

## **Announcements for Sunday, February 11, 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 Schwichtenberg

**Elder:** Aaron Temple

### **Serving in God's House at Northwest Site Today:**

**Preacher:** Pastor Schwichtenberg   **Ushers:** Group C

**Elder:** Scott Sautel

**Altar Flowers** are provided at the Central Site to the glory of God today by Vicky Hubbard in loving memory of her mom, Emily Oetting's, 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Receiving Holy Communion** - The Bible teaches us to receive communion after faithful preparation. If you recognize the true body and blood of Jesus in The Lord's Supper and sincerely come in repentance and share in fellowship with the teachings of our church, you are making proper preparation. Grape juice with a drop of wine in individual cups are available upon request. ***We also have gluten free wafers available for those who have are allergic to gluten products. Please inform the Pastor, an Elder or Usher prior to communion so we may make this readily available.*** If you have not communed at St. Paul before, please talk to the Pastor before Communion. God bless our sharing of His Supper.

**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.

**Ash Wednesday** is next Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Our services will be 10:30am at the Central Site and 7:00pm at the Northwest Site. As in the past year, we will make use of ashes in the services for those willing to do so to remind us of our need of forgiveness but also it's deliverance through the sign of the cross.

**POTLUCK LUNCHES WILL NOT** be hosted by Ladies Guild after the 10:30am Lenten Services during February. The kitchen in the Undercroft is presently unusable, and until repairs and renovations are completed the Potluck Lunches WILL NOT take place.

**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 - 5<sup>th</sup>** grade will be learning how the Holy Spirit leads the apostles - led by Mrs. Woolery and Mrs. Grocholl; **6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>** 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.

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

## St. Paul Lutheran School News

**Mark your calendars!** St. Pauliday is scheduled for February 27<sup>th</sup> at Portillos from 5:00-8:00. Tell your family and friends and take a night off from cooking and enjoy the food and company at Portillos! St. Paul makes 20% of the proceeds from that night! You must have a flyer or show the ad on your phone in order for it to count towards St. Paul. Flyers will be available at both sites in the Narthex.

**Congratulations** to the students and families of St. Paul! We sold the most Ice Hog tickets out of all the Lutheran Schools in the area! Way to go students and parents!

**Empower Illinois SGO Application Update:** As a result of technology problems when the application was opened last week, we are still likely at least two weeks away from making the application available. An exact date has not been determined but ***we will provide at least one week notice before the application reopens.*** It's important to remember that this is a delay only and does not impact the availability of scholarships from us or other SGOs in the state. The program has received \$45 million in pledges and we are all working hard to raise more for Illinois kids.

### 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.

**Thank you** to Jon Schuknecht 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!

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

***We Worshipped God Last Week:38/117 = 155***  
***We Worshipped God Last Year: 52/72=155***  
***Sunday Morning Bible Class: 31***  
***Sunday School: Central: 8***  
***Monday Morning Bible Class: Cancelled***

**This Week at St. Paul**

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am – Worship (Central Site)  
9:15am – Bible Class/Sunday School (Central Site)  
10:30am –Worship/Communion (Northwest Site)  
11:45am – Jr. Confirmation (Northwest Site)

**Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

**NO** Monday Morning Bible Class (Undercroft)

**Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am - Piecemakers (Northwest Site)

**Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday**

7:00am – 8:15am – Men’s Devo & Prayer (Spring Garden-Loves Park)  
10:30am – Ash Wednesday Worship (Central Site)  
7:00pm – Ash Wednesday Worship (Northwest Site)

**Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> “Epistle” Deadline**

11:00am – Knitting Etc. & Community Activity Potluck (Northwest Site)  
6:00pm – Chancel Choir (Northwest Site)

**Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Tournament

**Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

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**Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am – Worship/Communion (Central Site)  
9:15am – Bible Class/Sunday School (Central Site)  
10:30am –Worship/Communion (Northwest Site)  
11:45am – Jr. Confirmation (Northwest Site)  
11:45am – Elders Meeting (Northwest Site)

**+ Intercessions & Thanksgivings +**  
**February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

**Those who celebrate Anniversaries:** James & Lavinia Emanuel

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

**Those who grieve: Dorothy & Toni Beck** and family as they grieve the death of Dorothy's mother, Hilda Wittmann. **Jennifer & Mike Rolando** and family as they grieve the death of Jennifer's mother, Georgetta Starnes. May the resurrection of Jesus Christ bring peace, hope and comfort to all who grieve.

**Our members of the week:** Gayle Foss, Jim & Judy Friemuth, Diana Frion, Lukas & Jodi Fuchs, Vi Giardini.

**Our Shut-Ins:** Joyce Mueller, Luella Moore, Henriette Whale

**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, 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, birthday blessings for Jason.

**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."