



ST. PAUL HIGHLIGHTS

February 2019

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS MONTH
FEBRUARY 2ND-GROUNDHOG DAY
FEBRUARY 14TH-VALENTINE'S DAY
FEBRUARY 18TH-PRESIDENTS' DAY

DATE	TIME	LECTORS	SERVERS	LITURGISTS	BREAD BAKERS	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	GREETERS	MONEY COUNTERS
2/3	8:30 Traditional	Kara Krywyj	Tracy Krug Meg Montag	Lynnette Ozanich	Barb Mihalek	Jennifer Hinton Ginny Anderson	Team 1 R Hamilton T Herr G Hofman T English F Putman T Brunett	Tracy Hamilton Laurie English	Denny & Rae Batig
	11:00 New Song	Bonnie Sears	Lynne Morella Thelma Brunett	Dean Firing		Sue Green	Team 2 J Montag T Riggle G Rohde J Lappin R Genter T Norris	Jan Sultan Sharon Genter	
2/10	8:30 New Song	Bob Trausch	Marilyn Niksa Karen Kolozvary	Sherrill Crawford	Laura Nennstiel		Team 3 T Salay D Henning D Moore M Eckert P Milloy W Crawford	Sandy Henning Amy Russo Joyce Moore	I. Sumner J. Bairoti
	11:00 Traditional	Dave Hall	Dave Hall Chris Hall	Cindy Cain			Team 4 B Wester A Krueger P Sultan P Sultan D Cain W Hansen	Diane Barrett Jane Krisher	
2/17	8:30 Traditional	Lynnette Ozanich	Linda King Mike King	Meg Montag			Team 5 W Hansen J Flick J Schlott J Cutnaw L Carmean		Paul & Pat Luster
	11:00 Celebration	Danelle Eikens	Sharon Lappin Bev Hubler	Jon Montag			Team 6 H Daniels G Hrivnak R Genter M & H Hollingsworth	Nancy Goette Pat Gugliotta	
2/24	8:30 Celebration	Judy Stintsman	Anna Mae Migra Lynnette Ozanich	Liz Wittman	Maria Phillips		Team 7 R Winwood B Trausch J Holden R French B French J Sears	Rudy & Carol Spagnuolo	Adam & Jennifer Hinton

	11:00 Traditional	Diane Ferreri	Jon Montag Meg Montag	Dave Hall			Team 8 L Walker J Sears G Grizzell S Harkema	Barb & Harold Daniels	
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MARCH LECTOR-SERVER SCHEDULE

8:30

11:00

03-Mar	LECTOR	Tom Herr	Cheryl Harkema
	SERVERS	Adam Hinton	Lois Wolfe
		Jennifer Hinton	Cathie Varnes
10-Mar	LECTOR	Paul Heyse	Bette Idemoto
	SERVERS	Donna Tindera	Alice Chadbourne
		Karen Kolozvary	Sharon Lappin
17-Mar	LECTOR	Bob Trausch	Cheryl Harkema
	SERVERS	Charles Russo	Liz Campbell
		Gail Hansen	Jeff Campbell
24-Mar	LECTOR	Lynnette Ozanich	Amy Kurek
	SERVERS	Karen Kolozvary	Linda Jungeberg
		Anna Mae Migra	Calyn Henderson
31-Mar	LECTOR	Sherrill Crawford	Jane Krisher
	SERVERS	Marilyn Niksa	Tracy Krug
		Liz Wittman	Liz Wittman



Under Our Roof

One day, when Jesus entered Capernaum, the home of St. Peter, he was greeted by a Roman centurion. It seems unlikely that Rome would have had a garrison of soldiers stationed in this quiet fishing village in the territory of Herod Antipas.

Archeological evidence suggests that Rome didn't have any permanent troop outposts in Galilee until the second century. So, more likely than not, this Roman soldier traveled a long way to seek Jesus out.

A passing familiarity with the politics of Galilee in the 1st century renders the story that Matthew recounts in the 8th chapter of his Gospel (featured on the 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany) quite unexpected. Though Rome might not have often had a direct permanent military presence in the region, everyone knew that ultimately, they were in charge. And even though the people of Galilee were largely of mixed ethnicity and religion, their closest brothers and sisters were the Jewish people of Judea, and they shared many cultural and religious sensibilities in common with their "more pure" family from the south. Chief among those sensibilities was a desire for self-rule under God, and a throwing off of the Roman yoke.

The first things that are strange about Matthew's story are that a Roman centurion would seek out a Jewish/Galilean prophet with a request for help, and that Jesus, who would have been expected to share his culture's prejudices against Rome, would respond with anything other than a rebuke. But Matthew tells us that the Roman came, and that Jesus responded positively.

Roman: "Lord, my servant is paralyzed."

Jesus: "I will come and heal him."

Things get even more strange. The Roman refuses to let Jesus come to his home. He doesn't feel worthy. Ordinarily, the Roman would have looked at the Jew as an inferior. In this case, the Roman looks at Jesus as his lord.

Then comes the strangest part of the story. Jesus declares that no one in Israel has the faith of this Roman soldier, he welcomes him into the kingdom of God, and he heals his servant. It is a completely unexpected act of grace.

The historic liturgy of the church has at times included the centurion's words immediately prior to reception of the eucharist. "Lord, I am not worthy for you to enter under my roof, but say only the word and my soul shall be healed." Then the communicant receives the consecrated bread and wine through which Christ is said to come not only into one's house, but into one's very body.

Traditionally, the minister presiding over the eucharistic celebration has worn a poncho-like robe called a chasuble (which means something like, "little house") to remind the people that Jesus has indeed deemed to enter into our homes, and that at the moment of

reception, he comes closer than that. We become, in our bodies, little houses of the Lord, and he enters for our healing.

In our day, a suit and tie are perfectly acceptable dress at the altar for ministers of Christ's church. In some contexts, jeans and a T-shirt are even better. However, among those churches seeking to preserve ancient and venerable liturgical customs, one may find chasubles still in use.

- Dan



The chasuble is the outermost liturgical vestment worn by clergy for the celebration of the Eucharist in Western-tradition Christian churches that use full vestments, primarily in Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran churches.

FINANCIALS

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Year-to-Date Financial Summary as of:

December 31, 2018

Income and Expenses Summary	Current Year Actual YTD	Current Year Budget YTD	Over/(Under) Budget	Previous Year Actual YTD
Income				
Congregational Contributions	\$ 417,959.61	\$ 489,492.00	\$ (71,532.39)	\$ 427,124.27
Building Use	6,461.00	12,000.00	(5,539.00)	5,990.00
Interest	138.10	12.00	126.10	38.06
Other Income	6,421.87	6,600.00	(178.13)	10,026.25
Total Income	\$ 430,980.58	\$ 508,104.00	\$ (77,123.42)	\$ 443,178.58
	Current Year Actual YTD	Current Year Budget YTD	(Over)/Under Budget	Previous Year Actual YTD
Expenses				
Benevolence	41,796.00	50,810.00	9,014.00	\$ 42,712.51
Worship	11,683.48	11,965.00	281.52	\$ 10,703.06
Programs & Services	9,146.50	17,550.00	8,403.50	\$ 10,941.41
Property	81,498.24	86,500.00	5,001.76	\$ 103,255.74
Staff Salaries and Benefits	263,796.58	282,809.00	19,012.42	\$ 224,902.64
Contracted Services	29,905.04	32,240.00	2,334.96	\$ 28,770.45
Administration & Support	23,897.07	26,230.00	2,332.93	\$ 21,825.01
Total Expenses	461,722.91	508,104.00	46,381.09	443,110.82
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (30,742.33)	\$ -	\$ (30,742.33)	\$ 67.76

Income and Expenses Summary Notes:

Income

The YTD period ending November 30, 2018 has an operating deficit of almost \$31K, \$31K more than the deficit at December 31, 2018. Congregational Contributions through December 2018 are \$9K less than contributions received through November 2017. Note that December 2017 saw \$60k in contributions. Building Use/Other Income is \$5,500 less than the amount at this time last year. Total Income at December 31, 2018 is \$12K less than at December 31, 2017. Congregational Contributions are under budget by \$71K and Total Income is under budget by \$77K as of December 31, 2018.

Note: Other Income includes periodic gifts made by the St. Paul Preschool; the Thrivent Choice Donation program; paper recycling proceeds; and other miscellaneous unrestricted income. The MOW checking account was closed out with all proceeds to St. Paul in July 2018.

Expenses

Total expenses were under budget by \$46K as of December 31, 2018. Total expenses YTD are \$18K more than total expenses as of December 2017.

Note: Benevolence payments are percentages of contributions. Therefore, when contributions are higher, benevolence payments are higher.

Balance Sheet Summary	As of December 31, 2018	As of December 31, 2018	Variance
Assets			
Current Assets (Cash)	\$ 113,889.05	\$ 125,145.25	\$ (11,256.20)
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00	0.00
Invested Assets (Endowment)	548,895.44	593,256.91	(44,361.47)
Total Assets	\$ 3,704,333.49	\$ 3,759,951.16	\$ (55,617.67)
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$ 6,989.83	\$ 48,347.89	\$ (41,358.06)
Loan from Endowment Fund	7,528.00	19,417.00	(11,889.00)
Payroll Withholding	2,786.82	10,537.61	(7,750.79)
Accrued Expenses and Other	150.00	629.84	(479.84)
Dedicated Fund Balances	147,671.48	78,596.66	69,074.82
Total Liabilities	\$ 165,126.13	\$ 157,529.00	\$ 7,597.13
Equity			
General Fund	\$ (43,709.08)	\$ (12,966.75)	\$ (30,742.33)
Investments (Endowment)	541,367.44	573,839.91	(32,472.47)
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00	0.00
Total Equity	\$ 3,539,207.36	\$ 3,602,422.16	\$ (63,214.80)
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 3,704,333.49	\$ 3,759,951.16	\$ (55,617.67)

Balance Sheet Summary Notes:

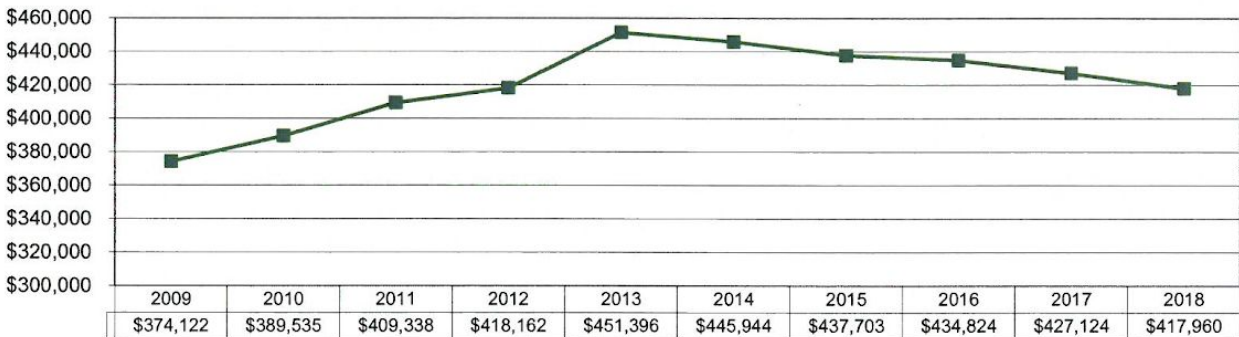
Dedicated Funds include contributions designated for specific Council-approved categories (i.e. Memorials/Honorariums, Habitat for Humanity, Sheep and Goats contributions, Youth Trips/Projects, Music Ministry, Youth Ministry, and others). These funds are tracked separately and the contributions and/or expenses are not reflected in the Operating Income and Expenses Summary. A complete listing of the current Dedicated Funds can be found on the full balance sheet.

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
TEN-YEAR COMPARISON
As of November 30, 2018

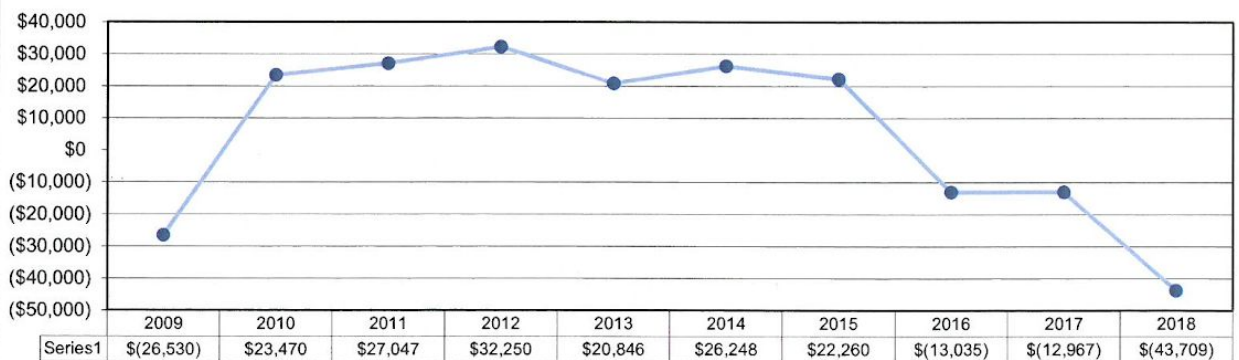
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Congregational Giving

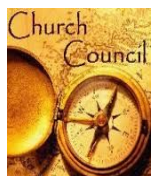


General Fund Balance at Year-End



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COUNCIL CORNER



Last month your Congregation Council voted a new slate of officers as follows:

President – Dean Firing

Vice President – Jack Flick

Secretary – Jennifer Hinton

We want to thank both Jon Montag and Randy Genther for their service as officers for the past 2 years. Their insights, dedication, and leadership have been invaluable, and we are blessed to have them remain on Council for 1 more year. Council held a mini “vision” retreat to discuss our mission as a church, our areas of emphasis when calling Pastor Dan, and ways to grow our ministry both inside and outside our walls. The results of this meeting will be forthcoming. I would be remiss if I did not mention our finances at the close of 2018. We ended the year with a deficit due to our obligations to staff and reduced congregational giving. This was not foreseen nor will it be recurring; however, we will be watching our expenses through the first Quarter.

February is surrounded by the season of Epiphany. One of the definitions of “epiphany” found in the Merriam-Webster dictionary is: “an appearance or manifestation especially of a divine being.” Epiphanies are all around us if we only open our hearts and ears. This is a blessed congregation, and we your Council are honored to serve with you.

Yours in Christ,

Dean L. Firing
President

Please contact any member of the church council with questions or concerns: Peter Brumenschenkel, Dean Firing, Jack Flick, Randy Genther, Jennifer Hinton, Kara Krywyj, Jon Montag, Lynne Morella, Aaron Ozanich, Pastor Skillman



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee continues to concentrate on researching the details of proposed repairs and improvements, and then determining the scope, cost, and timing of the work required.

The Church Council has approved the proposed changes to the church office, so the work should begin very soon. There is a drawing of the coming changes and rearrangement in the hall window of the office.

The details of the project to re-roof the Sanctuary have also been reviewed. However, the Council has instructed Property not to award a contract until a clearer picture of this year income is evaluated. The financial shortfall for 2018 may force postponement of the work. The committee is also continuing to investigate the feasibility of adding a zone to the office air conditioning system to enable cooling of the youth room and possibly the nursery as well. The existing system is now over 40 years old so we are on borrowed time now. A special designated gift was received to cover the cost of replacing the office system, so the committee will develop specifications for two systems and see what additional cost might be involved to include the additional room(s) at this time.

In addition to the office air conditioning, Max Krug and E&L Heating and Cooling are evaluating a newly released web-based control system for the Sanctuary which utilizes much of the current pneumatic system components. This system would also be expandable to control most heating and cooling functions in the newer section of the building, allowing us really manage the energy used.

The committee is also investigating options on how to approach the repair of the rotted areas of wood framing around some of the stained glass windows. The goal is to find a band-aid to apply now to stop further damage, and then a longer term plan to repair the damaged wood in stages that we can financially support.

Thank to the Congregation for your continued faith in the Property Committee and the 15 Year Plan by approving of the 2019 Budget. Please prayerfully consider your giving status so that the Church Council and Property Committee can confidently proceed with the continued replacement of items before they fail and require emergency measures.

-Jim Jungeberg

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



SUNDAY SCHOOL-

Many thanks to all of our children and families who are taking part in our Sunday School program. It is never too late to sign up for Sunday School. You are always welcome. Please join us at 9:45 each Sunday. Friends, neighbors and grandchildren are always welcome. Join us!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS-

Are you beginning to think about your summer plans? Please put our St. Paul Vacation Bible School on your calendar. Believe it or not, it is time to begin making plans for our 2019 VBS. It will be held July 8-12 from 9:30-Noon. Please mark your calendars. As we know, lots of volunteers are needed to plan and carry out a safe and well-planned week for our children and the children in our community. It is our hope to plan early so that we have the best VBS week yet. We would like to begin planning in March so that we are ready well before the summer months begin. If you are a youth (Ages 11 on up), please plan on joining the fun. We always need your help in leadership roles and we guarantee a week of fun and fellowship for you. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Children's Ministry programs at St. Paul. Couldn't do it without you!

Susan Moore 440-243-1144 ext. 207; email: children@stpaulbera.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CALENDAR

February 3 9:45-10:45 Sunday School

February 10 8:30 Children's Church
9:45-10:45 Sunday School
11:00 Kids Sing in Worship
11:00 Children's Church

February 17 9:00-9:40 Ukuleles (SS Office)
(For Folks of all Ages)
9:45-10:45 Sunday School

February 24 9:45-10:45 Sunday School

***Special Note-** There will be no Children's Church on February 24*





**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED ITEMS FROM
OUR STOLLER FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN!**

WE HAVE TWO FUNDRAISERS COMING UP THIS SPRING!

Once again we will be selling **plants and flowers with Dean's Greenhouse!** Order forms will be out at the beginning of March and orders will be delivered to the church the Friday before Mother's Day!

Also! Save the Date for our **Five Guy's Fundraiser on April 29!** Please show this flyer or mention that you are with the St. Paul Youth and we will receive a portion of every sale! Once again this is available at three of their area locations! Share with your friends and Family, the more who come the more we can make!

February Youth Jam will be on 10 & 17!

Enjoy the Super Bowl with your families on the 3rd!

In March we will be back on the 1 & 3rd Sundays of the month.

Amanda PerryMiller 216-856-2718; e-mail: aperrymiller@stpaulbera.org



ST. PAUL
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Community Night

FIVE GUYS®

Monday, April 29, 2019

5:00pm - 8:00pm

17695 Bagley Rd., Middleburg Heights

(440) 239-7880

8249 W. Ridgewood Rd., Parma

(440) 842-0095

15171 Pearl Rd., Strongsville

(440) 268-9968

Present this flier or simply mention that you
are there to support the
St. Paul Lutheran Youth Group Summer Work Camp.

Five Guys will donate up to
25% of your purchase to the
St. Paul Youth Group.

SHEEP AND GOATS FOCUS



EEC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Andrew Trayte Memorial Scholarship Fund

Nancy Goette established the Andrew Trayte Scholarship Fund in memory of Andrew Trayte. Andrew was born to Steve and Sheila Trayte in 1987 and died suddenly in 1996. He attended Nancy Goette's preschool at St. Paul. The Andrew Trayte Scholarship Fund is used to help defray tuition costs for parents who could otherwise not send their children to preschool. Due to the generous support of the congregation we are able to provide financial support to 6-8 families a year and ensure their child will be able to attend our preschool.



MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR CHURCH STREET MINISTRIES

Socks

**In addition all canned, boxed, shelf
stable food is welcome every month**



COMMISSION ON AGING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS



**Tuesday, February 12th, at noon
the Senior Luncheon will
be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church
Cost \$5.00**

**Contact the
"Active Senior Network"
for reservations
at 440 891-3316**

MEMORIALS

Dominic Dinardis

Harold and Barb Daniels

Irene Pickersgill

Sue and Roy Moore



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Psalms 23

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death	oil	table
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enemies	path	water
evil	restore	
forever	righteousness	
goodness	rod	
house	shadow	
lead	Shepherd	