

Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>: Re:LENT 6:00 PM  
"What is impossible with man is possible with God." Luke 18:27

Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup>: Re:LENTless Grace 6:00 PM

Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup>: Re:LENTless Forgiveness 6:00 PM  
"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:33

Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>: Re:LENTless Hope 6:00 PM  
"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Heb. 11:1

Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup>: Re:LENTless Love 6:00 PM  
"For God so love the world..." John 3:16


Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Palm Sunday** 9:00 AM  
Come explore the days leading up to Easter through the telling of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>: **Maundy Thursday** 6:00 PM  
We celebrate the Lord's Supper and Jesus' final meal with the disciples on this night. Our first communion recipients will be receive the meal for the first time on this night and they will also be helping us as we strip the altar reminding us of the starkness of this evening and the days to come.

Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>: **Good Friday** 6:00 PM  
This evening is a somber service reminding us of our own sinful natures. We come together on this night because without Jesus' sacrifice on the cross there can be no redemption, no Easter!

Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>: **Easter Sunday!** 6:00 AM,  
9:00 AM &  
10:30 AM

Alleluia! Let our voices sing Alleluia! Come and praise God on Easter Sunday rejoicing in the risen Christ! We celebrate and worship our God on this Holy Sunday!

**LIVE**  Paynesville Lutheran Church records and live streams our worship services over the internet.  
**STREAMING**

By entering and by your presence in our sanctuary, you grant your permission for your likeness and voice to be included in our recordings and broadcasts without additional consideration.

Thank you for your cooperation.



March 19, 2023  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

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

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# The Parable of the Talents



## 9:00 Worship



Prelude

Welcome

Paynesville Lutheran Church Breakthrough Prayer

Call to Worship

Confession and Forgiveness

Opening Song: "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

ELW #241

Prayer of the Day

Greeting

Sharing time with Children

CELEBRATION Choir: "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Scripture Reading: Psalm 43:3-4

p. 448 in your Bible

Preaching Text: Matthew 25:14-30

p. 807 in your Bible

Message:

Pastor Paul Shumaker

Song of the Day: "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"

ELW #244

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

Offering

Offertory Prayer

The Words of Promise

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song:

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

ELW #488

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

ELW #685

"Here is Bread"

ELW #483

Post Communion Blessing

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song: "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Dismissal

\*Large Print Bibles available at the entrance of the worship space.

# HOLY WEEK



**Palm Sunday**

April 2, 2023

9:00am Worship



**Maundy Thursday**

April 6, 2023

6:00pm Worship  
with First  
Communion



**Good Friday**

April 7, 2023

6:00pm Worship



**Easter Sunday**

April 9, 2023

6:00am Sunrise  
Service

9:00am & 10:30am  
Easter Worship

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LENT 2023

"Re:LENTless" is our theme for Lent 2023. Join us each Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm for worship as we explore God's Relentless love for us and desire to give us Grace, Forgiveness, Hope & Love. Join us before worship for soup and sandwiches and meaningful fellowship. The meal is a free will offering and all proceeds go to the continued meal ministry that takes place every Wednesday during the school year.

### Lenten Wednesday Evening Schedule:

4:30-5:45 pm Lenten meal - the meal begin at 4:30 pm and run until just before worship, join us whenever the time works for you.

6:00 pm "Re:LENTless" Worship

6:30 pm Choir Practice - The PLC CELEBRATION Choir meets following worship for practice. You are invited to join and share your gifts with this amazing team!

### LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES AND HOLY WEEK!

Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>: *Ash Wednesday* 6:00 PM

*"Greatest in the Kingdom"*

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith."* Eph. 2:8-9

## We're Giving Away MONEY!

In the over 30 years since our endowment was established, we have been fortunate enough to give over \$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 look forward to reviewing applications and continuing the incredible impact of this gift we have as a congregation. Applications can be found on our website [www.paynesvillelutheran.org](http://www.paynesvillelutheran.org)  
**The deadline for applications is April 15.**



## 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](http://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.



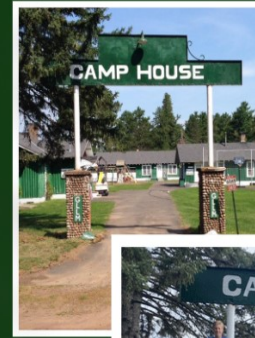
We hope you plan to join us for worship during Lent and encourage you to come early and enjoy a meal and fellowship with others from our worshipping community. We will be serving supper in the fellowship hall from 4:30pm until about 5:45pm on Wednesdays during Lent before worship begins at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. Supper is a free-will donation. All are welcome!

Paynesville  
Lutheran  
Church

# Camp House 2023

July 21-29, 2023

Registration Now Open!  
Camp House Rd  
Brimson, MN



## EDUCATION HOUR

We've got a compelling lineup of topics for our upcoming Education Hour at PLC. Our continued goal is to provide meaningful and thought-provoking topics to deepen faith and encourage learning in our community. We'll do this in a variety of ways throughout the year and we hope you'll join in on the learning and growth we'll do together. Please join us Sunday mornings at 10:00am in the PLC Chapel.

Up coming topics:

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** - Eagle's Nest-Melany Butler

**March 26<sup>th</sup>** - Agriculture Programs at Paynesville Schools, Irrigation project, and FFA-Natalie Utsch

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Palm Sunday-No Adult Education

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** - Easter Sunday-No Adult Education

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** - Meet the Apostles-Part 1-Pastor Paul Shumaker

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Meet the Apostles-Part 2- Pastor Paul Shumaker

**April 30<sup>th</sup>** - TBD, last class until fall

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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 Time to Order Easter Flowers

Easter flower order envelopes are available in the Gathering Area and are due by **Monday, March 27, 2023**. Please bring the envelope and payment to the church office or drop it in the offering plate. Make your check payable to Paynesville Lutheran with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. All flowers left at PLC after Wednesday, April 12 will be donated to local facilities. Thank you.



### Flowers available include:

Easter Lily \$13 Tulips \$15 Kalanchoe \$20  
Mums \$20 Hydrangea \$35



## March Mission of the Month

March is Minnesota Food Share Month. We as a church are committed to "Love Generously and Gracefully". The Paynesville Community Center is an organization that feels an impact by the amount of donations that are given. Our local food shelf serves over 200 families, so please "Love Generously and Gracefully" and help a family in need by bringing non-perishable food items to PLC during the month of March. The community Center is in need of cereal, canned fruit, school snacks, peanut butter and jelly.

Match your food donation with an equal monetary donation if you can. For example, if you donate a \$4 box of cereal, also donate \$4 cash. The "buying power" of our local community center exceeds what an individual can purchase. This will help us "multiply" our donations. Cash donations are always welcome. Thank you for your support.



## Communion Workshop April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 12:00pm - 1:00pm

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, April 2 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, April 6 at 6:00pm, we will share communion together with the entire congregation. You may sign up in by contacting the church office. Young people of any age attending the event need to be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the pastor if you have any questions.



## LENTEN WORSHIP OFFERINGS

Did you know that during Lent our Midweek Lenten worship offerings are split between three worthy causes! They are shared between Lutheran Disaster Response, Good Neighbor Fund and Camp House Matching Fund!

**Lutheran Disaster Response:** Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, LDR stays to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. Some of the many areas LDR supports are: Middle East Crisis, Hurricane Response, U.S. Flooding, Wildfires, Eastern Europe Refugee Crisis and so much more!

**Good Neighbor Fund:** Is the PLC Fund that is used for those in our community that are in need of immediate financial support. These dollars are used for food, short term lodging, diapers, formula, medications and whatever else that might be an immediate need.

**Camp House Matching Fund:** This year as we focus on "filling the Camp!" with our youth, adults and families we are also keenly aware that the cost of camp does not even come close to the amount of money it costs to operate this vital ministry. For each dollar that we spend to send a person to camp PLC as committed to matching those dollars as a gift GLLM as our ministry partner so that this life giving ministry will continue its important work well into the future!

## Weather Related Announcements

To check on weather related announcements pertaining to Paynesville Lutheran please check our website [www.paynesvillelutheran.org](http://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.

