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St. Paul Lutheran Church - Postville IA

FEBRUARY 2019



The "Spring Festival" is now only 2 months away. We have secured 12 items for our raffle. These items include but not limited to: \$100.00, 1 night stay at Decorah Country Inn and Suites, Ladder Shelf, \$50 Casey's/Wooden Cross, \$50 Casey's/Wooden Angel, 16" x 8" Iowa Hawkeye Cribbage Board, Wooden American Flag, 52" x 59" Lap Quilt, John Deere Package, Spa Day Bundle, \$50 Quillin's, and Reserved Pew/Parking for Easter and Christmas Eve service of choice. There will be more specifics in the March Voice. The raffle tickets will be available for sale around February 15th at a cost of 6 tickets for \$5. You will be able to select which prize you want your tickets to go toward by placing in numbered/pictured containers.

The "Spring Festival" is scheduled for April 7th, 2019. 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. Join the fun! Sign-up sheets will be available March 1st.

The "Spring Festival" Committee

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

Please call the Parish Office
864-7643 for Pastor Lynn J. Noel, Christa, Patience or Marsha
Please be sure to leave a voicemail if we are not in.

Senior Pastor - Lynn J. Noel

Cell Phone: 515-368-5589, Parsonage: 563-864-7646, Email: stp1prpost@neitel.net

Family Ministry Facilitator - Christa Jacobson, Email: familymin@neitel.net

Parish & Finance Secretary - Patience Kober, Email: parishsec@neitel.net

Mondays - Closed for Finance, Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Barnabas Uplift Coordinator - Marsha Ruby, Email: barnabasuplift12@gmail.com

Custodians - Kevin Loomis - 563-387-7908 & Marty Loomis - 704-713-7887

Church Phone: 563-864-7643, Address: 116 E. Military Road, Postville, Iowa 52162

Website: www.stpaulpostville.org Direct link to the newsletter: www.stpaulpostville.org/newsletters

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.



*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven*  
(Eccles. 3:1).

Yes, there is a season for everything. As I reflect on St. Paul's ministry of 2018 many things have taken place. God has been at work: Holy Baptism, First Communion, Affirmation of Baptism, and Funerals. We have been church together as we have provided God's love, grace, and comfort to those in need. In my annual written report, I would like to reflect on seven aspects of our life together at St. Paul.

**Mission:** I want to express my gratitude to all of you for your faithful giving to the mission and ministries of St. Paul. Your giving goes toward partnerships we share with the Northeastern Iowa Synod, Churchwide, and local giving that makes a difference within our community; all of these have a tremendous impact on people's lives. Thank you for your support for our local food pantry, along with our partnership in Shepherd of the Hills Conference. The ways you support Barnabas Uplift and Helping Services, I say THANK YOU!

**Church Building:** This past year we have seen many changes to our church building. The remodeling of the fellowship hall, installation of new carpet throughout the building. Several painting projects – including the chapel, Sacristy, balcony (plaster repair), and Fireside Room. Presently, we are in process with the remodel of the Music Room and many other projects that are mentioned in this Annual Report. Updates that were badly needed as we continue to steward our building for future generations. It is important to mention that all these improvements would not have been possible if it were not for the generous gifts from Estates and individuals who gave gifts in honor and memory of loved ones. We have been blessed by the fact that no funds were used from the General Fund to fund these projects.

I want to express my gratitude to the Property Committee, individuals, and contractors who have given so much of their expertise and time to plan for the many projects that have taken place.

**Funeral Planning:** As we rejoice in the gift of life, we are also aware that our life will one day end. Our confidence in Christ gives us our hope for the life to come, yet death is always a time of grief and loss. It is a gift to your family if you can take the time to consider what plans you would like to make for your funeral. I invite you to come and visit me to plan your funeral and I will assist you with your wishes in completing a "Funeral Organization and Planning Worksheet." Never assume that your family knows what your wishes are. Please remember, at the time of death, your family will be in a state of mourning. There are members who have come to me and discussed plans for their funeral. This can be an opportunity to give a peace of mind for you and your family as your wishes have been expressed and arrangements have been made.

**Funeral Policy:** Over time, I have seen families use alternative sources in making funeral arrangements for a family member. It may take place in a different venue instead of the church. They may choose to make the arrangements themselves and use cremation services instead. The Funeral Policy is intended to provide valuable information for you and to assist as you consider the things you would like at your funeral or the funeral for a loved one. St. Paul's Church Council approved and updated a Funeral Policy which will help to guide families as they plan for their loved one's funeral. In previous parishes I have served, there has been a trend to forego the services of the local Funeral Home because primarily of cost.

Families have an understanding if they use the services of cremation services there are substantial savings. However, families do not understand that they must take on the task of making all of the arrangements themselves for their loved one. I will share with you that funeral homes of your choice will accommodate your financial concerns and will meet the basic needs and wishes of the family.

I wish to express that if a family chooses to forego the services of a Funeral Director the staff of St. Paul will do everything possible to meet the needs of the family. However, the primary responsibility of the pastor is to provide spiritual care and support and to assist the family in the planning the worship service for their loved one. The pastor is not a License Funeral Director.

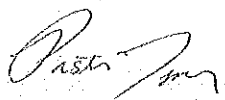
**ESL Classes and GED:** I am pleased that the Church Council approved to allow space to hold classes in partnership with NICC. This provides an opportunity for those who want to learn English as their second language and to provide the opportunity for them to develop speaking and writing skills so they can be citizens who contribute to our community.

**Leadership:** I want to thank our Church Council for their leadership and allowing me to continue to grow as your pastor. Thank you to those who serve on our Boards and Committees and who give of their time and talents. I especially want to thank John Brazell, Sharon Dean, Paula Enyart, and Eric Meyer for their leadership for these past three years as they have now concluded their terms.

**Staff:** I want to thank the staff that serve you faithfully: Patience Kober, Christa Jacobson, Marsha Ruby, Marty, and Kevin Loomis. Also, we are blessed with a wonderful music ministry. For our organist and accompanist and choir director's – you are appreciated! I invite you to express to them gratitude and thank them 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's. 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 (2018 Ministry Report) monthly with the Church Council which communicates 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

### ***Free Movie Matinee Coming to St. Paul Lutheran, Postville***

**When:** Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

**Where:** St. Paul Fellowship Hall

**What:** We will be showing the movie, *War Room*

**Bonus:** There will be Free Popcorn and bottled water for everyone

**ALL are welcome. Please come and bring your friends.**



### ***Learn English or Get your GED***

Do you know an adult who wants to learn English or get their high school diploma? Here is a great opportunity for them to increase their English language skills or get their high school degree. Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) is now offering English (ESL) and HSED (GED) classes at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Postville IA. Better yet, the classes are free! Class times for English are: Mornings 9:30am-12 Noon Tues. & Fri. and Evenings 6:30-9:00p Tues. & Thurs. Classes to get a HSED (High School Equivalency Degree) are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9:00pm. Students should enter the East door of the church; go up the stairs to the classroom on the left. Instructors are Jan Bear (563-380-7600) and Jennifer Olufsen (563-387-1093). Again, the opportunity is free, so help us encourage others to reach their goals.



This past year has gone by extremely fast! I can't believe I have been the Director of Youth and Family Ministry for one whole year already! It has been such an incredible experience for me and I am looking forward to working with the youth of St. Paul for years to come. 2018 was a busy year for the youth of our church between Sunday School, New Traditions Services, meetings, fundraisers, trips, VBS, and many other events.

Our Sunday School students worked hard each week on their lessons from our Spark Curriculum which correlates to that day's text from worship. The student's and the teachers have enjoyed this curriculum and how it ties in with what the children hear during the worship services. All the students did a fantastic job of telling the story of Jesus' birth for their Christmas program this year.

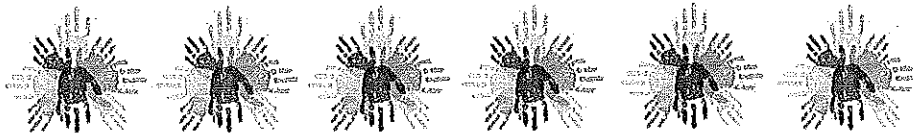
Our 4-6er's had another busy year this year. They started the year out with their annual Special Friends Dinner and put on a talent show. The students and Parents did a fantastic job of putting this event on for our special friends! They helped with Lenten Suppers, setting up for the garage sale, mailed Christmas cards to their special friends, hosted a Halloween party and went bowling! I would like to thank Deb Kirkestue for being such a wonderful leader for our 4-6ers group! We are blessed to have her!

Our Jr and Sr Youth have once again been busy this year. Our Jr high students worked hard in their Confirmation classes and taking sermon notes. Congratulations to Clare, Brittney, Emilie and Tanner on their Affirmation of Baptism in October! Last spring, our confirmation students took a trip to Dubuque to visit Wartburg Seminary and Trappist Caskets. It was a neat experience for all of us! 14 of our Sr Youth students made the 17+ hour trek to Houston, Texas for the National Youth Gathering. They heard about the works of our Lord through many different speakers and singers. It was a great trip and I am looking forward to Minneapolis in 2021! Both our Jr and Sr Youth students kept busy with Lenten Suppers, fundraisers, New Traditions Services, Service projects, and many other events throughout the year. A special thank you to Paula Enyart for all her help with our Jr and Sr Youth groups!

I would like to thank all our volunteers who work with the youth of this church and put in countless hours to make sure our children are growing in their faith. Thank you for working with me and with each other to be positive role models to our children!

As my first year ended, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported me during my first year as Director of Youth and Family Ministry, especially Pastor Lynn and Patience. I could not have done it without everyone's encouragement, prayers, and support. The youth of this church are lucky to have all of you to support them as well! I am looking forward to what God has in store for us in 2019!

God's blessings,  
Christa Jacobson



## **\*\*Parents Night Out\*\***

**Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 5:30-9:00 p.m.**

A fundraiser put on by St. Paul Jr/Sr Youth. Parents may drop their children off any time after 5:30 p.m. Drop off will be in Paul's Place. Children need to be picked up by 9:00 p.m. from the Fellowship Hall!

Activities, light supper, movie and popcorn will be provided!

**Cost: \$10 per child or \$25 per family of 3 or more**

Please let Christa know if you plan on bringing your children!

Email: [familymin@neitel.net](mailto:familymin@neitel.net) Church: 864-7643



## **Sunday School Winter Rally**

Please join us Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> following worship for our Super Bowl themed Winter Rally. Cookies & Hot Chocolate, Activities, & Crafts for all of St. Paul's children!



# Volunteers

**February 3 - 9:00 am**

**Holy Communion**

**Council:** Charlie Meyer & John Brazell

**Communion Servers:** Neal Horns

**Reader:** Daryl Schultz

**Video:** Ken Upton

**Acolyte:** Marleni Soy & Emily Timp

**Cross Bearer:** Rojelio Upton

**February 10 - 9:00 am**

**Council:** Jessica Deering

**Reader:** Sandie Helgerson

**Video:** Sara White

**Acolyte:** Gabby Xiya & Emily Frey

**Cross Bearer:** Jacob Kirkestue

**February 17 - 9:00 am**

**New Traditions & Holy Communion**

**Council:** Paula Enyart & Eric Meyer

**Communion Servers:** Youth

**Reader:** Youth

**Video:** Mark Ziemann

**Acolyte:** Bobby Kober & Sierra Mohs

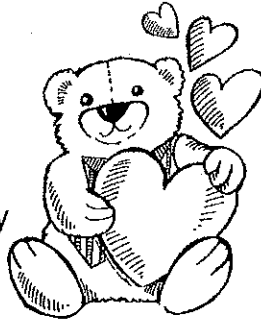
**February 24 - 9:00 am**

**Council:** Jessica Deering

**Reader:** Lillian Jahnke

**Video:** Mike Krambeer

**Acolyte:** Luis Santoyo & Diego Vega



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

**February 2**

**Worship / Holy Communion**

**Council:** Roger Mathews

**February 9**

**Council:** Roger Mathews

**February 16**

**Worship / Holy Communion**

**Council:** LaRae Schutte

**February 23**

**Worship**

**Council:** Dean Ohloff

**February Usher Team**

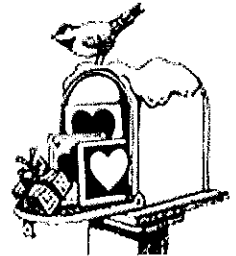
Daryl & Dolly Schultz (leaders), Randy Gunderson, Leigh & Gwen Rekow, Doug Anderson, Lorraine Lenth, Dick Helgerson, Randy & Cindy Plaht

**February Tellers:**

Lillian Jahnke, Jeanette Johnson, Jeanine Lenth

**February Altar Guild:**

Jeanette Johnson & Shelva Kohrs



**BIBLE STUDY**  
A STUDY ON LOSS AND GRIEF & LOSS WILL  
CONTINUE IN FEBRUARY ON WEDNESDAY'S AT 9  
AM IN THE LIBRARY

## ~ Looking for Tellers ~

1 for the months of February, June & October &

1 for the months of April, August & December.

Counting money on Monday mornings at 9 is another way of giving of your Time & Talents.

There are 4 stations; 1 - Pull the money out of the envelopes, 2 - Write amount on the envelopes, 3 - Read envelope number & amount, 4 - write down envelope & amount.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please let the office know.



Be sure to watch our Sunday Morning Service on NEIT Cable TV. It is shown twice a week on Channel 4: on Tuesday at 2:30 pm and on Thursday at 7:00 pm. This is a free service from NEIT.



**MINISTAR**



**BARNABAS UPLIFT**  
a mission of encouragement

## PLANS FOR 2019

A Spring and a Fall CNA class are planned to be held at St. Paul again this year. So far, we have had two new persons inquire about the class. If you know of anyone, especially from Postville or nearby, who has interest in a health care career and would make a commitment to the class, have them get in touch with me. I have voicemail at the church 563-864-7643. My email address is [barnabasuplift12@gmail.com](mailto:barnabasuplift12@gmail.com). Anyone who calls my cellphone 563-379-6569 needs to leave a message. Then I will return their call.

We made \$520 with the French Toast Brunch, which was spearheaded by Mike & Barb Krambeer for a third year. We are planning another for this year. We have heard from the Synod office that they will be mailing us a check for \$500 from an anonymous donor. If you know of any other potential funding source, please share them with me.

As always thank you for the honor of coordinating this ministry!

Marsha Ruby, M. S. W., Barnabas Uplift Program Coordinator



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**March 31, 2019 is the deadline for Thrivent members to direct their 2018 Choice Dollars.** These are funds that can be directed to

St. Paul. These monies will be lost if members do not make their designation prior to the deadline. Please call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and say, "Choice Dollars". Any assistance or questions can be directed to Joyce Christofferson 864-7165 or Vada Guyer 864-3101.

Thrivent members also have 1-2 \$250 Action Cards which can be applied for each year. With Spring Festival approaching, we are looking for Action Cards to help cover advertising, meat, paper supplies and carry-out containers for home deliveries. Let Joyce know if you are interested in supplying a card toward any of these items.

## *St. Paul History Forum*

We're rounding out the years and will be discussing the 2000's. Listed below are the leaders serving during this era. What was significant during this time? Make plans to join us on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> following church in the Fellowship Hall. If you remember any stories from previous decades, please bring and share so we can incorporate in to our history. Make plans to attend!!!

Norma Kerr, Family Ministry

Aug. 2000 to Oct. 14, 2002

Rev. James Allison

Dec. 10, 2001 to April 30, 2004

Greg Hamm, Family Ministry

Oct. 15, 2002 to July 29, 2017

Rev. Allen Hermeier, Interim Pastor

Jan. 3, to July 31, 2005

Rev. Steve Brackett

Aug. 1, 2005 to Feb. 15, 2015

### *Benefit for Marty Loomis*

Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

Anyone wishing to donate sandwich fixings (buns, butter, meat, etc.), bars

or to help please contact Sharon

Dean or Sharon Drahn.



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

Any WELCA questions please contact  
Sharon Dean or Sharon Drahn  
WELCA co-Presidents

**\* General Meeting\***

Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 pm  
Program – The Ten Commandments

**\* February Circle Meetings\***

**Mary Circle** at East Park Terrace  
Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm

**Eve Circle** in Alcove  
Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am  
*Joan Moore & Kathy Snitker*

**Priscilla Circle**  
Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
*Vivian Benjegerdes*

**Ruth Circle** at Good Sam  
Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm  
*Janet Kuhse*



New Member Classes will continue in February (Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 17<sup>th</sup>) on Sunday mornings at 10:15 in the

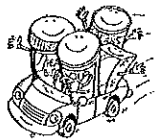
Fellowship Hall. This is open to the Congregation. Classes will be based from the, By Heart curriculum. This study explores the biblical and historical context of the Small Catechism, its link to our church's faith, and its connections to Luther's life and our lives together today.

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

Our Jr Youth are holding their annual "Souper" Bowl Sunday Food Drive for the Postville Food Pantry!

\*Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>\*

Please bring non-perishable food items!!!



**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. You can help carry out our mission of hope and healing by giving a gift and showing love to the Iowa families we serve. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at [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 [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org) and [Facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://Facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

**Helping Kids Thrive**

When Kari, a little girl they knew through church, was in need of a foster home, Stacie and Blake decided to step up.

The couple became licensed as foster and adoptive parents, and Stacie says it's been a rewarding experience ever since. With LSI Foster Care and Adoption in their corner, ready to provide support, guidance, or even just a listening ear, Stacie and Blake lift up children in their community through foster care.

After caring for Kari as foster parents, the opportunity came to adopt her. Now 10, Kari is an amazing big sister. The family has fostered and adopted a son, 3-year-old Silas, and they recently welcomed their biological son, 1-year-old Jett, into the family.

Stacie and Blake continue to foster children in need of a safe and supportive home, and Stacie says they hope to adopt again in the future.

"When you become a foster or adoptive parent, yes, you're helping children. But at the same time, you learn about yourself and you learn more about the world around you," Stacie says. "Foster care is an experience that is indescribable and life-changing."

# Thank you for your GENEROSITY!!

## 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*

Jan. – Postville Food Pantry - \$840.00  
Feb. – EWALU - \$563.00  
Mar. – Barnabas Uplift - \$424.00  
Apr. – Hospice - \$482.00  
May – Scholarships - \$466.00  
June – Black Hills Cares - \$432.00  
July – Campus Ministry - \$318.00  
Aug. – Shepherd of the Hills - \$344.00  
Sep. – Postville Child Care - \$758.00  
Oct. – Lutheran Services in Iowa - \$1521.00  
Nov. – Camp Courageous - \$424.00  
Dec. – World Hunger - \$741.50

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### SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

#### CONFERENCE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

100 West Hill Street, PO Box 36, Saint Olaf, Iowa 52072-0036    Hours: 9am-12 and 1-4 pm. Monday-Fridays

#### **Greetings from the Hill:**

The Annual Lutheran Day on the Hill will be held on February 12 this year, at the Capitol Building, Des Moines, IA. The following text can be found on our Northeastern Iowa Synod webpage (<https://www.neiasynod.org>) about this day ~ "This day is essential for giving voice to those who are not heard, for seeking social justice, and for empowering people to exercise their right and responsibility to be part of the legislative process." Anyone interested in joining this event, registration information can be found on [www.neiasynod.org](http://www.neiasynod.org).

The Annual Conference Assembly will be held on February 17, 2019 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 700 Washington St., Volga, IA at 2:00pm. Fellowship will be held following the meeting in the gathering hall.

Rural Ministry Conference is scheduled this year on March 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, in Dubuque at the Best Western Conference Center. The theme this year is Building Resilience Among Leaders & Communities. "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." For more information, please log on to <https://www.wartburgseminary.edu/event/rural-ministry-conference>.

The Annual "Confest", a gathering of our Conference Confirmation Youth, will be held on Mar 20, 2019 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Postville. Lenten Service will begin at 5:30pm, with a meal to follow at 6:15pm and the Confest Gathering from 6:45-8pm. Invitations will be sent to each of our conference churches for the Confirmation Youth.

The 2019 Lenten season begins on Wednesday, March 6. What kind of things do you do to prepare for the season? Do we look to renew our spiritual wellbeing just during these 40 days of Lent, or are we looking to keep this renewed spirit throughout the year? Just a few thoughts to ponder...

*Heather Crogan ~ Director*

#### **COMING EVENTS**

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Feb 12 ~ Lutheran Day on the Hill - Des Moines  
Feb 17 ~ SOTH Conference Assembly  
          St. Paul, Volga 2pm  
Mar 3-5 ~ Rural Ministry Conference, Dubuque  
Mar 6 ~ Ash Wednesday  
Mar 20 ~ Confest Gathering - St. Paul, Postville, @  
          5:30pm





# Church Council Meeting ~ November 11, 2018

Overview of Minutes (not approved by council yet)

**Roll Call:** Paula Enyart, Sharon Dean, John Brazell, Andy Jacobson, Eric Meyer, Charlie Meyer, Sharon Drahn, Jessica Deering, Roger Mathews, Pastor Lynn J. Noel; Absent: Theresa Johnson, Mindy Rose, Dean Ohloff, Drew Lubka

Regular Minutes in December approved as read.

**Thank you's** from Postville Community School, Helping Services, Corner of Hope.

**Pastor's Report:**

Funerals: Daryl Crawford

Worship Attendance – Weekend Averages

| 2018 to date | Last Month | 2017 | 2016 |
|--------------|------------|------|------|
| 165          | 164        | 173  | 175  |

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

Judy Hyman, Fair Board meeting, 1/27, 1-4 pm, FR  
Paula Enyart, Good Sam Fish Fry, 3/29, use of FH & K noon-9 pm

Kim Deering, Bridal Shower, 4/27, 8 – 12, FH

Motion that a \$100 deposit be paid by not for profit organizations wishing to use the facilities. Money to be returned if everything is in order after their event is complete. M/S/C

**Committee Reports:**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Met December 9<sup>th</sup>

ENDOWMENT – Met December 16<sup>th</sup>

EVANGELISM & MEMBERSHIP – Met January 8<sup>th</sup>, no minutes

FINANCE – Met January 17<sup>th</sup>. Roger presented the Ministry and Operating Budgets for the upcoming year. Following the presentation of the Ministry Budget, Motion to approve the budget and present it at the annual meeting for approval. M/S/C

Following the presentation of the Operating Budget, there was a motion to approve and present the operating budget at annual meeting for approval, M/S/C.

PROPERTY – Met December 29<sup>th</sup>

SOCIAL MINISTRY – Met January 8<sup>th</sup>

YOUTH – Met January 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Old Business:**

- Music Room: Pastor and Charlie gave an update.

**New Business:**

- Benefit for Marty: Sharon Dean and Sharon Drahn have begun planning process, tentative date Feb. 24
- Pastor Cindy Breed, Chaplain Outreach U of I Hospitals & Clinics, here April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>
- Cyndy Hinton asked to use the St. Paul Chimes at Valley School, she would always have the Chimes in her possession. The use of the Chimes is contingent on the approval of the Harbaugh family who donated them to St. Paul in memory of their son, Collin. M/S/C
- Cleaning and taking containers home in kitchen: Remind those using the kitchen that they are responsible for cleanup and taking home their containers and other items (food) brought into the kitchen. Cleaning signage will be taken care of by WELCA officers.
- In order to finalize financial books and present a complete report it was moved that the Council meetings during the months of January, July and September be moved back one week. M/S/C
- Outgoing Council Members will be invited to the February meeting for a pizza meal in appreciation of their years of service to the St. Paul Council.
- Motion to approve Pastor Noel's Housing allowance of \$5000 and noted that such notice be added to the official December Council minutes. M/S/C
- It was moved to have Christa take care of securing a donation for the PHS post-prom celebration. M/S/C
- It was moved to pay Parish Secretary, Patience Kober, \$1000 for the time she was doing the Pastor's job as well as her own while St. Paul was without a called pastor. (This is for a six-month interim period during 2016), M/S/C.

Sharon Drahn, Secretary

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

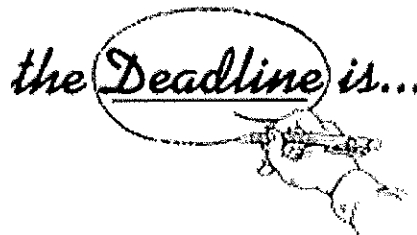
Tuesday February 15<sup>th</sup>

**Bulletins Deadline**

Each Wednesday

**Council Deadline**

Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>



**February Special Offering**

EWALU

**Loose Quarters** go to

World Hunger

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

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



St. Paul Lutheran Church  
**(B)irthdays and (W)edding Anniversaries**  
 February 2019



| Sunday                                                                                                  | Monday                                                                                                  | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                            | Wednesday                                                                                                    | Thursday                                                                                                                                   | Friday                                                                           | Saturday                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>3</b><br>Michael Heins (b.)                                                                          | <b>4</b><br>Dwayne Moon (b.)<br>Tennis & Joan Morik (w.)<br>Luther Schutte (b.)<br>Janet Zimmerman (b.) | <b>5</b><br>Sara Enyart (b.)<br>Amy Henry (b.)<br>Travis Turner (b.)<br>Jacob Upton, R. (b.)                                                                       | <b>6</b><br>Amanda Crawford (b.)<br>Stacy Dundee (b.)                                                        | <b>7</b><br>Dalia Almorato Decker (b.)<br>Alexander Dahl-Azurdia (b.)                                                                      | <b>8</b><br>Lloyd Mathews (b.)<br>Kaitlyn Olson (b.)<br>Tom & Jean Thompson (w.) | <b>9</b><br>Jamey Burns (b.)<br>Joyce Christofferson (b.)<br>Cindy Schutte (b.)                                             |
| <b>10</b><br>David Miene (b.)<br>Stevi Pattee (b.)<br>Angela Szabo (b.)                                 | <b>11</b><br>Mike & Denise Halse (w.)<br>Jose Ruiz Ramirez (b.)                                         | <b>12</b><br>JoDee Anderson (b.)<br>Sara Goeke (b.)                                                                                                                | <b>13</b><br>Sabrina Hangartner (b.)<br>Hattie Ruff (b.)<br>Brian Snitker (b.)<br>Cheryl Waters (b.)         | <b>14</b><br>Jake Anderson (b.)                                                                                                            | <b>15</b><br>Judy Boese (b.)<br>Steven Heins (b.)<br>Lee Thoma (b.)              | <b>16</b><br>Sharon Dean (b.)<br>Kedric Groth (b.)<br>Bryan Horns (b.)<br>Adrian Ultreras-Schultz (b.)<br>Darrin Walch (b.) |
| <b>17</b><br>Randall & Janice Ellis (w.)<br>Brent Larson (b.)<br>Michael Miene (b.)<br>Gayla Smith (b.) | <b>18</b><br>Traer Bodley (b.)<br>Hazel Downing (b.)                                                    | <b>19</b><br>Melissa Fuhrmann (b.)<br>Janet Huebner (b.)<br>Arica Ohloff (b.)<br>James Olson (b.)<br>Corina Perez (b.)<br>Bobby Platt (b.)<br>Stephanie Welsh (b.) | <b>20</b><br>James Bork (b.)<br>Janice Ellis (b.)<br>Lisa Kruse (b.)<br>Bradley Lenth (b.)<br>Amy Perez (b.) | <b>21</b><br>Darwin Ellis (b.)<br>Tannah Radloff (b.)                                                                                      | <b>22</b><br>David & Vivian<br>Benjergdes (w.)<br>Barbara Schissel (b.)          | <b>23</b><br>Tenley Deering (b.)<br>Steven & Mary Beth Snitker (w.)<br>Mandy Willgen (b.)<br>Douglas Zimmerman (b.)         |
| <b>24</b><br>Prestyn Bahr (b.)<br>Hall & Denise Everman (w.)<br>Mervil Mabb (b.)<br>Jaydn Xiquita (b.)  | <b>25</b><br>Allan Billmeyer (b.)                                                                       | <b>26</b><br>Chuck & Kim Deering (w.)                                                                                                                              | <b>27</b><br>Kaleb Deering, A1 (b.)                                                                          | <b>28</b><br>Linda Bugenhagen (b.)<br>Nancy Everman (b.)<br>Ezequiel Heins (b.)<br>Milton & Jeanette Kirkestue (w.)<br>Tyler Krambeer (b.) |                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |

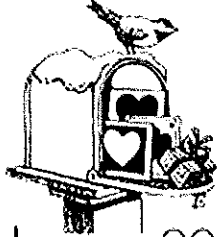
Remember in prayer these members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in February.  
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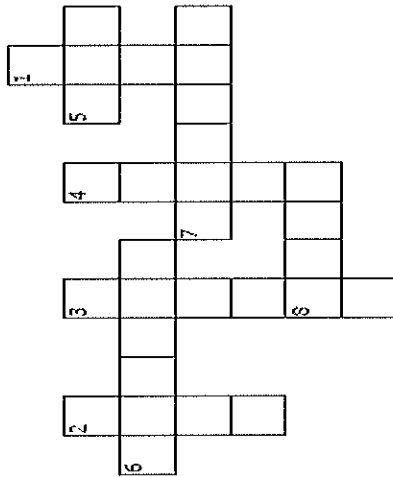
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## The Sermon on the Plain

"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets. Luke 6:23 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 6:17-26 (NIV)



### ACROSS

- 5. A feeling of great happiness
- 6. The home of God, the angels, and those who have been saved

### DOWN

- 1. Having very little money or few possessions
- 2. To shed tears
- 3. Something given or received in return for good behavior
- 4. The sound which expresses happiness or delight

- 7. To have a desire or need for food
- 8. Having a great amount of money

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| joy    | poor   | rich  | weep   |
| reward | hungry | laugh | heaven |