



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

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December 2016



What
is
it?

St. Paul
Lutheran

671 Clinton St. Defiance

Dec. 18th 7 pm

All Welcome
419.956.1267

A service of comfort
for ALL who struggle.
Whether with grief,
sadness, job loss,
divorce, or worry.
Readings from Psalms
and time for silent
prayer help restore
HOPE
that comes only
through Christ.

The Light Shines
in the darkness
and the
darkness
has not overcome it.
John 1:5

Gentle Worship



~for extraordinary families~

Christmas Eve

December 24,
2016 @ 1:30 pm

Takes place in Hubbard Hall,
Serrick Building
on campus at Defiance College

Pastor: The Rev. David Brobston
WORSHIP: Sunday School at 9:00 am
Confirmation Class at 9:00 am
Worship/Communion at 10:15 am
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From the Pastor's Desk

December 2016

The silence falls over a star lit field. Sheep, Ewe's, Lambs, Rams all in a field. Shepherds listening for every rustling leaf, straining to hear anything that sounds out of the ordinary. Predators prowl just outside the light given off by the fire they have built to keep warm. Wolves, Coyotes, perhaps poachers even. Shhhhhh. Listen, you can hear something on the night air. No, it's not something you can hear! The hair on your arms and on the back of your neck stand up – something is out there. The shepherds hear NOTHING, not even the flock is making a noise. It's the great quiet before the storm. The protectors of the flock ready their slings, their bows, their clubs, ready to defend their flock from whatever is coming. They hear NOTHING but they can feel it, they can sense it. Finally, the darkness is overcome by a light brighter than any they have ever seen. They realize their weapons are useless against whatever force this is. These shepherds have fought off predators, wolves, even lions. They have battled poachers and beasts, but whatever this presence is causes them to cower as panic and fear overtake them. Why is the flock so silent? Why aren't the sheep afraid?

Light shines all around them, the lights from their torches, the small camp fire and even the stars give way to the radiant light that engulfs them. Suddenly, an angel appears. A messenger from God appears from the light that has surrounded them. The silence is broken. They were terrified.

The angel said, “Don’t be afraid. I’m here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David’s town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you’re to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger.”

At once the angel was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God’s praises:

“Glory to God in the heavenly heights,

Peace to all men and women on earth who please him.”

Brothers and Sisters. It has been a whirlwind 2016. Baptisms, Funerals, Marriages, Confirmations, Campaigns and Elections. It has been a year of great joy, and difficult sorrow. It has been a year of hope, and a year of fear. It has been a year. My prayer for all of the world this Advent and Christmas is very simple.

May the world be still, stand in awe, realize our weapons do not stand against God's amazing grace. “Do not be afraid, for I am here to bring you Good News of Great Joy. A savior is born. Emmanuel, “God is with us.”

Have a blessed Advent and a joyous Christmas – and do not be afraid, for the Savior of the World has come.

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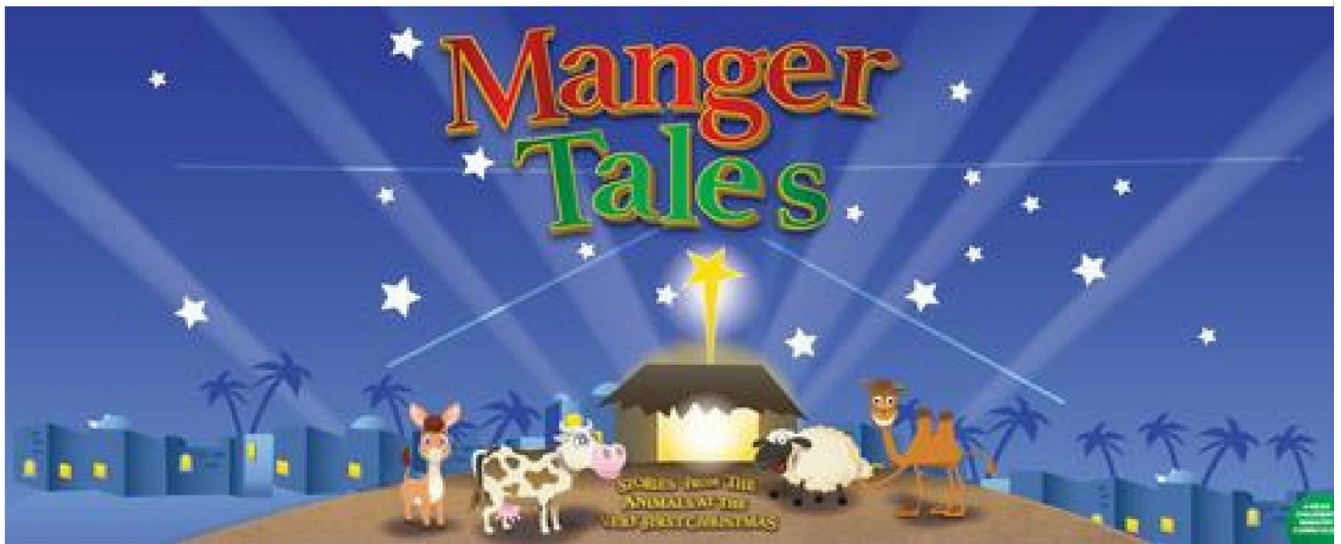
preceeded by
Soup Supper

Potluck of Soup & Bread

ALL WELCOME!!!

St. Paul Lutheran Church—671 Clinton St.

**6 pm
Soup
6:45
Worship**



A Christmas Program
Sunday, December 11th

10:15 am

An offering of talent to share
the love of Christ

Practice Schedule

ALL YOUTH come to practice:

Sunday, Dec. 4, 9-10 am

FULL DRESS REHEARSAL

Sunday December 4th,

11:15-2 pm.

Lunch provided.

December 7, 5-6 pm

Please be
sure youth are
in Sunday
School to
practice!

SCHEDULES FOR DECEMBER 2016**LECTOR:** Alex & Caitlyn Schmidt

USHERS: 04 Team 4, Dan Tuttle, Captain
 11 Team 1, Jason Frederick, Captain
 18 Team 1, Jason Frederick, Captain
 24 Team 1, Jason Frederick, Captain
 25 Team 2, Buggs Sierra, Captain

FLOWERS: 04 Larry Saxton
 11 Martha Cooper
 18 Jeannette Melia
 24 Laurie & Al Lucas
 25 Available

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

BULLETINS: 04 Jim & Cathy Martin
 11 Martha Cooper
 18 Mary Geiger
 24 Charlotte Warncke
 25 Available

COMMUNION SET-UP/PRESENTERS:

04 Denise Moog, Ryne Maag

COMMUNION SET-UP/SERVERS:

04 Conor Brobston, Char Flickinger, Jason Frederick, Jim Kline
 11
 18
 24 Nicole Brobston
 25 Dyle Roth

GREETERS:**LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS:**

Jim & Mary Ehlinger
 Alex & Collette Knight
 Dyle & Eleanor Roth
 Don & Carol Samuelson
 Dan & Jane Tuttle

ACCOLYTES

04 Emma Fedderke
 11 Joe Melia
 18 Calib Brashear
 24 Felicity Barker, Lauren Melia
 25 Ryan Yeager

CRUCIFERS:

Felicity Barker

Joe Melia

Please let me know by 12/19/16 what you'd like printed in the bulletin for Christmas Eve Services if you are planning on bringing in a Christmas Plant for the Sanctuary.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2016

January	Income	\$ 18,253.98
	Expense	(\$ 32,622.14)
	Total	(\$ 14,368.16)
February	Income	\$ 20,399.21
	Expense	(\$ 21,130.33)
	Total	(\$ 731.12)
March	Income	\$ 19,746.00
	Expense	\$ 18,876.65
	Total	\$ 870.18
April	Income	\$ 18,572.45
	Expenses	(\$ 20,640.85)
	Total	(\$ 2,068.40)
May	Income	\$ 21,368.11
	Expenses	(\$ 23,145.72)
	Total	(\$ 1,777.61)
June	Income	\$ 14,189.62
	Expenses	(\$ 19,526.22)
	Total	(\$ 5,336.60)
July	Income	\$ 22,707.71
	Expenses	\$ 19,452.00
	Total	\$ 3,255.71
August	Income	\$ 14,308.31
	Expenses	(\$ 40,244.23)
	Total	(\$ 25,935.92)
September	Income	\$ 18,773.22
	Expenses	(\$ 19,248.05)
	Total	(\$ 474.83)
October	Income	\$ 26,978.98
	Expenses	\$ 19,420.82
	Total	\$ 7,558.16

AVG WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT 2016

Jan	122	July	92
Feb	183	Aug	101
Mar	241	Sept	113
Apr	108	Oct	111
May	124	Nov	130
June	79	Dec	

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..

Keith Ashbacher	Sherryl Bell	Coit Black
June Burke	Cheryl Burroughs	Carol Creps
Delbert Diemer	Debbie Doan	Russ Dodt
Mary Frost	Roger Grogg	Hal Haviland
Dan Hermiller	Shirley Homan	Janice Johansen
Ruth Johnson	Randy King	Laurie Lucas
Tammy McCoy	Jodie Mellos	Dani Merillat
J.T. Nusbaum	Dean Purdy	Marilyn Purdy
Esther Reimund	Kristen Sanders	
Richard Sherman	Betty Steed (PD's mom)	
Mona Snyder	Ella Suderman	Dee Weisenfelder
Jack Willitzer	Alexis	Alice
Becky Z	Bob	Carol
David	Dean	Devin
Elaine	Eric	George
Jerry	Jim	Joan
Jon	Josie	Kahlia
Maddie	Marlene	Mary
Pauline	Phyllis	Roland
Sheena	Stacey	Steve
Tammy	Thelma	Tom

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

Bishop NGowo, LeAnn Bohn,
Pauline Cordray, Rosemary Mehrling, Agnes Rudolph,
Rachel Sontchi, Charlotte Warncke

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.

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

SFC E7 James Fluechtling,

Grandson of Mary Frost

USAF Jason Griffith,

Grandson of Howard and June Burke

USM 2nd Lt. Dustin Hughes,

Grandson of Barb Bibler

PFC E-3 Cole Jennings,

Grandson of Roger and Mert Grogg

Sgt. Chad McDaniel,

Grandson of Barb Bibler

Carl Melton,

Nephew of Al and Dee King

Staff 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

USM Micajah Hagerman,

Son of Jolene Hagerman

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.

**2017 Budget as approved by SPLC Congregation
on November 20, 2016**

Salaries:

Salary-Pastor	\$47,000
Salary-Youth & Family	\$15,500
Salary-Secretary	\$20,400
Salary-Custodian	\$16,320
Salary-Organist	\$18,000
Salary-Choir	\$4,275
Salary-NurseryAttendant	\$1,500
Supply/Temp Help	\$750

Allowances:

Housing-Pastor	\$20,000
Auto Allowance-Pastor	\$4,500
Continuing Ed.-Pastor	\$1,000
Pastor Ins. & Pension	\$35,046
Continuing Ed Youth & Family	\$500

Benevolences:

ELCA	\$7,500
Filling Home	\$750
Ravens	\$750
LSS	\$0
Lutheran Home	\$300
Habitat for Humanity	\$0
Defiance Area Hospice	\$600
Local Outreach	\$0
Recharge	\$0
Bishop's Appeal	\$1,000

Utilities:

Natural Gas	\$7,500
Electricity	\$7,500
Water	\$1,750
Phone	\$1,750
Other Utilities	\$800

General Expenses:

Custodial Supplies	\$600
Maintenance	\$8,000
Office Supplies & Equip.	\$3,000
Music	\$200
SS/Parish Ed.	\$2,000
Postage	\$600
Church Supplies	\$4,000
Miscellaneous	\$2,000
Professional Fees	\$540
Youth Ministry	\$1,500
Parker House	\$0
Capital Improvements	\$20,000

Taxes/Insurance:

Payroll Taxes	\$6,000
Workers Comp.	\$1,200
Real Estate	\$1,500
Property/Liability Insurance	\$8,000

Totals	\$274,131
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St. Paul Lutheran Church Tent Revival Fundraiser

Sold in 1# bags

Maple, Caramel, & Vanilla Clusters - \$7

Maple Nut Goodies - \$7

Chocolate Covered Peanut Brittle - \$7

DD Chocolate Covered Peanuts - \$5

Peanut Butter Covered Pretzels - \$2.50

Mini Salted Caramel Pretzels - \$2.50

Great for the Holidays!

Get yours while supplies last!



**St. Paul Lutheran Church
Vendor and Craft Shop-a-Thon
671 Clinton St
Defiance, OH 43512
Saturday, December 3rd
9am to 1pm
Freewill bake sale & lunch**

Vendor List:

*All That Snaps (jewelry that snaps)
Amy Anna's Jewel Box - Plunder Designs
Discovery Toys
Handmade Soaps
Jewelry in Candles
LuLaRoe
Mary Kay
Norwex
Pampered Chef
Premier Designs
Roden & Fields Skin Care
Scentsy
Thirty-one
Tupperware
Wood crafted items – cutting boards etc.
Younique
St Paul Youth gift items*

HOLIDAY

YOUTH GATHERING Fundraiser

**PLEASE COME & SUPPORT
OUR YOUTH**

Saturday, December 3rd, 2016 at St. Paul's Shop A Thon
9 AM to 1 p.m.

AND

Sunday, December 4th before & after church in the Rotary Room
while supplies last.

*Monies raised will help with our Youth's Gathering
Registration Fees.

**MANY HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS GIFTS
START YOUR BUYING WITH US**



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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA PLANTS

KIRCHER'S FLOWERS

1119 JEFFERSON AVENUE

DEFIANCE, OH 43512

www.kirchersflowers.com 419-784-5321



	Pot Size	Retail price	1-19	20-49	50+
1 plant branch approx. 20"h x 20"w	6.5"	\$16.67	\$13.17	\$11.53	\$9.88
2 plant branch approx. 22"h x 25"w	7"	\$24.77	\$19.57	\$17.12	\$14.68
3 plant branch approx. 24"hx30"w	7.5"	\$36.35	\$28.83	\$25.23	\$21.63
4 plant branch	8.5"	\$48.59	\$38.38	\$33.58	\$28.78

All poinsettias come in a foil pot cover & protective sleeve.
Bows are \$2.00 extra for all except 4 plant branch being \$2.50.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA PLANTS

FANCY PETALS FLORIST

301 HOPKINS STREET

DEFIANCE, OH 43512

fancypetalsflorist@gmail.com 419-782-4353

6" Single Stem Plants (Red, White or Pink) \$10.00
6-1/2" Single Stem Plants (Burgundy, Marble, Jingle Bells) \$11.50
7-1/2" Double Stem Plants \$17.00
8-1/2" Triple Stem Plants \$25.00

Prices include pot covers. We have red, green or gold.
Please indicate your color choice when you place your order.
Satin bows can be added to your plant for \$1.00.

REMINDERS:

- 1) Turn out the lights when you are the last one in a room at church.
Check that all doors are locked if you are last to leave the church building.
- 2) Have contributions in to the office no later than Dec. 26th for it to be included in 2016.

THRIVENT – DECEMBER 2016

We have just finished our national elections recently. Let us have peace among all our political members. We also have had the elections for our new Church Council members and we look forward to all the new members. Thank you to everyone who stepped up and volunteered their time and talents to serve all of us.



When the weather gets colder, it is good to snuggle close to a warm fireplace and read a good book. Each family seems to have their own favorite ones that are enjoyed over and over. There are some that I read and it takes me back to my own childhood. Other good ones are new ones that give new light for the next generation and they will become family favorites. Whatever you chose, also remember to keep the Bible stories that are the reason for the season alive in our hearts and our families.

As the holiday season draws near, we are tempted by the many tasty foods and candies that abound at parties or family dinners we attend. It is so difficult to resist them. As a Christian we know that there are many things in our world we must be careful not to be tempted by. We need to focus our lives on the simple true message of the season. One symbol of this season tells a story by itself. Many of you may have read or heard this favorite story before, but I will share it again.

Long ago a candy maker wanted to make a candy that would remind his customers of the true meaning of Christmas. And so the candy cane was made to remind them of Jesus. He started with the white candy that stood for the purity of the Lord. He shaped it into a "J" to stand for Jesus. And when it is turned upside down, it became the staff of our Good Shepherd who keeps us safe from harm. The red stripes are reminders of Jesus' blood shed to save us all from sin. The three stripes, one large and a thin one on each side, stand for the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He added peppermint flavoring to remind us of the gifts of spices that came from the Wise Men to the Infant Child. With this sweet treat, we should always know of God's love and remember the sweetest gift of all was the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



Remember that the youth at St. Paul will be selling many sweet treats to earn money for their trip to the national youth convention. Let's give them our support. Thank you to those who have signed up to get the Thrivent Action team cards that assist in their fundraising.

I want to say thank you to all of you—our Thrivent family members who have made this past year a successful and happy one. Our prayers for those members in the military who cannot be home. Prayers of comfort for those who have lost family members this year. May you all have a very special holiday and enjoy the sweetness of the season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to One and All!

Cathy Martin, Thrivent Congregational Advocate

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER
St. Paul Lutheran: Council Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2016

Attendance: Jim Ehlinger, Nancy Krouse, Denise Moog, Gaylord Proxmire.

Absent: Pastor Dave, Collette Knight, Jenny Maag, Laura Ramon

1. Pastor's Report: No Report

2. Youth and Family:

- a. Parrish Ed. /Sunday School: Sunday School is underway. Breakfast is being served. We now have two less teachers than last year. Care packages are being packed and sent to our college youth.
- b. VBS: Organization for summer 2017 has begun. We are looking to stay under budget like 2016. Also looking to shift dates.
- c. Tent Revival: YES! We donated \$4,000 in donations to the stained glass repair fund in 2016. We are working on fundraisers for the 2017 Revival. They will be a Thanksgiving Meal on November 6, a Shop-a-thon on Dec. 3, a Chili supper on January 15, and a Potato Bar in March.
- d. Youth: There will be an Addiction Prevention Workshop on October 26th. This event is to give you skills and knowledge about addictive behavior and how to resist it.
- e. Women's Bible Study: Continues twice monthly.
- f. Ministry: "Carrying On" meets monthly.

3. Secretary's Report: No Report

4. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Total Income September \$18,773.22
- b. Total Expenses September \$19,248.05
- c. We are negative for the month of September -\$474.83
- d. Total Income YTD: \$168,419.44
- e. Total Expenses YTD: \$204,886.19
- f. We are negative for the year: -\$36,466.75
- g. FYI: \$20,000 from our budget was used to pay for the windows. This will be replaced from the Deckrosh/Legacy Fund.
- h. We are actually -\$16,466.75 in the red.

Nancy/Gaylord

5. Trustee Report:

- a. The stained glass repair is complete. Thank you Deckrosh Family and the Tent Revival Committee.
- b. Seigman Windows and Siding have completed installing new windows in Luther Hall. Thank you Deckrosh Family!
- c. The furnace/boiler replace and repair proposal has been accepted by Fitzenriders. We are currently waiting for them to organize and get back to us with a date for work to begin.
- d. Shindler's have given us a bid for repair and replacement of the church steps. The front entrance steps will be totally removed. Steps will be raised for safety reasons, and then replaced with new handrails in the spring of 2017. The Arabella St. steps will have the bottom two steps replaced this fall. Cost is \$24,000 for both sets of stairs.

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e. Building Use Permit: November 6, Luther Hall

Gaylord/Denise

6. Discipleship Report:

- a. Deacons: Communion schedule is set through October. Kaylee Brashear will be serving as a Junior Deacon starting this fall.
- b. Outreach: No Report.

7. Stewardship Report:

- a. Working on Annual Giving envelopes and labels.

8. Old Business:

- a. Nomination Committee Report: We still need a Discipleship Chair and two new members for the Nominating Committee.
- b. Much discussion of ongoing church projects.

9. New Business:

- a. Budget and Elections Meeting will be November 20, immediately following the church service.
- b. A visit from our new Bishop. Bishop Daniel Beaudoin will have his fall conference here at St. Paul's. There will be 90 Pastors and council members here for dinner, worship and meeting.
- c. There is a need for job descriptions for Church Council positions. This will help the Nominating Committee to explain each job and help volunteers to know what their responsibilities will be.

10. For The Good of the Order:

- a. Thank you to all Tent Revival participants! Your work helped pay for stained glass repair!
- b. Thank you for all who volunteered to help serve dinner at the Bishop's Fall Conference. We all appreciate your service.
- c. Please prayerfully consider a position on the ballot for the 2017 election!

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00pm.

Nancy/Denise

Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer

The next council meeting will be November 15 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Krouse

St. Paul Lutheran: Council Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2016

Attendance: Pastor Dave, Jim Ehlinger, Nancy Krouse, Denise Moog, Julie Sasseen, Jenny Maag. Absent: Collette Knight, Laura Ramon, Gaylord Proxmire.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by President Jim Ehlinger.

Pastor Dave opened the meeting with devotions, from the Lutheran Catholic Dialogue. Reconciliation and partnership is needed to work together and find our new path side by side.

1. Pastor's Report:

- a. Thanksgiving Eve Service: 7:00pm at St. Paul Lutheran.
- b. Advent Evening Services: Worship and soup supper will be held Wednesdays, Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, 21. Soup supper begins at 6:00, Worship at 6:45.
- c. The Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 11th during services.
- d. December 24th, Christmas Eve Service will begin with special music at 7:00 and Worship Service at 7:30.
- e. On Christmas Day and New Year's Day there will be regular service at 10:15. However, there will be no Sunday School on those days.
- f. November 28-December 2, Pastor will be taking continuing education class in South Dakota.
- g. The Election Day Worship service was stirring and powerful. Pastor wishes to continue these worship services on years with Presidential and Congressional elections.
- h. Thank you Pastor for mentoring Jim Martin as he perfects his preaching skills.

2. Youth and Family:

- A. Parrish Ed. /Sunday School: Our Sunday School Class and the Wednesday evening youth(Tongues Spreading the Word, JLL and DIRT) completed care packages, packed and sent them to our college youth. The College youth have been thankful and this may become an annual event.
- B. Christmas Program practices have begun with a remarkable team in place. An additional volunteer is needed for the lunch. Additional participants are still welcome.
- C. Tent Revival: The Tent Revival Committee thanks everyone who helped and came to eat and support the Thanksgiving Meal fundraiser. We also have candy and calendar sales as Tent Revival fundraisers.
- D. Youth: On October 26th the Addiction Prevention Workshop was held. The evening was designed to give youth skills on resisting drug use. Thank You to Pastor Dave, Doug Engel, Victor and Mary Juarez, Shelia Palczewski and Marcella Ciccotelli for their help in making this evening possible.
- E. Women's Bible Study: Continues on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.
- F. Ministry: "Carrying On" meets monthly.

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3. Secretary's Report: No Report

4. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Total Income October \$26,978.98
- b. Total Expenses October \$19,420.82
- c. We are positive for the month of October +\$7,558.16
- d. Total Income YTD: \$195,148.42
- e. Total Expenses YTD: \$224,307.01
- f. We are negative for the year: -\$29,158.59
- g. FYI: \$20,000 from our budget was used to pay for the windows. This will be replaced from the Deckrosh/Legacy Fund.
- h. We are actually -\$19,158.59 in the red.

Nancy/Jenny

5. Discipleship Report:

- a. Deacons: Communion schedule for the Christmas Season is underway.
- b. Our Deacon robes are in bad shape. They do not fit our Deacons, fasteners are broken, and they are discolored. We are looking into the cost of new robes and how many need to be ordered.
- c. Outreach: No Report.

6. Stewardship Report:

- a. Working on Annual Giving envelopes and labels.

7. Trustee Report:

- a. The steps at the Arabella Street entrance look good! We will be replacing the steps to the main entrance in the spring.

8. Old Business:

- a. Nomination Committee Report: We still need a Discipleship Chair and two new members for the Nominating Committee. Julie Sasseen volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee.
- b. Beginning work to create job descriptions for church council positions. Anyone who might help us find existing documents or has information to share please contact Nancy Krouse. Thank You.

9. New Business:

- a. The Advent Mission Event will be a noisy offering donation to the ELCA Global Barnyard. This theme matches our Children's Christmas Program and allows them to pull the little red giving wagon around the church. We will be accepting donations on Sunday and Wednesdays during Advent. Thank You!

10. For The Good of the Order:

- a. Thank you to the Deckrosh family for our new windows and steps.
- b. Thank you to all volunteers who make our church a place of giving.
- c. Thank you for donating to the ELCA Global Barnyard!

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Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm.

Nancy/Denise

Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer

The next council meeting will be December 20 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Krouse

**The Budget and Elections Meeting
November 20,2016**

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Ehlinger

Ballots were distributed and counted.

The proposed budget for 2017 was passed. 58 yes: 4 no

There was discussion concerning open positions on the ballot. Bill Krouse volunteered for Nominating Committee. Shirley Keller volunteered for Discipleship Chair.

The new council officers are: President Elect: Jim Ehlinger,

Discipleship Chair: Shirley Keller, Nominating Committee members: Bill Krouse, Julie

Sasseen and Tim Rosebrock , Synod Assembly Attendees: Jim and Cathy Martin, Counter: Joanie Woodward, Auditing: John Boesling.



***Anyone wishing to make a year end contribution
and have it credited for 2016***

***MUST have it in the offering no later than
Sunday, December 25th.***

***Any offerings that come in after December 25th
will be credited in January, 2017.***

St. Paul Lutheran December 2016

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Shop A Thon 9am-1pm
4 9 am Sunday School 9 am Confirmation 10:15 am Worship/Comm. Dress Rehearsal Kids' Christmas Program @ 11:15	5	6	7 11:30 am Beta Circle Christ- mas Luncheon 5:00-6:00 pm Christmas program practice 6-7:30 pm JLL/DIRT/ 6 pm soup supper 6:45 pm Holden 7:30 pm Choir	8 7-8 Women's Bible Study	9	10
11 10:15 am Worship/Comm. Kids' Christmas Program Recharge	12	13 6:00 pm Church Council	14 6-7:30 pm JLL/DIRT/K-1 6 pm soup supper 6:45 pm Holden 7:30 pm Choir	15	16 NEWS- LETTER DEADLINE	17
18 9 am Sunday School 9 am Confirmation 10:15 am Worship/Comm. 7pm Longest Night	19 Deadline for Mitten Tree Donations	20 Bring in your Christmas plants for the Sanctuary	21 6-7:30 pm JLL/DIRT/K-1 6 pm soup supper 6:45 pm Holden 7:30 pm Choir	22 Offices Close @ noon	23 CHURCH OFFICES ARE CLOSED	24 1:30 pm Gentle Worship 7:00 pm Prelude 7:30 pm Christmas Eve Service
25 Merry Christmas! 10:15 am Worship/ Communion NO Sunday School Last day for contributions to be counted toward 2016.	26	27	28	29 Offices Close @ noon	30 CHURCH OFFICES ARE CLOSED	31



**PLEASE GIVE TO THE MITTEN
TREE...
GLOVES, MITTENS, HATS,
SCARVES, EVEN SOCKS TO HELP
KEEP OUR COMMUNITY WARM
THIS WINTER.
HANG YOUR DONATIONS ON
THE TREE BY THE MEMORIAL
BOARD IN THE HANDICAP
ENTRANCE. ITEMS WILL BE
DONATED TO THE PATH CENTER
ON DECEMBER 21ST, 2016
*Thank You!!***

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Jennie Geiger General Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hiler
Mr. & Mrs. John Dale
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Davis
Shirley Keller
Dee King
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Krouse
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Parker
Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Ricker
Mr. & Mrs. George Essex
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Tuttle

Endowment Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Dyle Roth
Mr. & Mrs. John Boesling
Mr. & Mrs. Don Samuelson

If there is an error in this Memorial listing, please notify the office so we can correct our mistake. Thank you.

“FEED THE HUNGRY” MINISTRY

HOUSE OF RUTH— WISH LIST (BATTERED WOMEN’S SHELTER)

CLEANING PRODUCTS:

Unscented laundry soap for HE washers, unscented fabric softener, Murphy’s Oil Soap, Electrasol , Powerball dishwasher tabs, furniture polish, window cleaner, disinfectant spray

PAPER PRODUCTS:

Paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, plastic storage bags (gallon/quart), aluminum foil, garbage bags (13 gal.)

PERSONAL CARE:

maxi pads/tampons, razors/shave cream, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, shower poufs, hair styling products, brushes, barrettes/ponytail holders/ headbands

CLOTHING:

Women and children’s underwear and socks (all sizes) new please

BABIES:

diapers (all sizes), wipes (unscented), baby bath supplies, baby bathtub, baby lotions/powders, diaper rash ointment

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Single subject spiral notebooks, notebook paper, composition books, ink pens, pencils, folders with pockets, erasers, school scissors, white school glue, glue sticks, rulers, colored pencils, markers (including washable), pencil boxes, backpacks/school bags, lunch boxes

OTHER ITEMS: new children’s toys to use for gifts, women’s bath/make up sets to use for gifts, gift

certificates to meat markets, gas cards, store gift cards (to purchase clothing, gifts for their children, etc.



A NOTE FROM INNKEEPER AT ZION’S

Items most needed to help the guests at Innkeeper’s include:

***Hot and cold cereal,**

***Canned fruit, *Pudding,**

***Boxed skillet meals, *Box potatoes,**

***Spaghetti and dry pasta noodles, *Spaghetti sauce, *Tomato sauce,**

***Chicken noodle soup,**

***Canned meat—tuna, sausage, chicken,**

***Ramen noodles—beef, chicken & shrimp,**

***Bottled water, *Bottled fruit juices,**

***Microwave popcorn, *Salad dressing,**

***Paper towels, *Toilet paper,**

***Toothpaste, *Shaving gel,**

***Detergent, and *Cooking oil.**



Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

Dick Anderson

All items are appreciated!!

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STAFF

Presiding Bishop	Rev. Elizabeth Eaton
NWO Bishop	Rev. Daniel Beaudoin
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

2016 Church Council

President	Jim Ehlinger
V. President	Nancy Krouse
Treasurer	Denise Moog
Secretary	Collette Knight
Discipleship	Laura Ramon
Trustee	Gaylord Proxmire
Stewardship	Jenny Maag

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ELC Tanzania
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St. Paul Lutheran December 2016

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

12/1 Molly Zachrich
 12/2 Logan Elkins
 12/3 Harold Hahr
 12/4 Heath Ehlinger
 Zada Kochel
 John Stykemain
 12/5 Nicole Brobston
 Ashley Snyder
 12/6 Doug Engel
 Chad Stambaugh
 Terry Woods
 12/7 Sarah Bowen
 Keith Hunsinger
 12/8 Kayly Brobston
 12/12 Joe Voll
 12/14 Mackenzie Gingrow
 Dinger McBride
 Barb Warncke
 12/15 Chris Bauer
 12/16 Cody Griffith
 12/17 John Berthold
 Evey Boesling
 Brian Fedderke
 Stan Rohrbaugh
 12/18 Joan Sierra
 12/19 Carrie Engel
 Susan McDowell
 12/20 Tim Rosebrock
 12/21 Carol Eitnearer
 Piper Hampton
 Doug Hancock
 Chris Turner
 Kathy Yeager
 12/23 Doris Noffsinger
 Agnes Rudolph
 12/24 Zacharia Knight
 12/26 Dave Iliff
 12/27 Paul Bodenburgh
 12/28 Laurie Lucas
 12/30 Mary Geiger
 Sirenah Gomez
 Phyllis Mendenhall
 Kathy Richards
 Julie Sasseen

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

12/03 Ben & Elizabeth Suderman
 12/06 Dewey & Nancy Nagel
 12/16 Curt and Lindi McBride
 12/23 Joe and Julie Voll
 12/27 Michael and Theresa Bowen
 Frank and Carol Eitnearer
 12/29 Leland and Doris Noffsinger
 12/30 Al and Laurie Lucas

CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES:

12/1 Richard Grunden
 12/9 Richard Haviland
 12/10 Doug Hancock
 12/11 Robert Fett
 Gaylord Proxmire
 12/12 Paul Gearing
 12/13 Tim Moog
 12/30 Yvonne Yeager

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

12/1 Collette Knight
 Piper Parks
 Jan Sisco
 12/4 John Stykemain
 12/5 Cheryl Hahr
 12/7 Kendall Capps
 Dianne Kline
 12/9 Ryan Lamb
 12/10 Shannon Brandt
 Mandy Wicks
 12/11 Alexis Barker
 Rylee Barker
 Diana Fett
 Robert Fett
 Jane Tuttle
 Mary Vogel
 12/12 Paul Gearing
 12/13 Jane Parker
 12/14 Michaela Geiger
 12/17 Jim Ehlinger
 Destiny Woodward
 Julia Yeager
 Kathy Yeager
 12/18 Nancy Plassman
 12/19 Bernie Horzelski
 12/21 Ward Replogle
 Amy Von Deylen
 12/22 Carol Stephenson
 12/24 Fran Coonrod
 12/26 Spencer Roth
 Chad Stambaugh
 12/28 Alex Schmidt
 12/29 Amy Grogg
 12/30 Yvonne Yeager



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Thanks, Lynn