

# **FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2018**

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## **From the Pastor...**

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### THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday which falls this year on Valentine's Day. On February 14, there will be a service at 7:00 pm with distribution of ashes and communion. Traditionally, Lent was seen as the period of preparation for baptism in the early church. Over the centuries, the penitential theme reminding us of the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert has become the focus for Lent among many people. Prayer, fasting and acts of self-denial tend to take on greater importance during Lent.

Although individual actions seem to be significant during Lent, I believe that the days leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus should emphasize our sinfulness that the Lord endured for the sake of all mankind. It is by His suffering and death that we can anticipate the joy of eternal life with God in heaven.

During Lent there will be numerous occasions where we can mark the events that led to our salvation in Christ. A DVD series entitled, "Half Truths" by Adam Hamilton will be shown for five Sundays during Lent. This will provide a stimulus for thought and prayer designed to deepen our Lenten experience. In addition, the worship committee has selected Lenten devotionals based upon the psalms for spiritual enrichment.

We will once again have Wednesday Lenten services at various churches beginning at 11:30 am followed by a luncheon. The schedule is as follows:

February 21 Zoar UCC

March 14 Bolivar United Methodist Church

February 28 St. John UCC

March 21 Holy Trinity Catholic Church

March 7 St. Paul Lutheran Church

March 28 Wesleyan Church

I hope that you will encourage others to participate in these local Lenten services.

I strongly recommend that during Lent you join us for the Wednesday evening bible study as we discuss "The Cross". We begin at 6:30 pm each week.

In closing, I want to offer you my prayers that this Lenten season will be a time for spiritual growth for you and your family.

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## Worship Ministers

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
2/4	8:00 A.M.	Charlann Young	2/4	8:00 A.M.	Pam Ward
	10:30 A.M.	Marcia Howenstine		10:30 A.M.	Donna Dudash
2/11	8:00 A.M.	Rose Harris	2/11	8:00 A.M.	Jen Ward
	10:30 A.M.	Dee Garrison		10:30 A.M.	Byron Lautenschleger
2/18	8:00 A.M.	Pam Ward	2/18	8:00 A.M.	Olivia Howell
	10:30 A.M.	Randy Simers		10:30 A.M.	Steve Maurer
2/25	8:00 A.M.	Jim Ward	2/25	8:00 A.M.	Sandy Ritter
	10:30 P.M.	Terry Tegtmeier		10:30 P.M.	Marcia Howenstine
<b>USHERS</b>			<b>ACOLYTES</b>		
2/4	8:00 A.M.	Greg & Julie Majors	2/4	8:00 A.M.	Shawntel Hafer
	10:30 A.M.	Byron & Marianne Lautenschleger		10:30 A.M.	Lizzie Kienzle
2/11	8:00 A.M.	Dave & Charlann Young	2/11	8:00 A.M.	Kayla Majors
	10:30 A.M.	Randy & Cheryl Simers		10:30 A.M.	Michael Eberly
2/18	8:00 A.M.	Jim & Jen Ward	2/18	8:00 A.M.	Carson Majors
	10:30 A.M.	Tom & Tammy Huggins		10:30 A.M.	Bailey Keane
2/25	8:00 A.M.	Greg & Julie Majors	2/25	8:00 A.M.	Whitney Ward
	10:30 P.M.	Dee Garrison & Kevin Kienzle		10:30 P.M.	Lizzie Kienzle
		<u>Altar Guild</u> Richard & Donna Dudash	<u>Fellowship</u> Alyce Snyder	<u>Community Meal</u> Jeanie Steward & Rose Harris	
<b>Screen Monitor</b>					
2/4	8:00 A.M.	Cameron Majors			
	10:30 A.M.	Lisa Keane			
2/11	8:00 A.M.	Whitney Ward			
	10:30 A.M.	Doug Dix			
2/18	8:00 A.M.	Julie Majors			
	10:30 A.M.	Dee Garrison			
2/25	8:00 A.M.	Austin Ward			
	10:30 P.M.	Rick Caughey			

## Offering and Attendance

Date	1/7	1/14	1/21	1/28
<b>Offering</b>	\$3,061.50	\$2,433.00	\$4,237.00	\$1,823.00
<b>Attendance</b>	63	78	90	71

### Readings:

<u>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</u>	<u>Last Sunday after Epiphany</u>	<u>Ash Wednesday</u>	<u>First Sunday of Lent</u>	<u>Second Sunday of Lent</u>
<b>2/4</b>	<b>2/11</b>	<b>2/14</b>	<b>2/18</b>	<b>2/25</b>
<u>Isaiah 40: 21-31</u> <u>Psalms 147:1-11,20</u>	<u>2Kings 2:1-12</u> <u>Psalms 50:1-6</u>	<u>Joel 2:1-2,12-17 or</u> <u>Isaiah 58:1-12</u> <u>Psalms 51:1-17</u>	<u>Genesis 9:8-17</u> <u>Psalms 25:1-10</u>	<u>Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16</u> <u>Psalms 22:23-31</u>
<u>1 Corinthians 9:16-23</u>	<u>2 Corinthians 4:3-6</u>	<u>2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10</u>	<u>1 Peter 3:18-22</u>	<u>Romans 4:13-25</u>
<u>Mark 1:29-39</u>	<u>Mark 9:2-9</u>	<u>Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21</u>	<u>Mark 1:9-15</u>	<u>Mark 8:31-38</u>

**Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers** –Tom Bitticker, Anthony Carpinelli, Isabella Bartholomew, Terri Roden, Robin & Sharon Caldwell, Dan Levesseur, Danny Fisher, John Seng, Richard Neice, Mary Pickens, Judy Berger, Herb Siefert, Bob Leffler, Lorna Sarto, Molly Bauer, Claudia Winrod, Jac Harker, Tim Robb, Kelly McDaniel, Sal De Ruggiero, Kitty McBeth, Floyd McBeth, Jackson Kinsey, Jean Baker, Imagene McClellan, Bill Tait, Marlene Jisa, Ret Kendrick, Chuck Slaybaugh, Lauren Seifert, **Servicemen & Women-** Trent Garver, Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, David Ward, Jordan Ritter, Adam Pohovey, William Robishaw, Paul Roley, Kyle Greiving

**Organ Committee:** The congregation has approved the purchase of a new organ. Donations are being accepted to pay for this expenditure. ***There is a large box in the Narthex for contributions.***

### 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>

**All Youth (K-12)** have been invited to participate in the 175th Anniversary Celebration starting in January 2018 and running through October 2018. The Anniversary Committee has encouraged us to come up with our own unique ideas to celebrate the occasion with our church, family, and friends. Please see Lisa with ANY AND ALL suggestions! We can do more than one activity and may also need ideas for fundraisers. We are currently working on a YOUTH SUNDAY plan where the youth would be responsible for the entire Sunday church service.

**Book Club News:** We discussed “*Hidden Christmas*” by Timothy Keller on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Though a small book, there is a lot of pertinent and thought-provoking material in this book. We had a good discussion and all attending felt they learned something about Christmas that they hadn't considered previously. Everyone contributed to an informative dialogue.

The next selection for our book club will be "Cold-Case Christianity" by J. Warner Wallace. A third-generation policeman, Warner worked as an L. A. County homicide detective and is nationally recognized as an expert in solving "cold cases." He was also an atheist and eventually used those skills as a detective to evaluate the claims of Christianity.

His style is unique and entertaining, as well as educational and informative. I'm sure this will be a popular selection. If you're interested in purchasing a book (\$10-\$11 apiece), contact Terry Tegtmeier.

**St. Paul Lutheran 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events:**

**Saturday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. Movie Night "Same Kind of Different As Me"**  
**Sunday, March 11 at 10:30 a.m. Special worship to commemorate the anniversary**

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**Prayer Focus for February 2018**

**Each one should use whatever gift he has received to service others...  
If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so  
that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.  
1 Peter 4:11**

Our Church Council members, in addition to making business decisions on behalf of the congregation, also act as liaison to the various committees and groups within the Church, playing a vital role in communicating their actions to the Council. We are so blessed to have members who are willing to take the time out of their busy lives each month to attend meetings of their selected committees and the Council Meeting, held the third Monday of each month, which by the way, is open to any member wishing to attend and observe. In January, Marcia Howenstine and Mark Cunningham were installed to join those currently serving their three year terms:



Randy Simers	Terry Tegtmeier
Laura Eberly	Rick Caughey
Peggy Dix	Alyce Snyder
Lisa Keane	

Let us pray that our Council Members will lead St. Paul Lutheran Church wisely, that all their decisions will be according to God's will and that they will be protected from the influence of the evil one.

***"Lent is coming – Get your ash in church"***  
***"Kind words make for sweet echoes"***  
***"Next time you think you're perfect, try walking on water."***  
***"Life stinks? – We have a pew or you***  
***"We may not be Dairy Queen but our Sundays are great***



## Month of FEBRUARY 2018

<b>SUN</b>	<b>MON</b>	<b>TUES</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THUR</b>	<b>FRI</b>	<b>SAT</b>
				2/1	2/2	2/3
2/4	2/5	2/6	2/7	2/8	2/9	2/10
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m. Anniversary Committee 7:00 p.m.		Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.			Property 9:00 a.m.
2/11	2/12	2/13	2/14	2/15	2/16	2/17
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.		<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Service 7:00 p.m. <b>HAPPY</b> <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b> 	Community Meal 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	<b>LOCK-IN -</b> <b>February 6 pm -</b>	<b>LOCK-IN</b> <b>Saturday,</b> <b>10 am</b>
2/18	2/19	2/20	2/21	2/22	2/23	2/24
Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Fellowship.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m. Council 7:00 p.m.	<b>PRAYER CHAIN</b> <b>UPDATE..</b>	Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. <b>Lenten Service 11:30</b> <b>Zoar UCC</b>	Newsletter Deadline 		Movie Night 7:00 p.m.
2/25	2/26	2/27	2/28			
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