

## A MONTH TO LOVE



Jesus gave us the great commandment, "Love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." In February there are several days where we celebrate love. Obviously there is Valentine's Day on the 14th, a day to show love with flowers, cards and sweet treats. There is also the lesser known but important days to love like World Cancer Day on the 4th and National Wear Red Day on the 5th to bring awareness to the detection, prevention and treatment of cancer and heart disease. We can show love by giving to charities involved in finding cures for such diseases.

Super Bowl Sunday on the 9th is a way to show love to one's favorite team, as fans, and to friends and family, having parties and gatherings enjoying each other's company. On the 17th (also Presidents Day) Random Acts of Kindness Day is celebrated by kindly paying for the meal of the person behind you in the check-out or drive-thru, or giving a protein bar to the homeless person on the street corner etc.

At the end of February even the Muslim community celebrates love at Ramadan on the 28th seeking spiritual growth, by praying, by acts of kindness, and charitable giving.

Let's all make the entire month of February a month to obey the Great Commandment and generously show your love for one another!

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## ELDER & DEACON NEWS

**Changes in our Elder Board** - After the annual meeting it was decided by the congregation to install all three nominees, David Pollmann is now the Elder Board Chair. Dwight Holmon will continue to serve and Barbara van Dyk will also serve. Bob Schalk will be stepping down and we thank him for dedicating his service these past several years.

We also thank Chuck Caesar for serving so many terms on the Deacon Board and wish him the best. John Graeler will take his place as Deacon Chair.



**Monthly Prayer Guide** - The February prayer emphasis is "Our Church Staff" Prayer guides may be found in each Sunday bulletin.

## FROM PASTOR MARC'S DESK

### Ruth Study

This winter we are diving into the book of Ruth. This is a story of redemption through hardship. God works through the good and the bad in our lives. He does this through his faithful love toward us. God did this for Ruth and Naomi and he is faithful to us as well. In this story we also see how God is preserving David's family line through his provision for Ruth and Naomi. God brings redemption and his ultimate redemption through Jesus, the son of David. Spend some time during the series reading Ruth and join a small group study if you are able.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### **The Women's Fellowship Is Hosting a Valentine's Day Luncheon - All Ladies Welcome**

Wednesday, February 12, at 11:00 am please join the St. Paul's Women's Fellowship for a luncheon and Valentine's Day celebration.

The ladies of Women's Fellowship will supply homemade dishes to share as well as drinks and desserts. Let's celebrate this Valentine's Day with good food and fun and with each other in the Fellowship Hall.



## MISSION NEWS

### January Meeting with Missionaries John and Melissa Shehan, and a Baby Shower!

The January snowstorm wreaked havoc in many ways, including canceling our planned update from John and Melissa Shehan after the worship service on January 5th. We were disappointed that the entire congregation did not have the opportunity to hear from them, but the Mission Team was able to meet with John and Melissa virtually on January 6th. The couple is currently home from Mozambique on their normal winter visit, but this year their time in the US will be extended to the summer because they are due to have a baby boy in March! John and Melissa had a focus in 2024 on discipleship training for local pastors and leaders in the region of their base in Nacala. There were no churches in the area when John and Melissa came to Mozambique, but now there are dozens. The area is predominantly Muslim, but the people are responding to the Gospel! The common comment is, "We have never heard about Jesus!" The people are hungry for the Word, and solar audio Bibles in the native language are paying great dividends. John often shares God's plan for salvation with workers on the various construction projects he manages.

You will recall that John and Melissa have been building a house for themselves in Nacala. They were happy to report that the walls are up and a temporary roof was added before they left the country. Their hope is it will only take 3 or 4 more months after their return to complete their new home. Because of the heavy rain in the area, everything is built from concrete. The roof will be metal. It will be wonderful to have their own home with the new baby!

Speaking of the Shehan baby, it was wonderful that Sieglinde Schnellbacher was able to host a lovely baby shower at her home on January 9th, in place of the shower originally planned by the Mission Team, but canceled due to the snowstorm. Melissa and her Mom, Joan Knappenberger, were able to attend. The baby was outfitted with a number of needed items, including a beautiful handmade quilt courtesy of the St. Paul's Quilters.

Please continue to pray for John and Melissa. They are on the front-line of sharing the Gospel in an area where extremists do not appreciate Christians. Currently the government of Mozambique is in turmoil due to a contentious national election. Pray that tensions will simmer down before John and Melissa return later this year. Also pray that the visa and passport process for the new baby will go smoothly.

We hope that John and Melissa will be able to visit St. Paul's and give everyone an update in a few months before their return to Mozambique (and we will get to meet that baby!)





# FEBRUARY

## WORD SEARCH

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E P B T F L S A R G I D R A M S Y D  
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R H R R Y B T S T T I C P L D K R R  
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S E U E D S Y E A L R A S G S A R R  
I T S R E P P I Y A W T A P S Q R N  
W F R I E N D S P S G E L K B T O R  
C H Y A D G O H D N U O R G O O W R

ARROW  
CHILI DAY  
CHINESE NEW YEAR  
CHOCOLATE  
CUPID  
FEBRUARY  
FLOWERS  
FRIENDS  
GROUNDHOG DAY  
KINDNESS  
LEAP YEAR  
LOVE  
MARDI GRAS  
NUTELLA  
PARTY  
PRESIDENTS DAY  
SUPER BOWL  
SWEETHEART  
VALENTINES  
WINTER



## HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY

Youth Retreat  
Saturday and Sunday  
February 15 and 16



Prayer with the  
Elders Saturday  
February 22, 9:00 am



Potato Peeling Saturday  
February 22, 9 am in the kitchen

## SAUSAGE SUPPER

February 23, 2025  
12:30 - 6 PM

Tickets on sale today in the  
Welcome Center. \$14 in advance,  
\$15 at the door. Kids 11 and under,  
dine-in free! Carry-Outs available.  
Proceeds benefit St. Paul's Youth

### PRE-ORDER UNCOOKED SAUSAGE IN NEW FORMS AND FLAVORS

- Sausage links (approx. 4 links per lb.)
- Ground sausage (plain, un-spiced)
- Ground sausage (spiced with red pepper flakes and sage)

\$ 6.00 per pound  
Order forms are in the  
Welcome Center  
or see John Graeler

## MARCH HIGHLIGHTS



Lenten services will be held Wednesday evenings in the Auditorium until Holy Week when Good Friday Service will take place in the Sanctuary  
Friday evening, April 18, 7:00 pm



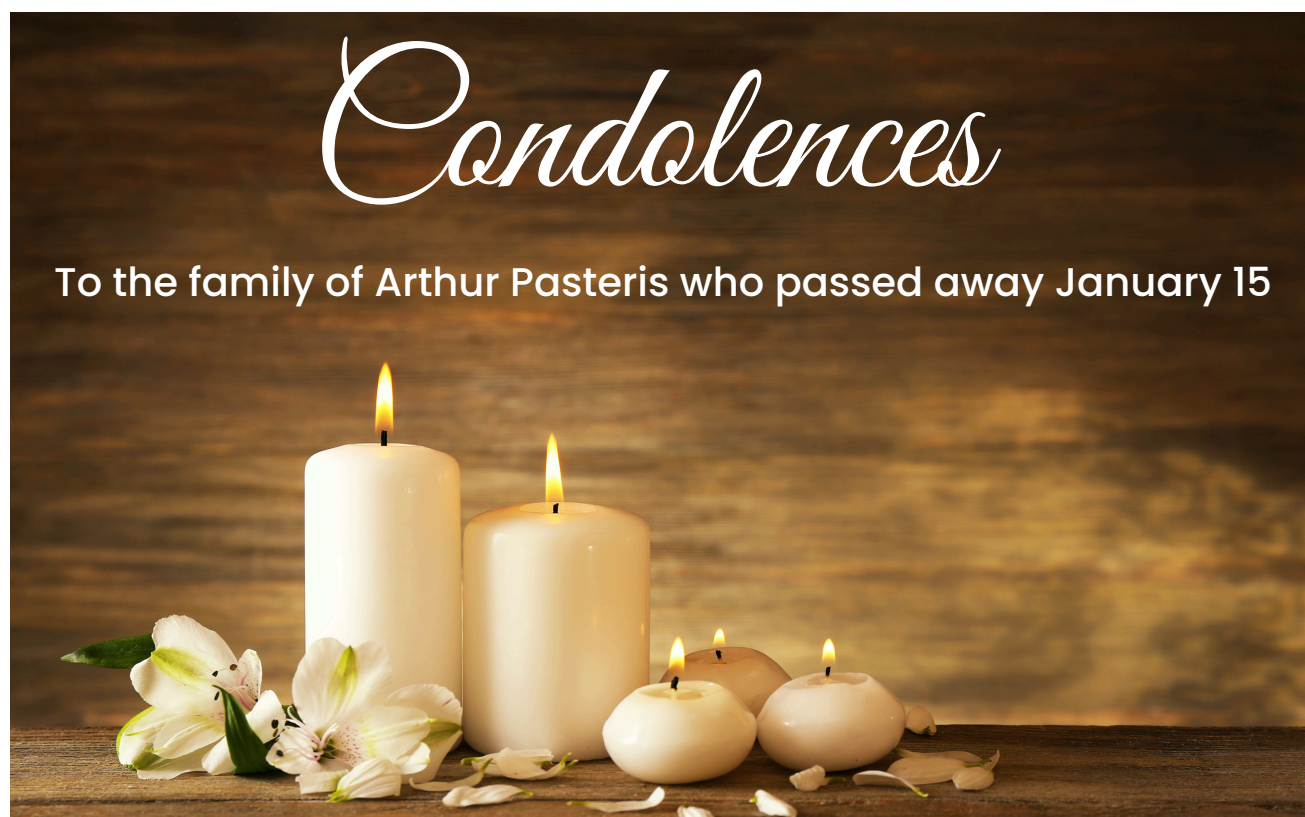
## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Anniversaries

02/11 PFEIFFER, Jeffrey & Rena (30)  
03/05 MARSH, Ruth (48)

### Birthdays

02/02	DEL CID, Jorge	02/18	NIEDRINGHAUS, Edith	02/23	SWANSON, Mark
02/02	ROBINSON, Margaret	02/19	PFEIFFER, Jeffrey	02/24	LINDSTROM, Joyce
02/06	MACLEAN, Carolyn	02/19	WONG, Calvin	02/25	THIAS, Eric
02/11	BENSING, Levi	02/20	SABINE, Joyce	02/27	SKAGGS, Edith
02/12	LANG, Betty	02/21	THOMAS, Brian	02/28	WIPKE, Carol
02/13	THOMAS, Elizabeth	02/22	DRAKE, Jeff	03/02	KOLMER, Janet
02/14	SCHNELLBACHER, Robert	02/22	GRAELER, Janet	03/05	EICHHOLZ, Jerry
02/18	DEL CID, Fernando	02/22	MAY, Lynn	03/06	ASLIN, Robert





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#### **Sundays**

Worship Service	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.

#### **Mondays - Church Office Closed**

#### **Tuesdays**

Quilters and Project Linus	9:30 a.m.
Prayer & Care Meeting	1:30 p.m.
Martial Arts	6 and 7 p.m.

#### **Wednesdays**

Women's Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
JAM Jesus and me	5:30 p.m.
Worship Team Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

#### **Thursdays**

Praise Ringers	6:00 p.m.
Chorale	7:00 p.m.

#### **Fridays**

Martial Arts	6 and 7 p.m.
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2/1	Elder and Deacon Retreat 9 am
2/2	Adult Sunday School Resumes
2/3	Missions Team 7 pm
2/1	Deacons 5:30 pm, Elders 7 pm
2/11	YarnWorks (New time and location) 10 am
2/12	Valentine Luncheon 11 am
2/15	Youth Retreat 8 am
2/17	Reasonable Faith 7 pm
2/22	Pray with the Elders 9 am
2/22	Potato Peeling 9 am
2/23	Sausage Supper 12:30 pm
2/24	Quilts of Valor 9 am