
- 4 Bryan Kotten
- 5 Shawnta Ludwig, Carol Smith, Nancy Moline
- 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, Jaxen Swafford
- 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 Laurie Moser, Brenda Reutzel, Arlo Albright
- 19 Abbie Armstrong, Robert Fry, Ella Johnson, Barb Barlau, Marlene Theel, James Grothe
- 21 Marcia Larson, Kathy Lura, Arianna Cully
- 22 Emily Andreasen, Darla Kimber, Jim Loomis,
- 23 Paul Evans, Jordyn Bebus
- 24 Dave Johnson, Amanda Mattheisen
- 26 Dianne Beihoffer, Jeanette Ellingson, Alice Gronli, Jeffrey Johnson
- 27 Mark Szabo, Zola Tri



CAMP HOUSE 2024



SAVE THE DATE
JULY 19-27, 2024

Registration
Information
Coming Soon.



Camp Kickoff

Come get excited with us about Camp 2024!
You will have the opportunity to hear more
about camp for all ages on
Wednesday, February 7 at 6:00 pm.
Come and hear what an amazing experience this
is for you and your family.

Do you have some questions? We have the answers!

What camp do we go to? We attend Camp House Bible camp just 45 minutes northeast of Duluth. Camp House is on Lake George and is one of the most beautiful places you will ever see! Lots of trails and woods to explore and an incredible lake to jump in after all the awesome games you'll play. There are also opportunities to attend Green Lake Bible Camp and Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp and more.

What do we get to do there? You will get to swim, use the boats paddle boards, kayaks, play games, eat great food, laugh a whole lot and be with all your friends and make new ones all while learning some great stuff.

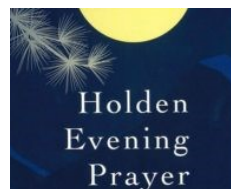
How do I sign up? To attend Camp House all you have to do to sign up is complete the registration form at <http://www.paynesvillelutheran.org/camp-house.html> its that simple! To register for one of the other camps, please visit the camp website for registration information.

More questions? Please ask us! We love talking about camp. Call us at:
(320)243-3624
Email us at: office@paynesvillelutheran.org



Holden Evening Prayer Returns (Hopefully)

We are hoping to use Holden Evening Prayer again during the Wednesday night Lent worship services this year! As a staff we always get very positive feedback about how much people love to hear this music. That being said, we are in need of singers who would be willing to help lead this beautiful worship. Please contact Kari if you are interested in leading the music for this worship. Wednesday Lent worships with Holden Evening Prayer will begin the week after Ash Wednesday - Feb. 21.



Greetings!

I am so excited to be working with the youth and families of PLC. My name is Beth Voss and I have been working with the elementary iQuest program and confirmation for the past few years. I am looking forward to all the new opportunities that I have now to connect with the youth of all ages and their parents.

So many fun things are happening already. There is swimming at Bugbee's and sledding at the golf course planned. Hopefully a few more activities will fall into place this winter for our elementary students. Middle and high school activity opportunities will be starting to pop up. I have some ideas of fun things to do, but if you have ideas, let me know.

One thing that I would love to get started is a prayer partnership for our youth. Adults would commit to praying for one of our youths and maybe send them an encouraging note every once in a while. If you would be interested in praying intentionally for one of the youth here at PLC, please send me an email or talk to me on a Wednesday night.

We have a great group of kids/young adults here at Paynesville Lutheran. It is an honor to work with them, help them grow in their faith, and be a support for families. Please reach out with thoughts, questions, ideas, etc.

In Christ,
Beth Voss



**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. Please contact the church office for more information.



The Men's Bible study meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at PLC at 9:00am. Join us as we enjoy time together in Bible Study and fellowship.

IT'S FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Looking for something to do on those wintery afternoons? Join Paynesville Lutheran Church and our youth and family board for these fun family activities.

Join us at the Pool! Join us for a fun afternoon at the pool with the entire family.

Sunday, January 28, 2024

1:00-3:00pm at Bug-Bee Hive Resort

Lifejackets are highly recommended



Live streaming!

PLC continues to live stream our services and we know that they are being watched by many who are unable to attend worship in person. This valuable ministry is only possible through the individuals willing to share their time as a part of our technology team. Often technology can be a bit overwhelming, we get that. That is why the booth at the back of the sanctuary is created to take the guess work out of the process. That along with great teachers anyone can learn to run the sound, projection or cameras (or even all three)! We are in need of willing souls to sit in the booth during services and help with this vital ministry. Do not let the technology intimidate you - you can do it! Contact the church office with any questions and thank you in advance for stepping forward with your time and talents.



Columbarium

The columbarium is a wonderful way for us to continue to minister to families during some of the most difficult times that we face. If you would like more information about the columbarium check out the churches website or contact the church office.



Thank you

The staff of Paynesville Lutheran Church would like to thank you for all the gestures of kindness that we received this past year, especially over the Christmas season! We are blessed to be partners in ministry with you.

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.**



New Members

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.

Wednesday, January 31 | 6:30 PM – New Member Workshop
Wednesday, February 7 | 6:00 PM Worship – New Member Recognition

Sunday, February 4 | 10:00 AM – New Member Workshop
Sunday, February 11 | 9:00 AM Worship – New Member Recognition

Plastic Recycling

As you may already know we are recycling plastic at PLC to help with the environment and to receive a beautiful bench for use on the grounds, a win win!. We have been blessed with many who are bringing in their plastic bag recycling – thank you and keep up the great work! If you are bringing in large quantities of plastic, it would be incredibly helpful if you could bag your plastic before coming to church and place those bags in the shed near the church garage. We are also looking for individuals who would be willing to transport bags of plastic to the drop off locations. If your interested contact the church office – 320-243-3624.



Recycle your household bags and wrap. These are acceptable items.

FROM THE STORE

- ✓ Produce bags
- ✓ Store bags
- ✓ Ice bags

FROM YOUR PANTRY

- ✓ Ziploc® & other reclosable bags
- ✓ Cereal box liners
- ✓ Case overwrap
- ✓ Bread bags

FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR

- ✓ Newspaper sleeves
- ✓ Dry cleaning bags
- ✓ Bubble wrap
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- ✗ Hot dog or meat wrap packaging
- ✗ Six-pack rings
- ✗ PPE- Gloves, masks, or protective wear
- ✗ Pool covers
- ✗ Lamination film
- ✗ Silage and hay bags
- ✗ Vinyl shower curtains or tablecloths
- ✗ Bedding or linen packaging
- ✗ Shiny, crinkly films like floral wrap
- ✗ Backyard ice rinks

DON'T SEE YOUR ITEM ON THE LIST?

Try these tests to see if your plastic is acceptable or not.

See if the package will stretch when you pull it. If yes, it can be included. If it tears like paper, then please don't put in the bin.

Is the package shiny or does it make a crinkly/crunchy sound in your hand? If yes, do NOT recycle in the NextTrex® bin.



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Wednesday Lenten Worships

Join us for the 2024 Lenten Wednesday worship services entitled “Saints and Sinners”.

This year we will be hearing from some of the villains of scripture. The characters that are often associated with the harshest part of Jesus’ life the week leading up to His crucifixion. We will come to hear about that journey to the cross from some unlikely and often unlikeable people including: Judas, Malchus, Caiaphas, Pilate & a Roman Soldier. Don’t recognize all of these people? Come and hear their stories as we explore together the Lenten season together as we wrestle with what it means to be both a saint and a sinner!

We will also be sharing in “Holden Evening Prayer” a beautiful musical worship setting which will help focus us during this season. If you would like to share your musical gifts we could you some solo voices during each of these Wednesday worships and we could also use a couple more voices to lend to the character dialogues. Let Pastor Paul or Kari know if you are interested in lending your voice to this season.

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Meatball Supper and Silent Auction
May 15, 2024
(Watch for details)



The women’s Bible study group meets on the second Thursday of every month at 10:00 in the church chapel. We use the Gather magazine Bible study, there are copies available for those who don’t have one. We hope you will join us on Thursday, February 8 at 10:00am. All are welcome!