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JESUS IS OUR FOUNDATION - HIS SPIRIT, OUR WINGS.

*What if Jesus
was your*



UNDERCOVER
BOSS

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Have you ever watched the show “Undercover Boss” on Sunday nights? The CEO of a company goes undercover to meet employees of his or her own company, working alongside them for a day or two. The CEO gets to know them, and learns from them things about the company they might never tell the CEO. Sometimes the undercover boss finds dedicated, loyal employees, sometimes he or she finds disgruntled, unhappy employees. At the end of the hour, the boss calls them all in and often offers rewards or benefits to the people he got to know ‘on the job.’

Jesus has pretty much told us that he’s around in ways we don’t expect. Several years ago, singer Joan Osbourne wrote a song entitled “What if God were one of us?” If Jesus played “Undercover Boss” with us, what would he learn from us? How would we be doing practicing our faith when we didn’t know he was around? What would he learn about our attitudes toward the company (kingdom)?

What would Jesus look like today? Would we even recognize him?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. We’ll have Communion that night at St. Paul’s for both North Park and St. Paul’s at 7:30pm.

Our Lenten Mid-Weeks begin the following Wednesday, February 29th, with supper at 6:30pm and the service at 7:30pm. Our Mid-Week Theme this year is “Undercover Boss.” We’ll look at five stories from the gospels, five encounters of our CEO undercover with the people God loves. As we see those stories unfold, we’ll discover what we may be telling Jesus about ourselves and our feelings about our faith.

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STUDY THE WORD

Daily Lectionary

<p>Transfiguration of Our Lord Last Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>Su 2 Kings 2: 1-12 Psalm 50: 1-6 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 Mark 9: 2-9</p> <p>M Psalm 110: 1-4 Exodus 19: 7-25 Hebrews 2: 1-4</p> <p>Tu Psalm 110: 1-4 Job 19: 23-27 1 Timothy 3: 14-16</p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>W Isaiah 58: 1-12 Psalm 51: 1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10 Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21</p> <p>Th Psalm 25: 1-10 Daniel 9: 1-14 1 John 1: 3-10</p> <p>F Psalm 25: 1-10 Daniel 9: 15-25 2 Timothy 4: 1-5</p> <p>Sa Psalm 25: 1-10 Psalm 32 Matthew 9: 2-13</p>	<p>1st Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Su Genesis 9: 8-17 Psalm 25: 1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1: 9-15</p> <p>M Psalm 77 Job 4: 1-21 Ephesians 2: 1-10</p> <p>Tu Psalm 77 Job 5: 8-27 1 Peter 3: 8-18</p> <p>W Psalm 77 Proverbs 30: 1-9 Matthew 4: 1-11</p>
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St. Paul's Famous Fish Dinner

Friday, March 23rd

Fish or Shrimp Dinners - \$10.00
(Half portions are available for \$5.00)

Our fish is ordered from Hayes Fish Market however, we make our own salads and desserts (and they are gooooooood!)



We need people to cook potatoes or macaroni, bake desserts, and help on March 23rd.

Dinner proceeds will be matched by Thrivent Financial



Eat in or take out

And

North Park Lutheran Church
HOMEMADE BAKED FISH DINNER

Friday, March 30th

(Watch for details in the March edition of **VOICE**)

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

- C. S. Lewis



Visit & recommend to friends St. Paul's Website
www.stpaulswilliamsville.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

Thank you to Lori Lorenz our parent volunteer in Pre-K and Kindergarten and, to Tammy Harhigh and Pat Valentine our nursery volunteers in January!

If you can volunteer in the nursery or if you would like to substitute teach in Sunday School call Kim Retallack at 631-5929.



February 22nd

Worship Schedule

*(Please note that the Ash Wednesday
Worship Schedule has changed from
previous years.)*

12:30pm - A brief service (15 minutes) that includes distribution of ashes, but no communion.

7:30pm - The Traditional Ash Wednesday Service with Communion and distribution of ashes.

(No Service will be held at 2:00pm)



ALTAR FLOWERS

Fifteen 2012 dates remain for sponsorship of Altar flowers.

Cost: \$39

Please complete a request form (available from the church office) and return the form to the office or place it in the Worship offering plate.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6

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Daily Lectionary

W	Psalm 35: 1-10 Jeremiah 29:1-14 Mark 5:1-20	F	Psalm 30 Leviticus 14: 1-20 Acts 19: 11-20
Th	Psalm 147:1-11, 20 Proverbs 12:10- 21 Galatians 5:2-15	Sa	Psalm 30 Leviticus 14: 21-32 Matthew 26: 6-13
F	Psalm 147: 1-11, 20 Job 36:1-23 1 Corinthians 9:1-16	6th Sunday after Epiphany	
Sa	Psalm 147: 1-11, 20 Isaiah 46:1-13 Matthew 12:9-14	Su	2 Kings 5: 1-14 Psalm 30 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27 Mark 1:40-45
5th Sunday after Epiphany		M	Psalm 6 2 Chronicles 26: 1-21 Acts 3: 1-10
Su	Isaiah 40: 21-31 Psalm 147: 1-11, 20 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1: 29-39	Tu	Psalm 6 2 Kings 7: 3-10 1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1
M	Psalm 102: 12-28 2 Kings 4:8-17, 32-37 Acts 14: 1-7	W	Psalm 6 Job 30:16-31 John 4:46-54
Tu	Psalm 102:12-28 2 Kings 8:1-6 Acts 15: 36-41	Th	Psalm 41 2 Chronicles 7: 12-22 3 John 2-8
W	Psalm 102: 12-28 Job 6:1-13 Mark 3: 7-12	F	Psalm 41 Isaiah 38: 1-8 Hebrews 12:7-13
Th	Psalm 30 Leviticus 13: 1-17 Hebrews 12: 7-13	Sa	Psalm 41 Isaiah 39: 1-8 Luke 4: 38-41

It's time again to warm up for the
St. Paul's
Chili Cook Off

Sunday, February 12, 2012 - 2:00pm
St. Paul's Social Hall



**Bring your best recipe in a
 Crock pot to be judged!**
(Everyone attending will judge)

1st Prize is a pair of Sabres tickets
Also, 2nd & 3rd prizes will be awarded



And for the kids, we will also hold a
Children's Bake Off



1st Prize - Toys-R-Us Gift Card!
Also, 2nd & 3rd Prizes will be awarded!

All entrants will receive a prize just for entering!

Sign up sheet is in the Social Hall



Please join up for fun, fellowship
And a GREAT WINTER WARM UP!!

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.
 -- Psalm 34:14



Genesis 9: 9 "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you 10 and with every living creature that was with you--the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you--every living creature on earth. 11 I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." 12 And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a

covenant for all generations to come: 13 I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. 16 Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." 17 So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

On Sundays during Lent: we will be looking for **"Signs of the Covenant."** We'll explore the various ways God has reached out to us throughout history.

On Wednesday Evenings beginning February 29th: our Mid-Week Services will use the theme of "Undercover Boss," to explore what God learned about his kingdom when he came among us in Jesus Christ. A light meal will be served each week beginning at 6:30pm.

Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.

- St. Augustine



ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH

February 2012 Prayer List

George Dodd
Marion Dodd - Oakwood
Caroline Edwards
Dick Edwards, MF Gates
Donna Edwards
Beth Galmarini
Elizabeth Gentz
Lois Gibbons
Susan Grau
Gert Guth



Ruth Hansen
Pearl Kibler
Gail Olson
Joanne Plant
Barbara Paulson
Gary Rasmusson
Carl Roeser
Susan Santillo
Dorothy Serio



**Food
Pantry
Needs**

We are blessed to have so many of our members share so generously with the North Buffalo Food Pantry. Thank you to all who faithfully bring groceries for those who are in need. Because we also have members of our own congregation who could use some assistance, we will be

holding some of your donations for a small food pantry here at St. Paul's for our own members. If you could use some help from our pantry, please see the Pastors, Patty Walker or Arlene Bossert.



Deadline for the March 2012 issue of **THE VOICE** February 20th



Epiphany is here...that means The Light is growing!

The text for Epiphany from Isaiah 60 reads: "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come."

These are wonderful images and reminders of what the Light of Christ brings...hope, newness, erasing of darkness and joy. When you and I take part in the ministry of Lutheran Charities of WNY, we can bring this Light...at a camp, to youth, on the East Side, to young men being mentored and more!

We can do this through our giving or our time. One way to give through our time is through the LCFD. On the third Saturday of each month, the LCFD (Lutheran Charities Freelance Disciples) will be going into action at one of our LC supported agencies. All you need to do is send lutherancharities@gmail.com an email that says you're coming. We'll let you know what to bring, what to wear, what you'll be doing and where to meet up.



MOPS moms will meet on Friday, February 10th. Come and enjoy experimenting with some cake decorating techniques. This will be the only MOPS meeting in February.

Mark your calendars for two MOPS meetings in March. Friday, March 9 and Friday, March 23.



God's
PROMISES
 to a Woman's Heart
5th Annual Women's Retreat
March 16-17, 2012
Indigo Hotel

Has anyone ever said to you, "Don't take it to heart"? Usually, they say that when an unkind comment or thoughtless action on the part of someone else has hurt us deeply—or has the potential to do that. When we take insults, snide comments, or criticisms "to heart," we let them influence our thinking and maybe even the way we act. Some things, though, we want (and need) to take "to heart." Good things! Like God's promises, for example. Who wouldn't want to take promises like this to heart? "

I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Hebrews 13:5

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the 5th Annual Women's Retreat.

Registration forms and information are available from the church office

A Special Thank you....

Thank you for your cards and prayers following Ruth's back surgery. We're doing much better now.

-Ruth & Elmer Sagerman

From the Church Library:

"Thanks to Sharon Hehr and Gail Olson for their recent donations to our Church Library."



From the Parish Register

All memorials go into the Memorial Fund unless otherwise indicated.

Marriage: Sarah Crane & Joshua Burke, were married at St. Paul's on January 7, 2012.

In memory of Katherine Senn:

Ms. Elaine L. Bluely
 Richard & June Atkins
 Patricia A. Stewier
 Pat Keller

Baptized: Sophia Adeline Dufrene, daughter of Aaron & Emily Dufrene was baptized on December 27, 2011 at Grace Lutheran Church in Springfield, Illinois.

Donation to the Organ Fund: by John and Beth Crane in honor of Marilyn Pfisterer.

NEEDED FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:

Laundry detergent, bar soap and toilet paper are needed for St. Paul's and the North Buffalo Food Pantry programs. Please place these items along with your other donations in the box provided in the Social Hall.



BOOK CLUB



BOOK CLUB will meet in the Friendship Room on Friday, March 16 at 7:30pm to discuss *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. Hostess will be Ellen Pachioli. All are welcome! Questions? Call Ellen Pachioli at 636-9786.