

St. Paul's...



# Hilltop News

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER  
2017

## Special Meeting

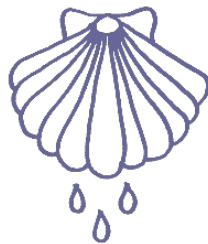
October 18  
Joint Council Meeting  
St. Paul @ 7:00pm

## Sunday School News

The first day of Sunday School is scheduled for September 10. The children will also be singing in the morning church service. A lunch will be served after the morning worship service. Please bring a side dish and a dessert to share. The meat and drinks will be provided. Hope to see everyone there!

On October 8 the students will once again be singing during the morning worship service.

October 29 the students will be celebrating Jesus as the Light of the world.



On July 2, St. Paul welcomed Miles Paul Gramenz, the son of David and Yvonne Gramenz, by the Rite of Holy Baptism. Welcome Miles!

## Congratulations!

Pastor Sean and Heather Smith were united in Holy Matrimony on June 17 at Mount Hope Lutheran Church in Casper, Wyoming. An open house reception was held on July 15 from 2:00 to 4:00pm celebrating their recent marriage. The open house was hosted by the dual parishes of Immanuel and St. Paul. Congratulations!

## Quarterly Voters' Meeting August 13, 2017

Pastor Smith presented his report regarding worship attendance, pastoral care, pastoral acts, synod/Circuit activity, teaching, and administrative issues.

A report was given by the trustees. Leland reported that the side door on the east side of the parish hall was not working properly. The Voters agreed that the door should be replaced and the funds to do so should come from the General Fund. Also reported was that Pastor had requested some additional lighting in the parsonage garage. The Voters agreed to purchase the additional lighting and that the funds to do so would come from the Parsonage Maintenance Fund. Maurice stated that he did not think the EXIT lights in the parish hall were working properly. Adam will check this out and let the Trustees know the outcome.

## Old Business

Neal reported that the picnic profits for 2017 were \$768.00. the picnic committee recommends that the profits be split equally between school

tuition and the Benevolent Fund. A motion was made and carried.

#### New Business

St. Paul received a donation from the Viola Rathert Estate in the amount of \$4,422.80. The Voters felt that purchasing the presentation equipment that Pastor had requested in his report earlier would be a good use of these funds, as this is something that Viola Rathert had always participated in during her membership at St. Paul. The presentation equipment would also be marked that it was presented in her memory. Any remaining funds would be dedicated to the reupholstering of the church pews. A motion was made and carried.

Pastor presented the Voters with the option of keeping our current color bulletin covers at a cost of \$700.00 per year or printing our own, which would be black and white, and save the \$700.00 per year. A motion was made and carried to keep the colored bulletin covers.

The copier lease and service agreement are up for renewal. Pastor would prefer a new copier with a stapler, which we can do at no extra cost, as the service agreement on a new copier would cost less than we are currently paying. A motion was made and carried to purchase the copier with the stapler.

A motion was made and carried to keep Pastor's current health plan in place.

Pastor informed the Voters that the 50 year anniversary of our Dual Parish Agreement with Immanuel would be coming up in November of this year and

asked if there was any interest in having a celebration of some kind. St. Paul voters felt that a celebration was in order, possibly a potluck dinner. Pastor will discuss this with Immanuel to see if they have any interest and report back.

A majority vote from St. Paul Voters was made to not have New Year's Eve service in 2017, due to the fact that New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday. It was also decided to have no church service on New Year's Day in 2018.



#### Lutheran Older Adult Retreat

Oct. 25-26, 2017

Pere Marquette Lodge  
Grafton, IL

In Christ Alone We Stand  
Redeemed. Reformed. Renewed.

Featured Speakers:  
Rev. Ron Glusenkamp  
Ms. Phyllis Wallace  
Dr. Robert Weise

Workshop topics:  
Music of the Reformation  
Aging is an Opportunity  
Gospel Outreach Today  
World Issues for the Church  
And many more

Registration fee-\$100  
Lodging is an additional cost

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#### Apple Butter Time!

Apple butter cooking is scheduled for Saturday, September 9. Be sure to save the date!



**Happy Birthday to everyone  
born in September & October**

