



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE TRUMPET
February, 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

With Ash Wednesday only two weeks away, I know I should be getting into a Lenten frame of mind, but I am having difficulty doing so. You see I'm writing this to you while still in the season of Epiphany. I can still see the Wise Men leaving Bethlehem and heading home by using a different road. While there is no threat of a snowstorm in the days ahead, I'm still thinking, gee, wouldn't it be nice to have another DC "snowmagedon"? I can't believe that snow is on my mind when I should be focusing on Lent. I need to remember that the word, "lent", actually suggests spring as it comes from an old English word that means "lengthen", or "lengthening of days."

Well as much as I would like to stay in the Epiphany season and play in the snow, it is the Spirit calling me to begin my Lenten journey to Calvary and the cross of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As much as I would like to bask a little longer in the warmth of the Epiphany light, I know that by the light of the Gospel, the Holy Spirit is calling me to probe the darkness in my life caused by sin.

Even though I might not be ready for Lent right now, I know that as soon as the ashes are traced in the sign of the cross on my forehead, the Spirit will point me to where I need to be in life, and the road that will get me there. Jesus Christ has already walked this road for me. He has paved the way with his own sweat and blood. It is a road that not only runs into the heart of the Holy City, Jerusalem, but into the loving heart of God as well.

Lent means taking the road of repentance, fasting and prayer. It means taking the road into the lives of the hurting and hopeless among us, and offering them the Good News of the Gospel. It means taking the road of suffering and sacrifice in gracious response to a loving God who sent his only son to walk the way of the cross for you, for me, and for the world.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Thomas A. Omholt

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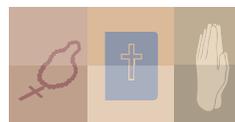
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Prayer List

Please Keep In Your Prayers . . .

The Mattick family upon the death
of Richard Mattick

Joan Tolbert

John Wackler

Shirley Butler

Lois Leland

Chuck Maatta

Bill Jackson

Grace Yin

Ellyn Martin

Barb Pitts

Carol Pihlstrom

Gloria Stuart

Ralph Benson

Christians and all people of faith who are
persecuted throughout the World.



**Worship Service Schedule for Ash
Wednesday -- February 14, 2018**

Our Lenten journey to the cross begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. **There will be two worship services that day at 11 am and 7:30 pm.** Holy Communion will be celebrated and there will be the imposition of the Ashes at both services as well. The Prime Time Center luncheon will be served at noon and those attending the 11 am service are welcome to attend.



Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting was held on January 28th. At the meeting, the congregation took the following actions:

1. Approved the proposed 2018 budget.
2. Elected the following members to serve:
Trustee – 3 year term: Kay Cartwright
Council - 3 year term: Pam Wannan (incumbent)
Council - 3 year term: Kate Belinski
Council - 3 year term: James Carstenson
Council - 3 year term: Mark Dueholm
Council – 1year term: Tina Schendt
Congregational Secretary: Lynn Adkins
Congregational Treasurer: Rod Larson

Copies of the Annual Report are available through the church office. Please contact Joy Belew (joyb@stpaulslutherandc.com) if you would like a copy.

St. Paul's Is Celebrating With a High-five for 175!

In 2018, St. Paul's will celebrate its 175th anniversary! Our stewardship theme for this special year is **"High - Five for 175!" God's Work. Our Hands. Giving in Gratitude.** We are celebrating St. Paul's past and our ministry for the future. God is doing amazing things in our world and in our church and God is doing these amazing things through each of you as you continue along in your own individual journeys of stewardship.



If you have not yet completed and turned in your time and talent survey and financial commitment card - it is not too late! **Can you prayerfully contemplate an increase of \$5 per week as a way to express your "High-Five" for St. Paul's?** Please complete a time and talent survey and financial commitment card and return them to the church. Also remember that your commitment for 2018 is in addition to your generous commitment to the Capital Campaign. Thank You!

Update on Stewardship Campaign

As of February 1st, we have received **39 pledge cards**. Of these, 3 are new pledges, 18 reflect an increase in giving, 7 were at a decreased level of giving and 11 chose to stay at the same level of giving.



Spaghetti Dinner & Fundraiser Saturday, January 13th A BIG SUCCESS!!!

Thank you for supporting the National Youth Gathering team at their first of three fundraisers, the spaghetti dinner, raffle, and auction. More than 100 plates of spaghetti were served at St. Paul's! Auction and raffle items included homemade chocolates, movie baskets, coffee basket, handmade table runner, gift cards, books and more! The youth raised \$3,292.00, which is a great start to supporting our 25 youth and 5 adults as they raise funds for plane tickets and hotel costs.

Special thanks for the St. Paul's families who donated items for auction and raffle, to Anne Miller and family from Luther Place who coordinated it all. Also a huge thanks to Catherine Kimball-Eayrs and family, also from Luther Place, who donated the food. And a generous note of thanks to ALL who donated towards this first fundraiser. We are grateful!

Each of the StLuthRef churches is hosting a fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering team. The next fundraiser, a (high-priced!) bake sale, will be held at Luther Place! Look for more information in the coming weeks about the date and how you can support the team!



Get Involved in Worship

guild (setup/cleanup of the altar), communion assistant, and usher. Let's give our very loyal regular helpers some relief. If you can serve in any of these positions, please contact Pam Wannan at 202-454-6703 or pam@wannan.com.

Volunteers needed for worship services!

We need volunteers in all areas of the worship service, especially altar



Tellers Needed

We are looking for people interested in volunteering for this very important church function. It consists of a two member team that works on Sundays after church or

Monday for about 1 or 2 hours collecting, counting and recording the offering. The teams are assigned a month at a time, usually 3 or 4 months a year (depending on how many teams we have). Sundays can be switched with other teams. Training and written instructions are provided. Please contact Paula Stewart 410-956-7117 or the church office to volunteer.

St. Paul's Youth Choir



The youth choir continues to invite young people to come and sing with them on Sundays for a 45 minute rehearsal following the 11:00 am worship service.

Singing in this group is a wonderful opportunity to learn basic vocal technique and explore some great music. Come and be a part of discovering a very special way of making a joyful noise! For information contact: Marcia Perez at 301 580 8021.

Shrove Tuesday



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner - February 13th

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 13th for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner from 6:00-

7:30 p.m. in the Dining Room and lower Fellowship Hall.

What is Shrove Tuesday, you ask? Generally speaking, it's a preparation day for Lent, but you'll have to come to the dinner to find out the whole story! We'll have pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, and plenty of Lutheran coffee to wash it all down. There will also be some surprises and fun trivia for the kids!

Suggested donation is \$5 per person. Please RSVP at <http://evite.me/RGsXWrXU4K> or let Lisa Wackler (lwackler@stpaulslutherandc.com) know if you can attend.

St. Paul's Celebrates 175 Years!



The year 2018, marks the 175th Birthday for the Congregation of St. Paul's!

As you come across pictures from your own

time at St. Paul's, please share those with us, so we can include them on our website, Facebook page, Twitter feed, and in displays around the church. If your pictures are hard copies, we will scan them and return them to you.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa or Joy in the Church Office.



Youth Sunday



Thank you to all the youth who helped make Sunday, January 28th a special day of worship at St. Paul's! Altar Flowers were given by the Harlee, Heffley, Hollar, and Wackler Families in honor of the children of St.

Paul's, and children everywhere.

Those who served: Youth Sunday

Altar Guild: **Rosanne Pool with Grace Heffley, Izzie Shearer and Abigail Stonerook**

Cover art for bulletin: **Gretchen Wackler**

Greeters Front: **Jane Cramer with Max Breton & Xander Shearer**

Greeters Portico: **Carolyn Lynch with Grant Higbee, Jackson Higbee & Reese Kolasky**

Prelude: **Michaela Larson (piano)**

Crucifer: **Sam Wake**

Acolytes: **Justine Hollar, Vasco Hollar**

Confession: **Lucy Harlee**

Prayer of the Day: **Hana Rihani**

Liturgical Leaders—Children's Sermon:

Murphy Harlee, Erin Hollar

Lay Readers: **Gretchen Wackler, Reese Kolasky, Christian Larson**

Liturgical Leader—Sermon: **Anna Dueholm**

Ushers: **Rob Hershey with Grace Heffley, James Heffley, Alia Rihani, Van Harlee**

Offertory Music: Youth Choir: **George Baumgardner, Justine Hollar, Sarah Beebe, Grace Heffley, Carol Li, Emma Pfaffenroth, Will Pfaffenroth, Alia Rihani, Hana Rihani**

Offertory Prayer: **Gabriel Higbee**

Communion Assistants: **Dominic Fantauzzo, Liam Shearer, Anna Dueholm, Michaela Larson, Erin Hollar, Murphy Harlee**

Dismissal: **Carol Li**

Postlude: **Ilsa Larson (trumpet)**

Prime Time Center (PTC)



The Prime Time Center gathers every Wednesday between 11:00 am - 2:00 pm for fun and fellowship. The programming begins with an **entertainment, lecture, or information session from 11 am – 12 pm followed by a delicious lunch from 12 pm – 1 pm. Immediately after lunch the group participates in an active hour of exercise** that is led by an excellent instructor, Ann, who has become an important part of the PTC community.

Upcoming Schedule:

February 7

Nancy Abramson

"Nancy Sings"

February 14

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday

Worship Service

February 21 – Happy 3rd Anniversary to the Prime Time Center!

Activities-to-Go

African American Heroes: Groundbreakers in their fields.

February 28

Dr. Robert Jenner

"The Life of Frederick Douglas"



Mid-week Lenten Services

February 21st – March 28th @ 6 pm

"Soup, Sacrament and Holden Evening Prayer"

Each Wednesday during Lent we will meet in the church's dining room for mid-week Lenten activities. At 6:00 pm, there will be a child-friendly activity and devotion time, followed by a light supper at 6:30 pm. Then we head upstairs for the ***Holden Evening Prayer service in the Chancel at 7:30 pm.*** In addition to Holy Communion we will visit "stations" for prayer and meditation.

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Council members welcome your phone calls and emails.

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