



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

Lent 2023

Beginning with
Ash Wednesday
February 22, 2023
6:00pm Worship



We hope you plan to join us for worship during Lent and encourage you also 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!

Shepherds Voice



“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 22nd: *Ash Wednesday* 6:00 PM
“Greatest in the Kingdom”

Wednesday March 1st: Re:LENT 6:00 PM
“What is impossible with man is possible with God.” Luke 18:27

Wednesday March 8th: Re:LENTless Grace 6:00 PM
“For by grace you have been saved through faith.” Eph. 2:8-9

Wednesday March 15th: Re:LENTless Forgiveness 6:00 PM
“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Rom. 3:33

Wednesday March 22nd: 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 29th: Re:LENTless Love 6:00 PM
“For God so love the world...” John 3:16

March 2023

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

- 1 Virg Vagle, Jeanne Liestman, Faye Hartert, Vaneesa Karsch
- 2 David Haase, Bradley Nelson,
- 3 Brandon Carlson
- 4 Alex Johnson, Otto Naujokas, Melanie Klocker
- 5 Carter Fuchs, Eric Hartfiel, Karna Kleven, Craig Reinke, Heidi Ahrendt
- 6 Betty Gustafson
- 7 Margaret Niedan
- 8 Brett Bungum, Chris Fink, Georgia Hecht
- 9 Caleb Meierhofer, Melissa Soine, Logan Bonnema
- 10 Megan Laughlin
- 11 Rylie Buermann
- 12 MacKenzie Haines, Marlys Sorenson, Jerry Hunt, Sue Berry
- 13 Katrina Daby, Brianna Deming, Lorelle Jones
- 14 Steve Guzy, Sheila Shepherd, Stacy Larson
- 16 Scarlett Williams, Randy Schaefer
- 17 Larry Carlson, Stephanie Eisenbraun
- 18 Harlin Hecht, Heather Price, Lowell Voigt
- 19 David Ampe, Joey Christenson, Alana Ludwig, Alyvia Klein, David Albers
- 20 Holly Andreasen, Gary Reinke
- 21 Steve Brown, Brandon Soine, Shirley Reek, Charles Reinke
- 22 Joshua Larson, Thomas Meyer,
- 24 Shawn Hoppe
- 25 Trudy Hunt, Sharon Schmid
- 26 Erik Malling, Reese Reutzell, David Shumaker, Alexandra Buermann
- 27 Lex Karsch, Duane Ludwig, Lois Meyer, Kari Shumaker, Griffin Reek
- 28 Joe Cook, Marie Grothe
- 30 Jessica Fearing, Thomas Neuman
- 31 Connie Osborne, Gail Fink, Duncan Reek

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

Thursday April 6th: ***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 7th: ***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 9th: ***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!

Communion Workshop

April 2nd – 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, 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.



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.**



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 5th - Lent Explained-Kari Shumaker

March 12th - Senior LinkAge Line-Laura Sakry

March 19th - Eagle's Nest-Melany Butler

March 26th - Agriculture Programs at Paynesville Schools, Irrigation project, and FFA-Natalie Utsch

April 2nd - Palm Sunday-No Adult Education

April 9th - Easter Sunday-No Adult Education

April 16th - Meet the Apostles-Part 1-Pastor Paul Shumaker

April 23rd - Meet the Apostles-Part 2- Pastor Paul Shumaker

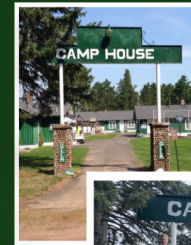
April 30th - TBD, last class until fall

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Camp House 2023

July 21-29, 2023

Registration Now Open!
Camp House Rd
Brimson, MN



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.

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 all while learning some great stuff.

How do I sign up? All you have to do to sign up is complete the registration form at <http://www.paynesvillelutheran.org/camp-house.html> Its that simple!

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

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





Theme for Summer Intensive
June 2022: Small but Mighty:
How our relationship with
BUGS can change the world.

Who Can Register?

Students who will have completed 9th-12th grade by June 2023.

Where

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN (one hour south of Minneapolis and the MSP airport)

When

June 17-23, 2023 (Saturday to Friday)

What kinds of activities does the week include? To get an idea, you can view the program site <https://sites.google.com/gustavus.edu/gafse-summer-intensive-2023/home>, more information will be added to this site as we get closer to the summer.

How

Registration will open on January 1st, 2023 and remain open until the June 2023 Summer Intensive is filled.

Cost

Participants pay a \$500 registration fee; \$100 is due upon registration to reserve your spot. All other costs are paid through a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment. Registration scholarships are available for participants based on need. Travel scholarships are also available.



CAMP IS COMING TO VISIT

Camp is coming to us!

On Sunday March 12th Travis Aufderheide will be joining us for worship and will be bringing a greeting from the Bible Camps of Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. Travis serves as the Executive Director of GLLM and is a huge advocate for the life changing experiences that we receive when we attend these amazing places.

Join us on March 12th for worship and hear a temple talk from Travis and don't worry Travis will also be joining us on Wednesday March 15th when Travis will again be bring a word from the camp and sharing in worship!

Camp House is one of the camps of GLLM and the camp that we share in an intergenerational ministry with each summer!

Remember to sign up for camp! Our camp week is Friday July 21st through Saturday July 29th! Dates and length of stay vary on your schedule and the program that you sign up for. Take a look at our website for more information or ask Pastor Paul, Kari or Tammy if you have any questions.

We believe that camp is so incredibly crucial for the faith development of God's people that we have heavily discounted the cost and if you are in need of additional support do not hesitate to ask as we have funds available just for this worthy cause!



Travis Aufderheide
GLLM Executive Director

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.

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.

April 30 - New Member Workshop
May 7 - New Member Recognition



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.



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 and there are copies available for those who don't have one. We hope you will join us on Thursday March 9th at 10:00am. All are welcome!



DID YOU KNOW?

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!