

# February

2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As part of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, on Sunday, January 26, we handed out Window Walk booklets for families to use to take a self-guided tour of the beautiful stained glass windows in our sanctuary and narthex. Researching the biblical scenes, the apostles, and the authors of the gospels depicted was quite interesting. Huge thanks to Paul Muske, who compiled the information regarding the parishioner names and created the booklet, Katie Mueller, who researched our church records, and the many parishioners who provided information!

Since many of you enjoyed last month's quiz, here is another quiz on our beautiful stained glass windows for you to enjoy! Please turn your completed quiz into pastor to receive a small prize. Quizzes will be returned and all prizes will be placed in your box in the narthex.

- \_\_\_ St. Andrew                    **A.** On his window, he is depicted as an eagle, from Revelation 4:7.
- \_\_\_ St. Bartholomew           **B.** The son of Alphaeus, his window shows a saw because he is believed to have been sawn asunder.
- \_\_\_ St. James Major           **C.** On his window, he is depicted as a winged ox, from Revelation 4:7.
- \_\_\_ St. James Minor           **D.** His window displays items used on a pilgrimage.
- \_\_\_ St. John                        **E.** His window depicts a book with a fish on it, indicating it was through the power of the Gospel that he became a "fisher of men."
- \_\_\_ St. Jude                        **F.** Also called Didymus, his window illustrates a spear, believed to have caused his death when a pagan priest thrust it into his body.
- \_\_\_ St. Luke                        **G.** The wooden x-shaped cross on his window shows how he died.
- \_\_\_ St. Mark                        **H.** His window depicts him as a six-winged man, from Revelation 4:7.
- \_\_\_ St. Matthew                   **I.** His window shows the Keys to the Kingdom.
- \_\_\_ St. Paul                        **J.** On his window, he is depicted as a winged lion, from Revelation 4:7.
- \_\_\_ St. Peter                        **K.** A carpenter rule and broadsword, the means of his death at the hands of enraged magi, are illustrated on his window.
- \_\_\_ St. Phillip                      **L.** Believed to have died by crucifixion, his window displays a spear, patriarchal cross, Latin cross, and basket.
- \_\_\_ St. Simon                      **M.** A book, most likely Holy Scriptures, and a knife, the means used to flay him to death, are depicted on his window.
- \_\_\_ St. Thomas                    **N.** The Holy Scriptures with the words "Spiritus Gladius" or "Sword of the Spirit" and a sword used at his beheading are on his window.

15. How many crosses can you count on the Resurrection window? \_\_\_\_\_

16. How many pillars can you count on the Ascension window? \_\_\_\_\_

I pray that you enjoyed this quiz and learned something new regarding those who have come before us. Thanks be to God for these windows, the saints, and most of all our Lord, Jesus Christ! See you in church!

Love from your Sister in Christ,

Pr. Tricia Mattson

**St Paul Lutheran Church - Church Council Meeting, January 8, 2020  
at 7:30 pm**

**Present:** Ed Meidl, David Bittler, Doug Jeske, Bill Vogel, Paul Muske, Matt Sargent, Angel Clemon, Pastor Tricia, Craig Valentin, Jill Vogel

**Also present:** Katie Mueller, Church Coordinator & Anita Jensen Financial Secretary

**Absent:** None

Call to order @ 7:37pm by Ed Meidl

Devotion – Pastor Tricia—Baptism from the Small Catechism

M/S/P-Secretary's Report

M/S/P-Financial Report

Per Email and phone communications:

M/S/P- to use a donation from Paul Schmidt (son of Loren Schmidt) to repay the Memorial Loan with excess to be deposited in General Fund.

Building and Grounds – Ed

M/S/P-to accept the bid from Ryan's Tree service to remove the large maple on the East side of the parsonage for \$600. This includes taking the tree down and grinding out stumps.

Parsonage Window Leaks: Tabled until Spring

Parsonage Basement: Reviewed quote from Jeremy Zihlke for completing the basement walls and floor from sealing/water repairs. Total cost of \$14,570 for building walls and insulate, install 2 windows, install 2 well and cover, hang, tape and texture dry wall, block south window and install trim. Raise concrete to match west. NO electrical nor paint/material included. Will not consider these recommendations until after wet weather passes to ensure the leaks have been repaired.

Kitchen Refrigerator-has been repaired. Condenser relay was repaired for \$275.

Parish Education Report –Matt & Bill

Looking for recommendations for fundraisers for Bible Camp Scholarship Fund.

Pastor's Report

**Visitation**

Visited homebound, assisted living, and nursing home members.

Delivered bulletins to SJLH, the Maples, and Downtown Estates on 12/12.

**Worship**

Led worship with the Lord's Supper at SJLH, Downtown Estates, and the Maples.

Led Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services.

**Parish Education**

Continuing to lead weekly bible studies Mondays at the Maples and Tuesdays at church.

Starting an adult education class on January 19<sup>th</sup> which will compare our Lutheran beliefs with other Christian denominations.

**Confirmation**

Enjoyed hosting the confirmation class and mentors at the parsonage for a Christmas party on 12/18.

**Luther League**

Attended the Luther League meeting on 1/8.

**Community**

Gave one SAFE voucher to a community member.

Helped to dress the cast at the Nativity Pageant 12/12 and 12/14.

Enjoyed the SAHS band concert on 12/12.

Enjoyed the SAHS choir concert on 12/19.

Delivered Christmas gifts and visited with our shut-ins on 12/21.

Attended the Ministerial Meeting on 1/2.

Submitted to the Advanced Press the article, *With You I Am Well Pleased*.

**Other Business**

Attended the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting on 12/16.

**Continuing Ed**

Attended Proclamation on the Plains in Sioux Falls 1/5-1/7.

Attending the Augustana District Theological Conference in Bloomington 2/2-2/4.

**OLD BUSINESS**

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Continues to work on schedule, to begin Jan 26<sup>th</sup> with self-guided tour of the church windows.

Church Credit Card-Tabled

Nominating Committee – Paul Muske, Matt Sargent, Shawna Jacobs

Still working-needing help coming up with individuals who would be interested in council.

Annual Meeting-All Committee Reports due to Katie by Friday, January 10, 2020

**NEW BUSINESS**

Annual meeting agenda

SAFE Annual Meeting, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at St. Raphael Church.

Pastor is planning to attend.

Ed and Shawna are unable to attend.

Katie Mueller will attend in.

Church Investment Summary, John Mueller

M/S/P-John Mueller’s portfolio report.

Church Security & Safety concerns

Nuvera will contact Katie regarding options within their system since the church phone and internet. Katie will look at other alternatives as well.

The church doors will remain locked during business hours.

Please call the office before arriving/make appointments.

Please use the ramp door to conduct business during weekday hours.

Computer upgrades

Katie will get quotes from Kemske and Nuvera regarding updating systems verses whole equipment.

Watering Flowers

Lisa has been asked to add watering flowers to her job description to ensure flowers are watered regularly/consistently. In her absence, she would designate someone else to tend to flowers.

Motion to adjourn 8:47pm with The Lord’s prayer

Shawna Jacobs  
Council Secretary

<b><u>2019 Church Council</u></b>		
Ed Meidl - Chair	Dave Bittler	Jill Vogel
Paul Muske - Vice Chair	Bill Vogel	Matt Sargent
Shawna Jacobs - Secretary	Angel Clemon	Doug Jeske
Craig Valentin - Treasurer		

**\*\*Installation of the 2020 Church Council will be on Sunday, February 16th, during the 9:00 am Worship Service.**

**Budget Recap & Attendance Year-To-Date (01/01/20 to 1/27/20)**

Funds for Budget	\$6,356.87	Operating Funds	\$6,356.87
Budget	\$13,670.24	Operating Exp.	\$12,263.38
Difference	(\$7,313.37)	Difference	(\$5,906.51)

**Attendance Worship Services**

Tuesday, December 25	6pm - 272	Wednesday, December 25	10am - 24
Sunday, December 29	9am - 51 & 11am - 0	Sunday, January 5	9am - 86 & 11am - 8
Sunday, January 12	9am - 77 & 11am - 7	Sunday, January 19	9am - cancelled & 11am -30
Sunday, January 26	9am - 91	Annual Meeting - 45	

Memorials Given From 12/25/19 to 1/27/2020

<b><u>In Memory:</u></b>	<b><u>Given by:</u></b>	<b><u>Designated for:</u></b>
Betty Leversedge	Don & Darlene Wilstermann	St. Paul Lutheran Memorial
Bob Brand	Ed & Carol Meidl	Good Shepherd Scholarship
Monica Platz	Jeff & Stacey Weisensel	Good Shepherd Scholarship
Darla Bittler	Gertie Rosenau	Good Shepherd Scholarship
George Gaffney	Dalores Stern	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Howard Goll	Dalores Stern	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Russ Voge	Robert & Sharon Rogotzke	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Don Wiese	Dalores Stern	St. Paul Lutheran General Fund

**Direct Giving: Church Giving Made Easier**

As electronic payment and mobile banking have grown in popularity, St. Paul's has received more inquiries about the ability for members to give through automatic donations / direct giving. The way commerce operates today many people no longer carry cash, preferring to have everything processed electronically or by debit/credit card.

Automatic donations can be beneficial for both the member and the congregation. Members receive the benefit of convenience, easier monthly budgeting, and uninterrupted gifts. For the congregation, automatic donations can provide a steadier stream of income and even result in higher annual gifts, especially during the summer months when members are often traveling out of town. If you are interested in automatic donations / direct giving, a form is available in the church office or in the back of church.

**Thrivent Financial**—As always, St. Paul Lutheran Church is grateful for your consideration when you make charitable giving plans. If you are a Thrivent Financial member eligible to direct Choice Dollars<sup>SM</sup>, we ask you to consider St. Paul Lutheran as you help direct Thrivent Financials charitable funds.

Notice: Please update your phone numbers and/or email address with the church office! Several of the numbers we have are disconnected and we need to know how to get a hold of you! You can leave a note in the box outside of Katie's office, use one of the yellow information cards in the church pews, call or email the church office at 507-723-5880 or [stpaul\\_lutheran@hotmail.com](mailto:stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com). We appreciate you keeping us updated!

**Please pray for...** Mark Rosenau, Carol Meidl, Alice Trebesch, the family of Anne Nibbe; Tabor Gluth and all those serving in the military, at home and abroad.

**Prayer Chain** – If you have a prayer concern you would like passed along to the Prayer Chain, please call Jan Severson (723-6358) or the church office (723-5880). Please specify if you want the concern on (1) the Prayer Chain and/or (2) included in Sunday morning prayers which will be included for **two** Sundays unless otherwise specified or request is renewed.

# February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Talk 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast 11:00 Worship	3 No Bible Study 6:45 Parish Ed Meeting	4 No Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	5 10:00 am Ch. 8 Broadcast 6:00 Luther League 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Choir Rehearsal Pastor on vacation	6	7 Office Closed	8
9 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Talk 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast 11:00 Worship Pastor on vacation	10 No Bible Study @ The Maples	11 No Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	12 10:00 am Ch. 8 Broadcast 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Council Meeting	13	14 Office Closed <b>2:00 BINGO @ SJLH</b>	15
16 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Talk 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast 11:00 Worship	17 3:16 Bible Study @ The Maples	18 10:00 SJLH Service HC 3:30 The Maples HC 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	19 10:00 am Ch. 8 Broadcast 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	20	21 Office Closed	22
23 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School <b>Coffee Talk &amp; Church Artifacts Presentation</b> 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast 11:00 Worship Katie on vacation	24 2:00 Downtown Estates HC 3:16 Bible Study @ The Maples	25 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	26 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 10:00 am Ch. 8 Broadcast <b>5:30 Dinner</b> 6:30 Confirmation <b>7:00 Ash Wed. Service</b>	27	28 Office Closed	29

## 9:00 am Worship Service

Date	Sound & Video	Reader	Acolyte	Greeters	Usher
2/2	Tim Vogel	Jeanette Pidde	Alyssa Shaw Teagan Steffl	Mike & Barb Marz	Team 3
2/9	Bob Kratz	Kurt Glaeseman	Nickolas Rogotzke Keagan Streich	Ken & Sharon Renner	Team 4
2/16	Shane Clemon	Paul Muske	Josh Timm Zach Timm	Kevin & Jo Schwartz	Team 1
2/23	Tim Vogel	Kristin Rogotzke	Tayte Zihlke Kyler Zihlke	Tim & Jill Vogel	Team 2
2/26	Bob Kratz	Daniel Kettner	Brayden Wendt Bryan Buerkle	Paul & Colleen Meidl	Team 3

Sharon Rogotzke has been asked to call Greeters, Readers and Acolytes reminding them of their Sunday. **In order to avoid confusion, please call Sharon at 723-5117 if you will be gone and have found a substitute.**

### February Birthdays!



1 - Don Wilstermann  
 2 - Donna Wersal  
 2 - Chase Veenstra  
 3 - Ellen Amsden  
 3 - Brendon Buerkle  
 4 - Braxton Brown  
 4 - Jacob Gatzlaff  
 5 - Kim Gluth  
 7 - John Gluth  
 7 - Claytina Rudolph  
 7 - Brian Timm  
 8 - Colleen Meidl  
 10 - Dale Danielson  
 10 - Gabriella Schenk  
 14 - Austin Hagert  
 14 - Paul Meidl  
 16 - William Vogel  
 16 - Tayte Zihlke  
 19 - Troy Gramentz  
 21 - Dalton Langseth  
 21 - Jena Veenstra  
 21 - Adalyn Rudolph  
 23 - Angel Clemon  
 23 - Ardella Wilstermann  
 23 - Richard Zihlke  
 23 - Leon Serie  
 27 - Duane Streich

### February Anniversaries!

26 - Gary & Nancy Renner - 15 years

***We have a lost and found box located in the narthex near the mailboxes. If you have lost something at church, please check the box!***

**February Altar Guild**  
**Kelly Sargent, Tasha Sargent,**  
**Dawn Marz**

If you are unable to help, please find a substitute or switch months with someone.

### Delivering bulletins in February

6 - Carol Carlson  
 13 - Pastor Tricia  
 20 - Jill Vogel  
 27 - Leona Schottle

### Helped Needed!

- \*2-3 members to join the Altar Guild.
- \*Members to run the Sound and Video equipment.
- \*A few members to be added to the usher rotation.

### Deadlines:

#### **Sunday Bulletin:**

Wednesday by 10 am.

#### **Epistle:** 20th of each month.

Please call or email the church office with additions or changes for the bulletins or Epistle.

Luther League meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.  
All members grades 7-12 are invited to attend!

**Luther League is having a Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser!** You may contact any Luther Leaguer or order, stop by the church office, or you can go online to [pizzakit.com](http://pizzakit.com) click on “shop” and enter their fundraiser ID# **379891**, to shop and place your order online. Last day to order will be **February 5th**. Delivery/pick-up will be February 24th here at church. Thank you for your ongoing support of our mission trip to Nashville!

“150 YEARS OF WALKING WITH GOD”

- February 2020—Artifacts Walk
- March 2020 - Music Walk
- April 2020 - Heritage Walk
- May 2020 - Youth Walk
- June 2020 - Cemetery Walk
- July 2020 - Mission & Prayer Walk
- August 2020 - Neighborhood Walk
- September 2020 - Walk in the Park
- October 2020 - All-Saints Walk
- October 11, 2020, Anniversary Celebration
- November 2020 - Walking With the Word
- December 2020 - Walking Into the Future

Thank you to Crissy Rogotzke for making the beautiful banners commemorating our 150th Anniversary!

“150 YEARS OF WALKING WITH GOD”

ARTIFACTS WALK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

PLEASE JOIN US AT COFFEE TALK AND ENJOY SOME GERMAN COOKIES, WHILE WE PRESENT AND DISCUSS ITEMS AND PHOTOGRAPHS FROM OUR ARCHIVES HERE AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN.

ALL ARE INVITED!

**Check your church mailboxes for your 2019 giving statements.**

### The Lutheran Difference

Have you ever wondered how Lutherans differ in their beliefs from other Christian church bodies? If so, then our upcoming adult education class, *The Lutheran Difference*, is for you! Organized around the Nicene Creed, this class will compare and contrast our Lutheran understanding with several other Christian denominations. The knowledge gained in this class will aid Lutherans in explaining to other Christians our beliefs and practices. The denominations to be discussed are Eastern Orthodox, Reformed/Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Wesleyan/Methodist, and Liberal.

The class will be held from 10:10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on the following Sundays: February 2, February 16, and February 23, with additional Sundays to be announced.



**BINGO Helpers are needed for Friday, February 14** at 2:00 pm at SJLH. Please call the church office (723-5880) if you are able to help!

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Springfield, MN 56087

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**Calendar Highlights - February 2020**

14 - BINGO @ SJLH 2:00  
23 - Artifacts Walk 10:00 am during Coffee Talk  
26 - Ash Wednesday-Dinner 5:30, Worship 7 pm

**We are on the Web!**  
**[www.splcspringfield.org](http://www.splcspringfield.org)**

**Phone: 507-723-5880**  
**Fax: 507-723-8712**

**Office Hours**

*Pastor: Tricia Mattson*  
Monday & Thursday 9-noon  
Wednesday 1-4  
Or by appointment  
[pastortriciamattson@gmail.com](mailto:pastortriciamattson@gmail.com)

Parish Coordinator: Katie Mueller  
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-noon  
Email: [stpaul\\_lutheran@hotmail.com](mailto:stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com)

Housekeeper: Lisa Prechel

Maintenance: Ed Meidl

Financial Secretary: Anita Jensen  
[Fin\\_secretary@newulmtel.net](mailto:Fin_secretary@newulmtel.net)

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**Worship:**

SUNDAY at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School & Coffee Talk at 10:00 a.m.

**Springfield Area Food Shelf hours**  
**Tuesday 5:00pm – 7:00pm**  
**Thursday 9:30am – 11:30am**  
**804 East Rock Street - Springfield, MN 56087**  
**507-723-4120**