

# NEWSLETTER

## ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### Attention Members:

St. Paul will be holding the annual congregational meeting on Sunday February 11th directly following church worship service. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Annual Reports are available in the Narthex.

### LENT BEGINS THIS MONTH

While the 14th of February is known to many around the world as a day to celebrate amorous love as we share gifts of candy and flowers with those closest to us; this year, the day will have a deeper meaning than the holiday named for the martyred priest St. Valentine of Rome.

This February 14th also falls exactly 46 days before Easter and begins our celebration of Lent, a season of reflection and preparation for the greatest gift of love ever given to humanity and the promise received that first Easter.

**Join us for Ash Wednesday Worship—Feb. 14th, 6:30 pm.**

**Soup & Sandwich Suppers—Begin Wednesday, Feb. 21st.**

As part of this journey of preparation, reflection, and celebration, the Congregational Life and Worship Committees would like to invite the congregation to help with and participate in Lenten Soup and Sandwich Suppers each Wednesday of Lent.

If the sign-up sheet in the Narthex is filled, these suppers will be held at 6:00 pm February 21 and 28 as well as March 7, 14, and 21 in conjunction with Lenten worship services.

For more information, please contact Pastor Robb or Rori Mattson

# Inside St. Paul's

## THANK YOU!

**THANK YOU** to Kris Ehrke for serving as our Treasurer at St. Paul's for the past year. Kris has done a fine job in an important position in our congregation, paying our bills and keeping track of the various funds we have.

Due to time constraints in her work and personal life, Kris has decided to step down as our Treasurer.

Sandy Corrie has volunteered to take on the responsibilities of our Congregational Treasurer.

**THANK YOU** to Sandy Corrie for helping out in the office, preparing bulletins and helping to keep things running as we await a new office secretary here at St. Paul's.

**THANK YOU** to our Mutual Ministry Committee for their work in find our new secretary. Megan Smith will begin in that position during the second week in February. Welcome Megan.

**THANK YOU** to Rob Rowbotham for editing our February Newsletter

## January membership changes:

**Received:** 0(UC), 1(C)

**Removed:** 0(UC), 1(C)

**Total Members: 532**

**Confirmed: 447**

**Unconfirmed: 85**

Received:

Barry Fox was reinstated by council.

Removed:

Laura Crave transferred to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Wauwatosa, WI

## ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018 10:00 AM (AFTER WORSHIP)

- **Call to Order**
- **Minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting**
- **Approval of Reports**
- **Election of Council Members**  
There are 3 positions available for 3 year terms.
- **Recommendation of New Office Copier**
- **Discussion of Monitors for the Sanctuary**
- **Adoption of Proposed Budget for 2018**

If you would like to make a contribution to March's newsletter, please submit information to the office no later than February 19th.

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## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH CLOSING POLICY



There may be times when church services and events need to be cancelled. These will be broadcast on the following radio stations:

WBEV – 1430 AM (Beaver Dam)

WTTN – 1580 AM (Watertown)

WXRO – 95.3 FM (Beaver Dam)

# February Birthdays

- |                        |                      |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 2-1 Mary Heiman        | 2-13 Robert Berndt   | 2-17 Brayden Junkers |
| 2-2 Jeremy Kaplanek    | Gene Chadwick        | 2-18 Tom Lewellin    |
| Duane Kidd             | Jane Kasuboske       | Kathy Tarnowski      |
| Trinity Sago           | Jeanne Ritter        | 2-21 Travis Schaller |
| Willow Stahnke         | 2-14 Mark Knapton    | Joan Unrein          |
| 2-3 Nova Kuntz         | Zachary Knapton      | 2-24 Jakyb Silha     |
| 2-6 Seth Kosky         | Nathon McCunn        | 2-26 Randall Buss    |
| 2-7 Paul Mattson       | 2-16 Rose Buss       | 2-28 Debra Buss      |
| Kristie Silha          | Morgan Filter        |                      |
| 2-9 Raymond Unrein     | Joyce Kovalaske      |                      |
| 2-10 Edward Pionkowski | 2-16 Dawn Schaller   |                      |
| 2-12 Alicia Hotmar     | 2-17 Amy Baumgartner |                      |

If your birthday is not listed; the omission not intentional (please contact the church office with an update). We wish you a very Happy Birthday as well!!!

## Mobile Food Pantry

**Friday, February 23rd**

2:00–5:30PM at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church-Fellowship Hall, in Marshall is open to people in the Marshall and Waterloo area in need of assistance.

## Easter Bell Choir

Bells rehearsal for the early service for Easter Sunday will begin February 25th following the worship service. Please contact Valery Silha if you are able to join us to ring. 920-675-6547 or [vallar51@embarqmail.com](mailto:vallar51@embarqmail.com).

## Food Pantry Coordinator Position

After almost 25 years of service to our community Dave Zastrow would like to officially retire as the **Food Pantry Coordinator** for the Marshall/Waterloo Food Pantry. The Pantry is seeking a volunteer to fill this position which involves helping to coordinate food donations/ordering/pick-ups, monthly reporting, board meeting organization, and working with the board members to provide food for those in need. Dave has graciously agreed to train the new person. The Food Pantry is strongly supported by board members and other countless volunteers. If you feel in your heart that this is one way the Lord is asking you to serve others, please contact Les Schoemann (920)478-2722 or Dave Zastrow (920)478-3041.



## Chará! Bible Study

A heartfelt "Thank you" to EVERYONE who is in the Chará! Bible Study! Thank you for the joy that you bring to every Thursday that we meet. God continues to bless us as we Study His Word: the book of Job.

We will continue to meet in the church library at 9:00 am and we will finish this study on the last Thursday in March. Keep the faith in our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

God's blessings, Brenda Rowbotham



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### THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON MARCHING BAND CONCERT

**Sunday February 18th**  
**4:00 PM**

**Waterloo High School**



St. Paul's Lutheran Church is seeking volunteers to help with the following openings:

Lectors & Prayer Leaders

Videographers

Ushers

Counters

Communion Ushers

If you are able to help, please talk to Pastor Robb.

Thank you for your ministry to St. Paul's.

# LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PROJECT PROMISE FABRIC KITS

You've maybe heard the analogy about teaching someone to fish... well, WE can help teach a person to **sew** and provide the tools for them to earn an income and break out of poverty.

Beginning in mid- February, we will be collecting fabric and thread for the LWR Project Promise Fabric Kits. These kits are used around the world in vocational training programs to teach young men and women useful, marketable skills.

It's EASY!!

Each kit contains 2 pieces of fabric and 2 spools of thread.

General guidelines:

- Fabric should be **NEW** and have no stains or holes.
- Fabric should be cotton or cotton/blend. **NO KNITS** or 100% **POLYESTER**,
- Pieces do not need to match in size or color/pattern as long as they fit into one of the three size options. See below.
- Each spool of thread should match one of the pieces of fabric included. Neutral thread is also a good option.
- Please give **new items only**.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- Each piece of fabric should match **JUST ONE** of the sizes below:

2-1/4 yards of 60" wide fabric

or

3 yards of 44" wide fabric

or

4 yards of 36" wide fabric

Fabric can be left on the table in the narthex. Monetary donations will also be accepted and used to purchase fabric and thread.

During this Lenten season, please consider sacrificing of yourself in order to offer assistance to those in greater need. Thank you!!

## Newsletter Mailings

The proposed 2018 annual budget includes replacing this newsletter with an electronic version available on our web site <http://stpaulswaterloo.com/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/St.PaulsLutheranELCA/>. This change is in response to members requesting electronic copies where we can include color pictures and more content without concern for the number of pages and also to reduce printing and mailing costs.

Copies of the newsletter will continue to be available in the literature rack in the church narthex for those who do not use the Internet.

***If you would like a copy emailed to you, please provide the church office with your current email address.***

***If you would like to continue to receive a print copy of the newsletter by mail, please contact the church office at (920) 478-2570***

## Worship with Holy Communion

### **Every Thursday noon at Synod Office**

Please join us in our inviting chapel for this mid-week time of worship that will leave you restored and renewed! Bring a friend, your children, and a brown bag lunch as we enjoy fellowship at 12:30.

6401 Odana Rd, Suite 20, Madison

## Waterloo American Legion Dinners

**4pm—7pm**

February 10th Spaghetti & Meatballs

March 10th Corned Beef Cabbage

April 14th Grilled Pork Chops & Chicken

Contact the American Legion for information  
920-478-4300

## St. Paul's Mission Endowment Fund – Matching Funds Made Available



Our congregation has established a Mission Endowment Fund. This fund will provide a mechanism for our members to serve God's Mission in our community and around the world through gifts from wills, life insurance policies, charitable gift annuities, cash, stocks, bonds, etc. Distributions from the fund will be made from the earnings from investments in the fund to support work beyond our congregation's annual operating expenses. Distributions could be used to support such things as mission trips, camp scholarships, church camps, seminary students, ELCA disaster relief or world hunger, or development of new congregations or new ministries at St. Paul's.

The fund's value must exceed \$25,000 before distributions can be made. Current balance: \$1,200.

In order to help reach the \$25,000 minimum, a congregational member has offered to match, dollar for dollar, any donations deposited, into the Mission Endowment Fund by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018; up to \$15,000. Please understand that these donations are not meant to take away from our regular giving to St. Paul's Current Expenses, Benevolence, or other regular giving. Donations to the Mission Endowment Fund should be clearly labeled that they are to go to the Mission Endowment Fund. You will be notified when your gift has been matched. If you have questions about the Mission Endowment Fund or the matching funds, please contact Pastor Robb.



# FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00 Chara'! 7:30 AA	2	3 4:15 Com- munion Wor- ship
4 8:00 Property Committee 9:00 Communion Worship 10:00 Sunday School	5	6 6:30 Joint Committee	7 6:30 Mid-week Worship 7:00 Confirma- tion Class	8 9:00 Chara'! 7:30 AA	9	10 4:15 Service of the Word
11 9:00 Commu- nion Worship 10:00 Sunday School (MS & HS) 10:00 Annual Mtg.	12 5:30 Worship Committee	13	14 6:30 Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00 Confirma- tion Class	15 9:00 Chara'! 7:30 AA	15	17 4:15 Com- munion Wor- ship
18 9:00 Communion Worship 10:00 Sunday School	19 Deadline for Newsletter	20	21 6:00 Soup & Sandwich 6:30 Lenten Worship 7:00 Confirma- tion Class	22 9:00 Chara'! 7:30 AA	23	24 4:15 Service of the Word
25 9:00 Communion Worship 10:00 Sun School	26	27	28 6:00 Soup & Sandwich 6:30 Lenten Worship 7:00 Confirma- tion Class			

# Serving in February

<p><b><u>February 4th</u></b>  <b>LECTOR:</b> Mary Hunt  <b>PRAYER LEADER:</b> Mary Hunt  <b>GREETERS:</b> Dave Zastrow  <b>ACOLYTE:</b> Abby Quamme  <b>COMM ASST:</b> Sandy Corrie &amp; Kim Filter  <b>VIDEOGRAPHER:</b> Sandy Corrie  <b>CONF. USHER:</b> Cabella Ellis  <b>ORGANIST:</b> Elizabeth Converse  <b>USHERS:</b> Team 6 Don Riege  Bernard Galston  Mark Schaller  Russ Peloquin  Stephan Peachy</p>	<p><b><u>February 11th</u></b>  <b>LECTOR:</b> Lisa Lanphier  <b>PRAYER LEADER:</b> Lisa Lanphier  <b>GREETERS:</b> Kris Wilke &amp; Jan Crave  <b>ACOLYTE:</b> Maddie Webster  <b>COMM ASST:</b> Theresa Peachy &amp; Alice  <b>VIDEOGRAPHER:</b> Cyril Converse Filter  <b>CONF. USHER:</b> Bradee Haberman  <b>ORGANIST:</b> Elizabeth Converse  <b>USHERS:</b> Team 1 Leroy &amp; Helen Hebel  Lyndon Schroeder  James Kasuboske  Rob Rowbotham</p>
<p><b><u>February 18th</u></b>  <b>LECTOR:</b> Kathleen Throne-Luebs  <b>PRAYER LEADER:</b> Kathleen Throne-Luebs  <b>GREETERS:</b> Don &amp; Phillis Vehlow  <b>ACOLYTE:</b> Kaylee Bostwick  <b>COMM ASST:</b> Sandy Corrie &amp; Sue  <b>VIDEOGRAPHER:</b> Sandy Corrie Wuchterl  <b>CONF. USHER:</b> Dylan Bostwick  <b>ORGANIST:</b> Elizabeth Converse  <b>USHERS:</b> Team 1 Leroy &amp; Helen Hebel  Lyndon Schroeder  James Kasuboske  Rob Rowbotham</p>	<p><b><u>February 25th</u></b>  <b>LECTOR:</b> Terry Sauer  <b>PRAYER LEADER:</b> Terry Sauer  <b>GREETERS:</b> Ray and Joan Unrein  <b>ACOLYTE:</b> Bradee Haberman  <b>COMM ASST:</b> Alice Filter &amp; Dave Zastrow  <b>VIDEOGRAPHER:</b> <b>Volunteer needed</b>  <b>CONF. USHER:</b> Seth Kosky  <b>ORGANIST:</b> Elizabeth Converse  <b>USHERS:</b> Team 2 Dennis &amp; Jean Buss  Harvey Duessler  Robert Hanson  Mark Sillman</p>
<p><b><u>Sat February 3th</u></b>  <b>PIANIST:</b> Becky Christian  <b>COMM ASST:</b> Harvey Duessler  <b>ACOLYTE:</b> Lexi Yelk  <b><u>Sat February 10th</u></b>  <b>PIANIST:</b> Elizabeth Converse  <b><u>Sat February 17th</u></b>  <b>PIANIST:</b> Becky Christian  <b>COMM ASS:</b> Harvey Duessler  <b>ACOLYTE:</b> Ian Ritter  <b><u>Sat February 24th</u></b>  <b>PIANIST:</b> Esther Pratt  <b>GUITAR:</b> Randy Sharpe &amp; Bill Springer</p>	<p><b><u>Ash Wednesday</u></b>  <b>ORGANIST:</b> Elizabeth Converse  <b>COMM ASST:</b> Ray Unrein  <b>ACOLYTE:</b> Seth Kosky  <b>CONF. USHER:</b> Ian Ritter    <b><u>Alter Guild (Month of February)</u></b>  Dennis and Jean Buss</p>



## From the Pastor's Desk...



Do you remember the hand poem you may have said as a child:

*Here is the church,  
Here is the steeple,  
Open it up and see all the people.*

There is a reason why the church has people in it. And there is a benefit to going to church and seeing all of those people.

When we see one another regularly in worship, when we visit with one another afterwards over coffee and something to eat, when we volunteer and work with one another at the church, we get to know one another.

And when we get to know one another, we start to care for one another. And when we start to care for one another, we learn to love one another, and we support one another, and we celebrate together and we mourn together. We become a part of one another's lives. We become a community grounded in our trust in Jesus. We become brothers and sisters in Christ.

My family and I have experienced this many times, from the members of St. Paul's as well as the members of other churches Lisa and I have served. We are currently experiencing it again as we receive care from members of St. Paul's, of Faith in Columbus, of Hope in Fresno, of the South-Central Synod of WI of the ELCA, of the Holy Wisdom Monastery Oblate community, and of other brothers and sisters in Christ who are part of other congregations and faith communities.

Many of you have heard of the death of Lisa's mom, Liz Nelson. She died suddenly on January 10<sup>th</sup> from the flu. Since then, we have experienced an outpouring of love and support.

This is what we do as Christians. We love one another, just as Jesus has loved us. (Or at least, that's what we hope to do.)

When we are active members of the church, when we worship regularly, we allow other members of the church to know us, to care for us, and to love us. Conversely, we allow ourselves to know, care for, and love the other members of our community.

When we stay away from the church, we make it more difficult for that relationship of love and care to take place for the simple reason that we do not know one another as well and we do not know what is happening in one another's lives.

Thank you all for your care, and let us care for one another,

*Pastor Roll*

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**Worship Services Offered:**

Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

Saturday 4:15 P.M.

Sunday 9:00 A.M.



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