

Announcements for Sunday, February 4, 2018

As we draw close to God in worship, let us also draw close to others in love and friendship. Pray earnestly, sing joyously, listen intently and greet one another sincerely.

To our guests, we extend our warmest greetings to you and pray that God will bless you as you visit today. If you are searching for a Church home, we invite you to consider being a part of the St. Paul family. If you would like to know more about becoming a member, check the little box on the St. Paul Care Card or call the Church Office (815-963-5435). Please join us for worship again soon.

Serving in God's House at Central Site Today:

Ushers: 8:00am – Group 3

Preacher: Pastor Fisk

Elder: Aaron Temple

Serving in God's House at Northwest Site Today:

Preacher: Pastor Fisk **Ushers:** Group B

Elder: Scott Sautel

Altar Flowers are provided at the Northwest Site to the glory of God by the family of Anita Horst in honor of her birthday, today!

Bulletins are provided today by the family of Anita Horst in honor of her birthday, today!

Prayer for the Day is a daily devotional ministry. To hear a devotion recorded by Pastor Ciprys, please call the special Prayer for the Day phone number (815-963-7641) and then press 3 when the call is answered.

St. Paul Care Cards – We hope you will fill yours out so we can take note that you were here. Please pass the completed cards toward the inside aisle *during the offering* for pickup by the usher. At the same time, please also pass in any unused cards so that we might reuse them another time. They will be picked up afterward as the usher comes back from the altar.

Attention! NO Monday Morning Bible Class tomorrow morning.

EVERYONE WHO IS AVAILABLE is welcome and invited to come to this month's LADIES GUILD MEETING. The program "Culinary Clues" will be presented on Wednesday, February 7th at 1:00pm at the NW Site. Mark Weidner, our own in-house-chef, will share some of his trade secrets to prepare and serve meals. MITES should be turned in from our last meeting along with the nickels from your 2017 Christmas stocking.

Join us for Sunday School! Beginning 2/11/18, all children Pre-K through High School are invited to attend Sunday School at the Central Site at 9:15am in the school band room. There will be three classes: **Pre-K - 5th** grade will be learning how the Holy Spirit leads the apostles - led by Mrs. Woolery and Mrs. Grocholl; **6th - 8th** grade will be studying Luther's Catechism and how it applies to their lives - led by Mr. Sautel; **High School** age students will have devotion time and a surprise!! – led by Mrs. Temple. Don't miss out on the four M's of Sunday School this year – MUSIC, MISSIONS, MEMORY VERSE AND MESSAGE!

Mission Accomplished!! Since September 2016, St. Paul's Sunday School children have collected \$30.00 to send to Africa for the purchase of mosquito nets to help fight the battle against malaria, \$50.00 to send to the American Bible Society to purchase 10 Bibles for our U.S. Troops, \$85.00 for Lutheran World Relief to purchase a piglet and chicken with chicks to send to families in need overseas, \$90.00 for Rockford's local Carpenter's Place to help those who are homeless and in need of job training, \$146.00 for Lutheran's in Africa who are building seminaries in Kenya, \$61.00 for Lutheran World Relief to purchase ducks and worms to improve gardens of families in need overseas, and canned goods plus \$43 to the Rockford Rescue Mission. NEXT UP....We are collecting offerings for the Orphan Grain Train. Thank you, kids, for your enthusiasm to share!!

Are you interested in being a St. Paul Bell Ringer? We have a small group that has been meeting on Sunday mornings during Sunday School time (9:15 am) in the band room. We are looking for a few more ringers High School age and up! No experience necessary! If you have questions, please see Liz Temple.

SUPER BOWL SUBS - Remember to pick up your subs this morning from the SPYS. They will be at both sites.

Knitting ETC and Community Activity Day Potluck will be held at the NW Site on February 8th. Please come and join us in fun, food and fellowship. Bring a dish to share, everything else will be provided. We have a good time and keep in touch with each other. Invite a friend and come join us. If you are wondering what **Knitting ETC** is all about it is for anyone who wants to join in any type of handwork or project at all. Bring your project along each Thursday at 11:00 or just come when that day is available for you. We learn from each other and have a good time together. In addition to working on personal projects we have made donations to a variety of charity projects.

Community Activity Day is for folks who have the 2nd Thursday time available that would like to join together for some type of activity. A variety of options are available such as a game or discussion or whatever we together come up with to do. It is for **ALL** to come together and decide where this goes. Ideas are welcome. If you have any questions or for more information please call Lowes Eggert at 815-742-5788 or Olaf Bauschke at 815-282-2706.

Keep saving your Box Tops! Mrs. Temple will be sending them in soon!

St. Paul School News

Volunteer opportunities for St. Paul School!

Pre-School Aide

An hour or two a day(s) Monday - Friday
Help with snack time
Classroom Activities
Any other ways you can help!

Lunch Room Aide

Monday – Friday, Noon – 12:30pm.

Please contact Sue in the school office (815-965-3335) if you are willing to help with any of these opportunities.

Rockford IceHogs Lutheran Schools Night Friday, February 9th, 2018 7:00pm

Support the work of the Greater Rockford Area Lutheran Schools at a Rockford Icehogs game as they take on their division rivals, the Milwaukee Admirals. Five dollars from each ticket purchased through this promotion will go back to St. Paul. Ticket price is \$15.00. You can buy tickets from any of our St. Paul Students, as they will be eligible for a prize depending on how many tickets they sell! Or you can call the school/church office at 815-963-5435.

Thank you to Jon Schucknecht for his assistance with upper grade math.

Thank you to our volunteers, Laura Garey and Tracy Cartwright for coordinating our Pizza Wednesday's! The kid's are very excited to have the Pizza Wednesday's back!

Library Aide

Thank you to Donna Mueller for volunteering her time as a Library Aide and for organizing the books for the K-4th graders!

8:30am/10:30am

We Worshipped God Last Week: 87/91 = 178

We Worshipped God Last Year: 63/45/47=155

Sunday Morning Bible Class: 37

Sunday School: Central: 11

Monday Morning Bible Class: Cancelled

This Week at St. Paul

Sunday, February 4th

8:00am – Worship/Communion (Central Site)

9:15am – Bible Class/Sunday School (Central Site)

10:30am –Worship (Northwest Site)

11:45am – Jr. Confirmation (Northwest Site)

Monday, February 5th

NO Monday Morning Bible Class (Undercroft)

6:30pm – 4th & 5th Battle of the Brains (Lutheran High School)

Tuesday, February 6th

9:00am - Piecemakers (Northwest Site)

5:30pm – Trustees

6:30pm – Board of Education

Wednesday, February 7th

7:00am – 8:15am – Men's Devo & Prayer (Spring Garden-Loves Park)

8:20am – Chapel

1:00pm – Ladies Guild Meeting (Northwest Site)

Thursday, February 8th

11:00am – Knitting Etc. & Community Activity Potluck (Northwest Site)

6:00pm – Chancel Choir (Northwest Site)

Friday, February 9th

7:00pm – Lutheran Schools Night IceHogs Game (BMO)

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+ Intercessions & Thanksgivings +
February 4th, 2018
Please remember in your prayers this week:

Those who celebrate Anniversaries: Darrel & Vicki Guler, Bob & Jane Edmonds (January 23).

Those with special needs: Bonnie Ciprys, Fran Dettman, Helen Dobratz, Jane Edmonds, Lillian Enge, Shirley France, Gerry Hill, Joan Kern, Margie Mahon, Jan Pope, Dewey Starnes, Gene & Margaret Thornton,

Our members of the week: Alyce Fath, Dana Ferguson, Ray & Char Ferguson, Trent Ferguson, Ed & Sue Foerster & Dari Curry, Derek Curry & Allaya Darnell.

Our Shut-Ins: Gerhardt Lichtfuss, Emil Hahn, Pat Atwood.

Our Service men & women: Zack Beck (Army), Christopher Dierking (Army), Levi Thies (Marines), Nathan Mallow (Air Force), Justin Hartenberger (Marines), Seth Best (Army), Nick Weidner (Marines), Kaylea Cortes (Air Force), Brittany Smith-Troxell (Illinois National Guard) and those serving at home and abroad along with their families who wait for their return.

Prayer Requests from the St. Paul Care Cards: For the unemployed and underemployed, continued healing & strength for baby Hope, baby Huntley, baby Ellie, Doug, Betty, Tiffani, Dewey, Tyler, Linda, Deb, Kelly, Lora's family, and all those suffering, for all with cancer, for those depressed, Janelle & family, for our Country's leaders, the community housing options for special needs people, our church and school, family relationships, Jake, strong faith, Miguel, Moises, blessings for St. Paul School as we move forward in our ministries, God's guidance for the church.

Prayer: – "O Lord, our God, the world is a perplexing place with the devil himself prowling like a roaring lion, seeking to devour us from every side. Even friends, neighbors and family can and do betray us at times. We at times do the same to You and them. Yet You are our faithful Lord, who never leaves or forsakes us. Your faithfulness is un failing, especially in that you sent Your own Son Jesus to become part of the chaos of this world to rescue us through His fully obedient life on our behalf, His sacrificial death on the cross in payment for our sin, and His victorious resurrection so that we can find our eternal deliverance in Him. Great is Thy Faithfulness, O Lord, our God! Keep us faithful in and to You. Amen."