



**The Last Sunday after Epiphany
February 11th and February 12th, 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	Worship/Communion
	9:00 AM	Youth Choir rehearsal (dchr)
	9:20 AM	Bible Study--The Challenge of Islam (ufh)
	9:30 AM	KREW/HSBC
	10:45 AM	Worship
	6:00 PM	T.E.A.L – High School Youth night
Monday	7:00 PM	Worship
	8:00 PM	Bible Study-The Challenge of Islam (ueb)
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Common Threads
	9:30 AM	Bible Study-The Challenge of Islam (cr)
	4:00 PM	Free Community Dinner
	6:00 PM	Bell Choir rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Buffalo Burrito Project delivery team
	6:45 PM	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	9:30 AM	ASH WEDNESDAY Lenten Service with Imposition of Ashes and Communion
	11:00 AM	Bible Study-The Challenge of Islam (ueb)
	5:30 PM	Aktion Club or NF and Lockport
	5:30 PM	Lenten Supper--Soup & Salad by W/SP
	7:00 PM	Lenten Service with Imposition of Ashes and Communion
	After Serv.	Council Meeting (cr)
	After Serv.	Stained Glass rehearsal
Thursday	9:00 AM	Psalms Bible Study and mile walk
	1:00 PM	Tai Chi
	6:00 PM	1 st Year Confirmation Class
	7:00 PM	2 nd Year Confirmation Class
	7:00 PM	Caring for the Caregiver Support Group(cr)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts

Friday

Saturday

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, Joe Sarzyniak, 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!

ARE YOU READY FOR VALENTINE'S DAY? Surprise your Sweetheart with gift cards you can buy right here at St. Paul. We have great options, whether your Sweetheart is your wife, your husband, your children or your grandchildren. Your purchase helps to support Christian education programs here at St. Paul. Consider cards for: Entertaining – AMC, Regal Theaters or iTunes Home Improvement - Home Depot or Lowe's Home Improvement Department Stores - JC Penney, Kohl's, Target or Walmart Dining - Carrabba's, Red Lobster, Olive Garden or Texas Roadhouse Fast food - Burger King, Chipotle, Panera, Subway or Wendy's Coffee - Tim Hortons, Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts

CLEANING BIDS for the St. Paul complex will be accepted from now to March 1, 2018. Bids go in effect July 1st. Bid forms and job descriptions can be picked up in the office. BID 1: Church, Gathering Place, etc. BID 2: Education Building and Lower Fellowship Hall, etc. These are 2-year bids. For example, if you bid \$1000.00, you would receive \$1000 the first year and \$1000 the second year. Please read over the requirements carefully and bid for either 1 or 2 or both. God Bless ~ Dennis Gurnett

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP - The Buffalo Urban League is currently accepting applications for its 2018 scholarship program until March 16, 2018. This is for any current high school seniors or recent GED recipients that plan to attend college in the fall of 2018. Please contact the church office for an application and for more info.

CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP - will meet THIS Thursday, February 15th from 7:00-8:00pm in the Conference Room. If you or someone you know is caring for a loved one, we'd love to have you join us. Everyone is welcome!

ADULT CARDS AND BOARD GAMES AFTERNOON is NEXT Sunday, February 18th following the late service. Please see the sign-up sheet at the top of stairs. A light lunch will be available for \$2.00. Please bring your cards or favorite board game. Sponsored by the St. Paul C.I.A. Widows.

ST. PAUL PRESCHOOL IS SELLING EASTER CANDY from Niagara Chocolates! Catalog with order forms are on a round table in The Gathering Place. Please have your orders and money in to the office no later than February 14th. Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Candy will arrive by March 19th. Thank you for your continued support of our Preschool!

TUESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - this group meets on the EVEN-numbered Tuesdays (2nd and 4th) at 7:00pm in the Bible study room. When we meet THIS Tues. February 13, we will complete our study "Keep it Shut: What to say, how to say it and when to say nothing at all". NOTE: on February 13, we will meet beginning at 6:45pm, to look at some choices for our next Bible study. All women are welcome!

TASTE OF ST. PAUL RECIPE BOOK— Thank you so much to everyone that came out yesterday to support the Taste of St. Paul! We will be compiling all of the sensational recipes that you found at the Taste of St. Paul into a recipe book! If you brought a dish or dessert to share, please submit your recipe as soon as possible. You can submit it in written form to Kristen Gallineau or to the church office. You can also e-mail an electronic copy to stpaulnt@gmail.com. If you would like to purchase a copy of the recipe book for \$5, please sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Thank you for your support!

2017 OFFERING STATEMENTS are available on the table in The Gathering Place.

CEMETERY CARETAKER NEEDED - Anyone interested in submitting bids for maintaining the church cemetery for the 2018 season may pick up bid forms from the church office. Contact Don Otterstein, 695-3393 or Jim Behnke, 731-4519 if you have any questions or need additional information. Bids should be returned by March 14, 2018.

"AH WILDERNESS" - Sunday, March 4th is an opportunity to gather together at The Ghost Light Theater to see "Ah Wilderness". Performance begins at 2:00PM and tickets are \$13.00 for seniors and veterans. Open to everyone! Light Lunch available following the late service for \$2.00, and then off to the theater. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the stairs. Sponsored by the St. Paul C.I.A. Widows.

LENTEN CANDLE SIGN-UP - At St. Paul we have a very special Lenten cross, made by member Roger Wendt. Families are invited to take a turn lighting the candles on the Lenten cross. Please make sure to sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs in the Gathering Place.

REMINDER - if you have donations for the Buffalo Burrito project, Passage House, Food Pantry, Boxtops for Education, and LWML empty ink cartridges and pill bottles, there are bins for them near the church library (to the right, at the top of the stairs as you enter the building from the parking lot).

WE PRAY FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS on Julianna Elizabeth Benton as she is baptized this morning, February 11, 2018 at the late service. Julianna is the daughter of Megan (Aikin) and John Benton. Julianna's godparents are Daniel and Rita Aikin. We welcome Julianna into God's family and our family at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

BIBLE TIMELINE has been posted in the Upper Fellowship Hall on the bulletin board. Please stop by and take a look at this timeline, which covers the entire Old and New Testaments.

FREE BOOKS - more FREE books have been added to the table in The Gathering Place. Please stop by and take any that you would like and/or give to a friend. We will donate books that have not been taken at the end of February.

+ SERVING our Lord February 11th and February 12th, 2018

ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE:

Month of February: Bea Hapeman and Margaret Stoelting

FLOWER COMMITTEE:

Month of February: Lynelle Dobmeier – 523-6605
Ellyn Broeker – 912-4345

WEEKLY:

ELDERS: 8:00 AM - Jim Norgren
10:45 AM - Dennis Demmin
Monday 7:00 PM – Jon Brauer
Ash Wednesday – 9:30 AM – Dennis Gurnett
7:00 PM - Otto Achtziger

LAY READERS: 8:00 AM - Mary Hirner
10:45 AM - Dennis Demmin

USHERS: 8:00 AM - Jim Daugherty, Dennis Gurnett,
Norm Jansen, Dan Schuler
10:45 AM - Amanda Gon, Pamela Gon,
Kyle Gibbons, Jacob Haskell

ACOLYTES: 8:00 AM – Brian Manth
10:45 AM - Leah Sarzyniak
Monday 7:00 PM – Grace Galuszka

GREETERS: 8:00 AM – Darlene Felbinger
10:45 AM - Donna McKeown
Monday 7:00 PM – Barbara Kantor

(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 2/4/2018-Income given for Weekly Operating Expenses - **\$9,156.00 – Thank you!**
Average needed weekly- **\$11,323.00**

AT WORSHIP week of 2/4/2018:

Sunday 8:00 AM - 109
Sunday 10:45 AM – 130
Monday 7:00 PM - 46

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

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – We continue the 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 2 more weeks.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER – our next dinner is THIS Tuesday, February 13th from **4:00 to 6:00 PM**. Please see our Needs list on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Join us for wonderful food and fellowship!

THE BOOK CLUB: For our March 8th meeting we are reading "True Believer" by Nicholas Sparks. 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 be taking photos for the directory, NEXT **Sunday/Monday, February 18/19**. 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.

PLATTER'S CHOCOLATE SUCKERS - Don't forget to purchase your sweetie a Valentine chocolate sucker! The Middle School Youth Group will be selling them after each worship service TODAY Sunday, February 11-Monday, February 12 (this will be the last weekend for the sale) to raise money to attend Pioneer's Youth Retreat in April. Proceeds will also help the National Youth Gathering 2019 fund. Suckers are available in milk and orange chocolate and cost \$2 each. Thank you for supporting our Youth!

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS – are now available on the Family Ministry Table in The Gathering Place. We have devotionals for children, teenagers, adults, and families. Please feel free to take them for you and your loved ones.

THE APRIL/MAY GREETERS: If you can help with this important ministry of handing out bulletins and greeting people as they enter the sanctuary, please sign your name to one or more spaces on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. We especially need people for Monday nights. Thank you!!

T.E.A.L. – TONIGHT - The High School Youth Group will be meeting TONIGHT, Sunday, February 11 here at St. Paul from 6:00-8:00pm. If you haven't been to a youth group night yet, we welcome all newcomers to join us! Hope to see you then!!

GOD SQUAD – SAVE THE DATE - The Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8) will be meeting next Sunday, February 18th here at St. Paul from 6:00-8:00pm. Fun, faith, food, and fellowship....a recipe for a fantastic evening!! We hope to see you then!

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

BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY - Save the date for our spectacular annual event! It takes place here at St. Paul on **Saturday, March 3rd!** Please see the sign-up sheet and Needs Board on the Kiosk in The Gathering Place.

OUR PRESCHOOL PARTICIPATES IN THE "BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION" PROGRAM. Thank you to all who have been saving and donating these Box Tops labels. Please continue to save them throughout the year. You can find the labels on many items you buy at the grocery store. There is a designated box outside the preschool classroom as well as one near the church library in which to place them. Thank you to Marilyn Rumbold for counting and organizing the labels so we can redeem them for items for the classroom! We receive 10 cents per Box Top coupon (this adds up quickly). Also, please continue to save empty frosting containers, empty oatmeal cylinder boxes, empty Pringles cans (all with lids), and paper towel tubes. Thank you for your continued support of our preschool here at St. Paul!

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

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.

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.

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.