



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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January 2018

Happy New Year!

Please stay after church
Sunday, January 7th,
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.



**2018 envelopes are in the Sanctuary
and can be used beginning
January 1st, 2018. Thank you.
Please note:
your number may have changed!
Look for your name.**

**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE
DUE IN THE CHURCH
OFFICE BY FRIDAY,
JANUARY 12TH, 2018**

**INSTALLATION OF CHURCH
COUNCIL MEMBERS
WILL TAKE PLACE
DURING SERVICE ON
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018**

**ANNUAL MEETING AFTER
SERVICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018**



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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Simulcast on 102.7 FM



January 2018

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Looking Back at 2017 there were many joys and more than a few sorrows. The Revival continues to grow and it was a true joy to have Bishop Beaudoin here to preach on Friday night. Thanks to the Dekrosh funds we have been able to do many projects that kept getting pushed ahead and it had become critical that we take care of them before they turned into a critical emergency. The Noisy Offering and the joy of the Global Barnyard with our youth continues to be exciting for the young and the young at heart.

However, on a personal note, mom's illness and eventual death made the last half of 2017 difficult. Once again I want to thank the congregation for your notes, thoughts, and prayers as we walk together. Looking ahead to 2018 on a personal level I can joyfully say that Nicole will be graduating from Roanoke in May and either heading to Germany as a Fulbright Scholar or heading to grad school. No more tuition checks to write is why I have a bit of a bigger smile this Christmas season.

Looking ahead in the parish Bishop Beaudoin has called for 2018 to be The Year of Prayer for the Northwestern Ohio Synod. Our Synodical Bible Study will be centered around the Book of Nehemiah. Nehemiah was the Cup Bearer for King Artaxerxes. In his position he had heard that there was a remnant in Jerusalem and he petitioned the king to return and rebuild the walls and the city. Nehemiah's ministry – while very practical in the ways of logistics and engineering – was centered in and around constant prayer. Once again we will gather together on Sunday evenings during Lent to study together and pray together.

Also, modeling Nehemiah, we will be having 4 "Pray Day" Saturdays at St. Paul's. We will also open this to other congregations to join us each quarter. The morning will start with refreshments at 845, some teaching about prayer and a specific type of prayer at 9, a short break at 945, then from 10-11 we will take time to pray at various places around the church or in the community. We will gather back together at 11 for a few minutes of discussion and be on our way by 1130. The first of those will be Saturday morning March 3rd so keep your eyes open for more information coming up.

I've had a couple of questions about the language change by the Synod, the Bishop and others from "congregation" language to "parish" language. First, I was trained in Parish ministry, not congregational ministry while on internship. A Parish includes the congregation or congregations but extends beyond the doors and parking lots into the community. Think about Louisiana, they don't have counties – but parishes. By thinking that way, we grow to understand that our call as the people of God isn't just when we gather to worship behind closed doors, but when we work, golf, boat, and live with God's people in the Parish.

Blessings
PD+



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



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!

SCHEDULES FOR JANUARY 2018

LECTOR: Shirley Keller

USHERS:

07 Team 1, Jason Frederick, Captain
 14 Team 1, Jason Frederick, Captain
 21 Team 2, Buggs Sierra, Captain
 28 Team 2, Buggs Sierra, Captain

ALTAR FLOWERS:

07 **AVAILABLE**
 14 **AVAILABLE**
 21 **AVAILABLE**
 28 **AVAILABLE**

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

BULLETINS:

07 **AVAILABLE**
 14 **AVAILABLE**
 21 **AVAILABLE**
 28 **AVAILABLE**

COMMUNION SERVERS:

07
 14
 21
 28

COMMUNION SET-UP/PRESENTERS

07

LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS:

Mert Grogg
 Tim Moog
 Bill & Jane Parker
 Lowell & Sharon Ricker

ACCOLYTES

07 Ryne Maag, Lauren Melia

CRUCIFERS:

ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETIN COVERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE COMING MONTHS. CALL THE CHURCH PHONE, EMAIL, OR SIGN THE SHEETS AT THE HANDICAP ENTRANCE TO THE SANCTUARY TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR SPECIAL DAYS! THANK YOU. LYNN

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)
November	Income	\$ 23,876.85
	Expenses	\$ 19,457.69
	Total	\$ 4,419.16

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	

Official Acts in 2017

Baptisms

Symara Tierney Hagerman
Layla Phoenix Hagerman
Jake Alan Hartzell
Bonita Sue Escobedo
Margaret Elizabeth Suderman
Helen Edith Thomas

Weddings

Crystal Schnitz & Jason Zimmerman

First Holy Communion

Grayc Lynn Hagerman
Kaelie Renee Hagerman
Layla Phoenix Hagerman
Alivia Ruth Knight
Peyton Riley Sierra
Leia Hope Wardinski

Confirmations

Felicity Ann Barker
Emma Suzanne Fedderke
Suzanne Bert McBride
Joseph Patrick Melia
Janaya Sue Vielma
Ryan James Yeager

Deaths

Cheryl M. Burroughs
Howard F. Burke
Mary V. Bennett
Laurie Slocum Lucas
Carol J. Creps
Sharon S. Gearing
Janice L. Mansfield
Richard N. Yeager

Extended family...

Betty A. Steed
Ruby Roehrig
Valerie Risen
Judy R. Jennings
Sandra K. Fitzenrider
Maurice F. Hancock
Burnice V. Agler
Lynda L. Wight



In the Kitchen with Service Guild...

This week we are featuring Team One. Their members include: Virginia Prucha, Sharon Ricker, Fran Brown, Julie Sasseen, Chris Korhn, and substitute Lois Oberhaus. Ages of these remarkable ladies range from 53-93. (Nobody wanted me to tell who belonged to what age!)

The total number of service years by these remarkable ladies is 233. Astounding, don't you think?

Their menu is no less amazing. Cube steak (made in a gravy-like sauce with French onion soup), mashed potatoes, carrots (marinated in an orange jello concoction), followed by homemade delicious cake.

Is it any wonder this meal ranks high with Rotarians?

When asked what was the best thing about working Service Guild, the answer was fellowship, followed by friendship and laughter.

Another question which got a resounding NO was - did everything always go smoothly? Some of the "not so smooth days" were ones with dishwasher problems. Eventually someone sweet talked the washer into doing its job. Another problem had to do with the gas stove's ovens. No amount of crying and wringing of hands could keep the ovens lit. Well, as a last resort, Virginia got down on her hands and knees in front of the ovens and got them to light. Some team members insist it was divine intervention and others are equally sure it was...well...Virginia.

Submitted by Jean Gaskill

L-R:
Virginia Prucha
Chris Korhn
Julie Sasseen
Sharon Ricker
Fran Brown
Lois Oberhaus



THRIVENT JANUARY 2018

To all the members and
Helpers who worked at our events
Raising money for others and
In many creative ways.
Viewing a New Year and
Envisioning even greater things—we see
Now is the time to make this St. Paul
Thrivent team grow and to share with many others in 2018!

I recently received this story in an email:

On my way home one day, I stopped to watch a Little League baseball game that was being played in a park near my home. As I sat down behind the bench on the first-base line, I asked one of the boys what the score was 'We're behind 14 to nothing,' he answered with a smile. 'Really,' I said. 'I have to say you don't look very discouraged.' 'Discouraged?', the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face. 'Why should we be discouraged? We haven't been up to bat yet.'

That is a cute story and a simplistic look at things. But if we are true Christian believers, we are facing the start of a new year and we can look at it as a clean slate. Jesus already came to win the battle for us and saved us from our sins. Let's think positive and work together as a team and see if we can make it the best year yet.

Happy New Year!

Cathy Martin
Head Thrivent Coordinator

YOUTH GROUP NEW YEAR'S KICK OFF!



**Two Special "Can't Miss" Wednesdays
of activities and celebration!**

Jan. 3rd we mark Epiphany.

**Just as Christ's light entered the world,
Youth will also learn more about
God's Global Barnyard and sharing Christ's light
with the world.**

**Jan. 3rd will prepare them for Jan. 10th.
January 10 EACH YOUTH PRESENT will be able to
designate a share of the Noisy Offering
collected during Advent.**

**ALL WELCOME to attend this
heartwarming night of giving!**

Thank You...

LETTER TO PASTOR DAVE ...

Cherry Street Mission Ministries is now concluding its 70th year. In those 70 years, we have never had to shut our doors on anyone needing our help, continuing the work that God started Cherry Street through Jessie and Bertha Fleck when they founded the mission in 1947. Thanks to you we have hope and faith that we can and will continue to serve all who come to us.

We appreciate your continued confidence in the programs, support and redemption that can be found at Cherry Street. We know your partnership will provide those most in need a hand up versus hand out, making a tremendous impact on the lives of our neighbors in need.

Thank you for your donation of \$7,500.00 in support of the men, women, and children, served by Cherry Street Mission Ministries!

Sincerely,
Dan Rogers
President and CEO
Cherry Street Mission Ministries

Dear St. Paul members,
Thank you so much for the gifts and cards you gave us for Christmas. It is truly appreciated.
Yours in Christ,
Dan & Jane

Dear St. Paul congregation,
Thank you very much for the Christmas cards and gifts you gave me this Christmas. Your friendship means the world to me and I greatly appreciate our visits and chats on the telephone. Thank you!
Here's wishing you a blessed and happy 2018.
Blessings,
Lynn

Dear St. Paul members,
Thank you for the cards, gifts and wishes you sent me this Christmas! May God be with you for a very blessed 2018!
Blessings,
PD+

Dear St. Paul family, Thank you for your generosity this Christmas season. Your gifts and support are deeply appreciated. May God continue to bless our ministry together in the coming year!
Julie

From the Mitten Tree:

Hats	34
Pairs of socks	38
Glove/mitten & scarf set	7
Pairs of gloves	53
Pairs of mittens	9
Scarves	10
Toothpaste	1
Tooth brushes	2
Baby Shampoo	1

Thank you for all the donations! These items are greatly appreciated by the recipients. Especially with the temps as brutal as they've been!



Memorial Gifts

In Memory of
Dr. Richard Sherman, M.D.

General Fund
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ehlinger

In Memory of **Burnice Agler**

General Fund
Charlotte Warncke

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

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	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

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 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 Church offices closed. Happy New Year!	2	3 6-7:30 pm Youth Programs	4	5 Recharge Overnight	6
7 10:15 am Worship/Comm. Lessons & Carols No Conf./SS Take down the greens in church	8	9 Church Council @ 6pm	10 6-7:30 pm Youth Programs Youth are completing God's Global Barnyard donation 7:00 pm Choir	11	12 <div>Deadline for Annual Reports</div>	13
14 9 am SS/Conf. 10:15 am Worship/Comm.	15	16	17 6-7:30 pm Youth Programs 7:00 pm Choir	18	19 <div>NEWS LETTER DEADLINE</div>	20
21 9 am SS/Conf. 10:15 am Worship/Comm Recharge: Business Mtg.	22	23	24 1pm Beta Circle @ Jane Parker's 6-7:30 pm Youth Programs 7:00 pm Choir	25	26	27
28 9 am SS/Conf. 10:15 am Worship/Comm Annual Mtg. & Installation of officers	29	30	31 Set-up for Recharge Retreat! Retreat is February 3-4, 2018!!!			

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 Sasseen
 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 VanCleve
 1/31 Pat Fogt
 Steve Korhn

Happy Anniversary!

1/10 George & Ann Essex
 1/23 Josh & Nicole Huddleston
 1/24 Steve & Peggy Kammeyer

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

1/1 Ron Childress
 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,
 Lynn

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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	Steven Wendell
Nursery Attendant	Kim Alvarado

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

Agencies Supported By St. Paul

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

