



Dear St. Paul's,

I hope this letter finds you well. January is a time in the church, as it may be in your own life, to review what has happened in the past year. Maybe you have set exciting new goals and challenges for the year 2018 or maybe you are just thankful 2017 is over. It all depends on what has been happening in our lives. For my family, we look back on 2017 with grateful hearts. It was in December 2016 that we came to worship on a Saturday night to see what St. Paul's was about. I remember driving from Red Wing to Trempealeau that night wondering what God was up to in our lives. The answer came through the Call Process and here we are with you now.

Even if you don't stay up until midnight to welcome the New Year, personally I turn into a pumpkin by 10:00 pm, we can all take a moment to think about what we are thankful for in the past year. For each of us, in the year 2017, there were moments of joy, and when we are honest, there were and are moments of uncertainty where we wondered, "God what are you up to?"

During this past year at St. Paul's we have experienced what it is to now have two pastors, we continue to work to equip all the generations as voices in worship and we discern the question "God what are you up to?". Our congregation will review this past year of ministry and look forward to the year to come at our Annual Meeting following worship on Sunday, January 28. Please join us in looking back with gratitude and moving forward in hope.

Happy New Year.

With love and prayers,

Pastor Dana

GriefShare

GriefShare is a nondenominational seminar/grief support group that is facilitated by leaders who have lost loved ones of their own. Our next session will begin on Monday, January 8, 2018 at First Lutheran Church in Red Wing. We will meet from 7:00-8:30 P.M. For more information call Tina at 651-301-1548 or Suzy at 507-398-3729 or www.griefshare.org.



*The Church Office will be closed on
Monday, Dec. 25th and
Monday, January 1st!!
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!*

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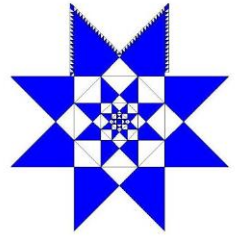
Custodian – Randy Mickelson

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Merry Martha Quilters

First of all a big **Thank you** to all the people who have donated sheets, fabrics and any other miscellaneous items to the Merry Martha quilters. We have used these donations to make enough quilts that each family served by the Christmas project got a quilt along with the food and gifts provided by our congregation. When Pastor Hasselquist left for Texas he took along 30 quilts to be distributed through that mission. We also took about 25 quilts to Hope Coalition to be distributed through their various programs. Keep those donations coming so we can continue to provide quilts for those in need.

As always we are looking for more people to help with this mission - no sewing skills required - it's a great way to get to know your fellow Christians. We took a little time off over the Holiday season but we will be back and going strong starting January 2 so join us any Tuesday morning between 9 a.m. and noon - come when you can - leave when you must. Anyone with questions can contact Elaine Scharpen (651-388-9512) or Maggie Sprick (715-594-3944).



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!

January

- 7th – Jesus Baptism
- 14th – 10 Commandments
- 21st – Battle of Jericho
- 28th – Naomi and Ruth

February

- 4th – David and Goliath

Mark your Calendars!
The 11th is Kids in Worship
Where will be singing a song
With the choir

A Special Thank you To all that helped with
the Sunday School Craft Night!
It was a great Success and the Children all had
A good time.

Thank you!



I want to thank the wonderful and caring people that make the prayer shawls, and in particular, Jan. Jan made the prayer shawl that warmed and comforted my mother, Jan, through the last hours of her life. It is incredibly beautiful with its blue colors (my Mom's favorite) and even more beautiful in its meaning. It warms and comforts me now. It helps keep my mom's warmth around me and will absorb many tears of sorrow and joy as I remember all the wonderful things about her and our life and times together. It is a beautiful and caring thing you do and I greatly appreciate it.
Sincerely,
Robin Quell, daughter of Jan Quell

Thanks for your support and prayers - and the flowers at Diane's memorial service. Diane loved flowers!
Peace, Jack Nordgaard

*Merry Martha Quilters ~
Thank you sincerely for your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you for remembering our Mom (Janes Quell) with such kind words.*
Robin and Jerry Quell

I was blessed to receive a purple prayer shawl through Thrivent that was made by one of your prayer shawl members. It has been a great comfort to me, to keep me warm or to put around me and remember God's love and care he gives us. Thank you so much, Merle Sjostrom (I have inoperable liver cancer)



**St. Paul's Church and
Foundation**
Annual Meeting ~
Sunday, Jan. 28th, 2018,
10:45 a.m.

Please, *keep in touch!*
please, please!

If you have a new address, have discontinued your landline, have a new cellphone number, or any other changes, please let the church office know. Keeping our information current in our records is so important so that we can maintain contact with you!!! Thank you!!!

To: All The Members of St. Paul's
From: The Give Team

Thank you one and all for your generous financial support of St. Paul's throughout 2017 and for your commitment to support the mission and ministry our congregation in 2018. If St. Paul's receives just \$520 more each week in contributions, it can meet its budget for the new year. A few dollars each week from each household will work wonders. Whatever you can give is greatly appreciated. A Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours.

WELCA CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

THE WOMEN'S LUNCHEON WAS HELD AT THE ST. JAMES ON SUNDAY, DEC. 10TH. A FABULOUS TIME WAS HAD BY ALL THAT ATTENDED. GOOD FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP. THANKS TO JUDI MICKELSON FOR ALL HER WORK IN PUTTING THIS TOGETHER. IF YOU HAVEN'T JOINED US IN THE PAST, PLEASE CONSIDER DOING SO IN 2018. WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU!!!

