

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

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### 2019 Youth Trip to New York City



This July a group of youth from St Paul's will join with youth from other churches, load a bus, and head toward the "Big Apple" for the 2019 Youth Mission Trip. They will spend a week working with the Youth Service Opportunities Project in New York City. YSOP engages youth, college students and adults in service experiences through an innovative program that combines an orientation to the issues, hands on volunteer work and reflection.

Founded in 1983, YSOP is a non-profit organization rooted in the Quaker principals of integrity, equality, community, simplicity, and peace. Each year it welcomes, over 4,000 volunteers of all different faiths to their programs in D.C. and New York to serve more than 500,000 people experiencing homelessness and hunger.

Our youth will spend Monday through Thursday working at service sites. On Friday we will spend some time touring New York City. In the past, the most memorable part of the experience was the evening dinner with the homeless. On one night our youth will work to prepare a meal for homeless guests invited to YSOP through various partner organizations for dinner, games, and conversation.

In the coming months we will be working on fundraisers to aid in paying for the trip. Beginning on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> we will start our monthly Noisy Can Offerings (on the last Sunday of each month). The collections will be a Love Offering to organizations we work with to help support their ministries.

This summer will mark our 10<sup>th</sup> Mission Trip together. Thanks to your support, we have sent youth from our church to the Heifer Ranch, Oaks Indian Mission, Appalachian Service Project, Kure Beach Ministry, Youthworks and Youth Service Opportunities Project in N.Y.C. and Washington D.C. Together they have done thousands of hours of service work, traveled to new places, worked with dozens of different ministries, and met people they will never forget. This year will allow a new group of youth to work with YSOP. For several teenagers, this will be their first Mission Trip. Please know how deeply we appreciate your support of our youth and their faith development.

In God's Peace, Pastor Sarah Schaaf

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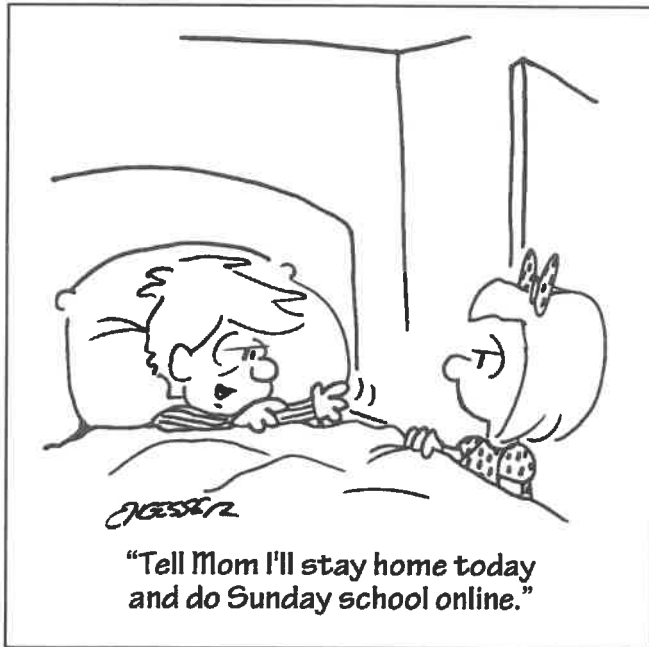
## THANK YOU NOTE

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Thank you for your generous Christmas gift. I am always humbled by your kindness at Christmas time. I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for all the things you do throughout the year. Thank you for folding newsletters, teaching, setting up tables and chairs, cooking meals, sorting produce, serving on council, working with our children, creating music and so much more. Thank you for praying for me and our church. I look forward to another year of serving and worshipping with you.

With Much Gratitude and Love,  
Pastor Sarah Schaaf

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**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL VOTING MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 9, 2018**

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The Congregational Meeting was called to order by President Gary Crawford. Pastor Sarah offered prayer.

Minutes from the August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Congregational Meeting were read by Kelly Talley. Hal Clase made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Mike Bell. Motion passed.

Harry Klingel, Church Nominating Committee Chairman, presented the ballot for the 2019 church council officers. Harry thanked the Nominating Committee and the council members whose terms are up for all their hard work over the past year. It was noted council recommended Penny Ward to fill the 4 year Treasurer position. The Youth representative to serve a 1 year term for deacon position will be selected by the youth. Nominations for the 2019 Church Nominating Committee were taken from the floor. Rodney Fairchild made a motion to close the nominations. Second by Chuck Buck. Motion passed. Harry reported the Nominating Committee voted to have Karen McCurdy serve on the Audit Committee for a 3 year term. The completed ballots were given to the Nominating Committee for tabulation.

The 2019 Budget was presented by Jim Wellhausen. Questions were answered. Penny Ward made a motion to remove the Treasurer stipend from the budget, seconded by Todd Ward. Motion passed. Jeff Griffin made a motion to accept the revised budget, seconded by Don Isler. Motion passed.

Pastor Sarah reported the church theme for 2019 is Year of Scripture. A year-long Bible reading plan will begin January 1<sup>st</sup>. Resources and the reading schedule are available on the table in the educational wing.

Gary thanked Bobbi Jo Bell for her outstanding job as treasurer over the years and presented her with a gift.

Gary also thanked the congregation and council for a successful, busy year.

The meeting was adjourned with members standing and saying The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Talley

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**RESULTS OF THE  
ANNUAL VOTING MEETING  
Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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**2019 CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS**

**Vice President:** Cheryl Wickersham

**Deacons:** Bill Lichtenberger, Larry Reiff & Todd Ward

**Elder:** George Moser

**Trustee:** Bob Wolf



**2019 Church Nominating Committee:** Gary Crawford (Chairperson),  
Lisa Hoback, Carolyn Wolf, Jackie Price & Mary Ann Stiffler

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**2019 SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS**

**Sunday School Superintendent:** Bill Wickersham (Sue Swihart back-up)

**Jr. Co-Superintendents:** Traci Harris & Karen McCurdy

**Co-Secretary/Treasurer:** Abby Crabtree & Donna Barkley

**Senior Pianist:** Esther Levering

**Junior Pianist:** Deb McEntire

**Substitute Pianist:** Margaret Heimlich & Linda Oehler

**2019 Sunday School Nominating Committee:** Frank Levering  
(Chairperson), Marilyn Harty, Marilyn Andrews, Margaret Heimlich  
& Janie Klingel

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The 2019 budget passed. Thank you to all who submitted their names.

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

**CURRENT FUND**

Balance - Beginning of November	\$33,973.32
Income	\$11,197.00
Transfer from Memorial	\$0.00
Expenses	(\$14,734.49)
Balance - End of November	\$30,435.83

**BENEVOLENCE FUND**

Balance - Beginning of November	\$29,020.41
Income from Benevolence	\$541.00
Income Designated to Charities	\$1,080.25
Transfer from Memorial	\$20.00
Expenses	(\$936.00)
Balance - End of November	\$29,725.66

**MEMORIAL FUND**

Balance - Beginning of November	\$61,714.38
Income - Undesignated Memorial	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$786.00
HVAC Loan	\$493.00
Permanent Improvement	\$0.00
Individual Memorials/Good Sam	\$395.00
Interest Earned	\$2.93
Transfer/Misc	(\$22.20)
Balance - End of November	\$63,369.11

Undesignated/Interest Earned	\$24,986.43
Good Samaritan	\$308.12
Building Loan	\$11,912.00
HVAC Loan	\$688.00
Permanent Improvement	\$6,533.13
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
Larry Cline 4/2016	\$2,095.00

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**November 2018 Financial Statement (continues)**

Connie Griffin - ¼ Youth / ¼ VBS	\$1,250.00
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	\$3,250.00
Vera Oehler 9/2018	<u>\$1,975.00</u>
Total Memorials	\$63,369.11

Respectfully submitted by  
Bobbi Jo Bell, Treasurer

*Note...The 2018 November Financial Statement needs to be approved by Church Council.*

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**INCOME AND EXPENSES**

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Current monthly budgeted amount for November is \$12,536.09. Actual November amount received was \$11,197.00. Benevolence monthly budgeted amount is \$1,000.00 and the actual income received in November was \$541.00.

The Building Loan monthly payment is \$1,391.83 and the actual November donations totaled \$493.00. The annual loan payment is \$16,702.00 and the year-to-date total giving is \$11,912.00.

The HVAC Loan year-to-date income is \$688.00.

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**YOGA CLASSES**




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Jim Wellhausen is teaching Yoga Class at St. Paul's on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. These classes are free and open to anyone who would like to come. For questions, please see Jim.



# JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>SUPER BOWL SUB SALE</b> January 6 – January 20 Sign up on the Family Board</p>	<p>Pastor on Vacation through January 2<sup>nd</sup></p>	<p>1  New Year's Day</p>	<p>2 7:00 pm Sr. Choir 8:00 pm Sr. Bells</p>	<p>3 11 am – 2 pm Fresh Food Distribution @ All Occasions Paper Towels &amp; Tissues</p>	<p>4 6:00 pm Epiphany Party with Conference</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>Epiphany of Our Lord 6 9:00 am Angel Ringers Rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School / Confirmation 10:30 am Worship Service / Sr. Choir Installation of Officers Continuous Communion 6:00 pm Youth Christmas Party</p>	<p>7 6:00 pm Yoga Class @ St. Paul's</p>	<p>8 9:30 am Deborah Circle 6:30-9:30 pm diakonia Lay Education</p>	<p>9 7:00 pm Sr. Choir 8:00 pm Sr. Bells</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 9:00 am Christmas Decorating Committee</p>
<p>Baptism of Our Lord 13 9:00 am Angel Ringers Rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School / Confirmation 10:30 am Worship Service / Sr. Choir Continuous Communion Baptism: Holden Pepple</p>	<p>14  6:00 pm Yoga Class @ St. Paul's</p>	<p>15 6:30-9:30 pm diakonia Lay Education</p>	<p>16 7:00 pm Sr. Choir 8:00 pm Sr. Bells</p>	<p>17 5:30 pm Church Council @ All Occasions</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 9:00 am Women's President &amp; VP Meeting @ Emanuel Lutheran Marion</p>
<p>Second Sunday after Epiphany 20 9:00 am Angel Ringers Rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School / Confirmation 10:30 am Worship Service / Sr. Choir 6-8 pm Youth Yearly Planning / Game Night</p>	<p>21 6:00 pm Yoga Class @ St. Paul's February Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p>22 Pastor @ Sawmill Retreat Jan. 22-24</p>	<p>23 7:00 pm Sr. Choir 8:00 pm Sr. Bells</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Lisa Shumaker use of Kitchen</p>
<p>Third Sunday after Epiphany 27 9:00 am Angel Ringers Rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School / Confirmation 10:30 am Worship Service / Angel Ringers Noisy Offering</p>	<p>28 6:00 pm Yoga Class @ St. Paul's</p>	<p>29 6:30-9:30 pm diakonia Lay Education</p>	<p>30 7:00 pm Sr. Choir 8:00 pm Sr. Bells</p>	<p>31</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>



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## NEWS FROM THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

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Deborah Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Margaret Heimlich will have the Bible Study *Come and See: Seeking and Finding Faith*. Joan Daley will have the Worship Offering.

The total collection from our Thankoffering boxes was \$566.85. We also collected 32 boxes of non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Many people will be helped by these donations. Thank you to all who donated.

The WOTC Committees for 2019 needs volunteers. Please check the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board to see if there is a committee you would like to serve on. A big “thank you” to all the ladies who served on the various committees this past year.

We have received a new supply of vanilla. Cost is \$2.50 a bottle and is available in the kitchen. Please give your money to Barbara Seitter or put it in the dish in the kitchen.

Deborah Circle voted to give \$500.00 from our Treasure to the ELCA Disaster Fund.

The Christmas Cheer Plate Committee reported that they made up and delivered 20 plates.

Upcoming event: January 14<sup>th</sup> - Presidents and Vice Presidents Meeting

Janet Poorman, Secretary

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## MITTEN TREE COLLECTION

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Thank you for the items brought in for the Mitten Tree. Items received: 1 pair of winter boots; 136 pairs of socks; 11 hat/glove sets; 53 men, women and kids hats; 60 men, women and kids gloves; 3 ear head-bands and 11 scarves for a total of 275 items that went towards the Christmas Clearinghouse.



We're sure lots of families had a very Merry Christmas because of your generous donations. Again, thank you to all who donated!

**SUNDAY MINISTRIES FOR JANUARY 2019**

**ASSISTING MINISTERS**

January 06 – Spencer McEntire  
13 – Kelly Talley  
20 – Bill Wickersham  
27 – Chuck Buck

**LECTORS**

Lisa Hollaway  
Robert Stiffler  
Candy Klingel  
Karen McCurdy

**CRUCIFER**

January 06 – Abby Crabtree  
13 – Karis Beineke  
20 – Matt Kidwell  
27 – N/A

**ACOLYTES**

Harley Lloyd & Janelle Hoback  
Rachel Kidwell & Zoey Totaro  
Rylea Gist & Reghan Gist  
Karis Beineke & Kade Ebert

**FLOWERS**

January 06 – Open Date  
13 – Harry & Janie Klingel  
20 – Dee Britton  
27 – Open Date

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Michelle Higgins  
Kelly Talley & Jill Teel  
Jill Corwin  
Sue Swihart

**GREETERS**

January 06 – Need Volunteer  
13 – Need Volunteer  
20 – Need Volunteer  
27 – Need Volunteer

**DEACONS**

**SETTING UP**

**COMMUNION**

06 – Jeff Griffin  
13 – Larry Reiff

Making Communion Bread: Carla Lichtenberger

**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	Carol Crum	Rev. Hugh Daley
Marge Denzer	Carol Ebert	Marilyn Harty
Kelly Kinsella	Sharon Leonard	Frank Levering
Deb McEntire	Walter Oehler	Jean Pollins
Kara Russell	Sue Swihart	Jill Teel
Vi Ward		



**THE SUPER BOWL SUB SALE** will run from January 6<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Ham and Cheese or Italian subs are available. Subs are \$4.00 each. Delivery date is February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sign-up on the Family Board (outside of the office). Proceeds go to the Youth Mission Trip Fund. Thank you for your support!

**CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE...**On the table in the church narthex, please review your name, address, phone & cell number(s) and email addresses to make sure everything is updated for 2019. Thank you!

**THE FLOWER CHART** for 2019 is posted on the Family Board. Please sign your name for the date you wish to furnish flowers.

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**THANK YOU** for helping to save lives with the American Red Cross Blood Drive on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The blood drive registered 28 donors and collected 30 pints of blood. Again, thank you for your gifts of time and support. The next blood drive will be held on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**A BIG THANK YOU** personally and from the Marion County Fair Board for the tremendous turn out of volunteers and cookie bakers for a **WONDERFUL** night at the Live Nativity. The weather was very cooperative and the fellowship over coffee, hot chocolate and spiced cider and the cookies you provided was **GREAT!** We have already been asked for next year so again, **THANK YOU** and **GOD BLESS!!** – Dick Axline

**THANK YOU** for the delicious cookies and goodies from the Women of the Church and for keeping me in your prayers. - Jean Pollins

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all the carolers for the caroling that warmed my heart and the blanket to warm my body. You made a sad day much brighter. Thanks carolers! Blessings to all! – Midge Osburn

**I WANT TO THANK** the carolers for coming to my home. They sound great! And thanks to Isaac and Zoe for their gift of candy and blanket. God bless you all! - Helen Schrote

**THANK YOU** for your generous contribution of \$50 to the Marion Homeless Shelter. Your continued support is very important to us and greatly appreciated by residents and staff. Again, thank you.

**THE ELCA** would like to thank you for your gift of \$545 to Lutheran Disaster Response. Your gifts are bearing the love of Christ to many in need.

**A MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION** was given to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in loving memory of Anna Mae Reiff by Debra Honaker.



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## LSS FREE FRESH FOOD DISTRIBUTION

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### WINTER DISTRIBUTION

Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

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 Our Family Board).
- allow us to borrow your wagons/shopping carts/wheelbarrows to transport produce to cars.
- Donate items from the collection list which will be distributed.

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### FRESH PRODUCE COLLECTION LIST (TOILET PAPER EVERY MONTH)

- February 7<sup>th</sup> – Soap (dish, body, hand, etc.)
- March 7<sup>th</sup> – Shampoo and Conditioner

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

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

Gregory, Cassie	January 02
Denzer, Marjory	January 06
Bell, Bobbi Jo	January 08
Rhoads, Brady	January 10
Buck, Susan	January 14
Lichtenberger, Carla	January 14
Roberts, Weston	January 15
Augenstein, Richard	January 16
Teel, Jill	January 16
Barkley, Donna	January 18
Lugg, Jeri	January 18
Wickersham, Ann	January 20
Seiter, John	January 21
Schrecengost (Buck), Sarah	January 25
Gist, Reghan	January 25
Ebert, Kade	January 27
Sisson, Amanda	January 28
Klingel, Janet	January 29
Pennington, Chelsea	January 30
Wickersham, Steven	January 31

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





# A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

*Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.*



We were there**fore** buried with him  
through bapt**ism** into death in order that,  
just as Christ was rais**ed** from the dead  
through the gl**ory** of the Fath**er**,  
**w**e too may live a \_\_\_\_\_.

Roman**s** 6:4, NIV

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