

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

*“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right,
for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.”*

- Galatians 6:9



This week I began working out again. There was a time not so long ago when I could do much more than I can now, but over the past few months I have gotten out of the habit. Other things came up. Beginning again is difficult. It takes time to build up endurance.

Last month we began a year-long Bible reading plan. Chapter by chapter we are working our way through the books of the Bible together. It is important for people of faith to be familiar with scripture. The Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God. Inspired by the Holy Spirit speaking through their authors, they record and announce God’s revelation centering in Jesus Christ. Through them the Holy Spirit creates and sustains Christian faith, life, and fellowship for service in the world. The goal of this effort however, is to develop a habit of daily grounding ourselves in the Word of God, because we know through it the Holy Spirit transforms us.

Habits take time to develop. They take persistence and practice. Often, they require beginning again when we get ourselves off track. Research has shown that there are things that reinforce good habits. When developing habits, it is helpful to surround yourself with others who will support you. That is why we are reading the Bible together and you are welcome to come to Adult Sunday School on Sunday mornings to discuss what you have been reading. It may also be helpful to find a buddy who will check in with you along the way. It is also helpful to create a simple path toward fulfilling your goal. Maybe that means putting your Bible on your nightstand and reading it first thing in the morning or downloading an app on your phone that will remind you at the same time each day. It could mean pairing your reading with a habit you have already developed, like a morning cup of coffee. Whatever you do, take the time to celebrate small victories, because good habits aren’t developed in a day.

It is never too late to start reading with us. This month we begin the book of Leviticus. Attached you will find the reading plan for this month.

Pastor's article (*continues*)

Let us pray: **Blessed Lord God, you have caused the Holy Scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, which you have given us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.** (Evangelical Lutheran Worship pg. 72)

In God's Peace,
Pastor Sarah

P.S. – Our children have been doing their own Bible Reading Plan. On the Education Wing Windows you will discover some of their favorite Bible stories.



**DAILY BIBLE READING
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2019**

Feb. 1	Lev. 1-4	Feb. 15	Num. 8-10
Feb. 2	Lev. 5-7	Feb. 16	Num. 11-13
Feb. 3	Lev. 8-10	Feb. 17	Num. 14-15
Feb. 4	Lev. 11-13	Feb. 18	Num. 16-17
Feb. 5	Lev. 14-15	Feb. 19	Num. 18-20
Feb. 6	Lev. 16-18	Feb. 20	Num. 21-22
Feb. 7	Lev. 19-21	Feb. 21	Num. 23-25
Feb. 8	Lev. 22-23	Feb. 22	Num. 26-27
Feb. 9	Lev. 24-25	Feb. 23	Num. 28-30
Feb. 10	Lev. 26-27	Feb. 24	Num. 31-32
Feb. 11	Num. 1-2	Feb. 25	Num. 33-34
Feb. 12	Num. 3-4	Feb. 26	Num. 35-36
Feb. 13	Num. 5-6	Feb. 27	Deut. 1-2
Feb. 14	Num. 7	Feb. 28	Deut. 3-4

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2019**



Following a meal at All Occasions and council retreat with the year focus on scripture; the January 17th, 2019 church council meeting was called to order by President Hal Clase.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Council reviewed minutes from the previous meeting. Don Isler made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Larry Reiff. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Penny Ward presented the November and December 2018 Financial Statements as well as the 2018 Yearly Report. Don Isler made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Cheryl Wickersham. Motion passed.

The Building Loan payment was discussed. The year-to-date giving exceeded the annual payment amount by \$4,679. Claudia Fetter made a motion to put the entire amount of funds collected (\$21,381) toward the building loan payment. Second by Cheryl Wickersham. Motion passed.

The HVAC loan was discussed. Don Isler made a motion to put \$4,224 of the disposable income toward the HVAC loan principal while keeping \$800 to pay for the spring inspection fee. Second by Jeff Griffin. Motion passed.

Penny Ward made a motion to remove Chris Pepple as a signer at Chase Bank and to add Bob Wolf, seconded by Larry Reiff. Motion passed.

The Cook dividend funds have been distributed.

Penny requested when turning in a receipt for reimbursement that you include as much information on the receipt as possible along with your contact information.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Fresh Produce Distribution will be held on Thursday, February 7th at All Occasions Barn. The donation requests are for soap (dish, body, hand) and toilet paper.

January 2019 Council Minutes (continues)

The American Red Cross blood drive will be at St. Paul's Waldo on Saturday, February 16th from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Greg Price will unlock the church for this event and Todd Ward will assure it is locked at the conclusion.

Cheryl Wickersham made a motion to hold the Annual Congregational meeting on February 24th, seconded by Claudia Fetter. Motion passed.

Hal Clase encouraged council members to invite at least 1 person/family to check out our church sometime.

PASTOR'S REPORT

There will be a Healing Service on Thursday, February 28th at the church.

The following Lent & Holy Week* Schedule was announced:

March 5 – Fat Tuesday Pancake Meal

March 6 – Ash Wednesday Service

March 13, 20, 27 & April 3, 10 – Midweek Lent Meals & Worship

April 18 – Maundy Thursday (Living Last Supper)

April 19 – Good Friday

April 20 – Easter Vigil

April 21 – Easter Sunrise & Worship



**It was noted that St. Paul's will host each Holy Week service including the Easter Vigil this year.*

Pastor Sarah will be completing membership education with individuals. Karis Beineke will complete First Communion education.

The 2019 Youth Mission Trip will be July 7-13. Youth will travel to NYC to work through the Youth Service Opportunities Project. The current list of youth attending**: Chantress DeWitt, Karis Beineke, Rylea Gist, Reghan Gist, Kade Ebert, Chase Ebert, Le'Den Jones, Connor Corwin. Adults: Marcia Hudson (Connor's Grandma), Tara Gist, Cassie Gregory. Emanuel in Marion has shown interest. Peace Community youth were invited.

***Updated since council meeting: Landon Moore and Lauryn Ward were added to the current list of youth attending.*

January 2019 Council Minutes (continues)

Mission trip fundraisers:

- Super Bowl Sub Sale (on-going) – subs distributed February 3
- Fat Tuesday Pancake Meal – March 5
- March Madness Buckeyes – in March (TBA)

Noisy can offerings will begin on Sunday, January 27th. These will be held on the last Sunday of each month.

ELDERS REPORT

Claudia Fetter reported she did the December shut-in visits and communion.

DEACONS REPORT

The polish will be applied to the candelabras.



Jeff Griffin reported the communion schedule is done and posted.

Deacons will meet with Pastor Sarah following worship on January 27th.

Pastor Sarah reported the Youth deacon position will be shared by Chantress DeWitt and Kade Ebert.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Don Isler reported the Moran Brothers have completed their work on the HVAC unit.

Those members no longer on council are asked to return their church keys and new members to council will receive one.

The need for a Menards card for the church was discussed. Esther Levering made a motion to obtain up to 4 Menards cards for church use by the trustees and custodian, seconded by Todd Ward. Motion passed.

Greg Price discussed the need for a new TV on a mobile stand for use in the education wing. Cheryl Wickersham made a motion to use memorial funds to purchase a new TV and stand not to exceed \$500, seconded by Claudia Fetter. Motion passed.

Lisa Shumaker has requested use of the kitchen on January 26th and February 9th. Esther Levering made a motion to allow this, seconded by Penny Ward. Motion passed.

January 2019 Council Minutes (continues)

Sarah Griffin has requested use of the church on September 6th (rehearsal) and September 7th for her wedding. Jeff Griffin made a motion to permit this. Second by Hal Clase. Motion passed.

PARISH BOARD OF EDUCATION

Focus on education for 2019 is Bible in a Year.



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

There will be a women's meeting January 19th at 9:00 a.m. at Emanuel.

The next circle meeting is February 12th.

On February 24th at 3:00 p.m. Peace UCC will host An Afternoon of Sacred Music. Esther Levering invited all to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Weichenthal reported on the church website. Don Isler made a motion to use *stpaulswaldo.com* as the domain name. Second by Jeff Griffin. Motion passed. The website should be up and running by next week.

Kelly Talley reported a karaoke machine has not yet been purchased.

NEW BUSINESS

Claudia Fetter made a motion to combine the December/January newsletter. Second by Penny Ward. Motion passed.

Esther Levering made a motion to use memorial funds to purchase 15 new *Family of God* hymnals, seconded by Claudia Fetter. Motion passed.

The next council meeting will be Thursday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with council standing and saying The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly Talley, Recording Secretary

Note: Minutes have not been approved by council.

PRESENT: Pastor Sarah, Hal Clase, Cheryl Wickersham, Claudia Fetter, George Moser, Larry Reiff, Jeff Griffin, David Weichenthal, Bill Lichtenberger, Todd Ward, Don Isler, Greg Price, Bob Wolf, Penny Ward, Kelly Talley, Esther Levering.

EXCUSED: Youth Deacon, Debb Crawford, Bill Wickersham.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - WALDO
FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING DECEMBER 2018

CURRENT FUND

Balance - Beginning of December	\$30,435.83
Income	\$13,573.01
Transfer from Memorial	\$0.00
Expenses	(\$13,901.80)
Balance - End of December	\$30,107.04

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Balance - Beginning of December	\$29,725.66
Income from Benevolence	\$5,577.78
Income Designated to Charities	\$0.00
Transfer from Memorial	\$6,500.00
Expenses	(\$12,968.37)
Balance - End of December	\$28,835.07

MEMORIAL FUND

Balance - Beginning of December	\$63,369.11
Income - Undesignated Memorial	\$13,706.25
Building Fund	\$5,209.00
HVAC Loan	\$6,205.00
Permanent Improvement	\$4,568.75
Individual Memorials/Good Sam	\$600.00
Interest Earned	\$2.55
Transfer/Misc	(\$7,903.00)
Balance - End of December	\$85,757.66

Undesignated/Interest Earned	\$30,792.23
Good Samaritan	\$333.12
Building Loan	\$17,121.00
HVAC Loan	\$6,893.00
Permanent Improvement	\$11,101.88
Intern	\$6,821.81
Poorman - Praise Band	\$63.62
Harold Criswell - Praise Band	\$571.00
Ronnie Larcom - ½ Jr. Choir	\$135.00
Dee Schwaderer 11/2015 - Adult Bell Choir	\$270.00

(continues)

December 2018 Financial Statement (continues)

Larry Cline 4/2016	\$2,095.00
Connie Griffin - ¼ Youth & ¼ VBS	\$1,800.00
Tom Denman 11/2016	\$195.00
Marilyn Nicholson 11/2016	\$560.00
Gary Gerfen - ½ Bldg & ½ HVAC	\$730.00
Peg Augenstein 4/2017 - Bldg Loan	\$620.00
Hazel Smith 12/2017	\$405.00
Anna Mae Reiff 8/2018 - Building	\$3,275.00
Vera Oehler 9/2018	<u>\$1,975.00</u>
Total Memorials	\$85,757.66

Respectfully submitted by
Penny Ward, Treasurer

INCOME AND EXPENSES



Current monthly budgeted amount for December is \$12,536.08. Actual amount received was \$13,573.01. Benevolence monthly budgeted amount is \$1,000.00 and the actual amount received in December was \$739.00.

The Building Loan monthly payment is \$1,391.83 and the actual December donations totaled \$5,209.00. The annual loan payment is \$16,702.00 and the year-to-date total giving is \$17,121.00.

The HVAC Loan payment is yet to be determined and the December donation totaled \$6,205.00 for a year-to-date income of \$6,893.00.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 24, 2019**

All confirmed members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Waldo are called to a Congregational Meeting to be held following morning worship on Sunday, February 24th. All church members are encouraged to attend.



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FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Presentation of Our Lord Groundhog Day
4 th Sunday after the Epiphany 3 9:00 am Angel Ringers Rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School / Confirmation 10:30 am Worship Service / Sr. Choir Table Communion Subs Distributed Super Bowl	4 6:00 pm Yoga Class @ St. Paul's	5 6:30-9:30 pm diakonia Lay Education	6 7:00 pm Sr. Choir 8:00 pm Sr. Bells	7 11 am – 2 pm Fresh Food Distribution @ All Occasions Dish, Body & Hand Soap Toilet Paper	8	9 9:00 am Fondant Cookie Decorating Class by Lisa Shumaker @ St. Paul's
5 th Sunday after Epiphany 10 9:00 am Angel Ringers Rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School / Confirmation 10:30 am Worship Service / Sr. Choir Continuous Communion	11 6:00 pm Yoga Class @ St. Paul's	12 9:30 am Deborah Circle 6:30-9:30 pm diakonia Lay Education	13 7:00 pm Sr. Choir 8:00 pm Sr. Bells	14 Valentine's Day	15  	16 8:00 am – 1:00 pm Blood Drive @ St. Paul's
6 th Sunday after Epiphany 17 9:00 am Angel Ringers Rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School / Confirmation 10:30 am Worship Service / Sr. Choir March Newsletter Articles Due	18 6:00 pm Yoga Class @ St. Paul's Presidents' Day	19 6:30-9:30 pm diakonia Lay Education	20 7:00 pm Sr. Choir 8:00 pm Sr. Bells	21 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	22	23
7 th Sunday after Epiphany 24 9:00 am Angel Ringers Rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School / Confirmation 10:30 am Worship Service Angel Ringers / Noisy Offering Annual Congregational Meeting after Worship 3:00 pm An Afternoon of Sacred Music @ Peace Community UCC	25 6:00 pm Yoga Class @ St. Paul's	26 6:30-9:30 pm diakonia Lay Education	27 7:00 pm Sr. Choir 8:00 pm Sr. Bells	28 7:00 pm Healing Service Continuous Communion Laying on of Hands		

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Deborah Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 12th, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Janet Poorman will lead us in the Bible Study *By Night and Day: Coming To Faith In Jesus*. Penny Ward will lead us in the Worship Offering Meditation.

Vanilla is available in the kitchen at \$2.50 a bottle. Please give your money to Barbara Seitter or put it in the dish in the kitchen.

Please remember those in need by bringing in non-perishable food items for the food pantry.

Janet Poorman, Secretary

THERE WILL BE a Christmas tree lighting and craft show on December 6th and 7th, 2019 in the Waldo village. If anyone would be interested in purchasing or making Christmas items or helping see Bonnie Hightshoe.

GREETER SCHEDULE ROTATION...St. Paul's is setting up a greeting schedule rotation for those who would like to greet people coming in the back door and passing out bulletins. If you would like to participate in this program, please sign the sheet on the Family Board. For questions see Pastor Sarah.



SUNDAY MINISTRIES FOR FEBRUARY 2019

ASSISTING MINISTERS

February 03 – Michelle Higgins
10 – Harry Klingel
17 – Claudia Fetter
24 – Bill Wickersham

LECTORS

Sue Swihart
Caitlynn Wood
Stephen McEntire
Esther Levering

CRUCIFERS

February 03 – Abby Crabtree
10 – Matt Kidwell
17 – Karis Beineke
24 – N/A

ACOLYTES

Chase Ebert & Connor Corwin
Matt Kidwell & Jacob Kidwell
Harley Lloyd & Janelle Hoback
Rachel Kidwell & Zoey Totaro

FLOWERS

February 03 – Open Date
10 – Open Date
17 – Margaret Heimlich
24 – Open Date

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Cheryl & Lisa
Rob & Karen McCurdy
Linda Lovell
Lisa Hoback

DEACONS SETTING UP

COMMUNION

February 03 – Dave Weichenthal
10 – Bill & Larry
28 – Need Volunteer

Making Communion Bread: Carol Crum

ST. PAUL'S SHUT-INS:

Pat Scroggins – Primrose Retirement Center
Joyce Lehner – Kingston
Fannie Criswell – Brookdale
Esther Kaelber, Midge Osburn & Clara Mae Wiseman - Home



OUR SICK AND/OR HOSPITALIZED:

Lesta Basel	Esther Bender	Carol Crum
Rev. Hugh Daley	Marge Denzer	Carol Ebert
Marilyn Harty	Cathy Isler	Kelly Kinsella
Sharon Leonard	Frank Levering	Deb McEntire
George Moser	Walter Oehler	Jean Pollins
Kara Russell	Sue Swihart	Jill Teel
Vi Ward		



THANK YOU for your generous donation to the 2018 Christmas Clearinghouse. Your donation made a huge difference for the 866 children we serviced for the holidays. We provided three new toys per child, gift cards, hats, gloves, mittens, blankets, stocking stuffers, books, snacks and food to all the children. We were able to raise \$72,000 this year from the support of the community of Marion. Again, thank you! Your dedication and support put smiles on all the 866 children's faces Christmas morning.

THANK YOU for your gift of \$1,500 to Lutheran Disaster Response. In the wake of fire and flood, wind, drought and disaster of every kind, you have joined with the whole church to offer prayers, presence, and physical and spiritual comfort. Through your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, you are in many places here and around the globe all at once – on the front line with families and communities – bearing witness to the power and grace of the Christ child, born to bring wholeness and peace to all who suffer.

YOUR THOUGHTFUL COMPASSION is providing positive change for those who are struggling. Thank you for the gift of \$1,025 to Lutheran Social Services (LSS). Your gift is already hard at work providing warm refuge to homeless individuals, transforming domestic violence victims to survivors and feeding hungry families. We feel extremely fortunate to have the support and commitment of St. Paul's. Together we are creating a better world by serving people in need.

THANK YOU so much for your generous gift of \$300.45 to invest in the ministry of Love in the Name of Christ. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and will allow us to continue to network the churches in Marion County to minister to your neighbors in need.

YOUR KINDNESS MAKES A DIFFERENCE. Thank you for your ongoing monthly support for Living Hope Ministries in Haiti. We appreciate your faithfulness.

THANK YOU for the money that you sent to Redeemer Church c/o Pat Street. The money will go toward FCA Scholarships at River Valley. May God bless you richly! Coach Street, RV FCA

LSS FREE FRESH FOOD DISTRIBUTION

WINTER DISTRIBUTION

Thursday, February 7th

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

@ All Occasions Barn

Volunteers arrive at 10:00 a.m.



There are several ways you can help.

You can:

- volunteer that day (there is a sign-up for those interested on the Family Board).
- allow us to borrow your wagons and/or wheelbarrows to transport produce to cars.
- Donate items from the collection list which will be distributed.

YOU ARE INVITED!

All are welcome to an afternoon of sacred music, hymns, and special numbers by the Waldo Community Churches on Sunday, February 24th, 3:00 p.m. at Peace Community United Church of Christ. Light refreshments will follow.

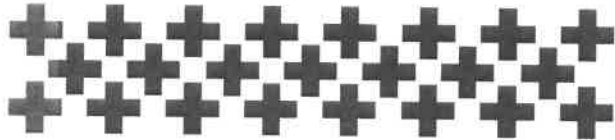
HEALING SERVICE

A Healing Service is scheduled at St. Paul's on Thursday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m. There will be Laying on of Hands and Celebration of Holy Communion. All are welcome!

American Red Cross

Give blood.

Help save lives.



**Blood Drive
Waldo Community
St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

Main Dining
135 W Main St
Waldo, OH 43356

**Saturday, February 16, 2019
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS, or
visit RedCrossBlood.org, sponsor code: Waldo.

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EASTER FLOWERS



The congregation will have the option of ordering Easter Lilies, Daffodils, Hyacinths or Tulips.

Fill in the order blank below and give to Pastor Sarah or Treasurer Penny Ward or mail to the church office along with your payment.

Please make check payable to: **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

Deadline for placing orders is Sunday, March 3rd

<u>QUANTITY</u>	
Easter Lilies (white) _____	Daffodils (yellow) _____
Tulips* _____	Hyacinths (blue, pink) _____ (please circle color)

Total Number of plants @ \$9.50 each _____ Enclosed \$ _____

Name _____ Phone _____

In Loving Memory of (Deceased) _____

In Honor of (Living) _____

*Cannot guarantee a particular color

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following church family with a February birthday. They are:

Swihart, Sebastian	February 01
Andrews, Jack	February 03
Pennington, Linda	February 04
Reiff, Angie	February 05
Wells, Pam	February 05
Augenstine, Annette	February 06
McNeal, Quinn	February 07
Pepple, Everett	February 08
Seitter, Barbara	February 08
Wickersham, Cheryl	February 08
Graham, Nicholas	February 09
McEntire, Stephen	February 10
Scroggins, Pat	February 13
Seiter, Jordan	February 13
Cochran, Megan	February 14
Bisch, Kasey	February 15
McElroy, Cris	February 19
Withers, Marjorie	February 20
Lichtenberger, Richard	February 21
Bender, Tyler	February 24
Ebert, Carol	February 24
Shumaker, Jason	February 24
Groff, Natalie	February 25
Crawford, Joseph	February 26
Clase, Hal	February 26
Klingel, Katie	February 28

If there is an error on the date or your name is missing from our February list and you would like to have it placed in future newsletters, please contact the church office.





WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.



God is our _____ and _____,
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

“Surely I am with you _____.” Matthew 28:20

And the _____ of God ... will guard
your hearts and your minds in
_____. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in _____ lives in God,
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

_____ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

Answer: refuge, strength, always, Christ Jesus, love, peace, Perfect