

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maryville, TN

THE GOOD NEWS

February 2017 Edition



The Property Team

completed the re mulching of the Church playground on Saturday, January 28th.

Twenty one cubic yards of mulch was purchased and spread. The job was accomplished with assistance of a hired two man crew, recommended by Greg Caldwell, with help from of Deb Johnson and Will Ludwig.



Worship Times

Sunday Morning

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School

9:15am

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PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

A Message from Pastor Rick:

Super Bowl LI (or 51 if you don't know your Roman numerals) will be watched by about 170 million people in this country. The average 30 second commercial will sell for approximately \$5 million. The average viewer household will spend around \$82 on food and décor for the big game. To me, that is a lot of emphasis on one four hour event.

I am as guilty as you and the rest of society concerning how I will spend my time and money this Sunday. As far back as I can remember, the only Super Bowl I did not watch was SB XXXIII because I was on a plane flying to our honeymoon. While we don't spend \$82 on food and décor (as most of you don't; remember it's an average), we do spend more than is necessary for junk food and beverages.

There is nothing wrong with having fun with family and friends around a game. It's great to laugh and enjoy something with a group of people.

While 170 million people might be watching this game, only 120 million (at best, based on 2013 figures) will actually attend worship. Of these 120 million, the average per household giving will be \$26 in the offering plate. I am sure that there will not be anywhere near \$5 million in total spent on positive, faith building messages to fill our time during game breaks (probably not that amount is spent during the whole season).

What could happen if we were as focused for one Sunday on what God was calling us to do as we are on this one Sunday when we gather around our big screens to watch grown men run over each other?

How many homes could we build for the homeless?

How much money could we raise to feed those who are hungry?

How many lives could be changed if each of us spent as much time caring for someone in need on just one day as we spend watching a game?

Like most of you, I will be watching the game and filling myself up with mostly unhealthy food. I will be having a good time laughing with friends and family, and having an even better time if the Falcons win.

I do, however, hope that we all take an extra few minutes to look at our priorities. Maybe, just maybe, we will be inspired to do something super for some of God's people that we haven't done before now. There are a lot of hurting people that need our love and attention a lot more than the 53 players on each team need us to watch them play a game.

Peace,
Pastor Rick



The St. Paul Church Council will meet monthly on the third Monday ~ 7:30pm

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Church Council



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PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL



A Message From the Council President

Friends of St. Paul

With the new year brings a new council president for St. Paul Lutheran Church, and I am honored to be elected as your new council president! I first joined St. Paul when I was only 5 years old. Through the years of growing up at St. Paul, I dreamed of one day serving on the church council. I am excited about that dream becoming a reality.

Please help me in congratulating the 2017 council officers: Kara Birdwell, President; Rick Anger, Vice President; Shari Martin, Secretary; and Ed Martin, Treasurer. Also, please welcome our new council members Herb Perry and Susan Ward and returning council members Jan Hanes, Greg Caldwell, Beth Drane, and JB Johnson.

I would like to start this year thanking Jan Hanes for the outstanding job he did and the example he led as president last year. I would also like to thank Marianne Searfoss and Mike Culross for serving on council over the last few years. I hope you both continue to come to "Ministry Team Night" even though

your term for council has ended! A lot of great things happened in 2016 thanks to everyone at St. Paul and the 2016 council members. First off, Ed Martin, our treasurer, and the finance team spent many tireless hours simplifying our financial accounts, for which they deserve huge thanks. Our Wednesday "Faith and Family" night was a great success in 2016 and continues to grow. MIM's "Come to the Water" fundraiser was another great success and brought churches from the Southeast together in one mission of raising money to send children to camp. St. Paul continues to step up our outreach programs each year and our "St. Paul Tomorrow" vision is becoming a reality. Our music program is beautiful and the hand bell choir has been a very welcomed addition. If you haven't checked out the newly relocated and reorganized library, please stop by and take a look as it has a lot to offer. I cannot talk about the successes of 2016 without mentioning the seminary support St. Paul showed by raising \$9,221 for Rachel Patterson's studies at Trinity Lutheran College. After looking at all that St. Paul has accomplished last year, I want to say "Thank You" to everyone that has made St. Paul a great place to worship!

Yours in Christ,
Kara Birdwell



Listening Group

Do you have an idea for a project that St Paul could undertake that would have a positive impact on the congregation and community?

A suggestion box with cards to fill out is on the Usher Table in the Narthex. **Please share your ideas!**



ASSISTANT MINISTERS TRAINING

February 12 at 9 a.m., immediately after the first service. All current assistant ministers should attend. Anyone who is interested in learning more about how to serve as an assistant minister is invited to attend to learn more about what is involved.

SERVING

Charlie Malin- Coordinator



St. Paul Host Week ~ February 5th - 12th

Contact Susan Ward to help serve or for more information About Family Promise
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Quilt Fest

**Saturday, February 4th
9:00pm**

Join us for a fun day of piecing quilt tops for charity.



DISCIPLESHIP

Winnie Johnson - Coordinator



Fat Tuesday (Sunday)

All you can Eat Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 26th
9:05am-10:05am

St. Paul Youth will be
serving pancakes
and raising money for AFFIRM.

AFFIRM is a six day 5 night youth event of faith, fellowship, and friends sponsored by the ELCA Southeastern Synod.

The Affirm community worships everyday and receives Holy Communion.

Grounded in Scripture, Affirm offers youth the opportunity to develop discipleship and leadership skills.

The cost for each youth to attend Affirm is \$425.



Greetings, St. Paul!

At this point in my seminary journey I am in the midst of my January term class, which is centered on the spirituality and psychology of the Enneagram. The Enneagram is an in-depth personality analysis which seeks to identify one's inner nature--both strengths and struggles. I am finding the gifts lying underneath my own brokenness and how those gifts draw me nearer to those around me. The hope through this process is that I, like others who have gone down the road of inward reflection, will reach a place more closely resembling wholeness. I am learning to be kinder to myself and to love on the areas of my personality which seem fragile or underdeveloped. All this to say that I am preparing my heart, spirit, body, and mind for a calling that requires much of me. But with an attentiveness to self care and an appreciation for the uniqueness of personalities surrounding me, I feel certain that I will have the tools I need to become the leader God calls me continually to be.

Other than working on my self-care and personal reflection, I am, as of this month, learning how to serve/lead in a local church for my Leadership in Context. The church I have been assigned is All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington, Ohio, with Pastor Bonnie Gerber as my mentor. I am looking forward to learning from her as well as the congregants, especially in terms of 'behind the scenes' work (altar guild and worship planning). Ethan will also have the opportunity to be engaged in church life at All Saints, and we both may just have to sing along with the choir every now and then (though their choir could certainly never replace our beloved choir at St. Paul). This experience lasts for about a year and a half and gives me the chance to watch all the goings-on and requirements of leading a church. I am thankful for the chance to observe and ask the myriad of questions that bubble up when I think of leading a healthy congregation.

Before I conclude this letter to you, St. Paul, I want to thank all of you so dearly for your generous contributions to me and my husband during this period of our lives at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. We are so grateful for your support, and we will continue to depend on you all as partners in our journey, both in seminary and beyond.

Be blessed in this time, may your spirits yearn for deeper understandings revealed by an all-knowing God, and let the joy of life flood your hearts.

-Rachel Patterson



DISCIPLESHIP

Winnie Johnson - Coordinator

Wednesday Night

Wednesday's in February
8th, 15th, & 22nd

6:00pm - Family Meal

6:25pm - Devotions/Activities

Let us do the cooking, so you can sit down with your family and enjoy a meal together after a busy day of work and school.

Faith -N- Family

PARISH LIFE

Carla McMillion - Coordinator



Sunday, February 12th

WELCA is selling roses, \$5/rose, after each service

Please check your folder for Baby Shower information



We are tickled pink and happy to say...
A precious baby girl is on the way!

Please join us for a Baby Shower honoring

Kaia Gordon

Sunday, February 12th ~ 3:00pm



Keep'em In Stitches Every Thursday

- Except the 4th week

10:00am-1:00pm

Join us for a time of fellowship and knitting, crocheting, needlework, quilting... We meet in room #8. Bring a sack lunch and a stitching project you are working on.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

Thursday, February 2nd ~ 6:30pm

Rene Zimmer shares about his travels in Europe. Everyone is invited to attend.



SPAM 55+

SPAM (St. Paul Adult Ministry) invites you to come and join us if you are 55 or older. We usually meet the 3rd

Tuesday of each month at noon for lunch. Lunch is

either Brown Bag or pot luck, depending on the occasion. Throughout the year we will sponsor special meals or outings. Occasionally we have special speakers who share timely topics with us. This is basically a time of fellowship and keeping in touch with each other. **If you are new to St. Paul** this is a great way to meet members of our church family. **We would welcome any ideas** for topics of interest that could be presented at our monthly gatherings. Come and share your interests and ideas. Our monthly gatherings are always announced in St. Paul Weekly News so you can put this time on your calendar.



SPAM VALENTINE LUNCHEON

Tuesday, Feb. 21st

1:30pm

O'Charley's Restaurant

Please sign up on the SPAM bulletin board to the left of the Fellowship Hall.

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Note: If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement for that Sunday.

Duties	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Assistant Minister	Jean Beck	Warren Bielenberg	Charlie Malin	Joel Searfoss
	Marsha Wynn	Art Hafner	Gail Hafner	JB Johnson
Communion Assistants	Betty Ludwig Joel Searfoss	Jackie Kreider Steve Zrioka	Carol Perry	Warren Bielenberg Marianne Searfoss
	JB Johnson	Warren Bielenberg Loda Wylie	Elaine Fisher	Merl Krull
Lector	Warren Bielenberg	Tami Wyatt	Marianne Searfoss	Joel Searfoss
	Susan Ward	Elizabeth Anger	Ann Hall	Shari Martin
Ushers	Mo Brueckner Greg Wyatt	Greg Caldwell Ed Kreider	Herb Perry Rene Zimmer Robert Bryant	Betty and Will Ludwig
	Tom Sims Bob Ullom Linda Ullom	Bertha Franks Dot Dishman	John Beck Roy Johnson	Betty and Will Ludwig
Altar Guild	Jackie Kreider	Suzanne Bielenberg	Betty Ludwig Sandi Weber	John Beck Bob Ullom Linda Ullom
	Kris Zimmer	Marsha Wynn	Karin Bell	Carolyn Speck
Acolyte/ Crucifer		Hannah Rundle	Darian Lindquist	Hannah Hatmaker
	Hannah Hatmaker	Jackeline Conzenius Drew Ohstiek	Carol Perry Jody Ohstiek	Anne Sims Eric Walker
Nursery		Marianne Searfoss Philip Tyler		
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Greeters	Steve and Linda Zrioka	Greg and Leigh Caldwell	Will and Betty Ludwig	Gloria Leonard
	Norma Watson	Herb and Carol Perry	Rick and Elizabeth Anger	Patricia Harmon
Sound Room	Greg Caldwell	Ben Ward	Will Ludwig	Steve Zrioka
	Ben Ward	Tom Sims	Kevin Roka	Bob Block
Tellers		Warren Bielenberg Joel Searfoss	Herb Perry James McMillion	Carolyn Speck John Beck
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Torch Bearers				Jan Hanes Carolyn Speck
				Beth Drane Art Hafner

FELLOWSHIP

Leigh Caldwell - Coordinator



10:30 Service Fellowship Teams

Each team is responsible for providing cookies or donuts, setting up and cleaning up the Fellowship time after the 10:30 service. Contact Jacqueline Conzemius for more information.

- February 5** Herb & Carol Perry,
Tom & Lyla Lindquist
- February 12** Laura & Chris Mallette,
Carla & James McMillion
- February 19** **SCANDINAVIAN FELLOWSHIP**
Mark & Elaine Fisher, Beth & Bill Drane
- February 26** Barb & Bob Miller,
Tim & Leslie Walker

Annual Scandinavian Bake Day

Interested in making Scandinavian pastries?

We are meeting at the home of **Denice Birdwell** on Saturday, **February 18th** beginning at 9:00 AM. We will be busy making kransekake, rosettes, krumkake, aeblesciver and more to serve on Sunday. Bring ingredients to make your favorite pastry or just come and observe.

For more information or directions call Jacqueline Conzemius or Denice Birdwell.



February 2017

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- February 2 Judy Sorensen
February 2 Jaylen Odom
February 3 Adrian DaCruz
February 4 Isaac Bryant
February 4 Rachael Wyatt
February 7 Hannah Rundle
February 12 Ethan Patterson
February 16 Thomas Finn
February 20 Carol Trosen
February 21 Jason Mallette

- February 21 Evan Searfoss
February 26 James Speck
February 26 Leslie Walker
February 28 Brenda McClellan
February 28 Randy Finn



- February 9** Clayton & Betty Narveson
February 11 Connie & Arden Bramlett
February 14 Jerry & Judy Sorensen
February 24 Greg & Tami Wyatt

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With the World*

Dates of Interest

Check Calendar for times and places

Church Office Closed Monday, February 20th

Council:

Monday, February 27 ~ Ministry Team Night/Council Meeting

Discipleship:

Wednesday, February 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd ~ Faith-N-Family

Sunday, February 26th ~ Pancake Breakfast

Fellowship:

Sunday, February 19th ~ Scandinavian Fellowship

Sunday, February 26th ~ Pancake Breakfast

Parish Life:

Thursday, February 2nd ~ Men In Mission Meeting

Thursday's, *Except the 4th Thursday* ~ Keep'em In Stitches

Worship:

Sunday, February 26th ~ Transfiguration Sunday

Wednesday, March 1st ~ Ash Wednesday Services - Noon & 6:15pm



Super Bowl Sunday, February 5th

we will be taking a collection after each service.

All donations will be given to the Food Connection