

# The St. Paul Epistle

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## Orion Area Christmas for Kids



This past Christmas season the people of St. Paul gave generously to help many Orion School District families have gifts for their children they might otherwise not have been able to provide. This was a fantastic way to express God's love and ministry to these children and families in need. Our sincere thanks to the following for their support: Heidi Bernhardt, Shirley Noecker, Charlotte Coulter, Mary Lindgren, Marilyn Bourne, Kris Nelson, Heather DeBaillie, Trisha Douglas, Heather Hoftender, Sue Dhabalt, Gloria Grafton, Susan Lee, Dawn Swope, Kayla Sadofsky, Cindy DeBaillie, Pam Swanson, Natalie Farwell, Beth Hoffman, and Denny Brodd.

## Financial Report



Dec. 2017 expenses	\$22,532.70
Year to date expenses	272,527.22
Dec. 2017 income	\$37,755.18
Year to date income	281,074.12
Difference - December	\$15,222.48
Difference - Year to date	\$ 8,546.90

## Flower Chart for 2018

A **new** flower chart for 2018 is available in the narthex. You may sign up to provide flowers for 1 or 2 vases for our worship services. Flowers may be given in honor or memory of loved ones. Please pay for your flowers (\$20 per vase) at the time you sign up to provide them in the box located directly beneath the flower sign-up chart.

## Souper Bowl of Caring



On Sunday, February 4, our congregation will once again participate in the "Souper Bowl of Caring." Souper Bowl of Caring is youth across the nation working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. In 2012, more than 10,000 groups collected more than \$9.8 million in dollars and food for local hunger-relief charities. That's a total of more than \$90 million collected since the movement began in 1990! Help us grow this movement and tackle hunger in America!

## St. Paul Trivia Night



On Saturday, February 10, our youth will be hosting a trivia event in the Ark. A table of eight people costs \$80. Doors will open at 6:30 PM, and trivia starts at 7 PM.

There will be a 50/50 drawing, silent auction items, and walking tacos and desserts available for purchase.

Registration forms are available in the courtyard hallway. Reserve your table by February 2! Join your friends for a fun night of trivia!

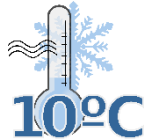
Proceeds will help earn funds for the upcoming ELCA Youth Gathering next summer.

## February Birthdays



Beck, Paige	02/01
Crawford, Katherine	02/01
Gehring, Hayden	02/01
Burgert, Luke	02/03
Dahl, Charles	02/05
Anderson, Paul	02/06
Underwood, James	02/06
Werkheiser, Tori	02/06
Cröse, Brenden	02/07
Larson, Harold	02/07
Johnson, Kenneth	02/09
DeBaillie, Robert	02/11
Hoftender, Quinn	02/11
Norton, Jaeger	02/11
Dunlap, Taryn	02/12
Johnson, Maribel	02/12
Lievens, Cole	02/12
Sandberg, Tyler	02/12
DeBaillie, Kennedy	02/13
Werkheiser, Terri	02/13
Hepner, Rick	02/14
Lindbloom, Linda	02/15
Frenell, Dennis	02/16
Nightingale, Kimberly	02/16
Douglas, Trisha	02/20
Carlile, Austin	02/21
Anderson, Pamela	02/22
Clark, George	02/22
Peterson, Allyssa	02/22
Dunlap, Michael	02/23
Schutte, Sara	02/23
Weber, Brice	02/23
Roome, Aaron	02/26
DeBaillie, Robert	02/27
Bainbridge, Jacob	02/28
Belowske, Noah	02/28
Schmieder, Gillian	02/28

## Help Us Conserve Energy



During the winter months, please help us conserve energy by making sure all lights are turned off after a meeting or event (including the rest rooms) and that the heat is turned back. Thanks for your cooperation!

## February Baptismal Anniversaries



Pyper Lindgren	02/01
Rachel Johnson	02/03
Mary Carlson	02/04
Diana Wherry	02/05
Jaeger Norton	02/06
Susan Pettifer	02/06
Linda Venable	02/07
Lori Dhabalt	02/08
Michael Hepner	02/08
Abby DeBaillie	02/09
Jay Dahl	02/11
Garrett Bakener	02/12
Daniel Bergstrom	02/12
Blaze Norton	02/12
Dean Farwell	02/13
Beatrice Martin	02/13
Kristina Stiles	02/15
Heather Willis	02/15
Kelly Peterson	02/17
Aubrey Sandberg	02/17
Austin Anderson	02/19
Dorothy Swanson	02/19
Rodney Ward	02/20
Wesley Frenell	02/21
Brant Holst	02/21
Bryce Dahl	02/22
Gary Bowling	02/23
Payton Bowling	02/23
Derek Cassillas	02/23
Elmer Stenzel	02/23
Reilly Weaver	02/23
Olivia Farwell	02/24
Tricia Gehring	02/24
David Kunert	02/24
Jeffrey Norton	02/25
Jennifer Johnson	02/26

## Blankets, Quilts, and Comforters



The Women of the ELCA are collecting blankets, quilts, and comforters in all sizes to be donated to those in need this winter. A collection container for your donations is located in the courtyard hallway.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
 Tuesday, February 13  
 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



Featuring a variety of pancakes, homemade syrup, fruit toppings, sausage, applesauce, and beverages

Proceeds from the free-will donations will benefit Pastor's Discretionary Fund, which helps out individuals and families with special needs, and our missionary family, the Stubbs

**Ash Wednesday Worship**

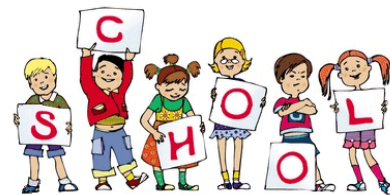


An Ash Wednesday worship service will be held on February 14 at 7:00 PM. The service will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. All are invited to attend this worship service that marks the beginning of the season of Lent.

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, February 25, at noon. All written reports of the various committees and organizations of the church are asked to be submitted to the church office by Sunday, February 4. The easiest way to submit a report is to attach a word document to an email to our secretary. This way margins can be adjusted and some uniformity established in the annual reports. The financial reports will also be needed in February for the annual audit. Please submit all these reports to the church office as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Donations for the Orion Area Schools Backpack and Breakfast Programs**



In 2018, St. Paul will be continuing their ongoing project of providing food items to those children and teens in the Orion School District in need. We have been extremely grateful to the members of St. Paul who have so generously provided items for the breakfast and backpack programs these past years. As long as the need continues for these items, we want to help. Suggested items for these programs are as follows:

- Cheese crackers, Peanut butter crackers
- Pop tarts, Granola bars
- Rice krispy bars, Individual cereal boxes
- Individual fruit cups, Goldfish crackers

Containers for your donations are available in the courtyard hallway. Thank you for your support.

**Orion Area Food Pantry Volunteers 2018**



Each year, the Orion Area Food Pantry asks members of each of the area churches to help on food distribution days. Volunteers from St. Paul Lutheran Church are requested for the following dates in 2018:

January 16	April 3	Sept. 4
February 6	May 15	Sept. 18
February 20	July 3	Oct. 16
March 6	August 7	Nov. 6
March 20	August 21	Nov. 20

Distribution days are on Tuesdays, normally from 4-6 PM, except for Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas meal distributions, which have longer distribution hours. Distributions take place at the lower level of the village hall. If you are able to help out with any of these dates, please sign up on the bulletin board located in the courtyard hallway.

# Houston Hoe-Down!



The youth attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this summer will be serving a fundraising dinner on Saturday, March 10.

The Houston Hoe-Down Dinner will offer two dinner seatings: 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM. Reservations will be strongly recommended. The youth will serve as your waitresses and waiters, and will be working for tips to help fund their upcoming trip.

The menu has not yet been finalized, but mark your calendars and plan to attend this delicious meal and fun night.

## Parish Nurse News

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) of the National Institutes of Health Web-site features great recipes, family resources, healthy shopping and cooking tips, and videos. These recipes are limited in saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol, and sodium, and they're moderate in calories. Visit:

[millionhearts.hhs.gov/learn-prevent/recipes.html](http://millionhearts.hhs.gov/learn-prevent/recipes.html). Find out how heart-healthy eating can prevent heart disease and stroke.

### Chocolate and Heart Health

Chocolate and its main ingredient, cocoa, appear to reduce risk factors for heart disease. Flavanols in cocoa beans have antioxidant effects that reduce cell damage implicated in heart disease. Flavanols — which are more prevalent in dark chocolate than in milk chocolate — also help lower blood pressure and improve vascular

function. In addition, some research has linked chocolate consumption to reduced risks of diabetes, stroke and heart attack. More research is needed to confirm these results.

God's Blessings, Helen

## Announcing!

Dick Dahl will have a celebration of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 PM in the Ark. Come and wish Dick a happy birthday and have a cup of coffee and a piece of cake.

## Butter Braid Fundraiser



The St. Paul Youth will be selling Butter Braids (and breakfast rolls) from February 11-25. Varieties being sold are: Apple, Blueberry with cream cheese, Cinnamon, Raspberry, Strawberry & Cream Cheese, and Four Cheese and Herb. They will also be selling Caramel Rolls with Caramel Glaze and Orange Rolls with Orange Icing.

These items will be delivered frozen on Sunday, March 18. Youth will be taking orders for these items on Sunday, February 11 and Sunday, February 18 before and after worship. You may also order from any youth gathering individual or by calling the church office. Payment is due at the time of order.

## First Communion Classes



During the Sundays in Lent, Pastor Mike will be offering classes to current fourth grade students and older students in preparation for their first communion. The classes will be taught on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM. The parents of those students attending are encouraged to participate in the classes. The students will receive their First Communion during the Maundy Thursday worship service on March 29, at 7:00 PM.

## February Worship Volunteers



### February 4, 2018

Greeters  
Ushers  
Acolyte  
Lector  
Chalice Bearers  
Hoffman, Maggie

### Sound System

Greeters  
Schroeder  
Ushers  
Acolyte  
Lector  
Assisting Minister  
Chalice Bearers  
Sheryl Hiatt  
Welcome Center  
Altar Guild

### February 11, 2018

Greeters  
Ushers  
Acolyte  
Lector  
Chalice Bearers  
Judy Frenell

### Sound System

Greeters  
Ushers  
Acolyte  
Lector  
Assisting Minister  
Chalice Bearers  
Ward  
Welcome Center  
Altar Guild

### February 18, 2018

Greeters  
Ushers  
Acolyte  
Lector  
Chalice Bearers  
Kim

### Sound System

Greeters  
Ushers

### 8:00 AM

the Fliege family  
Team 1  
Aidan Schutte  
Val Maher  
Kim Nightingale, Beth

### Vestal

**10:30 AM**  
Sheryl Hiatt  
Thad & Veronica

### Team 1

Carter Bainbridge  
Diane Gainey  
Ed Willhouse  
Jackie Willhouse,

Ray Parrish  
Beth Hoffman

### 8:00 AM

the Campbell family  
the Campbell family  
Gabe Ashmore  
Joe Schmieder  
Mark Border, Val Maher,

### 10:30 AM

Larry Chasey  
the Bollinger family  
the Bollinger family  
Ava Bollinger  
Veronica Schroeder  
Gary Nelson  
Deb Nelson, Helen

Jeannine Filler  
Joyce Hepner

### 8:00 AM

the Hoftender family  
Team 2  
Ava Belowske  
Cindy Vestal  
Jim & Dianna DeBaillie,

### Nightingale

**10:30 AM**  
Lisa Johnston  
Dave & Pam Swanson  
Team 2

Acolyte  
Lector  
Assisting Minister  
Chalice Bearers  
Welcome Center  
Altar Guild

### February 25, 2018

Greeters  
Ushers  
Acolyte  
Lector  
Chalice Bearers  
Jeannine Filler

### Sound System

Greeters  
Ushers  
Acolyte  
Lector  
Assisting Minister  
Chalice Bearers  
Welcome Center  
Altar Guild

Lauren Kruse  
Harold Larson  
Lori Dhabalt  
Kris & Laura Bowers  
Beth Hoffman  
Debbie Dahl

### 8:00 AM

the Kerker family  
the Kerker family  
Megan DeLille  
Nichol Ashmore  
Val Maher, Mark Border,

### 10:30 AM

Jeff Schroeder  
S&K Peterson family  
S&K Peterson family  
Blayden Murdock  
Jean Sampson  
Larry Chasey  
Lori Dhabalt, Rod Ward  
Janet Boney  
Jeannine Filler

## Confirmation Bake Sale

The annual Confirmation Bake Sale will be held at Bank Orion on Saturday, March 31 (the day before Easter), beginning at 8:30 AM. This event helps raise funds for Confirmation Camp, to be held in June at the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center. You are invited to support our confirmation students by donating items for the sale and making purchases for yourself. These baked goods make wonderful desserts for your Easter celebration. Donations may be brought to church on Friday, March 30, between 8 AM and 1 PM, or drop them by the bank early the morning of the bake sale. Thank you for your support!

## Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped out and who gave blood at our Red Cross Blood drive held recently. We had 24 individuals willing to give blood, and 20 were accepted as donors. This means that 60 individuals were helped by this generous giving!

Thanks to Bill Stropes, Linda Kunert, and Sue Dhabalt for their assistance. Helen Ward, Coordinator

**Mid-Week Lenten Worship  
 "A Lenten Journey to the Easter Vigil"  
 Andover Cluster Round Robin, 2018**



<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Preacher/Liturgist</u>
2/22	The Flood	Rev. Mike Lawyer, St. Paul Lutheran, Orion
3/1	Creation	Rev. Randy Swanson, Cambridge Lutheran, Cambridge
3/8	Deliverance at the Red Sea	Rev. Matt & Laura Kamprath, First Lutheran, Geneseo
3/15	Deliverance from the Fiery Furnace	Rev. Reed Pedersen, Augustana Lutheran, Andover
3/22	Salvation Offered Freely to All	Rev. Gwen Sefrhans-Murphy, Peace Lutheran, Port Byron

Various committees of the church will be serving a soup supper each week. Supper begins at 5:30 PM, and worship follows at 6:30 PM. Those attending the meal are asked to bring sandwiches to share.

There will be no offering taken at supper. The offering taken during worship will be divided between our missionary family and our two seminaries, LSTC and Wartburg.

**2018 Orion Area Churches Association  
 Friday Lenten Worship Services  
 Worship at noon – luncheon follows  
 This year's theme is drawn from 1 Corinthians 13, "Agape Is..."**



The Orion Area Ministerial Association is once again sponsoring Friday noontime worship services and soup/sandwich luncheons during Lent. Different area churches will host each of the gatherings. All are invited to join their sisters and brothers in Christ for worship, good food, and fellowship. A donation of \$2 per person is requested for each Lenten luncheon to help offset the cost of the meal.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Host Church</b>	<b>Host Liturgist</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Specific Theme</b>
Friday, Feb. 16	Orion United Methodist Church Sanctuary	Rev. Dave Schultz	Fr. Jim DeBisschop of Mary, Our Lady of Peace	Vs. 4a, "Love is Patient"
Friday, Feb. 23	MO-LOP	Rev. John Baptist	Pastor Sharon Wilbur of Faith Family Church	Vs. 4b., "Love is Kind"
Friday, March 2	Augustana Lutheran (Previously scheduled for WDP)	Church Women United	Church Women United	World Day of Prayer by the women of Suriname. See: <a href="http://wdp-usa.org">wdp-usa.org</a>
Friday, March 9	St. Paul Lutheran Church	Rev. Mike Lawyer	Rev. Reed Pedersen of Augustana Lutheran	Vs. 4c., "Love does not envy or boast"
Friday, March 16	Beulah Presbyterian	Rev. Reed Pedersen has offered	Rev. Mike Lawyer	Vs. 5: "Love does not dishonor others," etc.
Friday, March 23	Faith Family Church (formerly World Thrust)	Pastor David Wilbur	Rev. Sheila Sheer of Beulah Presbyterian	Vs. 6: "Love rejoices in the Truth"

## Easter Lilies



You are invited to order Easter Lilies that will decorate our sanctuary for Easter Sunday. The cost of each plant is \$12. Flowers may be given in honor or memory of loved ones. Please complete this order form (or one found in the courtyard hallway) and return it to church with your payment. Please make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. The deadline for ordering Easter Lilies is Sunday, March 25.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of lilies at \$12 each \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

### WELCA Events

Tues, 2/6	9:00 AM	WELCA meeting & Stitcher's Social
Wed, 2/7	9:00 AM	Clover Circle
Wed, 2/7	1:00 PM	Carnation Circle
Wed, 2/14	9:00 AM	Ash Wednesday

### Chili Cook-Off & Bingo CUFF Event

Our recent Chili Cook-Off and Bingo event was a lot of fun for all who attended. Our cook-off judges were Kim Campbell, Thad Schroeder, John Carlson, Angela Schmieder, and Maggie Vestal. The winners they selected were the following:

- Spiciest Chili – Susan Lee
- Most Flavorful Chili – Chuck Ashmore
- Most Unique Chili – Maribel Lassuy

The Congregation's Choice winner, voted on by all who attended, was Debbie Lawyer.

Thanks to the Family Life Committee for hosting this fun event for all ages.

## Youth FIRST

The February meeting of Youth FIRST will be held on Wednesday, February 7, beginning at 5:00 PM. All children ages Pre-Kindergarten through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. A meal will be served, and there will be devotions, games, songs, and plenty of fun for all.

### Vacation Bible School – 2018



This year's Community Vacation Bible School will be held July 23 – 27, from 9 AM – noon, at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Please make a note of these dates on your calendars, and plan to participate in this awesome annual event!

### Wedding Congratulations!



Congratulations to Loran and Maribel (Johnson) Lassuy, who were united in marriage at St. Paul Lutheran Church on January 1, 2018.

### Our Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Bill and Fran Westerlund and their family at the death of Fran's brother, Roger Miller.

Our sympathy is extended to Marilyn Rathjen and her family at the death of her husband, Ed.

*And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, you may be also. John 14:3*

### Youth Sponsored Easter Breakfast

The youth of our congregation will once again be preparing and serving Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 1, beginning at 8:00 AM. The breakfast will be held between the two Easter morning worship services at 7 AM and 9:30 AM. Your free-will donations will help support the events and activities of our youth. Your support is appreciated.