



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 20, ISSUE 11

December 2017



**Festival
Worship**

Prelude 7:30 pm

Worship 8 pm

*Anyone wishing to make a year end contribution
and have it credited for 2017*

*MUST have it in the offering no later than
Sunday, December 24th.*

*Any offerings that come in after December 24th
will be credited in January, 2018.*

Gentle Worship



~for extraordinary families~

Christmas Eve

*December 24,
2017 @ 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

671 Clinton St., Defiance, Ohio 43512

Phone: 419-782-5771

splcdefipastor@gmail.com

lynnsplcoffice@gmail.com

stpaulyouthandfamily@gmail.com

Web Page: <http://www.stpaullelca.defiance.com>

Simulcast on 102.7 FM



December 2017

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

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

Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.

Light three candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.

Light four candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He is coming, tell the glad tidings. Let your light be shining." (WITH ONE VOICE 670)

This Advent hymn is one of my favorite. A very simple hymn with a very simple tune – and we all know that I need a simple tune if I am going to stand a chance. This is the hymn we use when we light the Advent Wreath each Sunday during worship as we hear the promises of Angels to Shepherds, we hear the promise of the Prophecies of the coming Savior, we hear the song of Mary. We hear these promises and we wait. We wait for the birth of Jesus. We prepare for Immanuel – God with us. We add our candles, one by one as dim as they may be so that the world may prepare for the Light that is to come into the world. The Light that shines in the darkness and the darkness shall not overcome it.

In the month of December we, as the people of God at St. Paul's have many opportunities to invite others to share the light of Jesus. Whether it be inviting a friend to see Siberian Solstice, or to the Children's Program, or perhaps Soup Supper and Holden Evening Prayer. Maybe you have a friend who is lonely or grieving and you can bring them to Blue Christmas on the 17th. Perhaps this is the year you invite your neighbor or your sibling and their family to join you on Christmas Eve before the big gathering.

At the end of Matthew's Gospel we hear the command of Christ to his disciples and The Church, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." That's a huge ask for any of us. If you are like me that's a very intimidating thing. This Advent and Christmas is one of those opportunities for Christ's Church to not go... but to invite. To not worry about making disciples, but to invite others into the presence of Christ.

This Advent – this Christmas I invite you to pray. Pray for your neighbors, your friends, your family members. Ask God to guide you to that person that needs to see His Light. Ask God to open the door for you to invite. Be bold, be daring, step through that door and invite another to join you as we Light One Candle.

In Christ
PD



"Just a Little Christmas"

Sunday, December 17th 10:15 am

A Christmas youth led worship service
celebrating the love of Christ

Practice Schedule

ALL YOUTH come to practice:

12/6, 12/13, 5-6 pm

Sunday, Dec. 10 & 17

from 9-10 am

FULL DRESS REHEARSAL

for all youth

Sunday December 10, 11:15-2 pm.

Lunch provided.

**Please be
sure youth are
in Sunday
School to
practice!**



"Just a Little Christmas"
Sunday December
17, 10:15 am
A Christmas
worship service led by youth
celebrating the love of Christ

AND THE WORD
BECAME FLESH AND DWELT
among us and we beheld HIS GLORY.
John 1:14

The Advent Noisy Offering

will be going toward

God's Global Barnyard

The youth of St. Paul are collecting your spare change during worship (or anytime)!

One cold January evening when the total is counted our youth will gather and shop for life changing gifts-perhaps even a PIG!



Pig \$30

Not your average holiday ham

Give something unexpected this Christmas. The gift of a pig can help a family escape hunger and poverty — for good.

[donate now](#)

The image shows a pig wearing a red Santa hat with white trim, set against a blue background with white snowflakes. The pig is looking directly at the camera with its front paws visible.

THE GIRLS OF ST. PAUL gathered \$242.62 the FIRST WEEK! Will the boys be able to top them???



INSTRUCTED BY: EMBELLISH ART BY DANAE SALYERS

Paint & Prize

SOUP LUNCHEON
(FREE WILL DONATION)
SERVED AT 11:30

ART CLASS 12:30 - 2:30
ALL SUPPLIES INCLUDED

\$30

DECEMBER 10TH, 2017
PROCEEDS WILL HELP SEND ST. PAUL'S
YOUTH TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION
IN 2018.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Defiance, Ohio
Call 419-769-3412 to reserve your seat!
(only 30 seats available)

Blue

Christmas Service

Sunday, December 17 at 7 pm

St. Paul Lutheran Church

All Welcome

Peaceful worship for everyone
who feels a sense of darkness, grief, or struggle
this Christmas season

We join together
to renew our hope, pray, and remember that
Christ came to overcome this world

"IN THIS WORLD YOU WILL HAVE
TROUBLE. BUT TAKE HEART!
I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD."



Pick up your FREE Advent Devotional
Handed out after worship &
Let's ponder together:

Keep Awake: What are you watching for?

Prepare: What are you preparing for?

Do Not Be Afraid: What do you need to stop
fearing?

My Soul Magnifies the Lord: What are you
praising God for?

Together we fill in Color Posters
Relax & Color between SS & Church!
At Advent Soup & Holden!



**Advent Worship
Holden Evening
Prayer 6:45 pm**

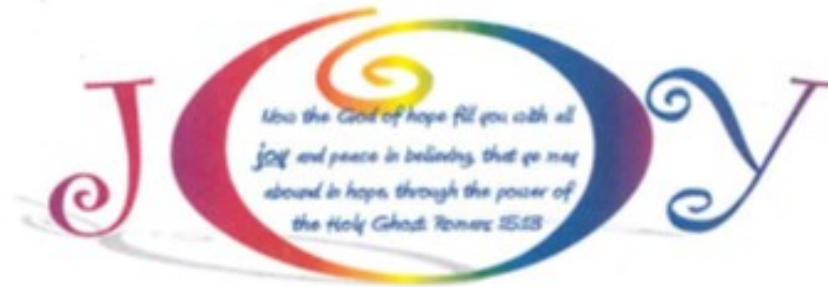
**preceeded by
Soup Supper**

Potluck of Soup & Bread

ALL WELCOME!!!

St. Paul Lutheran Church—671 Clinton St.





St. Paul Lutheran Church

Candy Sale Fund Raiser - for The Tent Revival

and The Youth Gathering

1 Pound Bags

Maple, Caramel, & Vanilla Clusters	\$7
Chocolate Covered Peanut Brittle	\$7
DD Chocolate Covered Peanuts	\$5
Malted Milk Balls	\$5
Orange Slices	\$3

1/2 Pound Bags

Peanut Butter Covered Pretzels	\$2.50
--------------------------------	--------

Candy is on sale NOW in the Narthex and at the handicapped entrance near the elevator. We are grateful for your purchase! Please make your selections and place the money in the cash bag. **Checks may be made out to St. Paul Lutheran/ Tent Revival. Enjoy and MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
Tent Revival and Youth Gathering

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

St. Paul Lutheran: Council Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2017

Attendance: Pastor Dave Brobston, Nancy Krouse, Jim Ehlinger, Denise Moog, Stacy Barker, Gaylord Proxmire, Shirley Keller, Jenny Maag, Julie Sasseen.

Pastor Dave opened the meeting with prayer and devotion.

1. Pastor's Report

- a. Blessing of the Badges
135 in attendance
37 First Responders received a blessing of their badges and helmets
Already working on plans for next year
- b. Blessing of the Pets
28 people
12 pets
- c. Discussed the possibility of the church hosting a First Aid Class. Intends to talk to Tim Moog about it and using it as a community outreach opportunity.

2. Accept Secretary's Report

(Denise/Jim)

3. Treasurer's Report

- a. Total Income for September 2017 is \$17,699.87, Total Expense for September 2017 is \$22,936.77
- b. New copier was paid for in September.
- c. Lutheran Disaster Relief: We sent in \$3,274 from church donations and \$3,274 in matching Deckrosh funds.

(Jim/Gaylord)

4. Youth and Family

- a. We are planning on doing a youth service for the annual Christmas Program. Youth will lead the service and perform the Christmas Story.
- b. Youth will be assisting with the Reformation Sunday German Dinner on October 22. This is the first fundraiser for the 2018 Tent Revival. A portion of the proceeds will go toward the youth gathering.
- c. Julie will be attending the 2018 Youth Gathering as a volunteer.
- d. Recharge Apple Dumplings are almost sold out. Baking will take place on October 13th and 14th.

5. Discipleship

- a. Shirley Keller and Julie Sasseen worked together to assess deacon robe needs and an order has been placed.
- b. Still working on the plans for a Reformation Sunday reception.

6. Stewardship:

- a. Offering envelopes were ordered. We cut back on the number of envelopes ordered. If they weren't picked up last year we didn't order them for this year. If someone wants them and they weren't ordered for them, we have extra.

7. Trustee Report

- a. Kayly Brobston has put in a request for Building Use on Friday November 17th and Saturday November 18th for an over night craft/quilting event. Approved by council (Denise/Jenny)
- b. Quote was received for re-keying the building. Cost would be \$924.00 for all doors being re-keyed and supply of 60 keys. Council has decided to table this for the time being.
- c. Reviewed New Electronic Sign Quote: Full Color \$34,214.00, Single Color \$30,476, plus the

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

cost of running power to the sign. Council has decided we are not interested in purchasing a digital sign due to cost and esthetics.

d. Reviewed quote to update our current sign. \$8,353.19. Update to be used as a Deckrosh Memorial. Pillars and Cross would stay. Motion to proceed with finalizing plans for new sign and pay out of Deckrosh Legacy Funds. Tim Moog to continue with plans. (Jim/Shirley)

e. Phone System Update: Quote was for \$8,721.48 The quoted system is more than what we need. Gaylord will be checking to see if a smaller, less expensive system is available.

f. Baker and Schindler: Received letter requesting list of problems with steps.

Motion to authorize trustee and president elect, in accordance with their office, to compile list and take pictures and submit to Baker and Schindler. (Denise/Stacy)

All in favor.

g. We received a bill and service contract from Current Office Solutions. We need to check to see if any copies are included in the contract and make sure our default on the computer is set to black and white or we will be charged for color copies. Copier is already paid for a call will be made to confirm they received our payment.

h. Accident in Parking Lot: No injuries, no liability on the churches end. Wollace Electric came and made repairs to church to get us back up and running with power. Richland will be coming to fix the soffiting. When we receive bills we will be checking with the insurance company to see how things need to be handled. There was damage to a tree in the parking lot during the accident. Gaylord will be contacting A Cut Above the Rest to trim the damaged limb.

8. Old Business

a. Deckrosh Tithing ideas: Discussed doing 50/50 Donations/Deckrosh.

9. New Business

a. Discussed tithe money and Deckrosh Fund and how we are monitoring spending.

b. We will work on gathering ideas for advent giving. Julie will talk with the youth to see if they have any ideas.

c. Discussed proposal of a Legacy Fund Committee and possible perimeters for the Legacy Fund.

10. For the Good of the Church

a. Prayers for the families who mourn.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer at 8:31 pm

Next Council Meeting will be held on November 14th, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

St. Paul Lutheran: Council Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2017

Attendance: Pastor Dave Brobston, Nancy Krouse, Denise Moog, Stacy Barker, Gaylord Proxmire, Shirley Keller, Jenny Maag, Julie Sasseen. Guest Presenters Dave Coonrod and Max Lambdin

Pastor Dave opened the meeting with prayer and devotion.

1. Guest Presenters

a. Dave Coonrod discussed concert benefit his band is participating in on December 9th as a fundraiser for Cherry Street Mission. A benefactor has come forward and will match funds raised up to \$7500. Tickets to the event are \$25 and can be purchased through Dave or at the door of the event. Max Lambdin of Cherry Street Mission shared the mission of Cherry Street Mission to end homelessness and hunger. They have recently purchased the old Macomber High School and are using it like a vocational education center. Cherry Street Mission helps assess addiction and mental health needs and works closely with many other agencies in the community to arrange services for people in need. Cherry Street serves 3 meals a day, 7 days a week. The meals are not free. Consumers can give a donation or if they are not able to donate money toward their meal they can work on a debit system where their meals can be earned. An advocate will sit with them and help them to determine how they can earn credit for their meals through establishing life skills by completing different courses.

2. Pastor's Report

a. Presented cross gift from St. Mary's Catholic Church that was sent as a gift to celebrate Reformation Sunday.

b. Holiday Service times

Sunday December 17th 10:15 am Worship – Christmas Program/Youth Service

Sunday December 24th, 2017

No Sunday School

Sunday Worship 10:15 am

Christmas Eve Music 7:30 pm

Christmas Eve Worship 8:00 pm

Sunday December 31st, 2017

No Sunday School

Sunday Worship 10:15 am

c. Arp's Dairy is sponsoring a New Years Eve event at Triangle Park. They approached St. Paul's requesting that we leave the doors unlocked for restroom use during their event. They disclosed that they will have a beer tent set up in front of the Defiance Middle School. Council decided to decline their request due to security concerns.

3. Accept Secretary's Report

(Denise/Gaylord)

4. Treasurer's Report

a. Total Income for October 2017 is \$22,167.32 Total Expense for October 2017 is \$25,299.77.

b. Paid \$6,256.00 to Wollace Electric for repairing damaged caused by the accident in the parking lot. Will be dealing with insurance company. Borrowed from the savings to pay until everything is settled with the insurance companies.

c. Discussion over request to transfer \$100,000 from Deckrosh for major capital expenses like future paving of the parking lot, the new sign, and other capital improvements that we have recently made but have not received our invoices for yet.

d. Motion to approve treasurer's report

(Stacy/Jenny)

5. Youth and Family

a. Preparing for Youth Service/Christmas Program on December 17th, 2017.

b. Youth groups are active and well attended. Youth are partnering with the Tent Revival team on

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

several fundraisers. Youth assisted with set up and serving at the German Dinner and Thanksgiving Dinner and will be selling Christmas candy with the Tent Revival Team. Schmidt's hosted a game night for the High School youth at their home this month.

c. Tent Revival: Recent events have been well attended and successful. Thanks to the congregation for their generous support, both financially and with your help.

e. Recharge retreat registration opened online in mid October and we already have 31 women signed up to attend the retreat in February. There are participants flying in as far as from Colorado and several more from Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. Our prayers continue that more of our St. Paul family will sign up ASAP at <https://recharge2018.eventbrite.com>. Apple Dumplings were a huge success with making 701 apple dumplings. Our team hosted a ecumenical potluck on 11/13/17

f. The new Deacon robes are in and loved.

6. Discipleship

a. A donor came forward to pay for the new deacons robes.

7. Stewardship: Envelopes have arrived, they just need labeled yet.

8. Trustee Report

a. Pastor Dave's office door lock has been worked on and is now working great.

b. Reviewed reason for large expense for the phone system. Cost is due to the man power and need to put in a new cable. Discussed contacting Sonit to see if they are willing to come teach Lynn how to fix the time stamp and provide some tech support. Motion for Gaylord to call Sonit to see if they will come out to train Lynn and fix the time stamp. All in favor. (Denise/Jenny)

c. Goliath tree service will trim a tree that was damaged during the accident in the parking lot. A bill was received for \$50 to pay when the service is complete. Gaylord to call to see if they will give us a heads up when they plan to come so we can be sure to have the parking coned off under and around where the tree will be trimmed.

d. Doug McDonald will be taking care of repairs from the accident to prevent water damage to the building.

e. There has been no further contact from Baker and Schindler. If anything comes in the mail, calls will be expedited to the council president, president elect and trustee.

9. New Business

a. \$30,000 Deckrosh Tithing Monies: Discussed what congregation had brought up for tithing suggestions. The highest percentage vote was for Raven's Care at 60% Discussed trying to reach a local, regional and international level of giving. Motion was made to split tithes equally between 4 ministries:

Shalom Ministries - \$7500

ELCA World Hunger – Global Barn Yard - \$7500

Raven's Care - \$7500

Cherry Street Mission - \$7500

All in favor, motion passed

(Denise/Gaylord)

b. Legacy Fund bylaw planning: Reviewed the bylaws in place for the endowment committee to start with a template for the Legacy Funds. We will invite John Boesling and Steve Korhn to help us interpret how funds need to be handled. Discussed funds to be used with a focus on Mission and Outreach with 25% of annual growth as accessible funds for missions and outreach. Using funds for capital improvements with a 50/50 matching funds from donations/Legacy Fund. Discussed including an Emergency Fund so we can take loans from the Legacy Fund and reimburse with insurance reimbursement if needed.

c. Motion to move \$100,000 from legacy funds to the savings account to pay for expected expenses such as the boiler, possible additional payment on the steps, past capital improvement expenses that we are still being billed for, the new sign and the \$30,000 tithing money. This would leave approximately \$261,000 in the Legacy Fund.

Motion Passed

(Denise/Gaylord)

10. For the Good of the Church:

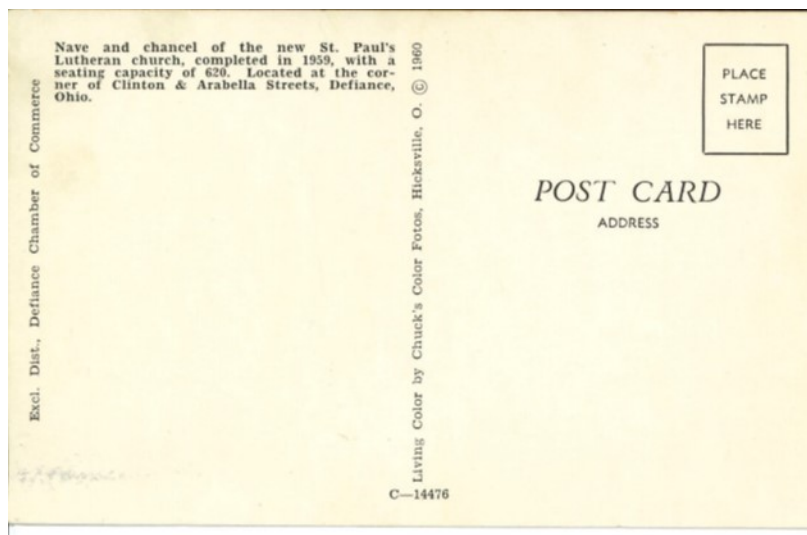
- a. Thanks and Praise for all God's great gifts during this season of Thanksgiving. May God grant us the energy and bless us as we continue to do his work.
- b. Thank you to all who provided such a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner last Sunday, and to all who served for our fall receptions. We appreciate these opportunities for fellowship.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer at 9:00 pm

Next Council Meeting will be held on December 12^h, 2017 at 6:00 pm.



A Blast From the Past...



St. Paul Lutheran: Budget and Election Meeting Minutes
11/19/17

Meeting called to order at 11:30 am by Nancy Krouse

Pastor Dave opened the meeting with prayer and devotion.

1. Ballot and Budget were handed out to members of the congregation to review.
 - a. Lowell Ricker pointed out concern that Bill Krouse was on the ballot for the nominating committee which is a one year term and not eligible for reelection and he was on the nominating committee last year as well. Nancy Krouse stated that is was not in violation because he volunteered for the position last year to fill a vacancy and that the constitution has often been overlooked on this matter in years past. Ricker suggested that the constitution may need revised on this matter.
 - b. Move to close the ballot (Pastor Dave Brobston/ Denise Moog)
Passed
 - c. Move to elect as affirmation due to no opposing nominations.
(Pastor Dave Brobston/ Chris Turner)
Passed
 - d. Chris Turner asked about cut in the budget for Youth Ministry when it is a Youth Gathering year. Explained that no changes can be made to the budget at this time we either vote to accept or reject the budget.
 - e. Motion to reject the budget (Chris Turner/Kayly Brobston)
Prior to a vote taking place Bill Krouse offered to pay the \$500 decrease in the Youth Ministries line item if she would withdraw her motion.
 - f. Withdraw of Motion (Chris Turner)
 - g. Discussion of some struggle with meeting current budget in 2017 and how we plan to meet the budget with an increase in 2018. Several members of the congregation suggested going forward in faith.
 - h. Call for Question (Jim Ehlinger)
2. Announcement of Tithing Plans for Deckrosh Funds
 - a. Raven's Care \$7500
Cherry Street Mission \$7500
Shalom Ministries \$7500
ELCA World Relief – Global Barn Yard - \$7500 will be added into the Noisy Offering for Advent collection.
3. Budget Vote Announced
 - a. 60 to 15 - 2018 Budget was passed
4. New Council Members are invited to attend the December and January meetings.
5. Motion to adjourn meeting at 11:59 (Jim Ehlinger/Bill Parker)

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting will be held on December 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

SCHEDULES FOR DECEMBER 2017**LECTOR:** Chris Korhn

USHERS: 03 Team 2, Buggs Sierra, Captain
 10 Team 3, Ned Ewers, Captain
 17 Team 3, Ned Ewers, Captain
 24 Team 4, Dan Tuttle, Captain
 31 Team 4, Dan Tuttle, Captain

FLOWERS: 03 Ron & Lori Yaw
 10 Larry Saxton
 17 Martha Cooper
 24 Janice Sisco
 31 Available

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

BULLETINS: 03 Available
 10 Pastor Dave & Kayly Brobston
 17 Jeannette Melia
 24 Mary Geiger
 31 Available

COMMUNION SET-UP

24 Jason Frederick, Julie Sasseen (10:15 am & 8 pm)

PRESENTERS:

24 John & Mary Dale present @ 8pm

COMMUNION SET-UP/SERVERS:

03 Stacy Barker, Jason Frederick, Lori Brandt
 10 Julie Sasseen
 17 Jason Frederick
 24 Jason Frederick, Julie Sasseen
 24 @ 8pm Nicole Brobston, Jacob Rosebrock
 31 Julie Sasseen

GREETERS:**LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS:**

Jim & Cathy Martin
 Dyle & Eleanor Roth
 Dave Slocum

ACCOLYTES

03 Ryne Maag, Lauren Melia
 24 Christmas Eve service @ 8pm
 Lexi Barker, Calib Brashear Symara Hagerman

CRUCIFERS:

Please let me know by 12/20/17 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 2017

January	Income	\$ 19,813.19
	Expenses	(\$ 19,986.11)
	Total	(\$ 172.92)
February	Income	\$ 16,052.35
	Expenses	(\$ 21,856.91)
	Total	(\$ 5,804.56)
March	Income	\$ 19,212.68
	Expenses	(\$ 20,354.90)
	Total	(\$ 1,142.22)
April	Income	\$ 22,237.19
	Expenses	\$ 19,946.65
	Total	\$ 2,290.54
May	Income	\$ 20,866.79
	Expenses	(\$ 20,998.48)
	Total	(\$ 131.69)
June	Income	\$ 18,765.92
	Expenses	(\$ 19,605.30)
	Total	(\$ 839.38)
July	Income	\$ 21,683.88
	Expenses	\$ 19,619.88
	Total	\$ 2,064.00
August	Income	\$ 17,999.04
	Expenses	(\$ 20,600.73)
	Total	(\$ 2,601.69)
September	Income	\$ 17,699.87
	Expenses	(\$ 22,936.77)
	Total	(\$ 5,236.90)
October	Income	\$ 22,167.32
	Expenses	(\$ 25,299.77)
	Total	(\$ 3,132.45)

AVG WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT 2017

Jan	115	July	93
Feb	129	Aug	86
Mar	178	Sept	103
Apr	186	Oct	112
May	111	Nov	127
June	116	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..

Coit Black	Debbie Doan	Fred Fitzenrider
Sharon Fitzenrider	Phil Fogt	Mary Frisinger
Kenny Frost	Mary Frost	Roger Grogg
Leland Guisinger	Hal Haviland	Liz Hermiller
Janice Johansen	Ruth Johnson	Charlene Larson
Brenda Leonard	Tammy McCoy	Ron McDowell
Jodie Mellos	Dani Merillat	Al Moll
J.T. Nusbaum	Cheryl Parsons	Dean Purdy
Marilyn Purdy	Esther Reimund	Bud Sailer
Kristen Sanders	Ella Suderman	Alexis Alice
Anne Baby Grace	Becky Z	Bob Chris
Corbin Devin	Don Doug	Elaine Eric
Gina Grace	Hal Jack	Jerry Jim Jodi
John Jon	Josie Larry	Les Lori
Lucas Maddie	Marlene Marvin	Mary Matt
Myka Joy	Pat Pauline	Phyllis Richard
Roland Sally	Scott Sheena	Stacey
Steve Steven	Sue Tammy	Thelma Tom

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

LeAnn Bohn, June Burke, Pauline Cordray,
Ned & Dorothy Dunbar, Rosemary Mehring,
Agnes Rudolph, Brenda Schultz, Wilma Seip,
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.



**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 22nd, 2017
*Thank You!!***

Memorial Gifts

***In Memory of Sharon Gearing
General Fund***
Paul Gearing

Endowment Fund
Mr. & Mrs. John Boesling

***In Memory of Richard Yeager
General Fund***
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Parker

***In Memory of Laurie Lucas
General Fund***
Service Guild

***In Memory of Chuck Sisco
New Holden Books***
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Parker

Thank you...

I'd like to thank Pastor Dave, Pastor Keith, Lori, Lynn and Bill Parker for helping make Laurie's funeral special. Also, to the members of St. Paul for their cards and personal contacts and to the women who helped make a wonderful lunch!

Thank you, also, to the members of St. Paul for the cards and personal contacts for my 80th birthday. You helped make that day very special!

Thank you.
In Christ Love,
Dave Slocum & family



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

THRIVENT DECEMBER 2017

Merry Christmas!

This holiday may have more songs written about it than any other. You can pick from a long list and we all have our favorites. It is hard to choose just one. But the carols that were first sung in Europe thousands of years ago, were not Christmas carols—they were pagan songs. The word carol originally meant to dance to something and it happened around the winter solstice (December 21-22) and also a song of praise and joy. The early Roman and Greek Orthodox churches had

composers writing carols but since they were mostly sung in Latin, most common people did not sing them. Things changed with St. Francis of Assisi when he wrote Nativity Plays in Italy and the players sang in the language of the people who were watching. These new carols spread all over Europe. Some of the earliest songs are “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” in early 1700’s and “Silent Night” in early 1800’s. As Reformation changed many things, it also brought more singing and music to the worship services. Join us and enjoy our beautiful music of this season!

♪ *Angels from the Realms of Glory.* . . ♪ *Angels We Have Heard on High.* . . ♪ *Away in a Manger.* . . ♪ *Go Tell it On the Mountain.* . . . ♪ *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice.* . . ♪ *Hark the Herald Angels Sing.* . . ♪ *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear.* . . ♪ *Jingle Bells.* . . ♪ *Joy to the World.* . . . ♪ *O Come, All Ye Faithful.* . . ♪ *O Little Town of Bethlehem.* . . . ♪ *Silent Night, Holy Night.* . . ♪ *The First Noel.* . . ♪ *What Child is This.* . .

Remember to designate your Choice Dollars. You are able to donate these each year. These funds are an additional way to share with others.



Enjoy the holiday time with your family and friends. Sing the carols you love the most. One of my best memories is always when we sing together as a family on Christmas eve, in special low candlelight, “Silent Night”.

Cathy Martin,

Thrivent Congregational Advocate

SIBERIAN SOLSTICE

A Trans-Siberian Orchestra Tribute Band

and

ONE SPIRIT GOSPEL QUARTET

— *present* —

THE ANGEL'S GIFT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9



with host & emcee
Denny Schaffer
of Q105FM

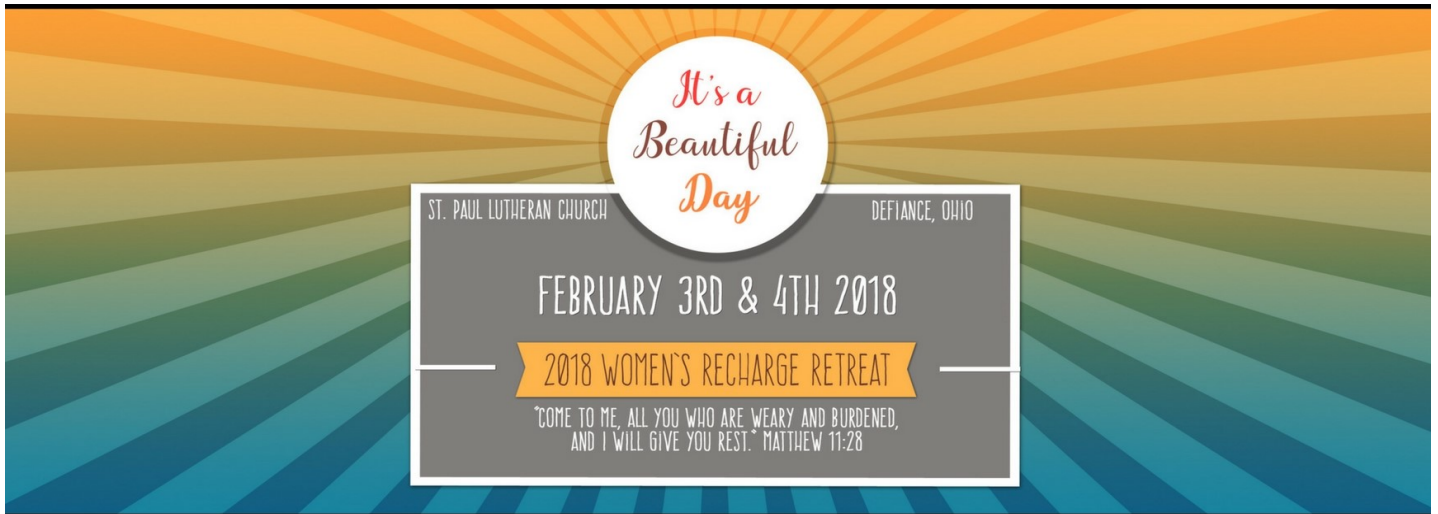
Doors open at 6:30pm
Show starts at 7pm

100% to benefit
Cherry Street
DONATION \$25

CHERRY ST.
MISSION MINISTRIES

Life Revitalization Center
1501 Monroe Street
Toledo 43604

Tickets are available at the door or from Dave Coonrod.



We have some wonderful news!

We are preparing to welcome
the biggest group of women EVER
to the February Recharge Retreat.

Our members have always given
to supply all weekend drinks.
But with many guest come increased expenses.



Near the flower sign up is a poster with labels like this.
If you can provide an item, please take the label as your
reminder and our way to track
how many donations are coming.
MANY GRATEFUL THANKS!



It's a Beautiful Day

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

DEFIANCE, OHIO

Join us for an all women's overnight retreat! Come experience a renewal of your spirit, and connection to Christ that will leave you feeling spiritually recharged! Enjoy a weekend filled with prayer, worship, new friendships and great food.

Hear testimonies of God's work in the lives of today's women. Leave your stress and worries behind and join us for this amazing life changing weekend.

Women of all denominations are welcome!

Register Online: <https://recharge2018.eventbrite.com>

Have Questions? Call Julie Sasseen @ 419-956-1267

“COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED,
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.” MATTHEW 11:28

FEBRUARY 3RD & 4TH 2018

2018 WOMEN'S RECHARGE RETREAT

A TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA TRIBUTE BY “SIBERIAN SOLSTICE”

The talented musical group from northwest Ohio will one again be providing an exciting and inspirational Christmas show with music as originally performed by the nationally acclaimed “Trans-Siberian Orchestra”

You are invited for the 2017 Christmas season at the following locations:

12/01 @ 7:00 pm	Defiance Christian Church	Defiance
12/02 @ 7:00 pm	Bryan Arts and Education Auditorium	
12/03 @ 7:00 pm	Kingsley UMC	Van Wert
12/08 @ 7:00 pm	Fayette Opera House	Fayette
12/09 @ 7:00 pm	Cherry St. Mission Benefit Life Revitalization Center	Toledo
12/10 @ 7:00 pm	Payne Churches Group Payne Elementary School Auditorium	Payne
12/15 @ 7:00 pm	McClure UMC	McClure
12/16 @ 7:00 pm	Hope Lutheran Church	Toledo
12/17 @ 7:00 pm	St. John's UCC	Holgate
12/22 @ 7:00 pm	Huber Theater	Hicksville
12/23 @ 7:00 pm	The Gathering Place (Valentine Theater)	Defiance

For more info go to <http://www.siberiansolstice.com/>

2018 Envelopes are ready to be picked up. Look for your name since we have added new members and you may have a different number for 2018.

The Altar Flower & Bulletin Cover sign up sheets for 2018 are posted in the handicap entrance. Please sign up for your special dates soon!!

Needed:

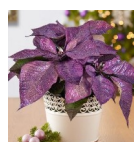
Audio Visual Person for St. Paul Lutheran Church. If interested, see Bill Parker, Ron Huner or Pastor Dave.

It's time to order your Christmas plants and let me know what you'd like printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Bulletins will be printed Wednesday, December 20th, in the early afternoon. Kircher's and Fancy Petals will deliver to the church or you may pick one up at a local place of business (Kroger, Meijer, Walmart, Lowes...)

Fancy Petals: 419-782-4353

Kircher's: 419-784-5321

Thank you. Lynn





The Nativity

St. Paul Lutheran December 2017

671 Clinton St., Defiance, Ohio 43512* Phone (419) 782-5771* Fax (419) 782-3934
 Email: lynnsplcoffice@gmail.com Pastor: splcdefipastor@gmail.com Julie: stpaulyouthandfamily@gmail.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 9 am Sunday School 9 am Confirmation 10:15 am Worship/Comm.	4	5	6 11:30 am Beta Circle Christmas Luncheon 5-6pm play practice 6pm soup supper 6:45pm Holden 7:15pm Choir	7	8	9 Siberian Solstice - 7pm Toledo
10 9 -10am play prac. 9 am Confirmation 10:15 am Worship/Comm. Kids' Christmas Program full dress rehearsal @ 11:15 Paint & Praise -12:30	11	12 6pm Church Council	13 5-6pm play practice 6 pm soup supper 6:45 pm Holden 7:15 pm Choir	14	15 NEWS- LETTER DEADLINE	16
17 9 am Confirmation 10:15 am Worship/Comm. Kid's program - Just a Little Christmas 7:00 pm Blue Christmas	18	19	20 6-7:30 pm Youth 6 pm soup supper 6:45 pm Holden 7:15 pm Choir	21	22	23
24 10:15 am Worship/Comm. 1:30 pm Gentle Worship @ DC 7:30 pm Prelude 8:00 pm Candle-light Service Last day for contribu- tions for credit in 2017.	25  CHURCH OFFICES ARE CLOSED	26	27	28	29	30
31 10:15 am Worship/Comm.						

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA
671 CLINTON STREET
DEFIANCE, OH 43512-2654

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



D
E
C
E
M
B
E
R

2
0
1
7

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	Steven Wendell
Nursery Attendant	Kim Alvarado

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
Habitat for Humanity

2017 Church Council

President	Nancy Krouse
V. President	Jim Ehlinger
Treasurer	Denise Moog
Secretary	Stacy Barker
Discipleship	Shirley Keller
Trustee	Gaylord Proxmire
Stewardship	Jenny Maag



St. Paul Lutheran December 2017

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

12/1 Molly Zachrich
 12/2 Logan Elkins
 12/3 Harold Hahr
 Jolene Hagerman
 12/4 Heath Ehlinger
 Zada Kochel
 Mike Pierson
 John Stykemain
 12/5 Nicole Brobston
 Ashley Snyder
 12/6 Doug Engel
 Chad Stambaugh
 Terry Woods
 12/7 Sarah Bowen
 12/8 Kayly Brobston
 12/12 Joe Voll
 12/14 Michaela Geiger
 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 Alane Evans
 Tim Rosebrock
 12/21 Carol Eitnearn
 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 Bodenburg
 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 Eitnearn
 12/29 Leland and Doris Noffsinger

CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES:

12/1 Richard Grunden
 12/9 Richard Haviland
 12/10 Doug Hancock
 12/11 Robert Fett
 Gaylord Proxmire
 12/12 Paul Gearing
 Julie Schutt
 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
 Julie Schutt
 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
 12/31 Tamara Funari



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