

St. Paul Connection

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From Pastor's Pen ...



“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

Isaiah 43:18-19 ESV

Breaking Trail for 2018...St. Paul Winter Book Festival

One winter sport gaining popularity is snow-shoeing. You'll find snow-shoes at most sporting-good stores. Even local parks and nature centers rent them. Maybe you got a pair for Christmas this year.

Besides the cardio benefits, snow-shoeing gets a person out and active during the winter months. There is a certain beauty of standing before an unbroken field of white on a sunny winter day. Everything is clean and pristine. Breaking a winter trail brings you into a world that is unexpected from how you remember it in Spring, Summer and Fall.

2018 is before us fresh and unbroken. A new year brings new hopes as well as old fears and worries. Yet Christ, reminds us through the words of Isaiah that He still leads. He is breaking trail for His people. That is why He tells us, *“Remember not the former things nor consider the things of old.” (Isaiah 42:18)* In other words look to Him. Christ charts the course. He guides us through this unbroken territory of 2018.

Part of that new course for 2018 is a congregation-wide *St. Paul Winter Book Read*. Maybe you've seen or read about cities, communities and organizations that sponsor *book festivals* across the country. A *Book Festival* or *Book Read* helps in the following ways: It makes us think. It builds community. It sparks discussion. And it also helps us grow in the grace of Christ together. We begin to speak from the same page.

The title of the book, for the *St. Paul Book Festival* is Thanks, Praise, Serve and Obey by William Weedon. This book was recently published by Concordia Publishing House to outstanding reviews. Pastor Weedon serves as the worship director for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The aim of this book is to help refocus our life through faith in Christ to God's praise and glory and for the benefit of those around us. The book speaks about our individual Christian life of faith, our Christian home and our Christian congregation. The book provides practical ways we all can live our Christian life out in the 21st century whether we are young or old, married or unmarried, working or retired.

How to be a part of the *St. Paul Book Festival* is this: 1) Purchase the book; 2) Read it at home (it is a quick read less than 200 pages; 3) Sunday Bible Class hour will be used for discussion. Even if you do not enjoy reading; coming to the discussion will be very beneficial. There is something for everyone in this book. It helps to look at the Christian life from a fresh perspective. Let's begin this congregational conversation on Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 9:30AM during Sunday Morning Bible Study. The discussion will continue through-out February and March.

Cost for the book \$14.99; however, Concordia Publishing House has arranged volume discounts. If ten people sign up, the price goes down 10% to \$12.74; 25 copies less 20% to \$11.99; 50 copies less 25% to \$11.24. Please take a moment to look at the display in the fellowship hall and sign up for a copy today!

Let the Savior blaze a new trail for you, your family and our congregation. Thanks, Praise, Serve and Obey by William Weedon helps to see the Lutheran landscape around us in Christ with fresh eyes, in a new and a different perspective. Be a part of the *St. Paul Winter Book Festival* today!

Church Council & Board Members

The following people from our congregation will be installed as members of the Church Council, Boards and Committees on January 7, 2018, following the election of officers at the October Quarterly Meeting. May our Lord and Savior bless them in their work in our midst and may we as members work with them as together we continue to work to spread our Savior's Kingdom in our community and through out the world.

Council & Board Members for 2018:

The following people are serving our congregation and our Lord and Savior in 2018.

CHAIRMAN – Doug Ehrenberg

VICE CHAIRMAN – Paul Krause

SECRETARY – Matt Voigt

TREASURER - Bobbi Marks

ELDERS – Ken Rothe, Phil Lewin, Roger Schreiber, Mike Beilfuss, Kirk Delwiche

TRUSTEES – Scott Krause, Gerry Harris, Terry Block, Pat Kons, Bob Wendt, Bill Mitchell

STEWARDSHIP & EVANGELISM – Candace Mitchell, Michelle Dross, Cindy Rohan, Mary Ann Oehlke, Susan Hansen

EDUCATION – Pastor Pope, Sarah Pope, Jerry Witkowski, Mark Peters, Debbie Thorne, Nikki Schroeder, Jen Titus, Tara Pomrening

CHURCH FINANCE – Jim Radtke, Ellen Rothe, Bobbi Marks, Candace Mitchell

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCE – Shelly Kohl, Kathy Krause & Nikki Schroeder

HEAD USHERS – John Kobiske (1st)
Paul R. Hartrick (2nd)



Announcements and Upcoming Events

Installation of Church Council, Boards and Committees

Sunday, January 7, 2018 at both services will be installation for newly elected and currently serving members of the Council, Boards and Committees here at St. Paul. Also in conjunction with this service will be the Good Shepherd Recognition for volunteer service in our congregation. Please save the date!



Annual Meeting

On Sunday, January 28, 2018 St. Paul Lutheran Church will have their annual meeting following early service, **at 9:15AM**. An invitation is extended to all the members to attend this meeting. A printed copy of the Annual Report of St. Paul Lutheran Church can be picked up at this meeting.



Reports Needed For Annual Meeting

St. Paul's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, 2018. Chairman or secretaries of various boards/committees are asked to submit a report of your board/committee's business during the past year to the church office for the St. Paul Lutheran Annual Report. Outgoing officers and committee members are kindly asked to help new committee members with this report if at all possible. Please submit your report by **Sunday, January 21st**. Getting your reports in early will help the church office in printing and assembling the Annual Report. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan on attending.



Poinsettias

If you purchased a poinsettia for the memorial tree, they can be picked up following the 9:30AM service on December 31. Thank you for your gift! They can use a sunny spot in your home during these winter months. All poinsettias that are not picked up by January 7 will be taken to area nursing homes.



Sunday School & Catechism Parents

Sunday School resumes its normal schedule beginning on January 7, 2018 at 9:15AM. Also Catechism Class resumes its normal schedule on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 6:30PM.

Altar Guild Annual Meeting

The Altar Guild of St. Paul will have their annual meeting on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 9:30AM. Members of the guild are invited to come and hear about news and information as well as to share concerns at this meeting.

Altar Flowers

If you have an anniversary, birthday or other occasion happening in your family in 2018 why not make the occasion memorable by placing flowers on the altar at church? The 2018 Flower Calendar is up on the bulletin board in the main fellowship area, where you can sign up. If you don't want to sign up but would like to make a donation to the Flower Fund, please indicate your donation on your contribution envelope. If you need some help with getting flowers, please contact Mary Ann Oehlke (920-572-4207). She will be happy to help you.



February Is

Food Pantry Month at St. Paul...

Beginning in the month of February we would like to begin collecting items for our annual Winter Food Drive for the Weymont Food Pantry. There are still people in our communities who can use a helping hand because of lay-offs and under-employment. Please remember these families in our area, by picking up non-perishable food items as you do your family shopping. You can bring your gifts here to church or else you can drop it off at the Pantry in Weyauwega. Please be sure to tell them that your donation is coming from our February Food Drive at St. Paul. In recent years, we have provided lots of food for the food pantry in the month of February. Let's do so again! The Food Pantry expresses their thanks to all who have volunteered and donated items through the year.



Women Rejoice Annual Retreat!

Please check the pockets on the wall near the Scrip desk for registration forms for the Women Rejoice Annual Retreat that will be at the Osthoff Resort on March 2-4, 2018. The theme for this year's retreat is "Daughters of the King: A Relationship That Will Never Change!". The registration form answers a majority of the questions you may have including accommodations and food. Please note the deadline of January 18, 2018! Hopefully a number of women from our congregation will be able to attend.



Thank-You!

Pastor Pope would like to thank you all for the many cards, gifts and well wishes that you gave during the Christmas season! Your thoughtfulness and kindness is very much appreciated. Thank-you one and all!

St Paul Winter Chili Lunch!

The St. Paul Winter Chili Lunch is scheduled for February 11, 2018 immediately following late service (11:30AM). As in the past, there will be a cake/pie walk to benefit our St. Paul Youth Program as well as a delicious bowl of warm chili with the fixings. Come and enjoy an early afternoon of good food and fellowship!



Catechism Parents

Please watch the bulletin for information about a parent meeting to plan and co-ordinate The Winter Chili Lunch on Sunday, February 11, 2018. Parents and students will be needed for the food preparation, set-up, serving and take down for this event in the basement fellowship hall.

Donations For Winter Chili Lunch

Donations will be needed for the *Winter Chili Lunch*. You can help our Catechism and Youth Group by donating the items that will be posted later this month on a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hallway.



Donations for Winter Cake Walk

Donations will be received for bars, cookies, cupcakes, pies and cakes for the Cake Walk that will be held immediately following the chili. Your Valentine-themed desserts from year to year have been a great hit for the walk. Please take a moment to sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hallway later this month. Again donations will benefit the St. Paul Youth Fund.



Lenten Suppers Sign Up Sheet

Please look for the sign-up sheet for Lenten Suppers for Lent 2018 coming soon. Boards, committees, organizations and extended families are encouraged and invited to sign up to host. The menu just like in years past, can be simple and easy. These are great opportunities for fellowship in our congregation as well as the opportunity for us to serve one another which Scripture invites us all to do. Watch the bulletin for more details!



Lent Begins On Ash Wednesday: February 14, 2018

This year's Lenten Theme is :

"Return From Exile"

Ash Wednesday:

***Heart To Heart: Sackcloth and Ashes
to Robes of Righteousness
(Joel 2:12-19; Revelation 7:9-14)***

Midweek 1:

***Garden To Garden – Eden to Paradise
(Genesis 3:22-24; Revelation 22:1-6)***

Midweek 2:

***Mountain To Mountain – Moriah to Zion
(Genesis 22:1-8; John 3:16)***

Midweek 3:

***Out of Egypt – Through the Water
(Exodus 14:13-31; Mark 1:9-13)***

Midweek 4:

***Tree To Tree – Tree of Life to the Tree of the Cross
(Genesis 2:15; 3:22-24; John 3:14-15)***

Midweek 5:

***The Wilderness to the Promised Land
(Joshua 3:1-6; Matthew 3:13; 4:1-2)***

Maundy Thursday:

***Meal To Meal – Passover To Lord's Supper
(Exodus 12:1-13; Mark 14:12-26)***

Good Friday:

***Sin Bearer to Sin Bearer
(Isaiah 52:13-53:12; John 19:17-30)***

Easter (April 1, 2018):

***Welcome Home!
(Mark 16:1-8)***

2018 Church Envelopes Reminder

Don't forget, Your 2018 contribution envelopes can be picked up in your church mailbox.

Offering Envelopes



Automatic Contributions Program

Are you interested in having your church offerings transferred automatically to the church? You and St. Paul's can save time and the expense of writing and handling checks by participating in the Electronic Offering Program. Automatic Contributions is just like the automated or electronic transfers you may already use with your payroll checks, loan payments or monthly bill payments. Automatic Contributions is an easier, more secure way to make your regular contributions to our church through automated giving. If you are interested in signing up for Automatic Contributions or have questions about it, please contact the church office at 920-446-3251.



St. Paul Scrip Update

Thank you to all who participated in the scrip program this past year. We had a phenomenal number of sales for the holiday season! For those of you that tried the scrip program for the first time, we thank you, and hope you will consider taking advantage of the program year round! To our many faithful Scrip Families who purchase cards each week, we thank you for your commitment in making this Fundraising program such a success at St. Paul's. Also, Thank You to all who help sell on Sundays. It is a great help to the program!

Our 2017 Numbers

Church \$67,505 in sales \$2,183 profit
Childcare \$48,480 in sales \$1,948 profit



New Year's Resolution – Spiritual Growth...Bible Class Opportunities!

• 'The Way' Bible Class: Each Sunday at 9:30AM, Youth Bible Class meets in "The Way Room" at the foot of the stairs in the church basement. This class is being led by Pat Kons and Debbie Thorne. This class is for our High School students in our congregation. This year's focus is on issues young people face into today's world as well as having the Lord Jesus a part of your life each day. We hope more parents will take the time to encourage their High School sons and daughters to come. Stay strong in the faith and in your Christian friendships with one another.

• Sunday Morning Bible Class: Four Gospels Bible Class – Route 66, the Sunday Morning Bible Class completed a major milestone last December. We concluded the last book of the Old Testament, the Book of Malachi. As soon as the *St. Paul Winter Book Festival* is concluded, *Sunday Morning Bible Class* will begin on the New Testament. The study will be a bit different with the study of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Instead of teaching them individually, a *Harmony of the 4 Gospels* will be presented. What that means is that we will study the life of Christ from the 4 Gospel in chronological order. Each author of the Gospel presents material that is important to their purpose. What that means is that not every Gospel will contain every detail that the other Gospels contain. On the other hand, they will cover some events almost word for word. That doesn't mean that there are errors or discrepancies. Each writer wrote from a special point of view. Please watch the bulletin in weeks ahead for more information.

• Wednesday Morning Bible Class: Wednesday Morning Bible Class is currently beginning a study of church history with the book "Church of Our Fathers" by Roland Bainton. This book is a gem when it comes to church history. Why? Because it explains the history of the church from the time of the Apostles through the 1800's. Each session a chapter is discussed in conjunction with Bible passage notes that explain or clarify the issues that the Christian Church has faced in its history. This is a lively and thought-provoking study and with good discussion each week. Please come and join us and find out about a portion of history that is rarely if ever discussed today. **We meet each Wednesday at 10:30AM to 12 noon.**



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Church Council
November 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Doug Ehrenberg at 6:30 pm.

Pastor opened with a devotion.

Roll: Matthew Voigt, Scott Krause, Paul Krause, Phil Lewin, Bobbi Marks, Sandy Smith, Mark Peters, Pastor Pope, Ken Rothe, Doug Ehrenberg

Absent: Stewardship/Evangelism

Minutes: The minutes of the previous council meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Phil Lewin, seconded by Bobbi Marks to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer: The October treasurer report was reviewed. A motion was made by Ken Rothe, seconded by Scott Krause to approve. Motion carried.

Pastor: Transfer in Gail Genz from Oshkosh, and Lee Hartrick and Debra Hartrick Purfield. Joan Greifoner transfer out. A motion was made by Phil Lewin, seconded by Bobbi Marks to accept these transfers. Motion carried. Daycare and Sunday school programs are underway. The Way is planning their cookie walk. District workshop is January 25th from 7-9 pm. A new circuit pastor will be elected. December 31st services will be standard times.

Elders: Paul Krause attended their meeting and discussed the Long range planning committee.

Trustees: The roof has been repaired. Scott gave a quote of approximately \$2000 to rehab the garage. This will include siding and garage doors. The siding and garage doors have been donated. The money is for trim work and house wrap and other incidentals. A motion was made by Bobbi Marks, seconded by Ken Rothe to approve this project. Motion carried. Money should come from improvement fund.

Board of Education: Daycare is doing well. Matthew Voigt attended their meeting to see how they arrived at 18%. Mark Peters presented council with the numbers. Council decided to table until next meeting to be able to look over the paper work and discuss.

Stewardship/Evangelism: None Present.

Old Business:

Master Planning: Short surveys will be coming out shortly.

New Business:

Westmeyer: There are a few request. Lorraine Zeichert has asked to be replaced on the committee. Looking to update the criteria.

Ken Abhold Painting: Julie wants it in the narthex. This would mean moving Nancy's banners. How do we resolve this?

Scrip Safe: Scott looked into a mixer shelf for the safe. Will mount in cabinet.

A motion was made to adjourn by Scott Krause, seconded by Bobbi Marks. We adjourned at 7:18 pm.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted – Matthew Voigt – Secretary



Serving the Lord ...

January 7 & 14

Greeters 1st – Lora & Matt Voigt
2nd – Pat & Nancy Gorchals

Ushers 1st – Jim & Lauri Struck
Eric & Michelle Berndt
2nd – Ron Kester, Harley Bartel
Peter Kohl, Pat Gorchals

January 21 & 28

Greeters 1st – Debbie Thorne & Pat Kons Family
2nd – Bobbi Marks

Ushers 1st – Debbie Thorne & Pat Kons
Emily & Kyle Kons
2nd – Terry Block, Greg Oehlke
Bill & Candace Mitchell

ACOLYTES

Jan. 7 – 1st – Kahli Weissshahn
2nd – Emma Looker

Jan. 14 – 1st – Connor Delwiche
2nd – Madison Hansen

Jan. 21 – 1st – Grace Ebert
2nd – Luke Ehrenberg

Jan. 28 – 1st – Cooper Kester
2nd – Carson Arrowood

January 3 – Stacy Dunaj, Jeanice Hartfiel
January 4 – Ronald Ehlke, Matthew Zeichert
January 5 – Dorothy Winters, Victoria Hillskotter
January 6 – Marian Kiesow
January 8 – Eric Keenan
January 9 – Zander Dunaj
January 10 – Julia Baker, Emily Mitchell
January 11 – Gail Belling, Debra Purfield
January 12 – Alyssa Miller
January 16 – Brooklyn Buss
January 17 – Andy Bartel
January 18 – Patricia Schmoldt, James Cartwright
January 20 – Lauren Kester, Taylor Kester
Kevin Zeinert
January 21 – Roy Dikkers
January 23 – Conner Arrowood, Brieanne Oehlke
January 25 – Carol Keenan, KenRothe
January 27 – Nancy Schneider
January 28 – Carson Kester, Jon Porter
Jeremiah Redemann
January 29 – Carolee Seifer, Lorraine Ebert
Aliyana Miller
January 31 – Susan Deruchowski, Robert Klapper



January 14 – Chuck & Kimberly Vanevenhoven
January 25 – Christie & Cody Wilz



Serving the Lord ...

February 2 – Kathy Krause
February 3 – Sally Owen
February 4 – Luke Mitchell, Isabella Pamenter
February 5 – Sally Hartfiel, Emma Looker
Kaitlyn Ventgen
February 6 – Karen Ann Looker
February 7 – Jake Buss, Dennis Marquardt
February 8 – Irene Zeinert
February 9 – Jesse Hartrick
February 10 – Lauren Akey, Leah Brooks
Casey Schalkowski
February 11 – Susan Hansen
February 12 – Shirley Stratil
February 14 – Leif Berrens
February 15 – Angela Hansen
February 17 – Tim Tews
February 18 – Bohdan Witkowski, Brooklyn Hanten
February 19 – John Hartfiel
February 21 – Hailey Wheaton
February 23 – Lloyd Beilfuss
Becca Schalkowski
February 25 – Diane Kohl
February 26 – Darnell Burow, Austin Krause
Amber Gabrielson
February 27 – Lori Arrowood, Joseph Fischer
February 28 – Rylee Bartel, Karen Lager
Michael Hanten



February 4 – Darnell & Betty Burow
February 20 – Victor & Angel Estrada
February 21 – Luke & Stacy Landaal

Feb. 4 & 11

Greeters 1st – Lee & Julie Hansen
2nd – Tabby Bucholtz Family

Ushers 1st – Lee & Julie Hansen
Christ & Pat Brogaard
2nd – Brian Oehlke, Tabby Bucholtz
Kevin Miller, Seth Miller

Feb. 18 & 25

Greeters 1st – Glenn Pomrening Family
2nd – Matt Looker Family
Ushers 1st – Gordon Puls, Butch Owen
Glenn Pomrening, Darnell Burow
2nd – Doug Ehrenberg, Scott Krause
Andrew Looker, Matt Looker

ACOLYTES

Feb. 4 – 1st – Colton Connor
2nd – Reilly Claassen

Feb. 11 – 1st – Blake Bartel
2nd – Morgan Hansen

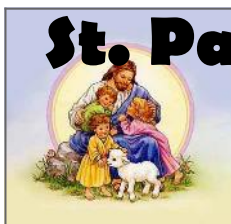
Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday
- Ian Liebel

Feb. 18 – 1st – Ellie Pomrening
2nd – Landen Berrens

Feb. 21-Lenten Service
- Emma Looker

Feb. 25 – 1st – Kahli Weissahh
2nd – Mackenzie Hansen

Feb. 28 -Lenten Service
- Connor Delwiche



St. Paul Child Care-Preschool Newsletter

JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 2018



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School Age Teacher: Tammy Yonke

Little Learners Teacher: Nan Young

Child Care Teachers: Shelly Kohl, Susan McGlin, Cindy Billington, Jane Freer, Tammy Ebert, Lori Gabrielson, Becca Schalkowski, Dawn Kauper, Terry Fischer

Assistant Teacher: Karen Hartrick, Jordan Krause

CALENDAR

Monday, January 1

Friday, January 19

Wednesday, February 14

Wednesday, February 21

CHILDCARE CLOSED - HAPPY NEW YEAR

WF No School Child Care Open

Grandparents Day

WF No School Child Care Open



Please remember to check and initial your child's future week's schedule by Thursday AM of each week.



School District of Weyauwega-Fremont Child Development Days

For Children age 2-4 ½ living within the WF School District

Monday, January 22 and Tuesday, January 23

(Snow Dates: January 25 and/or January 26)

Fremont Elementary IMC

615 Wolf River Drive, Fremont

To make an appointment, call Jill Hughes,

Pupil Service Secretary at 867-8821



*Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto man His Son hath given;
While angels sing with tender mirth
A glad new year to all the earth
Martin Luther*



St. Paul Lutheran Church

January 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism	4	5	6
7 7:45 AM Worship w/HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship w/HC <i>Installation of Officers & Committee Members Both Services</i>	8	9 5:30 PM Board of Ed 6:30 PM Elders Mtg 6:30 PM Book Group	10 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism	11	12	13
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February 2018



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