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thankful
&
blessed



Holy Communion
with the
Ordination of Rodney James Bluml



Monday, October 23, 2017
6:30 PM
Faith Lutheran Church
Marion, Iowa



{NRSV} Mt. 13: 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears* listen! 44 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.



Pastor Rodney Bluml

In my first conversation with St. Paul members, I was told about the property/field that had been purchased to the south east of the existing buildings. We ventured into a conversation about what that property might become... a new worship site, a hospice house, a playground, a senior living center, a parking lot.... I was shown the large thermometer hanging on the church door that sported a red stripe filling two-thirds of the graph. "We hope to have it completely filled with red by the time a new pastor arrives, or by the end of October, whichever comes first," one member eagerly shared.

It is now my privilege to acknowledge the tremendous stewardship of this congregation's members in successfully completing that goal: the mortgage on the property/field is now paid off! Outstanding debt = \$0. Thermometer = red! This is a true testimony to your faith and trust in God.

We purchased a field, but we believe there is a kingdom treasure buried there; we can spend some time in dialogue with it and wait for the divine treasure buried there to be revealed to us. God is doing something new in our midst and it might just be something we haven't yet imagined!

In a similar way, I am very aware of the stewardship I have been called to as an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament in your midst. As I pray about this, and as I was reminded by Bishop Burk at my ordination on Oct. 23, I know that my presence with you is to help you bring forth the treasure that is you: the gifts and talents and charisms that are found in you. In doing this, we can more fully live in the Kingdom God desires for us, and we can offer a true safe place for those bruised and timid and fearful and confused people in our midst. During the ordination, it was powerful for me to feel the hands of the clergy on me during the invocation of Holy Spirit. Equally powerful for me was when I turned and faced the congregation and met the eyes of all you holy and faithful people. Both were incarnational moments cascading over me with joy and love.

I have so appreciated your warmth and sincerity in welcoming me to this faith community. I want to return some of that warmth by sharing with you some of my efforts to honor the call to proclaim The Word. As I mentioned in my article last month, I have been writing a weekly worship aid or commentary on the lectionary readings for over fifteen years. Shawna has included a link to my webpage on the St. Paul website where "Taking Home the Word" can be found. As the name reflects, I believe the domestic (home) church is the place where the daily stories of faith are drawn out. The information and discussion questions are designed to inspire family exchanges. To be done effectively, you might have to put down the phones and turn off the TV for a while though. I would encourage you to give it a try during Advent and see what fruits you find.

Some of you may have noticed that I look for a congregational AMEN at the end of prayers and have even tried to coax a little vocal strength from you in responding. Let me tell you why it is important to me and the experience of prayer. I think of the liturgy as a dialogue: at times it is the presider and congregation; most of the time it is all of us with God. Regardless, the Amen is our traditional way of saying to each other, or God, "let it be, I believe, bring it on, YES!" So, if you have a Yes in you at the end of prayer or when offered the body and blood of Christ, let your response be a hearty, AMEN!

Lastly, I would like to thank Pastor Kathryn for sharing her servant's heart at St. Paul for the past fifteen months and for being an encouraging colleague to me this past year. Being an interim pastor is so tricky because the investment of time and energy in relationships changes as the call process unfolds. From what I hear and see, she did her best to honor you as a praying community while encouraging new life and best practices. I believe she has set us on a positive course under God's guidance for the future. I hope you have found opportunities to express gratitude and say farewell for now to her. Blessings upon you and Bill, Pastor Kathryn!

Shalom, Pastor Rodney

Celebrations!

- On Monday, October 23rd Pastor Rodney was officially Ordained at Faith Lutheran Church in Marion was joined by many to help celebrate.



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.

Women's Circles

Mary's Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 pm. the study will take place in the church, and the Bible Study will be lead by Mary Lou Schipper.

Sarah's Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 8th at 1:30 at Woodland Park. The Hostess is Sylvia Albers.

November Work Group

Coordinator: Lori Reynolds

Jan Allaire
Chris & Sarah Andresen
Marlene Prout
Nicole Sander
Donna Selk
Jerry & Verlyn Stolte
Lance & Michelle Toenjes
Aaron & Deb Zumbach



Generous Giving

We would like to thank the following who have given of their time and talents:



- Jim and Marlyn for moving cupboards from the prayer room and creating a more storage in the sacristy.
- All the people who hosted trunks and donated candy for Trunk or Treat community event.
- Thank you to Nicole Sander and Heidi Capron for joining us as extra leaders on Wednesday, October 25th with our extra Children's stations.
- We had many members of St. Paul patriciate in the Bridges of Jones County CROP walk. Thank you also to those who were sponsors of these walkers.
- Thank you to Pastor Steven Dornbusch, and Kathryn Franzsenburg for a successful and fulfilling Alpha retreat.
- To all the wonderful quilters and members who spent endless hours piecing together all the beautiful quilts, collecting items and putting together to care kits and school kits for Lutheran World Relief.
- Thank you to those who supported the Best in Shot Golf Outing fundraiser for the youth of St. Paul.
- Lori Reynolds thank you for your time, organization, and food talents as you have prepared meals for alpha.

"Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the ones 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.

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VIEWED AND DOWNLOADED FROM THE**

CYFM

Hi there everyone!

During the month of October, we have been blessed with some new families joining us during WD4, great leaders helping with WD4 and Children's Church, and some great relationships forming. I had the joy of taking a group of middle school students to the Middle School lock in at UNI hosted by the Lutheran Student Center. We worshiped together with singer song writer Rachel Kurtz, heard an encouraging message about not judging others, created new friendships with others from all around Iowa, and many fun activities such as rock wall climbing, swimming, and bouncy houses.

On October 25th at WD4 the little kiddos went around to pumpkin stations where they learned about the pumpkin parable, learned a prayer they can do with their families while carving their pumpkins, helped decorate for trunk or treat, and enjoyed some fellowship time while playing fall games.

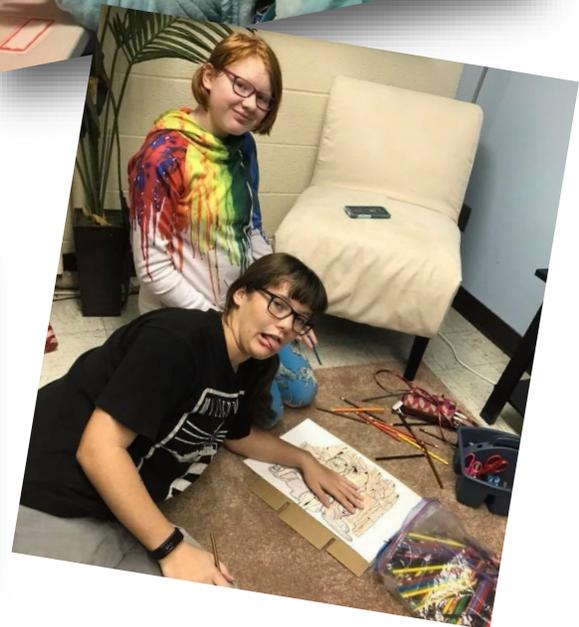
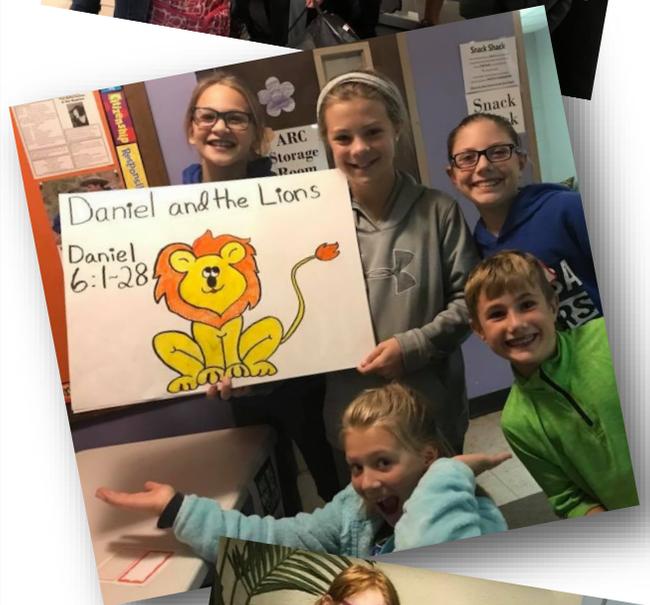
The middle schoolers prepared the decorations for their bible story trunk or treat car, then learned about some of the monsters in the Bible: giants in genesis, the leviathan in Job, and the four beast in the book of Daniel. During November the middle school youth will continue with their confirmation studies and continue through stories in the old testament.

The high school youth built scenes for trunk or treat and then participated in Youth Alpha study's. Tonight to learned about the cross: why Jesus had to die. They will continue to do the Alpha Youth Study during the month of November.

As we approach November, I will be selecting our Christmas presentation script for our Children and youth, as well as continuing my studies for my certificate in children and youth ministry.

Blessings to you!
Shawna Giegerich

Registrations for the
ELCA
National Youth
Gathering
are due!



THRIVENT NEWS...

What does living generously mean to the typical Thrivent member? Like most Christians, giving and volunteering are important in our lives, as we strive to follow where Christ leads us.

Thrivent Living Generously programs are truly opportunities for Thrivent members to give even beyond what their personal incomes might afford. Thrivent Choice, one of the most popular benefits offered by Thrivent, allows members with certain Thrivent plans to give charitable contributions, at no cost to them, to a charity, school, or church of their choice. To date, St. Paul has received about \$24,000 from our Thrivent Choice members.

A more recent benefit is called Thrivent Action, the program that provides “seed money” for members who have an idea for a volunteer activity or who have heard of an activity that would benefit from the \$250 seed money from Thrivent. The member gathers a team of volunteers, who aren’t required to be Thrivent members. This has allowed Action Teams to work with mission teams from St. Paul and the community at large in the past few years, with funds totaling over \$10,000 and countless volunteer hours.

Between Thrivent Choice and Thrivent Action, members have supported St. Paul’s land purchase, the summer mission trips, Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, ALY, Bible School, the Methodist Mission Trip, Better Together, the Advent Tree Walk, our Reformation commemoration, and many other activities and events.

If you aren’t a Thrivent member and you have an idea or passion you would like to support, please give any of our St. Paul Thrivent Advocates a heads up. And Thrivent Members, please step up and use these Thrivent benefits. If you need help, call an Advocate.

Thanks from your St. Paul team of Advocates,

Hank Biere Virginia Danielson Ed Gerst Shawna Giegerich Dorothy Harmon Betty Hunter
Angie Keller Gerald Stolte





Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Celebration

Thankoffering, a Lutheran tradition handed down from our our grandmothers and our mothers, will be celebrated again this year in the week before Thanksgiving. When first begun, the tradition was to prayerfully drop precious coins in a box each time a woman felt thankful for the blessings that came her way through the year. Remembering the traditions of our foremothers, St. Paul women, are encouraged to bring their Thankofferings to worship services on November 15 and 19. These gifts of thanks will be used to fund scholarships for women in our colleges and seminaries, for work with women and children in the global community, for victims of abuse and the weight of poverty, and for other causes that are especially close to the hearts of women in our ELCA congregations.

St. Paul to Host ALY Gospel Concert



The Anamosa community will be our guests for the ALY concert on November 5, beginning at 3 PM. This concert is usually a fundraiser for the Anamosa Lunches for Youth program, but this year the ALY Board is celebrating and saying "thanks" for the support of our community, volunteers, donors, and suppliers, and for the many generous gifts ALY has received in 8 years of service to the youth of the Anamosa community.

Come, be the open arms of St. Paul, enjoy the music provided by Shawna and Will Giegerich and other groups from our local churches, as we celebrate together.

A Grant for ALY

A thank you has been sent out to the congregations of the Southeast Iowa Synod of the ELCA for the recognition of the work and generous grant given to ALY Lunches for Youth. A portion of the funds raised in the anti-hunger campaign last spring, **Pigs With a Purpose**, were designated for hunger programs in Eastern Iowa. St. Paul's participation in that campaign was overwhelming, and our pig, Buster, joined the many others to celebrate at the June Synod gathering. As a member of the group of churches who sustain the ALY program, St. Paul has been twice-blessed by this grant of \$1000.

HELP WANTED!

November is St. Paul's month to provide ALY Volunteers for packing and delivering food for the weekend backpacks of food. The sign-up poster is on the bulletin board in the church entry. We will usually start packing at 10:00 AM on Thursdays, and deliver the bags to the schools immediately after packing. Groups or families who would like to do the packing at other times may call Virginia Danielson at 462-4625 or cell 481-0466, and an alternate time and day can be arranged.



Lutheran World Relief

Your Lutheran World Relief teams have packed and delivered our fall shipment. St. Paul, you have generously donated enough fabric, school supplies, and personal care items to fill 28 cartons with 37 quilts, 111 school kits, 47 personal care kits, and 6 sewing kits. Truly a wonderful outpouring of love and service to the world beyond our doors. Special thanks to Ed Gerst, Ken Humpal, and Ralph Andreesen for making sure our offerings arrived at the gathering site in Cedar Rapids, and to Jerry Stolte and Wilma Cox for leading the Thrivent Action teams and providing seed money for this activity.



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

World Community Day

Women of Faith and Friendship will celebrate World Community Day On Friday, November 3rd, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Anamosa. Beginning with worship at 1:00 PM, the group will host Miriam Amer, a speaker from the Cedar Rapids Muslim Community, as part of the program, called KINDLING THE FIRES OF PEACE.

The celebration will include time for questions and discussion, and close with coffee and desserts.

Attendees are encouraged to bring feminine hygiene products for donations to the Jones County Community Cupboard.

Formerly called Church Women United, the Anamosa group reorganized last year, with the aim of becoming more independent and responsive to the needs around us. Church Women United materials will still be used at the gatherings, and Women of Faith plans to continue to celebrate May Friendship Day, World Community Day, and World Day of Prayer. As always, women from the surrounding churches and communities are invited to be part of the organization.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED 2017 World Community Day



KINDLING NEW FIRES FOR

Peace

Hosted by Women of Faith and Friendship

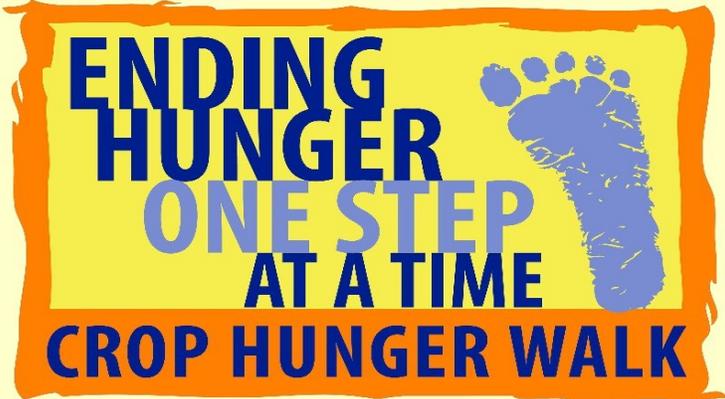
Guest Speaker: Miriam Amer
Of the Cedar Rapids Muslim Community

You Are Invited

Date: Friday, November 3, 2017
Time: 1:00 PM Worship and Program
Place: St. Patrick Catholic Church
215 N. Garnavillo St. in Anamosa
Contact Person: Virginia Danielson at Ph: 319-462-4625

Bridges of Jones County CROP Walk

Fourteen walkers represented two Anamosa congregations, First Congregational U.C.C. and St. Paul Lutheran, walked the annual Bridges of Jones County CROP walk Sunday, October 8th. It was an absolute gorgeous day to walk the 3 mile trek from the Hale Bridge to the bridge over at the dam in Waspinicon State Park and back. The walkers collected donations to stamp out poverty and hunger, help with domestic hurricane relief and help stock local Jones county food pantries. Currently proceeds total to \$1,237 with donation still being received. Thank you to all who participated walking and to those



**ENDING
HUNGER
ONE STEP
AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK**

Anamosa Lunch For Youth (ALY) Presents

LOVE IN A BACKPACK

Gospel Music Concert

Featuring:



**MUSIC BY
ANAMOSA COMMUNITY
CHURCHES**

Hosted by ALY
Volunteer Board

Sunday, November 5th 3:00pm

Location: St. Paul Lutheran Church

This event is a Thank you to all those who supported the ALY Program for the past 8 years. Donations are always gratefully received.

This event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial

BOOK FAIR

Our church is having a Book Fair!

Looking for that perfect Christmas gift for your kids or grandkids? Stop by our Book Fair and shop award-winning Bibles, books, and videos for babies to twelve-year-olds. Save up to 40% PLUS free shipping on all Book Fair titles.

Stop by the narthex at St. Paul Lutheran Church
on Sunday, November 5th-Sunday, November 22nd

Come visit the book fair before and after church services, during WD4 and at Trunk or Treat, to get faith-filled books and videos for your kids.

Our Book Fair, sponsored by Sparkhouse Family, will feature a wide variety of new resources based on the beloved Spark Story Bible, including a family devotional, a collection of prayers for kids based on the Psalms, a picture book about Noah's Ark, the first-ever animated Spark video (starring Squiggles the caterpillar!), and a new line of Spark Play and Learn Books to help make family faith formation easy and fun. Other noteworthy titles included in the upcoming Book Fair are a new Christmas picture book from the Frolic series and a gorgeous Advent pop-up book that will make a delightful gift.

Each book and video is designed to help parents instill an open-hearted, transformational, lifelong Christian faith in their children at every age and stage.

Give the gift of
 reading this
 Christmas!



**Women's
 Night
 Out**

**Sunday, November 26th in the St. Paul
 Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
 From 5:30-7:30pm**

Craft event and information in regards to a launch of an upcoming intergenerational Women's community.

We are hosting a craft event led by Home spin DIY Crafts, Gina Dirks, from Monticello.

Women of all ages are welcome.

Choose from the three crafts to create for your home or to give as a gift. There will be goodies, and beverages such as wine and punch, as well as enjoyed each other's company.

Cost for the evening is \$25.00 For more information contact Shawna Giegerich or Allison Winter

Please RSVP by November 17th



In a few years, St. Paul Lutheran Church will be celebrating it's 100 Anniversary.

We're going to ask everyone to help us with this. For starts, if anyone would have any of our church photo books that you don't want anymore, we would like a copy of each one-

- ◇ 1968-69 1978
- ◇ 1984 1989
- ◇ 1993 1998
- ◇ 2002 2009

If you have any old relevant pictures of the church or people before 1954, we'd like to look at them. Watch the

newsletter and bulletins for a meeting time. Everyone is welcome to come!

Also we have extra copies of old confirmation pictures from the years: 1943, 57, 59, 70, 75, 78, 82, 87, 2003,04, 05, 06. If anyone would like them please stop by the church office.

We are also still missing one year 1989. If you have a copy of the confirmation class of this year, please bring it in, so we can make a copy. Thank you!



Notes from the Parish Nurse

With November we Iowans experience colder breezes, leaves on the ground more then in the trees, a few flurries of snow, officially sweatshirt weather, clocks are turned back to gain that hour we missed, and Thanksgiving brings family gatherings with feast of turkey and pumpkin pie. Also in Iowa on November 9th this day is designated as the "Winter Weather Day in Iowa". There is a web site called "Ready Iowa" which provides education on how to prepare for Iowa storms . Suggestions for a safe winter include winterizing your homes, having emergency supplies on hand such as extra food, blankets, flashlights, fire extinguisher and a weeks supply of essential medicine.

During a storm stay indoors if you can but if you must go outside be dressed in warm loose fitting layers. If you shovel snow, stretch to help warm up your body, take rest periods and avoid over exertion. Cold weather puts a strain on the heart . Unaccustomed exercise such as shoveling snow can bring on a heart attack or make other medical conditions worse. Be safe, take breaks. Chances are many of us may be driving when a storm begins. It is encouraged that our vehicles have a mechanical check before winter as well as carry emergency supplies in the car including blankets. The leading cause of death in the winter storms is transportation accidents. For more information on winter safety tips, the web site is www.beready.iowa.gov/be_aware/winer_weather, or contact me for a copy of the complete article.

If you would like a nurse visit or phone call please contact the church office.

Be a "Ready Iowan"
Blessings,
Carol Stiffler RN,BSN,PN



Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength
Deuteronomy 6:5

Boxtops/Labels Reminder by Betty Hunter

Due to lack of participation, the Campbell's Soup Company has discontinued collection of soup labels. Please continue to bring in your boxtops and clean empty pill bottles with labels removed and place them in the clear plastic boxes on the kitchen counter in the church. We are no longer collecting pop can pull tabs. Thank you all for your donations!

Give and it will be given unto you. Luke 6:38

No Thank you!

YES!



Free to the Public.



Grief Support Group is looking at new programs. Grief Share is still available, call either

**Nancy Lyon Douglas at (319)551-3358
or Ken Winter at (319)462-4841**

**and they will be glad to share that.
It has been an amazing journey for all that have attended.
Feel free to give us a call anytime!**

**Thank you to each person that has taken
The Grief Share Journey with us!**

November 2017, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story **National Adoption Month**

November is National Adoption Month, and LSI is proud to announce our newest service, LSI Foster Care and Adoption. Through this new service, LSI recruits, supports, and empowers foster and adoptive families across western Iowa.

Nationally, there are more than 101,000 youth waiting to be adopted from foster care, and thousands of teens age out of foster care every year without a permanent family. We know there are no unwanted children, only unfound families! To learn how you or someone you know can make a difference, visit LSIowa.org/Foster, or contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Opening Your Heart and Home

Phillip and Ruth remember the day they decided they wanted to adopt.

It was the late 1950s, and the couple was shocked to learn abandoned babies in a local hospital were being neglected, didn't receive the attention or care they needed, and were not developing properly because of it. Phil and Ruth knew they wanted to do something.

"We decided we would adopt as soon as we could," Ruth says.

Phil and Ruth became adoptive parents through what was then called Lutheran Social Services of Iowa (LSS). The couple already had three biological children, Carol, Eric, and Peter, but they had more room in their home and in their hearts. They were ready for a fourth child. That's when baby Rachel entered their lives.

A few years later, the couple adopted 4-year old girl, Paula, and their family was complete. The seven traveled the country for work and vacations, went camping everywhere, and remained a close-knit family even as each child left home for college.

Now, all of Phil and Ruth's children have lives of their own, and Phil and Ruth have added grandchildren and great-grandchildren to their legacy.

Paula graduated from the Naval Academy, received her Ph.D. in Computer Science, and now works for the IRS. Rachel, a graduate of Luther College and the University of Wisconsin Medical School, became a doctor and practices in New Orleans, Louisiana. She has a weekly syndicated health tips show on her local ABC television station, and has been awarded two regional Emmys.

Through it all, Phil and Ruth have been advocates and supporters of adoption in Iowa. For them, it was a way to make a difference in the world, one child at a time. Today, Phil and Ruth continue to support vulnerable children in Iowa as faithful donors to LSI.

"Not everyone can adopt," Phil says, "but everyone can afford to support LSI. Even a small amount, given monthly and automatically, is remarkably helpful."



November

Monday, October 20th

- ◇ Church Staff going on Jones County Tour and will be out of the office from 9:00am-2:00pm. Church Secretary will be in office from 8:00-9:00am.
- ◇ 5:45-7:45 Alpha Course and Meal in church basement

Tuesday, October 31st

- ◇ 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Wednesday, November 1st

- ◇ 7:00am Good Guys (McCotto's)
- ◇ 8:00am Luther Men in Mission (Pinicon Place)
- ◇ 6:00pm Worship Service in Church
- ◇ 6:00pm WD4(Preschool-12th grade) in CE Building

Thursday, November 2nd

- ◇ Pastor Rodney at Monticello Nursing home at 10:30 and Anamosa Care Center at 1:30.
- ◇ Shawna will be at Southeaster Iowa Synod Office for Youth Ministry Network Meeting all day.

Saturday, November 4th

- ◇ The ARC will be in the CE building form 9:00-3:00

Sunday, November 5th All Saints Service

- ◇ 8:30am Traditional Worship
- ◇ 9:30-10:30 Coffee Hour
- ◇ 9:45 "Hot topics" study
- ◇ 10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, November 6th

- ◇ 5:56-7:45pm Alpha Course Meal and Study in Church Basement
- ◇ 6:00pm The ACR will be having a meeting in the lower level of the CE building.

Tuesday, November 7th

- ◇ 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Wednesday, November 8th

- ◇ 7:00am Good Guys (McCotto's)
- ◇ 8:00am Luther Men in Mission (Pinicon Place)
- ◇ 1:30pm Sarah's Circle at Woodland Park Hostess is Sylvia Albers
- ◇ 6:00pm Worship Service in Church
- ◇ 6:00pm WD4(Preschool-12th grade) in CE Building

Thursday, November 9th

- ◇ Rise Up, O Men Play at 2:00 showing.

Sunday, November 12th Installation of Pastor Rodney during both services

- ◇ 8:30am Traditional Worship
- ◇ 9:30-10:30 Coffee Hour
- ◇ 9:45 "Hot Topics" Study
- ◇ 10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, November 13th

- ◇ 5:45-7:45 Alpha Course Meal and Study in church basement
- ◇ Church Council will meet at 7:45pm

Tuesday, November 14th

- ◇ 7:00pm Mary's Circle at the church hostess is and the study is led by Mary Lou Schipper
- ◇ 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Wednesday, November 15th

- ◇ 7:00am Good Guys (McCotto's)
- ◇ 8:00am Luther Men in Mission (Pinicon Place)
- ◇ 6:00pm Worship Service in Church
- ◇ 6:00pm WD4(Preschool-12th grade) in CE Building

Sunday, November 19th ELCA Women

Thankoffering

- ◇ 8:30am Traditional Worship
- ◇ 9:30-10:30 Coffee Hour
- ◇ 9:45 "Hot topics" study
- ◇ 10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, November 20th

- ◇ 5:45-7:45pm Alpha Course Meal and Study in church basement

Tuesday, November 21st

- ◇ 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Wednesday, November 22nd

- ◇ 7:00am Good Guys (McCotto's)
- ◇ 8:00am Luther Men in Mission (Pinicon Place)
- ◇ 6:00pm Worship Service in Church
- ◇ 6:00pm NO WD4 due the Thanksgiving break

Thursday, November 23r and 24th

- ◇ Offices closed due to holiday

Sunday, November 26th

- ◇ 8:30am Traditional Worship
- ◇ 9:30-10:30 Coffee Hour
- ◇ 9:45 "Hot Topics" Study
- ◇ 10:30am Contemporary Worship
- ◇ Advent Decorating Trees and greenery after 10:30 Service
- ◇ 5:30-7:30 Women's Night Out Craft event in the Fellowship hall in the church. All welcome of all ages are welcome! Details in newsletter.



Wednesdays at 6:00pm

October 25th

Usher: Darla Algoe

Reader: Dorothy Postel

Communion Prep: Darla Algoe

Communion Asst: Laura Secrist & Dorothy Postel

Power Point: Darcie Tenley

November 1

Usher: Jim Conley

Reader: Barb Kleis

Communion Prep: Dorothy Wood

Communion Asst: Marge Bohlken & Eunice Conley

Power Point: Myra Powell

November 8th

Usher: Ken & Pam Humpal

Reader: Beth Hora

Communion Prep: Marlene Serbousek

Communion Asst: Beth Hora and Laura Secrist

Power Point: Beth Hora

November 15th

Usher: Darla Algoe

Reader: Dalra Algoe

Communion Prep: Darla Algoe

Communion Asst: Marge Bohlken & Beth Hora

Power Point: Myra Powell

November 22nd

Usher: Jerry & Verlyn Stolte

Reader: Dorothy Postel

Communion Prep: Jerry & Verlyn Stolte

Communion Asst: Summer Parks and Dorothy Postel

Power Point: Darcie Tenley

November 29

Usher: Scott & Barb Slater

Reader: Scott/Barb Slater

Communion Prep: Barb Kleis

Communion Asst: Doug & Jody Fairbanks

Power Point: Myra Powell

Sundays at 8:30 am

November 5th

Usher: Lynn & Cindy Decious

Reader: Marty Rowland

Communion Prep: Jim & Delores Albrecht

Communion Asst: Jeff & Kristi Fortune and Marty Rowland

Videographer: Ashlyn Fortune

November 12th

Usher: Ed Gerst, Susan Koppenhaver

Reader: Virginia Danielson

Communion Prep: Dave & Darcy Jacobs

Communion Asst: Mike & Nancy Bickford, and Dave Jacobs

Videographer: Denny Oltman

November 19th

Usher: Sherri Evans & Tom Sabotta

Reader: Tom Sabotta/Sherri Evans

Communion Prep: Barry & Wilma Anderson

Communion Asst: Wilma Anderson and Brian and Michele Lubben

Videographer: Grace Grant Lubben

November 26th

Usher: Dale And Pat Jensen

Reader: Pat Jensen

Communion Prep: Don & Dorothy Harmon

Communion Asst: Don & Debbie Harderson, Don Harmon

Videographer: Connor Fortune

Communion Bread for November:

Donna Selk

Food Bank for November : Myra Powell**Altar Flowers for October****November 5th** Available**November 12th** Ed and Jan Allaire**November 19th** Available**November 26th** Available

Sundays at 10:30 am

November 5th

Usher: Carl Achenbach & Bob Goodyear

Reader: Kathy Dornbusch

Communion Prep: Bob/Janice Goodyear

Communion Asst: Sally Clap, Kathy Dornbusch, Shelby Hollett

Power Point: Nathan Hollet

Video: Ivan Lambertsen

Children's Church: Kylee Secrist

November 12th

Usher: Rob Robertson Family

Reader: Aidan Miller

Communion Prep: Barb Wilson

Communion Asst: DJ & Donna Condry and Aidan Miller

Power Point: Ruby Robertson

Video: Sebastian Goldsmith

Children's Church: Linda Kenny

November 19th

Usher: Dan & Marilyn Lambertsen

Reader: Maddy Fischer

Communion Prep: Jeff & Barb Switzer

Communion Asst: Koryn Killerby, Eli Lehrman, and Andrew Thomas

Power Point: Emma Dales

Video: Logan Dales

Children's Church: Shawna Giegerich

November 26th

Usher: Carl Achenbach

Reader: Ralph/Sandra Andresen

Communion Prep: Bob/Janice Goodyear

Communion Asst: Darel Secrist and Ralph and Sandra Andresen

Power Point: Samuel Kenny

Video: Drew Pate

Children's Church: Brandy Miller

Worship Duties

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Balances of St. Paul Bank/ Accounts As of 09/30/2017

General Fund Checking Account
Beginning Balance \$25,458.18
Ending Balance \$29,590.42

Budget Reserve Savings Account
Beginning Balance \$200.16
Ending Balance:\$200.16

Land Purchase Checking Account
Beginning Balance \$1,833.59
Ending Balance \$1,635.69

Land Purchase Savings Account
Beginning Balance \$1,274.64
Ending Balance \$1,449.00

Luther League Checking Account
Beginning Balance \$3,697.37
Ending Balance \$3,347.37

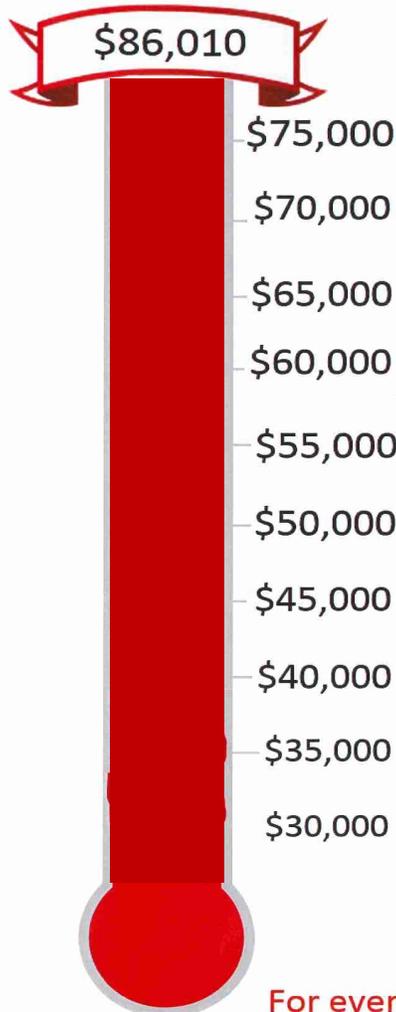
Luther League Savings Account
Beginning Balance \$6,041.90
Ending Balance \$6,043.42

Seminary Support Account
Beginning Balance: \$4,854.61
Ending Balance: \$6,809.05

Fidelity Savings Account
Beginning Balance: \$6,164.56
Ending Balance: \$6,165.34

Mortgage Account
Beginning Property Purchase Amount: \$258,250.00
Mortgage Balance: \$20,000
92.3% Mortgage Paid

St Paul Mortgage Balance



\$86,010
Our goal

WE REACHED OUR GOAL!

THANK YOU!

Purchase Price = \$258,250
10/31/2016 Balance = \$86,010
10/31/2017 = \$0.00

For every \$10,000 paid on the loan, St Paul reduces 1 year off the mortgage!

Council Minutes- St. Paul Lutheran October 9, 2017

Members Present: Ralph Andresen, Doug Fairbanks, Colin Stifler, Carlene Vavricek, Lori Reynolds, Jim Hankemeier, Shawn Countryman, Barb Wilson Pastor Bluml

President, Ralph Andresen called the meeting to order at 7:55 pm.

Agenda and Minutes were submitted. Colin made a motion to approve both, and Carlene seconded.

Reports: Pastor Rodney expressed his thanks for all the warm welcomes and patience shown from members of the congregation.

Communications (Requests/Responses): EWALU sent a thank you for donations we have given them. We also received a letter from the Bishop authorizing Pastor Bluml to conduct worship services until his ordination.

September Financial Reports: About \$14,000 was donated in the last three weeks toward the land purchase. Another announcement will be made in church about this. Brian was gone, but we reviewed the itemized accounts. Doug moved to file the financial report, and the motion was seconded by Colin.

Old Business:

Financial Coordinator's position- Brian has reviewed the paperwork for this position. He verified it and submitted it to be filed.

Alliant Energy audit- Darel, Colin, and Ralph have this figured out and will take care of it.

Committee Assignments- Mary Achenbach will serve on the Memorial Committee. A motion to accept this was made by Shawn and seconded by Doug. Ralph will send Barb a list of the committees, so that we can work on this next Council meeting.

Broken Jesus statue- Colin will take the statue to Monticello for an estimate. Lori made the motion that we can spend up to \$1500 on repairs, without bringing it back to Council for approval. Jim seconded the motion.

New Business:

Ed Gerst- Ed asked for permission for a HACAP truck to use our church basement to distribute food during inclement weather. This would be only one time a month on Thursdays from 2:30-4:15. Council felt this was a good idea. Lori moved to allow HACAP to use our facilities, and Shawn seconded the motion.

Ken Winter- Update on his ministry and housing contract

Ken shared an update on his ministry work. He is involved in many areas. Shawn suggested he give an update of his ministry work in the newsletter.

There was discussion regarding Ken's housing contract. A motion was made by Shawn for Ken to continue renting the parsonage for free until his degree is complete. Lori seconded. Arlie and Donna will draft a contract for this.

REC fence- REC is building a fence on the edge of our property which limits access for semis to Banowetz Lumber. Grounds and Maintenance will look into to see what can be done to help Jeff Banowetz with this.

Prayer room cabinets- Pastor Rodney and Ken will discuss plans for this room.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

Committee Assignments

Upcoming Schedule Conferences/Meetings/Schedules/Coming Events:

Alpha retreat- Oct. 21-22

Pastor Rodney's Ordination- Oct. 23

Time and Date of Next Meeting: November 13th after Alpha (7:50)

Adjourn/Closing Prayer: Ralph adjourned the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Wilson- Council Secretary

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Return Service Requested



November BIRTHDAYS

Pierce Fairbanks	01	Olivia Janko	16
Jan Allaire	01	Gwen Becker	17
Dale Jensen	01	Andrew Koppenhaver	17
Noah Smith	01	Lynn Decious	17
Nancy Lyon Douglas	02	Jan Minzenmeyer	19
Gavin Austin	04	Bob Easterly	20
Sarah Andresen	05	Pete Bungum	20
Erin Algoe	06	Bob Hora	21
Ben Coyle	06	Lavern Ulferts	22
Cody Moore	07	Jill Heims	23
Dan Ludwig	07	Allison Winter	23
Sebastian Goldsmith	07	Zak Fortune	25
Varlyn Fink	08	Pat Merritt	25
Kirsten Farrington	10	Kristi Hunt	25
Vance Stolte	10	Sydney Heims	25
Denny Oltmann	11	Olivia Goodyear	27
Jamie Carpenter	12	Seth Countryman	28
Carolyn Kaltenbach	13	Julie Nassif	28
Jody Fairbanks	13	Karen Smith	29
Kyle Folken	14	Lonnie Osterkamp	30
Paige Loney	14	Scott Lubben	30
Mike Plueger	15	Connor Capron	30
Chase Secrist	16		



If your birthday was omitted from this calendar, we may not have the date in our records. If you would like your birthday listed on our newsletter calendar, please call Shawna at 462-4841 or email her at stpaulanamosa@gmail.com and she would be happy to include it.