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St. Paul Lutheran Church - Postville IA

FEBRUARY 2018

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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.

## Midweek Lenten Suppers Freewill Donation

**February 21st**

Potato Soup/Chili/Cheese Soup

**February 28th**

Clean Out the Kitchen Night

(assorted sandwiches, au gratin potatoes, hot turkey, brats, hotdogs, & pork burgers)

**March 7th**

Chicken Dumpling/Vegetable Beef Soup/Cheese Soup

**March 14th**

Lasagna

**March 21st**

Hot Beef Sandwiches

**All meals served with: salad bar, fresh baked  
bread/butter, assorted bars/cookies, coffee & milk**

If you wish to donate your time or groceries to help the  
Youth Group call Christa at 864-7643 or Sharon Dean at 863-3784.

Thank you for all your support. Please be sure to join us for  
worship, fellowship and good food!!!

These meals are sponsored by Jr./Sr. Youth and 46'ers.

LENT *Lent* LENT *Lent*

**Our Sunday Morning Service is  
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.**



**MANISTAR**



*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

(Matthew 28:19-20)

If you remember from last year, I began my report with this same Bible passage. As I begin a second full year as your pastor, this text resonates with us today just as it has in the past. Our Mission Statement emphasis is for us to be the church into the world: “Marked with the cross of Christ forever through Baptism, we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the Gospel.” Again, as I wrote of last year – “When the Church, and the local congregation [St. Paul Lutheran – Postville], hold this at the center of its mission, the Church is alive and accomplishing its purpose.” I want to thank you all for keeping this the center of our mission in all that we do with our time, talents, and financial gifts; and all who we are as God’s people. I want to share with you three areas of ministry for 2018 that I wish to focus on:

- Continue to provide pastoral care to the homebound – and continue to seek out members who are not actively connected to the church.
- Continue to build relationships with people within the congregation and in the Postville Community.
- Gather together outside of the walls of the church to talk about faith and what this means for us as God’s people.

2017 has been a year of change for many of us. We have experienced much loss in our congregation regarding death and transition. Many people dear to us are no longer with us. And to be honest, the death of Greg Hamm affected me, and the staff more than I thought it would. This has taken time for us to grieve, heal, and move forward. We appreciate your love, support, and prayers during this time.

I want to thank the WELCA and all the ladies for all you do for our church. You faithfully serve and meet the needs of the church. I want to thank all who have been supportive of the staff and to those who have provided leadership during this time of transition. Thank you to Paula Enyart for coordinating the ELCA Youth Gathering and her efforts in fundraising for our trip to Houston. Thank you to all the parents, boards and committees who have stepped up during these months and provided valuable leadership working with our youth – from Sunday school to the Jr. and Sr. Youth.

And now we continue to look to the future and are moving forward with the addition of Christa Jacobson as the Director of Youth and Family Ministry. I look forward having her as a partner in ministry as she uses her gifts to be a blessing to our youth and family ministries in our congregation.

I continue to be amazed at our music ministry. Thank you to our organist, pianist, choir and bell director, choirs, singers. Thank you to our children who come forward every Sunday to try to “stump the Pastor.” Thank you to our Jr. and Sr. Youth who provide worship leadership for the New Tradition’s worship service.

I want to thank our Church Council for their leadership and allowing me to continue to grow as your pastor. And for all those who serve on our Boards and Committees who give of their time and talents. I especially want to thank Mark Zieman, Annette Frey, Duane Koenig, and Daryl Schultz for their leadership over these past three years as they will have concluded their terms.

And finally, I want to thank the staff that serve you faithfully: Patience Kober, Christa Jacobson, Marsha Ruby, and Marty & Kevin Loomis. I invite you to express to them gratitude and thanks for all they do for St. Paul’s. They give of their time and energy; and I would not want to work with any other staff – they are a blessing to me and to St. Paul. What they do is hard work, but I know they do it with joyful and giving hearts – THANK YOU for all you do!

In closing, thank you for allowing me to be your pastor. On the following page you will notice a spreadsheet of my ministry. I share this document (2017 Ministry Report) with the Church Council monthly which communicates in detail account the ways that I serve you. I am blessed to dwell among you and I continue to seek to do the will of God in whatever situation God gives me to faithfully serve. I have and continue to pray, that God will make use of me as your pastor. I have been blessed with my time among you, and pray that in some small way, I have been useful to the saints in Christ at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

In Christ,

Pastor Lynn J. Noel



Greetings from your new Director of Youth and Family Ministry!

First, I would like to express my gratitude to Pastor Lynn and the Church Council for giving me the opportunity to work with the youth of St. Paul as they begin their faith journey! Pastor Lynn and Patience have been very helpful getting me acclimated to my new role here at St. Paul!

As I sit here in my office, I remember all the times I was on the other side of this desk. Whether it was talking about the lesson I was going to be teaching in Sunday School, or what we were doing for New Traditions services or if I just needed a friend to talk to. Greg was always there for me and told me countless times that I was going to be taking over for him someday. Now that someday is here, I hope I have as much of an impact on the youth of this congregation as he did on me.

For those of you who are not as familiar with me as others, I have lived around Postville most of my life. I was baptized and confirmed here at St. Paul, which seems like many years ago! I graduated from Postville High School in 2009 and took some coursework in Elementary and Early Childhood Education. For the past several years I worked at Postville Childcare Services. My time there was spent as a Childcare Associate, 3-year-old Preschool Teacher, and Assistant Director. Working there made me realize the importance of our time spent with the youth of our community. There are many exciting things happening in my life. Isaac and I got married at St. Paul in August and we recently bought a house here in town! We are looking forward to warmer months since we enjoy spending time outdoors hiking and kayaking. We also enjoy spending time with our families and friends, especially our four beautiful nieces!

This month our youth will be busy with our "Souper" Bowl Sunday, Special Friend's Dinner, and then we start our Lenten Suppers! The support our youth get from our congregation is amazing and I am looking forward to seeing that continue! There are many exciting things happening at St. Paul and I am anxious to start working with you all! Feel free to drop in to my office and say hello!

God's blessings to you all,  
Christa Jacobson

**Spring cleaning?** Need to make room for the new year? Donate to the **St Paul Lutheran Garage Sale!** We now have a storage unit, so contact Becky Zieman 319-929-7979 with any donations.



PRAYING FOR YOUR  
**RECOVERY**



Please call the church office if you or a family member is hospitalized, would like Pastor to visit, or in need of prayers and would like to be listed in the prayer section of the bulletin.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



**2018 Vacation Bible School**

**July 23-27**



(program will be Thursday evening)

Counselors from EWALU will be putting on the program this year!



Please note, the Special Friends Dinner is being moved from Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> due to the renovation of the Fellowship Hall. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.



# FEBRUARY

# Volunteers

**February 4 - 9:00 am**

**Holy Communion**

**Council:** Charlie Meyer & Theresa Johnson

**Communion Servers:** Sharon Dean

**Reader:** Sandie Helgerson

**Video:** Sara White

**Acolyte:** Emily Frey

**Cross Bearer:** Brittney Kober

**February 11 – 9:00 am**

**Council:** Sharon Drahn

**Reader:** Vada Guyer

**Video:** Daryl Schultz

**Acolyte:** Jacob Kirkestue



**February 14 - 7:30 pm**

**Ash Wednesday**

**Council:** TBD

**Communion Servers:**

**Acolyte:** Bobby Kober



**February 18 - 9:00 am**

**New Traditions / Holy Communion**

**Council:** Paula Enyart & Andy Jacobson

**Communion Servers:** Youth

**Reader:** Youth

**Video:** Beth Snitker

**Acolyte:** Sierra Mohs

**February 21 - 7:30 pm**

**Lenten Service**

**Council:** TBD

**Acolyte:** Luis Santoyo-Hernandez

**February 25 - 9:00 am**

**Council:** Sharon Dean

**Reader:** Leigh Rekow

**Video:** Dean Ohloff

**Acolyte:** Diego Vega



**February 28 - 7:30 pm**

**Lenten Service**

**Council:** TBD

**Acolyte:** Luis Santoyo-Hernandez

**Saturday Night Worship – 5:30 pm**

**February 3**

**Worship / Holy Communion**

**Council:** Roger Mathews

**February 10**

**Council:** Mindy Rose

**February 17**

**Worship / Holy Communion**

**Council:** Dean Ohloff

**February 24**

**Council:** Mindy Rose



**February Usher Team**

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

**February Tellers:**

Lillian Jahnke, Pat Zidlicky, Jeanette Johnson, Jeanine Lenth

**February Altar Guild:**

Jeanette Johnson & Shelva Kohrs



## Spring Festival

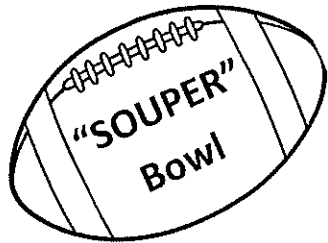
The “Spring Festival” is now only 2 months away. At this time, we would like to continue to encourage crafters and bazaar contributors to start thinking and working on donations for our upcoming festival. Many projects take extra hours to complete and we welcome any and all contributions. Bazaar items do not need to be hand crafted. Handmade or purchased gift items, gift certificates, baskets, towels, etc. can be gathered and collected to make ‘gift’ packages to be sold.

**We are asking that all craft, bazaar and silent auction items be priced for sale when brought to the church.** The committee needs to know what you would expect to receive from your donation. The committee then will determine the top items to be used for the silent auction.

The “Spring Festival” is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Ticket prices will be \$12 adult, \$6 youth (ages 5-10) and ages 4 and under are free. We want and need everyone to participate in this church activity to make this a successful festival. Remember, this is **your** church fundraiser. Be creative, join the fun! Sign-up sheets will be available March 1<sup>st</sup>.



The “Spring Festival” Committee



# "SOUPER" Bowl Sunday!!

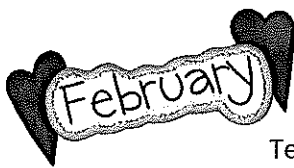
**When:** Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

**What:** Non-perishable food items;  
monetary donations



**Why:** Donations collected will be given to the Postville Food Pantry!

**Who:** Sponsored by St. Paul Jr. Youth



## **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:**

As I begin this newsletter, I am writing thank you's for Christmas Giveaway and finishing up the end of the fiscal year reports.

Our Christmas Just 4 Kids Giveaway had another successful year. Our final tallies for the Giveaway = 189 Families, 491 Children. Wow. Again, thank you for all of the continued support SOTH receives to continue the mission work, which we feel is so VERY IMPORTANT right here in Clayton County.

Conference Assembly will be held February 18 at 2:00pm in Castalia at Zion Lutheran Church. Fellowship will be held directly following the Assembly meeting. Hope to see all the delegates! We do have positions of Layman for 1yr term on Nominating Committee, along with Clergy for a 3-year term as a 2019 Churchwide Voting Member. There are some board positions that will be open for nominations and voting by ballot at the Conference Mtg. The Board will be meeting the 3rd Tuesday of January. More information will be available after that time for anyone interested.

The Rural Ministry Conference is scheduled to held on March 4-6, 2018, at the Best Western Events Center, Dubuque IA. Information can be found on the following website: <https://www.wartburgseminary.edu> on the events tab. SOTH Board Member, Mark Yackel-Juleen, is scheduled to be a keynote speaker this year! This is a wonderful opportunity to refresh, renew or strengthen our faith in these unsettling times our rural churches are facing. The following text is a great intro regarding the conference, also found on the website:

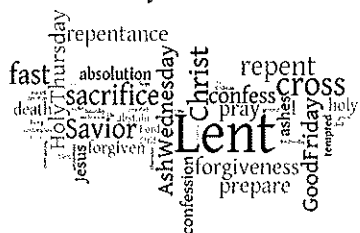
" Where leaders in rural communities and congregations gather to gain insight and inspiration, to network and neighbor that our ministries might be empowered. This ecumenical conference includes worship, keynote speakers, workshops, and Bible study, and offers participants a unique opportunity to network with others who are active in and concerned about rural ministry."

*Heather Crogan ~ Director*

### **COMING EVENTS**



- Feb 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Lutheran Day on the Hill
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Ash Wednesday
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Conference Assembly at Zion Castalia @ 2 pm
- Mar 4-6<sup>th</sup> ~ Rural Ministry Conference, Dubuque IA



### **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!



# GENEROSITY!!

As we continue to count our Blessings in 2018 let us remember the people we have in our lives every day that we hold dear. Our Family and our friends but also our Church Family. The people who are there for us in times of need and who we in turn are there for. God's Blessings to us all and to those we Love.

## God's Gifts – My Gifts

### EWALU

Camp EWALU, near Strawberry Point, focuses on outdoor ministry, which is a combination of God and His glorious creation. Outdoor ministry has the power to change lives. Whether you spend a few hours at a special event, or a full week at summer camp, individuals and groups alike leave EWALU viewing the world differently. As a result, the world views them in a different light. That is because they have just come back from an amazing journey, and they can't wait to tell you all about it!

Special events at EWALU include a Valentine's Couples' Dinner, Winter Fun Day, elementary (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and middle school retreats (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade), quilting weekends and trips like the Legacy Tour to Pella's Tulip Festival. Summer camp offers a wide variety of programs from June through August, and helps youth grow in faith, experience Christian community, enjoy outdoor adventures and make new friends. Learn more about Camp EWALU at [ewalu.org](http://ewalu.org).

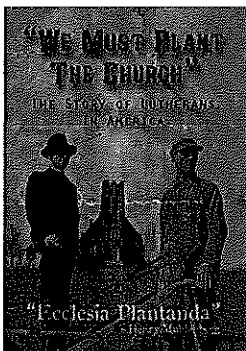
#### *Special Monthly Offering*

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|-----------------------------------------------|
| 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 - \$400.00             |
| Dec. – World Hunger - \$629.00                |

#### **“Generosity Note”**

Greetings from your 2018 Generosity Committee! As the new year begins, you should have picked up or received your 2018 offering envelopes. We would like to encourage members to use these envelopes for your offering contributions to assist our tellers and financial secretary with keeping records. There are special envelopes to promote our monthly mission special offerings along with envelopes for our Mid-Week Lenten services. Every church holiday has a special envelope. Automatic giving members can use the extra envelopes to track your attendance and contributions, too. Please consider using these envelopes as reminders of your financial commitment to St. Paul and the missions we support.

#### **“We Must Plant the Church” The Story of Lutherans in America**



When Lutherans came to America they brought with them Martin Luther's belief that people of faith engage the big questions of the day. This DVD series on the history of Lutherans in America transports learners through four centuries of the planting of the Lutheran Church in this new land. Henry Muhlenberg provided the title for the series. His motto was *Ecclesia plantanda* "We must Plant the Church".

We will be showing this series at during Lent and hope many of you will take part and enjoy the history of our church. The longest one is 25 minutes and the shortest one only 9 minutes, so it won't take much of your time.

We will start the Saturday after Ash Wednesday and end Palm Sunday. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall, construction permitting.

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

**\*General Meeting\***

Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 pm  
Program: February is Black History Month

**\*Mini Workshop\***

Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 pm

**\*Circle Meetings\***

**Deborah Circle** in East Park Terrace  
Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 pm

**Esther Circle** at Good Samaritan Center  
Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm

**Eve Circle** in Alcove  
Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am  
*Joan Moore & Pat Zidlicky*

**Priscilla Circle**  
Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm  
*Lillian Jahnke*

**Ruth Circle** at Grand Meadow Glen  
Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 pm  
*Joyce Kuhse*



**WORSHIPPING AWAY**

Brian & LaRae Schutte worshiped at Shepherd of the Valley in September 2017. Gerald & Vada Guyer attended Calvary Fellowship Church in Mouthlake Terrace, WA on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> with daughter Rana Coffee and her family. Dick & Sandie Helgerson attended St John's Lutheran in Chesterfield, MO on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> with their son Brock's family. On Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> Darlene Lange attended the baptism of her Great Granddaughter Teagan Dahlen. Pat & Laura Zidlicky attended Shepherd of the Valley on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> in West Des Moines where the Pastor is Pat's son-in-law. On Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> Bonnie Moellers worshiped at Zion Lutheran in Castalia. Harlan & Darlene White attended their granddaughter's program at Big Canoe Lutheran on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Ron & Bunny Fox worshipped at Faith Lutheran's Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in Monona. Mike & Barb Krambeer worshiped at St. John's Church in Elkhorn on Christmas Eve.

**Happy Valentine's Day from LSI!**



*"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19*

Lutheran Services in Iowa's (LSI) mission is about love: responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. We give thanks for all the ministry partners, both individuals and congregations, who help share this love for Iowa children, families, and adults!

We see this love in newly adopted children and their families, in teens who learn to trade self-harm for self-worth, in Iowans with disabilities who are growing their independence and confidence, in new parents who are raising strong and healthy families, and in so many other moments of joy. If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org).

Thank you for the love you share and create through LSI. Happy Valentine's Day!

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).

**Healing through Harmony**

Jaden doesn't have many memories of his father. When Jaden was 5 years old, his father unexpectedly passed away. Now 14, Jaden has grown up without that loving connection. Through his grief, his connection to his mother became strained, and he struggled to manage his anger at home.

After being placed in LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly, Jaden connected with LSI's Spiritual Life program. The voluntary program connects youth with faith-based art, music, and film. It serves as a safe space for children to open up about their emotions and get the support they need to thrive.

"Jaden is one of the few kids who would actively set up lunch appointments with me," says Pastor Dennis Bauer, who leads the program. "He's really benefitted from being able to talk during the day."

Having access to a support network and a trusting relationship with Pastor Dennis has helped Jaden feel empowered to make a positive change during his time at Bremwood. Jaden is finding his faith through music, and he's learning how to talk about his trauma and become a role model for other Iowa youth.

Jaden has now been adopted into a loving family. As he finishes up his treatment at Bremwood, his family visits frequently and worships with him, and Jaden is enjoying being a new big brother.



# Church Council Meeting ~ January 15, 2018

Overview of Minutes (not approved by council yet)

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

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

**Thank you** from Postville Community School & Postville Food Pantry.

### Pastoral Acts in December

**Funerals:** Tanner Walker 12/9/17, Blaine Schultz 12/21/17, Dean Gunderson 12/26/17

### Worship Attendance – Weekend Averages

| 2017 to date | Last Month | 2016 | 2015 |
|--------------|------------|------|------|
| 173          | 173        | 175  | 174  |

### Requests for Use of Church Facilities: M/S/C

Cemetery Annual Meeting – 1/25/18 @ 7 pm – FR  
Fair Board Meeting – 1/21/18 @ 2-4 pm – FR  
Families First Meeting – 1/9/18 @ 1:30 pm - FR

### Requests for Transfer of Memb. from St. Paul:

Kennedy Maske to St Peter Lutheran Church, Rockwell, IA & Jesse Reinhart to Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, IA M/S/C

### Committee Reports:

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** – Met January 3<sup>rd</sup> - discussed curriculum, EWALU registration, Sunday School snacks. Christmas program for 2018.

**FINANCE** – Met January 13<sup>th</sup> - Worked on budget and after a motion by Mark Zieman and second by Jackie Schneider they voted to present the completed budget to council.

**PROPERTY** – Met December 12<sup>th</sup> & Voted Via Text / Email in January - Discussions held on upgrades to sanctuary, sacristy, small chapel and renovation of Fellowship Hall. Fellowship Hall will be closed from Jan. 22 through Feb. 28 as work is completed.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY** – Met January 9<sup>th</sup> - Thank you's were received for the SHARE boxes donated. Clothing and boots were donated to school and daycare. SHARE boxes will be delivered Jan. 20 by Pat Zidlicky, Dellene

Hager and Bunny Fox. Discussion held about a possible family event for New Year's Eve, 2018.

**YOUTH** – Met January 10<sup>th</sup> - Special Friends dinner is Feb. 11. Christa Jacobson and Paula Enyart will do program. Sharon Dean, parents and 46ers will prepare and serve lunch as well as clean up. Jr. and Sr. Youth: Still need additional chaperones for Youth Gathering. Brunch on Jan. 14 with funds for Youth Gathering trip. New Traditions Sunday is Jan. 21.

### Old Business: None

### New Business:

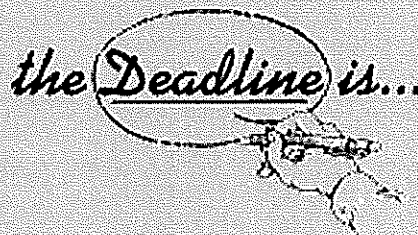
- 2018 Budget - Roger Mathews presented the operating and ministry budget for 2018. M/S/C
- Installation of New Council Members - All Council Members will be installed at the Jan. 27 and 28 church services.
- 10-year Anniversary of the Raid - decided to donate \$250 for an event (meal) commemorating the 10th anniversary of the raid. M/S/C
- Fellowship Hall Update - Air Conditioning bid of \$5939.45 of B & K Heating and Plumbing and the bid of \$1675. from Kruse Painting for the painting were approved. The bid for the sound system was also approved. M/S/C
- The agenda for the annual meeting was presented and approved. M/S/C
- The purchase of a laptop for Christa Jacobson, director of youth and family ministry was accepted. The cost is \$802.50 from Brandt's Datlink. M/S/C
- Video Recorder – checking options
- LCO Pastor Cindy Breed here March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>
- Food for the Poor Pastor here August 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

Sharon Drahm, Secretary

| Operating – General Fund |             |              |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| December                 | 2017        | Y-T-D        |
| Income                   | \$36,189.64 | \$246,807.43 |
| Expense                  | \$28,898.61 | \$254,401.41 |
| Difference               | \$ 7,291.04 | \$(6,318.02) |

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

Thursday Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Bulletins Deadline**  
Each Wednesday  
**Council Deadline**  
Wednesday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>



### December Special Offering

EWALU  
**Loose Quarters** go to  
World Hunger  
Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> &  
Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>





St. Paul Lutheran Church

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

**FEBRUARY 2018**



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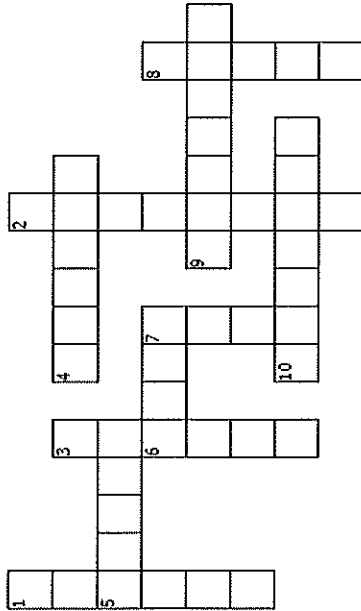


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## Carrying the Message

"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" Mark 1:15 (NIV)  
 Based on Mark 1:9-15 (NIV)



### ACROSS

- Jesus was baptized in the \_\_\_\_\_ River. (vs.9)
- Jesus was tempted by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus proclaimed the \_\_\_\_\_ news of God. (vs. 14)
- Jesus said, "The \_\_\_\_\_ of God is near." (vs.15)
- Jesus asked people to repent and \_\_\_\_\_.(vs.15)
- The Spirit led Jesus into the \_\_\_\_\_.(vs.12)
- Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ by John. (vs.9)
- Jesus was tended to by \_\_\_\_\_.(vs.13)
- The Spirit descended on Jesus like a \_\_\_\_\_.(vs.10)
- Jesus was in the desert for \_\_\_\_\_ days. (vs.13)

### DOWN

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|---------|---------|-------|----------|--------|
| JORDAN  | KINGDOM | FORTY | DOVE     | ANGELS |
| BELIEVE | DESERT  | SATAN | BAPTIZED | GOOD   |