



# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2017

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*From the Pastor...*

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## LENTEN ACTIVITIES

This year the season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 1. There will be a service that evening at 7:00 pm with the distribution of ashes. In addition, the local churches will again hold weekly services on Wednesdays during Lent at 11:30 am followed by a luncheon. The local pastors will be meeting soon to schedule the various services for each church. The schedule will be printed in the March newsletter.

On the Sundays of Lent we will show a DVD by Max Lucado entitled, “He Chose the Nails.” This five-part series will cover such topics as: He Chose to Be One of Us, He Chose to Forgive Us, He Chose to Invite Us into His Presence, He Chose to Love Us Forever and He Chose to Give Us Victory. Max Lucado provides a powerful and insightful message for all of us to consider during Lent.

There will also be an opportunity for personal prayer during Lent on Thursday evenings. Evening prayer will be offered on March 16, 23 and 30 beginning at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Looking ahead to Holy Week, we will welcome David Zavasky on Good Friday. He will sing “Via Dolorosa” which means the sorrowful way. It is the traditional route in Jerusalem which our Lord traveled on the day of His crucifixion from the Praetorium to Calvary. I hope that you will be able to join us for this special inspirational musical performance.

In closing, I pray that all of us at St. Paul will take advantage of the opportunities to grow in God’s grace during the season of Lent. Individuals are encouraged to examine their lives and seek the Lord’s forgiveness for our transgressions so that we may rejoice in Jesus’ victory over sin and death on Easter and always. Traditionally, many people practice some form of self-denial during Lent. These practices serve to remind us of our radical dependence upon God and His mercy. I pray that God’s grace will renew our hearts daily during Lent and beyond.

SOLI DEO GLORIA!

## Worship Ministers:

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
2/5	8:00 a.m.	Jim Ward	2/5	8:00 a.m.	Jen Ward
	10:30 a.m.	Terry Tegtmeier		10:30 a.m.	Sue Bahr
2/12	8:00 a.m.	Rose Harris	2/12	8:00 a.m.	Sandy Ritter
	10:30 a.m.	Marcia Howenstine		10:30 a.m.	Steve Maurer
2/19	8:00 a.m.	Charlann Young	2/19	8:00 a.m.	Pam Ward
	10:30 a.m.	Dee Garrison		10:30 a.m.	Skip Steward
2/26	8:00 a.m.	Pam Ward	2/26	8:00 a.m.	Byron Lautenschleger
	10:30 a.m.	Randy Simers		10:30 a.m.	Richard Dudash
		<b>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</b>			<b>ACOLYTES</b>
2/5	8:00 a.m.	Dave & Charlann Young	2/5	8:00 a.m.	Shawntel Hafer
	10:30 a.m.	Randy & Cheryl Simers		10:30 a.m.	Lizzie Kienzle
2/12	8:00 a.m.	Greg & Julie Majors	2/12	8:00 a.m.	Whitney Ward
		Skip & Jeanie Steward		10:30 a.m.	William Sayner
2/19	8:00 a.m.	John & Sandy Bolitho	2/19	8:00 a.m.	Tyra Hampton
	10:30 a.m.	Lisa & Bailey Keane		10:30 a.m.	Michael Eberly
2/26	8:00 a.m.	Byron & Marianne Lautenschleger	2/26	8:00 a.m.	Kayla Majors
	10:30 a.m.	John & Kevin Kienzle		10:30 a.m.	Bailey Keane
		<u>Altar Guild</u> <u>Brenda Tegtmeier &amp; Cheryl Simers</u>	<u>Fellowship</u> <u>Dee Garrison</u>	<u>Community Meal</u> <u>Brenda Tegtmeier</u> <u>&amp; Rose Harris</u>	
		<b>SCREEN MONITORS</b>			
2/5	8:00 a.m.	Sydney Ward			
	10:30 a.m.	Doug Dix			
2/12	8:00 a.m.	Austin Ward			
	10:30 a.m.	Lisa Keane			
2/19	8:00 a.m.	Alexandria Howell			
	10:30 a.m.	Josh Dix			
2/26	8:00 a.m.	Julie Majors			
	10:30 a.m.	Dee Garrison			

## Offering and Attendance

Date	1/1	1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29
Offering	\$3,272.88	\$3,990.00	\$2,931.00	\$2,737.00	\$
Attendance	52	72	121	74	78

## READINGS

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany	Last Sunday after Epiphany
2/5	2/12	2/19	2/26
Isaiah 58:1-9	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18	Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 112:1-9	Psalm 119:1-8	Psalm 119:33-40	Psalm 2
Corinthians 2:1-12	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23	2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 5:13-20	Matthew 5:21-37	Matthew 5:38-48	Matthew 17:1-9

**Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers:** Herb Seifert, Bill Tait, Donna Dudash, Pam Ward, Amelia Hartong, Amy Wise, Ellie Sears, Robert Snyder, David Dotson, Marlene Jisa, Ret Kendrick, Jack Garrison, Karen Joki, Melinda Caldwell, Chuck Slaybaugh, Lauren Seifert, Jackson Kuntz, Larry Lloyd, Floyd McBeth, Nan Seng, **Servicemen & Women-** Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, David Ward, Jordan Ritter, Adam Pohovey, Tony Lehmler, William Robishaw, Calvin Farmer, Kirk Habrun



**IMPORTANT:** I am currently registering GROGS for the 2017 Mission trip scheduled for Sunday, July 30th through Friday, August 4th to Niagara Falls, NY. Anyone who was unable to attend the informational meeting and who has questions, please contact Lisa. We currently have 10 youths registered (Josh, Bailey, Brandon, Alex H, Michael, Alex Z, Sydney, Lizzy, Kayla and Whitney).

We can add participants to our trip on a first come, first serve basis however there are currently only 3 open spots left and once the trip is full, applicants will be put on a waiting list and will not be guaranteed a spot on the trip. Please check your schedules and get back to me ASAP.

**Attn: All St. Paul Lutheran Church Members!!!** - The Youth Committee would like to encourage all other St. Paul Lutheran Church committee members and / or congregational members to review their calendar of events for activities that would be appropriate for partnership with the youth.

The goal is to offer an opportunity for the youth to serve the church and community while working closely with various other church members who can provide a leadership model through volunteer work. In order to provide the greatest probability of success, please consider the following guidelines...

- Organize Volunteers** - Talk to your committee about possible dates when the majority of your members are available.

- Plan ahead** - Whenever possible, bring the dates to the Youth Committee to coordinate schedules a month or more in advance. It would not be unrealistic to set tentative dates for holiday activities at the beginning of the year and then confirm as the dates get closer.

- Collaborate** - If you have an idea for a project but are unsure how to proceed or if you would like to partner with the youth but are unable to come up with a project, talk to the Youth Coordinator / Youth

Committee. The Youth look forward to partnering with YOU!!! - Lisa Keane, Youth Coordinator - jkeane89951@roadrunner.com (330) 224-1864

**TELL ME AND I FORGET - TEACH ME AND I REMEMBER - INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN -- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**



**Book Club News:** On Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> we discussed *The Grace Effect* by Larry Alex Taunton. Enjoyed by all, it covered numerous topics such as Ukrainian history and culture, apologetics, and a poignant human-interest story of the difficulty involved with adopting a ten-year girl from the Ukraine in an environment of corruption. It was a moving book and still recommended for any who didn't read it.

Our next book will be *Why the Reformation Still Matters* by Michael Reeves and Tim Chester, with discussion on **Tuesday, March 28**. At just over 200 pages, it is very readable and covers the major topics you would expect. There is some very interesting history, covering Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, and many others. A few chapters go much deeper into the theology and can be skipped over easily without losing the big pictures. Given the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, I think this is a timely issue worthy of the effort. – If you're interested, contact Terry Tegtmeier (\$10 each).

**Evangelism News:** - As many of you may know, we are looking for church members to volunteer to share 2 to 4 minute videos about experiences they've had that may help share their faith with others. Designed to encourage others to be more courageous in their everyday lives, these "evangelism experiences" may take various forms. They may include personal testimonies, examples of witnessing to others, personal experiences, replying to questions such as "Why do you believe in Jesus?" and any other of a number of examples. We'd like to thank those who have already volunteered and welcome others to contact Pastor or Terry Tegtmeier to help in this outreach.



**BIRTHDAYS**

<b>Todd Barr</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>Tammy Huggins</b>	<b>2/12</b>
<b>Sydney Ward</b>	<b>2/3</b>	<b>Jane Davis</b>	<b>2/12</b>
<b>Mary Lou Devore</b>	<b>2/5</b>	<b>Rose Harris</b>	<b>2/13</b>
<b>Virginia Smerglia</b>	<b>2/6</b>	<b>John Bolitho</b>	<b>2/17</b>
<b>Brandon Caughey</b>	<b>2/10</b>	<b>Donna Dudash</b>	<b>2/22</b>
<b>Lori Caughey</b>	<b>2/10</b>	<b>Carson Majors</b>	<b>2/25</b>
<b>Kevin Kienzle</b>	<b>2/10</b>	<b>Kaye Cline</b>	<b>2/26</b>
<b>Alexander Zutavern</b>	<b>2/10</b>	<b>Aaron Woods</b>	<b>2/26</b>

# FEBRUARY PRAYER FOCUS

The Prayer Focus for this month is love

*When your best friend is God,*

*you're never alone.*

*Every minute of every day,  
He is by your side,  
helping you find your way,  
wanting good things for you.*

*When your best friend is God,*

*you're truly understood.*

*He knows you better  
than you know yourself –  
your strengths and weaknesses,  
all your beautiful possibilities*

*When your best friend is God,*


*you're loved with a love  
that can lift you  
above anything you face in life,  
a lover unlike any other,  
you can hope without end,*

*When your best friend is God,*





# Month of FEBRUARY 2017

<b>SUN</b>	<b>MON</b>	<b>TUES</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THUR</b>	<b>FRI</b>	<b>SAT</b>
			<b>2/1</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>2/3</b>	<b>2/4</b>
			Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.			
<b>2/5</b>	<b>2/6</b>	<b>2/7</b>	<b>2/8</b>	<b>2/9</b>	<b>2/10</b>	<b>2/11</b>
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. GROGS 5-8:00 p.m.	Yoga Class 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  Bible Study 7:00 p.m.		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. Bolivar Ministerial Meeting 10:00 a.m.	Worship Meeting 6:30 p.m.		Property 9:00 a.m.
<b>2/12</b>	<b>2/13</b>	<b>2/14</b>	<b>2/15</b>	<b>2/16</b>	<b>2/17</b>	<b>2/18</b>
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. FROGS 5-7:00 p.m.	Yoga Class 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	Happy Valentine's Day 	Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Community Meal 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Lock-in Youth 6:00 p.m.	Lock-in Youth ends 10:00 a.m.
<b>2/19</b>	<b>2/20</b>	<b>2/21</b>	<b>2/22</b>	<b>2/23</b>	<b>2/24</b>	<b>2/25</b>
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. - Fellowship	Yoga Class 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Confirmation retreat 9:00 – 2:00 p.m. Council 7:00 p.m.		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.			
<b>2/26</b>	<b>2/27</b>	<b>2/28</b>				
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga Class 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  Bible Study 7:00 p.m.					

