

January

2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

So now we begin a new year, which just happens to be the 150th anniversary year of our congregation! How exciting! Each month this year we will take a “walk” together. More information about these events is forthcoming from the 150th anniversary committee.

During our children’s sermons this year, the focus will be on teaching our precious ones – young and old – about our liturgy, a “Walk through Our Worship.” The children’s sermon will be held during different times in worship in order to teach about each part of worship just before we participate in it. So our children will be called forward varying times, rather than directly before our readings. In addition, because some parts of our worship take place only during the Lord’s Supper, we may sometimes have children’s sermons on the first and third Sundays.

Why do we do what we do? Where does this part of the liturgy come from in the Holy Scriptures? What symbolism is meant by our actions? Why do we do the same thing over and over again? What happens to us when we hear these words? These are some of the questions that the teachings will seek to answer. My hope is that you will grow in your love for the liturgy through gaining greater understanding of how it connects us with the Word of God and with all the saints who have come before us.

Here is a fun little quiz of your worship scripture knowledge. Submit your completed quiz to pastor.

All correct quizzes will earn a prize.

Words Used in Worship

1. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
2. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
3. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins.
4. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
5. Lord, have mercy.
6. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
7. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
8. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!
9. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
10. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
11. Lord, now you let your servant go in peace.
12. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit.
13. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Scripture Passage

- _____ 2 Corinthians 13:14
- _____ Psalm 51:10-12
- _____ Matthew 21:9
- _____ Matthew 28:19
- _____ John 6:68
- _____ Luke 2:29
- _____ Numbers 6:24-26
- _____ John 1:29
- _____ Mark 12:29-31
- _____ Matthew 20:31
- _____ Joel 2:13
- _____ Luke 22:19
- _____ John 20:23, Luke 7:48

I hope you enjoyed the quiz and I hope you will appreciate learning about our liturgy this year. See you in church!

In Christian love,
Pr. Tricia

St Paul Lutheran Church - Church Council Meeting, December 11, 2019 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: All accounted for

Call to order at 7:35pm by Ed Meidl

Devotion – Pastor Tricia 6th and 7th petitions of the Lord’s Prayer.

M/S/P-Secretary’s Report with correction that Jeff Krueger was not in attendance.

Financial Report – Anita

M/S/P-to pay benevolence March thru July.

M/S/P-if the finances are available following Christmas service deposits, to pay the remaining benevolence for the 2019 year.

Building and Grounds – Ed

Whirlybird has been greased and repaired.

Parsonage Window Leaks. Will need to be reviewed in the spring.

Parsonage Basement. Quote is pending for wall and requested East wall re-wiring estimate.

Commercial refrigerator is in disrepair. Ed is trying to get quotes for replacement.

M/S/P-authorize Building and Grounds committee to replace the kitchen refrigerator with an allowance of \$5,000 to come from memorial funds.

Parish Education Report –Angel

Luther League asking about a debit card for travel expenses. Council advises Luther League review and potentially revise policy on banking-ie: 2 signatures are needed for check writing. Council asks they review and bring back to council. Another option offered was using prepaid credit card/gift cards.

Pastor’s Report

M/S/P Lenten services to begin at 7pm, supper to be served at 5:30-6:30pm to allow Confirmation students to participate in the service and delivery of Lenten Services.

M/S/P to pay \$70 per participant for the Confirmation Spring Retreat from the spiritual growth fund.

For future development and conversations-to look at the stewardship of the church, stewardship of the undesignated memorial funds - what might this look like: a discussion for 2020 missions and community. What does St. Paul Lutheran Church focus/vision/growth and development look like? Given how important 2020 will be due to our 150th anniversary, might we consider a February/March council retreat for the sake of visioning and planning, perhaps in place of our regular council meeting?

Walk through Worship: Children’s Sermon Series for 2020. Designed to teach our children about worship and liturgy and the relationship to scripture. This will require some children’s sermons on communion Sundays.

Visitation

Visited homebound, assisted living, hospitalized, and nursing home members.

Delivered bulletins to SJLH, the Maples, and Downtown Estates on 11/14.

Worship

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

Held Rehearsal on 11/22 and then united in marriage Jake Gatloff and Marlayna Evers on 11/23.

Presided at the Thanksgiving Eve Service on 11/27.

Presided at the Thanks for the Harvest Service on 12/4.

Parish Education

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

Attended the Parish Ed meeting on 12/2.

Planning an adult education class beginning in January which will compare our Lutheran beliefs with other Christian denominations.

Confirmation

Hosting the 12/18 confirmation class at the parsonage for a Christmas party with mentors invited also.

Enjoyed hosting my confirmation mentee and his parents for dinner on 11/17.

Luther League

Attended the 12/8 Luther League Christmas party and bowling.

Community

Gave one SAFE voucher to community members.

Enjoyed lunch with elementary students at the public school and St Ray's.

Enjoyed attending the Little Mermaid on 11/24.

Attended the Ministerial Meeting on 11/26.

Enjoyed the Kindergarten Christmas program on 12/5.

Enjoyed the 1-3 Grade Christmas Program on 12/5.

Enjoyed Christmas Caroling at SJLH, the Maples, and Downtown Estates with LL and choir.

Attended the Friends of the Library meeting on 12/10.

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

Stewardship

Planned and helped serve the Thanks for the Harvest meal on 12/4, then delivered leftovers to the needy.

Other Business

Attended a 2020 budgeting meeting on 11/19.

Continuing Ed

Attending 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

150th Anniversary-committee meeting next Monday 7pm to solidify the schedule for the next council meeting.

Thanks for the Harvest Discussion-if going to continue, need to relook at what the focus is for this event.

Staff Reviews Recap-gave thanks for all they do. Technology/computer needs with older programs are a concern and asked to be addressed. Katie and Paul will work together on technology needs.

Christmas Program Treat Bags – Saturday, December 14th at 9:00 am

Visits with Shut-Ins-Saturday, December 21 at 1:00 p.m. Meet at church.

Church Credit Card-nothing to report at this time-tabled.

Nominating Committee – Paul Muske, Matt Sargent, Shawna Jacobs—will be reaching out to members to fill out openings.

Budget Committee-

M/S/P-to incorporate the salary recommendations for all employees for the 2020 year.

M/S/P-to give \$50 Chamber Bucks and Tickets to an event.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting-All Committee Reports due to Katie by Friday, January 10, 2019

Easter Worship Service –

M/S/P- To have 1 Easter Service on April 12, 2020 at 9am, there will be no brunch served and no Sunday School.

Luther League will be serving breakfast on Palm Sunday.

Memorial money from Bernice Balbach's family requests:

Music department & 150th Anniversary celebration, with the remaining to be used as needed.

-Additional considerations/recommendations- replace Christmas Tree

Motion to adjourn 9:01pm with the Lord's Prayer

Shawna Jacobs

Council Secretary

Budget Recap & Attendance Year-To-Date (01/01/19 to 12/23/19)

Total Funds for Budget	\$161,232.48	Operating Funds	\$176,232.48	Budget	\$174,921.14
Loan From Memorial	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	Operating Exp.	\$169,830.01	Difference	\$1,311.34
Total Operating Funds	\$176,232.48	Payback Memorial	<u>\$6,000.00</u>		
		Difference	\$402.47		

Attendance Worship Services

Wednesday, November 27	7pm - 57	Sunday, December 1	9am - 72 & 11am - 8
Wednesday, December 4	6pm - 36	Sunday, December 8	9am - 103 & 11am - 5
Sunday, December 15	10am - 221	Sunday, December 22	9am - 51 & 11am - 0

Memorials Given From 11/25/19 to 12/24/19

<u>In Memory:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>	<u>Designated for:</u>
Darla Bittler	Ed & Carol Meidl	Baptismal Faith Chests
	Duane & Barbara	Baptismal Faith Chests
Phyllis Wersal	Rodney & Rhonda Larson	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
Phyllis Posz	Rodney & Rhonda Larson	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
Monica Platz	Rodney & Rhonda Larson	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
George Gaffney	Rodney & Rhonda Larson	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
Mike Dougherty	Ed & Carol Meidl	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
Bernice Balbach	Family of Bernice	St. Paul's Music Fund
		St. Paul 150th Anniversary 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 DollarsSM, 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. We appreciate you keeping us updated!

Please pray for... The Family of Darla Knutson Bittler, Bev Beussman, Taya Beyer; 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.

9:00 am Worship Service

Date	Sound & Video	Reader	Acolyte	Greeters	Usher
1/5	Shane Clemon	Jordan Pidde	Keagan Streich Kyler Zihlke	Don & Sherry Bloemke	Team 3
1/12	Tim Vogel	Daniel Kettner	Nickolas Rogotzke Jace Rosenau	Dustin & Tiffany Trapp	Team 4
1/19	Bob Kratz	Mel Vogel	Bryan Buerkle Abigail Jensen	Doug & Marcia Schiller	Team 1
1/26	Shane Clemon	Russell Rogotzke	Noah Mueller Parker Gluth	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Team 2

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.**

January Birthdays!

4 - Levi Serie
 5 - Grace Jacobs
 Stacia Rosenau
 Justina Streich
 6 - Kyler Zihlke
 Mahesh Allen
 9 - Navada Trebesch
 10 - Glenn Jensen
 11 - Moe Weber
 12 - Tasha Sargent
 Alan Groebner
 14 - Ellie Jensen
 15 - Taelyn Salonek
 16 - Gerard Jensen
 20 - Ashlyn Rosenau
 21 - Megan Quesenberry
 Nickolas Rogotzke
 23 - Jacob Rogotzke
 24 - Parker Gluth
 Brad Haugo
 Marilyn Kratz
 Gertie Rosenau
 25 - April Sargent
 28 - Derek Shaw
 29 - Andrew Longsdorf



January Anniversaries!

21 - Paul & Colleen Meidl - 31 years

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 Thank you to those who donated
 the goodies for the treat bags
 given to the children following the
 Sunday school Christmas

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!

January Altar Guild

Barb Marz, Rhonda Larson, Ashley Larson

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

Delivering bulletins in January

2 - Leona Schottle
9 - Pastor Tricia
16 - Jo Muske
23 - Mary Sternberg
30 - Denise Gicker

The Springfield Area Food Shelf will hold their Annual Meeting on January 13, 2020 at the Springfield Area Food Shelf. Located in the Shawankee building East Rock Street on Highway 14. Time is 12-1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Call Shari Koll if you have any questions 507-723-6120 or 507-227-0386.

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.

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.

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 will be serving breakfast on Sunday, January 26th before the Annual Meeting

St. Paul's celebrating 150th anniversary in 2020

St. Paul Lutheran Church will be celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2020. The church was started in 1870 and will be 150 years old! A committee has been formed to work on ways to commemorate the celebration. There will be an event(s) held each month during the year celebrating and reminiscing about different facts and events in the life of the congregation. The theme of the year will be "150 years of Walking With God." There will be a special "walk" each month:

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

Watch the church bulletin and newsletter for more information on these events each month throughout the year. Invite your friends, neighbors and former members to join us. The major anniversary celebration is scheduled for Sunday, October 11.

Luther House of Study PROCLAMATION ON THE PLAINS ~ JANUARY 5-7

Commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Three Treatises

Come join us for three days of learning and fellowship as we focus on three of Martin Luther's most theologically determinative treatises. Our afternoon sessions will cover *The Babylonian Captivity* and *Address to the Christian Nobility*. The evening sessions will discuss *The Freedom of A Christian*. This conference is free and open to rostered leaders and the public. Sponsored by: Lutheran Leadership Foundation, LHS Staff:

Steven Paulson, Chris Croghan, Sarah Stenson, Please email [sstenson@augie.edu](mailto:ssenson@augie.edu) to register

Afternoon Sessions Mon/Tues 1:30-3:00 p.m. & Evening Sessions Sun/Mon/Tues 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Also available live stream on-line, Sioux Falls Seminary, 2100 S. Summit Ave Sioux Falls SD

St. Raphael Council of Catholic Women is planning their 4th Annual Sparkle and Dine Event for Monday, February 10th, at the Springfield Area Community Center. Table hostesses are needed! The cost is \$160 per table (\$20 per person) and includes fellowship, beautiful themed tables, a catered meal, and guest speaker, Denise Hirl. Registration forms are due by January 27, 2020 and can be found outside of Katie's office. This is a fun and elegant evening of socializing, laughing and spending time with your friends!

Proceeds will go towards Olivia's House of Hope, a non-profit organization in Olivia. This organization gives women in difficult life situations a better way to successfully transition back into the community through a biblically based, Christ centered ministry.

We are working on assigning new offering envelope numbers to the congregation. However in order to assign new numbers, we need to wait until after the first of the new year. So with that being said, you will be getting your offering envelopes at a later date than usual. Thank you for your understanding.

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Calendar Highlights - January 2020

26th - Annual Meeting & Luther League Brunch

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Office Hours

Pastor: Tricia Mattson

Monday & Thursday 9-noon

Wednesday 1-4

Or by appointment

pastortriciamattson@gmail.com

Parish Coordinator: Katie Mueller

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-noon

Email: stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com

Housekeeper: Lisa Prechel

Maintenance: Ed Meidl

Financial Secretary: Anita Jensen

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St. Paul EPISTLE is a publication of St. Paul Lutheran Church. It is published monthly to keep members and friends informed of programs and ministries of the church.



Articles may be submitted for publication subject to content.

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

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