



## 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 2018



**Prelude 7:30 pm**  
**Worship 8 pm**

Christmas plants and flowers for the Sanctuary may be brought in starting Thursday, December 20th.

You may call: Kircher's at 419-784-5321,  
Fancy Petals at 419-782-4353,

Or bring in your own arrangement or potted Christmas plant from your favorite store!

Remember to order early for choice availability!

The Sanctuary will be so beautiful with all the flowers! Don't forget to let the office know by December 18th what you would like printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.



*Anyone wishing to make a year end contribution and have it credited for 2018*

*MUST have it in the offering no later than Sunday, December 30th.*

*Any offerings that come in after December 30th will be credited in January, 2019.*

**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



December 2018.

Brothers and Sisters,

Grace to you and peace.

I want to talk a little about cowboy hats. As you may know or have seen the past couple of months I have been wandering around in one of my cowboy hats – I'm up to 4 right now. I know, it's not something folks are accustomed to seeing in Northwest Ohio or from me. So, what's up? The short answer is – well, it's kind of who I am; but there is a longer answer that I'd like to share if you would indulge me.

First, let me start by saying thank you. My 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination has been incredible. Your love and support, the celebration that included Nicole being home, the first year after mom's death, Nic's graduation and moving to Arizona, remembering those who helped shape my years in ministry and my faith. In short, this year has reminded me why I do what I do.

Sometimes we clergy folk get caught up in the business/busyness of church. Note how similar those two words are – hmmm, maybe that's a message for Advent. In that busyness and business of ministry often times our faith gets neglected, at least I know over the years my faith has suffered, my joy has waned. Truthfully, the two words that come out of my mouth most often were not, "Praise God" but instead, "I'm tired."

This year I turned to The Book of Revelation, specifically God's words to the congregation and Ephesus:

*I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them to be false. I also know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of my name, and that you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.*

I do not like the idea of patient enduring and losing my first love, so I, along with Council's help explored a bit of the passion that shaped my ministry. For Council devotions this year we saw or listened to presentations and sermons from pastors, professors, and even a bishop that have helped shape my faith over the years. I had help from the Revival team as my home pastor preached as did my first intern. I was reminded about who I am.

What does this have to do with cowboy hats. One of the things Rev. Dr. Bodestab said to me when he was here was one of the things I taught him about ministry was to keep your boots close and your hat ready – because ministry opportunities happen quickly. That started me pulling a thread that lead me back to my internship site in Britton, South Dakota. Britton is the county seat of Marshall County – a county twice the size of Defiance County with a total population in the county of 4800 folks. The county and congregations were made up of many farmers, ranchers, and even a cowboy or two.

I found out in that place that ministry often happened more when I was helping a rancher mend a fence, or talking to a farmer in his combine, or helping cowboys move cattle. Ministry was organic, it happened

walking downtown to get mail, or stopping by the gas station to talk to the Holland boys, or the beauty shop to talk to Dawn and her clients, or driving out to Marshall County Equipment and talking with Dave and Wally, or in the dugout or car rides while playing with the local men's amateur baseball team – we finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State that year. One of the things that happened to me that year is I started wearing a cowboy hat and boots; Tim McGraw and Garth Brooks had made them popular again.

More than any professor, any pastor, any bishop – that little community near the border of North and South Dakota took an unsure student and taught him what it was to be a pastor, those people helped smooth rough edges and gave focus to what ministry looks like.

It was in South Dakota, wearing cowboy boots and a hat that I learned that there is such a thing as Ministry by walking around – which has grown into Prayer and Conversation. It was in South Dakota, wearing cowboy boots and a hat that I discovered that being a pastor was not something that I did, but deep down under all of the layers it is who I am. It was in South Dakota that I looked in a mirror in an upstairs apartment wearing boots and a hat and a clerical collar that I didn't laugh and think God had made a horrible mistake at calling me to ministry. It was in South Dakota that I discovered that ministry happens as much if not more in cowboy boots, jeans, and a hat in the seat of a pick-up truck than it does in a robe with stoles in front of a congregation. It was in South Dakota that a quiet reflective man sat astride a horse and trusted me with his hurts and struggles as he wore his cowboy hat. It was in South Dakota that I learned that being a cowboy and herding cattle, watching over the herd, feeding the herd, riding fence, rounding up the strays, and protecting the herd looked an awful lot like being a pastor.

So, why a cowboy hat? Because it reminds me – reminds me of that first love – reminds me that God has called me, broken sinful saint.

Why a cowboy hat? Because it invites conversation and that conversation is Holy Ground where the Spirit is at work.

Why a cowboy hat? Because my best friend Dave is a cowboy and in the words of Toby Keith, there are days that I “shoulda’ been a cowboy.”

Why a cowboy hat? Because that's who God has called.

I wore a cowboy hat and boots all through my first call in rural Illinois and then put it away in the big city of Pittsburgh. From time to time in Michigan it got brought out, only to be put away when the business/ busyness of ministry took over. This year, this amazing year though, you loved me enough to remind me why I do what I do. Thank you.

Blessings

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**St. Paul Lutheran: Council Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2018**

Attendance: Jim Ehlinger, Stacy Barker, Jason Frederick, Lori Brandt, Shirley Keller, Bill Parker, Julie Sasseen, Pastor Dave Brobston

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm  
Pastor Dave opened with devotions.

1. Pastor's Report

- a. Provided report of past month's activities.
- b. Upcoming Events:
  - Blessing of Pets 10/10/18
  - Prayer Gathering 10/20/18
  - Tinora Choir Concert
  - Bishop's Fall Gathering at Emmanuel, Napoleon 10/30/18
  - Major General Livingston 11/10/18
  - Budget and Elections Meeting 11/18/18
  - Thanksgiving Community Service 11/20/18

2. Secretary's Report

- a. Minutes Approved

3. Treasurer's Report

- a. Giving is still down with lower attendance due to unseasonably nice weather. Lori to keep track of giving over the next couple weeks.
- b. All major expenses have been paid.
- d. YTD Income: \$188,481.52  
YTD Expenses: \$208,604.30

4. Youth and Family

- a. Upcoming Events
  - October 14<sup>th</sup> – German Meal to help fund the Tent Revival
  - November 7 - “How Can I Help” Suicide Awareness and Prevention event
  - November 11 – Thanksgiving Dinner to help fund the Tent Revival
  - December 9<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Program
  - December 16<sup>th</sup> – Birthday Party for Jesus
- b. Recharge Apple Dumpling Sale is underway

5. Discipleship

- a. Birthday emails are being sent out.
- b. Lectors for October are Kristin and Steve Wendell

6. Stewardship

- a. Any envelopes that have not been picked up will not be ordered next year. Extra blank envelopes will be ordered in case someone needs them.

7. Trustee Report

- a. Building Use Requests:
  - Nikki Huddleston for November 18, 2018 for her baby shower. Use approved. Will let her know that the Budget and Election Meeting will be going on the same day while they are setting up.  
(Bill/Shirley)
  - Danny Hill for Self-defense classes various dates/times. Approved (Jason/Lori)

- b. Request from Parker House tenants to replace the carpet in the dining room at their own expense and labor. Request Approved.
- c. Jason has contacted someone to fill in the hole by the steps.
- d. Trees have been planted by the handicapped entrance.

8. New Business

- a. Nominating Committee – 10 phone calls were made and only one “No”. Very successful.
- b. Motion to approve slate for 2019 Ballot. (Lori/Bill)  
Slate Approved.
- c. Constitution Review -  
Most changes are mandatory by ELCA.  
Motion to accept the revised constitution as presented by the Constitution Committee.  
Motion Approved. (Bill/Jason)
- d. Review Budget Spreadsheet  
Motion to approve preliminary budget to take to congregation. (Stacy/Bill)  
Motion Approved.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer at 7:45 pm

Next Council Meeting will be held on November 13, 2018 @ 6:00 pm

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**St. Paul Lutheran: Council Meeting Minutes  
November 4, 2018**

Attendance: Jim Ehlinger, Stacy Barker, Jason Frederick, Lori Brandt, Shirley Keller, Bill Parker, Dick Burk, Pastor Dave Brobston, Kayly Brobston

Meeting called to order at 11:43 am

A special council meeting was called to discuss a new issue concerning insurance coverage and cost savings for the church. Kayly Brobston presented information regarding switching Pastor Dave's insurance coverage over to her insurance and dropping his Portico health insurance coverage. They are not requesting compensation for the cost of coverage under Kayly's insurance.

Motion was received : (Bill/Lori)

Whereas Pastor and Kayly can obtain comparable health insurance coverage through Balchem and;

Whereas their obtaining insurance coverage through Balchem would result in a reduction of cost to St. Paul's budget, and;

Whereas it is allowable by Portico for Pastor to obtain comparable insurance coverage other than through Portico, be it Resolved that at a duly called meeting of Council that we:

1. Agree to Pastor and Kayly transferring to Kayly's health insurance
2. Agree to pay the Life Insurance portion of the Portico Benefits
3. Increase Pastor's retirement contribution with the amount to be decided at the next council meeting.
4. Commit to returning Pastor and Kayly to their current levels in the event that Kayly would lose health insurance.

Motion was passed, unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57

## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

### St. Paul Lutheran: Council Meeting Minutes November 13, 2018

Attendance: Jim Ehlinger, Stacy Barker, Jason Frederick, Lori Brandt, Shirley Keller, Bill Parker, Julie Sasseen, Pastor Dave Brobston, Guest: Kayly Brobston

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Pastor Dave opened with devotions and prayer.

#### 1. Pastor's Report

a. Provided report of past month's activities.

b. Upcoming Events:

Pre Retirement Workshop – Dayton 11/4-11/5

Budget and Elections Meeting 11/18

Thanksgiving Eve Service 11/20

Arizona for Thanksgiving – Julie Sasseen is preaching 11/25

First Wednesday in Advent – 12/5

c. Discussed that it is at the discretion of the Pastor if nonmember weddings will be performed at the church. Until further notice Pastor Dave will not be officiating nonmember weddings at St. Paul.

d. Pastor Dave requested to get rid of his current desk as it is too large for his office. There is a desk in one of the Sunday School rooms that is not being used that he will be moving up to his office in its place.

#### 2. Review of Insurance Benefits for Pastor Dave.

a. Motion Received to amend Proposed 2019 Budget:

1. Compensate Brobston's for health insurance including expenses of taxes per letter of call.

2. Contribute additional 3% into Retirement Fund.

3. Double proposed benevolence amount for 2019 budget.

Motion Approved

(Stacy/Jason)

Jim to work on amended budget with motion considered. Lynn will be requested to email out the new proposal and have copies available to the congregation at the Budget & Elections Meeting.

#### 3. Secretary's Report

a. Minutes Approved for both October 9, 2018 and November 4, 2018.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

a. October Income: \$19,567.64

October Expenses: \$18,937.71

d. YTD Income: \$192,368.15

YTD Expenses: \$191,699.64

#### 5. Youth and Family

a. We will soon be distributing banks for the collection of change for advent noisy offering. Start saving your change!

b. Practices continue on Wednesday evenings for the youth Christmas Program. Sunday mornings during Sunday School we will be practicing the program music.

b. "How Can I Help?" event was well attended by youth and adults as well. While tackling the serious topic of suicide awareness and prevention the youth really enjoyed the event. Positive reports were received by both youth and adults.

c. Thanksgiving Meal was a success. Just over \$700 was earned. Huge number of positive comments were received and appreciated.

d. Registration is now open for the annual Recharge Women's Retreat. Five women signed up within the first couple days of registration openings. Recharge baked 719 Apple Dumplings for their annual sale. The congregation purchased all of our extra dumplings and we are extremely thankful for the support!

e. Need to purchase two small baskets to serve communion bread in on festival Sundays.

- f. Upcoming Events
  - December 9<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Program
  - December 16<sup>th</sup> – Birthday Party for Jesus

6. Discipleship  
No Report

7. Stewardship  
a. Envelopes are in and ready for pickup.

8. Trustee Report  
No Report

9. Old Business  
a. Roof Drain – No update  
b. Curb Blocks – believe they have been looked at.

10. New Business  
a. Security Issue: Discussed re-keying the Church. Jim received a bid for \$633.00 to re-key.  
Motion received to re-key the Church. Motion approved (Stacy/Bill)  
b. Security of Church Records  
Discussed getting a waterproof/fireproof safe for books. Jim will continue to look at options.  
c. Hanging of the Greens  
Set-up December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Take Down January 6<sup>th</sup>  
d. Congregational Meeting Date to discuss constitution – Sunday January 13, 2019  
e. 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting Date – January 27<sup>th</sup>

Motion to Adjourn (Jason/Lori)

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer at 7:35 pm

Next Council Meeting will be held on December 11, 2018 @ 6:00 pm

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**St. Paul Lutheran: Budget & Election Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 11:21 am

1. Review and voting of annual budget.
  - a. Proposed Budget sheets were distributed to congregation by ushers.
  - b. Motion was received to amend budget to split the “Global Outreach” budget line item equally between ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Relief.  
Motion Approved. (Jenna Pauly/Buggs Sierra)
  - c. Ballots distributed for budget vote and collected for count by ushers.
2. Church Council Election:
  - a. Ballots for Church Council were distributed and reviewed council nominations.
  - b. Floor was opened for additional nominations from the floor.
  - c. No additional nominations were received, nominations closed.
3. Budget approved 62/3. Council Election: All nominees approved.

Motion to adjourn approved. (Jane Tuttle/Joanie Woodward)

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Stacy Barker

**SCHEDULES FOR DECEMBER 2018****LECTOR:** Dianne Kline

**USHERS:** 02 Team 2, Buggs Sierra, Captain  
 09 Team 3, Ned Ewers, Captain  
 16 Team 3, Ned Ewers, Captain  
 23 Team 4, Dan Tuttle, Captain  
 30 Team 4, Dan Tuttle, Captain

**FLOWERS:** 02 Larry Saxton  
 09 Buggs & Joanie Sierra  
 16 Jeannette Melia  
 23 Larry & Kris Heilman  
 24 Larry & Kris Heilman  
 30 **Available**

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

**BULLETINS:** 02 Jim & Dianne Kline  
 09 Pastor Dave  
 16 Mary Geiger  
 23 **Available**  
 24 Charlotte Warncke  
 31 **Available**

**COMMUNION SET-UP/SERVERS:**

02 Lori Brandt, Jason Frederick, Julie Sasseen  
 09 Lori Brandt  
 16  
 23  
 24  
 30

**GREETERS:****LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS:**

Mert Grogg  
 Jim & Cathy Martin  
 Tim Moog  
 Dan & Jane Tuttle

	<b>ACCOLYTES</b>	<b>CRUCIFERS:</b>
02	Ryne Maag	Calib Brashear
24	Lexi Barker	Calib Brashear

**Please let me know by 12/19/18 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 2018**

January	Income	\$ 19,813.19
	Expense	<u>(\$ 19,986.11)</u>
	Total	(\$ 172.92)

February	Income	\$ 16,052.35
	Expense	<u>(\$ 21,858.91)</u>
	Total	(\$ 5,804.56)

March	Income	\$ 19,212.68
	Expense	<u>(\$ 20,354.90)</u>
	Total	(\$ 1,142.22)

April	Income	\$ 26,161.54
	Expense	<u>(\$ 38,148.26)</u>
	Total	(\$ 11,986.72)

May	Income	\$ 36,282.09
	Expense	<u>\$ 23,968.75</u>
	Total	\$ 12,313.34

June	Income	\$ 12,543.60
	Expense	<u>(\$ 16,845.76)</u>
	Total	(\$ 4,302.16)

July	Income	\$ 22,024.69
	Expense	<u>(\$ 22,835.33)</u>
	Total	(\$ 810.64)

August	Income	\$ 16,591.96
	Expense	<u>(\$ 22,854.13)</u>
	Total	(\$ 6,262.17)

September	Income	\$ 19,567.64
	Expense	<u>\$ 18,937.71</u>
	Total	\$ 629.93

October	Income	\$ 19,567.64
	Expense	<u>\$ 18,937.71</u>
	Total	\$ 629.93

**AVG WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT 2018**

January -	100	February -	108
March -	158	April -	141
May -	120	June -	89
July -	86	August -	101
September -	107	October -	103
November -	118	December -	

Mark your calendars..  
Dec. 2nd after service.

# HANGING OF THE GREENS



## Coming events in January...

Take Down the Greens - Jan. 6th after service  
Special Congregational Meeting to discuss  
Constitution - Jan. 13th  
Annual Congregational Meeting - Jan. 27th

## Gentle Worship



~for extraordinary families~

**December 23rd**  
**2018 @ 1:30 pm**

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

## St. Paul Members...

*Thank you for the cards and words of sympathy during the illness and passing of Dan's step-dad, Fred.*

*A big thank you to Jim & Mary Ehlinger for covering for me during our week of taking care of things in Tennessee.*

*Thank you in advance to Pastor Dave, Lynn, Steve and Lori for doing his service here at St. Paul. And thank you to Shirley Keller and her team for furnishing a dinner. It means a lot to Dan and I that we have such a loving church family.*

*God Bless You All!!*

*Dan & Jan Tuttle  
Kerry Tuttle  
Kylie Crawford & family  
and  
The Fred Dallape family*



## Thank you...

We wish to thank Pastor Dave, Fr. John Stites, Lynn Roth, Lori Schultz, Craig Andrews, John & Mary Dale, members of Marine Corp. League #758 with Commandant Burdette Cooper and Chaplain Nick Hill for their Military Memorial and anyone else we may have overlooked who helped to make the Memorial Service for Maj. General Livingston a very honorable and respectful success.  
Love & Blessings,  
George & Ann Essex

## Please Help...

**Service Guild** is in need of several additional helpers (men and women) in the kitchen and/or dining area for Rotary on Monday mornings. Any amount of time you could give would be a big help. The teams work once every 5-6 weeks.

**Please** consider giving us a few hours of your time **(any amount of time!)** *especially in the morning.*

***Thank you*** for your consideration!

Jean Gaskill  
419-438-4138

### ***FREE...***

there is an L-shaped desk on the stage in Luther Hall that is looking for a new home.

It is not assembled and comes with the necessary hardware. It's like the desk in Julie's office.

***THANK YOU.***

## ***Memorial Gifts***

***In Memory of Robert Koenig  
General Fund***

Mr. & Mrs. Dyle Roth

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

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 all the world. We particularly commend the following who are members of our congregation.

**Major Tamara Funari,**

Daughter of Ron and Connie Allgire

**1st Sgt. Major Kerry Schnitz,**

Son of Larry 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 Al and Laurie Moll

**SFC E7 James Fluechtling,**

Grandson of Mary Frost

**USAF Jason Griffith,**

Grandson of June Burke

**USM 2nd Lt. Dustin Hughes,**

Grandson of Barb Bibler

**Sgt. Chad McDaniel,**

Grandson of Barb Bibler

**Carl Melton,**

Nephew of 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

**USM Micajah Hagerman,**

Son of Jolene Hagerman

**Army Pvt. 2nd Class Cole Evans**

Grandson of Gaylord & Pat Proxmire

**USAF Alessandra Bell**

Niece of Al & Laurie Moll

***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.***

### Prayer list information

Next time you're about to submit a request for inclusion on the prayer list please ask the following questions.

- 1 Did that person give permission to the office?
- 2 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
Mary Frisinger	Kenny Frost	Mary Frost	Roger Grogg
Hal Haviland	Liz Hermiller	Shelly Hermiller	Janice Johansen
Ruth Johnson	Charlene Larson	Brenda Leonard	Tammy McCoy
Ron McDowell	Jodie Mellos	Dani Merillat	Kim Meyer
Al Moll	J.T. Nusbaum	Emily Plassman	Dean Purdy
Marilyn Purdy	Esther Reimund	Kristen Sanders	Kathy Smith
Ella Suderman	Barb Warncke	Alexis	Alice
Anne	Ashley	Becky Z	Carol
Chris	Corbin	Devin	Dillon
Don	Doug	Elaine	Eric
Jerry	Jim	Jodi	John <sup>2</sup>
Jon	Judy	Larry	Laura
Les	Linda	Lori	Lucas
Maddie	Marlene	Martha	Marvin
Mary	Matt	Myka Joy	Pat
Pauline	Phyllis	Richard	Roland
Sally	Sandy	Scott	Sheena
Stacey	Steve	Steven	Sue
Tammy	Thelma	Tom	

And to the families and friends of...

*Frederick C. Dallape - November 4, 2018*

*Agnes M. Rudolph - November 16, 2018*

May light perpetual shine upon them.

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

LeAnn Bohn, June Burke, Pauline Cordray, Jeannine Diemer, Ned & Dorothy Dunbar, Rosemary Mehring, 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. Thank you for your help in this manner.**

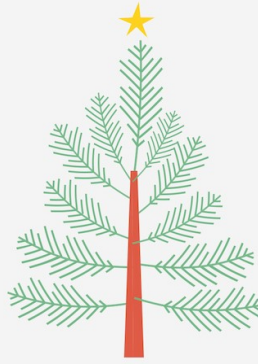


## St. Paul Lutheran Church

Candy Sale Fund Raiser - for The Tent Revival

### 1 Pound Bags

Salted Caramels	\$8
Maple, Caramel, & Vanilla Clusters	\$7
Chocolate Covered Peanut Brittle	\$7
DD Chocolate Covered Peanuts	\$5
Malted Milk Balls	\$5
Orange Slices	\$4



# **HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER @ 7 PM**



## **SOUP SUPPER @ 6 PM**

**ADVENT WEDNESDAYS:**

**DECEMBER 5, 12, & 19**



**St. Paul Lutheran, 671 Clinton**  
**enter ramp by church sign or across from the football field**



## Advent Theme:

### The Magnificat: Mary's Song

Poster 1 ◦ Hope (Luke 1:46-50):

All generations will call me blessed.

Poster 2 ◦ Peace (Luke 1:51-53):

God has filled the hungry with good things.

Poster 3 ◦ Joy (Luke 1:54-55):

The promise made to our ancestors.

Poster 4 ◦ Love (Luke 1:39-45, 56):

Blessed is She who believed.

Poster 5 ◦ God is With Us (Luke 2:1-18):

I am bringing Good News of great joy for  
all the people.

Watch for FREE Advent Devotionals!

Together we work on Posters

Color between SS & Church!

At Advent Soup and Worship!

Get CREATIVE, REACH OUT & COLOR!



**A Christmas youth led worship service  
celebrating the love of Christ**

**Sunday, December 9~10:15 am**

**REMAINING Practice Schedule**

**Wednesday Evening Practice:**

**Wed. Dec. 5, 5-6 pm (Soup at 6! plan to  
stay and eat & attend church!)**

**FULL DRESS REHEARSAL**

**Sunday December 2nd,**

**11:15-2 pm. Lunch provided.**

**Volunteers to make & serve  
lunch are needed!**

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

# BiRThDAY PArtY for Jesus!



**When: Sun. December 16 9am at  
Sunday School**

**Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church  
671 Clinton St. \*Invite your  
friends to the party!**



THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IS  
HARD FOR SOME OF US.

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE.**

JOIN US  
FOR A DIFFERENT KIND OF SERVICE.  
OF COMFORT. OF LOSS. OF HOPE.

ENTER ACROSS  
FROM TRIANGLE PARK/  
THE TOWN CLOCK.



**RECHARGE WOMEN'S RETREAT**

*Alive*

**FEBRUARY 9TH & 10TH, 2019**

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://rechargeretreat2019.eventbrite.com>

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

A TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA TRIBUTE by

**"SIBERIAN SOLSTICE"**

We look forward to presenting our show "The Angel's Gift" in your community to celebrate the birth of Christ with the music of Trans-Siberian Orchestra (TSO). *SIBERIAN SOLSTICE* is proud to have heard from one fan: *"Thanks to all of you for sharing your time and amazing talents to deliver The Greatest Story Ever Told so magnificently"*.

**You are invited for the 2018 Christmas season at the following locations:**

**[ALL SHOW TIMES 7:00 PM EXCEPT AS NOTED]**

- |             |  |
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| November 18 | United Methodist Church, Columbus Grove        |
| 24          | Poplar Ridge Church of The Brethren, Defiance  |
| 25          | Christ's Church, Wauseon (6:30 PM)             |
| 30          | First United Methodist Church, Auburn IN       |
| December 1  | Bryan Arts and Education Auditorium            |
| 2           | Fostoria H.S. Performing Arts Center (3:30 PM) |
| 7           | The Fayette Opera House                        |
| 8           | Payne Elementary School Auditorium             |
| 9           | Christ's Church, Bowling Green                 |
| 14          | United Methodist Church, McClure               |
| 15          | Hope Lutheran Church, Toledo                   |
| 16          | United Church of Christ, Holgate               |
| 21          | The Gathering Place Church Theater, Defiance   |
| 22          | The Huber Opera House, Hicksville              |
| 23          | The Stranahan Theater, Toledo                  |

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# St. Paul Lutheran December 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Season of Advent</p>						<b>1</b> <b>Seimet Family Christmas</b> 2pm-funeral for Agnes Rudolph at Schaffer's
<b>2</b> 9 am Sunday School 9 am Confirmation 10:15 am Worship/Comm. <b>Kids' Christmas Program full dress rehearsal @ 11:15</b> <b>Hanging the Greens After worship</b> <b>Recharge</b>	<b>3</b> 2pm Visitation 3pm Memorial Service for Fred Dallape	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 11:30 am Beta Circle Christmas Luncheon  5-6pm Play Practice  6pm soup supper 7:00pm Holden 7:30pm Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9 am Sunday School 9 am Confirmation 10:15 am Worship/Comm.  <b>Christmas Program</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6pm Church Council	<b>12</b> 6pm soup supper 7:00pm Holden 7:30pm Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9 am Sunday School Birthday Party/Jesus 9 am Confirmation 10:15 am Worship/Comm.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6-7:30 pm Youth 6pm soup supper 7:00pm Holden 7:30pm Choir	<b>20</b> 7:00 pm Blue Christmas Service	<b>21</b> <b>NEWS-LETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 10:15 am Worship/Comm. 1:30 pm Gentle Worship @ DC <hr/> <b>30</b> 10:15 am Worship/Comm. Last day for contributions for credit in 2018.	<b>24</b> 7:30 pm Prelude 8:00 pm Candle-light Service <hr/> <b>31</b>	<b>25</b>  <div>CHURCH OFFICES ARE CLOSED</div>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

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## BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

12/1 Molly Zachrich  
 12/2 Logan Elkins  
 12/3 Jolene Hagerman  
 Harold Hahr  
 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  
 Wesyn George  
 12/12 Easton VanGunten  
 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  
 12/26 Dave Iliff  
 Mila Sierra  
 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:

12/9 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 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](mailto:lynnsplcoffice@gmail.com)

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<b>Music Director</b>	<b>Steve Wendell</b>
<b>Nursery Attendant</b>	<b>Kim Alvarado</b>

### **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**

### **Church Council - 2018**

<b>President</b>	<b>Jim Ehlinger</b>
<b>V. President</b>	<b>Jason Frederick</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Lori Brandt</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Stacy Barker</b>
<b>Discipleship</b>	<b>Shirley Keller</b>
<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Dick Burk</b>
<b>Stewardship</b>	<b>Bill Parker</b>

