

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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I would like to begin my letter by offering to you our Lord's blessings. We have just turned the calendar to a new year and it is my prayer for you that God grant you his blessings in this new year. There is another thing I would like to mention.

One of our Chuckery farmers was recently showing me pictures he had taken of his farm using a drone. He was explaining to me that the drone enabled him to fly out over his field to inspect his crops and see how they are coming along. Based on what he saw from the flyover video he is able to ascertain the condition of his field and its need for fertilizer or pesticides or what have you. The drone makes it possible to go out into the field and see the condition of his crop.

I suppose I have a similar goal in mind for these next several weeks. I have requested the opportunity to come to your home to pray with you. Jesus often uses agricultural imagery to describe his church. Pastors serve in his Church as shepherds and sometimes farmers. My call and vocation is to serve the spiritual needs of the members of our congregation.

In order to fulfill that vocation I need to know what your spiritual needs are. We see each other on Sunday mornings when I greet you after Divine Service. We chat from time to time at various congregational events. But the time is not always opportune for further discussion. I want to know how to pray for you and I want to know how to serve you. Please participate in this visitation by signing up on the sheets I have put out on the information table in the narthex.

Peace to you and I look forward to seeing you in your home.

In Christ,

Pastor Schlueter





Liturgy and the Necessity of Ritual

It goes without saying that liturgy and ritual go together, however some have come to believe that ritual is somehow a bad thing. Sometimes, a misunderstanding of the importance of ritual can translate into a misunderstanding of the importance of liturgy. Truthfully, without rituals we would be a meaningless, chaotic society. A useful definition of ritual cited from Dr. Arthur Just in his book "Heaven on Earth" is this: a pattern of repetitive behavior either verbally or nonverbally that communicates meaning. It is usually in a symbolic manner and it is necessary for group relationships to operate so that the group can stick together and survive.

This can be seen in any sports setting. We sometimes wonder what our future generations would think if they could see the behaviors we display at our sporting events. But within the ritualistic setting, great joy is often experienced because the rituals we perform give meaning to the sport. The rituals also help keep the group unified in contest with the opposing team. I am sure you can think of other areas in your life where ritual plays an important part of the meaning of those activities. The people who don't understand the meanings, lose interest in the activity and abandon it, or else attempt to impose their own nuances to the rituals which end up changing the original meaning.

The same can be said for a worship setting. The traditional historic liturgy that we use at St. Paul (specifically the Divine Service) and at some other Lutheran churches throughout the world is rich with repetitive behaviors, words, gestures, and songs that give meaning to the worship. Those rituals help to identify us as Christians and to keep us together as The Church. If we don't understand the meaning of our rituals and the fact that Jesus Christ comes to us in a bodily presence to give us the gifts of forgiveness, salvation and even life itself, we become bored with the liturgy, we try to create new rituals and sometimes as a result we lose our identity; all because the liturgy lost its significance to us.

In this way then, perhaps you can see how the cohesive rituals in the liturgy are vital for what heals us, makes us alive in Christ. It preserves our faith so that we can survive in this mad world which is hostile to Christians. The Divine Service, and its rituals, from beginning to end serves as a means for God to give us His gifts. Without those gifts, we are dead in our sins. It's a matter of survival folks.

Yours in Christ,

Deaconess Janet Nicol



Member Spotlight

The Union County Board of Developmental Disabilities publishes a newsletter each quarter. In the winter edition, one of our members was featured on the front page. For those of you that don't get to read this newsletter, I thought I would share some of the story. The following is an excerpt from the entire article (posted on the Narthex bulletin boards).

Brandon Flores Impresses at Walmart (son of Angie and Rob Bouic)

Brandon was honored with the "Happy to Help" award for the month of June from the management staff at the Marysville WalMart. This monthly award is given to an associate who goes above and beyond at work each day. Receiving the award is an honor, but what is truly impressive is that June was Brandon's first month employed at WalMart. "Brandon is a real asset to our workforce. He is thorough in completing his routine work. He is also flexible and open to doing any additional tasks assigned on the spur of a moment." His position was newly created and designed to encompass some daily tasks, but also to help as needed in other departments. Brandon, a May graduate of Fairbanks High School, has receive services from WorkNet, the Community Employment Division of the Union County Board of Developmental Disabilities, for several years.



St. Paul Wish List

There will always be items that our congregation can use to enhance worship and service here at St. Paul. Recently we received some updated Narthex furniture. We have also received a variety of other simple items on the wish list.

The wish list is updated on a regular basis.

Some of the current items on the list include:

- New Roasters (for the Ladies Aid use when serving dinners)
- New Industrial Fans for the Sanctuary (see pictures posted)
- Preschool Learning Items (see specifics on bulletin board)



St. Paul Early Childhood Center
Affiliate of St. John's Lutheran School

January Preschool News

December was the typical whirlwind as we practiced and practiced for the Christmas Story play on December 19th. We had reservations for 190+. What a wonderful outreach this program is! The children did a wonderful job with all their memory work, which consisted of 3 verses of "Go Tell It On the Mountain", reciting Luke 2:8-14, and a finger play. We would like to express a HUGE thank you to the St. Paul Ladies Aid for presenting a Bible to each of the first-year students - another great outreach to the preschool families.



January Enrichment News

The month of December seemed to just fly by in the Enrichment room. We began a journey to the stable. Each day we read part of Luke 2 and really talked about what it was telling us. We tracked our journey by putting a stepping stone on the board that was showing our journey. We will put up the last stone when we return in January! This helped the children be leaders during the program practice and performance.

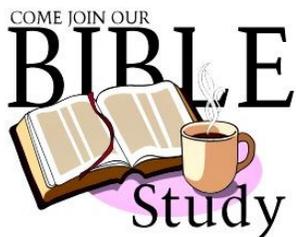
The children did many activities this month revolving around the holiday season. They are getting very good at setting up addition and subtraction problems, counting syllables in words and learning to read. One of their favorite emergent readers was the Christmas story that used mostly sight words we have been learning this year. The children couldn't wait to go home and share it with their families. This is what the season is all about.

I want to thank all of you for welcoming me into your church family this year. I feel truly blessed to be a part of this community!



Thank You

A special thanks for all the poinsettia plants our members shared to decorate the church this holiday season. Hopefully you have your name on the plan so you can take them home and enjoy them some more. Blessings to all for your help in this matter and Happy New Year. The Flower Committee.



- **Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

We meet every other week from 8:30—9:30 (January 9th & 23rd)

- **Mothers Bible Study on Friday**

We meet weekly from 8:30 am—9:15 am

- **Men's Study on the Augsburg Confession**

We meet every other week at 6:00am (January 3rd, 17th and 31st)

New members are welcome to start these groups at ANY time!



Ladies Aid

Mark your Calendar for Upcoming Events in 2018 for Ladies Aid:

Who? St. Paul Ladies Aid
What? January Meeting
When? January 15, 2018 @ 11:30 am
Where? Bluebird Nursing Home
Why? Complimentary lunch followed by an interview with Katie Luther



Watch the bulletin for more details and a sign up sheet.

January 27 –  Central Zone Winter Retreat - The LWML Zone Winter Retreat will be January 27, 2018 at the Cedar Ridge Lodge at Battelle Darby Metro Park

Save the date and watch for more details coming soon!



Coming in February!

February 3 – Mission Work Day



The Ladies Aid will be making walker bags and hearts for Loving Care Hospice and Easter tray favors for the nursing homes. Lunch will be provided.

Service by St. Paul Members

Do you know what we do at St. Paul's? With the concern that something will be left off the list, here is a list of what members are involved in. If you think of others not listed, put a note on the secretary's desk or email her.

St. Paul Members and Families

Breakfast at the Manger – sharing Advent with families
Gifts for members 80+ at Christmas
Dinner celebrating confirmation 50+ years
Prayer sentries emails

Synod/Seminary/Seminarians

Diapers/Wipes for Seminary
Adopt a Seminarian for a year
Disaster Relief
COMA



St. Paul Early Child Center

Salary and benefits support
Cookies for special events



Hospitality in the Community

Non-turkey dinner
Welcome baskets for new neighbors in our community
Grief Share
Making walker bags for Loving Care Hospice
Lutheran Social Services – Columbus food pantry



Bible Study



Men's Bible Study (6:30 a.m. - Weds)
Preschool moms' Bible study (8:30 a.m. – Fri)
Women's Bible Study (8:30 a.m. – Tuesdays)
Cottage Bible study (2nd Friday of the month)

Miscellaneous



Support Hope Center
Support Local Food Pantries
Support Pregnancy Care Center
Support Appalachia families – HARP Mission





Children in Grief May Act Out Their Hurt

Your children may surprise you by the misbehavior they display while grieving. But you need to remember the source of their misbehavior: they feel hurt and do not know what to do with that feeling.

Shelly, whose son passed away, talks about the response of her other son: "He was the passive child between two demanding children. He often didn't express himself and held everything inside. So it was out of character for him to rise up with anger and to put holes in the walls and to be so frustrated in the way that he was."

"After seeking God, what I felt in my heart was that it was his survival he was going through. He was dealing with pain so deep, and he was too young to understand that death is a permanent thing. It's something you can't change; you can't go back; there's no way to rectify what has happened. You just have to accept it. That was so hard for him to deal with. It's almost like he came out fighting."

"And when we were able to accept that this was a part of the process that he had to go through and just cover it in love, we removed some of the stressors in his life, and we allowed him that time."

You still have to be the parent, and your children need you to continue to communicate clear boundaries to them. But choose the issues that you want to address. Over everything else, give them oceans of love and grace.

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him" (Psalm 103:13).

Lord, show me how to be there for my child. Show me how to remove the stressors in his or her life, and open the flow of love and understanding between us. Amen.

By Bill Dunn & Kathy Leonard, from the book "Through a Season of Grief"



ST. PAUL LADIES AID

Officers and Committees 2017-2018

President: Karen Boerger '16-'18

Vice President: Anne Scheiderer '17-'19

Secretary: Susan Eickhoff '17-'19

Treasurer: Kathy Picklesimer '15-'18

Human Care: Sue Ann Dillahunt '16-'18



Serving Committee:

2nd yr.: Angie Bouic
Brandy Vollrath
Julie Schlueter
Susan Eickhoff

1st yr.: Mindy Johnson
Martha Wolff
Kellie Burns

Sunshine Committee:

3rd yr Karen Boerger
2nd yr. Bonnie Thiergartner
1st yr. Rita Rinehart

Altar Committee:

2nd yr. Phyllis Bouic
1st yr. Janet Nicol

Flower Committee:

Marilyn Greenbaum & Anne Scheiderer
Anita Thiergartner - Christmas

Candle Committee:

2nd yr. Anne Scheiderer
1st yr. Sue Ann Dillahunt

Banner Committee:

2nd yr. Kathy Picklesimer
1st yr. Cathy Burns

Quiet Books:

Elena Pfeiffer

Stamp Committee:

Susan Eickhoff

Facility Cleaning Coordinators:

Ladies Aid Board

LSS Coordinator:

Dorothy Nicol

Quarterly & ODE:

Sue Ann Dillahunt, Church Secretary

Members Helping Members:

Kathy Picklesimer

Sunday School Coffee/Snack Scheduler:

Rita Rinehart

January 2018 – October 2018 Usher Schedule

If you cannot fulfil your duty as an usher please ask someone to take your place. If you would like to usher and don't see your name on the list, please let Sue Ann Dillahunt know that you are willing to serve in this capacity. Likewise, if you do not want to be on the list, notify Sue Ann as well.

January 2018

Bill Dellinger
John Dellinger
Wayne Dellinger
Mark Dillahunt



February 2018

John Eickhoff
Dan Ferryman
Tony George
Justin George

March 2019

Dennis Headings
Mike Kleiber
Mat Johnson
Derik Heis

April 2018

Dave Karkan
Larry Nicol
Mark Nicol
Dave Picklesimer

May 2018

Mike Picklesimer
Colin Robinson
Scott Thrush
Jim Andrews

June 2018

Doug Scheiderer
Greg Scheiderer
Jim Scheiderer
Tim Underhill

July 2018

John Wolff
Jay Schmidt
Robin Rausch
Steve Rinehart

August 2018

Rick Agner
Larry Blinn
Rob Bouic
Don Bouic

September 2018

Darrell Breneman
Tim Bosley
Brian Badenhop
Ronnie Boerger

October 2018

Dennis Boerger
Gary Boerger
Jeff Boyd
Tanner Burns

St. Paul Church Council 2018

President	Mark Dillahunt
Vice President	Tim Bosley
Treasurer	Larry Nicol (John Eickhoff after 7/1/18)
Secretary	Wayne Dellinger
Financial Secretary	Rita Rinehart
Elders	Jay Schmidt; John Eickhoff; Tim Underhill; Jerry Burns
Trustees	Dennis Boerger; Tanner Burns; Dennis Headings; Dave Picklesimer
Board of Finance	Rob Bouic; Melanie Dellinger; Jerry Burns
Board of Parish Education	Elena Pfeiffer; Derik Heis; Deb Boyd; Kylene Harms
Board of Stewardship	Kelly Burns; John Dellinger; Sue Ann Dillahunt; Suzanne Toth
Board of Outreach	Kim Fraley; Rita Rinehart; Dan Vollrath; David Karkan
Board of Endowment/Scholarship	Martha Wolff; Angie Bouic; Jeff Boyd; vacant
COMA Representatives	Tim Bosley and Anne Scheiderer



St. Paul Staff

Pastor	Rev. Paul Schlueter
Deaconess	Janet Nicol
Director of Early Childhood Education	Darlene Becker
Organist	Elena Pfeiffer
Custodian	Bill Dellinger
Church Secretary	Sue Ann Dillahunt





January Birthdays

- Jan. 1** Kenny Boerger 1956
- Jan. 3** Colin Toth 1998
- Jan. 4** Garrett Dellinger 2004
- Jan. 5** Mark Nicol 1959
- Jan. 8** Rachel Rinehart 1989
- Jan. 9** Tony George 1956
- Jan. 10** Sonya Cross 1970
- Jan. 11** Austin Burns 1991
- Jan. 12** Dannielle Burns 1994
- Jan. 13** Tatum Heiss 2014
- Jan. 16** Abigail Underhill 2002
- Jan. 19** Raymond Scheiderer 1940
Taylor Andrews 2005
Brienne Eickhoff 2008
- Jan. 20** Tyler Boerger 1991
- Jan. 21** Kathy Hornsby 1959
Nathan Harms 1993
- Jan. 22** Fred George 1954
- Jan. 23** Jim Scheiderer 1940
- Jan. 24** **Elton Rausch 1922**
- Jan. 25** Carol Tillman 1945
Jane Nicol 1947
Debra Lehman 1974
Mark Picklesimer 1983
- Jan. 26** Allison Boyd 2007
- Jan. 29** Anita Thiergartner 1961
Randy Rausch 1967
Kresta Fansler 1977
Brad Newland 2005



Wedding Anniversaries

- Jan. 8** Jerry & Mary Carpenter 1972
- Jan. 24** Ed & Laura Burger 1994

January Assignments

Elder Duties

- Elder of the Month—Jay Schmidt
- Recording—John Eickhoff
- Communion— Tim Underhill



Ushers

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Bill Dellinger | John Dellinger |
| Wayne Dellinger | Mark Dillahunt |



Acolytes

- Samantha Picklesimer and Anna Schlueter

Greeters

- Jan. 7** Derek & Kelly Heiss and
Mat & Mindy Johnson
- Jan. 14** David & Mary Karkan and Mike Kleiber
- Jan. 21** Richard & Rhonda Lehman and
Larry & Janet Nicol
- Jan. 28** Mark & Connie Nicol and
Dorothy Nicol
- Feb. 4** Kip & Teresa Oakley and Katie Kull

January 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 7p Elders Mtg.	3 6a Men's Study 7p Choir	4 8p Dartball	5 8:30a Mother's Bible Study	6
7 9a Sunday School 10:15 a Worship 11:30a Voter's Meeting 11:30a Confirm.	8 6:30p Sunday School Tchrs.	9 8:30a Ladies Bible Study 6p BOPE	10 7p Choir	11 3p Home School Group 8p Dartball	12 8:30a Mother's Bible Study	13 8a-4p Gym & Kitchen Reserved
14 9a Sunday School 10:15 a Worship 11:30a Confirm.	15 11:30a Ladies Aid @ Bluebird	16 7p Outreach	17 6a Men's Study 7p Choir	18 3p Home School Group 8p Dartball	19 8:30a Mother's Bible Study	20
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