

St. Paul's...

# Hilltop News

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2017



## Officers of St. Paul Lutheran Church

President: Dan  
Vice President: Dane  
Treasurer: Hope  
Board of Elders: Neal  
Board of Trustees: Ron  
Board of Education: Kim  
Board of Missions & Evangelism:  
Marilyn  
Members at Large:  
Jessie

## Sunday School News

January 1 there will be NO Sunday School. Sunday School will resume on January 8. On January 8 the students will be learning about the importance of their baptismal birthday and this will be celebrated. Following Sunday School on this day, the students will sing during the worship service.

On February 12 the students will also be singing during the morning worship service.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Valentine's Day Dinner sponsored by the Sunday School. This meal will be directly after church on February 12.

## Welcome to St. Paul

Robbie became a member of St. Paul on October 16, 2016 through the Rite of Adult Confirmation. Congratulations, Robbie!

Audrey Faith, daughter of James and Karyn, was welcomed into St. Paul by Holy Baptism on November 27, 2016.

## Council & Voters Meetings

Council Meeting  
February 5 @ 11 am

Voters' Meeting  
February 12 @ 11am

## Ladies Aid/LWML News

The joint LWML Immanuel/St. Paul Christmas Party was held on December 1 at Immanuel. A meal of chicken and dressing with all the fixings was delicious. The program which followed dinner was 'Jesus the Light of the World Thru the Generations'.

At printing of this newsletter the Christmas Caroling had not yet taken place. Singing was planned for The Manor at Craigs Farm and Three Springs Nursing Home with a meeting following at Reids.

Our next meetings will be on January 17 and February 21. Both meetings will be held at 7 pm in the upstairs of the Parish Hall.



## Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all who participated this past year in making our collection a great success. Immanuel/St. Paul collected 66 boxes!

## Tape Ministry

232 tapes were delivered in 2016. 56 sermons were posted on St. Paul's website.

## Congratulations!

On Sunday, December 4, Dot received a plaque thanking her for 30 years as the book keeper of St. Paul. 'A job well done, thou good and faithful servant.' We hope you will continue your great service for many years to come.

## **Congratulations**

Dale & Lisa were joined in Holy Matrimony at St. Paul on December 17, 2016.

### *Bach at the SEM*

Three confirmands: Jacob, Aaron, and Mason invited the congregation to go with them and Pastor to hear the works of Johann Sebastian Bach performed by orchestra and choral at the Seminary in St. Louis. On Sunday, December 11 after church service, fourteen attended this outing.

### **Quarterly Voters' Meeting November 13, 2016**

Pastor Smith presented his report regarding worship attendance, pastoral care, pastoral acts Synod/Circuit activity, teaching, administrative issues to the Voters.

A motion to accept new members: Allen and Carolyn and David was made and carried.

A motion to accept the transfer of Ken and Peggy was made and carried.

A motion to accept the Schedule for Special Services for 2017 was made and carried.

#### Reports:

Elders: No report. However, in an effort to better serve the congregation, members are invited to contact any Elder with questions or concerns.

Trustees: Roger reported that the resealing of the parking lot has been completed. Nathan

has located and replaced the gasket on the refrigerator in the parish hall. Adam has begun the replacement of the lights in the parish hall. They are currently working on winterizing the Parsonage and a sealer has been applied to the deck of the parsonage as well. Dale also reported that repairs are currently being made to the toilet in the men's restroom in the church.

Board of Education: A thank you note was received and read from Ryan, a seminary student that the Sunday school children had been sponsoring.

Cemetery Caretakers: Rayburn reported that there has been one burial at St. Paul in 2016.

#### Old Business:

Pastor's Cell Phone: St. Paul and Immanuel will pay a total of \$90 per month toward Pastor's cell phone bill. Each congregation will pay according to their respective communicant membership ratio.

President Gary made the following appointments:

Auditing Committee: Janet (3-year term), Finance Committee: Grace (2-year term),

2017 Budget: President Gary stated that the proposed 2017 budget would increase approximately \$80 per work or 3.7% per year over the 2016 budget. A motion to accept the budget was made and carried.

Salary increases: Bookkeeper-increase to \$328 per month; Custodian- (2) increase to \$219 each per month; Organist-increase to \$55 per month. Motion was made and carried to

accept the salary increases as presented.

Establishment of an Alms Fund: After an open floor discussion, the voters decided to establish an Alms Fund. The Fund will be established by transferring \$500 from the Lena Wolters Estate Fund. This money will be given to Pastor to hold and disperse as needed. Pastor will consult with the Elders prior to any disbursements being made. The fund will be replenished by quarterly door offerings. A motion was made and carried to establish said fund as stated above.

New Folding Machine: Jessica presented the voters with the option to purchase a new folding machine for bulletins, etc. Jessica suggested purchasing a Martin Yale 1611, which is a medium capacity machine listing in the \$700 plus range. A motion to purchase the Martin Yale 1611 was made and carried. Jessica will take care of purchasing the machine.

Singing *God Bless America*: Chris Snider presented the concerns of the Elders to the Voters. After a good open floor discussion, Chris asked the Voters to consider all comments stated and to pray for guidance in this matter. Additional discussion will continue at a later date.

**Happy Birthday to Everyone  
Born in January & February!**