

# The St. Paul Epistle

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## A New Year's Prayer

2018

Lord, You make all things new.  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year -  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame.  
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of  
God and live forever to praise  
Your glorious name.  
Amen

## 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.

## Financial Report

Nov. 2017 expenses	\$25,383.31
Year to date expenses	249,994.52
Nov. 2017 income	\$25,081.61
Year to date income	243,318.94
Difference – November	\$ 301.70
Difference – Year to date	(\$ 6,675.58)

## January Birthdays



Norton, Jeffrey	01/01
Peterson, Amber	01/01
Bloomberg, Brent	01/03
Perrin, Richard	01/03
Dhabalt, Lori	01/04
Minneart, Jillene	01/04
Buffington, Robyn	01/05
Fliege, Wylie	01/05
Vestal, Charles	01/05
Gainey, Danielle	01/06
Dhabalt, Christofer	01/07
Border, Katelyn	01/08
Gustus, Hunter	01/08
Ward, Helen	01/08
Kelsall, Dennis	01/09
Nelson, Daryl	01/09
Pulford, Deborah	01/09
Farwell, Olivia	01/10
Gehring, Terry	01/10
Martin, Beatrice	01/10
Abrahamson, Carl	01/11
Pettifer, Karli	01/11
Peterson, Dorothy	01/12
Sundvall, Carol	01/12
Hutton, Benjamin	01/14
Shepherd, Mary	01/14
Swope, Richard	01/14
Nelson, Debra	01/15
Gustus, Evan	01/16
Gustus, Alyssa	01/16
Wherry, Diana	01/16
Bowers, Laura	01/17
Hiatt, Sheryl	01/17
Enders, Janice	01/18
Fliege, Sawyer	01/21
Gehring, Connor	01/21
Pettifer, Dena	01/21
DeBaillie, Nikki	01/22
Schroeder, Jonathan	01/22
Stenzel, Elmer	01/22
Beck, Spencer	01/25
Bowling, Payton	01/25
Gehring, Tricia	01/25
Gritton, Michael	01/25
Lievens, Caine	01/25
Schutte, Katherine	01/25
Swanson, Dorothy	01/25
Nguyen, Autumn	01/26
Nelson, Jenna	01/27
Abrahamson, Carolyn	01/28
Cassillas, Derek	01/28
Larson, Lauren	01/28
Bowling, Gary	01/29
Schroeder, Lynne	01/29
Whitsell, Chase	01/29
DeBaillie, Drew	01/31

# St. Paul Lutheran Church 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Scrapbook Crop Saturday, January 27, 2018



All day for just \$45 -

In celebration of our 10<sup>th</sup> year, we are offering many specials, surprises, and treats!

10 raffle prizes will be given away every hour from 10 AM - 10 PM

A Baked Potato Bar will be available for lunch, and a Soup and Salad meal will be available for dinner

Proceeds will help our youth raise funds for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering

Registration Forms are available in the courtyard hallway

## Aluminum Cans

Did you know the youth collect aluminum cans and turn them in for money! Please help us out with this simple project of collecting your cans at home and when you have a bag full, bring to the shed in the back of the parking lot!

## 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!

## January Baptismal Anniversaries



Jeffrey Schroeder	01/03
Ryan DeBaillie	01/07
Mary Lindgren	01/07
Kaitlyn Seabloom	01/08
Hannah Swope	01/08
Robyn Buffington	01/09
Robyn Buffington	01/09
Duane Abrahamson	01/11
Leslie Carey	01/11
Lisa Stiles	01/11
Abby Weber	01/11
John Carlson	01/13
Mikayla Seabloom	01/13
Katie DeBaillie	01/16
Stephanie Ortegel	01/16
Jaxson Lindgren	01/18
Jessika Lindgren	01/18
Dianna DeBaillie	01/19
Maynard Malmen	01/19
Teresa Carlson	01/20
William Westerlund	01/20
Kallie DeBaillie	01/21
Sarah Frenell	01/21
Hannah Stockton	01/21
Ann Weber	01/21
Braylin Crose	01/22
Daryl Nelson	01/22
Jeffrey Bernhardt	01/23
Deborah DeBaillie	01/23
Austin Hepner	01/23
Cole Schroeder	01/23
Christian Schroeder	01/24
Byron Carlson	01/27
Jeannette Stenzel	01/27
Parker Larson	01/28
Gabriel Carlson	01/29
Troy Whitsell	01/29
Jeremy Kruse	01/30

## 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.

## 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!

## January Worship Volunteers



### January 7, 2018

Greeters  
Ushers  
Acolyte  
Lector  
Chalice Bearers

Sound System  
Greeters  
Ushers  
Acolyte  
Lector  
Assisting Minister  
Chalice Bearers

Welcome Center  
Altar Guild

### January 14, 2018

Greeters  
Ushers  
Acolyte  
Lector  
Chalice Bearers

Sound System  
Greeters  
Ushers  
Acolyte  
Lector  
Assisting Minister  
Chalice Bearers

Welcome Center  
Altar Guild

### January 21, 2018

Greeters  
Ushers  
Acolyte  
Lector  
Chalice Bearers

Sound System  
Greeters

### 8:00 AM

Denny & Jeanne Brodd  
Team 1  
Kasey Filler  
Nichol Ashmore  
Val Maher, Ron  
Carlson, Mark Border

### 10:30 AM

Lisa Johnston  
Jason & Tulisa Bollinger  
Team 1  
Hunter Gustus  
Debbie Nelson  
Gary Nelson  
Lori Dhabalt, Larry  
Chasey  
Teresa Carlson  
Debbie Dahl

### 8:00 AM

Maribel Johnson family  
Maribel Johnson family  
Catie Johnson  
Joe Schmieder  
Maggie Vestal,  
Jeannine Filler, Beth  
Hoffman

### 10:30 AM

Larry Chasey  
Lee family  
Lee Family  
Jaeger Norton  
Pam Swanson  
Kris Bowers  
Sheryl Hiatt, Wilma  
Carroll  
Beth Hoffman  
Teresa Carlson

### 8:00 AM

Gary & Marilynn Bourne  
Team 2  
Gretchen Kerker  
Mark Border  
Kim Nightingale, Jim &  
Dianna DeBaillie

### 10:30 AM

Lori Dhabalt  
Kevin & Terri  
Werkheiser

Ushers  
Acolyte  
Lector  
Assisting Minister  
Chalice Bearers  
Welcome Center  
Altar Guild

### January 28, 2018

Greeters  
Ushers  
Acolyte  
Lector  
Chalice Bearers

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

Team 2  
Ava Terry  
Veronica Schroeder  
Rod Ward  
Ed & Jackie Willhouse  
Cindy DeBaillie  
Jeannine Filler

### 8:00 AM

Vestal family  
Vestal family  
Lauren Larson  
Cindy DeBaillie  
Jeannine Filler, Beth  
Hoffman, Val Maher

### 10:30 AM

Jeff Schroeder  
Werkheiser family  
Werkheiser family  
Walker Werkheiser  
Sheryl Hiatt  
Larry Chasey  
Kris & Laura Bowers  
Janet Boney  
Mary Lindgren

## 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 will be available this month. Join your friends for a fun night of trivia in the Ark.

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

## Thank You!

We would like to extend our sincere thanks for the many gifts we received from members of the congregation during the Christmas holidays. Your expression of love and caring mean so much to us. We are truly blessed to be a part of the St. Paul family, and wish you all of God's blessings in the new year. Pastor Mike & Deb

## In Appreciation

The Advent and Christmas seasons have been very busy at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Many individuals have worked hard to coordinate the variety of activities that took place during the holiday season. To all of you who have helped out in any way – THANK YOU! May God bless you richly in the coming year.

### Chili Cook-Off and Bingo



On Sunday, January 21, at noon, we will hold our annual Chili Cook-Off and Bingo event. You are invited to submit your own tasty chili recipe for judging and tasting, and prizes will be awarded. Mark your calendars and join us for a fun afternoon of chili-tasting, Bingo, and fellowship. Registration forms for those entering the chili contest will be available 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*

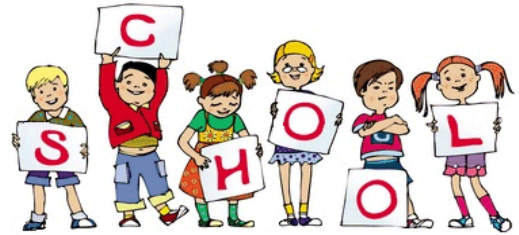
## Ash Wednesday Worship

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.

## The Work of Christmas Begins



When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart.

And to radiate the Light of Christ,  
every day, in every way,  
in all that we do and in all that we say.  
Then the work of Christmas begins.

By Howard Thurman

### With Thanks



We want to thank Pastor Mike, Helen, those who send cards, those who brought over our turkey dinners, those who came to visit, and those who called. God bless you all.

Bill and Fran Westerlund

### Girl Scout Sponsored Event

The Orion Girl Scout Cadette Troop #8917 is hosting Jason Wilson, District 7 Safety Education Officer, in a program for teens and their parents on the legal ramifications of inappropriate use of social media and texting. He will also talk about bullying using technology and human trafficking in our local area and how teens are being lured into it. The program will be held on Monday, January 8 at 7:30 PM at the Methodist Activity Center. The presentation is well-suited for students in grades 6-12. All are invited to attend.

## Thanks – From Natalie & our Youth!



Thank you to everyone who participated in the fundraisers the youth did over the past month. Thank you to everyone who bought wreaths and live centerpieces. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the “Shop Till You Drop” bus trip. We had 53 of the 56 seats sold in the chartered bus, and everyone had a wonderful day shopping, eating, and people watching! Lastly, thank you to everyone who donated cookies for the Cookie Walk, those who attended, and those who bought tickets for the raffle prizes. The prize winners were:

Norine Sandau – “Be Merry” Basket  
Marijo Vols – Longeberger Bell  
Marilynn Bourne – Hobby Lobby gift card  
Donna Dahl – Kitchen cookie helper basket  
Paige Lowery – Live centerpiece

Thanks, Natalie

### Red Cross Blood Drive



The Red Cross will be sponsoring a blood drive at St. Paul on Tuesday, January 16, from 2 PM – 6 PM. Come and share the gift of life!

### Our Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Terry and Carol Gehring and their family at the death of Carol's sister, Arlene Rank.

Our sympathy is extended to Mark & Denise Border and Nick & Jennifer Border and their family at the death of their uncle and great uncle, Robert Border.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Rev. Robert Pearson at his death.

*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

## Thank You



We would like to thank

- the youth for their thoughtful cards
- everyone who has brought us communion
- especially Pastor Mike. We enjoy his visits and coffee with him
- Debbie and her newsletters
- The WELCA ladies for the rides and fellowship, and their cards
- Helen, who visits faithfully

We have loved our caring church since 1956. Thank you all. Elmer and Mary

## 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.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Haley Anderson, who graduated in December with a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing and Management from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Best wishes from your church family!

## Parish Nurse News



Greetings! Another new year is here – 2018! With the new year in mind...stress is ever present in our lives. Some of it is OK, but too much causes us physical, mental, and spiritual unbalance. Dealing with relationships, jobs, activities, and day to day demands is tough! A good friend gave me a list of 52 proven stress reducers. I'm going to share a few now, but the whole list, for your taking, will be available in the courtyard hallway. Please take care of your 'whole' self and try to reduce excess stress in your lives.

- Get up 15 minutes earlier in the morning. The inevitable morning mishaps will be less stressful.
- Don't rely on your memory. Write down appointment times, when to pick up the laundry, when library books are due, etc.
- Plan ahead. Don't let the gas tank fall blow one quarter full, keep a well-stocked "emergency shelf" of home staples, don't wait until you're down to your last bus token or postage stamp to buy more, etc.
- Say, "No!" Saying "no" to extra projects, social activities, and invitations you know you don't have time or energy for takes practice, self-respect, and a belief that everyone, every day, needs quiet time to relax and be alone.
- Unplug your phone. Want to take a long bath, meditate, sleep, or read without interruption? Drum up the courage to temporary disconnect (or use an answering machine). The possibility of there being a terrible emergency in the next hour or so is almost nil.

Have a blessed 2018. Life, no matter what, is good, and God is GREAT (always with us). Helen