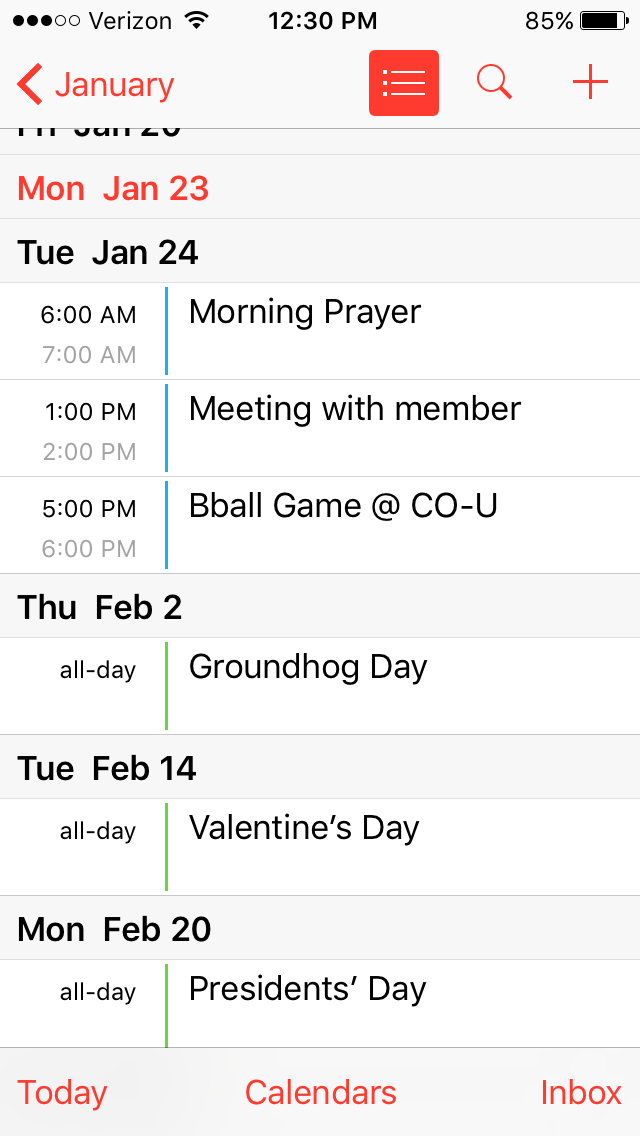
**February 2017**

ST. PAUL’S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Why Read God’s Word Together**?

ast month this was your goal.

**Goal- Designate a Family Altar. Set a time and place for daily devotions (reading God’s Word + prayer).** Maybe that means your smart phone will give you a reminder like this:

Or maybe that means, you put your Bible next to the supper table and pull it out after everyone is done eating. Or maybe it just means having your Catechism on your nightstand, next to your bed. Remember this, Don’t give up, even when you miss a day, a week, a month, or a whole year. Set a place and time when God’s Word is your priority. If you haven’t done it yet. Do it now!

**Who Does This?**

Once that is set, do I always do this alone? In the Bible we find an early and continued emphasis placed on family devotions with your whole household. It’s interesting that even though thousands of years past between the time of the Exodus and the time of the New Testament, God’s will didn’t change for the family. He wants families to be gathered around His Word together.

* Deuteronomy 6:4-6**"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise**.
* Matt 4:4 Jesus said, "**It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"**
* Acts 18:8 **Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized.**
* Ephesians 5:22-23 **Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.**

One of the most familiar Psalms to help us read God’s Word is Psalm 119. Here God reminds us that our life, love, and salvation all are given to us from God’s Word. Every day the Bible leads our lives: **Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path** (Ps. 119:105). The Bible leads our lives personally everyday, and collectively together as we learn and grow with one another, clinging to His Word.

**Goal- Talk with the members of your household about daily devotions as a priority in your Christian life. Ask them to do it with you.** *Next month, How to Read God’s Word.*

First picture of the church.

German translation above the altar, “This is but the Lord’s house.” German words on the pulpit, “Help us keep Your word.”

**100 YEAR OLD SANCTUARY CELEBRATION**

All members are encouraged to attend a meeting in the fellowship hall after church on Feb. 5 to discuss plans for the celebration of our 100 year old sanctuary.

**ANNIVERSARY DISPLAY**

All are invited to bring items pertaining to the history of St. Paul's for a display in the overflow room for our Sanctuary Celebration on Mar. 5.  Please label your items. Dar Mohr and Lynette Thies will help with the display.

Save the Date

March 5, 2017

Dedication Anniversary Celebration

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all who helped take down the Christmas tree and decorations.

**7-12 GRADE LOCK IN**

The 7-12 grade lock-in is Feb. 17-18. The 7-12 grade lock-in is asking for some help with supplies needed: large rug/carpet, snacks and bars. Please call pastor if you would like to help.

**NEW OFFICERS**

The newly elected officers will be installed February 5 during the Divine service**.**

**VOTERS’ MEETING REPORT**

The Quarterly Voters’ meeting was held on Sunday, January 22 after church.

The newly elected officers will be installed on Feb. 5 during the Divine service**.** Those elected as officers or board members included:

*Elder:* John Greder

*Trustee:* Matt Leitz

*Board of Education:* Korey Meseck

*Chairman:* Justin Hanson

*Secretary:* Joan Neddermeyer

*Treasurer:* Deanna Sorensen

*Stewardship Secretary: Tammy Bramley*

*Auditing Committee:* Nina Leitz, Gary Goslar,

Terri Mohr

*SS Superintendent:* Tanis Watke

*Endownment Fund:* Jane Ohlmeier

*Financial Committee:* Lou Anna Goslar, Ron Goslar, Chris Christiansen, Kim King, Linda Riddle, Loretta Hinrichsen, Dave Ehlers, Deon Christman, Nick Goslar, Dolly Goslar, Don Mordhorst, Teresa Mordhorst, Russ Rosburg, Heather Rosburg

**We give thanks for the faithful service of those who have completed their terms:**

Elders – Jeff Mordhorst

Trustees – Russ Rosburg

Board of Education – Leanne Thies

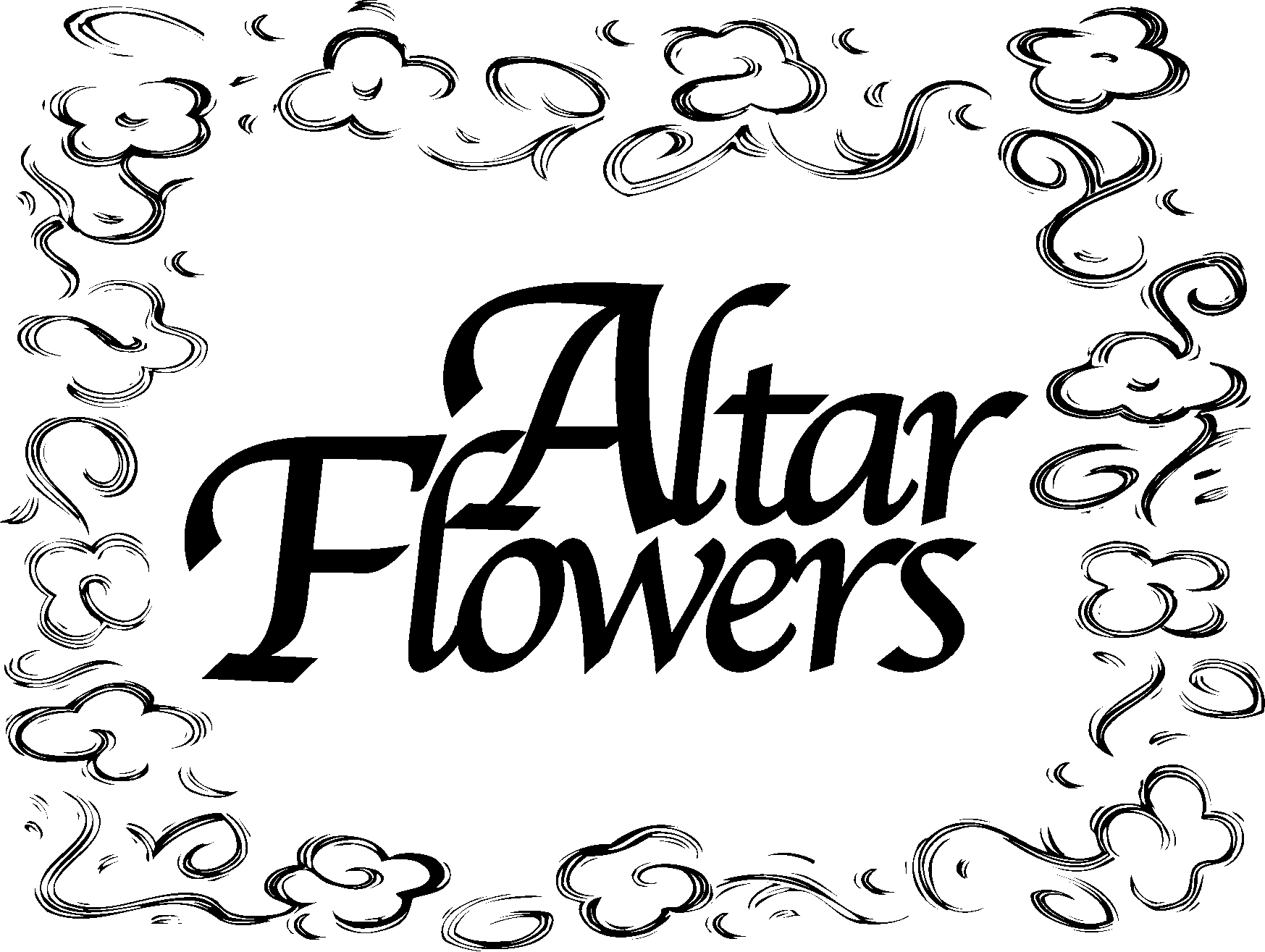
Auditing – Amy Manley

SS Superintendent: Danielle Creese

Finance Commitee - Brenda Savery, Kevin Savery, Barb Lorenzen, Angie Teut, Larry Folk, Charlys Folk

The Annual Report was gone over and approved and is on the back table.





Thank you to Gordon & Lillian Carritt for donating the flowers this month in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary that was December 15, 2016.

**LUTHERAN WITNESS**

If anyone wishes to begin a new or cancel a subscription to the Lutheran Witness, please call the church office by February 15th.

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY**

We are listing Baptismal birthdays to remember and celebrate the day we were adopted into the family of God through the washing of the Holy Spirit. Those having Baptismal birthdays in February are:

Keri Lane -Steven Thies 1

Kailea Ewoldt 2

Warren Thies-Brooklyn Leitz 4

Mark Bretthauer 6

James Pohlmann 8

Becky Miller 10

Dennis Mordhorst 11

Kim Lane 12

Ethan Kuhlmann 13

Misty Rose, Tobias Teut 14

John Neddermeyer 15

David Meadows 18

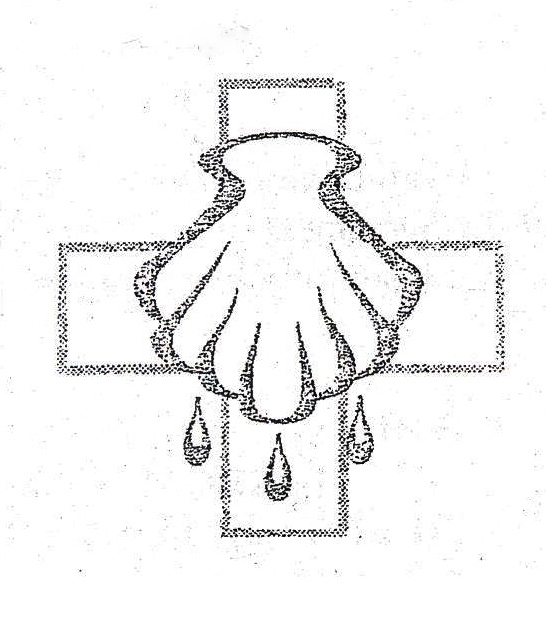
Brenner Jung 19

Torii Rose 20

Jane Ohlmeier -Linda Seieroe 22

Gary Goslar 23

Emily Sorensen 27

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**NEWSLETTER SPONSORS**

Thank you to Gary & Sally Goslar for sponsoring the newsletter this month.

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).

Feb. 6-11 Rev. Mark Kluzek

St. John, Kiron

Feb. 13-18 Rev. Joshua Keinath Zion, Denison

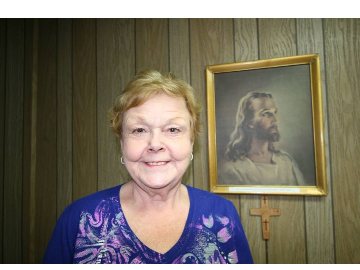
Feb. 20-25 Rev. Merrill (vacancy)

Triple Parish, Charter Oak

Feb. 27-Mar.4 Rev. Conner (vacancy)

Trinity, Manilla





**February 4, 2017** - 1:30 pm - Witt from Kenya

**February 4, 2017** - 1:30 pm - Rinne from Czech Republic

For more information you can go to http://www.missioncentral.us/ and click on the events.

**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. Please call the church office and ask if you have any questions about weather concerns or interest in listening at home.

If the weatheris so severe that services are cancelled, it will be announced on KDSN radio: 107.1 FM and 1530 AM, hopefully by 7:30. Services will be held if some can attend safely.

**NURSING HOME/SHUT-IN**

St. Paul’s, Ute, January 2017

**MAPLEHEIGHTS**

1. **Delbert Olson**
2. **Sally Schwingdorf**
3. **Lois Potteroff**

**Denison Care Center (Denison)**

1. **Elmer Mordhorst**
2. **Dee Mohr**

**Eventide (Denison)**

1. **Mike Berens**

**Twilight Acres (Wall Lake)**

1. **Gertrude Eneboe**

600 W 6th St,

Wall Lake, IA 51466

([712) 664-2488](javascript:void(0))

**Pleasant View Care Center (Whiting)**

1. **Ruth Seieroe**

200 Shannon Drive

Whiting, IA 51063  
(712) 458-2417

**Fountainview Retirement Community**

**(Omaha, NE)**

1. **Doris Thompson**

5710 South 108th Street, Omaha, NE 68137  
(402) 596-9033

**The Lexington Assisted Living Center (Lincoln, NE)**

1. **Gladys Thompsen**

5550 Pioneers Boulevard  
Lincoln, NE  
(402) 486-4400

**Willow Creek Apartments (Le Mars)**

1. **Lillian Koch**

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

(712) 541-6143

**Pride Group Okoboji (Okoboji)**

1. **Bernice Schuitema**

2273 170th St.

Okoboji, IA  51355

(712) 332-2134

**Shut-In**

1. **Vernon Thies (Mapleton)**
2. **Ella Fester (Ute)**
3. **Ervin Kiepe (Ute)**
4. **Eldon Teut (Ute)**
5. **Lorrie Moffit (Ute)**

**FEBRUARY HELPERS**

**Elders:** John Thies

**Ushers:** Dave Seieroe, Mike Mordhorst,

Lois Greder, Ashley Savery,

Ashley Ewoldt

**Altar:** Joan Neddermeyer

**Altar Flowers:** Jo Thies

**Feb. 5- Finance:** Don Petersen,

Loretta Hinrichsen,

Nick & Dolly Goslar

**Screen:** Jamison Thies

**Acolytes:** Calliyah Mareau, Kendra Creese

**Feb. 12 - Finance:** Linda Riddle, Dave Ehlers,

Russ & Heather Rosburg

**Screen:** Jenna Hanson

**Acolytes:** Beau Mohr, Brenner Jung

**Feb. 19 - Finance:** Audrey Gust, Chris Christiansen,

Don & Teresa Morhorst

**Screen:** Katy Krohn

**Acolytes:** Jenna Hanson, Emily Sorensen

**Feb. 26 - Finance:** Lou & Ron Goslar, Kim King,

Deon Christman

**Screen:** Teja Teneyck

**Acolytes:** Ethan Kuhlmann, Brenner Jung



**You are cordially invited to the**

**Installation of**

**Rev. Neil Wehmas**

**As**

**Associate Pastor**

**Of**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

**100 7th**

**Ida Grove, IA**

**Sunday, February 26, 2017**

**3:00 PM**

**Reception to follow**

**Empowered to Connect**

This 2-day conference via simulcast will highlight ways to help children with

histories from ‘hard places’ to learn, grow, and heal.

Information & modeling on:

* Trust-Based Relational Intervention—the methods developed by Dr. Karyn Purvis & David Cross
* Significance of attachment & possible outcomes for the child
* Sensory processing difficulties
* The neurochemistry of fear
* Developing healing connections
* Parenting from a ‘hard place’
* How to correct while connecting with your child
* Behavioral change – putting it all together

Recommended audience:

**Parents!** Adoptive parents, foster parents, parents of children with:

* neurological & developmental delays
* premature birth, prenatal difficulties or drug/alcohol
* attachment upset
* abuse, neglect, physical/chemical abuse

**Professionals!** Those who work with children with history of any trauma or their parents

**Join us in Denison!**

**April 7 & 8, 9 am-5 pm both days**

Location (in Denison) will be finalized depending on number of registrants

Please register by calling **Crossroads of Crawford County** at

712-393-4673 or [CrossroadsCC15@gmail.com](mailto:CrossroadsCC15@gmail.com)

The conference will provide CEUs and lunch daily for a nominal fee to attendees.