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St. Paul Lutheran Church - Postville IA

DECEMBER 2017

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**Saturday Casual Worship ~
5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**
Sunday Worship ~ 9:00 am in the Sanctuary

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Please let the church office know if you have an  
address change.

If you would like a visit...Call Pastor or the church  
office at 864-7643. If you are  
hospitalized...Please call and let us know if you or  
a family member is hospitalized; also remember to  
use the hospital chaplain if available.

If we can pray for you...Please let us know if you  
or a member of your family would like to be  
included in our prayers;  
in the bulletin and in the prayers during worship.

*"Count your Blessings.  
Name them one by one.*

*Count your Many Blessings.  
See what God has done."*

We would like to thank everyone who completed and participated in our Generosity Celebration 2017. With everyone's support, St. Paul will continue God's work on a journey throughout our congregation and the world for 2018. Let us continue to "Count Your Blessings" today and through the upcoming year. Thank you for your generosity of treasures.

Your servants in Christ,

St. Paul Generosity Committee



## NEW MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

On December 9 & 10, 2017 we will be welcoming several new members into our Church family at St. Paul. Among them you will see young children as well as Seniors. Join us in making them feel Welcome at St. Paul at our 5:30 pm Saturday night service and 9:00 am Sunday Service and greet them at a short reception following the services in the Fellowship Hall. It will truly be a day of Celebration of our Faith for us all at St. Paul.

Our Sunday Morning Service is being shown twice a week on NEIT Cable TV on Channel 4 on Tuesday at 2:30 pm and on Thursday at 7:00 pm. This is a free service from NEIT.



**MINISTRY**

## A Message from Pastor:



*You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. 1 Peter 1:23*

As we prepare for the season of Advent, I have been thinking a lot about the turmoil and division that is happening in our country and around the world; the hate, killings and war amongst peoples. My hope is that peace is restored to those abroad, and those in our midst. My hope is that the seeds of peace are mysteriously sown in the soil of our own pain and in the suffering of the poor. We can trust these seeds, like the mustard seeds of the Gospel that grow and produce large shrubs.

As long as we imagine and live as if there is no peace in the near future, and that it all depends on us to make it come about, we are on the road of self-destruction. But when we trust that the God of love has already given the peace we are searching for, only then we will this peace breaking through the broken soil or our human condition and we will be able to let it grow fast and even heal the illnesses of our time. With this trust in our hearts, we will be able to hear the words: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9).

During this Advent – as we prepare the celebration of the Christ Child, let this be our prayer and message during this Holy season, as we anticipate the hope and promise of the coming of the Messiah.

May you be blessed as you wait for the coming of the Messiah. And may you be blessed just as my family and I have been living and serving you in Postville. Advent Blessings and Merry Christmas.

In Christ,

Pastor Lynn

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## NEWS FROM JUNIOR / SENIOR YOUTH

### **Advent Readers:**

- December 3<sup>rd</sup>: Corey & Deb Kirkestue Family
- December 10<sup>th</sup>: Sherman & Becky Zieman Family
- December 17<sup>th</sup>: Mike Peterson & Katelyn Plaht
- December 24<sup>th</sup>: 5:00pm Youth  
7:30pm Steve & Paula Enyart Family
- December 25<sup>th</sup>: 9:00am Mike & Jodi Jacobson Family

### **Jr./Sr. Youth Bake Sale**

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – Let us do your Holiday baking for you!!!

\$10.00 per dozen. All money raised will be used for expenses for the Houston Trip 2018

Jr./Sr. youth would like to **thank everyone** for all the support this year. 15 Youth and 3 Adult chaperones will be attending the 2018 National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas in June 2018. Be watching for our awesome menu for Lenten Suppers!



Looking for 2 male chaperones for the ELCA Youth Gathering trip to Houston, TX June 26<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office 864-7643 or Paula (563)380-3308.



**St. Paul Lutheran in Postville**  
**"Barnabas Uplift" French Toast Brunch**

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Serving from 10 am-12:30 pm**

**Menu:**  
**French Toast: Syrup & Toppings**  
**Sausage**  
**Fruit Cup**  
**Milk/Coffee/Water**

**Freewill Donation (Suggested minimum \$5/person)**  
 Proceeds to be used for Barnabas Uplift program and is supported by Thrivent Action Team!!!

**SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS**  
**CONFERENCE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER**

100 West Hill Street, PO Box 36, Saint Olaf, Iowa 52072-0036  
 Telephone: 563-783-2409 Fax: 1-563-783-2428 E-mail: shephill@neitel.net  
 Hours: 9am-12 and 1-4 pm. Monday-Fridays



**Greetings from the Hill:**

Brrr... I think we have officially transitioned to more seasonal weather! I would like to THANK everyone for the continued support our Ministry Work at SOTH!!! Without the generous support of our Conference Churches, Churches outside of our Synod Conference, along with Organizations, Business and Individuals, we would not be able to continue the ministry work which is SOOOO IMPORTANT right here in CLAYTON COUNTY.

Our Reformation / All Saints Service was held on October 30 at St. Paul Postville. Pastor Lynn Noel and Father John Haugen presided. Our conference Pastors were invited to process in at the beginning of service. We had 114 in attendance. The offering of \$879.00 collected will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief to be used in recovery efforts of the natural disasters in recent months. A special Thank you for the ladies at St. Paul for providing the light supper before the Service. There aren't enough words of praise - What a delightful service!

We are looking forward to our Christmas Just 4 Kids Giveaway in a few short weeks, held on Dec. 13th and 14th. Setup days will be Dec 11-12th. Donations may be brought to the auditorium between the hours of 9-3pm on the setup days. We will accept donations right up through event. Anyone wishing to volunteer their time to set up or on giveaway days, please reach out to me at the office or by email.

During the days of giveaway Dec 13-14th, SOTH Clothing Center will not be taking clothing or household donations, due to the large number of families receiving /visiting for the giveaway and the clothing center!!!

As a reminder, Shepherd will be closed Dec 23rd - Jan 1st. We will reopen on Jan 2, 2018 for normal business hours.

*Heather Crogan ~ Director*



**COMING EVENTS**

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- Dec 11 & 12 ~ Christmas 4 Kids Setup Days
  - Dec 13 & 14 ~ Christmas 4 Kids Giveaway Days
  - Dec 23-Jan 1 ~ Closed - Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!
  - Feb 18 ~ Conference Assembly at Zion, Castalia

**Shepherd of the Hills' Needs**

The **Operating Fund** pays the utilities, insurance on the building, supplies and salary for the Director.

The **Crisis Fund** is used to help families in need with rent, utilities or fuel assistance. Please prayerfully consider making regular donations to these funds in order to ensure its sustainability as a charitable organization for Clayton County.

Please utilize the memo line on your check to specify Crisis or Operating Fund!

# DECEMBER

# Volunteers

**December 3 - 9:00 am**

**All Saint's Service**

**Council:** Theresa Johnson & Mark Ziemann

**Communion Servers:** Neal Horns

**Reader:** Laurel Ohloff

**Video:** Sara White

**Acolyte:** Luis Santoyo-Hernandez

**December 10 - 9:00 am**

**Council:** Annette Frey

**Reader:** Linda Schierholz

**Video:** Daryl Schultz

**Acolyte:** Diego Vega



**December 17- 9:00 am**

**New Traditions / Holy Communion**

**Christmas Program**

**Council:** John Brazell & Jessica Deering

**Communion Servers:** Youth

**Reader:** Youth

**Video:** Dean Ohloff

**Acolyte:** TBD

**December 24- 9:00 am**

**Council:** Mark Ziemann

**Reader:** Lillian Jahnke

**Acolyte:** TBD

**December 24- 5:30 pm**

**Christmas Eve / Holy Communion**

**Council:** Mark Ziemann & Andy Jacobson

**Communion Servers:** Joyce Christofferson,  
Sara White, Lori Deering

**Reader:** TBD

**Video:** Beth Snitker

**Cross Bearer:** TBD

**Acolyte:** TBD



**A SEASON  
OF JOY**

**December 24- 7:30 pm**

**Christmas Eve / Holy Communion**

**Council:** Sharon Drahm & Paula Enyart

**Communion Servers:** Bonnie Moellers,  
Sandie Helgerson, Kim Schutte

**Reader:** TBD

**Cross Bearer:** TBD

**Acolyte:** TBD

**December 25- 9:00 am**

**Christmas Day / Holy Communion**

**Council:** Sharon Dean

**Reader:** TBD

**Acolyte:** Pastor Lynn

**December 31- 9:00 am**

**Healing Service**

**Council:** TBD

**Reader:** Jeanine Lenth

**Video:** Kathy Ohloff

**Acolyte:** Joey Xiya

**Saturday Night Worship - 5:30 pm**

**December 2**

**Worship / Holy Communion**

**Council:** Daryl Schultz

**December 9**

**Council:** Duane Koenig

**December 16**

**Worship / Holy Communion**

**Council:** Sharon Dean

**December 23**

**Council:** Daryl Schultz

**December 31**

**Healing Service**

**Council:** TBD



**December Usher Team**

Bob & Sandy Deering (leaders), Randy Gunderson,  
Leigh & Gwen Rekow, Doug Anderson, Lorraine  
Lenth, Daryl & Dolly Schultz, Dick Helgerson

**December Tellers:**

Bunny Fox, Becky Fritz, Janet Kuhse, Joan Moore

**December Altar Guild:**

Jeanette Johnson & Shelva Kohrs

## Operating - General Fund

|            | October | 2017        | Y-T-D         |
|------------|---------|-------------|---------------|
| Income     |         | \$17,945.73 | \$192,572.00  |
| Expense    |         | \$17,565.96 | \$203,720.53  |
| Difference |         | \$ 379.77   | \$(11,148.53) |





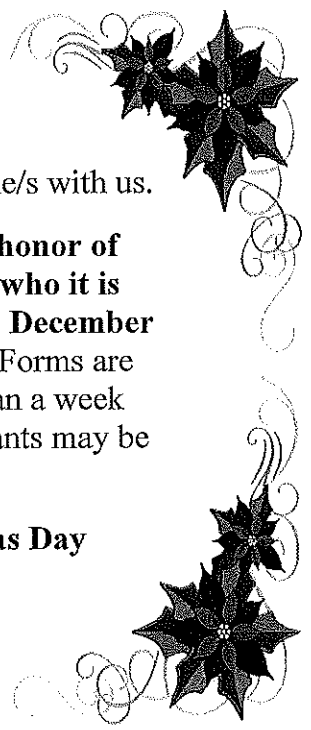
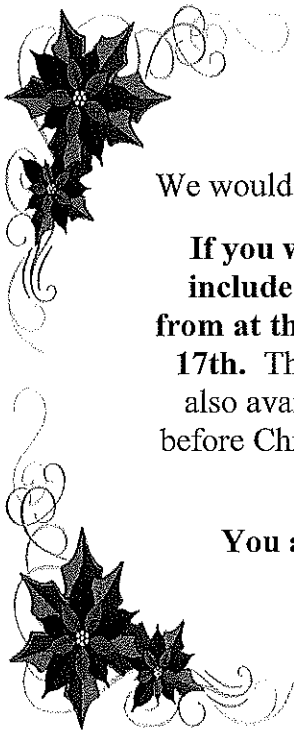
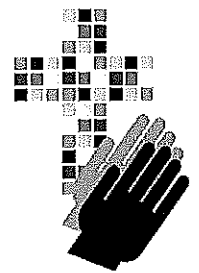
# Spring Festival

With Christmas being only 4 weeks away, it reminds us that the “Spring Festival” is only 4 months away. At this time, we would like to encourage crafters and bazaar contributors to start thinking and working on donations for our upcoming festival. Many projects take extra hours to complete and we welcome any and all contributions. The “Spring Festival” will be April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Be creative, join the fun!

The “Spring Festival” Committee

## SERVICE OF HEALING

A Service of Healing will be held on Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at our 5:30 service and Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at our 9 am service. In the past we have experienced a Healing Service during our Lenten Journey. This Service will be along those same lines. A Time to Heal comes at different times for all of us but at the end of the year seems fitting. Renewal comes with Healing and Prayers. We hope you can join us for this inspirational service.



## Poinsettias

We would like you to share a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one/s with us.

**If you would like the name/s or person/s the plant is in memory or in honor of included in the Christmas bulletins, please leave the name/s, and also who it is from at the office. Names are needed in the office no later than Sunday, December 17th.** This information may be left on the church’s voicemail at any time. Forms are also available in the Fellowship Hall. Please, do NOT bring them more than a week before Christmas so they will be at their best for the Christmas services. Plants may be left in the Library.

**You are welcome to take your plant home after the 9 a.m. Christmas Day Service.** Those left will be used in later worship services.

Thank you for helping us decorate St. Paul this Christmas!

# GENEROSITY!!



The Generosity Committee and St Paul Church has many Blessings to count this year.  
All of you are our 'Blessings'!!

Your financial gifts as well as volunteering in many areas in our church make St. Paul strong in our Mission to share the word of God and makes our Faith strong.

God's Blessings to you All!!

## God's Gifts – My Gifts

Generosity Page

### World Hunger

As part of the Generosity Mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church we support ELCA World Hunger, a most noble cause.

*The information printed below is taken from the ELCA website:*

More than 800 million people — that's 1 in 8 people in our world today — are hungry.

As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

Working with and through our congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to micro-loans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, our gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

#### *Special Monthly Offering*

|                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------|
| Jan. – Postville Food Pantry - \$531.00       |
| Feb. – EWALU - \$340.00                       |
| Mar. – Barnabas Uplift - \$423.00             |
| Apr. – Hospice - \$290.00                     |
| May – Scholarships - \$320.00                 |
| June – Black Hills Cares - \$342.00           |
| July – Campus Ministry - \$308.40             |
| Aug. – Shepherd of the Hills - \$430.00       |
| Sep. – Postville Child Care - \$468.00        |
| Oct. – Lutheran Services in Iowa - \$1,380.00 |
| Nov. – Camp Courageous                        |
| Dec. – World Hunger                           |

*Printed below are some facts about Hunger. Please take a minute to think about those in need.*

#### **Hunger facts**

868 million people – that's 1 in 8 – are chronically hungry and cannot lead active daily lives.

1.2 billion people live in extreme poverty, living on less than \$1.25 per day.

In the United States, more than 50 million people do not know where their next meal will come from. 46.2 million Americans are living in poverty.

#### **\*\*Deadline for VOICE\*\***

Friday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>

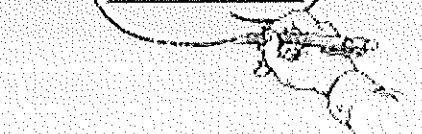
**Bulletins Deadline**

Each Wednesday

**Council Deadline**

Friday Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>

*the Deadline is...*



#### **December Special Offering**

World Hunger

**Loose Quarters** go to

World Hunger

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> &

Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>



Any WELCA questions please contact  
Pat Zidlicky, WELCA President at 864-3781

**\*General Meeting\***

Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 pm  
Program: Christmas Carols / Story  
Report Fall Cluster Meeting

**\*Circle Meetings\***

**Deborah Circle** in East Park Terrace  
Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm

**Esther Circle** at Good Samaritan Center  
Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm

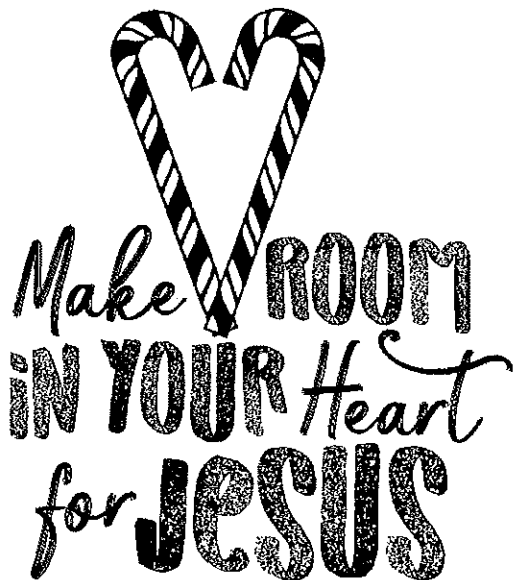
**Eve Circle** in Alcove  
Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am  
*Brunch*

**Priscilla Circle**  
Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm  
*Potluck*

**Ruth Circle** at Grand Meadow Terrace  
Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 pm  
*Potluck*

**\*Lutheran World Relief\*  
Fall Shipment**

~ 49 Quilts ~ 34 Health Kits ~  
~ 41 School Kits ~ 21 Child Care Kits ~



**Merry Christmas  
from LSI**



*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." — John 1:5*

As Christmas approaches, we give thanks to you! Every day, as a ministry partner of LSI, you help bring the light of Christ to others.

At LSI, we know many people experiencing deep darkness. We know parents who feel hopeless, with little to no resources to raise their young children. We know adults with disabilities who feel voiceless, with no support system or connection to their community. We know teens who are aging out of the foster care system, who fear they will never belong to anyone or have a family to love them.

LSI's work is Christmas work, shining love, compassion, and light in places of darkness, despair, abuse, neglect, addiction, and loneliness. We could not do this important work without you, and we are so grateful.

Wishing you a blessed and merry Christmas from LSI! Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](http://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

**A Voice for Change**

Morgan struggled with anger management before coming to LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly. When she was in stressful situations, she tried to escape her emotions by running away. But she can remember the exact moment she knew she wanted to make a change.

"One day at Bremwood, another resident lashed out at a staff. I was just sitting there thinking this is not the life I want to live," Morgan says. "This is not me. This is not who I want to be." She worked hard to practice her coping skills and soon graduated out of Bremwood. But Morgan wanted to do more to give back and help others.

Morgan, now 19, is going to college for Agricultural Business. She recently took her first international trip to Haiti to study local farming, and she's already saving money to take a similar trip to Brazil next year.

Morgan turned to LSI once again – but this time, not for herself. Instead, to help others in need: youth just like her who need support, a listening ear and words of encouragement. LSI and Woodhaven Shelter had been there for Morgan during some of her darkest times. Now, she wants to be there for those who need it.

She is now employed as a Youth Associate in LSI's Woodhaven Shelter! When a new resident comes through the doors, Morgan is there to show them that no matter the odds, they can make a better life for themselves. She is there to help other youth find their path to hope, healing and wholeness.



**Roll Call:** Mark Zieman, Annette Frey, Paula Enyart, Sharon Dean, John Brazell, Duane Koenig, Sharon Drahn, Jessica Deering, Theresa Johnson, Pastor Lynn J. Noel;  
**Absent:** Andy Jacobson, Eric Meyer, Daryl Schultz, Charlie Meyer

**Minutes:** Regular Minutes in October were approved as read. M/S/C

**Pastoral Acts in October**

**Funerals:** Bernice Koenig, 10/21/17

**Wedding:** None

**Baptisms:** Maddox Hartley 10/1/17, Gage, Genevieve & Grace Wilker 10/1/17

**Worship Attendance – Weekend Averages**

| 2017 to date | Last Month | 2016 | 2015 |
|--------------|------------|------|------|
| 171          | 167        | 175  | 174  |

**Requests for Use of Church Facilities:** None

**Requests for Transfer of Membership to St. Paul, Reactivation and Affirmation of Faith:** None

**Requests for Transfer of Memb. from St. Paul:** None

**Committee Reports:**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** – Met November 1<sup>st</sup>. The children will sing November 19<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School Program is Dec. 17 at 9 a.m., practice has begun. Working with evangelism to do treat bags for kids. Cupcakes will be served after the program.

**EVANGELISM & MEMBERSHIP** – Met October 15<sup>th</sup>. New member reception is the weekend of December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, there’s about 30 new members. They will receive welcome packets, gifts. Need more signage to make our building more welcoming. Time to think about a new directory. Family night discussed to reach out to young families. Working with Christian Ed for gift bags after Sunday School program. Dennis Turner has agreed to make baptismal boxes.

**FINANCE** – Met November 9<sup>th</sup>. Working on budget. Should be comparable to last year.

**GENEROSITY** – Met November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Blessing of pledge cards and Generosity brunch on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. Children and teachers will be fed first. Will continue to educate members on the importance of their continued financial support to St. Paul. Gifts given to the church thru estate planning or other memorials are used for the future Ministries we do throughout our church and community. Bonnie will keep up monthly notes in the Voice.

**PROPERTY** – Didn’t meet, update for Council Meeting. The following projects will begin soon: K & J Numendahl Construction: Dining Room, remove ceiling, install revealed edge, suspended ceiling system in Fellowship Hall and South Entrance, remove a portion of raised

platform in the Chapel and fix damaged tile. Blake Electric: LED Track lights. B & K Plumbing & Heating: Air conditioning in Fellowship Hall. Rite Price Office Supply: Chairs for Fellowship Hall, Knockel’s Floor Covering: metal strip to make step between communion rail more visible (pending estimate). Blake Electric: solar battery LED Light to be installed in current light fixtures (awaiting estimates). Motion to approve these projects M/S/C. Motion to pay for parking lot resurfacing from Memorial fund M/S/C.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY** – Met October 10<sup>th</sup>, reported Share boxes recipients chosen.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC** – Met October 17<sup>th</sup>. Reformation plans finalized. Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. Paul with bars and cheese trays. The organ has been tuned. Thanks to Sharon Dean for helping with confirmation stoles, LaRae Schutte for helping with Baptismal banners and more. Dec. 16 Carols by Candlelight; Dec. 25 Service of Lessons and Carols, Pastor Lynn will do service.

**YOUTH** – Met November 1<sup>st</sup>. 46er’s Halloween Party went well. They are getting together to send out Christmas Cards along with invitations to Special Friends dinner. Cookie Walk Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> is New Traditions with skit by youth. Fundraisers with Tupperware and Cake Pans went well. Reading during advent before church while lighting the candles. Still need two male chaperones for Houston Trip. Ten boys and five girls are going from our church.

**Old Business:**

- Family & Youth Ministry job description – Annette reported that three applications have been received. One from EWALU, one from Luther and one in-house. Interviews will be Sunday, November 19

**New Business:**

- Motion to approve Pastor Lynn as a signer on the Pastor's Discretionary Account, M/S/C. (Bank needs the minutes for him to be added.)
- Discussion was held on getting additional fire extinguishers. Fire Dept. will be consulted as to how many and where to place them
- Motion to approve Sally Bacon’s request for wedding deposit refund, M/S/C.
- Discussion was held on the possibility of hiring a visitation pastor to visit homebound occasionally, perhaps one or two days per month. Pastor mentioned that there is an ELCA Pastor close by who would be interested.

Sharon Drahn, Secretary





**DECEMBER**  
BIRTHDAYS

St. Paul Lutheran Church

**(B)irthdays and (W)edding Anniversaries**  
**DECEMBER 2017**



**DECEMBER**  
ANNIVERSARIES

| Sunday                                                                                                                                               | Monday                                                                                                                                            | Tuesday                                                                                                  | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                              | Thursday                                               | Friday                                                                          | Saturday                                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>3</b><br>Richard Heins (b.)<br>Kay Ruckdaschel (b.)<br>Tony & Pamela Schlee (w.)                                                                  | <b>4</b><br>Steve Enyart (b.)<br>Shane Fox (b.)<br>Kendal James (b.)<br>Diane Kruse (b.)<br>Michael Ruckdaschel (b.)<br>Nile & Donna Ziemann (w.) | <b>5</b><br>Robyn James (b.)<br>Gabby Xiya (b.)<br>Becky Ziemann (b.)                                    | <b>6</b><br>Ellen Althouse (b.)<br>Rebecca Fritz (b.)<br>Judy Hyman (b.)<br>Andy Jacobson (b.)<br>Kira Johnson (b.)<br>Terry Lenth (b.)<br>Mary Reierson (b.)<br>Laura Roney (b.)<br>Nancy Turner (b.) | <b>7</b>                                               | <b>8</b><br>Shanna Afana (b.)<br>Cheryl Ash (b.)<br>Ashley Heins (b.)           | <b>9</b><br>Brenda Deering (b.)<br>Dave Deering (b.)<br>Norman Leeman (b.)<br>Lynn Noel (b.)                                                            |
| <b>10</b>                                                                                                                                            | <b>11</b><br>Joyce Heins (b.)<br>Douglas Koenig (b.)<br>Lora Ziemann (b.)                                                                         | <b>12</b><br>Pat Milene (b.)<br>Kristy Turner (b.)                                                       | <b>13</b><br>Kendra Johnson (b.)<br>Donald Muchow (b.)                                                                                                                                                 | <b>14</b><br>Kool Deering (b.)                         | <b>15</b><br>Morgan Deering (b.)<br>Tanner Deering (b.)<br>Whitney Deering (b.) | <b>16</b><br>Douglas Anderson (b.)<br>John Durdee (b.)<br>Grace Wilker (b.)                                                                             |
| <b>17</b><br>Virginia Anderson (b.)<br>Brooke Huinker (b.)<br>Cooper Huinker (b.)<br>Jerry Olson (b.)                                                | <b>18</b><br>Zachary Burns (b.)<br>Ruth Hilgerson (b.)<br>Rachel Koenig (b.)<br>Amber Radloff (b.)<br>Norma Schlee (b.)                           | <b>19</b><br>Richard Birdsell (b.)<br>Eunice Dickman (b.)<br>Kay Gunderson (b.)<br>Stephanie Koenig (b.) | <b>20</b><br>Dale Anderson (b.)<br>Sam Gieslon (b.)<br>Lindsey Hangartner (b.)<br>Richard & Sandie Helgerson (w.)                                                                                      | <b>21</b><br>Kellie Clarke (b.)<br>Joshua Moore (b.)   | <b>22</b>                                                                       | <b>23</b><br>Lukas Hinton (b.)<br>David & Linda Schierholz (w.)                                                                                         |
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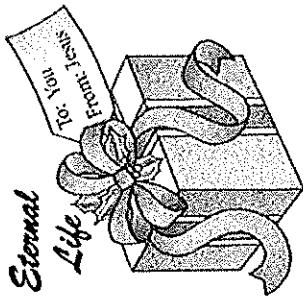
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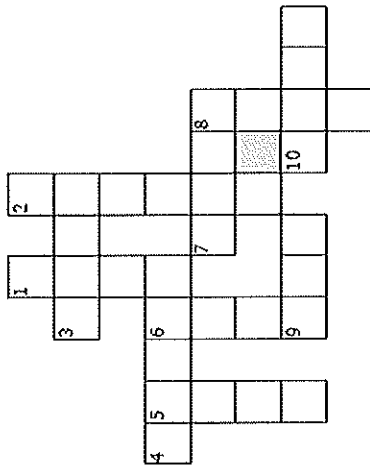
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# The Gifts that Jesus Brings

The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.  
 Matthew 11:5 (NIV)



**ACROSS**

- 3. To receive sound using your ears
- 4. Unable to see
- 7. Something that is pleasant or enjoyable
- 9. To be aware of what is around you by using your eyes
- 10. To move along by putting one foot in front of the other

**DOWN**

- 1. Not living
- 2. A place where criminals are forced to live as a punishment
- 5. Unable to walk correctly because of injury to or weakness in the legs or feet
- 6. Information or reports about recent events
- 8. Unable to hear

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|------|------|-------|--------|------|
| DEAF | SEE  | NEWS  | GOOD   | WALK |
| HEAR | DEAD | BLIND | PRISON | LAME |