

# **St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church**

*Holstein, Iowa*

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

## **Worship Services:**

Sunday 9:00 am  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Coffee Hour: 10:00 am

## **Office Hours**

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

**E-mail address:** [holsteinstpaullchurch@gmail.com](mailto:holsteinstpaullchurch@gmail.com)

**St. Paul website:** [www.holsteinstpaullutheran.com](http://www.holsteinstpaullutheran.com)

**Ministers:** *All the members*

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

**E-mail:** [jim.kistenmacher@gmail.com](mailto:jim.kistenmacher@gmail.com)

## **Scripture Readings for**

**February 4, 2018**

### **Fifth Sunday of Epiphany**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 40:21-31

**Psalmody:** Psalm 147:1-11,20c

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

**Gospel:** Mark 1:29-39

## **Worship Participants**

### **GREETERS**

**9:00 am:** Wayne and Kaye Albers

### **LECTORS**

**9:00 am:** Wayne Albers

### **DEACONS**

**9:00 am:** Tyler Gebers and Eric Hanson

### **ACOLYTES**

**9:00 am:** Zander Ernst, Aiden Martin, Emma Vohs

### **SOUND/VIDEO OPERATOR**

**9:00 am:** Mikka Belson, Kyra Martin

**TRANSPORTATION:** Gary and Sandy Jensen (368-2579)

**FLOWERS:** Altar vases provide by the Altar fund.

**COFFEE HOSTS:** Jay and Bonnie Wallace (chairman)  
Amy Peuse

## **St. Paul Church Schedule**

### **SUNDAY, February 4**

**9:00 AM** Worship with comm. – Pastor Jane Johnston  
Installation of New Council members and  
Task Force Members

**10:00 AM** Sunday School

**10:00 AM** Coffee hour

**11:15 AM** Organizational dinner and meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, February 7**

**3:45 PM** LOGOS – *Appreciate a Dragon Day*

### **SUNDAY, February 11**

**9:00 AM** Worship- Ingham/Okoboji Representative

**10:00 AM** Sunday School

**10:00 AM** Coffee hour

### **MONDAY, February 12**

**7:00 PM** Trustees

### **TUESDAY, February 13**

**9:00 AM** Ruth Circle

### **WEDNESDAY, February 14** *Ash Wednesday*

**3:34 PM** NO LOGOS

**7:30 PM** Ash Wednesday Worship

### **THURSDAY, February 15**

**7:00 PM** Task Force

**8:00 PM** Church Council

### **WEDNESDAY, January 31**

**3:34 PM** LOGOS – *15 Yard Penalty*

## **LOGOS – Feb. 7 - Schedule**

**Set-up:** Kris Droegmiller, Roxanne Stevenson

**Snack Servers:** Jean Meier, Mary Jane Gebers

**Cook Team:** Susan Endrulat, Leah Harriman, Connie Werner, Sylvia Carstens, Bonnie Wallace

**Clean-up:** Chad & Keely Dutler, Eric & Steph Dutler, Connie Anfinson, Lisa Johnson, Angie Putensen

**Wash Table Cloths:** Alyssa Dreeszen

**Wash Towels:** Alyssa Dreeszen

**Home Bakers:** Eileen Ostermann, Jackie Meyer, Jean Meier, Sylvia Carstens, Mary Jane Gebers



Suggested donations for the **Community Basket** during the month **February** are laundry items. You may place your donations in the box under the coatrack in the north entrance.



*Hospital report at the time of printing...*

*No one is in the hospital at this time.*

*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) or the Church Office (368-2228).*

**FYI:** We have been informed that Dave Schmidt has moved to Sunrise Hill Care Center  
909 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Traer, IA 50675

This move is so that Michael and his family can spend more time with Dave and get to see him every day.

After much consideration and talking with the Trustees and Council they have decided to change our phone and internet provider. Our phone numbers will stay the same so that will not be a problem, but our e-mail address will change on February 1. Please change that in your computers and phones. Our new address will be:

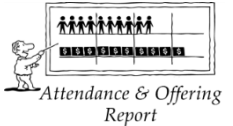
[holsteinstpaulchurch@gmail.com](mailto:holsteinstpaulchurch@gmail.com)

I will be sending out a mass email later this week to help you with that transition so you should be able to just add me and delete the other e-mail address. If you have any questions or problems with this please let me know at the office.

*The Knights of Columbus will be having Fish Fry's on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. They will be serving at the Sacred Heart Church Hall, 800 N. Main St., Ida Grove, from 4:30 pm – 7 pm. Advance tickets for adults are \$9(\$10 at the door). Children ages 6-12 are \$5 in advance (\$6 at the door). 5 and under are FREE. Carry-outs will be available.*

*This Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> we will be installing the new Council Members and New Task Force Members. So please plan on attending our 9 am Worship service.*

**Congregational Close-up  
Worship Service Attendance**



**January 28, 2018**

**9:00 Worship – 133      Sunday School – 19**

**Treasurer's Report for the week of Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>**

**BENEVOLENCE**

**LOCAL**

**Sioux City Gospel Mission ..... \$10.00**

**IOWA**

**ELCA Western Iowa Synod ..... \$**

**GLOBAL**

**Darla Hanson mission ..... \$250.00**

**CURRENT**

**General Fund..... \$2,437.00**

**Loose Plate..... \$42.10**

**Communion..... \$41.00**

**LOGOS-donations-Lutheran ..... \$20.00**

**LOGOS-table parent fees ..... \$**

**Wee Wisdom-fees ..... \$120.00**

**Bldg ..... \$1,535.00**

**Bldg-Sunday School Renovation ..... \$**

**Bldg-kitchen..... \$**

**Total Income Jan. 28, 2018..... \$**

*Of the offering above,*

***\$325 was given electronically to multiple funds.***

**Baptism Anniversaries**

(February 1 – February 7)

2-1: Marilyn Benson, Rick Heaton

2-3: Beau Butcher

2-4: Pamela Clausen, Audrey Flogstad

2-6: Steven Vohs

2-7: Stella Doxtad



## *Birthday Anniversaries*

(February 1 – February 7)



2-1: Krystal Peterson, Connie Werner  
2-2: Ruth Bergmann  
2-3: Pamela Clausen  
2-4: Cassondra Todd  
2-5: Vickie Heck  
2-6: Brecken Bechtold, Graham Boling  
2-7: Isaiah Miller

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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.

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## **THRIVENT MEMBERS**

Thrivent Members please be advised that you need to direct your **Choice Dollars by March 1** to the organization of your choice. These benefits are separate of your Action Team Dollars. If you are not a computer person and do not want help through our congregation members Jan Buenger, Jane Breyfogle or Diane Droegmiller, you can call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 to contribute these funds. You will need your member card when you make your call and it can be done verbally. If you fail to direct by March 1<sup>st</sup> these funds available to you will disappear and you will begin gathering other dollars for another year.

There are many different causes which you could contribute your Action Team dollars. This year you will again have two \$250 opportunities to make your church and or community a better place. Please do not let these benefits go untapped. We will be reminding you monthly of your benefits thru our bulletin. We have a wonderful opportunity to direct these funds to our church renovations, Bible school, Logos, Girls Scouts, Boys Scouts, Lohff Schumann, School, Preschool, Stubbs Memorial Library and many other opportunities. It is important that when you make an application for an Action Team you need to contact our church to inform us. When we are not notified, we run the risk of another application for the same event and subsequent denials. We have to have a record of these applications and will need this information reported to the church office monthly. Thank you for your help in this matter.

## **THANK YOU!**

**PRAYERS  
OF Thanks**

A warm thank you to our church family for supporting the brunch on Sunday! Your generous donations in the amount of just over \$1000 will be a wonderful blessing to the United Christians International families! A special thank you to Diane and Harold Droegmiller for the Thrivent money dedicated to purchasing the groceries for the brunch and to Cindy Dittmer for donating the 20 dozen eggs needed. Karen Brunelle, your wee hours of the morning cinnamon roll baking was well received!! Thank YOU also! The volunteers that came to help serve the brunch were amazed by the vitality of our congregation and by your continued support and generosity. Please keep the mission team in your prayers as they prepare for their trip, March 7-14.

God's Blessings, Caleb, Liz and Dave Kistenmacher

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The Farmer's Almanac predicted that this winter would last well into March, anticipating a cold outbreak in February.

To get in the spirit of Groundhog Day — whether you want six more weeks of winter or not — here are some fun facts about the holiday:

- Punxsutawney Phil is the official groundhog forecaster on February 2, but many states have their own (like New York's Pothole Pete).
- Groundhogs typically weigh between 12 and 15 pounds; Phil is 22 pounds.
- Groundhogs only live six to eight years, but folklore suggests that Phil sips a magical drink that gives him seven more years of life.
- The Germans originally chose a hedgehog as their animal forecaster. They turned to groundhogs instead when they discovered a large amount of them in Pennsylvania.
- Hibernation is similar to being in a coma. When groundhogs hibernate, their heart rates drop to five beats per minute and they can lose up to 30 percent of their body fat.

So, what's your prediction? More wintry weather, or blue skies and sunshine?



*The Annual Meeting of St. Paul Lutheran Church was held Sunday, January 28. The following people were elected to serve in the positions of leadership on the Church Council:*

**Trustee:** Mary Jane Gebers

**Elder:** Susan Endrulat

**Deacons:** Phil Burk and Ken Lamp

**Parish Education:** Krystal Peterson

*Selected to serve as Congregation Committee and Task Force members are:*

**Gifts and Memorials:** Joy Wulf and Deb Krager

**Nominating:** Barb Stratton and Lori Volkert

**Foundation:** Kelby Wulf and Leo Schimmer

**Historian:** Jean Meier

**Stewardship/Evangelism:** Cindy Dittmer & Laura Peuse

**Church Properties:** Aaron Nedved and Andrew Galvin

**Parish Education:** Laura Burk and Megan Todd

**Youth & Lay Ministries:** Tyler Gebers & Alyssa Dreeszen

**Service in Mission:** Melba Smith, Sandy Jensen,  
Kim Stevenson, Eric Hanson

**Convention Delegates:** Thad and Deb Bagenstos

**Alternate Delegates:** Harold and Diane Droegmiller

*Thank you to the outgoing Council members for their years of dedicated service to the Congregation at St. Paul Church:*

**Jerry Sindt,** Trustee

**Laura Peuse,** Elder

**Eric Hanson and Tyler Gebers,** Deacons

**Libby Bagenstos,** Parish Education

*Thank you also to all the people that volunteered their time and talents throughout the year. It takes many people to make the body of the church work well. Thank you for all that you do!*

## ELCA Youth Ministry Extravaganza in Houston

Kris and I are very thankful for the opportunity you provided us to attend the youth ministry conference in Houston this past weekend. We were able to visit some of the sights our youth will see at the summer Youth Gathering in June, worship with over 900 other youth workers from across the country, and be challenged and inspired by high quality workshops touching on various topics and themes. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to be surrounded by and be in conversation with people that share our same passions and to be spiritually fed by wonderful preaching and teaching.

Our youth and adult participants that go to Houston in June will have a wonderful learning experience along with the fun that comes from being with 30,000 (or more) other youth and adults whose love of Jesus and commitment to living in response to God's love shines brightly. We learned that much of work to be done from recent hurricane damage has been accomplished through a great local community response of helping others. There are likely work projects yet to be done by the rotations of youth at the gathering, however, we know that the most transformational work can happen in hearing the stories of people who are working with or personally dealing with social injustices like poverty, homelessness, racism, etc. Education and building relationships is the key to having a change of heart and broadening our perspectives. It is this attitude that will help us in seeing the needs around us regardless of our location, and give us the ability to work in our own local situations to identify needs and act to solve injustices. That is our hope for the youth who will go to Houston this summer, and our goal in all the ministries at St. Paul. We know that this mission focus was highlighted at the annual meeting, and we look forward to our continued tasks together of being God's Hands in God's Work.

Thank you again!

Jim and Kris