

# THE TOWER TALK

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Treynor, Iowa 51575



March 2018

## Wedded Band Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, March 18th 11:30-1pm



All are welcome to join us for Wedded Band's annual Spaghetti Dinner at St. Paul! Bring your family for a delicious meal, and great fellowship! All proceeds will support Wedded Band's ministry throughout the year.

## St. Paul Lutheran Congregational Annual Meeting



Sunday, March 11th  
9:15am in the fellowship hall

Agenda and ballot can be found on page 5 of the March Tower Talk.

## Palm Sunday March 25th

SS kids will sing and carry palms at both 8am and 10:30 am services.



## Maundy Thursday

March 29th  
7pm Worship

## Good Friday

March 30th  
7pm Worship

**\*\* No Worship Saturday March 31!**



## Lent Worship & Soup Supper Schedule

March 7, 14, 21

Soup Supper: 5:30-6:30pm  
Worship: 7pm

Please join us for our weekly Lent soup suppers and Lenten Worship services. What a great time for fellowship, reflection and preparation as we near Holy week and Easter.

## SPY Annual Garage Sale

Friday, March 23rd 7am-6pm &  
Saturday, March 24th 7am-Noon



Please consider what you can donate to help with this mission trip fundraiser for our high school youth! Donations can be dropped off at Roger and Ann's shed starting Friday, March 16th thru Wednesday, March 21st. Contact Denise if you aren't able to deliver your donations and she will plan to have them picked up.

## Daylight Savings!

Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour Sunday, March 11th!



## April 1st

Please join us for worship!  
8am & 10:30am

## Easter morning breakfast

9-10:15am  
(Served by the men of St. Paul)

**“Knowing Jesus, Telling about Jesus, Loving as Jesus Loves”**

# St. Paul Lutheran Church information...

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## STAFF

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## MINISTRY TEAMS

The following is a list of contact persons that you can ask questions or get involved:

Praise Team - Deb Schmidt

Prayer Chain - Stacey Burmeister/Church Office

Stewardship Team - LaJean Wehring

Hospitality Team - Diana Andersen

Maintenance Team - Roger Andersen

Library - Adrienne Karr

SPY (Cell group, Impact, Outreach, VBS Team) - Denise Wilson

Confirmation - Pastor Chuck

Sunday School Team - Jess Pote, Nancy Schrage, Denise W.

Preschool (Volunteers, Governing Board) - Shirley Chambers

Holy Communion - Lynell Vorthmann

Weddings - Shirley Chambers

Funerals - Ann Vorthmann & Lynell Vorthmann

Health Ministry - Cory Young

Companion Congregation Team - Roger Andersen

Technology Team - Joni Molde/Church Office

WOW - Cory Young and Amber Schaaf

Jr. Lutherans - Roxanne Huskey, Julie Sealock and Jan Young

Cemetery Committee - Nathan Mass, Dennis White, Derek Floerchinger, Dennis Deitchler

Saturday Night Light Worship Praise Team - Rodney Tague, Richard Fleming

Oakland Manor Bingo - Marilyn Schroeder

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Roger Vorthmann, President

Craig Rath, Vice President

Berni Bichel, Secretary

Treasurer, Mark Sornson

Bob Meier

Diana Andersen

Randy Rath





\*Thank you to everyone who attended the SPY pancake breakfast fundraiser for our high school youth February 11th. We appreciate your support! Your donations of \$828 go towards our mission trip to Houston this July!

\*A special thank you to Glenrose Meier for making and donating the cloth and stole that the Sunday school kids decorated for the altar table and Pastor Chuck special for the Lent season.

\*Thank you to everyone for the prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, memorials, and food that we received when our Dad passed away. Everything was truly appreciated. Thanks to Pastor Chuck Meyer for his visits to Dad at Risen Son and for the lovely service. Thank you to the ladies who provided the luncheon for the funeral. Dad was truly blessed with so many friends. The family of "Babe" Parker—Marsha & Roger Andersen, Bob & Kris Parker and family, and Diane & Gary Godfrey and family.

Congratulations to Emmę Sloane Nelson, the daughter of Thad & Megan Nelson who was baptized Sunday, March 4th at the 10:30 am worship service. Emmę's baptismal sponsors were Blake and Wendy Nelson. We pray that God's presence will light each step of Emmę's life.



### New Babies

\*Congratulations to Clayton and Sarah Goos on the birth of their daughter Cora Joan born February 27th.

\*Congratulations to Connor and Kaitlin Burris on the birth of their daughter Knoelle Jane born February 27th. Proud grandparents are Shawn and Tracy Gillespie.

### SPECIAL EASTER MUSIC! SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST

Would you like to share your gift of music with us this Easter? We would love to hear from you, whether it's a vocal or an instrumental talent. Let's shout to the Lord on this Easter morning as we celebrate "He is Risen"! We are looking for volunteers for both the 8am and 10:30 am Easter Sunday worship services. Please contact the church office if you are interested.



Easter Lilies will be available to purchase for \$10 in honor or memory of a loved one for Easter. Call or email the church office to place your order.

Easter Breakfast Sunday, April 1st 9-10:15am in the fellowship hall. We hope you and your family will join us Easter morning for a delicious breakfast served by the men of St. Paul. If you are willing to provide a fruit salad for the breakfast please drop off in the church kitchen Saturday, March 31 or by 8am Sunday, April 1st.



Tellers needed in 2018! We are looking to fill a spots in the following months, September and January for 2019. Our tellers meet following the 10:30am Sunday service each week to count the offerings from the 3 services. If you would like to volunteer or want more information please call or email the church office



2018 Flower Chart is now posted in the church entryway, please consider signing up to provide flowers for the altar a week-end in 2018 in honor of a birthday, anniversary, birth of baby or just because! Flowers are needed in March!



Altar Flowers



**2018-2019 Preschool Registration**

The Preschool will begin to take applications for 2018-2019 school year starting February 1.

If you know of a parent who might be interested in having their child attend a preschool, give them our contact information:

Phone # (487-3960)

Website: [www.treynorpreschool.com](http://www.treynorpreschool.com)

Email: [preschool05@frontiernet.net](mailto:preschool05@frontiernet.net)

**St. Paul Preschool is looking to collect small non-working appliances**

for the Preschool students to tinker with and take apart. If you have any non-working toasters, radios, phones etc. please drop off at the preschool or the church office. Thank you!



**VBS!! VBS is coming June 11th thru 15th**



and the team has started meeting to make plans for an awesome week of sharing Jesus with all the children!! The theme is Shipwrecked! Rescued by Jesus! The team is still looking for another new member or two to help in the planning of this very important children's ministry of our church - please contact Denise Wilson if you are interested in joining the team!



**Attention all children and youth families** - we have been asked to provide the soup supper for Lent on Wednesday, March 21st. Please contact Denise if you can help provide soup or other food for this and/or if you can help serve as well! The proceeds from the soup suppers during Lent are going towards our companion congregation in Tanzania.



**Butter Braid orders are being taken now!** These are the frozen loaves you can order and then bake into some scrumptious goodness! Due to the

weather at the beginning of our order period and getting the order sheets out, order forms are now due no later than Tuesday, March 6th at noon and they will come in on Wednesday, March 14th. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards our high school mission trip and our preschool ministry. We are giving out sample tastes again this weekend, March 3rd and 4th, and hope that you love them and will want to order some!

**The WinterJam Concert is coming up on Thursday,**

**March 15th** at 6pm at the Mid-america Center in CB. This is a great concert to take your whole family to as there is christian music for everyone's different likes and it is only \$10 per person at the door - and you get to hear 10 different artists and have great worship too! Contact Denise if you would like to go in a group.

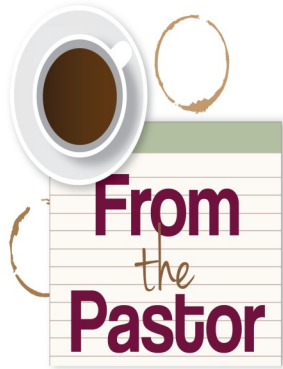


**2018 Welcome Team Members Needed for all worship**

**services!** Contact the church office if you and your family would be interested in joining a St. Paul welcome team at one of St. Paul's worship services now in 2018! **Learn how you can become involved in this great outreach ministry at St. Paul! Your out-stretched hand and smile can mean so much!**







This past year has, sadly, seen many of our older members pass away. As a pastor, even though I get to proclaim a message of hope, doing a funeral is one of the saddest things I do. It affects not only family but the entire community! The time can be made much easier for the deceased's family, however, if they had pre-planned their funeral. This month I'd like to talk about pre-planning your own funeral so that your family doesn't have to make all those decisions while they are grieving. We will focus on the funeral service as that is my area of expertise, but there are other aspects of having someone die that we'll mention as well.

Some people might think that thinking about your funeral well before you die can be weird, or uncomfortable, or egotistical, or something else that makes them not want to do it. However I can tell you from personal experience as a pastor that having your arrangements in order can be a great relief on your family when that time comes. I knew a man we'll call Arnold who, along with his wife, had made arrangements with the funeral home to not only have their funerals completely paid for, but had the services planned out as well. Knowing that their loved ones had not only taken care of the financial arrangements but also chosen what they wanted their services to look like let Arnold's family grieve without having to come up with those things on their own.

So what kind of things can you pre-plan for your funeral? From the pastor's point of view there are a number of things you can choose beforehand. Since most funerals have some sort of music in them, that's a good place to start. You can decide if the congregation will sing any hymns/songs or if you only want a musician to sing; who the singer(s) may be; who will provide the music during the service, for example a pianist; you can even decide which songs will be played/sang at your funeral. If you have your funeral at a church it is appropriate for the songs you choose to be religious in nature, so having your family walk in to "Magic Carpet Ride" would be a bit unsuitable.

Christian funerals also feature readings, primarily Biblical scripture. This is another time you can make choices that will save your family the trouble of trying to figure out what you'd like. You can use your favorite reading that you've loved for years, or you can pick one that speaks to life and death. You can choose a reading that is popular or one that is relatively unknown. The Bible is a big book, and it has lots of good stuff in it! Whatever you decide, it is fitting to have ideas ready for planning your service. Also acceptable as far as readings are poems that fit the situation.

You can always make other requests as well. Whether or not you want a eulogy by family or friends is an option. If you want flowers at the service or would rather people give toward a memorial in lieu of flowers is another. (We're not going to do fireworks in the sanctuary though, no matter what you say!) Of course for someone who served in the military there are a number of ideas as well. Whatever you may choose, having your wishes laid out for your family is something you can do to not only make your wishes known, but can be a closing act of service as well.

You can tell your wishes for your service in a few ways: the funeral home can take those notes with you and then will inform the family and church; you can sit down with your pastor and go through your thoughts; or you can write them down by yourself and make sure your family knows where they are--just be sure you tell them! One final note: I know that many if not all funeral homes will allow someone to prepay funeral expenses; this is what Arnold and his wife did. There are a number of details about this I'm sure I'm not familiar with and so didn't want to give bad info on. If you're curious about this, ask your funeral home for more information!

Peace,

Pastor Chuck



**Pastor's  
Office Hours**

***Wednesday's 9am-Noon***

*Stop in on Wednesday mornings, Pastor Chuck would love to visit with you! Or call the church office to make an appointment to see Pastor at 487-3880.*

# Church Council



Pastor Chuck began the evening with devotions based on Luke 24:1-12. We are tasked with a difficult job. Even first disciples found this to be true.

Pres. Roger Vorthmann called meeting to order at 6:43 with five members present.

Absent were Craig, Mark, and Diana. Denise Wilson was invited to sit in for Sunday school report. He added one item to the agenda, Pastor's evaluation.

Pastor reported that Holden Evening Prayer will be used during Lent along with the devotionals available in baskets in narthex and fellowship hall. A five dollar donation is suggested. Upcoming pancake breakfast, hospital visits, additions to prayer list of Rosemary Meis and Bruce Bentley, cemetery board meeting, and Jacob Keay's Eagle project to digitize all cemetery records. Bob moved to approve all consent items, seconded by Randy; motion passed.

Under unfinished business, church safety was first in list. Mick Gutttau has materials to share, but we need a leader for a safety committee in our congregation. Several interested people have been identified. Plan needs to be created. Pastor will get the committee together.

Denise reported that she has been able to find teachers and workers as needed, but people are reluctant to commit for a long term. Christmas program was challenging, as well as other big events. During Lent the theme is Walk to Easter. Classes are currently grouped into four groups. Though the school respects church events and schedule, communities do not when they schedule games and tournaments on Sunday mornings.

Pastor's evaluation was discussed. We'll keep him!

Under new business, Roger announced that annual meeting reports are due. **Annual meeting is March 11.** Tammy needs reports in a timely manner, as in as soon as possible or right now. Ash Wednesday is first soup supper at 5:30 and worship service at 7:00. Randy and Bob will be welcome team. Council appreciation for outgoing members will be March 23 at 6:30 p m at Silo's. Council will host the March 21 Lenten soup supper.

Dennis Deitchler was named to be a signer on the cemetery account. Bob moved to approve, Randy seconded, and motion passed. Council members looked at the shingle samples available in fellowship hall.

Next council meeting will be March 6, 2018, at 6:30 p m. pastor moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p m, Randy seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bernadean Bichel, secretary

**Annual Meeting Sunday, March 11th at 9:15am!**

## Annual Meeting Agenda

- Opening Prayer: Pastor Meyer
- Call to Order:
- Secretary's Report: Berni Bichel
- Treasurer's Report: Mark Sornson
- Audit Team Report:
- Nominating Team Report:
- Election
- Pastor's Report: Pastor Meyer
- Youth Report: Denise Wilson
- Capital Campaign Reports:
- Presidents Report: Roger Vorthmann
- Adjournment and Closing Prayer: Pastor Meyer



## Ministry Report

### Ministry Team Council Written Report Schedule

- January - Health Ministry
- February - Preschool
- March - Worship Planning/ Praise
- April - Confirmation
- May - SPY
- June - Companion Congregation
- July - Hospitality and Farm
- August - VBS
- September - Maintenance
- October - Cemetery
- November - Sunday School
- December - Stewardship

## FINAL BALLOT March 11th, 2018

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| *Craig Rath             | Council Vice President - 2 year term       |
| * Mark Sornson          | Council Treasurer- 2 year term             |
| * Katie Weis            | At Large Council Member-2 year term        |
| *Cory Young             | At Large Council Member-2 year term        |
| * Randy & Jean VonWeihe | WIS Assembly Representatives - 1yr. term   |
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| *Josh Lammert           | Cemetery Board-4 year term                 |
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| *Ed & Helga Calkins     | Bethany Lutheran Home Delegates 4 yr. term |
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| *Alice Falk             | Preschool Governing Board-2 yr. term       |
| *Annie Vorthmann        | Preschool Governing Board-2 yr. term       |

**Nominating Team:** Dennis Deitchler, Lori Huddle, Frank Maguire, Craig Rath and Diana Andersen



*We Pray for You!*

Request the Prayer Chain

Contact: Stacey Burmeister 402-980-3645 or  
[burmeisterstacey@yahoo.com](mailto:burmeisterstacey@yahoo.com)  
or the church office at 487-3880

**PRAYER LIST OR PRAYER CHAIN?**

The prayer chain is activated when a situation arises in which immediate prayer support is requested. A request made to the prayer chain is kept in absolute confidentiality and is not published. Individuals may be on both the prayer chain and the prayer list if desired.



**Prayer Board-Prayer List**

*(The following members are on our prayer list and also posted on our new prayer board in the church entryway. Please stop by the prayer board to read the updates, say a prayer for them and/or to write them an encouraging note or card. You may place the completed cards and or notes in the basket and the church will be glad to deliver them for you.)*

**Elaine Jensen, Becky Hansen (knee surgery 3/5), Bruce Bentley, Rosemary Meis, Bill Christians, Marilyn Lustgraff (Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma), Marilyn VonWeihe (Harmony Ct.), Norma Voss (Bethany Heights Apts.), Byron Bruning (Bethany Lutheran Home), Jodi Jacobson, Palmer Vorthmann, Lorraine Christensen, Thiza Hartje, Geri Vorthmann, Vernelle Bonar( Risen Son), Lisa Dunbar, Rick Vierck (Griswold), and Berniece Moss.**

- Rick Morton March 1
- Cole Rath March 1
- Emily Dunbar March 3
- Jane Duysen March 3
- Rosemary Meis March 3
- Sharon Weis March 4
- Clayton Goos March 5
- Penny Buckingham March 6
- Becky Hendrix March 6
- Norma Storm March 6
- Henry Wise March 6
- Virginia Bruning March 7
- Connor Meis March 8
- Trudy Owens March 8
- Emily Owens March 8
- Timothy Clausen March 9
- Roy Maguire March 9
- Linnea Swalwell March 10
- Palmer Vorthmann March 11
- Linda Eitmann March 12
- Carly Clausen March 13
- Harley Carberry March 16
- Carly Hayes March 17
- Brian Smith March 17
- Ron Thomas March 18

- Addison Plumb March 21
- Kelby Vorthmann March 21
- Mike Sukup March 22
- Denise Wilson March 22
- Jordan Lammert March 24
- Cole Huskey March 25
- Michael Deitchler March 26
- Matthew Deitchler March 26
- Tammy Ticer March 26
- Shane Wilson March 27
- Sophia Caruso March 29
- Robert Byers March 30
- Jerry Lustgraaf March 30
- West Wilson March 30
- Reese Rochleau March 31



**MARCH**  
**BIRTHDAYS**

**RESPIRE CARE NOW AVAILABLE AT BETHANY HEIGHTS-** We are pleased to announce the addition of Respite Care at Bethany Heights. Respite Care offers caregivers/family members a short-term break while their senior loved one is cared for in a safe, secure, senior community setting. For more information about the program or to set up a visit, please contact Paula Fandry at 712-328-8228.

**BETHANY SPIRITUAL LIFE DISCUSSION-**Bethany Lutheran Home invites you to be a part of *Coffee and Conversation*, a round table discussion with our sponsoring congregations, delegates and any interested others on how to meet the spiritual needs of Bethany residents, tenants and staff. We will also be discussing our current program offerings and how to best attract and financially maintain a Chaplain position. Please join us on **Sunday March 11, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall 2444 North Broadway** (across from Christy Crème) Council Bluffs, IA.

**Bethany Heights Apartments Available-** Bethany Heights Senior Living Community has several apartments available for seniors. Do you know someone or perhaps even you, who would enjoy the benefits of living in a senior community? Bethany Heights offers both independent and assisted living services in apartments ranging in sizes from a Studio to Two Bedroom/Two bathroom. As an individual's needs increase, services are delivered directly to your apartment. Something unique to the area. Small pets are welcome. Some Long Term Care Insurance Policies may be eligible for use at Bethany Heights. ***We are currently offering an Assisted Living Move-In Special— 50% off the deposit and reduced rent prices. The special runs through April 1st.*** For more information or to set up a visit please contact Paula Fandry at Bethany Heights at 712-328-8228.

**Bethany Auxiliary Meeting-**The Bethany Auxiliary Meeting will be held on **Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** This will be the **Annual Bake Sale fundraiser** with proceeds supporting resident and tenant projects at Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights. This Bake Sale is held both at Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights and supported by Residents, Tenants, Staff and Families. Baked good items of all types are welcome. When possible, please package items in smaller quantities. (If your item contains nuts, gluten free, etc. please let us know). Our residents and tenants enjoy shopping and smaller amounts are better. For more information contact your Auxiliary Key Lady or Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451. Thank you.

**Volunteer and Spiritual Life Tea-** We are proud of our Volunteers, Sponsoring Congregations, Pastors and Secretaries. We want to say thank you to you. Whether you've served as a Key Lady; led worship or communion; led a Bible Study; helped out with Bingo, a Birthday Party or the Auxiliary; baked a pie, cake or have helped out at the Ice Cream Social; whether you've contributed or helped at the Salad Luncheon; whether you have provided volunteer time visiting Residents and Tenants or helping with an Activity; or whether you have supported us through contributions or prayers or anything else; we want to recognize and thank you. Please join us as we recognize our volunteers on **Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Home, 7 Elliott Street.** Join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and entertainment as we say thank you for what you have done for Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights. We look forward to seeing you on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Employment Opportunities at Bethany-** Bethany currently has several positions available. For more information, please visit [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com) or contact Bethany Human Resources Director Debbie Butcher at 712-328-9500.

**Mark your calendars for Middle School Okoboji Camp Recharge April 20th thru 22nd!**

We have changed the recharge date from the weekend of April 14<sup>th</sup> due to it being prom weekend in Treynor and have had low camp attendance due to that in the past. This year we are inviting our 6<sup>th</sup> graders to come along with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to this camp weekend! Denise will be sending out more details to all in March to get signed up - mark your calendars and parents think about if you can come along as we will need drivers too!



**Sunday school children singing Palm Sunday, March 25th!**

The Sunday School children will be a part of the processional and singing at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services on Palm Sunday, Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> - more info will be emailed out to the parents in the next couple weeks.





**Stewardship News** **WOW!** You are wonderful! We had almost 400 Valentine's either made or signed with great messages to deliver to those residents at Bethany Lutheran Home, Oakland Manor, and Risen Son. The residents were so appreciative and all said to tell everyone Thank You! So a big THANK YOU to everyone and especially to those who also helped to deliver the Valentine's. This was a wonderful way to show God's love to the community and especially to our fellow Christians.

The Lenten soup suppers are on and the great smells of soup are wafting out of the fellowship area. We hope that you will join us for the rest of soup suppers and then stay for the Lent services afterwards. It is a great way to meet and greet church members and confirmation students as well as other guests to our church, besides preparing ourselves for Easter. The Campion Congregation team will receive the free will donations from the soup dinner and the St. Paul Youth mission team will receive the Lent service offerings.

In April our time and talent stewardship emphasis will be on honoring the service people of our community. Those members of the fire department, the Legion, and the city workers will be our focus. Watch the Tower Talk or the bulletins for more information.

As the body of Christ we strive to be good stewards of all that God has given us. We can do this by donating our time, talents and our treasures to do God's work.

### **Mosaic of Southwest Iowa**

The March mission is Mosaic of Southwest Iowa. Mosaic advocates for person with intellectual disabilities and provides them with opportunities to lead full lives. They often help provide housing, caregivers, and find meaningful opportunities for volunteering or jobs.

Mosaic is a faith-based organization that believes every individual is a person of worth. They provide services that are personalized to the individuals wants and needs.

During Bible School last summer, the Mosaic group from Logan visited. They sent adults and persons with intellectual disabilities to visit. They brought with them many activities for the bible school that helped adults and children relate to how it would be to function in our world if we did not have all our abilities.

The students learned that people with intellectual disabilities have hopes and dreams like everyone else and enjoy being a useful part of society.

Mosaic has offices in Denison, Logan, and Council Bluffs, Iowa as well as Omaha, Nebraska.

### **Vital Congregations This story is entitled "We Sustain Each Other".**

At 109 years old, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Baltimore had deep roots in the community but was in danger of closing. The congregation's unstable situation was akin to many others in southeast Baltimore in 2009, the year Mark Parker, the current pastor, arrived. At the time there were approximately 25 to 30 commuter members.

Parker said it was their synod's director for evangelical mission that suggested rapidly transforming the congregation by focusing on the surrounding community. This changed St. Paul into what is now known as Breath of God Lutheran Church.

"A congregation in decline in terms of numbers and energy and people has a really hard time reversing that because you need resources in order to do different things," Parker said. "Each year [The new -start funds] gave us room to grow without a sense of scarcity or anxiety it could all fall apart next month because we couldn't pay the bills."

Breath of God is in an area that is rich in diversity: "This neighborhood has a lot of young professionals moving to it, but it also has a lot of working class people and poor people, a big burgeoning Hispanic population, and refugees," said member Mary MacDonald. "This church is where all those different groups come together."

In order to grow, the congregation began to shift its focus outward to its surrounding neighborhood.

"We do a lot more community outreach than did in the last 25 years," said longtime member oe Burk. "The building is used every day of the week."

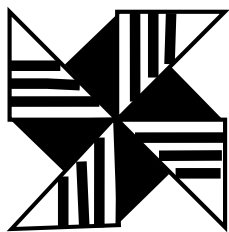
The new direction invigorated current members and began attracting new ones.

"I felt inspired in a way where I haven't felt before from a church," said member Jennifer Pruitt. "I wanted to find ways to be a better person, to be more open, to be a better community member."

The change in focus would not have been possible were it not for the funds Breath of God received through Mission Support, according to Parker. At the same time, they contribute between 10 and 12 percent of their annual offerings to Mission Support.

"It is interesting because we give Mission Support and then we're getting it back," he said. "That's how the church works; we sustain each other. The point of the church is to gather people together, to be nurtured around the work and table of God and to be sent into the world to be on some use to our neighbors and not in small ways but in big transformative ways."

# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL



## The PINWHEEL

March 2018

Our mission is  
*to love the children, teach God's  
wonders and discover the love of  
learning.*

**FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES:** During February, “love” was the central theme as the students heard how much God loves them and He wants our love too. This month’s Bible verse says it all—Love the Lord God with all your heart. Matthew 22:37. The students are building on their spiritual knowledge by having Chapel Time with Pastor Chuck, Denise, Pastor Adam and Pastor Jordan. The Preschool is fortunate to have these individuals and dedicated staff members willing to share their love of the Lord with the students at St. Paul.

For our service project, the students put into practice an act of love toward others by designing “love” hearts and “love” cards, which were then distributed to the church staff and church members. Sharing love with others always puts a smile on faces.

During February the students observed Dental Health month by learning how to care for their teeth. They practiced visiting a dental office by making appointments in the pretend classroom dental office.

**VOLUNTEERING:** If you ever have the desire to volunteer at the Preschool, we would love to hear from you! The Governing Board and Preschool staff thank you for your continued support of the early childhood ministries. Thanks to those who contributed items for the Preschool’s “take-a-part” project during February. We could still use more.

**ACTIVITIES:** The Preschool staff created a monthly curriculum outline. The March classroom activities include the following:

**Theme:** Easter/Kites

**Bible Verse:** Jesus was raised to life again.

1 Thessalonians 4:14

**Bible Stories:** Joseph’s colorful coat Gen. 37:1-4

Easter Story (Resurrection eggs)

Jesus lives Matt.28:1-8; Luke 24:1-12

**Character Trait:** Cheerful/Generosity/Thoughtful

**Concepts:** Holy Week/Easter

**Fine Motor:** Sorting/Lacing/Pencil & Scissor grip

**Gross Motor:** Marching/Galloping/Skipping

**Color:** Gold/Green

**Shape:** Diamond

**Number:** 16, 17, 18

**Letters:** S, T, U, V

**Service Project:** Easter Baskets

**Resource/Field Trip:** Deliver baskets to Bank, Town Hall, Peak Fitness

**Kindernature**—Scales & Tales

**Special Event:** Celebrating Easter

If anyone has some means of supporting the March themes, subjects or various concepts, please tell one of the Preschool Governing Board or a Preschool Staff member.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** The Preschool has two families needing financial assistance this year. If you would like to sponsor a child by assisting with Preschool tuition for a week, month or school year, please contact the Preschool (487-3960). Any amount would be appreciated.

### 2018-2019 Preschool Registration

The Preschool is taking applications for 2018-2019 school year.

If you know of a parent who might be interested in having their child attend a preschool, give them our contact information: Phone # (487-3960)

Website: [www.treynorpreschool.com](http://www.treynorpreschool.com)

Email: [preschool05@frontiernet.net](mailto:preschool05@frontiernet.net)

**Governing Board**—Stacy Buresh, Shirley Chambers, Julie Kudron, Jan Meis, Megan Nelson, Jeannie Von Weihe, Mallory White

**Preschool & Extended Preschool Staff** Angie Carberry, Roxanne Huskey, Karen Keiner, Amanda Kinnaman, Carrie Radford, Christina Schmidt, Karen Swalwell, Linda Eitmann

## St Paul Workday Feb 8, 2018

We had 6 people helping on our monthly work day in Feb – Ken and Coretta Andersen, Doug & LaJean Wehring, Bob Schmidt, and Roger Andersen. We totaled about 27 hours of volunteer work that day.



Here is a list of most of the task we completed.

- Attached the South end of the fellowship room divider like the North end
- Many of the pews cleaned and the pew cushions cleaned of wax from the candle light service
- One pew reattached to the floor
- Installed hanging brackets outside for the snow shovels
- Moved the confirmation picture stand from the library to the SE corner of the fellowship area
- Removed the old PA system from the closet off the basement alter area
- Stored the old PA system in the subbasement for inclusion on the garage sale in March
- Install wire shelves in closet off the basement alter area
- Discussed – shingles for the sanctuary, parsonage furnace blower motor, new TV placement

Thanks for all the great help. We accomplish a lot when we have many people helping. There were still a half dozen items on the list that we did not find time to do. We can always use more help and as you can see, most of the tasks can be done by anyone without any special skills or tools. Please come help us in the future. We schedule the work day for the first Thursday of every month – March will be on the 1st. We will start doing more inside task if it is cold.

Other tasks performed since the last Tower Talk update include

- Ran vinegar through tankless water for 1.5 hours to remove any lime buildup from the Treynor hard water
- Met with Aaron Andersen about replacing asbestos slate tile on the sanctuary roof with something new
- Found 2 of the 3 missing pictures of our previous pastors, still missing Pastor Bloede
- Had the parsonage furnace blower motor replaced at no charge – it was also replaced 13 months ago
- Cleaned snow from the church, parsonage, and preschool sidewalks and parking lot 6 times totaling 22 hrs
- Disposed of old tube TV at the Hancock transfer station
- Cut an 8” section from the TV stand to allow the new 55” TV to be moved through 80” doors
- Installed the new 55” TV on some plywood on the modified TV stand
- The preschool staff bathroom door handle is not working as it should, will probably replace it

We are missing the picture of Pastor Lyle Bloede. It would be great to display it with the other pastors. Update pictures were never made for pastors Jim Little and Arlyn Norris nor the interim pastors. If someone wants to take on that task it would be greatly appreciated.

The OMG (Old Maintenance Group)

*Thank you to Roger Andersen, Doug Wehring, Kirk Vorthmann, and Ken Andersen*



*for all their hard work this long winter for helping keep our church and preschool parking lots and sidewalks clear of snow and ice. We greatly appreciate all the hours you devote to keeping all of us St. Paul members and St. Paul Preschool staff and families safe. Thank you!*

# Overview of St. Paul Lutheran Church Accounts

## 1/31/2018

<b>General Op Balance Sheet</b>	
	<u>1/31/2018</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
1000 - General Op Checking	25,123.24
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Other Current Liabilities	
2000 - Payroll Liabilities	2,158.44
2040 - Women of St. Paul	2,140.09
2044 - Health Ministry Team	1,760.60
2045 - Renew al Fund	1,265.39
2046 - Team Ministry	202.20
2048 - ELW Books	0.00
2050 - St. Paul Benevolence	0.00
2052 - Children's Offering	24.50
2070 - Camp Funds	10.00
2075 - Building Fund	1,658.00
2080 - Evangelism/Outreach Fund	1,229.14
2082 - Cemetery Fund	-32.00
2085 - Kidugala/Tanzania	4,370.93
2086 - Kidugala Communication Proj.	0.00
2090 - Youth Mission Experience	0.00
2095 - Library Fund	96.61
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>14,883.90</u>

<b>Farm Account Balance Sheet</b>	
	<u>1/31/2018</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
1100 - Farm Account Checking	141,566.32
Accounts Receivable	
1200 - Student Loans Receivable	4,015.00
1203 - Parsonage Fund Receivable	45,324.05
1205 - Cherish Our Church Receivable	0.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>190,905.37</u>

<b>Cemetery Account Balance Sheet</b>	
	<u>1/31/2018</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cemetery Checking Account	14,251.11
30 Month CD	7,844.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>22,095.11</u>

<b>Health Ministry Account</b>	
	<u>1/31/2018</u>
Thrivent Grant	4,159.00
Fundraisers	2,518.77
Donations received	300.00
Health Ministry Team Expenses	-617.17
Donation from Health Ministry	-300.00
Joy Young - Tai Chi Classes	-4,300.00
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	<u>1,760.60</u>

<b>General Op Previous Year Comparison</b>		
	<u>1/31/2018</u>	<u>Jan-17</u>
<b>Income</b>		
4100 - Regular Church Offerings	20,389.00	21,655.00
4110 - Sunday School Offerings	43.25	60.46
4120- Thrivent Choice Dollars	0.00	0.00
4140 - Basement Rental	0.00	50.00
4150 - Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>20,432.25</u>	<u>21,765.46</u>
<b>Expense</b>		
5000 - Worship & Music Ministries	651.50	169.00
5400 - Education Ministries	0.00	60.33
5500 - Youth & Children Ministries	0.00	121.20
5600 - Outreach & Mission Ministries	3,064.01	17.70
5900 - Building & Grounds Care	2,201.53	1,938.23
6000 - Salaries/Staff Related	11,994.46	14,320.78
6100 - Administrative/Misc Related	573.96	271.19
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>18,485.46</u>	<u>16,898.43</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>1,946.79</u>	<u>4,867.03</u>

<b>Memorial Account Balance Sheet</b>	
	<u>1/31/2018</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Memorial Fund Checking	10,701.16
Memorial Fund Savings	3,257.37
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>13,958.53</u>

<b>Building Account Balance Sheet</b>	
	<u>1/31/2018</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
1100 - Building Account Checking	11,504.97
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
2104 - Preschool Fund	50.00
2100 - General	5,034.48
2108 Cherish Our Church	1,398.10
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>6,482.58</u>

<b>Cherish Our Church</b>	
	<u>1/31/2018</u>
Contributions	21,505.00
Memorials	6381.00
Fundraisers	8,277.10
<b>Total collected to date</b>	<u>36,163.10</u>





# SPY ACTIVITIES

Cell Groups are a Wednesday night gathering for high school youth to share a meal and then have a bible study/discussion and prayer time. We meet from 7pm to 8:30pm. Freshmen, Sophomores & Juniors meet in the youth center and the Seniors meet at the Gillespie's home at 31465 Elmtree Road. For further details contact Denise Wilson at 402-680-8172.



## Cell Group schedule for March:

**March 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th** - Cell Groups will meet! On the 28th - we will have a Holy Week large group activity and meal in fellowship hall and church - more info to come!

### SPY Mission Trip Meeting Sunday, March 4th!

11:45am in the upstairs library



**The WinterJam Concert is coming up on Thursday, March 15th** at 6pm at the Midamerica Center in CB. This is a great concert to take your whole family to as there is christian music for everyone's different likes and it is only \$10 per person at the door - and you get to hear 10 different artists and have great worship too! Contact Denise if you would like to go in a group.

**Okoboji Recharge weekends** - The high school recharge is the weekend of April 6th thru 8th and grades 6th thru 8th recharge weekend is April 20th thru 22nd. Recharges are a great time to get away from the norm and recharge your faith through worship, messages, games, small group times with college counselors, and lots of great food! Let Denise know if you are interested in going!



**Pancake Breakfast Success!!!** Thank you to everyone that attended the pancake breakfast fundraiser for our high school youth last Sunday! We are very appreciative of your support and your donations of \$828 towards our mission trip to Houston this July!

**Butterbraids** - Thank you to everyone who helped with our Butter Braid Fundraiser for our preschool and children/youth ministry! Our deadline was extended to noon, Tuesday, March 6th - so if you haven't ordered yours yet, stop by the table in the entryway at church this weekend or contact Denise at 402-680-8172 to get your order in! These are the frozen loaves you can order and then bake into some scrumptious goodness! Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards our high school mission trip and our preschool ministry.

**Annual Garage Sale - Friday, March 23rd and Saturday, March 24th:** Please consider what you can donate to help with this mission trip fundraiser for our high school youth! Donations can be dropped off at Roger and Ann's shed starting Friday, March 16th thru Wednesday, March 21st. Contact Denise if you aren't able to deliver your donations and she will plan to have them picked up.

**SPY Youth will have the can kennel** from May 17th thru June 13th!



# March 2018

Missions: Mosaic

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:30am Monthly Maintenance work day	2	3  5:30pm Worship
4 8am Worship 9:15 SS/Fellowship 10:30am Worship/Baptism 11:45am SPY mission trip mtg. 4:30pm S.K. 4-H mtg.	5 10:30-11am PS KinderNature	6 8:30am Staff mtg. 10:30-11am PS KinderNature 6:30pm Council mtg	7 5:30-6:30pm Lent soup supper 6pm PS Gov. board mtg. 7pm Lent worship 7pm HS Cell group	8	9	10  5:30pm Worship
11 8am Worship 9:15 SS/Annul Mtg. 10:30am Worship 11:45am VBS Team mtg.	12	13 8:30am Staff mtg.	14 5:30-6:30pm Lent soup supper 5:45-6:45 Jr. Luth. 7pm Lent Worship 7pm-Cell groups	15 6pm WinterJam Concert	16  **Items can start being dropped off for garage sale	17  5:30 pm Worship
18 8am-Worship 9:15 SS/fellowship/BS 10:30am Worship 11am-1pm Wedded Band Spaghetti Dinner	19	20 8:30am Staff meeting	21 5:30-6:30pm Lent soup supper 5:45-6:45pm WOW 7pm Lent Worship 7pm-Cell groups	22	23 7am-6pm SPY Garage Sale	24 7am- Noon SPY Garage Sale  5:30pm Worship
25 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8am Worship/SS kids sing 9:15 SS/Fellowship/BS 10:30am Worship/SS kids sing	26	27 8:30am Staff meeting	28 6:30 pm Confirma- tion/Mentors 7pm Cell group	29 <i>Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm</i>	30 <i>Good Friday Worship 7pm</i>	31  <u><b>NO 5:30pm WORSHIP!</b></u>





# March 2018 Volunteer Schedule Worship Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>PIANO</u>	<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>Fellowship Treats</u>	<u>Welcome Team</u>
3/3/18	5:30pm		Rich Fleming				Alice Falk
3/4/18	8:00am	Berni Bichel	Marsha Saucer	Doug & La-Jean Wehring	Sam Burmeister	Berni Bichel	Patty Walter
3/4/18	10:30am	Praise Team	Megan Dreyer		Addison Darrah		Ed & Helga Calkins
3/7/18	7pm		Deb Schmidt		Evan Frey		Confirmation Small Group
3/10/18	5:30pm		Rich Fleming				Alice Falk
3/11/18	8:00am	Ken Andersen	Marsha Saucer	Flowers Needed	Todd Pedersen	Annual Meeting	Patty Walter
3/11/18	10:30am	Praise Team	Megan Dreyer		Mira Dreyer		Ed & Helga Calkins
3/14/18	7pm		Deb Schmidt		Morgan Darrah		Confirmation Small Group
3/17/18	5:30pm		Rich Fleming				Alice Falk
3/18/18	8:00am	Corey Vorthmann	Marsha Saucer	Flowers Needed	Avery Dyke	WB Spaghetti Dinner	Patty Walter
3/18/18	10:30am	Praise Team	Megan Dreyer		Reagan Gordon		Ed & Helga Calkins
3/21/18	7pm		Deb Schmidt		Darrian Hayes		Confirmation Small Group
3/24/18	5:30pm		Rich Fleming				Alice Falk
3/25/18	8:00am	Patty Water	Ruby Bentley	Palms	Maggie Hough, Grady McKern, Kaden Snyder	Palm Sunday	Patty Walter
3/25/18	10:30am	Praise Team	Megan Dreyer		Sadie Schaaf, Addy Schnepel, Maisy Wasenius		Ed & Helga Calkins
3/29/18	7pm		Megan Dreyer		Zander Hayes		Council
3/30/18	7pm		Megan Dreyer				Council

**Acolyte Reminder:** Be sure to check the calendar above for dates and services you are scheduled to acolyte. If you are unable to acolyte be sure to find a substitute and let the church office know of the change.

### Mid Week Lenten Worship Service Schedule– March 7th, 14th and 21st

5:30-6:30pm—Soup Suppers

7pm– Wednesday Lenten Worship Services

(Confirmation students will meet with their small groups following worship and be wrapped up by 7:45m or so)

Holy Week– No Confirmation (attend Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at 7pm)

Students meet with mentors March 28th at 6:30pm



TOWER TALK

St Paul Lutheran Church

Box O 12 Park St

Treynor, IA 51575

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DATED MATERIAL**

March 1 , 2018

**WE ARE BLESSED AT ST PAUL!**

**5:30 p.m. Saturday Night Light Worship**

**Sunday Morning**

**8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship**

**9:15 a.m. Fellowship hour**

**10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship**

**WE HAVE AN AWESOME GOD!**

