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WE ARE
MORE THAN A CHURCH
WE ARE A FAMILY

Community Christmas Concert



Sun., Dec. 16th
Soup supper at 5:00 p.m.
Concert at 6:00 p.m.
Hosted by the
Apostolic Assembly
Church, Hwy 151 Anamosa

Worship helpers will be needed for all three Christmas Eve services. If you would be willing to usher, prepare or serve communion, or read scripture, please contact Barb Kleis (462-4061 or [kleis. barb@gmail.com](mailto:barb@gmail.com)) Thank you!



Welcome New Members Michael & Erica Steinberg and Enslee, Everly and Hadley. Congratulations to Enslee on her Baptism, September 16, 2018

Christmas Eve Services

3:00 pm
5:00 pm
7:30 pm

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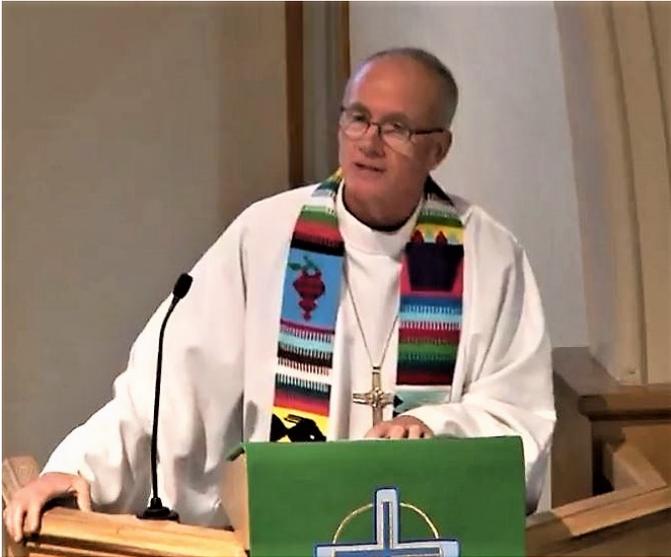
Pray for Our Military

Please pray for our men and women currently serving in the military:

- Jeremy Fall
- Allen Gilbert
- Kalib Seeley
- Jason Schoenbeck



Please call the church office if you would like to be added or deleted from this list.



Bishop Burk visits St. Paul

On Sun., Nov. 18, Bishop Burk offered the sermon to the people of St. Paul during the 8:30 and 10:30 services.

In his reflection on Mark 13: 1-8, Bishop Burk spoke of how sometimes he feels anxious and that the weight of the world is on his shoulders with all the natural disasters, violence and hatred in the world.

At a conference in North Carolina he was able to get away for awhile with some friends for a hike in the nearby mountains and was surrounded by peace in the warmth of the sunlight and fragrances around him.

During the conference he was reminded by a young pastor that the weight of the world does not rest on our shoulders but on the shoulders of Christ, no matter how we feel, Christ bears the burden. Jesus reminds us not to worry about the when and the how but to live in the NOW, forgive those who hurt you NOW, because the "Son" is up and out warming us and feeding us so we can live!

recapped by Lois Ocenosak

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WWW.STPAULANAMOSA.COM**

"Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me." -John 12:26

This is just a sample of recent generous gifts shared by members at St. Paul. If you have been a generous giver and your name is not listed, please know, as a community we could never glorify and proclaim the Good News without your faithful stewardship. Your brothers and sisters in Christ thank you! Can you think of someone you would like to acknowledge? Contact the church office and we will add them to our Generous Giving list next month.

Generous Giving

We are grateful for:

- ◆ All the volunteers who faithfully run our Power Point presentations and help with the sermon videos each week.
- ◆ Ken Winter for his perseverance in bringing about the repair of the church projection system.
- ◆ For Men's Craft Night
- ◆ Linda Kinney's attention to children's church.
- ◆ Those who extended hospitality to seminarian Austin Buckius and Bishop Burk
- ◆ The high school students who helped with confirmation this month: Logan & Emma Dales, Ivan Lambertson, Nathan Hollett, Eli and Nick Lehrman
- ◆ We are grateful for the WD4 leaders who tirelessly give of themselves each week to provide our youth with wonderful opportunities to learn about God.



Order your Poinsettias!

Orders will be taken again this year for poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas.

The poinsettias are \$11.00 and will be ordered and delivered to the church for you. All you have to do is sign the paper on the table in the back of the church and put the money or a check made out to **Anamosa Floral** in the brown envelope by Sun., Dec. 9th.

If you want the poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone, you can indicate that on the paper, and that will be noted in the bulletin on Christmas Eve.

As in years past, you are welcome to purchase your own poinsettias, if you prefer. Those can be brought to the church anytime after Thurs., Dec. 20th.

Frosty grass prickles
the sunlight unsuspecting
dances into day



Pastor Rodney Bluml

Some days, at the end of my morning prayer, I am moved to pen a haiku. These simple, three tiered, nature inspired poems often hint at the depth of God's love enfolding me. It reminds me there are many elements that comprise a person's (spiritual) life, but I like to focus on four pillars when considering a balance for personal growth: active prayer {speaking and listening}, apostolic service, communal worship/fellowship, and study. The staff has taken up this conversation in thinking about our life together at St. Paul.

We are grateful for the opportunities Alpha afforded us to meet Holy Spirit, form new relationships in small group conversations, and grow in knowledge of Jesus and the Christian faith. We will host Alpha again later next year, and in the meanwhile, encourage you to continue to grow and strengthen your faith life through other programs and prayer experiences designed to bring us together in a good way.

Communal Prayer: Holden Evening Prayer on Tuesdays, Dec. 4 & 11 at 5:30. Everyone present is invited to lend their voice to this sung prayer setting created by Marty Haugen. If you prefer, remain quiet and let the music move you. We hope you will find it to be soothing and uplifting.

Not everyone is looking forward to the holiday season. Some in our midst are grieving recent losses, others are carrying deep wounds from past hurts or broken relationships, and still others are separated from loved ones by time or miles. We are called by Holy Spirit to gather as a faith community in prayerful support of each other, to pray for those unable to pray, and to be a loving presence when the world seems cold. At 5:30 p.m. on **Tues., Dec. 18, we will have a "Blue Christmas" healing service.** Through a series of reflective readings, songs, candle lightings, and prayers of intention, we will be reminded of God's incarnational love and healing power. With good intention, we often tell those who are mourning that we will pray for them, but frequently, people grieve alone after the first weeks following a loved one's death. This Blue Christmas service is an opportunity to show up for others who may need "God with skin on" during this time of darkness. Perhaps this will be your greatest gift to someone this year. You may be surprised to find that you have unresolved grief in your own life that is holding you back from enjoying the fullness God desires for you.

Study: Looking into next year, we will have programs of learning available for adults. Our WD4 program and Children's Church for youth are great ways for your children to grow in their faith, but what we've known from the beginning is that parents are the first teachers of faith. What you say and do in your faith life has the greatest impact on the youth. Because of this, we want our adults to have places and times for growth in the church as well. When you participate, your children benefit.

What: **Worship Matters**, an adult formation series. While Lutherans don't all worship in exactly the same way, this seven-session series will allow us to explore the questions about why we gather, how we encounter God in worship, and how that encounter shapes our response in both our community and our world. Topics include the church year, the lectionary, holy baptism, Holy Communion, corporate prayer, worship and culture, and more.

**When: Sundays, Jan. 14-Feb. 24,
1-3 p.m. Fellowship Hall
Led by St. Paul Staff**

Cost: Your time and interest. Workbooks paid for by a Thrivent Action Team.

To receive a participant workbook, register with Lois in the church office (462-4841) by Sunday, Dec. 16.

What: **Rubber & the Road**, the Sunday readings brought to life. When: 6:45 – 8:00 p.m. Tuesdays in the church library. No cost.

The readings in Sunday worship follow a three year cycle. Each week, we discuss what God may have intended through the written words and what they can mean for our lives. Led by Pastor Rodney No registration required.

In this Advent & Christmas season, try to quiet yourself once in a while. I believe the greatest gift we can receive is the intense, loving presence of God born into our hearts, and the greatest gift we can give is expressed in these words below:

*Love [people] even in [their] sin, for that is the semblance of Divine Love and is the highest love on earth. Love all God's creation, the whole and every grain of sand in it. Love every leaf, every ray of God's light. Love the animals, love the plants, love everything. If you love everything, you will perceive the divine mystery in things. Once you have perceived it, you will begin to comprehend it better every day. And you will come at last to love the whole world with an all-embracing love. —Fyodor Dostoyevsky, *The Brothers Karamazov*, trans. Constance Garnett (Encyclopedia Britannica: 1952), 167.*

"To love God means to love everything . . . no exceptions. Of course, that can only be done with divine love flowing

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through us. In this way, we can love things and people in themselves, for themselves—not for what they do for us. That's when we begin to love our family, friends, and neighbors apart from what they can do for us or how they make us look. We love them as living images of God in themselves, despite their finiteness." Richard Rohr, Daily Meditations, 11/15/18

Let us grow in love together! Shalom,
Pastor Rodney

PS: You could really show love by giving the gift of a Holy Lands trip with me to someone special. Jus' sayin'.

Tree Walk- St. Paul Café

December 7-9th are the dates for this year's Tree Walk at the Lawrence Community Center.

We will again be opening up the St. Paul Café. Workers will be needed and a sign up sheet is up on the bulletin board in the back of church.

Please sign up for a shift—everyone has a great time. Please see Deb Hardersen or Nancy Bickford with any questions.

**St. Paul Advent Tree Walk**

Please take a walk through the 2017 Advent Tree walk in the sanctuary gathering area during Advent. You'll find our traditional Giving Tree, A Food Bank Tree, and the ELCA Good Gifts Tree.

The Giving Tree is hung with the wishes and needs of those living around us who may not be able to have those wishes and needs met this season without the loving hands of someone at St. Paul. Please take a tag, record your name, and enjoy the shopping and giving. Gifts will need to be brought to church by Sun., Dec. 16. See Darcie Tenley if you have questions.



The Food Bank Tree is decorated with suggested food items needed to fill the shelves at the Jones County Community Food Bank. Take an ornament to remind you—or just bring your donations during Advent. Volunteers will deliver the items to the food bank. Kristi Fortune will answer any questions you have.

The Good Gifts Tree holds suggestions for donations through the ELCA in honor or in memory of someone special to a gift-giver. Does she want a pig? Would he like some young chicks? Or do they need a whole farm? Catalogs are available if you don't see what you want to "buy." Take an ornament and gift card to give to your person. You can put your donation in the envelopes provided near the tree, and drop it in the offering plate, or give directly to ELCA World Hunger by mail or on-line. If you have questions, please see Virginia Danielson.

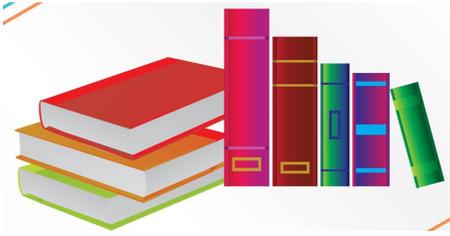


The Trees of Advent is a Trivent Action activity. Thanks to Betty Hunter for requesting Seed Money to support St. Paul's work in the community and around the world.

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WATCH FOR THE M.U.S.H. tree at the Tree Walk on the weekend of December 7-8-9 at the Lawrence Community Center. Sisters Ecumenical Bible study group volunteered to take over the display that encourages Tree Walk visitors to donate needed items for area children. What is a **M.U.S.H.** tree? It is a space to hang your gifts of **M**ittens, **U**nderwear, **S**ox, and **H**ats.



Check it Out . . .

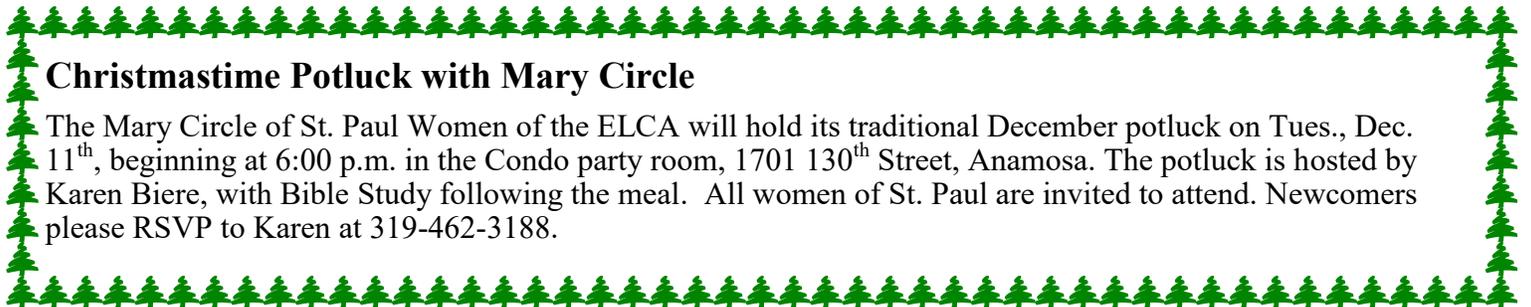
from the St. Paul Library in the room behind the Sanctuary.

In the Biography/Autobiography section, you might enjoy **FIRST WE HAVE COFFEE** by Margaret Jensen. *A pastor's wife meets the challenges of living and moving around the U.S. and Canada, coping with little money at times, and the loss of a child. But through all the crises she remained generous to all who came to the parsonage. Her motto was "First we have coffee!" (or tea). She and her guest could just sit and "be", while a solution framed itself.*

Another warm and wonderful book is Forest Carter's **THE EDUCATION OF LITTLE BEAR**. *This is a laughter and tears story of a young Cherokee boy who is orphaned and raised by God loving, but unconventional backwoods grandparents who eke out a living by making moonshine.*

Also in Biography are three titles by Corrie ten Boom (including the **HIDING PLACE**) and memoirs by St. Paul's own Peter Bungum (oversize shelf).

By Sherry Hartelt



Christmastime Potluck with Mary Circle

The Mary Circle of St. Paul Women of the ELCA will hold its traditional December potluck on Tues., Dec. 11th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Condo party room, 1701 130th Street, Anamosa. The potluck is hosted by Karen Biere, with Bible Study following the meal. All women of St. Paul are invited to attend. Newcomers please RSVP to Karen at 319-462-3188.

ALY NEWS

Thanks to all who gave their time to pack and deliver the ALY weekend food packages in November. St. Paul will be responsible for packing again in March.

Congratulations to the ALY program as a recipient of a Theisens More for Your Community Grant of \$2,000.00, awarded in November. ALY has received this grant several times in its 10 year history. As a program funded entirely by gifts and grants, and made up entirely of volunteers, the support of the Anamosa community and its businesses and organizations has been vitally important.

Tuesday Evenings
Prayer
5:30pm **MINISTRY**

- 11/28 Holden Evening Prayer - Staff & Nancy S
- 12/4 Holden Evening Prayer - Staff & Nancy S
- 12/11 Holden Evening Prayer— Staff & Nancy S
- 12/18 Blue Christmas - Pastor Rodney



Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30PM ALL ARE WELCOME!
Christian Education Building - Lower Level
(Enter from gravel parking lot, first door on left.)

Nancy Lyon Douglas
Questions? Call 319-462-4841

Discipleship Corner

Ken Winter

Director of Discipleship Ministry

After the last mass shooting at the Borderline Bar & Grill in Thousand Oaks, California, I saw an interview one of the media outlets did with the mother of one of the victims. Perhaps some of you saw this too? Her remarks struck a chord in me. Through her anger, grief and shock, and while looking into the camera she yelled “I don’t want your prayers, I don’t want your thoughts, I want gun control!!” That statement jarred me. This was the first time I heard anyone say something like that. It felt like a complete rejection of the church’s mission. In essence what I think she was saying or trying to say was “prayer hasn’t worked or done any good because these shootings keep happening. I no longer want or need that from you, or your thoughts. The only thing that is going to be of any use to me and to stop these killings is real progress on gun control.”

How does the church respond to that? After all, praying and offering hope, love, forgiveness, and mercy is what the church is and does. Gun control? That’s the work of other movements, right? The church doesn’t involve itself in political controversies. But is gun control something the church needs to get involved in? Does the church need to take a look at how it responds to tragedies like this and offer something more? Maybe prayer alone isn’t enough. Maybe we are being called to lead a movement that reflects or values our Christian beliefs. I still believe telling someone who has experienced loss and grief “You are in my thoughts and prayers” is needed. I think once she has begun her healing journey, (and let’s hope she does get there) that she will welcome those prayers and thoughts. But while that mother is on the path to rebuilding her life, perhaps we can ponder her challenge.

For society to solve problems like the ones we are experiencing now requires a two-pronged approach. It is not enough to respond to the victims of violence. It is equally important to respond to the perpetrators as well. Perpetrators of violence are deeply wounded and most, if not all, have suffered something agonizing either in their family of origin or through some other act or experience that left them traumatized. It’s difficult for us to fathom what goes through the mind of someone in such pain that they decide to lash out violently and take the lives of innocent people. Perhaps these persons never experienced any compassion, any mercy or any forgiveness, any kind of love or experiences of acceptance that they could draw on during difficult times in their life. When we are faced with problems ranging from the simplest to the most complex, we draw on the experiences of the

compassion and love we received from others. That along with our faith in Christ is what gets us through. This is but an example, however stepping out and living our faith out loud is more challenging now than ever before. Just because we have been called out by this grieving mom that praying isn’t enough, doesn’t mean the church will quit praying. What it does call us out to do is to stretch our spiritual leadership muscles to act with compassion and intentionality and be Disciples who chose to lend our Christian voices as society tries to solve or at the very least, mitigate these seemingly insurmountable issues. As children of God, Christ calls us to raise each other to care more for each other and the world. This is done through opening our open minds and hearts. And while sometimes we think it’s better to use our heads and lead with our heads, the real work of Christ is done when we lead with our hearts. The difference doesn’t mean we forgo the intellectual aspect of problem solving. What it does mean is that we wait on the Holy Spirit who will let us know of perhaps yet another possible option. Is this risky? Absolutely. But we must remember that even after much prayer, Jesus still lead with his heart knowing full well his mission and fate.

Where do you stand? What will you do? Will you allow the Holy Spirit to help you lead others in love as they negotiate this complex and difficult world? Will you give a Christian voice to the next difficult situation you experience? If you do, you probably won’t experience a crucifixion, but you will be following your calling to speak the truth in love, the truth that is compassion, mercy and forgiveness, the truth that is witnessed by living a life anchored by God through our life-giving Lord Jesus Christ.

“As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

—John 17:21b-23

Did you know.....

**there is a Crisis
Text Line for those who are in crisis
and want to
communicate via texting?**

**Volunteers are available 24/7
Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to
741741**

Children's and Youth Ministry

We are keeping busy on Wednesday nights! The KFC (Pre-K-4th grades) have been learning Bible stories from the Spark curriculum. These stories follow the lectionary as we do each week in church. Following Thanksgiving, they will begin preparing for the Christmas Program on Wed., Dec. 19th. We will spend part of WD4 time focusing on our Bible lessons, and the other part preparing for the program. The 5th and 6th graders will also have active roles in the Christmas program. Please be sure your children are at WD4 each week to give them plenty of time to practice their songs and/or roles. The middle and high school students will be helping out with scenery and in other ways.

The 5th-12th graders have started devoting part of their WD4 time to learn about the Wholeness Wheel that was developed by the ECLA. (More info on this to come!) The first week, they participated in various types of exercise (walking, yoga, dance, calisthenics), as part of learning to strengthen their physical well-being. The next week, the focus was on Social/Interpersonal well-being, so the youth made Thanksgiving cards for our homebound members. We are excited to



Ruby, Emily, and Maya in their yoga poses.

Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

At our 8:30 Worship Service we have children's bulletins and activity bags available for our young worshipers. Ask the ushers where they are located.

During part of our 10:30 worship service we have Children's Church.

Anyone interested in helping with or learning more about our Sunday morning Children's Ministry please contact Linda Kenny. (319) 350-3323 lindabr@aol.com

Please join the children and youth from St. Paul
for our Christmas Program

"Too-ooo-ooo Busy!"

Wednesday, December 19th

Families, please join us for Wednesday worship service at 6:00pm in the church. The children will present their Christmas program following the service at 6:45. Following the presentation, all are welcome to join us in the fellowship hall to celebrate Jesus' birthday with birthday cake!

Council Minutes Nov. 15, 2018

Members Present: Colin Stiffler, Brian Darrow, Tom Sabotta, Lori Reynolds, Carlene Vavricek, Stacie Sullivan, Barb Wilson, Rodney Bluml

Colin called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Pastor's Report:

1. Deaths
2. Baptisms
3. New Members
4. Thank you to Steve Dornbusch and Ken Winter who put extra time into the coordination and weekly leading of Alpha this Fall. It will wrap up Nov. 19. We appreciate the commitment of the small group leaders: Darcie Tenley, Jane Ortgies, Jan Koppenhaver, & Verna Lewison, as well.
5. We continue to discover failed electronics as a result of the lightning strike. Colin has opened a claim account with our insurance agency. See the finance report for costs already related to this. We are awaiting the installation of the new projector and pray it will give us a working system.
6. We are grateful to Darcie Tenley for hosting the Alpha retreat at her house on Oct. 12/13. Nancy Lyon Douglas provided a wonderful Saturday meal for the group.
7. We have 9 confirmation candidates in formation right now (Maya Ludwig, Emily Meyer, Carson Andresen, Tyson Gravel, Lucas Sullivan, Ruby Robertson, Caden Smith, Sean Hollett, and Ethan Ewing). We meet from 4-5:30 on Sunday afternoons once a month. This month we began to tackle the Knowledge Challenge, and parents were asked to work with their child on the questions throughout the month. Several high school youths have been present to help lead small group activities and give witness (Logan & Emma Dales, Ivan Lambertsen, Nathan Hollett, Eli and Nick Lehrman).
8. Bishop Burk tries to visit all of the churches in the Southeast Iowa Synod on a regular basis. It has been several years since he has been to St. Paul. He will be with us as preacher on Nov. 18. Please encourage people to attend worship this weekend and welcome him in addition to hearing his sermon. I find him to be a very engaging preacher.
9. On Nov. 14, a Wartburg seminary student by the name of Austin Buckius will preach the Wednesday service before the weekend with the bishop.
10. Beginning Dec. 3, I will be leading a worship and communion service at Woodland Park each first Monday of the month, 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. All are welcome!
11. Nov. 1, I had the privilege of leading the Youth Leader Coalition from the Southeast Iowa Synod in a retreat day on self-care and spiritual growth. It was great fun and energizing.
12. The potluck previously announced for Sun., Nov. 25 has been cancelled.

Communications (Requests/Responses):

Financial Reports:

- Giving continues to be down again this month. We've had a lot of expenses recently due to the lightning strike. This is a concern, but we feel positive that things will improve.
- Mission Support pledge- Currently, 6% of our monthly giving goes for Synod support. Brian proposed to continue giving 6% for the coming year. Lori seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Tom Sabotta attended the meeting in Cedar Rapids with Bishop Burk on November 8th. Bishop Burk's message was on the Four Marks of Vitality of Congregations.

New Business:

- We need to create a Nominating Committee. This would consist of 3 people who would be in charge of finding nominees for elections in 2019. These would be appointed/elected positions. Lori and Carlene volunteered to get this started and to find a third person to join them. Tom made a motion to move forward with that, and Brian seconded. Motion carried.
- We also need to form a Constitution Revision Committee. In 2014 there were new guidelines made to update the Constitution. We have been asked by the ELCA to revise our current one, as it is from 2011. Pastor will check with Shawn Countryman and Jay Willems to see if they are willing to help with this.
- Council felt it would be a good idea to build a Visioning Team in Jan. 2019. This would be a great way to get back on track with a vision for the future of St. Paul. Each Council member is asked to make suggestions of members to be part of this team at the December meeting.
- Protocol for responding to requests for Disaster Relief- Council was concerned about continually asking members for donations for the many disasters that happen nationwide. The decision was made to put the

information in the weekly bulletin and let members of the congregation decide on their own what they would like to contribute to.

· Building and Grounds committee recommended installing a dropped ceiling in the chapel, due to continued cracking in the existing ceiling. They received an estimate for \$4,243. Due to the cost of significant repairs from the lightning strike, Brian made a motion to table this work and expense for now. Carlene seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

- Names for Visioning Team
- Verify Nominating Committee

Upcoming Schedule/Conferences/Meetings/Schedules/Coming Events:

Time and Date of Next Meeting: Mon., Dec. 10th following the All Leadership Meeting that starts at 6:00.

Adjourn/Closing Prayer: Lori made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Carlene seconded. The motion was carried, and Pastor Rodney closed the meeting with a prayer.

Fun . . . Fellowship . . . Frolicking

St Paul Christmas Caroling for anyone that wants to go meet at church Thurs., Dec. 20th at 6:15. Please let Marcy Pate or Amy Christianson know if you would like to go so we can determine if we need to break into groups. Also, if you have anyone that you worked like us to visit let us know.



Help us bring joy to each others lives and spread it throughout the community singing songs of joy!

AN INVITATION FROM CELEBRATION SINGERS...

The Season of Advent brings another chance to join Celebration Singers as we prepare special music for worship, as well as for the annual community choir concert on Sun., Dec. 16th. Apostolic Assembly Church at 6:00 p.m. Rehearsals are at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday. No auditions, no need to call ahead, just come and join us in the church lower level. There will be a special rehearsal for the concert and Christmas Eve music on Sun., Dec. 2 at 5:00 p.m., with additional rehearsal time to be determined.

anamosa: al-anon

**A PROGRAM FOR FRIENDS AND
FAMILIES OF ALCOHOLICS**

TUESDAYS AT 8:00PM

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN EDUCATION BLDG.-DOWNSTAIRS
FORD & E. CEDAR ST, ANAMOSA, IA

**Does someone's drinking / addiction bother you?
If so, there is hope and healing in Al-Anon.**

Find Serenity

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Ken kenatstpaul@gmail.com or call (319)462-4841

Did you know . . . if you are away or unable to attend Sunday worship, sermons are available on the Saint Paul church website in the drop-down menu under Media; pastor's sermon? Check it out and share with your homebound family members.

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Carlene Vavricek
Tom Sabotta
Stacie Sullivan

Balances of St. Paul Bank Accounts as of 10/31/18:

CHECKING	SAVINGS
General Fund Checking Acct. Beginning Balance \$10,057.28 Ending Balance \$21,137.31	Budget Reserve Savings Acct. Beginning Balance \$6,369.46 Ending Balance \$272.67
Land Maint & Repair Checking Acct. Beginning Balance \$4,594.57 Ending Balance \$5,494.57	Land Purchase Development Savings Acct. Beginning Balance \$14,692.92 Ending Balance \$14,907.87
Luther League Checking Acct. Beginning Balance \$2,692.03 Ending Balance \$2,544.00	Luther League Savings Acct. Beginning Balance \$388.76 Ending Balance \$388.96
Seminary Support Checking Acct. Beginning Balance \$809.05 Ending Balance \$809.05	Fidelity Savings Acct. Beginning Balance \$0.00 Ending Balance \$0.00
Mortgage Acct. Beginning Property Purchase Amount \$258,250.00 Mortgage Balance ZERO 100.0% Mortgage Paid	

Please remember to support the mission and vision of the St. Paul Lutheran faith community by giving back to God through the church's ministries. Peace to you!

DECEMBER

let heaven and nature sing

2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2 1st Sunday of Advent 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Worship 3:30pm HB meal	3 9:30am Woodland Park Worship w/communion Fireside Rm All Welcome 6:00pm Girl Scouts CE LL	4 2pm Sisters Bible CE LL 5:30pm Prayer Church 6:30pm Grief Support CE LL 6:30pm R & R Library 8:00pm AA CE UL 8:00pm Alanon CE LL	5 7:00am Good Guys Bible Study McOtto 8:00am Lutheran Men in Mission Picnic Place 6:00pm WD4 6:00pm Wed. Worship	6	7	8
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December Kitchen Work Group: Coordinator: Lori Reynolds

Jan Allaire, Chris & Sarah Andresen, Lindsey Austin, Marlene Prout, Nicole Sander, Donna Selk, Jerry & Verlyn Stolte, Lance & Michelle Toenjes, Aaron & Deb Zumbach, Bob & Darla Algoe, Gary & Vickie Behnke, Donna Custis, Lisa & Denny Folken, Betty Hunter, Dee Ihlenfeldt, Brian & Michele Lubben, Rob & Kristy Robertson, Marlene Serbousek, CJ & Stacie Sullivan, Dave & Darcy Jacobs, Gail Sisler, Dennis Heeren

December Food Bank Rotation

Barb Kleis

December Bread Baker

Paula Sisler

Wednesday Worship Helpers**November 28th**

Usher: Gerald & Verna Stolte
 Reader: Barb Kleis
 Communion Prep: Gerald & Verna Stolte
 Communion Asst: Summer Parks & Marcy Pate
 Power Point: Myra Powell

December 5th

Usher: Confirmation Students
 Reader: Confirmation Students
 Comm. Prep: Dorothy Wood
 Comm. Asst: Confirmation Students
 Power Point: Confirmation Students/Beth

December 12th

Usher: Ken/Pam Humpal
 Reader: Beth Hora
 Comm. Prep: Ken/Pam Humpal
 Comm. Asst: Marge Bohlken/Beth Hora
 Power Point: Beth Hora

December 19th

Usher: Darla Algoe
 Reader: Darla Algoe
 Comm. Prep: Darla Algoe
 Comm. Asst: Summer Parks, Laura Secrist
 Power Point: Myra Powell

December 26th

Usher: Gerald/Verlyn Stolte
 Reader: Dorothy Postel
 Comm. Prep: Gerald/Verlyn Stolte
 Comm. Asst: Summer Parks, Dorothy Postel
 Power Point:

8:30 Service Worship Helpers**December 2nd**

Usher: Sheri Evans, Tom Sabotta
 Reader: Sheri Evans or Tom Sabotta
 Comm. Prep: Denny/Deb Oltmann
 Comm. Asst: Denny/Deb Oltmann, Carol or Colin Stiffler
 Power Point: Conor Fortune
 Videographer: Conor Fortune

December 9th

Usher: Ed Gerst/Susan Koppenhaver
 Reader: Virginia Danielson
 Comm. Prep: Jan Allaire, Verna Lewison
 Comm. Asst: Pete Pungum, Kristi/Conor Fortune
 Power Point: Gavin Betzer
 Videographer: Denny Oltmann

December 16th

Usher: Lynn/Cindy Decious
 Reader: Barry Anderson
 Comm. Prep: Barry/Wilma Anderson
 Comm. Asst: Wilma Anderson, Brian/Michele Lubben
 Power Point: Grace/Grant Lubben
 Videographer: Grace/Grant Lubben

December 23rd

Usher: Don/Deb Hardersen
 Reader: Don or Deb Hardersen
 Comm. Prep: Don/Dorothy Harmon
 Comm. Asst: Mike/Nancy Bickford, Don Harmon
 Power Point: Conor Fortune
 Videographer: Conor Fortune

December 30th

Usher: Lance/Michelle Toenjes
 Reader: Colin Stiffler
 Comm. Prep: Dee Ihlenfeldt
 Comm. Asst: Dee Ihlenfeldt, Colin/Carol Stiffler
 Power Point: Grace/Grant Lubben
 Videographer: Grace/Grant Lubben

10:30 Service Worship Helpers**December 2nd**

Usher: Shaun Lambertsen family
 Reader: Shaun or Valerie Lambertsen
 Comm. Prep: DJ/Donna Condry
 Comm. Asst: Sally Clapp & Addie Dales, Greta Lundsgaard-Vaughn
 Power Point: Dean Lambertsen
 Videographer: Ivan Lambertsen

December 9th

Usher: CJ Sullivan family
 Reader: Nancy Lyon-Douglas
 Comm. Prep: Nancy Lyon-Douglas
 Comm. Asst: Fred Austin, Nancy, Staci Sullivan
 Power Point: Ruby Robertson
 Videographer: Sebastian Goldsmith

December 16th

Usher: Dan/Marilyn Lambertsen
 Reader: Dan or Marilyn Lambertsen
 Comm. Prep: Jeff/Barb Switzer
 Comm. Asst: Clapp/Dales families
 Power Point: Emma Dales
 Videographer: Logan Dales

December 23rd

Usher: Ralph/Sandra Andresen
 Reader: Ralph Andresen
 Comm. Prep: Amy Christianson
 Comm. Asst: Amy Christianson, Ben Coyle, Angie Thomas
 Power Point: Samuel Kenny
 Videographer: Nathan Hollett

December 30th

Usher: Shawn Countryman family
 Reader: Kathy Dornbusch
 Comm. Prep: Barb Wilson
 Comm. Asst: Kathy Dornbusch & TBA
 Power Point: Seth Countryman
 Videographer: Seth Secrist

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December Birthdays

Gabriel Goodyear	12/1	Janice Kurtz	12/9	Mariah Farr	12/23
Pastor Rodney Bluml	12/1	Adelynn Tjaden	12/10	Angie Keller	12/25
Paul Pinney	12/2	Don Hardersen	12/10	Cade Folken	12/26
Kenneth Humpal	12/2	Charlotte Hoover	12/11	Nicholas Lehrman	12/28
Linda Kenny	12/3	Ernest Ulferts	12/14	Lucille Zimmerman	12/29
Dennie Hinrichs	12/4	Deb Zumbach	12/14	Emily Meyer	12/30
Verlyn Stolte	12/5	Ella Snider	12/18		
Faith Ewing	12/5	Sammie Joens	12/18		
Pat Plueger	12/6	Barb Wilson	12/19		
Arlie Willems	12/6	Langley Miller	12/19		
Dan Lambertsen	12/6	Steven Dornbusch	12/20		
Ralph Andresen	12/7	Anna Minnie	12/22		
Bing Postel	12/8	Lance Toenjes	12/23		



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