



**SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PARISH MESSENGER**

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Pastor's Report for the Month of February

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.-1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

I am often heartened when I consider all the countless hours of time our members spend in making the ministry of Saint Paul so dynamic and active. Whether it be those who serve on committees, or help to mow or weed or plant, prepare for and carry out the worship services, plan and execute our fellowship ministry, help in Christian education, or supporting the church in numerous other ways including attendance at worship and the giving of financial resources, we have a very active and healthy congregation, that enthusiastically is supporting the mission God has for us through this congregation.

Personally, I want to add a note of thanks for so generously subsidizing the trip of myself and three other members to Haiti, a trip which might have ended by the time you get this newsletter, but which is on my mind as I am writing this in early January and preparing for it. Our congregation plays a leading role in supporting the work of MIVO, the medical mission organization to Haiti, and through it we directly and positively reach thousands of people in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

Saint Paul Lutheran Church is so abundantly blessed by our Lord with a wealth of true dedication and commitment from so many of our members, with a rich use of time, talents, and resources which is shared so generously in countless ways. If there is one thing we could all do better, it is simply to invite others into this ministry, guiding them through it as mentors and friends. Now with Lent around the corner and a quality Lenten mid-week service and fellowship time soon to start, I am reminded that we are one of a decreasing number of churches which embrace the richness of the church year and our journey with Christ through it. So many need to see what we have here and to become a part of it themselves, let's pray for God to show us the way to reach others and do it, working together for the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Savior. Pastor Paul

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR February: Voice of the Martyrs

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted-1 Timothy 3:12

In some 40 plus countries around the world Christians face severe persecution. Saint Paul wants to help them and the premiere organization that helps in that process is Voice of the Martyrs

VOM's Mission Statement

Serving persecuted Christians through practical and spiritual assistance and leading other members of the Body of Christ into fellowship with them.

VOM's Five Main Purposes

1. To encourage and empower Christians to fulfill the Great Commission in areas of the world where they are persecuted for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. To provide practical relief and spiritual support to the families of Christian martyrs.
3. To equip persecuted Christians to love and win to Christ those who are opposed to the gospel in their part of the world.
4. To undertake projects of encouragement, helping believers rebuild their lives and Christian witness in countries where they have formerly suffered oppression.
5. To promote the fellowship of all believers by informing the world of the faith and courage of persecuted Christians, thereby inspiring believers to a deeper level of commitment to Christ and involvement in His Great Commission.

Please use the special envelope in your offering envelope packet or a green envelope from the pews to contribute.

Our Response to His Love in December:

2017 = 182

2018 = 211

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Articles for the March newsletter need to be in the church office by **February 15th.**





A trip is being planned to the Museum Of the Bible. More information will be available in the bulletins in the coming weeks.

BLANKET WORKSHOP: The quilters will be meeting on **Tuesday, February 12th at 9:00am.**



The Quilting Group would like to thank all those who donated material, sheets, table cloths and curtains for our quilt backings and quilt squares. Your generous response to our request was greatly appreciated!



Friends in Christ is a group for widows, widowers and anyone who wants to join us for a time of fellowship.

The rest of the spring looks like this:

Lunch out on Feb. 10 and we are trying someplace different! We will be heading to the far side of Spring Grove at the Buon Appetito on 116 – We'll try for 12:30 understanding that some might be a little late due to the time that second service ends.

March 21 Hampton Historic Site

April 25 – Dutch Apple

May 29 – Chanticleer Gardens

Book Club

Please join us on February 13 at Noon, we will be discussing our reading of The Sky Beneath My Feet by Lisa Samson. Bring a lunch and join our conversation.



OUR DAILY BREAD

Our dessert for February is **blueberry muffins.** We need 30 dozen by 9 am on Friday, Feb. 15th. If you can contribute some muffins, please sign the sheet in the church narthex or contact Kate Frye at 792-1650. Thank you!





Please call the church office if you or a loved one is in the hospital, we do not usually get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name, and we want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS

Ira Keech, Jack Hall, Treva Albright, Anne Westerman, Don Reeve, ~ please keep these members in your prayers.



WORSHIP IN February

Feb. 3

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10(17-19)

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:31-44

Feb. 10

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8(9-13)

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Feb. 17

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

First Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15: (1-11)12-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

Feb. 24

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

First Lesson: Genesis 45:3-15

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:21-26,30-42

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

HARVEST OF HOPE NEEDS

Canned pasta, Beef stew, Pork and beans, Canned soups, Canned fruit, Vegetarian beans, Canned vegetables, canned chicken breast, boxed mac & cheese, elbow macaroni, boxed rice, hamburger helper, chicken helper, boxed potatoes, canned tuna, canned diced tomatoes, canned corn.



For Easter:

Frozen ham 3 to 6 pounds, boxed potatoes various flavors, canned sweet potatoes, boxed mac and cheese, cake mix, brownie mix, frosting, gelatin, bread stuffing.

Monetary donations are always gratefully appreciated.

LCMC

Thanks to Donna and Larry Rinehart for heading up the prayer booklets for the three Days of Prayer January 1-3. If the time snuck up on you and you missed praying for those specific concerns at the start of the New Year don't worry, it's never too late to pray. Prayer resources are still available on an ongoing basis. This time of prayer touched specifically on giving thanks, repenting and seeking God's will for the future.

Our Church Council retreat is open to all leaders in the congregation. Three of our members who attended the last LCMC National Gathering will share insights they learned about church renewal with the Church Council and any other interested participants on February 9 from 8- 11am (church council regular business will begin at 11 and conclude by noon.)

Our Mid-Atlantic District Gathering on Saturday March 30 from 9 AM-2 PM, when LCMC service coordinator Rev. Mark Vander Tuig will be leading a workshop on "Leaders Who Follow Jesus," in our Fellowship Hall. Mark will also be preaching here on Sunday, March 31.

Thursday Bible Study will be held February 14, 21 and 28 on I Corinthians. Come share in this encouraging study of the Word of God. No previous attendance is required, each lesson is self-contained. The study is offered at 9:00 am and 6:00pm.

**Women of the Word will be meeting
on Wednesday, February 20 at 1 pm to** continue our Bible
Study, "Giving God Your All".

Cindy Warner will lead our study on "Taking the Plunge". We look forward to having you join us for our study and fellowship.

**Upcoming Youth & Family Events!!
These activities are for EVERYONE!**

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

February 3– Souper Bowl of Caring

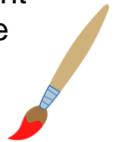
February 24 – Mystery Dinner

March 24 – Game Day

Back by popular demand, Mystery Dinner! Sunday February 24th immediately after 2nd service we will serve up a delicious themed meal. Tickets will go on sale during coffee hour starting February 2nd. Cost will be \$8 per ticket or 4 for \$30. Youth that are helping do not need a ticket. Fifth - 12 grade youth are asked to mark their calendars - we'll need all hands-on deck for a fun meal. Profits will benefit our missionaries: Luke and Ruth and Andy Stump.

Game Day – March 24th, lunch and babysitting provided. Board games and volleyball – engaging activities for the younger children. Fun for all ages!

Paint Away Party- Reserve Sunday May 5, 2019 for a Paint Away Party! We will do a beach scene painting, cost will be \$25 per person. A sign-up sheet will be available closer to the date.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

“If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given to you.”

James 1:5

Sunday School for all ages! (Faith Learning 9:45am on Sunday Morning)

For Adults:

Parents of Faith – prayer and Bible study of relevant topics for parents as they raise their children in the faith – this class meets on the stage

Lutheran Theology class – meeting temporarily in conference room. Studying Luther's Large Catechism.

Concordia study works through various books of the Bible-this class meets in the parlor.

Faith building for youth and children:

Senior High (grades 10-12 in the youth room) They are combining with young adults for a class called: Money, Money, Money. Come learn about earning, saving and giving to the glory of God!

Crib Nursery – Toddler in the nursery room.

Pre-K through 5th grade - Children will study the birth of Jesus, Jesus as a boy, and the life and miracles of Jesus.

Confirmation classes for **grades 6 and 7 is in the room next to the youth room**. Grades 8 and 9 is in room one.

All of our Christian Education classes deal with exciting materials about the word of God! Learn and grow with us

THANK YOU

Thank you so much to Pastors Paul and Sally for your many visits, prayers and guidance during Dad's illness and passing. We are forever grateful for you. God Bless you both. The family of Larry Eash.

THANK YOU, to the ladies group for providing such a wonderful meal following the funeral. It was greatly appreciated by all in attendance. God Bless your helpful hands. The family of Larry Eash

Dear Pastors Gausmann and the Congregation of Saint Paul, Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you for your gift of \$747.00 in December 2018 to the Theological Education Fund of the North American Lutheran Church in support of our seminary (NALS). Our students and staff are keeping you in our prayers and giving thanks to God for your faithfulness. Jesus sent out the call for more laborers. With the help of our ministry partners, we are continuing to prepare faithful pastors for the harvest. Blessings in Christ, Dr. Amy C. Schiffrin President, North American Lutheran Seminary

Thank you very much for your wonderful basket. The cookies were delicious. The fresh fruit was very good. They were the first apples I had in a long time. Hope everyone has a blessed holiday. Love, Judy Riley

My sincere thanks to Pastor Paul and Pastor Sally for their many prayers, hospital and home visits. Thanks also to the congregation for their prayers, cards, and meals. The outpouring of love and support continues to be overwhelming and is greatly appreciated by both myself and Bob! Thank You! Kathy Yeater

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, and well wishes during my recent stay at the hospital. A big thank you to Bob Yeater and Kathy for quickly jumping in to take over as mini Sexton during my absence and for the delicious tin of goodies. A special thank you to Pastor Paul and Chuck for your visits. Joyce and I are blessed to be surrounded by a wonderful church family! Prayers are powerful, I am doing fine. Blessings, Jack Hall

Thank you to the Social Ministry ladies for the delicious goodies in the Thanksgiving basket, it was such a treat! Thanks also to the carolers who came at Christmas to sing to us, what a blessing it was to see all of you! God Bless, Byron & Carolyn Grove

THANK YOU CONT...

"Thank you" Pastor Paul for your visits and prayers with our son, brother and uncle, David Lefever. We all, including his wife Missie and family, appreciated you performing his funeral service as well as sharing time and prayers with us in our time of need. Thank you to those who came to the service to express their sympathy with the family and to all who sent cards of sympathy. We really appreciated that. We would also like to say thank you to the ladies of our congregation for putting together a luncheon for everyone following the service. In Christian Love,
Jackie & Charles Witman
Carol & Charles Frey and family
Steven Lefever

The Parents of Faith Class is hosting our 10th "Crop to Stop Hunger" scrapbook event, which benefits the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry. Please join us on Saturday March 16, 2019 as we gather in Fellowship Hall to spend the day scrapbooking (or working on the craft of your choice) while we raise money for the Food Pantry. We will be selling pretzel sandwiches and homemade soup as well, so please stop in and support the Food Pantry, even if you can't stay for the day! We would appreciate any donations of baked goods and are also in need of help in the kitchen during lunch (11am-1pm). Please contact Kenny and Lisa Hoke or Sandy Albright for more information.



CYC is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year for both the 3 and 4-year-old classes. Children need to be either 3 or 4 by the 1st of September. Registration can be done through St. Paul's webpage www.saintpaul-trinity.org or by calling the church office and requesting a registration form. The 3-year



old's meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:30 and the 4-year old's meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00-11:30. Tuition for the 3's is \$90/ month and for the 4's it is \$115/month - both with a nonrefundable registration fee of \$20.00.

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25

Update on St Paul refugee family sponsored back in 1975.

St Paul sponsored the seven members of the Nguyen Tien Lan family in 1975 when the Vietnam Conflict had officially ended. The family consisted of Lan, his wife Nham, their two son's, Lan's brother, niece and Lan's mother Nguyen Thi Ca. Numerous members of St Paul gave of their time, talent and financial support to give this family a fresh start in the US. The family has always kept St Paul in their thoughts and prayers and will never forget the generosity of the St Paul family.

There are numerous updates published in our 250th Anniversary book, *St Paul's Before and After* by Kim Martin, please refer to those entries for more specifics.

The most recent update, provided here by former members Clair & Shirley Starner as shared with their daughter Deb Shue over the recent holiday season. *"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I'm missing you! But wish you and your family happiness, health, and success all around the year."*

Lan and his wife Nham are continuing to reside in Florida (near Tampa). (Denny and I visited with them at their home in FL about 8 years ago and they inquired about St Paul life). They have both been retired for a few years now and their two sons are married with children. The sons are practicing physicians in FL and both have published medical books. We do not have a recent update on Lan's brother or niece. Nham mentioned in their recent Christmas card that she and Lan are doing well, along with their sons and grandchildren. Lan's mother is in ill health and has celebrated her 108th birthday in January!! Deb Shue 1.7.19

Men of Faith

Due to a heavy Saturday schedule this month, Men of Faith meets early this month on Saturday February 2, the first Saturday of the month at 8 AM. We will continue our Bible study on the Kings of Israel, enjoy a good breakfast together and a time of Fellowship. Invite a friend along, there is always food to eat and coffee or tea to drink, see you there, previous participation in no way needed!

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