

# St. Paul Highlights



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**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017**  
**7:00 P.M.**

✝ **To know and serve Christ by reaching out in love to all** ✝

DATE	TIME	LECTOR	SERVERS	LITURGIST	BREAD BAKER	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	GREETERS	MONEY COUNTERS
3/1 Ash Wednesday	7:00 p.m.				Joan Green		Team 7	Bob Trausch	
3/5	8:30 a.m. Traditional	Culley Coughlin	Adam Hinton Jennifer Hinton	Lynnette Ozanich	Marie Herr	Jennifer Hinton	Team 1	Tracy Hamilton	D. Batig R. Batig
	11:00 a.m. New Song	Georgie Rohde	Lois Wolfe Cathie Varnes	Dean Firing		Martha White	Team 2	Jan Sultan Randy & Sharon Genther	D. Barrett L. Wolfe
3/12	8:30 a.m. New Song	Sherrill Crawford	Jack Flick Anna Mae Migra	Sherrill Crawford	Marie Herr		Team 3	Millie Baehr Becky Havel Sandy Henning Amy Russo	M. Grunau W. Hansen
	11:00 a.m. Traditional	Linda Jungeberg	Randy Hamilton Tracy Hamilton	Mike King			Team 4	Kara Krywyj Kelly Brandt	J. Bairoti D. Barrett
3/19	8:30 a.m. Traditional	Wendy Ferian	Scott Harkema Cheryl Harkema	Meg Montag	Jennifer Hinton		Team 5	Kara Krywyj Kelly Brandt	D. Miller D. Perzel
	11:00 a.m. Celebration	Meg Montag	Alice Chadbourne Lois Wolfe	Jon Montag			Team 6	Anna Mae Migra Nancy Goette Pat Gugliotta Danelle Eikens	D. Lesko
3/26	8:30 a.m. Celebration	Mike King	Linda King Mike King	Liz Wittman	Jennifer Hinton		Team 7	Bob Trausch Cheryl Winwood	A. Hinton B. Goette
	11:00 a.m. Traditional	Cheryl Harkema	Liz Campbell Jeff Campbell	Dave Hall			Team 8	Paul Krutko Barb & Harold Daniels	



**SUNDAY  
MARCH 12TH**





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St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Year-to-Date Financial Summary as of:

January 31, 2017

Income and Expenses Summary	Current Year Actual YTD	Current Year Budget YTD	Over/(Under) Budget	Previous Year Actual YTD
<b>Income</b>				
Congregational Contributions	\$ 32,887.10	\$ 42,958.00	\$ (10,070.90)	\$ 35,064.85
Building Use	935.00	1,000.00	(65.00)	1,100.00
Interest	0.58	1.00	(0.42)	0.39
Other Income	30.62	550.00	(519.38)	180.15
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 33,853.30</b>	<b>\$ 44,509.00</b>	<b>\$ (10,655.70)</b>	<b>\$ 36,345.39</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Benevolence	3,288.72	4,451.00	1,162.28	3,506.49
Worship	730.54	633.00	(97.54)	65.70
Programs & Services	880.23	826.00	(54.23)	399.56
Property	6,669.07	9,816.00	3,146.93	4,280.65
Staff Salaries and Benefits	16,293.78	21,063.00	4,769.22	26,161.97
Contracted Services	2,369.17	2,685.00	315.83	2,446.75
Administration & Support	1,307.78	2,236.00	928.22	2,095.31
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>31,539.29</b>	<b>41,710.00</b>	<b>10,170.71</b>	<b>38,956.43</b>
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 2,314.01</b>	<b>\$ 2,799.00</b>	<b>\$ (484.99)</b>	<b>\$ (2,611.04)</b>

**Income and Expenses Summary Notes:**

**Income**

The period ending January 31, 2017 has an operating surplus of \$2K, which resulted in a positive variance of \$5K compared to January 2016. Congregational Contributions through January 2016 are approximately \$2K less than the total contributions received through January 2016; Building Use/Other Income is virtually even to the amount this time last year. Total Income at January 31, 2017 is \$3K less than January 2016. Congregational Contributions are under budget by \$10K and Total Income is under budget by \$11K as of January 31, 2017. Note: Other Income includes periodic gifts made by Meals on Wheels and the St. Paul Preschool; the Thrivent Choice Donation program; paper recycling proceeds; and other miscellaneous unrestricted income. Note: the Meals on Wheels program at St. Paul ended December 31, 2016.

**Expenses**

Total expenses were under budget by \$10K as of January 31, 2017; and the total amount is \$7K less than total expenses as of January 31, 2016. (An additional payroll (not budgeted) occurred in January 2016 due to the way the pay date fell.) Note: Benevolence payments are percentages of contributions. Therefore, when contributions are higher, benevolence payments are higher.

Balance Sheet Summary	As of January 31, 2017	As of January 31, 2016
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets (Cash)	\$ 116,745.35	\$ 110,789.38
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00
Invested Assets (Endowment)	555,878.30	514,130.12
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,714,172.65</b>	<b>\$ 3,666,468.50</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 7,848.85	\$ 3,587.58
Loan from Endowment Fund	27,655.00	34,000.00
Payroll Withholding	4,627.24	2,545.35
Accrued Expenses	367.41	237.17
Dedicated Fund Balances	114,622.35	84,951.17
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 155,120.85</b>	<b>\$ 125,321.27</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
General Fund	\$ (10,720.50)	\$ 19,468.11
Investments (Endowment)	528,223.30	480,130.12
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 3,559,051.80</b>	<b>\$ 3,541,147.23</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$ 3,714,172.65</b>	<b>\$ 3,666,468.50</b>

**Balance Sheet Summary Notes:**

Dedicated Funds include contributions designated for specific Council-approved categories (i.e. Memorials/Honorariums, Habitat for Humanity, Sheep and Goats contributions, Youth Trips/Projects, Music Ministry, Youth Ministry, and others). These funds are tracked separately and the contributions and/or expenses are not reflected in the Operating Income and Expenses Summary. A complete listing of the current Dedicated Funds can be found on the full balance sheet.

The General Fund balance = Current Assets (Cash) - Total Liabilities.



## Council Corner



Everyone,

The renovation of the Sanctuary is moving along and is on schedule. If all goes as planned, we will begin worshipping in the Sanctuary on March 19th. A big thank you goes out to the following members for their hard work; Wes Hansen, Randy Hamilton and Jim Jungeberg.

As most of you are aware a call committee was installed on February 5th, in anticipation of Pastor Tom retiring towards the end of 2018. The committee met with the Synod rep Karl Biermann to begin the communication process with the synod. A big thank you goes out to the call committee:

Mike King, Eric Prestegaard, Jennifer Hinton, Rae Batig, Danelle Eikens, Joan Holden, Laura Erison and Marissa Montag.

These individuals will be busy over the next 18-24 months gathering information from the congregation as we begin our search for our next Senior Pastor. Please give them your cooperation in the months ahead as they gather information from all of us.

Sincerely,

Jon Montag

Council President.

Please contact any member of the Church Council with questions or concerns: Dean Firing, Jack Flick, Randy Genter, Scott Harkema, Pastor Henderson, Kara Krywyj, Katie Lappin, Jon Montag, Karen Nemeth, Aaron Ozanich, Eric Prestegaard.



**Grow our RESOURCES** Have the infrastructure and resources to realize our vision

## Property Committee News



The renovations to the sanctuary are proceeding very well and on schedule. The pews in fellowship hall are now refinished and ready to be moved back into the sanctuary when the time is right. The heating ducts in the sanctuary have been cleaned this week and the screen behind the altar is cleaner than ever before. The terrazzo floor in the sanctuary is in the process of being refinished now. The electrical work is well on the way and passages are complete that will allow all wiring to be hidden. Many thanks to the volunteers who have invested many hours in completing tasks to save funding on this project. All who have seen the work-in-progress are amazed at how bright the sanctuary is now and we are confident that you will be thrilled with the results as well. As always we would like to thank you for your confidence and for your continued financial support that enables us to do this kind of project.

Jim Jungeberg

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE



## OFFICIAL ACTS

### Baptism

January 29th—Ryker James Perry-Miller

### Funeral

February 11th—Ervin Piper

*We have received a Thank You letter and photos from LMM for our participation in the Community Re-Entry Christmas Party. They are posted on the bulletin board across from the office. Please stop by to take a look!*



## Clothing Shed Update

St. Pauly Textile sent us the following info regarding our clothing shed:

Thank you for continuing to collaborate with us on the St. Pauly Textile clothing drop off shed project! In 2016 roughly 6,120 garments of clothing were donated to your shed. This was enough to clothe an estimated 742 people. This clothing is being used right now by people in one or more of 44 different countries (including the US) to which our clothing is likely to have been distributed this past year.

Your congregation raised \$378 in 2016 through hosting this shed.

We ask that you continue to spread the word about the clothing shed to other community members. Thank you for all your support, and please feel free to reach out to us at any time!

Sincerely,

The Team at St. Pauly Textile, Inc.

## MEMORIALS

### Ervin Piper

Ami Patel

Mr and Mrs Harold Daniels

Suzanne Cook

Phyllis Fox

Kim Curtis

Ginny Anderson

Mr. & Mrs. Jason Krumrei

Strongsville Rotary Club

Bernice Doubrava

Violet Curtis

Wilfrid Cheung

### Duane Boyer

Penny Boyer

### Ray Para

Anonymous

## In Honor of UH Nurses and CN's

Bette Idemoto

### Lisa Nelson-Firing's father

Diane and Robert Ferreri

### In Honor of Linda

Tracy Hamilton

# Grow in **SERVICE**

Be a model of serving Christ for oth-

## **BEREA FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS....**

Each month we collect food to help stock the pantry located at 85 So. Rocky River Drive in Berea.

The ITEMS for MARCH are

**Noodles and  
Macaroni & Cheese**

Place Items in the Grocery Carts in the Narthex or near the Fellowship Hall

## **COMMUNITY MEAL DONATIONS....**

The items are distributed along with items donated to Church Street Ministries to help those in attendance.

The ITEMS for MARCH are

**Canned Fruit**

The Community Meal is at the Methodist church while St. Paul's is under renovation, the last **WEDNESDAY** of each month at 6:00 p.m.

## **CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS**

We are looking for people who would be interested in helping us move into the 21st century with church communications.

Baldwin Wallace students are studying the way our church communicates with our members and the community.

We will need a group of people, some of whom will work on Facebook content, web content, and/or video recording of church services.

Please let the church office know if you are interested. Aaron Ozanich can be contacted for more detailed information.

COMMISSION ON AGING  
FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Tuesday, March 14th at noon

the Senior Luncheon will

be held at *\*\* Polaris*

Cost \$7.00

Contact the

"Active Senior Network"

for reservations

at 440 891-3316

\*\*While St. Paul's is undergoing renovations



## Cemetery Tour Mark your Calendars!

In April of 1867, 150 years ago, our St. Paul forefathers dedicated our Cemetery. In remembrance of that occasion, a Cemetery Tour will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> (a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday) following our 10:00 service. It is expected the tour will start around 11:30.

The tour will also be advertised to the community.

Information on parking is still to be worked out, though we are confident that we will be able to park in nearby businesses that are not open on Sunday.

Plan to come and hear more stories about the members of the St. Paul "Cloud of Saints".

Watch for further information in the April Highlights and Sunday bulletins!



### St. Paul's Altar Guild Easter Flower Order 2017

Name as you wish it to appear in the bulletin:

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Lily \$ 6.50

\_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils \$ 6.50

\_\_\_\_\_ Azaleas \$ 10.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Hydrangea \$13.50

**Please plan to pick up your flowers after the second service**

\_\_\_\_\_ TO THE GLORY OF GOD

\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for ordering: April 2, 2017**

Cash or check to **"St. Paul Altar Guild"**

Questions? Contact Barb Daniels 440 243 6049 or church 440 243-1144

Include cash / check with this form and return to the office or put in the box on the Desk outside the office.

\* You may pick up your plant after the 11:00 Service on Easter Sunday! Office hours: M-F 9AM-4PM



# March Children's Ministry News

## SUNDAY SCHOOL-

Come and join us! It is never too late. Please join us from 9:45-10:45 each Sunday. Meet some great teachers, friendly kids, and have lots of fun while you learn a lot. Bring a friend, neighbor, cousin, or your grandkids. Hope to see you!

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH-

It has been great having so many children come to our Children's Church gatherings. Please join us on March 12th & March 26th at both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Kids of all ages are welcome as we learn through stories, songs, crafts, games, and puppet shows. Hope to see you.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-

Making Summer plans? You won't want to miss our 2017 VBS here at St. Paul. Our theme this year is "Maker Fun Factory-Created by God-Built for a Purpose." Please mark your calendars for July 10-14 from 9:30-Noon. Maker Fun Factory will teach kids to know that God made you, God is for you, God is always with you, God will always love you, and God made you for a reason. During the months of March and April, we will be looking for adult and youth leadership (ages 11 on up). There are many jobs that are needed to provide our children with a safe week full of fun and learning. Please consider coming aboard to provide leadership for this exciting week for our St. Paul children and the children from so many communities. Kids 3-10, it will be your turn to sign up during the months of May and June. Can't wait! Should be fun!

## THANK YOU-

-To Gail Dailey for her weekly treats baked for our kids and families. They are truly enjoyed by all!

-To Gail Brandt for putting our goodies out and making coffee each week. Thanks so much!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY-

-To Mrs. Jean Meresko, our wonderful first/second grade Sunday School teacher, on her 90th birthday. You are such a gift to us all!

# March

## Children's Ministry Calendar

March 5th 9:45-10:45 Sunday School

3:00-4:00 Play Uno with the Aristocrat Kids

March 12th 8:30 Children's Church

9:45-10:45 Sunday School

11:00 Children Sing in Worship

11:00 Children's Church

March 16th 6:30 First Communion Class

March 19th 9:00-9:40 Ukuleles (SS Office)

9:45-10:45 Sunday School

March 23rd 6:30 First Communion Class

March 26th 8:30 Children's Church

9:45-10:45 Sunday School

11:00 Children's Church

March 30th 6:30 First Communion Class

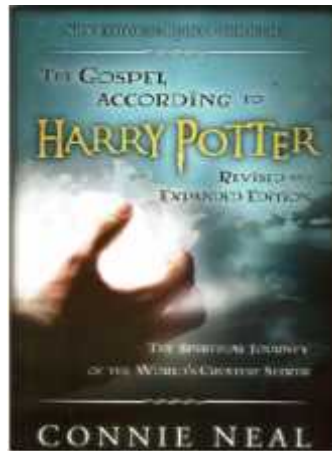


"The Gospel According to Harry Potter" continues....

The schedule for March is as follows:

March 5, 6:30-8pm Begin Harry Potter Bible Study

March 19, 6-8:30pm Watch Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire



## SHEEP & GOATS FOCUS

## Vacation Bible School 2017

Our 2017 VBS will be held July 10-14th from 9:30-noon. The theme for this summer is "Maker Fun Factory-Created by God Built for a Purpose." Each summer we have children and youth that come from 30 different churches and many without home churches. We are so happy to have them join us here at St. Paul. Each day a single Bible point is introduced to the children and youth. They are reinforced daily at every station. These will be reinforced through song, dance, puppet shows, skits, crafts, games, snacks, and Bible stories. Our children will become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God.



## REFUGEES: WHAT WOULD JESUS DO? - Fourth in a Series

Are we repeating history? I have paralleled the actions of Nazi Europe and the Holocaust to the actions of ISIS today. What did the world do (or not do) during the years leading up to and during the extermination of Jews, gypsies, homosexuals, etc?

As early as 1939, efforts of refugees were thwarted. A ship carrying about 1000 refugees left Germany, arrived in Cuba with pre-arranged temporary visas, but the Cubans turned them away. The ship sailed up the US coast with the Coast Guard following to prevent swimmers attempting to get to shore. American Jewish Organizations worked to allow the passengers to come into the US, to no avail. The ship sent a telegram to President Roosevelt that was never answered. Eventually the ship returned to Europe, several nations there granting asylum. However as Hitler expanded his operations, most all of these passengers were caught in Hitler's net and sent to concentration camps.

As the war in Europe escalated, the US didn't believe that Hitler was carrying out a plan to murder millions of Jews and others. However, by November 1942, the evidence was overwhelming. Again, American Jewish leaders appealed to Roosevelt to ask Congress to change the immigration laws, so more refugees could escape the Holocaust. FDR refused.

In 1943, with lobbying from organizations determined to help refugees, a rescue resolution was introduced to Congress. As usual, the State Department objected. Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., a Jew, was angered by the continued opposition of the State Dept. In January of 1944, Morgenthau met with FDR and summarized a report that documented the history of obstructionism of the State Department with respect to European refugees. In response, Roosevelt signed an executive order instructing Congress to implement most of the provisions of the rescue resolution. The order created a War Refugee Board "to take all measures within its policy to rescue victims of enemy oppression in imminent danger of death."

Though the War Refugee Board was able to rescue about 200,000 people, by extraordinary efforts, this was only about 6% of the overall extermination by the Nazis. WRB Director John Pehle stated "What we did was little enough, it was late. Late and little, I would say."

Restrictions were not limited to only European refugees, the day after Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt stopped all naturalization proceedings for Italian, German, and Japanese immigrants already in the US. He also required registration, instituted mobility restrictions and did not allow them to own items such as cameras, short wave radios, etc that might be instruments of sabotage! And of course, our own camps of Japanese were created!

"It is immigrants who brought to this land the skills of their hands and brains to make it a beacon of opportunity and hope for all men." – Herbert Lehman

Herbert Lehman was another person that made gallant efforts to convince President Roosevelt to assist refugees. He was a friend of the President, having been his Lieutenant Governor in NY. Though Roosevelt appointed him to positions in the State Dept and the United Nations to provide assistance, Lehman was also thwarted by other government organizations. But, in spite of this, Lehman embraced these positions, committed to serving his fellow man and doing whatever he could to bring hope and relief to the oppressed and starving people in war torn Europe and Asia. Lehman resigned from this position in 1946 for health reasons, but it is obvious that he still had a heart for the oppressed peoples affected by WWII, as his quote above is from testimony before a House subcommittee in 1947. He was still advocating for US interventions to assist refugees after World War II. At the time President Truman would not allow Jewish refugees into the US, citing national security concerns.



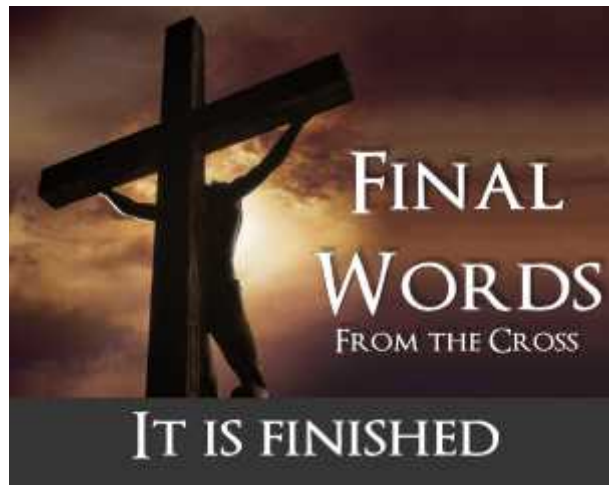
Did we as a nation, or even individually not learn anything? There are millions of refugees and oppressed people of all kinds of faiths in the Middle East. How do we help them? How do we not ignore them, as the people Hitler eradicated were ignored? How do we, in some small way, follow the example of Governor Lehman and others that continued to advocate for refugees against the bureaucracy of Washington?

In July, the Sheep and Goats collection will be designated to help Refugees and Displaced people in the Middle East. I ask you to prayerfully consider what you can do. Also consider what you can do that is not monetary. Can you write the White House, or Congressional Representatives? What about praying unceasingly?

What would Jesus have you do for these neighbors across the ocean?

If you are moved to assist in anyway or have questions, talk to me on Sunday morning, or by phone.

- Jan B.



When reading together the four accounts of Jesus' crucifixion, and particularly the words Jesus spoke from the cross, the reader is confronted with the fact that the Gospels do not agree as to exactly what Jesus' final words were. Matthew's and Mark's accounts have nearly word-for-word agreement. They record only one statement of Jesus from the cross-what often is called the "cry of dereliction" - in which Jesus, quoting Psalm 22:1, cries out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew and Mark both include the *ipissima verba*-the actual words of Jesus as he spoke them in Aramaic: "*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*" followed by their Greek translation. Luke and John do not record these words at all, nor do they give even a hint that Jesus felt abandoned by God. Rather, Luke and John each include three different and distinct sentences Jesus uttered from the cross, and in these words Jesus seems focused on his mission and is confident that God ultimately will deliver him.

This Lent we will join the crowd and experience the final words from the cross.

**March 1st, Ash Wednesday**

"Father, Forgive Them..."

**March 8th**

"Today You Will Be With Me in Paradise"

**March 15th**

"Behold Your Son...Behold Your Mother"

**March 22nd**

"My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"

**March 29th**

"I Thirst"

**April 5th**

"It Is Finished"... "Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit"



# Renovation Progress!



Jim Jungeberg helps with the replacement of lights

New Track Lighting installed in balcony



Ceilings repaired and painted

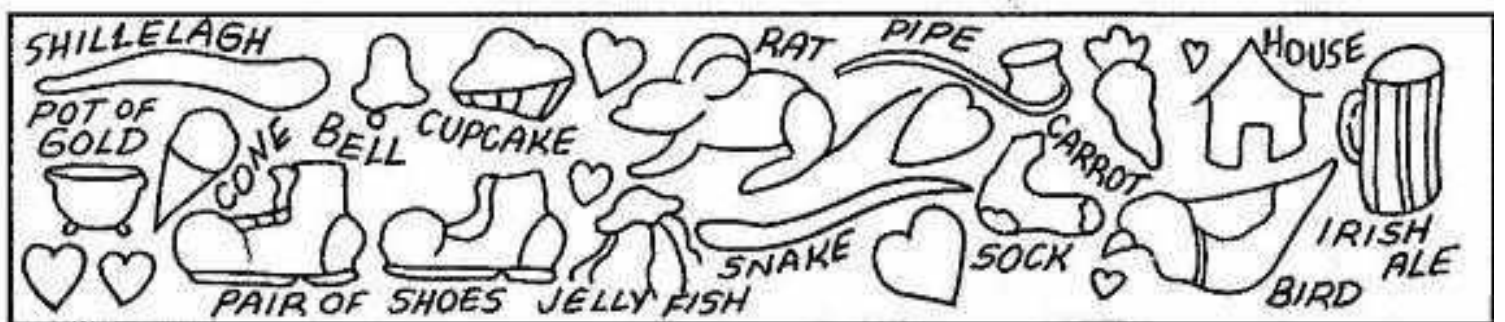
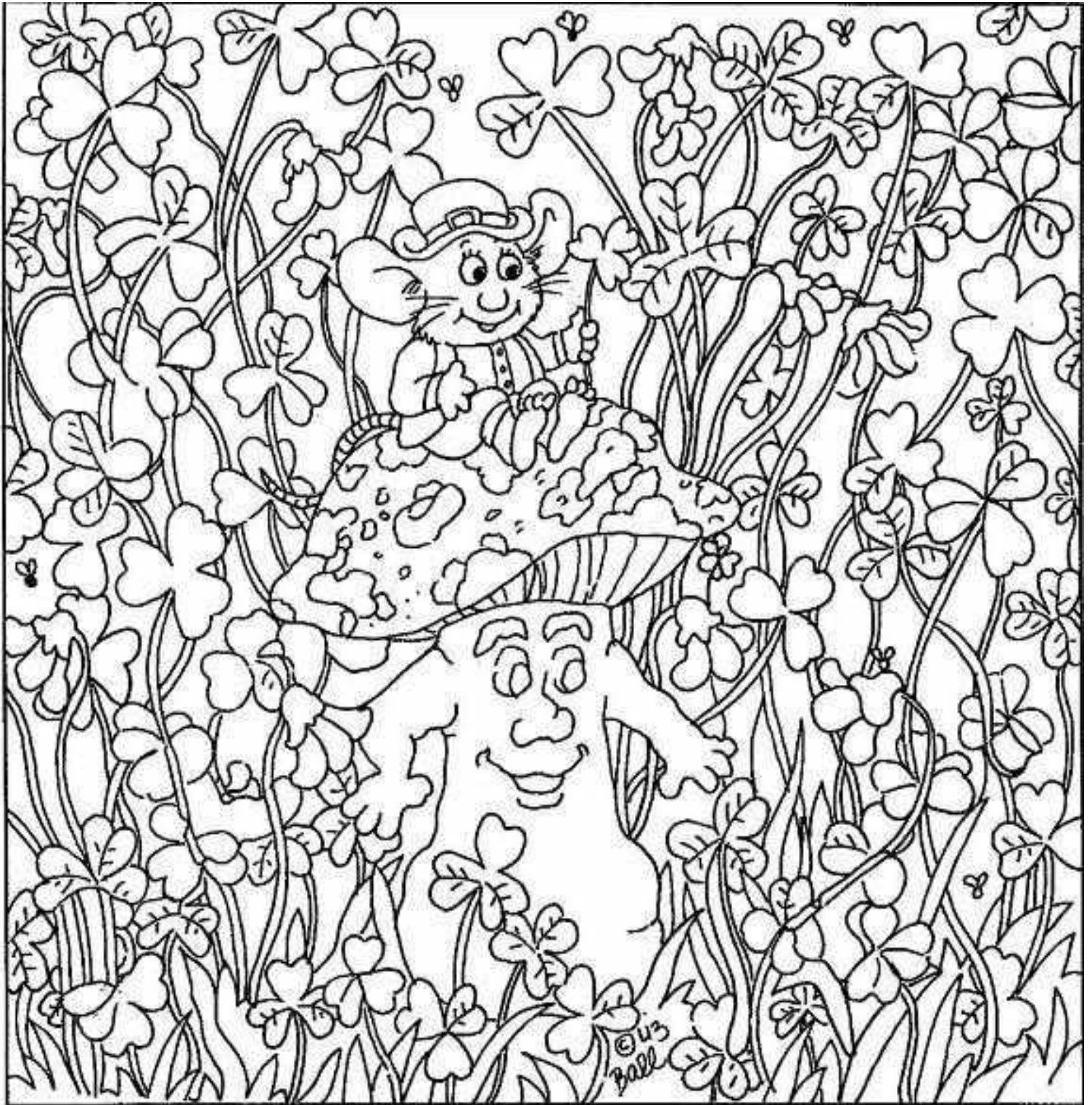
Pews refinished



Screen behind altar cleaned  
You can see through it!



# Find the Hidden Pictures and/or Have Fun Coloring!



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## FIRST CLASS

### ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Remember to set your clocks  
ahead one hour  
Sunday March 12th



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## **soup Suppers**

When: March 1, 8, 15, 22 and April 5  
March 29th Community Meal  
Join us for Soup, Chili and Dessert  
Where: Room J/Fellowship Hall  
Time: 6:00 pm—6:45 pm  
Sign up sheet is posted on the  
Bulletin Board across from the office  
(by the flower chart)



## MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5

6:00 PM —Soup Supper— Room J/Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM — Final Words From The Cross

## HOLY WEEK

April 9 — Palm Sunday Services— 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
April 13th— Maundy Thursday Services at 7:00 PM  
April 14th— Good Friday Services at 7:00 PM

\*\*\* EASTER SERVICES—April 16th\*\*\*

Sunrise at 7:00 AM—Courtyard  
8:30 & 11:00 AM