



The First Sunday after Epiphany
January 7th and January 8th, 2018
Our Mission: God's Love Shining through Us
. . . Opening doors and changing lives!

+ ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK AT St. Paul Lutheran +

(leb=lower education bldg., ueb=upper education bldg., ufh=upper fellowship hall, lfh=lower fellowship hall, cr=conference room, tgp=the gathering place, klgr = KREW large group room next to library in leb, dchr=downstairs choir room)

Sunday	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:20 AM 9:30 AM 10:45 AM 6:00 PM	EPIPHANY/BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY Worship Youth Choir rehearsal (dchr) Breakfast – Everyone invited! KREW/HSBC Worship/Communion God Squad – Middle School Youth night
Monday	7:00 PM 8:00 PM	EPIPHANY/BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY Worship/Communion Bible Study – Epiphany (ueb)
Tuesday	9:00 AM 9:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Common Threads (ueb) Bible Study – Epiphany (cr) FREE COMMUNITY DINNER Bell Choir rehearsal Buffalo Burrito Delivery Team Women's Bible Study (ueb)
Wednesday	11:00 AM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Bible Study – Epiphany (ueb) Aktion Club of NF and Lockport (lib) Church Council meeting (cr) Stained Glass rehearsal
Thursday	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Psalms Bible Study and mile walk Book Club (cr) Tai Chi 1 st Year Confirmation Class 2 nd Year Confirmation Class Choir Rehearsal Boy Scouts
Friday		
Saturday		

BULLETIN ARTICLES must be in no later than Thursday at noon to be included in the following Sunday. They may be emailed to:

stpaulnt@gmail.com

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Website: www.stpaulnt.com E-mail: stpaulnt@gmail.com
- Phone number: 716-692-3255 Fax number: 716-692-3643

GREETINGS from St. Paul: All first-time visitors should stop at The Information Center in The Gathering Place (TGP) for a special gift.

+ ASSISTANCE DURING our Worship Services +

FAMILIES: - Nursery Care is available upon request. Please speak with an usher if you would like to use the nursery. We also have a **Cry Room**, if you would like to sit with your restless child there. It is at the rear of the sanctuary and has a speaker, so you can listen to the worship service. There is a **Children's Message** at both Sunday services. Parents are welcome to accompany their children to the Children's message. We also have **Children's Church** (meets in lower education building) at the 10:45am service, for children age 3 - grade 3. Children are dismissed after the Children's message and return to the sanctuary after the sermon.

PERSONAL ASSIST HEARING DEVICES are available for use during the worship services. We also have **LARGE PRINT ORDER OF WORSHIP** (with copies of hymns attached). Both items are located on the windowsill, as you enter the sanctuary from The Gathering Place.

+ PRAYER CONCERNS for our St. Paul Family +

HEALING: Nancy Belling, Vanessa Carroll (Al Carroll IV's wife), Jim Dallmann, Janet Fleming, Joan Garlapo, Melissa Gattie, Ray Gundlach, Mary Hirner, Walter Janik, Norm Jansen, Nyla Klein, Christian Licht, Donna Manth, Jason Monroe, Mike Mueller, Mel Puscheck, Nancy Reichert, Connie Rindfleisch, Joanne Rowles, Ryan Schrader, Jim Staggers, Deborah Tyler and Kathy Warriner.

AT HOME: Joanne Heller, Bob Schuler, Roger Wehrung, Norma Witkop and Dawn Wurl.

HEALTHCARE FACILITIES: Patsy Batchelder (Polly Haeussler's mom), Mary Jo Bishop, Margaret Lindsey, Bob & Joyce Witkop and Betty Zuch.

MILITARY: Trevor Bowman, Matthew Daugherty, Eric Davis, Zachary Kijowski, Joe Kloc, Joshua Lindsley, Brian Mennes, Kyle Rae, Sonja Toye and Shannon Wilson.

We pray that you find God's love for you at St. Paul!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED "SCRIP" (Gift Cards). There was a good profit for St. Paul Christian Education programs. The total profit for 2017 will be calculated very soon and it will be posted in the bulletin. The new white forms for 2018 are available for ordering gift cards, which includes a couple new additions listed on the front page! Thanks for your continued support!

GOD SQUAD – TONIGHT - The Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8) will meet TONIGHT, Sunday, January 7 here at St. Paul from 6-8pm. Wear your comfiest pajamas and bring your favorite board game for a fun game night! All are welcome!

FUN NIGHT!! - Calling all 1st Graders through 5th Graders! We will be holding a Kids' Fun Night full of games, snacks, and lots of fun on Friday, January 26 from 6-8:30 pm! Please wear your sneakers! Please sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs. We're looking for parent volunteers for the evening. Thank you!

T.E.A.L. - SAVE THE DATE - The High School Youth Group (grades 9-12) will meet NEXT Sunday, January 14 here at St. Paul from 6:00-8:00pm. All are welcome! Bring a friend!

GREETERS NEEDED FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH to greet people and hand out bulletins at the Sanctuary entrance before the church service. If you are able to help with this important ministry, one or two times, please call the church office, or prayerfully consider saying yes if you are asked! Thank you for your help!

ST. PAUL FLEECE JACKETS may be picked up at the church office. Cost of each jacket is \$30. We will place another order in 2018.

VBS 2018 - Save the Date for Shipwrecked VBS! It will be July 30-August 3, here at St. Paul. Come be "Rescued by Jesus!"

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY GIFTS – This week (at the Sunday morning and Monday evening services) we celebrate the baptismal anniversary of everyone who was baptized over the past year. If you are someone who was baptized, if you have a child who was baptized, or if you know someone who was baptized here at St. Paul during the last year, please stop by the Family Ministry table for a special baptismal anniversary gift. We continue to pray for God's richest blessings to shine on you and your family in 2018!

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING 2019 - There will be a "Community Meeting" to prepare for the NYG in 2019 for all interested youth and their parent(s) on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Conference Room. Please bring your fundraiser ideas! We will also be discussing our upcoming Super Bowl Sub Sale. Thank you!

CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP - will be meeting on Thursday, January 18th from **7:00-8:00pm** in the Conference Room. If you or someone you know is caring for a loved one, we'd like to invite you to join us. Please spread the word. Everyone is welcome!

REMINDER - METABOLIC AND DIETARY SOLUTIONS SEMINAR – NEXT SUNDAY, **January 14, 2018** after late service, in the upper fellowship hall. A light lunch will be served. More details on the sign-up sheet is at the top of the stairs to The Gathering Place.

BREAKFAST TODAY, SUNDAY JANUARY 7, during the Education Hour in the Upper Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us for some delicious treats and fellowship!

2ND ANNUAL TASTE OF ST. PAUL will take place on Saturday, February 10 here at St. Paul! Get your taste buds ready for a delicious evening! Proceeds will go to Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center. A sign-up sheet is located on the kiosk in The Gathering Place for all of our wonderful cooks, chefs, and bakers in our congregation!

THANK YOU!! Thank you so much to everyone who supported this year's Angel Tree project sponsored by the Family Ministry Committee! It was so wonderful to see the Angel Tree become more and more adorned with beautiful angels throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons! Please know that each gift card donation is much appreciated and will make a huge difference. We know that many of you purchased your gift cards through the Scrip program here at St. Paul. Thank you for also supporting the Christian Education program through those purchases! Thank you for all of your generosity and your support.

PERSONAL RETREAT - our next Personal Retreat will be on Saturday, January 20 from 9:00am-11:00am. Come and spend some quiet time with your Lord. A light breakfast will be served, along with a Bible study and guides to help you focus on God and his love for you. You will find your own personal space here at the church, and clipboards will be provided for your use.

DAILY BIBLE READING 2018 CALENDARS are available at The Information Desk and at the breakfast on Sunday in the Upper Fellowship Hall. January's calendar begins with short selected readings from the New Testament in the books of Ephesians, Mark and Acts. Start 2018 with the life-changing habit of daily readings in God's Word!

FREE BOOKS - there is a table in The Gathering Place with religious books that have been donated. Please take any that you would like to read and keep or share with a friend.

****COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD**** Please see the bulletin board at the top of the stairs for the following:

- AT PIONEER CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER: Winter Family Fun Retreat, January 13-14 AND Purple Party for girls ages 8-14, January 19-20.

+ **SERVING our Lord January 7th and January 8th, 2018**

ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE:
Month of January: Carol Wendt and Marian Miller

FLOWER COMMITTEE:
Month of January: Denise Strasburg – 260-1324
Jackie Brodfuehrer – 692-0826

WEEKLY:

ELDERS: 8:00 AM - Paul Deppe
10:45 AM - Dennis Demmin
Monday 7:00 PM – Otto Achtziger

LAY READERS: 8:00 AM - Paul Deppe
10:45 AM - Dennis Demmin

USHERS: 8:00 AM - Dieter Zahn, Dennis Gurnett,
John Urban Jr. John Urban
10:45 AM - Larry Corsaro, Brandon Mullins,
Brian Hapeman, Forrest Wendt

ACOLYTES:
10:45 AM - Cole Darlak
Monday 7:00 PM – Savannah Diaz

GREETERS: 8:00 AM – Kathy and Steve Keller
10:45 AM - Shirley Wurl and Delores Ackerman
Monday 7:00 PM – Larry and Cheryl Wehling

(If you are Greeting, please arrive 15-30 minutes before the start of the service to hand out bulletins. Also, if you feel you cannot stand that entire time, please ask the Head Usher or Elder to bring you a folding chair. There are always some available in the Conference Room)

WEEK OF 12/31/2017-Income given for Weekly Operating Expenses - **\$11,083.50 – Thank you!**
Average needed weekly- **\$11,323.00**

AT WORSHIP week of 12/31/2017:

Sunday 8:00 AM - 98
Sunday 10:45 AM - 152
New Year's Eve - 63
No Monday Service

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - This week, there are three opportunities for Adult Bible study: Monday, January 8 at 8:00pm, Tuesday, January 9 at 9:30am and Wednesday, January 10 at 11:00am. Our topic is "Do you see what I see?", which is a study about the Epiphany of our Lord. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn more about the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus and his family, and what it means for us today.

During the week of January 14, we will begin a new Bible study series, "The Challenge of Islam, Part 2". This is a continuation of our study of Islam, from last year. The three phases of "jihad" or Muslim "holy war" are fully discussed in this study. Christians are offered encouragement and talking points when encountering Muslims on faith issues and sharing the hope they have in Christ Jesus. This study will last for 6 weeks. Please check the back of this bulletin for ALL Bible study information.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER – our next dinner is THIS Tuesday, January 9th from **4:00 to 6:00 PM. PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE.** Please see our Needs list on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Join us for wonderful food and fellowship! Thank you all for your support!

THE BOOK CLUB - For our meeting THIS Thursday, January 12th we are reading "When Christmas Comes" by Debbie Macomber. The book we will be reading for February 8th is "Killer of the Flower Moon" by David Grann. We meet in the conference room in The Gathering Place the second Thursday of each month from 11:00am to Noon. You are welcome to join us at any time! Any Questions, please contact Laura Mona, 693-5759 or Cheryl Wehling, 550-3541.

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY - we will again be taking photos for the directory, **Sunday, January 21 and Monday, January 22, 2018.** Please sign up on the bulletin board. You may submit a paper copy to the office or a digital copy of your family photo, to stpaulnt@gmail.com, including name, address, phone number, and email address.

ST. PAUL PHOTO DIRECTORY is always available and up to date, online. You can access it most easily by going to our website (stpaulnt.com), and clicking on "Photo Directory" on the home page. Then, it will download to your computer (or other device). When prompted, enter the password "stp453nt" and the directory will open.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets THIS Tuesday, January 9th at 7:00 pm. Our study is called "Keep it shut: what to say, how to say it and when to say nothing at all", chapter 4. All women welcome!

ON OUR WEBSITE - stpaulnt.com - current St. Paul calendars, newsletter, and Enews are available under the "News and Events" tab. You can also find sermons for the past 8 weeks under the "Sermons" tab.

A CONTRIBUTION TO THE CEMETERY MAINTENANCE account has been given to the Glory of God and in memory of Roger Otterstein who passed away 50 years ago on January 7, 1968. ~ from Donald and Joan Otterstein.

BUFFALO BURRITO PROJECT DESPERATELY NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

The Buffalo Burrito Project is serving up to **180 burritos** on the streets each week. At least **60-70 people are lined up waiting for us** by the bus terminal each week. Every week, we give away **EVERYTHING** we pack in the car. We cannot even finish our nightly burrito run as **we run completely out of food and supplies each week.** *Currently, we are COMPLETELY OUT of the following items:*

1. Men's athletic, white crew socks
2. Men's underwear sizes M-L-XL
3. Men's t-shirts
4. Men's deodorant (available at the Dollar Store)
5. Toothbrushes (available at the Dollar Store)
6. Toothpaste (available at the Dollar Store)
7. Hotel-sized toiletries – please remember us when you are traveling this summer!
8. Blankets (especially the “rolled-up” fleece blankets available at Wal-Mart)
9. Tarps

All donations are greatly appreciated. Financial donations may also be made for these items – please mark the items you would like purchased with your donation in the memo line on the check (otherwise undesignated financial donations are used to buy food/ingredients.)

Thank you for your kindness and compassion for the homeless and hungry people living on Buffalo's streets, under bridges and in pocket parks and train tunnels. God bless you! Questions? Call Deb Tyler at 695-7727.

RECTANGULAR TABLES AND CHAIRS – If you have borrowed any of our rectangular tables, folding metal chairs, child booster seats, or any other items, *and have forgotten to return them* we asking that you return them as soon as possible. No questions will be asked nor will anyone question you! We have need of all that we have for upcoming events and greatly appreciate the return of these items.