ST. PAUL’S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 2018

Church Office Number: 885-2221

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Elders: Bruce Mohr: 712-269-8771; Todd Teut: 712-269-7154; John Thies: 712-882-3379; John Greder: 712-269-8337

**Pastor’s Desk**

**January 2018**

Even though stores start selling for Christmas and Christmas music is played on the radio weeks before Christmas, the actual Christmas season—according to the church year calendar—begins on Christmas Day, 25 December 2017 and runs 12 days through 5 January 2018.

It’s unfortunate that radio stations generally stop playing Christmas music the day after Christmas, because technically we can celebrate Christmas 12 more days. I point out this detail, because Christmas—as the name explains—is all about Christ Jesus—and our worship of this King Jesus. Christmas is all about us receiving from God our savior, Jesus Christ, who came to make things right between us and God.

No matter how good you might think you are, Jesus came because every single person on this planet has been born into a life that is full of hate, anger, mistrust and so much more. Jesus is the only one, who can make things right. Jesus actually gives you LIFE!

*“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”* (Matthew 11:28-30)

**CHRISTMAS TREE**

Thank you to all who helped put up the Christmas tree and decorations.

**NEEDY FUND**

Thank you to everyone that purchased gifts or donated.

**THANK YOU**

Thanks to our Sunday School children and teachers for a wonderful presentation of the program “From Heaven Above” on Christmas Eve.



Thank you to all that donated flowers in 2017.

If you would like to provide flowers for a month in 2018, there is a sheet on the back table or call the church office.

**ANNUAL MEETINGS**

A Special Voters Meeting will be January 7th after the service to approve the 2018 Election of Officers Ballot.

On Wednesday, January 10, Council will meet at 7:30 p.m., and Elders will meet after the Council Meeting.

On January 21st, there will be a Voters Meeting. Main agenda items will be the year end reports and the election of officers.

**NOMINATION FORMS**

Several weeks ago, shortly after our pre-call meeting conducted by IDW President Steve Turner, every member in our congregation received a general information and nomination form which provided every member the opportunity to suggest a name of a LCMS pastor they feel might serve as the next Pastor at St. Paul’s, Ute.

If you do not have a pastor to nominate, please complete the general information form.

Please return the forms as soon as possible.

**CALL COMMITTEE FORMATION**

St. Paul’s Handbook, adopted by voter’s assembly on 7-9-2002, gives specific instructions as to who will serve on St. Paul’s call committee during a vacancy. *“Upon the vacancy, the Board of Elders meets and selects the following people for the Call Committee consisting of:*

*-The Board of Elders (currently –*

 *Bruce Mohr, Chairman;*

 *Todd Teut, John Thies, John Greder)*

*-Chairman of the Congregation (Justin Hanson)*

*-Chairman of the Board of Trustees*

 *(John McCall)*

*-Chairman of the Board of Education*

 *(Korey Meseck)*

*-Stewardship Secretary (Tammy Bramley)*

*Chairman of the Board of Elders is to serve as chairman. These people will serve until a new pastor is installed. These names are then presented to the church council.”*

**LCW**



Breakfast & Bible Study

Saturday, January 13th, 2018

9:00 A.M.

 St. Paul’s Fellowship Hall

ALL ARE INVITED

**2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

 Offering envelope boxes for 2018 will be on the back table in alphabetical order by last name. Please take yours when you attend and help in getting them to others.

 The stewardship secretary encourages every member to use their offering envelopes. This will make it easier for our treasurer to accurately credit you at the year end for tax purposes.

**NEW MEMBER/REFRESHER CLASS**

Pastor LaBoube will be leading a New Member / Refresher Class beginning January 4, 2018.  Each class will be Thursday evenings from 7-8 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in their fellowship hall / basement.  There will be six weeks of classes.

After you finish the class, you will be allowed to join either congregation as a full-fledged, voting member.  Pastor would like to encourage you to bring a friend along, who is already a voting member of one of the congregations.  This way, your friend will be able to help you along this path to becoming a member yourself.

If you are interested, please call St. Matthew's to confirm that you are coming.  We want to make sure we have enough materials for everyone who wants to attend.  St. Matthew's phone number is: 712-881-2243.  If you have further questions, please call Pastor LaBoube.

**FAITHFUL GIVING**

This year, along with supporting the gospel in your congregation, please consider supporting the District Missions and our congregational goal of $5,000 toward Zion School in Denison.

Vacancy Pastor Chris LaBoube: St. Matthew # 881-2243

 cell # 840-1652

Elders: Bruce Mohr: 269-8771; Todd Teut: 269-7154;

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY**

Keivin Hennings, Jayden Young 2

Alexis Mordhorst, Bethany Mordhorst,

Colin Mordhorst, Laurie Mordhorst,

Candace Seward, Elizabeth Meadows 3

Carla Teut 4

Joan Neddermeyer, Daniel Vogt 5

Amanda Mordhorst 10

Justin Hageman, Leonard Trimpe 14

Matthew Savery 15

Aaron Gosch, Donna Watke, Mariah Meseck 21

Audrey Gust 22

Ashley Savery 24

Deon Christman 25

Deryl Hennings, Daxton Leitz 28

Noah Sorensen 31

**St. Paul’s Ute: Nursing home/Shut-in January 2018**

**Nursing Homes**

1. **Barbara Timm**

Madonna Rehab Hosp. Rm. 242

5401 South St.

Lincoln, NE 68506

1. **Delbert Olson**
2. **Lois Potteroff**
3. **Leona Goslar**

Mapleheights Nursing Home

2 Sunrise Ave.

Mapleton, IA 51034

1. **Gertrude Eneboe**

Twilight Acres

600 W 6th St,

Wall Lake, IA 51466

(712) 664-2488

1. **Ruth Seieroe**

Pleasant View Care Center

200 Shannon Drive

Whiting, IA 51063
(712) 458-2417

1. **Lillian Koch**

Willow Creek Apartments

620 14th Ave NE, Apt. 2
Le Mars, IA 51031

(712) 541-6143

1. **Bernice Schuitema**

Country Care Center

725 Hwy 59

PO Box 351

Harlan, IA 51537

 (712) 744-3453

**SHUT-IN**

1. **Bert and Kay Hanson**

1214 E 18th St. Apt. 306

Carroll, IA 51041

1. **Vernon Thies**

832 Ring St.

Mapleton, IA 51034

1. **Ella Fester**

P.O. Box 77

Ute, IA 51060

1. **Eldon Teut**

219 E 4th St.

Ute, IA 51060

1. **Lorrie Moffit**

321 S. Lars Ave

Ute, IA 51060

**NEWSLETTER SPONSORS**

The newsletter this month is sponsored in honor of cancer patients & their families.

Please contact the office if you’d like to sponsor the newsletter. The cost is $37.

**“THY STRONG WORD”**

**‘**Thy Strong Word’ is a daily devotion airing at 6:25 a.m. Monday through Saturday on KDSN 107.1FM).

**Jan. 1-6 Rev. LaBoube (vacancy)**

 **St. Paul’s Ute**

Jan. 8-13 Rev. Mark Kluzek

 Faith, Deloit

Jan. 15-20 Rev. Joshua Keinath

 Zion, Denison

Jan. 22-27 Rev. Richard Merrill (vacancy)

 Triple Parish, Charter Oak

Jan. 29-Feb. 3 Rev. Andrew Johnson

 Trinity, Manilla

**SUGGESTIONS FOR A SAFE WINTER**

As we head into the winter months, realize that snow and cold awaits us. At times, services may be held in less than ideal conditions. We encourage those with special concerns for dangerous conditions to use suitable caution. Reasonable effort will be made to have sidewalks clear, and ice melt placed where needed. Be cautious of the north parking lot, especially on mornings after a thaw and refreezing. We understand that for some it may be wiser to listen to services at home and not take chances.

 If the weatheris so severe that services are cancelled, it will be announced on KDSN radio: 107.1 FM and 1530 AM, and posted on church facebook and website. We will also use membercall in the event of a cancellation. Please make sure we have your current phone number.

The LWML or LCW as we call ourselves is a service organization of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. There are many opportunities for fellowship and everyone is welcome to attend.

 Officers: **Co-presidents** - Joan Trimpe & JoAnn Thies; **Secretary** – Teresa Mordhorst; **Treasurer** – Barb Mordhorst; **Mission Service** – Jo Thies

 **LWML Calendar 2018**

January 13th, Saturday – 9:00 am - LCW - Jo Thies & Joan Trimpe serving

 Breakfast & Bible Study

January 30th – Bread Bowl Luncheon – Maple Heights

February 14th, Wednesday – 1:00 pm - LCW - Joan Trimpe serving

 Ash Wednesday

March 9th – Bingo – Maple Heights

March 14th, Wednesday –1:00 pm - LCW- Gloria Barnett serving

March 18th, Sunday – 1:30 pm – LWML Zone Prayer – St. Luke, Ricketts

April 14th, Saturday – 9:00 am –LCW - Barb Mordhorst serving

 Breakfast & Bible Study

April 15th, Sunday – 1:30 pm – LWML Spring Rally – St. Luke, Ricketts

May 9th, Wednesday –1:00 pm – LCW – Karen McCall serving

June 13th, Wednesday –1:00 pm – LCW - Dar Mohr serving

June 24-26 –LWML Convention, Okoboji

July 14th, Saturday – 9:00 am –LCW – Joan Trimpe & Jo Thies serving

 Breakfast & Bible Study

August 8th – noon - Picnic

August 19th, Sunday – 1:30 pm – LWML Prayer Service – St. Paul’s, Ute

September 12th, Wednesday –1:00 pm – LCW – Teresa Mordhorst serving

September 16th, Sunday – 1:30 pm – LWML Fall Rally – St. Paul’s, Ute

October 13th, Saturday – 9:00 am –LCW – Karen McCall serving

 Breakfast & Bible Study

November 14th, Wednesday –1:00 pm – LCW – Joan Trimpe serving

December 12th – Christmas Party Pot Luck Dinner