



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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Happy New Year!

Please stay after church
Sunday, January 8th,
and help take down the
Christmas decorations.
The more helping hands
available,
the faster it'll get done.
It was wonderful with
all the volunteers
putting up the greens!
Thank you.



**2017 envelopes are in the Sanctuary
and can be used beginning
January 1st, 2017. Thank you.**

**Please note:
your number may have changed!
Look for your name.**

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Members on Church Council 2017 will be installed
on Sunday, January 29th during service.
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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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January 2017

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

For this month's newsletter, we are seeing the start of something new in our Synod. Instead of my interpretation I'd like to share Bishop Daniel's message directly:

Dear Friends in Christ,

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8).

Welcome to 2017: The Year of Grace. As we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, the Northwestern Ohio Synod will celebrate the gift of God's grace through worship, Bible study, book reading groups, and cultivating other faith practices.

A few years back, I was teaching an Adult New Members Class. As I covered some of the basic theological insights of Lutheranism, one of the students asked, "Pastor, if you were to pick 1 word to describe Lutherans, what would that 1 word be?" I didn't hesitate. The word is "grace".

As we gather for worship across the Northwestern Ohio Synod, we experience the presence of God, in Jesus Christ, through Word and Sacrament. I love the reading from John's Gospel for Christmas Day, especially John 1:14, **"And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth"**. In Jesus Christ, we experience the Word of God incarnate. Through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we experience the power and the promise of God for the forgiveness of sins and salvation. God is truly present in the Word (both written and proclaimed) and in the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. We call this gift of Word and Sacrament the "means of grace", for this is how God comes to us.... by grace.

Our memory verse for the *Year of Grace* captures both God's intent and God's goodness. *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8)*. I would encourage you to memorize this Bible verse, and when I see you, and you recite this verse to me, you will be blessed. Just as our families, congregations, and communities will be blessed when we put God's grace in action. As a basic faith practice, think about ways that you may receive and extend God's grace.

Even as I write this *2017 Year of Grace* greeting, I am putting the finishing touches on a 7 session Bible study on the Letter to the Ephesians. Look for it soon.

I am also planning to lead 2 book studies in 2017 (see the links below).

This winter, we will begin *Brand Luther* by Andrew Pettegree. Talking sheets for your book club / study group will be shared electronically in mid-January and at the Sawmill Creek Leaders Retreat (January 17-19). Use your Christmas gift cards to purchase *Brand Luther* and start forming your book club soon.

In the Fall, we will focus on the newly published *Luther's Small Catechism: 500 Years of Reformation* (Augsburg Fortress / 1517 Media). As our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton encourages, "I invite you to open, rediscover, and be renewed by this treasure again." Please note that the newly published edition of *Luther's Small Catechism* is available as a free app for both Apple and Android products. When you upgrade to the Study Edition (\$1.99) you will be blessed by an array of beautiful art work and an introduction by Dr. Timothy Wengert, Professor Emeritus of Reformation History and the Lutheran Confessions at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

Welcome to **2017: The Year of Grace**. There is much for us to experience together.

Let us pray, Good and gracious God, you welcome us into your life of blessing. Help us to see the world as you see the world: through the eyes of love and through a heart of hope. Lead us to receive and extend your precious grace, that our families, our congregations, and communities may be renewed and transformed. Lead us to be the grace-filled people you long for us to be. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**St. Paul Lutheran: Council Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2016**

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

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

Pastor Dave opened the meeting with devotions, highlighting the impact that Martin Luther and Lutherans have had on the Christmas traditions we still follow today.

Pastor's Report:

Christmas Eve Service. December 24th. 7:30 Special music. 8:00 Worship

January 1, 2017, Lessons and Carols

Pastor vacation days: Dec. 26-Jan. 1.

Advent Events, caroling and noisy offering have been enthusiastically received.

Currently, donations allow for two farms.

Official Acts: Funeral Services for Bill Cooper and Marilyn Heckler.

Pastor will be attending the Sawmill Retreat Event, January 17, 18, 19.

There will be new member classes starting in January 2017. Please let anyone know who is thinking about joining the church.

Youth and Family:

Parrish Ed. /Sunday School:

The youth presented their Christmas Play, "Manger Tales" for the congregation on Dec. 11. We all appreciate their enthusiasm and energy. Thank you to all who helped with the program.

The Sunday School/Christmas Program youth were excited to collect the Advent 'Noisy Offering' to benefit God's Global Barnyard. They dragged the little red wagon around throughout Advent, and have collected enough to donate two farms.

Sunday School will not meet on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.

Youth:

The youth were involved in the Christmas Program this month, and also cleaned up after soup suppers with proceeds from the freewill offering going toward the Global Barnyard project.

The youth enjoyed a Confirmation Christmas party, and then 22 members went Christmas Caroling after church. They became confident and enjoyed the experience, even willing to visit residents at the nursing home after done singing.

Tent Revival/Mission:

The Tent Revival Committee held a Shop-a-thon on Dec 3rd, with vendors, lunch and a bake sale. The committee also has chocolate, candy and calendars on sale for 2017. Thanks to the congregation for support of these events and sales

Women's Bible Study: No meeting in December.

Ministry: "Carrying On" did not meet in December.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the October and November 2016 meetings were approved.

Denise/Gaylord

Treasurer's Report:

Total Income November \$18,422.09

Total Expenses November \$20,850.54

We are Negative for the month of November -\$2,428.45

Total Income YTD: \$213,570.51

Total Expenses YTD: \$245,157.55

We are negative for the year: -\$31,587.04

FYI: \$20,000 from our budget was used to pay for the windows. This will be replaced from the Deckrosh/Legacy Fund.

We are actually -\$11,587.04 in the red.

\$10,000 has been taken from the savings to pay bills to cover deficits.

Gaylord/Jenny

Discipleship Report:

Deacons: More research is being done on the cost of new Deacon's robes. One estimate has the cost at \$135 for an adult robe. We are looking at white robes and for possible funds available for this purchase. Final decisions will be made in the new year.

Outreach: No Report.

Stewardship Report:

Giving envelopes are labeled and ready for pick up.

Trustee Report:

Building Use Requests: ADK Teacher Sorority, May 15, 2017, 4:00-8:00, Luther Hall and Kitchen, Virginia Prucha, Chris Korhn, Terri Ruyle.

Parker house: There are some electrical issues that need to be addressed this month. Renters are inquiring about new flooring in the dining room area. All needs are under discussion.

Old Business:

Noisy offering/God's Global Barnyard project: It was moved and passed to use \$8,000 of the tithe fund from the Deckrosh money, to go towards purchasing more gifts from the ELCA Good Gifts Catalogue/God's Global Barnyard. This will be in addition to the Advent noisy offering fund. Our youth will be meeting on January 11th to discuss what they would like to purchase with the additional tithe money. All church members are invited to join them and add ideas to the discussion. **Denise/Gaylord**

Review of job descriptions for church council positions, in particular, the Discipleship Chair, job of Deacons, Outreach and the church council organizational chart. Anyone interested in volunteering for the Outreach position please contact a church council member.

9.New Business:

- a. Our snow blower is old and beyond repair. A new snow blower has been purchased for \$700.
- b. All committees need to turn in reports to Lynn for the Annual Report for the Annual Meeting.
- c. The Auditing Committee will meet January 11, 2017.
- d. The Endowment Committee will meet in January.
- e. The Annual Meeting date is Sunday, January 29, 2017 in the Sanctuary immediately following worship.

For The Good of the Order:

Thank you to the anonymous donor who paid for the snow blower!

Great job Carolers for spreading Christmas cheer.

Thank you for donating two farms to the Global Barnyard.

Wow Mitten Tree! We donated: 35 scarves, 26 pairs of gloves and mittens, 75 hats, 1 set of slippers and a 6 pack of socks!

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40pm.

Jenny/Denise

Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer

The next council meeting will be January 17, 2017, at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Krouse

AGENDA ITEMS

FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR ANY COUNCIL MEMBER BY **JANUARY 9TH, 2017**

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY *FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 2017*

**INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS
WILL TAKE PLACE
DURING SERVICE ON
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017**

**ANNUAL MEETING AFTER SERVICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017**

SCHEDULES FOR JANUARY 2017

LECTOR: Joe Hiler

USHERS: 01 Team 2, Buggs Sierra, Captain
08 Team 3, Ned Ewers, Captain
15 Team 3, Ned Ewers, Captain
22 Team 4, Dan Tuttle, Captain
29 Team 4, Dan Tuttle, Captain

FLOWERS:

01 AVAILABLE
08 George & Ann Essex
15 AVAILABLE
22 AVAILABLE
29 AVAILABLE

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

BULLETINS:

01 AVAILABLE
08 AVAILABLE
15 AVAILABLE
22 AVAILABLE
29 AVAILABLE

COMMUNION SERVERS:

08 Kayly Brobston, Nicole Brobston, Jason Frederick
15 Stacy Barker
22 Jason Frederick
29 Julie Sasseen

COMMUNION SET-UP/PRESENTERS

08 John & Mary Dale

GREETERS:

LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS:

John & Mary Dale
Mert Grogg
Bill & Jane Parker
Chris Turner
Dan & Jane Tuttle

ACCOLYTES

01 Emma Fedderke, Janaya Vielma
08 Calib Brashear
15 Ryan Yeager
22 Joe Melia
29 Felicity Barker, Janaya Vielma

CRUCIFERS:

Suzi McBride

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
November	Income	\$ 18,422.09
	Expenses	\$ 20,850.54
		(\$ 2,428.45)

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	193

Official Acts in 2016

Baptisms

Elliott James Sierra
Lance Stuart Newman
Nora Lynn Newman
Catherine Beatrice Thomas
Abram Lee Seip
Kelsie Erica Pauley
Drakesyn Whit George

Weddings

Joshua Huddleston & Nikki Craig
Thad Scheurich & Tiffany Bostelman
Bryn Lehman & Lauren Fett
Mike Sierra & Marcela Rodriguez
Alex Schmidt & Caitlyn Lay

Confirmations

Kaylee Brashear
Jordan Sasseen

Deaths

Bernadine Fry
Karen Roth Stack
Eleanor Huner
Rowland Cooper
Marilyn Mehring
Susan Sisco Harris
Wesley Brown
Jennifer Dawn Geiger
William Cooper
Marilyn Heckler

Extended family...

Tim Eis
Velma Bunke



Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Jennifer Geiger

General Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Korhn
Becky Gutman

In Memory of William Cooper

General Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Korhn
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Krouse
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Moog
Mr. & Mrs. John Dale
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Davis
Mr. & Mrs. George Essex
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Heilman
Mr. & Mrs. Bernie Horzelski
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Lucas
Mr. & Mrs. Todd Melia
Mr. & Mrs. Alan Maag
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Parker
Mr. & Mrs. Gaylord Proxmire
Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Ricker
Mr. & Mrs. Buggs Sierra
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Tuttle
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bailey
Mr. & Mrs. Dyle Roth
Shirley Keller
Dee King
Dave Slocum
Mary Vogel
Becky Gutman
Charlotte Warncke

In Memory of William Cooper

Endowment Fund

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

If there is an error in this Memorial listing, please notify me
so I can correct my mistake. Thank you. Lynn

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN YOUTH FUNDRAISER MISSIONS & MINISTRY

1. Eat the sweet treat of mini M&M's in this container.
2. With your pocket change from everyone in the house fill the container with quarters. (We also accept bills & checks over the \$14.00)
3. Each time you put a quarter in the tube, or eat some M&M's, say a prayer for our mission trip to (Houston, Texas).
4. Hand it in to any of the Youth /Advisors OR to the church office by Sunday (January 29th).

If you choose not to return your container that is Okay!!!

Have a **SWEET** treat on us!

SPECIAL THANKS

To Thrivent Financial for **SUPPORTING**

Our **FUNDRAISER**



COLORS OF FAITH

YELLOW-

Represents God's perfect light

BROWN-

Represents our sins

RED-

Represents the blood Jesus shed for us

GREEN-

Represents the new life we have in Jesus

BLUE-

Represents our Baptism

ORANGE-

Represents the edge of night





A group for those who have lost a spouse

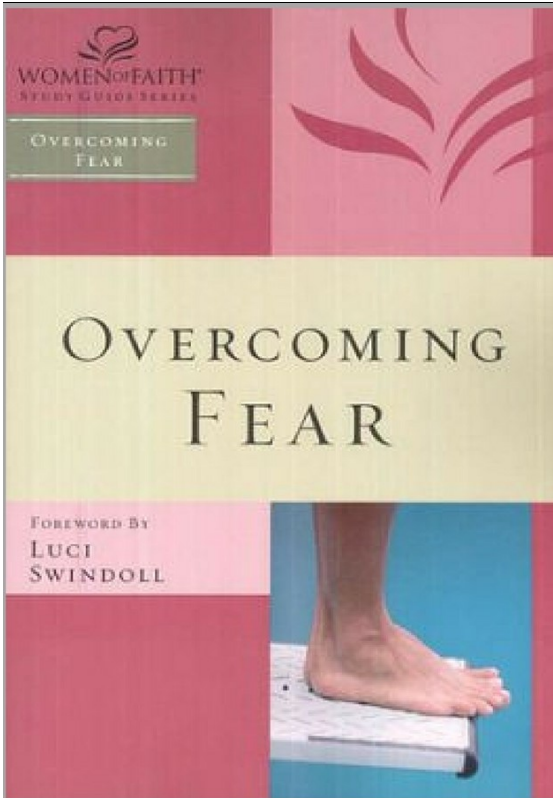
Meeting the 3rd Monday of each
month at St. Paul Lutheran Church
671 Clinton St. Defiance

Please note
we meet 1/2 hour earlier
to enable Conflict to
Communion class
attendees to come!

psalm 121
my strength
comes from
the Lord

Next
meeting
January 16
at 6:00 pm
ALL WELCOME

Enter doors across from
Defiance Jr. High Football Field
Questions? 419.956.1267



We Resume in January!

2nd and 4th
Thursdays

*Women's
Bible Study*
7-8 pm

Meeting
1/12 & 1/26

Led by
Julie Sasseen,
Marcella Ciccotelli, &
Sandy Herman
Questions?
419.956.1267

Our
current
study is
entitled
"Overcoming Fear"

ALL WELCOME!!!!
Questions? 419.956.1267
or 419.782.5771

We meet in
the lounge
at St. Paul Lutheran
Enter the door across
from the Jr. High
football field
and go upstairs.

Thank You...

My family and I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, visits and memorials for Bill in his long run of illness. And a special thanks to Pastor Dave for the wonderful service. Also, thanks to the ladies for the fantastic lunch.

We really appreciated it. Thank you again.
Martha Cooper

DEAR ST. PAUL'S STUDENTS.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING SUCH WONDERFUL, WARM HATS, SCARVES & MITTENS FOR OUR PATH CENTER CLIENTS! EVERYONE WAS SO EXCITED AND VERY APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR HARD WORK AND YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS. YOUR GENEROSITY WILL BE REMEMBERED BY ALL OF US.

**WITH GRATITUDE,
SUSAN CHEESEMAN
PATH CASE MANAGER**

From the Mitten Tree:

Hats	75
Slippers	1
Pairs of socks	6
Pairs of mittens	26
Scarves	35

Thank you to Larry & Kris Heilman for delivering these items to the PATH Center!!

Thank you to members of St. Paul and the church council for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts! It is greatly appreciated!! Happy New Year to each of you and I pray it goes a bit smoother than last year. If that is not to be, may God give us strength to endure the trials.

Blessings, Lynn

PS...my son is doing much better. Thank you so much for the prayers!!!

MARCH FOR LIFE - DEFIANCE

You are invited to participate in the March for Life on January 23, 2017 at 12 noon.

We will start at the Defiance Co. Courthouse and march to the Monument for Aborted Children at the corner of 5th and Jackson St. We will conclude the event in the church basement of St. John's Catholic Church.

This event is for everyone who believes abortion must end.

Come give witness for the unborn life in the womb.

LIFE IS PRECIOUS



The St. Paul Lutheran Youth
are planning a

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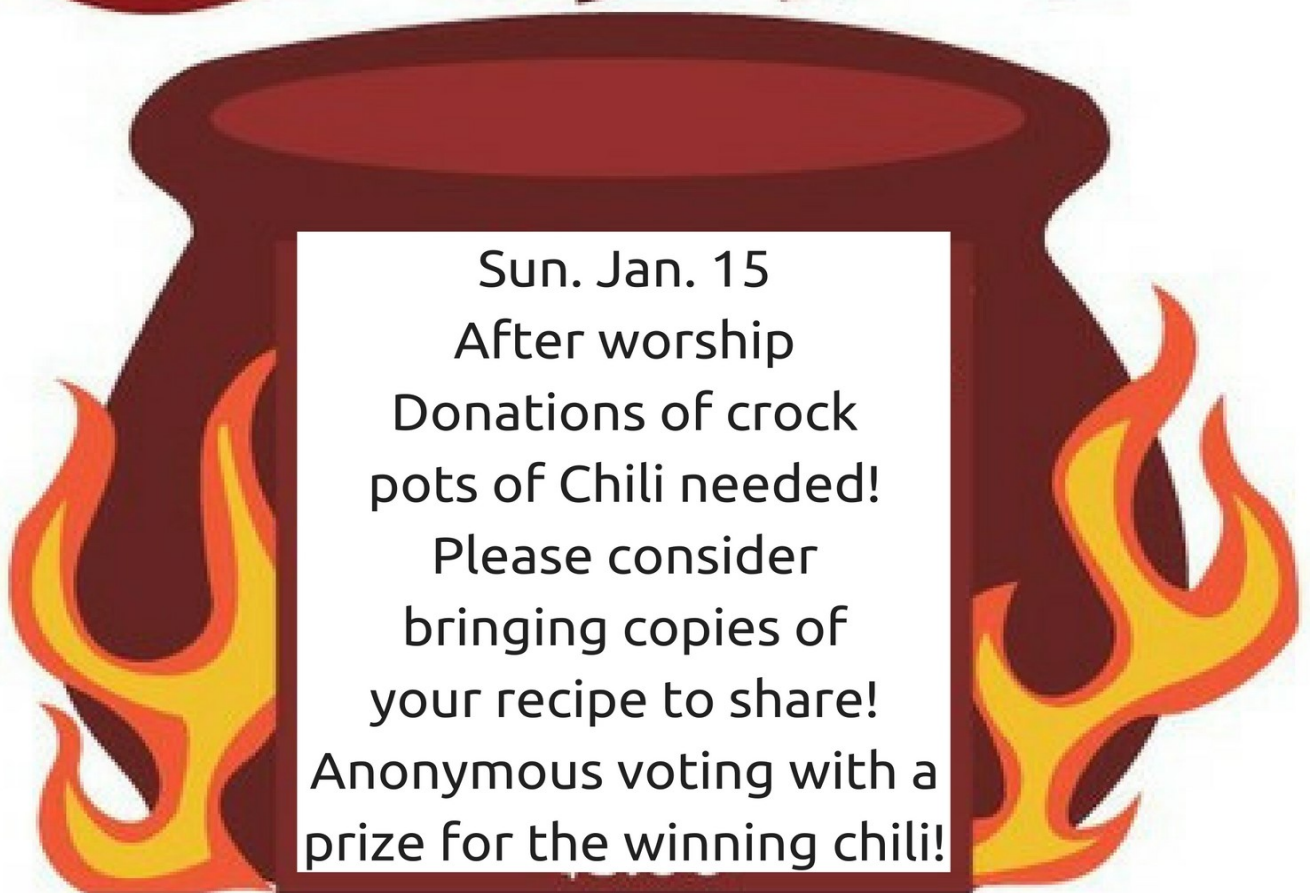
A New Year's

2017 YOUTH KICK OFF PARTY

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January 11, 6 pm
Bring a snack to share
ALL YOUTH INVITED
Grade K and UP

CHILI DINNER



Sun. Jan. 15
After worship
Donations of crock
pots of Chili needed!
Please consider
bringing copies of
your recipe to share!
Anonymous voting with a
prize for the winning chili!

**Free will donation
benefits the
Tent Revival**

Youth Skate!!

AT BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

Sunday, January 15

JLL & DIRT Youth will eat lunch
at the St. Paul Chili Supper after
church

Skating is 3:30-5:20 pm

Admission &
skate rental covered
Youth may bring
money for snacks



**A SPECIAL THANKS to
all who made our 1st
Gathering fundraiser a
GREAT SUCCESS!**

THANK YOU FROM:

Felicity Barker

Kaylee Brashear

Caitlin Flickinger

Caroline Turner



THRIVENT - JANUARY 2017



♪ Should old acquaintance be forgot,
and never brought to mind?♪
♪ Should old acquaintance be forgot,
and old lang syne?♪

This traditional song that is used during the New Year's eve celebrations was taken from a poem written by Robert Burns in 1788 and set to the tune of a Scottish folk song. The term "old lang syne" is a phrase used at the time that has a similar meaning as "Once upon a time" when retelling fairy tales in the Scots language.

Looking back to this past year, I wrote about many different things from the books I've read. One of the last books I read is the newest Mitch Albom book "The magic strings of Frankie Presto." The story describes the life of this musician "Frankie" as seen by many of the people he encountered in his life, as told by the entity of "Music". This led me to think about this coming year being one that I will try to look at something related to music in each of my articles. And so that is how the song above seemed to be a good one to start with for 2017.

As we look back to the events of this past year, Thrivent Action teams helped out many of the events for fundraising for the ReCharge group including a Potato Bar in March and also helping with St. Paul Tent Revival last summer. By the way, the ReCharge weekend is filled with a great deal of music. The Tent Revival certainly was full of many wonderful musicians and beautiful singing voices up front and in the seats.

We also had a fundraiser for the Relay for Life in June with Kristen Zachrich's help. There were many volunteers for the Community VBS at Defiance College campus again. The voices of the singing young people is certainly a beautiful part of this event.

We had a couple Action teams this fall to help the youth fundraisers for their next National Youth Gathering. In October an Action team helped with the dinner we hosted for our new Bishop Beaudoin. We kept busy and there are more things planned for this year. Thank you to everyone who applied for the Action Team, and helped with these events.

At this time of year, it is still important to remember to go online or make the phone call to the Thrivent offices to designate your Thrivent Choice dollars you earned in 2016. If you need help, let me know and I can walk you through the process.

Thank you for all the ways you have helped out our congregation in the past year and I look forward to a New Year of many more events and projects. Let the music fill you with happiness.

Cathy Martin, Thrivent Congregational Advocate



Women's Retreat 2017 Information

Q: What is it?

A: A Recharge weekend is a chance for you to get away to focus on yourself and God. A chance to pause. Breathe. Pray. Time to open yourself up to your relationship with God and connect with a group of women who love Him too. It is a place where surprising things will happen as we gather to see what God is up to in our lives.

Quotes from those who have attended:

"I wasn't sure I even wanted to go my first time. I felt happy in my relationship with God. But I never imagined how much better it could be. Now how much it would mean to meet Christian friends."

"I went after hearing about it from a friend. I wasn't sure I would even stay. Honestly I can't begin to tell you how welcome I felt

from the moment I got there. I don't know when I have smiled so much. And I re-connected with God. It has changed my faith life to feel it in near."

Q: Do I have to talk?

A: No. Really. No. We do not pressure you to participate. We welcome sharing. We never require it.

Q: So what do we do there?

A: It is unlike any other retreat you've attended. Team members have prepared to tell you stories from our lives about how God works throughout the Christian life. Come see how God is powerfully active in each of us. We also spend time in personal prayer, community prayer, and in fellowship and fun. We come together to Recharge our faith life.

Q: We spend the night?

A: The Recharge team recommends you come prepared to spend the night. It is not required but often we have found people who did not plan to stay really wish they had. We have comfortable air mattresses for you. Just bring some bedding/sleeping bag and your

pillow. IF you want to return to your own bed however, that is not a problem. Please try to stay to the end on Saturday night, and return first thing Sunday morning. Otherwise you will miss a great deal. Also, may we suggest? Pack a bag and leave it in the car in case you change your mind. You wouldn't be the first.

Q: What about food?

A: Delicious food is provided for you. If you have any special needs or allergies please let us know and we will attempt to accommodate them.

Q: How much is this going to cost?

A: There is an anonymous free will donation at the end of the weekend. Do not let cost be a barrier.

Q: How do I sign up?

A: We're glad you asked! You can call Stacy Baker 419-769-3412 OR St. Paul Lutheran Church and register by phone or fill out the form on the other side of this Q & A Sheet.

The Recharge Team knows it can be hard to commit to your first retreat. We were uncomfortable too. But we'd encourage you to come give it a try. It is 1 1/2 winter days that may lead you to a closer walk with the Jesus who loves you dearly. Come find out what is in store for you.



Women's Retreat

Please mail/email/call in your completed registration to:

St. Paul Lutheran Church
671 Clinton St.
Defiance, Ohio 43512
Phone: 419-782-5771 or
Stacy @ 419-769-3412 or Email

stpaulyouthandfamily@gmail.com

Recharge Women's Retreat Form

____ Yes, I wish to attend the Recharge Women's Retreat at St. Paul Lutheran Church on February 4th and 5th, 2017

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE: Home: _____ Work: _____

Cell: _____

Please provide 3 contact people from among your family and friends.

1. Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

3. Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please specify any special dietary needs or allergies you may have;

This weekend is all about God, faith, and fun. Plan to arrive at 8 am on Saturday, February 4th for breakfast. We encourage comfortable clothing and staying overnight here at St. Paul. All meals and snacks are provided. Just bring a change of clothes, any toiletries you might need and a sleeping bag. We will send you a welcome letter to provide you some additional information. Now prepare yourself for a great get away!

Are you not able to attend both days? Please let us know when you are able to attend. _____ Please understand that there are limited spots available and priority will be given to registrants who will be attending both days. If you can't attend both days please don't let this stop you from registering. We will place your name on the list and let you know if we are unable to fulfill your registration.

Questions? Phone Stacy Barker @ 419-769-3412.

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	Phil Fogt
Mary Frost	Roger Grogg	Leland Guisinger
Hal Haviland	Dan Hermiller	Shirley Homan
Janice Johansen	Ruth Johnson	Randy King
Tammy McCoy	Jodie Mellos	Dani Merillat
Ted Nicely	J.T. Nusbaum	Dean Purdy
Marilyn Purdy	Esther Reimund	Kristen Sanders
Richard Sherman	Betty Steed	Mona Snyder
Ella Suderman	Dee Weisenfelder	Alexis Alice
Anne Becky Z	Bob	Carol Chris
Cindy Dan	Dean	Devin Don
Doug ElaineEric	George	Grace Hal
Jerry Jim	Joan	Jodi John
Jon Josie	Les	Lucas Maddie
Marlene Mary	Matt	Myka Joy Pauline
Phyllis Roland	Sally	Scott Sheena
Stacey Steve	Steven	Sue Tammy
Thelma Tom		

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

LeAnn Bohn, Pauline Cordray, Rosemary Mehring, Agnes Rudolph, 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

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

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 2017

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 10:15 am Worship/Comm. Lessons & Carols	2 Church offices closed. Happy New Year!	3	4	5	6 Epiphany	7
8 9 am SS/Conf. 10:15 am Worship/Comm. Take down the greens in church	9 7-8 pm Conflict to Communion	10	11 New Year's Party for youth 6-7:30 pm JLL/DIRT/K-1 7:00 pm Choir	12 7-8 pm Women's Bible Study	13 <div>Deadline for agenda items for Annual meeting</div>	14
15 9 am SS/Conf. 10:15 am Worship/Comm. CHILI cook-off after service Youth: Skate at BGSU	16 6:00 pm Carrying On 7-8 pm Conflict to Communion	17 6 pm Church Council	18 6-7:30 pm JLL/DIRT/K-1 7:00 pm Choir	19	20 <div>NEWS LETTER DEADLINE</div>	21
22 9 am SS/Conf. 10:15 am Worship/Comm Recharge: Assemble books	23 7-8 pm Conflict to Communion	24	25 1pm Beta Circle @ Jane Parker's 6-7:30 pm JLL/DIRT/K-1 7:00 pm Choir	26 7-8 pm Women's Bible Study	27	28
29 9 am SS/Conf. 10:15 am Worship/Comm Annual Mtg. & Installation of officers	30 7-8 pm Conflict to Communion	31	Set-up for Recharge Retreat! Retreat is February 4-5, 2017!!!			

January 2017

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
 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 Sassee
 Taylor Schultz
 1/19 Brandy Augliar
 Tony Hancock
 1/20 Denise Noffsinger
 1/22 Steven Barker
 Jenna Pauley
 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 & June Burke
 1/10 George & Ann Essex
 1/23 Josh & Nicole Huddleston
 1/24 Steve & 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
 1/11 Jerell Call
 1/14 Doug Engel
 1/18 Deb Hancock
 1/19 Nicole Brobston
 Diana Horzelski
 Susan McDowell
 1/21 Logan Elkins
 1/22 Doris Noffsinger
 Harper Spieth
 1/25 Mackenzie Gingrow
 1/28 Brenda Leonard
 1/31 Elliot Sierra

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,
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Music Director	Jeremy Davis
Nursery Attendant	Kim Alvarado

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Secretary	Collette Knight
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Trustee	Gaylord Proxmire
Stewardship	Jenny Maag

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