

# NEWSLETTER

## ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Mark Your Calendars with these important dates

- **Sunday, January 5th at 10:15 AM**

Council Meeting

- **Saturday, January 11th at 4:15 PM**

Rev. Steve Kottke, Assistant to the Bishop,  
will be preaching our evening service.

Following the service,  
he will be answering questions and  
helping guide us as we develop a plan  
for going forward as a congregation  
in the new year.

- **Sunday, January 19th at 10:00 AM**

Annual Meeting



# Inside St. Paul's

## December Council Highlights...

- Finance Committee: The budget hearing was held on 12/10.
- Education: The Sunday School Christmas Program was held on 12/22.
- Combined Committee: They put together bags of cookies and post cards that were delivered to members of St. Paul's to reach out to them and inform them about the Christmas Eve service schedule. A theme for Lent was discussed as well as a plan for soup and sandwich suppers.
- Worship Committee: They decorated the church for Christmas during their last meeting.
- Mutual Ministry Committee: They will need to appoint 1-2 new members in 2020.
- Property Committee: There is new evidence of a leak in the basement of the church. There will be further evaluation.
- The council discussed budget development, a plan for possible revisions of the current proposed plans and a plan for further dissemination. The council decided to avoid feeling rushed to make any decisions and plans to present a quarterly budget to the congregation. The quarterly budget proposal will provide time for the council to learn more about part time pastoral support, shared pastoral support, a first call pastor, and support from the synod if any changes should become necessary.
- Council will meet again January 5th to finalize what will be presented to the congregation, which includes a call for increased involvement and commitment from our entire congregation to ensure ongoing success.
- Rob Rowbotham will create a first draft of this proposed quarterly budget.
- Rev. Kottke will preach on Saturday, January 11th at 4:15 PM.



## December membership changes:

**Received:** 0 (UC), 2 (C)

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

**Total Members: 516**

**Confirmed: 431**

**Unconfirmed: 87**

Received:

Glenn & Shirley Andler

Removed:

### **\*Deadline for Newsletter\***

If you would like to make a contribution to the newsletter, **please submit information to the office no later than January 21st. Information submitted after this date may not go into the newsletter for that month.**

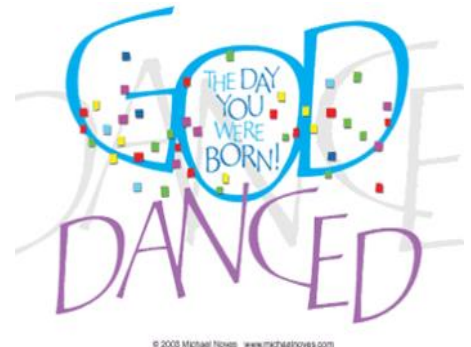
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# January Birthdays

1/1 Dramise Gates  
 1/2 Deborah McGovern  
 1/2 Jean Tousignant  
 1/3 Coralee Peterson  
 1/4 Thomas Filter  
 1/5 James Cole  
 1/5 Rachel Meyer  
 1/7 Alexis Braunschweig  
 1/8 Cyril Converse  
 1/8 Lynn Dose  
 1/8 Debra Hotmar  
 1/9 Ashley Bleecker  
 1/9 Tina Farwell  
 1/9 Jessica Lauersdorf  
 1/10 Leeah Dorn  
 1/10 Mitchell Lauersdorf  
 1/13 Gloria Grueneberg

1/13 Travis Malueg  
 1/15 Paula Herman  
 1/15 Lois Pann  
 1/18 Alex McCunn  
 1/18 Nathan Schaller  
 1/19 Michael Buss  
 1/19 Jessica Sellnow  
 1/20 Dawn Gorder  
 1/21 Kaelin Kjaldgaard  
 1/22 Lily Stahnke  
 1/23 Judy Gehler  
 1/24 Angela Galston  
 1/24 Cherna Gorder  
 1/26 Cheryl Wegner  
 1/27 Samantha Anderson  
 1/27 Hannah Blyth-McNamara

1/27 Adam Kuntz Jr.  
 1/27 Joanne Wampole  
 1/28 Robert Fandrey  
 1/28 Mitchell Schaller  
 1/28 Valery Silha  
 1/29 Levi McMillin  
 1/30 Ryan Stahnke



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

## St. Paul's Little Library

Our little library is in need of children's books. If you have any that you no longer need, please consider donating them to our little library for everyone who passes by to enjoy.  
 Thank You!



## Mobile Food Pantry Friday, January 31st

2:00-4:30 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church-Fellowship Hall, in Marshall.  
 It is open to people in the Marshall and Waterloo area who are in need of assistance.

**Volunteers are also needed from 1-6 pm to help unload the truck, set-up, distribute food and clean-up.**





## Attn: Members

### Advertise your business Here!!

St. Paul's is offering free advertising to members who own or manage a business. Your ad space will be based on number of ads and newsletter space available. Typically a 2x3 ad will be available.

We want members to recognize, and be aware of other members business' so we can all help strengthen and support each other.

Please contact the office 920-478-2570 for more information. You can also email your ad, business card or a basic one can be created for you.

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

Saturday Pianist  
Lectors & Prayer Leaders  
Videographers  
Ushers  
Counters  
Communion Assistants

Volunteers for most positions are needed about once every two months. We will work with you to schedule Sundays that work best for you. Please consider stepping up to assist us with our worship services. If you are able to help, please talk to Pastor Robb.

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

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### Meals On Wheels Needs Your Help!

The Meals on Wheels program is in desperate need of volunteers to help deliver meals to individuals in the Waterloo area. If you are able to drive or deliver meals, please call Leigh Fritter at 1-920-674-8134 or Elaine Baumann at 1-920-478-3158. Thank you!

## **Christmas is the Season of Giving and St. Paul's would like to thank everyone who helped spread Christmas Cheer this year!**

Thank you to Janelle Lauersdorf for organizing the Poinsettia sales.  
And thank you to everyone who purchased them in memory and honor of loved ones.

Thank you to Jan Crave and Marilyn Connell for organizing Christmas Neighbors at St. Paul's and to all of the members of St. Paul's who helped spread Christmas cheer through their donations.

Thank you to Terry Sauer for donating the candles for Silent Night.

Thank you to the Bell Ringers for performing at the 4:30 pm worship service.

Thank you to those who shared their musical talents with the congregation throughout the month of December.

Thank you to the worship committee and friends for decorating the sanctuary for Christmas.

Thank you to Michelle Kidd, Russel Peloquin, Cassidy Kidd and everyone else who helped out with the children's Christmas program this year.

Many thanks to Russel Peloquin who organized for children to go caroling in Waterloo. They visited the Highland House, Hawthorne Apartments, Piggly Wiggly, Kwik Trip and ended up back at church where they sang for those who were attending the 4:15 worship service. After spreading Christmas cheer by singing loud for all to hear, the children celebrated with a pizza party. A special thank you to Cassidy Kidd who helped with recruitment for the event.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and services throughout the year. We look forward to sharing all of the blessings the new year has in store for us with you and your family.

Blessings!



## Powerful Online & Mobile Giving

St. Paul's now offers online giving through our website AND a free mobile app!

With GivePlus Online and GivePlus Mobile, you can give anytime, anywhere!

- Make one-time or recurring donations using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account
  - Log in or donate as a guest
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## Chará! Bible Study

We will resume a new study on January 26, 2020! Please join us for a time of studying God's Word, fellowship, and praying to our AWESOME AND AMAZING GOD and Father of our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! :)

If you have any questions, just call me at (920) 478-4091. Thank you!

In Christ's Love,  
Brenda Rowbotham

## Waterloo/ Marshall Food Pantry

January is St. Paul's month to volunteer at the Waterloo/ Marshall Food Pantry. We are looking for volunteers to help on Wednesdays from 7-8 AM and Saturdays from 9-10 AM. The pantry will be closed on New Year's Day. If you would like to help out, please fill out the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.

Thank you!



## Waterloo American Legion Dinner Menu 2020



January 11th– Turkey & Biscuits

February 8th– Spaghetti & Meatballs

March 14th– Corned Beef & Cabbage

April 11th– Grilled Pork Chop & Chicken



# January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy New Year!	2 7:30 AA  Office until 12	3  Office until 12	4  4:15 Communion Worship Service
5 9:00 Communion Worship Service 10:00 Sunday School	6	7  Office until 12	8 5:30 Finance Meeting  6:30 Midweek Service & Confirmation Class	9 7:30 AA 6:30 Combined Committee Office until 12	10	11  4:15 Service of the Word
12 9:00 Communion Worship 10:00 Sunday School	13 5:30 Worship Committee	14  Office until 12	15 6:30 Midweek Service & Confirmation Class  Office until 12	16 7:30 AA  Office until 12	17  Deadline for Newsletter	18  4:15 Communion Worship Service
19 9:00 Communion Worship 10:00 Sunday School	20  Office until 12	21 6:30 Council Meeting  Office until 12	22  Office until 12	23  7:30 AA	24	22  4:15 Service of the Word
26 9:00 Communion Worship 10:00 Sunday School & Chara!	27  Office until 12	28  Office until 12	29	30  Office until 12	31  2-4:30 Mobile Food Pantry	

# Serving in January

<p><b><u>January 5th</u></b>  <b>ORGANIST:</b> Elizabeth Converse  <b>FELLOWSHIP:</b> Don &amp; Phyllis Vehlow  <b>LECTOR:</b> Mary Hunt  <b>PRAYER LEADER:</b> Mary Hunt  <b>CANTOR:</b> None  <b>GREETERS:</b> Kris W. &amp; Jan C.  <b>COMM ASST:</b> Sandy Corrie  <b>VIDEOGRAPHER:</b> Ray Unrein  <b>ACOLYTE:</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>  <b>CONF. USHER:</b>  <b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>  <b>USHERS:</b> Leroy &amp; Helen Hebel  Lyndon Schroeder  James Kasuboske  Rob Rowbotham</p>	<p><b><u>January 12th</u></b>  <b>ORGANIST:</b> Elizabeth Converse  <b>FELLOWSHIP:</b> Jamie Stock-Retzloff  <b>LECTOR:</b> Jill Oelke  <b>PRAYER LEADER:</b> Jill Oelke  <b>CANTOR:</b> Jill Oelke  <b>GREETERS:</b> Tim &amp; Anna Timm  <b>COMM ASST:</b> Jill Oelke  <b>VIDEOGRAPHER:</b> Sandy Corrie  <b>ACOLYTE:</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>  <b>CONF. USHER:</b>  <b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>  <b>USHERS:</b> Leroy &amp; Helen Hebel  Lyndon Schroeder  James Kasuboske  Rob Rowbotham</p>
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<p><b><u>Sat January 4th</u></b>  <b>PIANIST:</b> Elizabeth Converse  <b>COMM ASST:</b> Joanne Wampole</p> <p><b><u>Sat January 11th</u></b>  <b>PIANIST:</b> Jenni Hayes</p> <p><b><u>Sat January 18th</u></b>  <b>PIANIST:</b> Elizabeth Converse  <b>COMM ASST:</b> Joanne Wampole</p> <p><b><u>Sat January 25th</u></b>  <b>PIANIST:</b> Elizabeth Converse</p> <p><b>Pre/Post Altar Guild:</b> Russel P. &amp; Marilyn C.</p>	



From the Pastor's Desk...



## What Do We Want?

I think this is a good question for us, who make up St. Paul's Lutheran Church, to ask ourselves as we begin 2020.

What do we want? What do we want for our congregation in 2020? What kind of pastoral ministry do we want for ourselves, our families, and our community?

Our Council President sent out a letter last month informing you of a budget proposal for 2020 that would change us to having a half-time pastor. This would result in major changes to the life of our congregation.

Since that letter went out, the Congregation Council has met and decided to change that budget proposal. We plan, as of the time I am writing this, to propose a quarterly budget for 2020 and keeping our funding for a full time pastor for at least the first quarter. We want to use that time to look at that question: What do we want?

Yes, we want to be able to pay all of our monthly bills. No, we do not want our budget to make decisions for us as a congregation.

But what else do we, or do we not, want?

We will be working on Financial Stewardship beginning in January. To be a healthy congregation we need the financial support of a broader spectrum of our members. We need those who do not give, or who do not give regularly, to begin to do so. We need those who have not grown in their giving to begin to do so, as they are able.

We need to ask questions of what it means to have a part-time pastor. What jobs will not be done or will need to be done by members? How will our worship services change? Are there possibilities for shared ministry with another congregation? What kind of ministry do we want to have available for our community of faith?

What do we want? And when we know what we want, what do we have to do to make St. Paul's the congregation we want?

More now, than ever, more than in the 1990's or 1970's, or any time in the past, being the church and having a congregation takes, and will continue to take, the intentional commitment of each one of us.

We must commit to worship, to prayer, to financial support, to service. The church is not part of the dominant culture in the United States anymore. We are living in a mission field. We must allow the Holy Spirit to fill us with the zeal and commitment to make our congregation thrive to have the congregation that we want and to be the church God is calling us to be.

Without our commitment, we will have not the congregation we want, but the congregation we deserve.

Your Pastor in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Robb".

Pastor Robb

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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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Communion offered every Wednesday, Sunday and the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month.

\*Midweek services held on the first Wednesday of the month during May, June, July & August

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