



Mission Statement Of St Paul Lutheran Church

Led by the Holy Spirit we will

REACH out to those in need

PREACH the Good News of Jesus Christ

TEACH the grace of a loving God

VOLUME 18, ISSUE 1

January 2015



*Save the Date!!!
On Jan. 11, 2015
immediately following
worship the
Recharge Retreat team*

*would like to invite you to a Pasta Dinner!
Avoid those winter blahs and come eat with
your church family.*

*Free will donation goes toward funding
retreats and the purchase of air mattresses
for our attendees.*

*Also, please note the women's retreat is
coming Feb. 7th and 8th! (pg. 7)*

**2015 envelopes are in Luther Hall
ready to pick up.**

**Please note: your number may
have changed!**

Look for your name.

**Please do not use them till after
January 1st, 2015. Thank you.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!
HELP IS NEEDED TO TAKE DOWN
THE GREENS ON SATURDAY,
JANUARY 10TH @ 8:00 AM.
PLEASE HELP IF YOU ARE ABLE!**



Sunday, January 25, 2015

**INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS
WILL TAKE PLACE DURING SERVICE ON
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH, 2015**

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING SHOULD BE
SUBMITTED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR ANY
COUNCIL MEMBER BY **JANUARY 9TH, 2015****

**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE IN THE CHURCH
OFFICE BY MONDAY, **JANUARY 5TH, 2015****

Pastor: The Rev. David Brobston

WORSHIP: Sunday School at 9:00 am

Worship/Communion at 10:15 am

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From the Pastor

January 2015,

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

A chapter closes and a new one begins. We turn the page on the calendar, we sing Auld Lang Syne, watch the ball drop and begin a new year. However, as we begin a new year, let us not forget the old year. May we not forget the things we have done, the lives that have been touched and who has touched our lives. Let us remember the joys and the sorrows as we open this new chapter, and may we never forget to say thank you.

That's what I want to do today, say thank you.

THANK YOU

- first and foremost to God, for His many blessings, His grace, and His mercy.
- to the congregation, for your willingness to share your gifts for ministry with one another and the community
- for the staff for all of the work they do behind the scenes - making sure bulletins happen, things are clean and orderly, and things run smoothly. I need the detail people around me and they make my job much easier.
- to the Church Council for their dedication and willingness to serve the ministry of St. Paul's for the worship team and all of the hard work they put in with music and choirs and chimes. for each of you and for your prayers. There is no greater feeling for a pastor than to know that the congregation is praying for them.
- for your ability to invite others to "Come and See" what Jesus is doing in and around our lives at St. Paul's
- for your good natured support and jabs as I enjoyed my downtime as "The Voice of the Bulldogs"
- for your desire to learn and grow in your faith.
- to y'all for helping to mold, model, shape and form Conor and Nicole as they both graduate and open new chapters in their lives.
- to the Call Committee that looked at the congregations gifts and needs, at my gifts and needs, at Kayly, Conor, and Nicole and what they bring to this congregation. Then took the time to prayerfully listen to the movings of the Holy Spirit and said, "We think God is calling you to be our Pastor." It was 8 years ago this month that Sue picked up the phone and called me - what an amazing 8 years it has been.
- and finally, to all of you for your love, prayers, and gifts at birthdays and at Christmas. Y'all are a blessing and I am thankful to begin another year as the Pastor in this place.

Please remember as you begin a new year to give thanks for all God has blessed us with.

In Christ

Pastor Dave +

St. Paul Lutheran: Council Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2014

Attendance: Pastor Dave Brobston, Nancy Krouse, Denise Moog, Dave Iliff, Jason Frederick, Barb Warncke, Todd Melia, Chris Korhn.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm. by Jason Frederick.

Pr. Dave opened the meeting by reading Psalm 86. Have an undivided heart. Find time for peace in the season of Peace.

1. Pastor's Report:

- a. December 21, 2014, Longest Night Service, 7:00 pm.
- b. December 24, 2014, Christmas Eve Worship, 7:30 music, 8:00 service.
- c. Sunday, December 28: Lessons and Carols
- d. Please send your Annual Meeting Reports to Lynn as soon as you can.
- e. Pastor will be attending the LOMO Finance Board meeting in Columbus, 1/6/15.
- f. Pastor will be attending the Bishop's Sawmill Leadership event Jan 20-22, 2015.
- g. St. Paul Lutheran Annual Meeting will be January 25, 2015.
- h. Installation of the 2015 Church Council will be January 25, 2015.
- i. 2014 Pastoral Numbers Report: 11 Baptisms, 4 weddings, 15 funerals (so far)

2. Youth and Family Report:

- a. Working on VBS planning.

3. Secretary's Report:

- a. Minutes of the November 18, 2014 meeting were approved. **Denise/Chris**

4. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Total Income November: \$18,792.39
- b. Total Expenses November: \$19,757.46
- c. We are negative for the month of November, -\$965.07
- d. Year-to Date: Total Income: \$225,472.76
- e. Year-to-Date: Total Expenses: \$228,405.89
- f. We are negative for the year -\$ 2,933.13 **Barb/Todd**

5. Discipleship Report:

- a. Deacons: Julie Sasseen has volunteered to stay on as head Deacon until 2016.
- b. Outreach: The Recharge Pasta Dinner fundraiser will be January 11, after service.

6. Stewardship Report:

- a. Offering Envelopes are on order.

7. Trustee Report:

- a. The Handicapped Entrance push buttons have been installed. New stone is being cut and installed to blend and finish the job.
- b. New flooring has been installed in Lynn's office.
- c. The wall was painted in the back kitchen entrance.

8. Old Business:

- a. We welcome the newly elected committee members: Council Vice-President, Jim Ehlinger;

Synod Assembly, Alex and Collette Knight; Counters, Fran Coonrod, Carol Creps; Auditor, Stacy Brashear; Nominating Committee, Cheryl Rosebrock.

- b. The Caring Cards Appeal has been a great success. We have close to \$1,000 available to give to those in need in 2015. Thank You!
- c. The new Memorial Board has been installed and looks beautiful! Scott Stambaugh will be doing the engraving and keeping plates on hand. Discolored plates will also be repaired and replaced.

9. New Business:

- a. The newly elected council members are invited to the January council meeting.
- b. The Congregational Meeting will be January 25, 2015.
- c. The Auditing and Endowment Committees will meet.
- d. The Christmas Decoration put-away party will be January 10, at 8:00am.

10. For The Good of the Church:

- a. Thank You to all for the generous gifts of Caring Cards.
- b. Thank you to all who volunteered to work on a church committee this year. We appreciate your time and effort!
- c. Please come and support Recharge at the Pasta Dinner.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Dave/Denise

Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer

The next council meeting will be Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Krouse



**St. Paul Lutheran Church
is collecting Caring Cards**

Who? We, the St. Paul Family, can touch lives and share our love and concern in ways that will let individuals and families know **we care..**

What? Gift Cards to restaurants, stores, gas stations, places of your choosing

Why? There are times when the love of Christ needs to be shared.

Gift Cards will be shared with others as need arises.

So what can you do?

Watch for special deals this holiday season.

Purchase gift cards.

Bring them to the church office.

OR donate cash toward the purchase of gift cards.

In order to have an up-to-date Annual Report, please let me know SOON if you have an updated address, phone number, or email address. Many people use the Annual Report to send cards and keep in touch with others. Thank you very much. Lynn

SCHEDULES FOR JANUARY 2015**LECTOR:** Pat Fogt

GREETERS: 04 AVAILABLE
 11 AVAILABLE
 18 AVAILABLE
 25 AVAILABLE

COMMUNION SET-UP & PRESENTERS:

USHERS: 04 Team 2, Buggs Sierra, Captain
 11 Team 3, Ned Ewers, Captain
 18 Team 3, Ned Ewers, Captain
 25 Team 4, Dan Tuttle, Captain

BULLETINS: 04 Steve & Diane Zeigler
 11 AVAILABLE
 18 Mary Geiger
 25 AVAILABLE

FLOWERS: 04 Gaylord & Patty Proxmire
 11 AVAILABLE
 18 AVAILABLE
 25 Steve & Peg Kammeyer

When you have flowers, please ask that days usher captain to remove them from the altar for you. Thank you.

ACOLYTES: 04 Emma Fedderke, Suzi McBride
 11 Felicity Barker, Lauren Melia
 18 Joe Melia
 25 Ryan Yeager

CRUCIFER: 04 Julia Yeager

(Reminder to acolytes: if you cannot perform your duties, please find your own replacement and inform the office by Thursday morning. Thank you.)

JANUARY HOME COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS:

Jim & Mary Ehlinger
 Mert Grogg
 Tim Moog
 Lowell & Sharon Ricker
 Julie Sasseen
 Dave Slocum
 Chris Turner
 Dan & Jane Tuttle

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT 2015

January -	106	July -	161
February -	123	August -	97
March -	176	September -	138
April -	251	October -	136
May -	141	November -	164
June -	126	December -	232

FINANCIAL REPORT 2014

January -	Income	\$ 15,666.01
	Expenses	\$ 18,989.48
	Total	(\$ 3,323.47)
February -	Income	\$ 28,564.52
	Expenses	\$ 19,400.67
	Total	\$ 9,163.85
March -	Income	\$ 23,663.71
	Expenses	\$ 17,272.53
	Total	\$ 6,391.18
April—	Income	\$ 25,532.26
	Expenses	\$ 18,851.48
	Total	\$ 6,680.78
May	Income	\$ 16,995.44
	Expenses	\$ 17,153.06
	Total	(\$ 157.62)
June	Income	\$ 22,261.69
	Expenses	\$ 17,497.22
	Total	\$ 4,764.47
July	Income	\$ 20,408.18
	Expenses	\$ 24,969.92
	Total	(\$ 4,561.74)
August	Income	\$ 21,880.79
	Expenses	\$ 29,607.76
	Total	(\$ 7,726.97)
Sept.	Income	\$ 20,312.21
	Expenses	\$ 19,135.54
	Total	\$ 1,176.67
Oct.	Income	\$ 21,279.70
	Expenses	\$ 21,660.65
	Total	(\$ 380.95)
Nov.	Income	\$ 18,792.39
	Expenses	\$ 19,757.46
	Total	(\$ 965.07)
Dec.	Income	\$
	Expenses	\$

THRIVENT JANUARY 2015

ISAIAH 60:1-2

"Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

² See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the LORD rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.



Starting a new Year can be a new beginning, like a new day. From our Epiphany verse above, we are asked to rise and shine and let the glory of the Lord come over us. We can think about that as we start a new year—we can let our faith be a new light each day that brightens our world.

This month Recharge is holding a pasta dinner on January 11th. If they can do pasta as well as their apple dumplings, we are in for a wonderful meal. Come join us and help the team!

Our annual meeting is coming and as I am looking over the past year, we have helped out many projects at St. Paul by directing over \$2000 in Choice dollars grant program. THANK YOU! If you haven't directed your Choice dollars recently, check on the Thrivent website to see if you have any 2014 Choice dollars still available. If you need help, let me know. Please remember to designate your 2014 amount soon.

♪ *Rise and shine, And give God the glory, glory*
♪ *Rise and shine, And give God the glory, glory*
♪ *Rise and shine, And give God the glory, glory*
♪ *Children of the Lord!*

Let us join together to do more this year to let the light of our faith shine for others to see. Let me know if you are willing to work on a project, have an idea for a new project for Thrivent to help with, and how we can help you share your faith and light with others.

Your Thrivent Congregational Advocate

Cathy Martin

RECHARGE

LADIES YOU ARE INVITED...

To attend a St. Paul Lutheran Church Ladies Retreat

FEBRUARY 7TH & 8TH 2015

AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

DOWNTOWN DEFIANCE

COME ENJOY AN INSPIRING FAITH FILLED WEEKEND

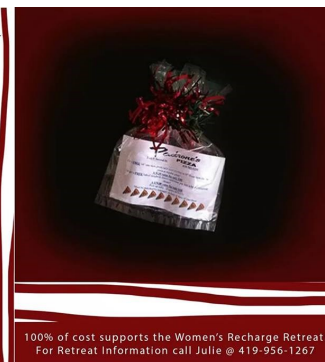
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 419.956.1267

Christmas
Gifts

Padrone's
Pizza and Pasta
Savings Card
ONLY \$10

\$70 Value!

Perfect gift for stocking stuffers,
mail carriers, secret santa gifts, etc.
Already prewrapped, ready to go!



100% of cost supports the Women's Recharge Retreat!
For Retreat Information call Julie @ 419-956-1267

**The money earned from
the Padrone's Pizza/Pasta
cards will be used toward
the ReCharge Retreats.**

**I wish to attend the "ReCharge Ladies Retreat"
the weekend of February 7th & 8th, 2015**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

For Emergency, Nearest Relative:

Relationship _____

Phone or E-Mail _____

Contact with different address than your own:

Relationship _____

Phone or E-Mail _____

Church affiliation (if applicable) _____

Do you have any special dietary needs? _____

Have you ever attended a retreat weekend? _____

Thank You...

The Mitten Tree this year had the following items adorning it:

13 scarves
4 pairs of socks
14 pairs of mittens/gloves

Thank you to Jean Gaskill for delivering the items to the Path Center. The items were greatly appreciated.

Another year has come and gone so quickly! I've enjoyed every minute of my time here at St. Paul. Even on my busiest days I've learned to thank God for the opportunity to do His work. I've met many wonderful people sitting behind this desk and I pray 2015 will bring more opportunities to continue His work.

I'd like to thank Jason Frederick, Dave Iliff, and Todd Melia for helping to install the new floor in my office. Also, thank you to the anonymous donor of the flooring! I'm not big on changes but this turned out to be a very nice improvement. All are welcome to stop in and see the beautiful new floor.

Last, but not least, a very sincere thank you to St. Paul Church Council for the very nice Christmas gift card. It is much appreciated!

Blessings, Lynn



OFFICIAL ACTS IN 2014

Baptisms

Tateum Luke Bailey
 Reynah V Velasquez
 Dion Carter Helton
 Everleigh Elayne Roberts
 John wade Engel
 Jaxson Edward Newman
 Luke Michael Szabo
 Taytum Keisha Markins
 Henry William Seip
 Kendall Grace Capps

Weddings

Larry Mansfield & Kristy Newberry
 Kevin Preslan & Alison Black
 Robbie George & Brittni Engel
 Kevin Johnson & Alyssa Fett

Deaths

Glen Vogel
 Alberta Gilliam
 Bill Mendenhall
 Elverta Grussing
 Margie Lou Slocum
 Kim Gilmore
 Mary Barnes

Extended family...

Norm Norden
 Kathy Hohenbrink
 Pat Dallape
 Betty Hattery

IN MEMORY OF BETTY HATTERY

GENERAL FUND
 BY: MARY ANN ILIFF,
 MR. & MRS. DYLE ROTH

IN MEMORY OF ELVERTA GRUSSING

GENERAL FUND
 BY: BY MR. & MRS. STEVE KORHN



In Loving Memory

Our love and prayers go out to...

Prayer list information

Next time you're about to submit a request for inclusion on the prayer list please ask the following questions. Did that person give permission to the office? Does that person wish the information to be shared publicly? If the answer to either question is "NO" your prayer request violates the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA).

If we do not have personal permission for inclusion we will only publish first names. *These are the guidelines from the ELCA provided at last Fall's Synod Conference meetings.*

Our love and prayers go out to...

Sherryl Bell	Coit Black	Brad Brandt
Lonnie Budd	June Burke	Dan Cook
Carol Creps	Russ Dodt	Kenny Frost
Mary Frost	Bernadine Fry	Mary Geiger
Roger Grogg	Susan Harris	Jena Hoellrich
Janice Johansen	Ruth Johnson	Al King
Randy King	Holland Max	Tammy McCoy
Mary McMillen	Jodie Mellos	Dani Merillat
J.T. Nusbaum	Rob Plassman	Esther Reimund
Reg Reimund	Kristen Sanders	Ed Sheehan
Mona Snyder	Dee Weisenfelder	Bishop NGowo
Alexis Alice	Anne Becky Z	Chris Dean
Doug Eric	Gayle Grace	Jerry Jim
Jodi John	Jon Les	Laurie Maddie
Marie Marlene	Matt Pauline	Phyllis Roland
Sally Scott	Sheena Stacey	Steve Sue
Tammy Thelma		

Those who are in nursing homes, assisted living and extended illnesses:

**LeAnn Bohn, Delene Cooper, William Cooper,
Eleanor Huner, Marilyn Mehrling, Agnes Rudolf,
Marjorie Seifert, Rachel Sontchi,
Charlotte Warncke**

Also, please be aware that the pastor and church office are not automatically notified of your admission to a hospital, due to the HIPPA laws. If your stay is a planned one please contact the church office or have a relative contact us.

In some cases, even if you tell the hospital it is all right to contact us, it may not occur. You personally contacting the church office should be the primary way the message of your hospitalization reaches the pastor. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Please continue to raise our nation, its leaders, and our personnel "in harm's way" in your prayers. Let us not forget to pray for them and to thank God for His blessings. We, as Christians, should also witness God's love by praying for our enemies in all this. Keep in mind Christ died and was raised from the dead for them also and we were called in our Baptism to witness to the entire world. We particularly commend the following who are members of our congregation:

Major Tamara Funari,

Daughter of Ron and Connie Allgire

Sgt. Kerry Schnitz,

Son of Larry and Cheryl Burroughs

We also remember in prayer those relatives of members.

St. Sgt. Mark Beck,

Son-in-law of Wayne Davis

Buck Sgt. Joshua T Bell, USAF,

Nephew of Laurie Moll

SSG James Fluechtling,

Grandson of Mary Frost

USAF Jason Griffith,

Grandson of Howard and June Burke

USM 2nd Lt. Dustin Hughes,

Grandson of Barb Bibler

Sam Jennings,

Son-in-law of Roger and Mert Grogg

Cole Jennings,

Grandson of Roger and Mert Grogg

Master Sgt. Scott Koch,

Nephew of Charles and Dee Jewell

Sgt. Chad McDaniel,

Grandson of Barb Bibler

Carl Melton,

Nephew of Al and Dee King

Sgt. Kendra Oehlerich,

Granddaughter of Charlotte Warncke

OS2 Tim Rau,

Nephew of Joe and Theresa Hiler

SFC Frank Steed,

Step-brother of Pastor Dave

Sgt. Gaylord Proxmire III,

Son of Gaylord & Pat Proxmire

Members of the military in active service and their families. We are honored and pleased to pray for those in need. We do ask that persons asking for non members to be listed will keep us updated monthly.

If you wish to send a card or note to any of our members in the service contact the church office for addresses. If you have address corrections for members in the military, please contact us. Thank you.

St. Paul Lutheran January 2015

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 Church offices are closed. Happy New Year!	2	3
4 9 am Sunday School 9 am Chimes 10:15 am Worship/Comm.	5 Annual Report Deadline... Please submit agenda items to Jason Frederick	6	7 6-7:30 pm JLL/DIRT/ Confirmation 7:00 pm Choir Prac.	8	9	10 8:00 am Take down the Greens Party!
11 9 am Sunday School/Chimes 10:15 am Worship/Comm. Pasta Dinner after service	12	13	14 6-7:30 pm JLL & DIRT 7:00 pm Choir Prac.	15 6:00 pm Church Council	16	17 NEWS LETTER DEADLINE
18 9 am Sunday School 9 am Chimes 10:15 am Worship/Comm.	19	20	21 6-7:30 pm JLL/DIRT/ Confirmation 7:00 pm Choir Prac.	22	23	24
25 9 am Sunday School 9 am Chimes 10:15 am Worship/Comm. Annual Meeting 1:30 pm Gentle Worship @ DC	26 11:30 am Beta Circle @ Jane Parker's	27	28 6-7:30 pm JLL & DIRT 7:00 pm Choir Prac.	29	30	31

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STAFF

Presiding Bishop	Rev. Elizabeth Eaton
NWO Bishop	Rev. Marcus Lohrmann
Pastor	Rev. David Brobston
Dir. of Youth & Family	Julie Sasseen
Secretary	Lynn Roth
Sexton	Jane Tuttle
Organist	Lori Schultz
Music Director	Jeremy Davis
Nursery Attendant	Kim Alvarado

Church Council

President	Jason Frederick
V. President	Dave Iliff
Treasurer	Denise Moog
Secretary	Nancy Krouse
Discipleship	Barbara Warncke
Trustee	Todd Melia
Stewardship	Chris Korhn

Agencies Supported By St. Paul

Lutheran Home Society
Lutheran Social Services
LSS- Western Region Office
Filling Home
LOMO
Aya Secondary School- Dodoma Diocese,
ELC Tanzania
RAVENS
Project Share
Northwestern Ohio Synod
WELCA
Habitat for Humanity



January 2015

1/1 Mary Frost
 1/2 Dee Jewell
 1/4 Robert Zeigler
 1/5 Barb Bibler
 Michael Bowen
 1/6 Olivia Flores
 Erin Pixler
 Jeremi Seip
 1/7 Trevor Keirse
 1/8 Jennifer Haviland
 Peggy Kammeyer
 1/10 Bernie Horzelski
 Brenda Schultz
 Joanie Woodward
 1/11 Mike Roth
 Spencer Roth
 1/12 Charles Jewell
 Carol Samuelson
 1/13 Collette Knight
 Zachery Olson
 Judy Stykemain
 1/14 Karin Black
 1/15 Brian McDowell
 1/16 Kacey Hampton
 1/17 Prynn Hampton
 1/18 Ann Essex
 Brenda Leonard
 Calvin Martin
 Jordan Sasseen
 Taylor Schultz
 1/19 Brandy Augliar
 Tony Hancock
 1/20 Denise Noffsinger
 1/22 Steven Barker
 Jenna Burk
 1/23 Virginia Prucha
 Yvonne Yeager
 1/25 James Eis
 Kris Heilman
 1/27 Dick Burk
 Olivia Fett
 Cathy Martin
 1/28 Pam Engel
 1/29 Taylor Brandt
 1/31 Pat Fogt
 Steve Korhn



1/8 Howard and June Burke
 1/10 George and Ann Essex
 1/24 Steve and Peggy Kammeyer



BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

1/1 Ron Childress
 Carol Creps
 Laura Ramon
 Agnes Rudolf
 Howard Schultz
 Judy Stykemain
 John Wood
 Rev. Tamara Wood
 1/2 Kristen Zachrich
 1/5 David Slocum
 1/6 Brock McDowell
 1/7 Carrie Engel
 Zach Huner
 1/10 Marilyn Heckler
 1/11 Jerell Call
 1/12 Al King
 1/14 Doug Engel
 1/18 Deb Hancock
 1/19 Nicole Brobston
 Diana Horzelski
 Susan McDowell
 1/21 Logan Elkins
 1/22 Doris Noffsinger
 1/25 Mackenzie Korhn
 1/28 Brenda Leonard

CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES:

1/1 Pat Bohn
 Pam Engel
 Brenda Schultz
 Howard Schultz

Help me keep our records accurate!!!!

If your birthday or anniversary is not here or is not correct **PLEASE** let me know 419-782-5771 or lynnsplcoffice@gmail.com

Thanks,
 Lynn