

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

Holstein, Iowa

Phone: (712) 368-2228; fax: (712) 368-4584

Worship Services:

Sunday 8:15 am and 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:20 am

Coffee Hour: 9:30 am

Office Hours

Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm; Fri. 8:30 – 12:00

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Ministers: *All the members*

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DYME: *Jim and Kris Kistenmacher – 368-2250*

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Scripture Readings for

February 5, 2017

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 58:6-9a

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

Worship Participants

GREETERS

8:15 am: Loren and Audrey Dittmer

10:30 am: Wayne and Kaye Albers

LECTOR

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10:30 am: Wayne Albers

DEACONS: Kelly Otto and Eric Hanson

ACOLYTE

8:15 am: Anya Kistenmacher, Jaxon Smit, Kolby Stevenson

10:30 am: Caleb Kistenmacher, Aiden Martin

SOUND/VIDEO OPERATOR

8:15 am: Randy and Kathy Vollmar

10:30 am: Dave Kistenmacher and Joy Wulf

TRANSPORTATION: Gary and Sandy Jensen (368-2579)

FLOWERS: Altar vases provided by the Altar fund

COFFEE HOSTS: Andrew and Melissa Butcher (chairman)
Frances Earnest and JoAnn Friedrichsen

St. Paul Church Schedule

THURSDAY, February 2

No WELCA

6:30 PM Explore Live at St. Paul

SUNDAY, February 5

8:15 AM Worship with comm.

Installation of New Task Force &
Committee members

9:20 AM Sunday School and Coffee Hour

9:30 AM Adult Forum

10:30 AM Worship with comm.

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WEDNESDAY, February 8

3:45 PM LOGOS – *Potpourri*

THURSDAY, February 9

7:00 PM Trustees

SUNDAY, February 12

8:15 AM Worship with comm.

Ingham/Okoboji Bible Camp Rep here

9:20 AM Sunday School and Coffee Hour

9:30 AM Adult Forum

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TUESDAY, February 14

9:00 AM Ruth Circle

WEDNESDAY, February 15

3:45 PM LOGOS - *Highlights*

6:00 PM Parenting class

THURSDAY, February 16

7:00 PM Start of Mission Task Force

7:00 PM Task Force

8:00 PM Church Council

LOGOS – Feb. 8 – Schedule

Set-up: Melba Smith and Angie Breyfogle

Snack Servers: Melba Smith and Audrey Dittmer

Cook Team: Connie Werner, Leah Harriman, Deb Krager

Clean-up: Megan Stowater, Lauren Meyer, Eric & Steph Dutler, Chad & Keely Dutler, Alex & Jann Murphy

Wash Table Cloths: Karen Breyfogle

Wash Towels: Vicki Larson

Home Bakers: Sue Fitch, Sandy Jensen, Kathy Wulf, Deb Krager,
Susan Endrulat



Eunice Downs is in Cherokee Regional Hospital.

*If you know of anyone who needs transportation to/from worship services please call the person listed for transportation on our participant list in this mid-week by **Thursday afternoon.***

If you have a prayer request or wish to be included on the prayer chain please call Eileen Ostermann (368-4579), Eunice Downs (368-2325), or the Church Office (368-2228).



We want to extend our sympathy to Melba Smith on the loss of her brother Russell Gaskill. Russ passed away on Jan. 26. His funeral was on Feb. 1 at First Congregational Church in Alta. May God send comfort to this family at this time of loss.

Baptism Anniversaries

(February 2 – February 8)



- 2-3: Beau Butcher
- 2-4: Audrey Flogstad
- 2-6: Steven Vohs
- 2-7: Stella Doxtad
- 2-8: Benjamin Burk, Amelia Doxtad

Holstein Community Blood Drive
Thur., Feb. 2, 2017
2 pm – 5 pm
Veteran's Memorial Hall
To make an appointment,
contact Lifeserve Blood Center at 800-287-4903



Congratulations to Andrew and Jade Galvin on the birth of a little girl. Paisley Elizabeth was born on January 24, 2017. God's blessings to this couple and their new daughter.

Congregational Close-up
Worship Service Attendance



January 29, 2017

8:15 am – 53 10:30 am – 121 Sunday School – 21

Treasurer's Report for the week of Jan. 29

Current	\$4,220.41
Loose Plate	\$48.00
Initial offering	\$5.00
Sunday School	\$10.00
ELCA/Western IA Synod	\$295.00
LSI/Bremwood	\$500.00
Ingham/Okoboji Bible Camp-Beyond	\$100.00
Sioux City Gospel Mission	\$315.00
LOGOS-donations-Lutheran	\$20.00
Bldg-kitchen	\$25.00
Wee Wisdom-donation	\$15.00
Follow Hard Ministries	\$ 25.00
Misc.-picture directory	\$10.00
Sr. Luther League	\$100.00
Total Income Jan. 29, 2017	\$5,688.41

SAVE THE DATE!

Women of All Ages!

Invite your friends in the Community!

Women's Retreat

Fri., March 3 6:30p.m. – 9:15p.m.
and

Sat., March 4 8:00a.m. – 3:30p.m.

Cost \$35

Childcare available for Saturday session

Boulder's Inn and Suites, Holstein

"Rooted and Grounded"

Remaining Steadfast in the midst of Hard Times

presented by: Follow Hard Ministries

Birthday Anniversaries

(February 2 – February 8)



- 2-2: Ruth Bergmann
- 2-5: Vickie Heck
- 2-6: Brecken Bechtold, Graham Boling
- 2-7: Isaiah Miller
- 2-8: Abby Tiefenthaler

Wish these St. Paul members a very "Happy Birthday" and watch for a new list each week.

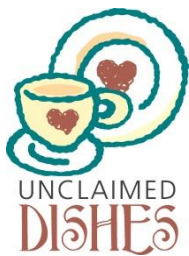
If your birthday was inadvertently omitted, or is incorrect, please call the office so we can make the correction to our records.



Suggested donations for the **Community Basket** during the month of **February** are laundry items. You may leave these items in the North entrance under the coat rack. Thank you for your donations!

Parenting Class

Parish Education Task Force is offering a parenting course that started on February 1 taught by Connie Ludvigson. The purpose of this class is to offer solutions to parents for personally identified challenges they have raising their child(ren). How to implement these solutions, why they work and how to adapt these solutions as the child(ren) grows up will also be discussed. The solutions offered are based in both scientific researched principles as well as work experience observations of the teacher. Classes are scheduled to meet from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, February 1, 15, and 22nd in the Church Sanctuary.



LADIES: Please take a look at the dishes on the shelf on the south wall of the church kitchen. If any of those belong to either you or a friend of yours please take it home. We will wait a couple of weeks to clear things out and then what ever is left will be taken to good will. Please help us take care of this problem of unclaimed dishes.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Thrivent is excited to share that in 2016 over 335,000 Thrivent members chose to direct Choice Dollars® to more than 32,000 churches, schools and other nonprofits, including St Paul Lutheran Church, through Thrivent Choice®. **Based on member recommendations, St Paul Lutheran Church received \$1,920 in charitable outreach funding in 2016.** The Thrivent Choice program helps members of Thrivent Financial make a positive impact in their communities.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT 2016 CHOICE DOLLARS EXPIRE SOON!

Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until **March 31, 2017** to direct them. If you need help with this please let us know at the church office.



We received a thank you from Faith, Hope & Charity that goes as follows:

On behalf of Faith, Hope & Charity, thank you for your recent gift of winter hats, gloves and scarves for our kids! Your support of our organization, and most importantly the children and families that we serve, is greatly appreciated.

Since we opened our doors in 1968, Faith, Hope & Charity had been improving the lives of children and young adults with special needs by promoting independence and individuality. With your contribution and the gracious support of our community, we continue to fulfill our mission.

Task Force and Committee Members will be installed at both services this Sunday, February 5th. Please plan on attending one of the services if you have agreed to be on one of these task forces or committees.

EXPLORE LIFE AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Prospective Member Class

Pastor Matthew Martens, Interim

On Thursday, February 2, at 6:30 pm, there will be an "Explore Life at St. Paul" prospective member gathering in the church fellowship hall. Some current members (Kelby Wulf, Jim Kistenmacher, Tyler Gebers, and some others), will tell about their experiences at St. Paul's and why the church is important to them. I will offer devotions and review some of the exciting ministries happening in the congregation. The Evangelism Task Force will serve refreshments.

Please invite relatives or friends who may be looking for a church home. Offer to accompany them to the meeting. No one will be pressured into deciding about church membership. But we will try to discern if additional meetings are needed to prepare for church membership.

Typical next steps after Thursday's meeting would be to assign persons interested in joining a "Parish Partner," to be a contact for helping new members become better acquainted in the congregation.

New members are generally received in a brief ceremony at a Sunday service and introduced more fully by their Parish Partner at fellowship time between services.

Many persons are searching for meaning and purpose that is missing in their lives. Jesus promises to give us life—and give it abundantly (John 10:10). Let's share the abundant life, meaning and purpose we find in Christ!

Summer Bible Camp!

We are very excited to host Megan Timmer from Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps during worship services and Sunday School on February 12. Megan will be highlighting the wonderful opportunities for summer programming at IOLBC. We encourage families to be thinking about sending their children to camp this summer!



"Serving the Church Together" **2017 Western Iowa Synod Leadership Academy**

Inviting ALL leaders & congregational members— pastors, congregational council members; leaders in education, youth, stewardship, worship and outreach ministries, and anyone who wants to experience a day of moving from lament into a new vision.

When: Saturday, February 18th

Snow date: Saturday, February 25th

Time: Registration begins at 9:00 am

Programing 9:30 am - 3:30 or 4 pm

Where: St Olaf Lutheran Church, Fort Dodge

Cost: \$25/person; or \$75/carload (4-5 ppl)

For all congregational members!!

The church is constantly changing and how are we dealing with that as leaders, as members? How can we move from a time of lamenting the changes to a time of Holy Dreaming, being in conversation together about where is God calling us, as individuals, as a congregation? Come and find out!!!

Register online at www.wisynod.org/synod-events.html

Please register by February 10th!