

Remember

you are dust

and to dust

you shall return



Dear Friends:

Life - particularly religious life - has often been seen as a journey, a pilgrimage. I suspect this was true even before God asked Abraham to walk away from his home, or the Israelites walked and walked from Egypt to the Promised Land.

Lent, too, is often spoken of as a pilgrimage towards Easter. Of course all of life can be construed in these terms, as a movement towards an end. The metaphor brings all sorts of questions to mind: Do you need to know where you are going? How do you know you're on the right road? What are the signposts? Who are my traveling companions? Ultimately, for a believer, unless the journey ends in God, it has not been a journey at all but just aimless wandering.

And so early Christians often spoke of Christianity as "the Way."

This year at Lenten Lunches our topic has been how to find our center in the midst of turmoil, the path in the whiteout, the right place to stand in the eye of the hurricane. And that is what I've been preaching about too. How do you stay on the path?

Well, the walk is already half way through. I can almost smell the lamb stew simmering in the kitchen as I think about Maundy Thursday, and then Good Friday and the Vigil and Easter.

So I wonder how far you've come, and what state your feet are in?

Of all the seasons of the year, this is the one that benefits most from a disciplined walk with God. Please take the time to attend to your calendar, and mark the days -- Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter -- the signposts on the way to your redemption. And walk there carefully and deliberately, in the company of the one who will never let you walk alone. I for one can hardly wait.



Your friend in Christ,
Michael

Easter Services

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:30pm Parish dinner and liturgy

GOOD FRIDAY

12:00-3:00pm The Last Seven Words of Christ on the Cross. Come and go as you like any time during this meditation.

HOLY SATURDAY

8:30pm The Great Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

10:00am Easter Service



Thank You!

Myrtle has decided it's time to retire from organizing the Maundy Thursday dinner. Marty has graciously donned the mantle. Thank you both for your dedication to this special St. Paul's event!

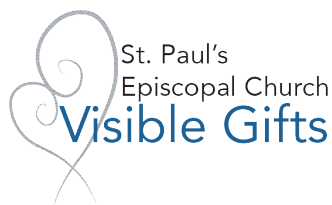
Vestry Notes

Vestry met on Feb 22 during a beautiful snowfall. Most of the items discussed are included throughout this Leaven, but here are some highlights. Liz Keck gave a presentation about Rachel's Light, the future shelter for homeless women and children. If you have any questions about this, please ask a Vestry Member. We will have multi-generational programming on Wednesday nights after

Easter. Volunteers are needed for many things. If you are interested in helping or attending, please let Fr. Michael or myself know. There are many in our congregation that need prayers and love - keep those powerful prayers and hugs coming! *Our next meeting is March 22 at 6:30.*

Gretchen

Mother's Day Shopping while Fundraising for St. Paul's



Do you have something strange in your attic...? Or an heirloom, or curiosity, or something collectible? What exactly is in that trunk?

This spring we are going to run our second eBay auction as a fundraiser.

First we need to find the items. You can imagine what they might be: forgotten curiosities, or perhaps items you value, but are prepared to contribute. Two years ago the now famous Gjerdahl butter-crock brought in \$530 from Ohio.

See what you can find. Then we will get an expert or semi-expert opinion on them, and place them into auction.

This brilliant approach enables us to donate the strange (and not so strange) things in our attic, and use them to raise funds outside the congregation from strange-things-collectors all over the country.

If you would like to contribute or to help, please contact Sheryl or another member of the Vestry.

TIMELINE: HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

Apr 22: Donation deadline

Please donate! Alternately, ask your friends, relatives, neighbors and business owners – they may have something they want to donate. Contact us, or download donor forms from the St. Paul's church website.

Apr 29-May 6: Auction live

Spread the word! Ask your friends, family, neighbors and business associates to bid; email your contacts with the eBay page and ask them to bid and help spread the word.

Sheryl 507-451-3244

**SaintPaulsOnline@yahoo.com
ebay.com/usr/visiblegifts**

Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival

The marching band festival ends right outside St. Paul's. We are looking for volunteers to hand out water. See Gretchen if you are able to help.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Bumping into Jesus after Easter

Food, friends, a little learning and prayers. Six evenings starting Wednesday, April 4 at 6:00.

We are looking for kitchen crew, cleaning crew and a time-keeper.

John Sullivan Ordination

June 26 at 6:00 pm
St. Mark's Cathedral

A number of us would like to attend. We may join the bus from Christ Church Austin. If you are interested or have questions, talk to Gretchen or Fr. Michael.

TEC Is April 20–22

A remarkable experience for youth in grades 9 and up. If you'd like to know more call 507 451 5319 and we'll get back to you.

Scholarship Applications Are Due!

See Myrtle, Steve Judd or Fr. Michael if you have questions.

Lay Schedule

Date	Lay Reader	Lector	Chalice	Ushers
March 11	Mark	Steve	Francy	Julie and Gayle
March18	Kristin	Nan	Mike	Steve and Sheryl
March 25	Scott	Matt	Steve	Terri and Mike W
Easter Saturday March 31	Jackie	Carol Zotalis	Francy	Gretchen and Marty
Easter Sunday April 1	Julianna	Mary	Janet	Steve and Sheryl
April 8	Mark	Nikki	Diane	Julie and Gayle
April 15	Kristin	Francy	Steve	Terri and Mike W
April 22	Scott	Steve	Francy	Gretchen and Marty



If you make a schedule change,
please leave a message on the church phone.

Coffee Committees

- March**

 - Gail Plathe
 - Deb Carlson
 - Janet Dixon
 - Nan Gjerdahl
 - Carol Peterson
 - Jodie Ruehling
 - Kristin Warehime
 - Terri Hottmann
 - Julianna Skluzacek
- April**

 - Julie Conlin
 - Gayle Kozelka
 - Maggie Dixon
 - Deb Buck
 - Sheryl Keith
 - Carol McKernan
 - Jan Robran
 - Bernie Reisenauer
 - Julia Miller
 - Sharon Kramer

Altar

- March**

 - Diane Spitzack
 - Gerri Schwenker
- April**

 - Deb Carlson
 - Sharol Tamburro
 - Betty Kristo
- Brass Cleaning*
9:30am March 17th

Cleo's MEWsings

Seems like it was days ago that I was promising you all that I could see the end of snow and cold! Now I see that by the time some of you read this, it could be 45 outside. Well, I am not counting on it. Winter just seems to be hanging on this year.

But we do have some warm and sunny news! Babies! Two of them this week! First on March 6th Oliver Robert was born to Will and Ruth Brittain. Little but healthy, and cute as can be! Thrilled grandparents are Scott and Kathy and great grandmother Myrtle, big brother James and Aunt Jenni! And then on March 8th, Karli and Adam Buegler welcomed Gannon Greg! Grandparents are Greg and Amy Wobschall, big brother is Rylan. Amy says he is a healthy 8# 10 oz and all are well! That makes four grandsons for Greg and Amy.

Some of our members just couldn't wait for spring and took off for sunnier places. Joanne Peterson was in Florida, Diane and Jack were in Mexico, Jim and Bobbi Otteson were out west as were Barb and Steve Judd (and kids and grandkids). And then a day or two after

Steve was back he was off again to join his golfing buddies in Phoenix.

Tom and Ann Deetz took a couple long weekend trips to Oklahoma and Missouri to watch son Matt play Ultimate Frisbee for his college – heard he was voted MVP one weekend. And Pete and Jackie had a new adventure snowmobiling in Wisconsin for the first time. Also enjoying a winter vacation was the whole Plathe clan! Daughter Siri is still recovering from a concussion but gradually doing better so keep her in your prayers.

Others to keep in your prayers are Tom Knutson who is slowly recovering from a very serious lung infection. Carol McKernan had successful surgery and is in Methodist Hospital in Rochester. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope she is soon back in church.

Also at Methodist Hospital is Drew Meyer. He has been in the hospital several times in the last month and we pray that he gets a diagnosis and treatment and is soon back on his feet! He also had to move while in the hospital and we are thankful for strong

backs (Steve Judd, Mark Guse and Henry and George, Chad Erickson and his friend and Marty Zinsli's pickup) who moved everything in storage for now.

Some new jobs for some of our members, too! Heard Scott Kozelka is going to be the new manager of the SCFF! Congratulations, Scott! Wife Gayle was practically glowing with pride. Kris Warehime just finished up her studies at Dunwoody and started working as a graphic designer for Learning Zone Express. She says she feels very fortunate to have a job here in town and knows there had to be a bit of divine intervention because the job found her just as she was about to accept a position in the cities.

Have you been to the Lenten talks and lunches? Mary Levine did a great job this last Wednesday sharing her experiences surviving a hurricane! Next up is Sheryl Keith followed by Nikki Erickson. Don't miss either one or the wonderful lunch after!

Some of the Prayer Shawl Knitters are enjoying Lent Madness. Have you tried it? If you don't know about it, just

goggle it! The knitters have been knitting faster and faster with 12 shawls going out already with our prayers in 2018! If you or a loved one needs one, ask one of the knitters. If we don't have one, we will put you on our list and soon have one just for you.

Did you get to see the St John's Bible at KODA? It is here on tour and heard a group of St Pauline's went to see it. Cats aren't allowed but heard it was impressive.

Well, soon it will be Holy Week! Come to everything! And the Altar Guild can always use extra hands to help polish the brass on March 24th. (It will help polish your halo too!)

Remember our shut in's in your prayers and I will be back next month when spring should, maybe, be really here!

Love,



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