

GOOD NEWS

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St. Paul Lutheran Church

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9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast

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Pastor: Tim W. Muehlbrad - 361-564-2335

Vicar: Hans Tolpingrud

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT:

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to make Christ known;
As we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our
Faith through studying God's Word and
Worshipping God.*

**The Annual Congregational Meeting
will be held Sunday,
January 29, 2017 -
immediately following
the Worship Service.**



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Merry Christmas!
Happy New Year!

Thanks to all you for all your cards, gifts and well wishes during this Christmas Season. Your warmth and generosity fills us with love as we celebrate the greatest gift of all: the gift of God coming into this world.

Pastor Tim W Muehlbrad
& family



"How many f's in 'Epiphany'?"



Greetings and Blessings this Christmas Season! Thank you all for the many well wishes!

Looking for a relatively painless new year's resolution? Beginning in January I will be offering a short (6 week) evening class looking at some of the Lutheran confessional documents, primarily the Large and Small catechisms and the Augsburg Confession. Following Reformation Day, there was interest expressed in some

kind of class where we could discuss and examine some of the core pieces which have shaped the Lutheran expression of the faith. I'm hoping this will be a chance to reengage and reencounter some of these formative historical pieces, as well as to think about what it is to be Confessional Lutherans.

The class will meet Tuesdays, January 10th through February 21st at 6:30 in the Education Building (there will be no class on January 24th). For those who are interested, you are more than welcome to bring your own Book of Concord. It won't be necessary, but if you have your own copies of the catechisms of the Augsburg Confession, you can mark them up for your own reference (if you want to pick one up, let me know and I can recommend one). This class is really meant to be an opportunity to look at the formative Lutheran documents in a setting where we can ask questions and have a good discussion about what these things mean. If you are interested in coming, please feel free to let me know via email at vicarhans@gmail.com, or to give the office a call so that I can get a guestimate of how many people may want to come.

Vicar Hans



Council Meeting Minutes December 15, 2016

Treasurer's Report John made a motion to approve the November report as presented, motion passed.

Stewardship – The budget was discussed.

Youth – The Youth Committee consisting of Kim Hahn, Tina Boehm, Rebecca Innocenti & Beverly Bruns hosted a Props Pizza Party for approx. 15 youth. They made glittered stars, paper flowers and tied tinsel for the Children's Program. During the party the youth suggested items of interest they would like to do as a service project with no definite plans made.

- Worship** – Christopher reported the Christmas trees are in and everything is on schedule. A shutter on the organ was repaired.
- Social Concerns** – Social Concerns had two requests for assistance in November.
- Property** – The smoke detectors have been installed. Ricky Hilbrich did the tree trimming work. We have received one bid on the covered walkway and on the parking lot. There has been a complaint about the stains on the carpet by the elevator entrance so it was decided to have a professional carpet cleaner try to remove the stains before anything else is done.
- Parish Education** – A few parents of 3rd & 4th graders enjoyed attending Sunday School with their children during November. The Christmas Jubilee program was performed during the Dec. 11 worship services. There will be no Sunday School classes for children on Christmas Day.
- C.E.M.**– Currently have 12 CCS children with 48 enrolled. Goals for 2017 is to bring up enrollment, more staff training and more community involvement.
- Evangelism** – The committee took part in Christmas in the park handing out popcorn and took out a Christmas ad in the Victoria Advocate. The subject of membership was discussed.
- Christian Life** – The Christmas Feast was enjoyed by a little over 200 people. On Dec. 18 Soup & Hot Drinks will be provided to those who go caroling.
- Cemetery** – No report.
- Vicar Hans** – During Nov. Vicar Hans participated in 8 worship services, 2 home visits, 3 hospital visit, 4 educational events, 1 professional meeting, 1 funeral, and 1 church meeting. Beginning Jan 1 Vicar will be offering a short, mid-week course looking at the Lutheran Confessions & the Catechisms. Vicar Hans reported that on Nov 29 his first published sermon appeared in *Church Life Journal*.
- Pastor's Report** – During Nov. Pastor participated in 8 worship services, 5 Hospital Visits, 5 Home Visits, 12 education events, 6 Church Meetings & Events, and 1 Community Event . Official Acts included New Member Reception and 1 Burial. Pastor will be teaching a First Communion class between Christmas & Lent, probably on Saturday mornings.

Old Business – a.) Only 1 bid (Creager Bros from Telferner) was received for the addition to the parking lot for \$34,929.00 After much discussion and questions a motion was made, seconded and passed to take the bid to the congregation at the Annual meeting. Only one company gave a bid for the covered walk way and that company was not recommended by 3 different people, so the committee will continue to ask for bids for this project. **b.)** Budgets for 2017 were discussed and adjusted as requested. A motion was made to approve the adjusted budget for 2017 and be sent to the Annual Congregation meeting, the motion carried. **c.)** Oromo Lutheran Church – The letter has not been received stating the Oromo Lutheran Church is a 501.3c which is necessary for donations to be used for tax purposes. The Oromo group has asked about bringing their choir to sing and provide a meal of Ethiopian food for our congregation in either Jan or Feb. **d.)** Deadline for Committee reports is Jan. 13.

New Business – a.) Annual meeting agenda was approved. **b.)** A motion was made to put Trey & Cassie Parma back on active membership list. The motion carried. **c.)** A congregational member has offered to pay for hand rails to be installed around the church that will match the rails presently installed at the educational building. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the installation of these hand rails. **d.)** A motion was made to hold the January Council meeting on Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m., the motion carried.

Note: a full copy of the minutes may be obtained from the church office.

2016 Council Members

Bill Klaevemann – President – 649-2753

Dorothy Mayfield – Secretary 550-9136

Rebecca Innocenti - Parish Ed – 649-6163

John Frels-Stewardship – 550-7382

Christopher Gohmert – Worship – 579-8803

Linda Hurta -Christian Life - 564-2363

Wayne Smith – Property – 564-3742

Beverly Feller -Social Concerns - 564-2873

Beverly Bruns – Youth – 564-9115

Lois Kelch – Evangelism/Outreach – 361-401-0150

Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2016	NOV, 2016
Income	330,214.58	24,480.49
Expenses	(306,629.92)	(27,582.91)
NET	23,584.66	(3,102.42)
BUILDING FUND	YTD 2016	NOV, 2016
Income	62,119.46	6,769.34
Expense	(70,883.09)	(3,793.27)
NET	(8,763.63)	2,976.07

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

A first communion class for children in 2nd grade and older will be taught by Pastor Tim on Saturday, January 21, 9:30 – 11:30 AM. Parents are welcome in class if they wish to stay. The children will celebrate their first Communion on Sunday, February 5th. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Tim.



Thank You to the St. Paul Lutheran Congregation for your Christmas warm wishes and generous gifts. Your kindness is appreciated so very much. Thank you once again! Debbie Taylor

The holidays are over and the New Year is here. St. Paul will sponsor it's first blood drive of the year on Sunday, January 22, 2017. The Bloodmobile will be in the church parking lot from 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Donors must be 18 years old, have a list of current medicines, and a photo ID. This is the most personal ministry of all because you are giving a part of yourself to someone else. Please prayerfully consider being a donor.



Tuesday, JANUARY 3, 2017

Group	Time	Study Leader	Hostess
FAITH	9:00 a.m.	Beverly Bruns	Mary Sauermilch
GRACE	9:00 a.m.	Beverly Feller	Linda Hurta
JOY	2:30 p.m.	Ann Adix	Meeting Room



The Oromo Project

The Oromo Evangelical Church has acquired legal credentials to receive donations for its building project. It has established a bank account with the Chase Bank in Houston, TX to deposit any funds received for the operation of the ministry including the building fund. If funds are received for operational purposes the checks should be made to the Oromo Evangelical Church. In contrast if funds are received for the building fund the checks should be made to the Oromo Evangelical Lutheran Church Development Association. In either instance the funds received would be tax deductible. For more information you are welcome to pick up a copy of a letter from Pastor Kamiso Boru of Oromo Ev Church in the entrance of our Educational Building. Contributions clearly labeled may be left at St. Paul Church office.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR LUTHERAN CHURCH IS NOT AN ORDINARY CHURCH,
BUT LET ME TELL YOU WHY.

PASTOR TIM AND VICAR HANS ARE GOOD PEOPLE.
WHEN THEY READ IT SOUNDS LIKE GOD IS HERE.

GOD LETS YOU TELL HIS STORIES FROM THE BIBLE.
HE HELPS YOU WHILE YOU LISTEN DURING CHURCH.
SO YOU DON'T LISTEN TO THE DEVIL.

WHEN THEY TAKE THE OFFERING,
IT FEELS LIKE WE ARE GIVING PEOPLE STRENGTH.

WHEN CHURCH IS DONE,
I GO DOWN TO THE BASEMENT AND LOTS OF CHILDREN COME TO
SUNDAY SCHOOL.

WHEN THE OPENING STARTS,
PASTOR TIM PLAYS THE GUITAR AND WE SING LOTS OF HAPPY
SONGS.

THEN, AFTER THE SONGS, WE TAKE OUR OFFERING.
THEN, WE SAY THE OFFERING PRAYER.
AFTER THAT, WE GO OVER BIBLE VERSES AND GO TO OUR
CLASSROOMS.

ALL THE TEACHERS KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT GOD. SO, I THINK
THAT THE CHILDREN SHOULD PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE BIBLE
STORY LESSONS. MY CLASS IS TAUGHT BY VICAR HANS. HE IS A
VERY NICE MAN AND I'M GLAD HE WANTS TO BE A PASTOR AND I'M
GLAD HE IS FOLLOWING HIS DREAMS.

SO, IF YOU ARE OUT THERE HEARING MY STORY, SAY HALLELUJAH,
PRAISE THE KING ALMIGHTY. WHO WAS AND IS AND HE IS TO
COME. EVERYONE IN LUTHERAN, CATHOLIC, AND OTHER
CHRISTIAN CHURCHES CAN KNOW ABOUT GOD. WHEN YOU GO TO
SLEEP, SAY YOUR PRAYERS AND AFTER THAT SAY THESE THREE
WORDS. I LOVE YOU. GO TO SLEEP AND HAVE SWEET DREAMS
AND HOPE THAT THE NEXT DAY MIGHT BE ONE PRAISING GOD.
DON'T JUST DO THIS ONE DAY, DO IT ALL THE DAYS OF THE WEEK!

GO ABOUT PRAISING GOD TO OTHER PEOPLE AND TELL YOUR LITTLE ONES THAT THEY ARE SAFE IN GOD'S HANDS. WHEN YOU GO TO HEAVEN, TELL GOD THANK YOU FOR RESURRECTING ME.

THERE YOU HAVE IT, A STORY OF MY CHURCH.
I HOPE YOU LOVE IT, HOPE YOU CHERISH IT, AND HOPE YOU PRAISE GOD ALL YOUR LIFE.

THE END.
BY, ZOE INNOCENTI



It is with deep appreciation and gratitude that we thank Ressmann's Nursery for replacing the greenery in the flower beds & containers and for the Poinsettias and wreath placed in the Fellowship Hall for the Christmas Feast.

Notice to all Committee Chairs – Annual Reports are due into the Church Office no later than Friday, January 13th for publication in the Annual Report of St Paul.



Congratulations Vicar Hans!

Vicar Hans has the honor of having several sermons he wrote, while in seminary, being published in the Church Life Journal of Notre Dame University.

To view the first two published sermons, please go to the following web sites:

- 1) <http://churchlife.nd.edu/2016/11/29/the-new-jerusalem/>.
- 2) <http://churchlife.nd.edu/2016/12/19/the-light-in-darkness/>.



It takes a congregation to put on a Christmas program! Thanks and applause go out to the following people for sharing their time, talents, and donations to make the Christmas Jubilee a success.

Debbie Taylor - program folder design and printing

Tina Boehm, Beverly Bruns, Kim Hahn, and the Youth Group - decorations prep

Erin Koopmann, Janet Lambrecht, and Linda Peyton - costuming and nursery props prep and encouragement

Laurey Garcia - Nursery Dept. music direction, practice direction help

Beverly Bruns and Luellen Smiley - preparation and performance of such jubilant music

Jesse and Linda Hurta - set up/take down of the stable scene and star, children's Christmas bags prep

The Learning Garden teachers, staff, and parents - instrument construction, lines practice with the children

The Sunday School and Nursery Department teachers - planning, lines/music practice help

The many parents and grandparents who helped with costuming, program practice/direction.

Pastor Tim & Vicar Hans - program participation and encouragement

Larry Gohmert - diligent sound system support during practices and the program

Tina Boehm, Judy Hilbrich, and Jennifer Franke - behind the scenes help with program direction and encouragement

The Hilbrich Family - care of the church after the program

Last, but not least, many blessings and thanks go to the children who made this a memorable Christmas program. Sharing the Good News of Jesus is the most important thing you'll ever do in life and you do it beautifully!

Merry Christmas, Rebecca Innocenti

Parents of 5th, 6th, and 7th grade Sunday School students are invited to join their children during the Sunday School hour during the month of January. Spend time together in God's word and It will carry you through the busy weeks together!

JANUARY, 2017
SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, January 1, 2017 – 1st Sunday of Christmas



First Lesson: Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm: Psalm 148
Second Lesson: Hebrew 2:10-18
Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

Sunday, January 8, 2017 – Baptism of Our Lord

First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm: Psalm 29
Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43
Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17



Sunday, January 15, 2017 – Second Sunday of Epiphany



First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Gospel: John 1:29-42

Sunday, January 22, 2017 – Third Sunday of Epiphany

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 4-9
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23



Sunday, January 29, 2017 – Third Sunday of Epiphany



First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8
Psalm: Psalm 15
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

NEW SCHEDULE FOR CRADLE WORKSHOP – we will be meeting in the lounge of the Ed Building at 1:30 p.m. - January 10, 2017, Feb 14, 2017, and March 14, 2017. Bring your crochet hooks and knitting needles to join us in this fellowship.



2017 ALTAR GUILD

MONTH OR DATE	CLEANING OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS
JANUARY	Sharon & Callen Matejek
FEBRUARY	Doris Koehler & Janet Lambrecht
MARCH	Wysenda & Wycoda Fischer
APRIL	Misty Corpus & Peggy Oliver
	Sue Bolting & Janet Lambrecht (10 am Easter service)
MAY	Reevie Gips & Wanda Rohan
JUNE	Gracie Wolpman & Cindy Parma
JULY	Luellen Smiley & Laurie Seifert
AUGUST	Betty Scott & Mary Sauermilch
SEPTEMBER	Penny Sievers & Loris Maddox
OCTOBER	Carolyn Bargmann & Brenda Kirchoff
NOVEMBER	Beth Allison & Judy Noster
DECEMBER 3 rd	Christie Saunders & Heather Styra
DECEMBER 17 th	Judy, Krista, & Kelsey Hilbrich
DECEMBER 24 & 25 th	Sue Bolting

One person can easily clean the Communion Elements & Linens, just let your Altar Guild partner know if you need to be absent.

Feel free to trade with someone if something comes up.

If both need to be gone please call Sue Bolting (938-5831)

Changing of the Paraments – Carlea Hahn & Linda Hurta

Altar Guild Chairman – Sue Bolting 938-5831

Co-Chairman – Reevie Gips 648-9081

Substitutes – Wysenda Fischer 564-2829 &

Karen Dueser 564-3085

We keep in our prayers the family and friends of:



Ervin Schley – who passed away December 20, 2016. Services were held December 23, 2016.

May the power of the resurrection continue to provide them assurance.



In memory of Toby Boles – Building, Marie Metting

In memory of Joe Hurta – Building

Roland & Gail Riedesel

Margie Bolting

Arlen & Kathie Fehner

Mary Lou Gerhardt

Dennis Henze

David & Patsy Ibrom

Joyce M Lamprecht

Victor & Gerry Riske

Boyd & Pam Weise

Glen & Judy Henze

In memory of Joe Hurta – C.E.M., Caroline Blain

In memory of Joe Hurta – Cemetery

Jay & Sandra Heil

Velma Lee Moritz

In memory of Jeffery Johnston – Building

Manroy & Gracie Wolpman

In memory of Robert Mendez – Building

Mary Lou Gerhardt

Boyd & Pam Weise

In memory of Joe Mueller – Building

Manroy & Gracie Wolpman

In memory of Catherine Muehlbrad – C.E.M.

Larry & Carole Mueller

Joy Lutheran Church

Robin & Clay Caran

In memory of Mildred Noster – Cemetery

Mary Lou Gerhardt

Betsy Schulze

Isabella Barrett

Gary & Lana Podsim

In memory of Mildred Noster – Building

Kermit & Doris Koehler

Charles & Bonnie Riedesel

Darren & Tina Koehler

Lambert & Verda Mae Styra

In memory of Mildred Noster – Building

Barbara Carson Family	Steven & Gay Hobbs
James & Wanda Rohan	Ruby Warzecha
Gregg & Darlene Metting	Gerald & Shirley Karnei
Charles & Wanda Styra	Donna Karnei
Ron & Jeanette Willis	Allen Machost
Bill & Carolyn Bargmann	Hope Jendrzey
Emil & Bernice Geffert	Janice Gaida
Lovel & Avis Blain	Caroline M Blain
Patrick & Linda Bomba	James & Brenda Nash
Cheryl Schaub	Elorine Domann
Mary Lee Kozielski	Phyllis Hahn
Lyn Janssen	Don & Debbie Janssen
Laura, Kirby & Families	Shirley Janssen
Joyce M Lamprecht	Byron & Barbara Cramer
Dennis Henze	Glen & Judy Henze
Ron & Connie Huwe	Don & Cindy Dubose
Robert & Marilyn Meischen	Ronnie Afflerbach
Roland & Gail Riedesel	Margie Sims
Audrey Balcar	Boyd & Pam Weise

In memory of Mildred Noster – C.E.M.

John D Hurst	Victor & Gerry Riske
Jesse & Linda Hurta	

In memory of Tommy Smith – Building,

Don & Susan Wieland

In memory of Tommy Smith – Cemetery,

Jay & Sandra Heil

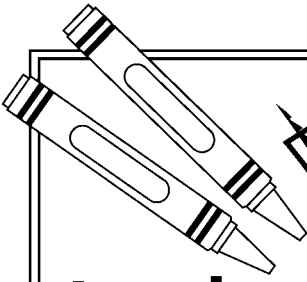
In memory of Mildred Noster, GG Mueller, Catherine Muehlbrad,

Sandra Vanadora, George Bordine, Roland Metting & Dorothy

Riedesel – Building Fund,

Iona Buchhorn

**Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of December 21, 2016.*








PUZZLE






Light OF THE World

In a world full of sin and darkness, how can we find our way?
Discover Jesus' answer in John 8:12, NIV.

*Directions: Use the key to fill in the missing vowels.
Then read the completed Bible verse.*

KEY:  **A**  **E**  **I**  **O**

  M TH  L  GHT  F

TH   RLD. WH   V  R

F  LL  WS M  W  LL N  V  R

W  LK  N D  RKN  SS."


J  H N 8:12, NIV

Answer: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness." John 8:12, NIV

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Saturday Chapel - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.