

# NEWSLETTER

## ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# Lent



**LENT BEGINS THIS MONTH**

***Join us for Ash Wednesday Worship—  
February 26th at 6:30 pm.***

***Soup & Sandwich Suppers—  
Begin Wednesday, February 26th at 6:00 pm.***

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.

The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

For more information, please contact Pastor Robb.



# Inside St. Paul's

## January Council Highlights...

- Sandy has agreed to continue being the treasurer and will talk to the council if she has any questions or concerns regarding the budget.
- Committee Reports:
  - Education: Russel went caroling with the kids and parents. They had a pizza party afterwards. Sue said they raised over \$600 from their first fundraiser for the mission trip.
  - Combined: Cookies were delivered to 30 families. Lenten services and soup and sandwich suppers were discussed.
  - Worship: They took down Christmas décor and are looking for a new theme for the bulletin board.
  - Mutual Ministry: Marilyn will reach out to Kris and Dave. They need greater participation and regular scheduled meetings.
  - Property: There is mold in the basement of the church. The caulking on the outside of the church is essentially gone. Someone will be coming to look at the walls. The mortar is crumbling in the brick and needs to be looked at, as well as the railing and structure of the ramp.
- We are still having several issues uploading the service. Uploading to YouTube allows for greater accessibility but it takes upwards of 4 hours to convert.
- The KJM library is holding a mini-golf event. We will use the Noah's Ark theme again.
- Budget Development: The drafted proposal was presented. Sue will be seeking volunteers for committee work at the meeting. A letter will be drafted on the giving statements to provide the congregation with additional information. The following items will be presented at the annual meeting.
  1. Quarterly budget breakdown
  2. First quarter expectations
  3. Actions to be complete, milestones, etc.
  4. Stewardship drive
- The council agreed that the financial committee will meet the second and fourth Sunday and that it should comprise of 5 people.
- The next council meeting will be Sunday, February 16th and the congregational voting meeting will be Sunday, March 15th.

## January membership changes:

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

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

**Total Members: 516**

**Confirmed: 431**

**Unconfirmed: 87**

Received:

Removed:

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

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

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### **St. Paul's Closing Policy**

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

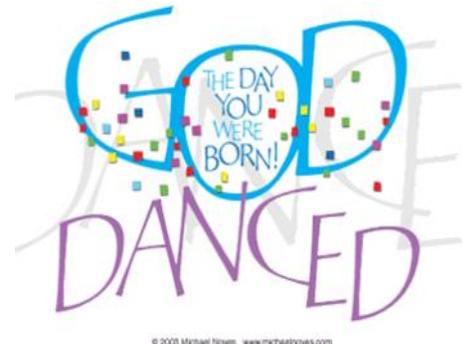
WBEV – 1430 AM (Beaver Dam)

WTTN – 1580 AM (Watertown)

WXRO – 95.3 FM (Beaver Dam)

# February Birthdays

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



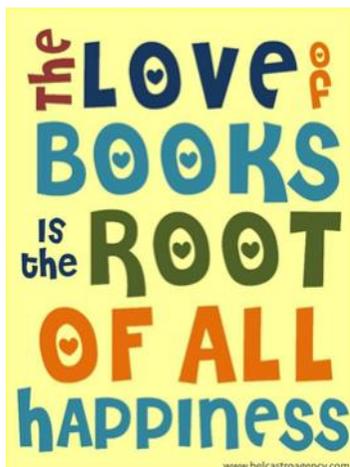
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If your birthday is not listed; the omission is not intentional (please contact the church office with an update). We wish you a very Happy Birthday as well!

## 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, February 28th

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!

## Annual Meeting Highlights

- \* Elected Jill Oelke, Helen Hebel, and Tina Fahrow to the council to fill the vacancies created by the expiring terms of Dave Braunschweig, Stephen Peachey, and Sandy Corrie. Pat Schulenberg was elected for a 1 year term to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Michelle Kidd.
- \* The finance committee will meet before the service twice a month to oversee bills that need to be paid and the budget.
- \* The Mutual Ministry committee needs to be active. They should meet quarterly and be in contact with the church's employees; Pastor, the office secretary, and the custodian. Currently this committee needs one more member. Current members are Kristy Wilke, Dave Dorn, Jessica Lauersdorf, and council representative Marilyn Connell.
- \* Rob Rowbotham reported that there is some major work needing to be done with the ramp, the railing, and mortar between bricks. Mold has also been found in the basement that has to be addressed. The first estimate received to do these repairs was \$43,000.00
- \* There was a long discussion of the budget with many members contributing comments and ideas. Ray Unrein made a motion for the council to seek reimbursement for Pastor Lisa's benefits, motion seconded, motion carried. Ray will be willing to help but the council has already addressed this issue and feels that the synod will not reimburse us for any of her benefits.
- \* Many comments were made about our inactive members. Pastor stated that we will be doing a stewardship program during this first quarter.
- \* There was also a motion by Ray that we need to address the insurance cost issues, motion seconded, motion carried. Arlene S. will be looking into this.
- \* The quarterly budget presented was passed. There will be a meeting the 3rd Sunday in March to review our financial status and whether it complies with the budget passed at this meeting.

## ELCA Missionary Update

Epiphany and New Year's Greetings!

With the New Year arriving, we have much to give thanks for in 2019 and much to look forward to in 2020! One of the most exciting things that has happened to us in our lives here in the past couple of months is

Dorothy's baptism. We are so grateful for the outpouring of support and prayers from you all. Take a look inside to see pictures from that special day—and more!

As we turn to 2020, we begin planning our time of Home Assignment when we do our best to visit and update as many supporting congregations and people as possible while in the USA. I will be in touch with you about plans during this period by mid-February, but do feel free to reach out before then if you would like.

As always, please feel free to be in touch with us about any questions you may have about our lives as missionaries, our ministry here in Central Europe, or anything else.

In Christ,

Pastors Zach, Rachel & Dorothy

## 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
- Securely and conveniently manage donations

**For mobile giving, search your app store for the GivePlus Mobile app.**

**To give online, visit  
[stpaulswaterloo.com/give](http://stpaulswaterloo.com/give)**



## Chará! Bible Study

We resumed with a new study on January 26, 2020! It is not too late to join us for a time of studying God's Word, fellowshiping, 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

## Bell Rehearsal for Easter

We will begin bells rehearsal for one of the Easter Sunday services on March 1st, at 8am. We will select our music and decide which service that we will ring.

Please contact Valery Silha at [vallar51@embarqmail.com](mailto:vallar51@embarqmail.com) or 920-675-6547 if you can ring or are interested in ringing.



## Waterloo American Legion Dinner Menu 2020



February 8th– Spaghetti & Meatballs  
March 14th– Corned Beef & Cabbage  
April 11th– Grilled Pork Chop & Chicken



# February 2020

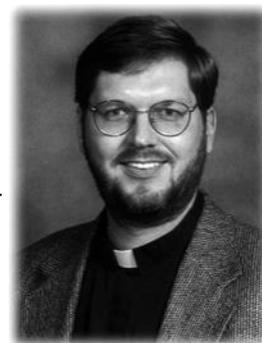
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  4:15 Communion Worship Service
2 9:00 Communion Worship  10:00 Sunday School & Chara!	3	4     Office until 12	5  6:30 Midweek Service & Confirmation Class  Office until 12	6  7:30 AA   Office until 12	7	8  4:15 Service of the Word
9 9:00 Communion Worship  10:00 Sunday School & Chara!	10  5:30 Worship Committee  Office until 12	11     Office until 12	12  6:30 Midweek Service & Confirmation Class  Office until 12	13  7:30 AA 6:30 Combined Committee  Office until 12	14  <b>Happy Valentine's Day!</b>	15  4:15 Communion Worship Service
16 9:00 Communion Worship 10:00 Sunday School, Chara!, Council Meeting	17     Office until 12	18  6:30 Council Meeting	19  6:30 Midweek Service & Confirmation Class  Office until 12	20  7:30 AA   Office until 12	21  Deadline for Newsletter	22  4:15 Service of the Word
23 9:00 Communion Worship  10:00 Sunday School & Chara!	24     Office until 12	25	26  6:30 Ash Wednesday Service & Confirmation Class	27     Office until 12	28  2-4:30 Mobile Food Pantry	29  4:15 Service of the Word

# Serving in February

<p><b><u>February 2nd</u></b>  <b>ORGANIST:</b> Elizabeth Converse  <b>FELLOWSHIP:</b> Ray &amp; Joan Unrein  <b>LECTOR:</b> Rob Rowbotham  <b>PRAYER LEADER:</b> Sharon Braunschweig  <b>CANTOR:</b> None  <b>GREETERS:</b> Kris W. &amp; Jan C.  <b>COMM ASST:</b> Ray Unrein  <b>VIDEOGRAPHER:</b> Russel Peloquin  <b>ACOLYTE:</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>  <b>CONF. USHER:</b>  <b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>  <b>USHERS:</b> Dennis Buss  Robert Hanson  Jean Buss</p>	<p><b><u>February 9th</u></b>  <b>ORGANIST:</b> Elizabeth Converse  <b>FELLOWSHIP:</b> Sandy Corrie  <b>LECTOR:</b> Lisa Lanphier  <b>PRAYER LEADER:</b> Lisa Lanphier  <b>CANTOR:</b> Terry Sauer  <b>GREETERS:</b> Don &amp; Phyllis Vehlow  <b>COMM ASST:</b> Sandy Corrie  <b>VIDEOGRAPHER:</b> Theron Retzloff  <b>ACOLYTE:</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>  <b>CONF. USHER:</b>  <b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>  <b>USHERS:</b> Dennis Buss  Robert Hanson  Jean Buss</p>
<p><b><u>February 16th</u></b>  <b>ORGANIST:</b> Elizabeth Converse  <b>FELLOWSHIP:</b> Russel P. &amp; Marilyn C.  <b>LECTOR:</b> Mary Hunt  <b>PRAYER LEADER:</b> Mary Hunt  <b>CANTOR:</b> Sharon Braunschweig  <b>GREETERS:</b> Larry &amp; Valery Silha  <b>COMM ASST:</b> Sue Wuchterl  <b>VIDEOGRAPHER:</b> Ray Unrein  <b>ACOLYTE:</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>  <b>CONF. USHER:</b>  <b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>  <b>USHERS:</b> Lyle Braunschweig  David Braunschweig  Rick Sellnow  Don &amp; Phyllis Vehlow</p>	<p><b><u>February 23rd</u></b>  <b>ORGANIST:</b> Elizabeth Converse  <b>FELLOWSHIP:</b> Sharon Braunschweig  <b>LECTOR:</b> Sharon Braunschweig  <b>PRAYER LEADER:</b> Sharon Braunschweig  <b>CANTOR:</b> Lisa Lanphier  <b>GREETERS:</b> <b>Volunteers Needed</b>  <b>COMM ASST:</b> Lisa Lanphier  <b>VIDEOGRAPHER:</b> Sandy Corrie  <b>ACOLYTE:</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>  <b>CONF. USHER:</b>  <b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>  <b>USHERS:</b> Lyle Braunschweig  David Braunschweig  Rick Sellnow  Don &amp; Phyllis Vehlow</p>
<p><b><u>Sat February 1st</u></b>  <b>PIANIST:</b> Jenni Hayes  <b>COMM ASST:</b> Joanne Wampole</p> <p><b><u>Sat February 8th</u></b>  <b>PIANIST:</b> Elizabeth Converse</p> <p><b><u>Sat February 15th</u></b>  <b>PIANIST:</b> Jenni Hayes  <b>COMM ASST:</b> Joanne Wampole</p> <p><b><u>Sat February 22nd</u></b>  <b>PIANIST:</b> Elizabeth Converse</p> <p><b><u>Sat February 29th</u></b>  <b>PIANIST:</b> Elizabeth Converse</p> <p><b>Pre/Post Altar Guild:</b> Dennis &amp; Jean Buss</p>	<p>On Saturday, February 22nd and Sunday, February 23rd, members of St. Paul's will be blessing us with their musical talents. Elizabeth Converse will be playing the piano, Randy Sharpe and Bill Springer will be playing the guitar, Jenni Hayes will be playing the flute and Jill Oelke will be playing the violin.</p> <p>We look forward to having you join us as we worship and appreciate the many talents of the members the Lord has blessed us with.</p>

From the Pastor's Desk...

## Six Values of Biblical Giving



At our annual meeting in January, St. Paul's passed a budget for the coming year – or really, it is a budget for the first quarter of the year.

For several years, we have been meeting our budget through the use of dedicated funds that the church had in the bank. As you may know, we ran out of those funds early last year, and since then we have struggled to make up the difference. And we have really done a pretty good job. We have made a lot of progress toward what I have talked about as fully funding our ministry through our offerings – although we still have work to do.

Our budget will continue to provide a full-time pastor for St. Paul's through the first quarter of this year, and then we will review our situation every three months to see if we will continue with a full-time pastor or cut the position to something less than that. – And yes, this would have a big impact on me and my work at St. Paul's.

In the coming weeks you will receive a letter in the mail, asking you to think about the offerings you give to St. Paul's which support all of the work we do together. We will also ask you to fill out an Estimate of Giving card which you can then return to the church.

You will also see a list of Six Values of Biblical Giving (which I've taken from a book by a Lutheran pastor named Charles Lane.) You may want to take a look at these as you consider your offerings to St. Paul's this year.

***Intentional*** – Think about your offering and make a plan for what you intend to give to support our ministry this year.

***Regular*** – Work your plan by giving a regular offering to St. Paul's – weekly or monthly offerings are most common. This can also be done through Electronic Funds Transfer or the GivePlus app.

***Generous*** – Generosity is a sign of the Holy Spirit working in your life. How can you be generous in what you offer to support St. Paul's, as God has been generous to you?

***First*** – Give your offering first rather than waiting until later in the month to see if you have anything left over. Again, EFT can help with this.

***Proportional*** – What percentage of your income do you give as your offering to the church? While a full tithe of 10% may be too much for many of us, can you give 3%, or 5%? “From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required” – Jesus.

***Cheerful*** – “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” – St. Paul.

When we work together to support our congregation, when we grow in our offerings as we are able, we will find that God has indeed given us the strength to fully support the work God has called us to do at St. Paul's.

Please consider growing in your giving, for the strength and health of our congregation.

Your Pastor in Christ,

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

Pastor Robb

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*A Christ centered community striving to make our faith active in love to all!*

**Worship Services Offered:**

\*Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

Saturday 4:15 P.M.

Sunday 9:00 A.M.



**Search "St. Paul's Lutheran Church, ELCA"**

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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