

**DEC 2018**

This newsletter is a monthly publication of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Articles and information pertinent to the life and mission of the congregation may be submitted to the church office or by email. Space limitations may require editing of material.

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Meets 2nd  
Monday of each  
month

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# St. Paul Lutheran Church



*Greetings and His peace to you!*

We are now in the season of Advent. We'll be in the Advent season right up to the 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve. That's nearly the whole month of December. It is right that we should celebrate this season for such a lengthy period of time as without it we wouldn't have forgiveness or salvation.

Hey Pastor, are you sure you aren't talking about Easter? Well, I could be but in this case no. The word *advent* is a Latin word that means 'coming.' If Jesus didn't *come* down and live among us, there would have been no resurrection and no salvation for us. It's the reason we continue to have worship on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week. It is to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior. Each Sunday is a 'mini' Easter celebration. And why shouldn't we celebrate our savior's victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil? After all, Jesus did it to save God's creation and we're part of that creation. We would be in more than just dire straits without the love and grace we receive from God. But it all started from the very beginning, when God gave His promise to save us. He promised that a THE Messiah would be *coming* and the Advent season is both to rejoice that He **IS** come and He *will come again* on the Last Day to take all believers with Him to heaven! We have received the ultimate forgiveness from God through His Son, Jesus the Christ. God does still want us to confess to Him when we sin. And one of the ways we do is in that part of the Lord's Prayer where we pray, "***And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.***" Martin Luther, in the Small Catechism calls this the **5<sup>th</sup> Petition** of the Lord's Prayer.

In this request part, we are asking God to NOT look at our sins or deny our prayers because of our sins. Luther continues in the meaning of the 5<sup>th</sup> Petition, "***We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So, we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.***"

We were born into sin and our fallen human nature prevents us from being in a ‘right’ relationship with God, and because of that we are not worthy to ask God for anything. With the forgiveness that we have because of Jesus, we are seen as being ‘right’ with God and we can pray to God with the confidence and joy that only comes with the certainty of forgiveness.

You and I were forgiven through Jesus and because of that God wants us to forgive others in the same way He has forgiven us. This is rightly so as Jesus died and was raised for **all** people. God wants us to forgive as He forgave us and we should because of the grace He has shown to us.

Forgiving another who has sinned against you is never easy. It’s hard because of our nature and this is why God gives us the strength to step out of our comfort zone and go to that person and either ask for forgiveness or forgive that person.

Forgiveness is so important to God that in **Matthew 5:23-24** God want us to “***be reconciled***” with our brother (or sister) *before* making an offering on His altar. Did you catch that? **BEFORE** making an offer to God! It’s that important to Him. God also gave us instructions in **Matthew 18** that tell us how to go about reconciling with him. Bottom line is it’s very important to God ... after all, His one and only Son *has come* to reconcile us to Him.

Have a blessed month and God’s richest blessings to you!

Your fellow servant in His name,  
Pastor Mike Metzler



# Church News

**December Ushers:**

Art Schroeder  
Dutch Schroeder

**December Elders:**

Toby Hickle  
Matt Maser

**Acolyte Schedule:**

Dec. 2: Ben  
Dec. 9: Everett  
Dec. 16: Cam  
Dec. 23: Chase  
Dec. 24: Everett (3pm)  
Ben (10pm)  
Dec. 25: *(open)*  
Dec. 30: Carlie

**Advent Wednesday:**

Dec 5: Cam  
Dec. 12: Carlie  
Dec. 19: Cam

**Flower Chart:**

2nd: Wendy Kottke  
.....in loving memory of Beth  
9th: Greg and Connie Odendahl  
.....in honor of grandson, Edward's birthday  
16th: Matt and Jayne Maser  
.....in honor of John's birthday  
23rd: Toby and Yonna Hickle  
30th: *(open)*





**Our Stewardship**

(Oct 26, 2018 to Nov 25, 2018)

General .....	\$8,387.00
OE-Youth .....	\$750.00
OE-Little Lambs .....	\$100.00
OE-CASE.....	\$100.00
OE-Furnace .....	\$750.00
OE-General .....	\$2,380.00
Missions .....	\$15.00
Little Lambs .....	\$115.00
GermanFest .....	\$160.00
Sunday School.....	\$30.00
Altar Flowers.....	\$402.00
CASE.....	\$600.00
Youth Group.....	\$50.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$13,839.00</b>

**December 2018**

- 1st: Eddie Odendahl
- 2nd: Aaron and Tracy Peterson
- 3rd: Jeff Rogneby
- 4th: Sue Davis
- 9th: Warren Bottleson
- 10th: Charlotte Rabe
- 11th: Jan Althoff  
Joan Norman  
Eddie and Kelsey Odendahl
- 15th: Levi Hickle
- 16th: Vern Volk  
John Maser
- 17th: Angie Hickle
- 19th: Brooke Tracy
- 20th: Jennifer Kubesh  
Trent Rabe  
Zander Klar
- 22nd: Connie Odendahl
- 24th: Jacob Maser
- 25th: Baby Jesus
- 28th: Greg Odendahl
- 31st: Bronson Mans

*If we are missing anyone, please let Jennifer or Cydelle know! Thank you.*

Please submit articles for the newsletter to Cydelle Klандe [cydelleklандe@gmail.com](mailto:cydelleklандe@gmail.com)

**The deadline for information for the January newsletter is December 21, 2018.**

**Shut-Ins:**

Mona Klar, Lorraine Robbins, Bob and Lois Kendall, Jean Lyon, Janice Ladd, and Pat Kunze



## **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**Holiday Decoration:** Sunday, December 2nd after worship

**Mid-week Advent Service:**

December 5, 12, 19

Soup and Sandwich Potluck at 6pm

Worship Service at 7pm

**The Garms Family Concert:**

Saturday, December 15th at 6pm

**Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup Supper** being served prior to the concert. 4:30 to 5:30pm. Free will offering to support youth group going to LCMS National Youth Gathering in July 2019.

**Sunday School Christmas Program:** Sunday, Dec 16th at 9am

**Caroling:** Sunday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, time TBD

**Little Lambs Program:** Tuesday, December 18th at 6:30pm

**Christmas Eve Service:** 3pm and 10pm

**Christmas Day Service:** 9am



# CASE

If you want to bring in a snack or homemade cookies, please let us know.

For safety reasons, we will be locking the doors at 3pm during our chapel, and classroom time. If you need to pick up your child early, you will need to let someone know.

## CASE Schedule:

**Dec. 5, 12, 19**

**(No Case during Christmas break, 26th and Jan 2nd)**

**January 9, 16, 23, 30**

**Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27**

**March 6, 13, 20**

**(No Case during spring break, March 27th)**

**April 3, 10, 24**

**(no case on April 17th)**

**May 1, 8, 15**

**Last day will be on May 15th.**



The schedule may change during the year, we will let you know if anything changes. Any questions, talk to Jayne, Yonna, Jennifer, or Pastor Mike. Thanks

## Little Lambs Preschool

The preschoolers are spending a lot of time reading and honing our prewriting/fine motor skills. We sing and dance a lot with the very wet mornings we have been having. And we are getting really good at listening and retaining our bible lesson each week.

Our preschool program will be on Tuesday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there.

~Alyssa~

# Youth Circuit Update

Hello everyone and blessings to you all!

For every newsletter I will say a little bit about what it is I have been doing to serve your congregations of the Kettle River Circuit. This is something your churches and I have decided to do to keep you all informed.

Since July I have been getting to know all the congregations and youth through visiting and helping out during events and church services. In September, Zion Lutheran Church in Mora hosted the Confirmation Retreat that was great! We had 19 confirmands and 9 adults. In October, we had a Circuit Youth Gathering which also went well. It was hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church in Isle and we had 25 youth join us and 9 adults! In between these events I plan for the next event.

I also have been helping the youth leaders with anything that they may have questions on pertaining to youth ministry and especially with the upcoming National Youth Gathering. The November youth gathering will be on the 30th at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hinckley. Since it is so close to the end of the month, I will let you all know how it went in January's newsletter. Other than planning the Circuit Youth Gatherings in November, January, March, and May, I was able to attend Peace Lutheran Church, Finlayson's youth group and led some games with them.

Please let me know of youth events or meetings of your youth groups so that I may come and get to know the youth and congregations of the circuit. Also, I am going to start meeting with the youth leaders of our circuit to visit with them, see how they are doing, and to ask them what their needs or concerns are. There will also be a circuit youth board meeting in January at Trinity Lutheran, Isle. Watch for more news about these events!

Thank you!

LeAnn Gregoire

Circuit Youth/Lay Worker



# Youth Group

## Youth Group Upcoming Events

### **CHICKEN SOUP and CHILI NEEDED!**

Church members, youth families, anyone willing! If you would be willing to donate chili or chicken noodle soup to help with the dinner prior to the Garm's Family Concert please sign up or let Rebecca know as soon as possible. Youth group will be serving a free will offering meal prior to the concert from 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm. THANK YOU!

**Youth Group Meeting** – Wednesday, December 12, 6pm, grades 7-12. Dinner and devotion. Then create Christmas gift packages for shut-ins. Let Rebecca know if you would like to contribute something to put into the gift packages – food, small Christmas item, etc.

**Garm's Family Concert – Soup Supper** – Saturday, December 15. Youth and parent **help needed** to serve the supper. Arrive to help by 4 pm. Serving 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm. Concert at 6 pm. Saturday, December 15. Let Rebecca know if you can help.

**Caroling and gift package delivery** – Sunday, December 16. Come spread the job of Christ's birth to our shut-ins and others in the community.

**January Preview**-Dates to be finalized in next newsletter.

**Family Event** – all families, all church members, all ages – Tubing at Eko Backen – January 20 or 27.

**Fundraiser** – Casserole Sale

**Fellowship** – Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup>

**Youth Group meetings** – Wednesdays – 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>





**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
**Unapproved council minutes**  
**11-12-2018**

Present: Tonette Peterson, Tracy Peterson, Aaron Peterson, Matt Maser, Jennifer Kubesh, Tony Nelson, Greg Kroschel, Pastor Mike, Cydelle Klande, Toby Hickle, Carol Robinson, John Frank

Meeting was called to order by John at 7:03 pm. Pastor opened with a prayer.

Secretary's report was accepted as read upon motion by Greg and second by Carol.

Treasurer's report accepted as read upon motion by Tracy and second by Toby

Income: \$96,591.43            Net Income \$8,179.53

Expense \$88,411.90

Checking \$20,515.16

Savings \$73,287.72

Pastor's report: home visits, office visits, Bible Studies, attended various meetings, Little Lambs lessons, CASE, elders meeting, pre marital counseling, confirmation class, youth meetings and activities, newspaper articles, preformed a vow renewal, Germanfest, LWML rally, confirmation class

Old Business:

\*Lighting outside is complete. Thank you Matt Maser!

\*Shutters are in the works.

\*Bookshelves to expand the library have been looked into. Just waiting for estimates.

\*Hymn boards were purchased and are here. They will be hung up soon!

New Business:

\*Church decorating will be December 2<sup>nd</sup> after worship.

\*Caroling will be Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, with time to be determined.

\* We will get bids from Gerald Schmidt, Elliotts Lawncare, and Trent Rabe for snow removal. Motion by Carol and second by Cydelle to accept the lowest bid and start asap.

\*A snowfence needs to be placed by the pillars and doors. The trustees will work on this in the next couple days.

\* Benches in the picnic shelter need to be moved to the center. Trustees will do this.

\*Poles will be placed by the trustees, marking the perimeter for plowing.

\*.Youth is helping serve the soup supper prior to the Garms concert on December 15<sup>th</sup>

\*The education leaders have received some of the materials they have ordered.

\*.2019 elections will include Chairman, Vice Chairman, 2 Trustees, 2 Elders, and Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm upon motion by Cydelle and second by Carol, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Tonette Peterson



# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

405 2nd Street NW, Hinckley

Presents

## LIVE IN CONCERT

# THE GARMS FAMILY

EIGHT VOICES, OVER 15 INSTRUMENTS, A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 · 6 PM**

*Free music event with free will offering*

*Come relax and enjoy some wonderful Christmas music*

**Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup Supper**

*will be served prior to the concert.*

**4:30 pm to 5:30 pm**

*Free will offering to support our Youth Group*



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**DECEMBER 2018**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2 9am Worship <b>HOLIDAY DECORATING</b> 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10am Confirmation 7pm Bible Study	3	4	5 10am Bible Study 2:30pm CASE 6pm Soup/Sandwich 7pm Worship	6	7	8
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16 <b>9am Sunday School Program</b> 10am Fellowship 10am Confirmation <b>Tbd...Caroling</b> 7pm Bible Study	17	18 <b>6:30pm Little Lambs Program</b>	19 10am Bible Study 2:30pm CASE 6pm Soup/Sandwich 7pm Worship	20	21 Newsletter deadline	22
23 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship	24 <b>3pm Christmas Eve Service</b> <b>10pm Christmas Eve Service</b>	25 <b>9am CHRISTMAS DAY Service</b>	26 10am Bible Study NO CASE Enjoy your break!!!	27	28	29
30 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship	31					

# COME JOIN OUR WORSHIPPING FAMILY

**December 2018**

For God so Loved the World



**Worship: Sunday at 9:00 am**

**Sunday School: Sunday at 10 am**

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