

JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2018

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From the Pastor...

A VERY SPECIAL YEAR FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The New Year brings many positive and optimistic thoughts to mind. Many people look forward to a new beginning with resolutions and goals for the future. Our church family is also looking forward with much anticipation to the New Year. It will mark the 175th anniversary of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

The members of the anniversary committee have been working for some time to prepare for this special occasion. They have put together a calendar of events to celebrate the upcoming anniversary. The events include the following:

January-----display of memorabilia of various historical events in the life of the church

February-----printing of the anniversary book and special movie presentation

March 11-----special anniversary church to mark the actual anniversary

April-----movie night with snacks

May-----mother/daughter banquet

June-----church picnic at Ft. Laurens and 5k run/walk

July-----ice cream social to honor our two senior members

August-----youth will lead a service on a Sunday

September 15-----square dance at the Sears barn

October-----closing service and burial of a time capsule

As you can see, there a number of exciting events planned for the New Year. We will invite the community to share these experiences with us. I ask you to please mark your calendars and plan to join in this special occasion. Some of the dates for the above mentioned events have yet to be determined.

I pray that the New Year will bring to you and your families the blessing and favor of God so that you will grow in faith, hope and love.

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August Worship Ministers:

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
1/7	8:00 A.M.	Charlann Young	1/7	8:00 A.M.	Jen Ward
	10:30 A.M.	Dee Garrison		10:30 A.M.	Skip Steward
1/14	8:00 A.M.	Rose Harris	1/14	8:00 A.M.	Pam Ward
	10:30 A.M.	Randy Simers		10:30 A.M.	Cheryl Simers
1/21	8:00 A.M.	Pam Ward	1/21	8:00 A.M.	Olivia Howell
	10:30 A.M.	Terry Tegtmeier		10:30 A.M.	Dee Garrison
1/28	8:00 A.M.	Jim Ward	1/28	8:00 A.M.	Sandy Ritter
	10:30 P.M.	Steve Maurer		10:30 P.M.	Tammy Huggins
USHERS			ACOLYTES		
1/7	8:00 A.M.	Greg & Julie Majors	1/7	8:00 A.M.	Kayla Majors
	10:30 A.M.	Dave & Linda Clugston		10:30 A.M.	Bailey Keane
1/14	8:00 A.M.	Dave & Charlann Young	1/14	8:00 A.M.	Carson Majors
	10:30 A.M.	Dave & Linda Clugston		10:30 A.M.	Lizzie Kienzle
1/21	8:00 A.M.	Richard & Donna Dudash	1/21	8:00 A.M.	Whitney Ward
	10:30 A.M.	Rick & Lori Caughey		10:30 A.M.	Michael Eberly
1/28	8:00 A.M.	Jim & Jen Ward	1/28	8:00 A.M.	Tyra Hampton
	10:30 P.M.	Skip & Jeanie Steward		10:30 P.M.	Bailey Keane
		<u>Altar Guild</u> Marcia Howenstine	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>Community Meal</u> Kathy Pozzuto	
Screen Monitor					
1/7	8:00 A.M.	Cameron Majors			
	10:30 A.M.	Doug Dix			
1/14	8:00 A.M.	Whitney Ward			
	10:30 A.M.	Dee Garrison			
1/21	8:00 A.M.	Julie Majors			
	10:30 A.M.	Josh Dix			
1/28	8:00 A.M.	Austin Ward			
	10:30 P.M.	Rick Caughey			

Offering and Attendance

Date	12/3	12/10	12/17	12/24 & 12/25
Offering	\$3,980.00	\$2783.00	\$5,528.00	\$5,859.00
Attendance	99	74	79	195

Readings:

<u>Baptism of Our Lord</u>	<u>Second Sunday after Epiphany</u>	<u>Third Sunday after Epiphany</u>	<u>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</u>
1/7	1/14	1/21	1/28
<u>Genesis 1:1-5</u> <u>Psalm 29</u>	<u>1 Samuel 3:1-10</u> <u>Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18</u>	<u>Jonah 3:1-5, 10</u> <u>Psalm 62:5-12</u>	<u>Deuteronomy 18:15-20</u> <u>Psalm 111</u>
<u>Acts 19:1-7</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 6:12-20</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 7:29-31</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 8:1-13</u>
<u>Mark 1:4-11</u>	<u>John 1:43-51</u>	<u>Mark 1:14-20</u>	<u>Mark 1:21-28</u>

Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers – Dan Levesseur, Danny Fisher, Jennifer Roley, 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-** 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

Chris Eberly	1/3	Rachael Ritter	1/17
Grace Shine	1/8	Tom Huggins	1/19
Colton Reeves	1/10	Trey Parker	1/21
Shawn Gettan	1/11	Toby Seifert	1/21
Julie Majors	1/12	Pam Ward	1/23
Floyd McBeth	1/12	Megan Gettan	1/24
		Jessica Dix	1/28

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.

Thank you to all of the Sunday School students who have made donations this year. We took a survey and THE VOTES ARE IN!!! ***5 ducks and 2 chickens - gives 2 or more families birds that will multiply to fill their egg baskets again and again. We will be mailing the check to World Vision next week and ask that everyone take a moment on Sunday to write a quick message or just sign the note which will be included in our donation.**

Kid's Club (K-7) January 14th 12pm - 2pm. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!!! With our youth so involved in other activities, we are going to try to meet immediately following the 10:30 service in the Fellowship Hall for our meeting this month to try to avoid conflicts in extracurricular activity schedules. We will continue to have lunch, a lesson, games, etc... just an earlier meeting time. Please sign up on the Youth Activities Board or RSVP to Lisa if you are planning to attend.

Book Club News: We discussed “*Same Kind of Different as Me*,” by Ron Hall and Denver Moore, on Tuesday, November 28th. We hope to show the movie here at St. Paul after the DVD becomes available, perhaps in Jan or Feb, 2018 (with popcorn?).

Our next selection will be “*Hidden Christmas*,” by Timothy Keller. This is a very timely and “illuminating journey into the surprising background of the nativity.” It is designed to help readers “experience the redeeming power of God’s grace in a deeper and more meaningful way.” Though only 140 pages, it should be read slowly while reflecting on the message of Christmas in ways that you may have forgotten, or never realized. Highly recommended for all, it has a purchase price of \$13. Contact Terry Tegtmeier if interested.

Council News: Mark Cunningham and Marcia Howenstine have been elected to serve on church council. All Council members are reminded to send their annual reports to the church office by Monday, January 8. We want to thank Dave Garan and Skip Steward for their service as outgoing council members.

JANUARY, 2018 PRAYER FOCUS - Psalm 28:7

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to Him in song.

Lord, You are my joy. Knowing You gives me gladness and strength.

As my heart's shield, You protect me from harm. Help me to face the future with joy.

Fill me with Your pleasures so I may bring enjoyment to my surroundings---at home, at work, and in my daily walk with You.

Help me to laugh more and smile often as I reflect on Your goodness. In Your presence, Lord, is fullness of joy.

Nehemiah 8:10 For the joy of the Lord is your strength!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



JANUARY



Month of JANUARY 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1/1	1/2	1/3	1/4	1/5	1/6
	HAPPY NEW YEAR - OFFICE CLOSED 	Office Closed				
1/7	1/8	1/9	1/10	1/11	1/12	1/13
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.	Worship Meeting 6:30 p.m.		Property 9:00 a.m.
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1/21	1/22	1/23	1/24	1/25	1/26	1/27
Worship 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Fellowship.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m. Council 7:00 p.m.	PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE..	Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline 		
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