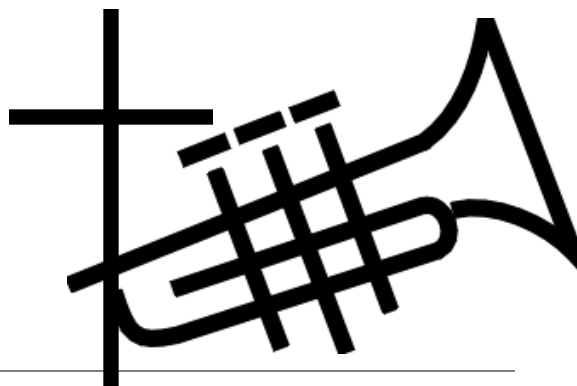




The Trumpet

EASTER/PENTECOST ISSUE

St. Paul Lutheran Church



75 Years of St. Paul Lutheran!

The Jewish Philosopher Elie Wiesel once said “God made humans because God loves stories.” As I flipped through the scrapbook of St. Paul stories provided for me by Pinky Madsen, I considered the delight they must offer God. Who knew that a handful of visionaries in the Lutheran Bible Club of Winterset would take the action which would lead to the founding of St. Paul Lutheran on February 2, 1941? That within a few months of worshiping in what is now the Foursquare Church this visionary band would purchase property as a worship space that would also be the future site of a parsonage? That in a few years of incorporation their ministry and outreach would increase to the point of not only becoming a self-sustaining congregation but also the construction of a new building – built by 6 college-aged men over a summer? That institutions which served or now still do serve our community - the Multipurpose Center, the Meal Site and Community Center, the Hospital Auxiliary, just to name a few – found their genesis at St. Paul Lutheran? And interwoven in all these milestones

are the many stories of the people, too numerous to relate, of faithful witness, service in Christ’s name, personal joys and sorrows, all under the providence and care of God.

We have an amazing, 75-year old story to share: of courage, risk-taking, spiritual vision, and most of all, **faith**. As we look back on our history we have so much to be thankful for in the fond memories we share. And all of these stories are played out and celebrated on the foundation of Christ himself.

Christ is indeed the foundation of the church, including this local expression in Winterset called St. Paul Lutheran. And as we build on

these stories, I take comfort that Christ is still present in, under, and with all that we do as we welcome others, modeling God’s grace in our lives, and nurture disciples in the faith in our many modes of worshiping, maturing into Christ, and serving as his hands and feet. What a future we still have before us!

And those future stories, as well as the ones playing now along with those we recall from the past, are also delight to God. They are, after all, part of God’s own story. I am looking forward to the ways we will celebrate our 75th anniversary this year. Please keep posted!

Yours on the way,
Pr. Joel



Holy Week Schedule

March 24 – Maundy Thursday
Service at 7:00pm
Prayer vigil starting right after Maundy Thursday service, continuing overnight, and ending just before Good Friday service

March 25 – Good Friday
Service at 7:00pm

March 27 – Easter Sunday
Services at 7:00 and 9:30 am;
Breakfast and Easter egg hunt between services

Our New Cross

You may have already noticed the beautiful new cross that adorns the sanctuary, creating a focal point for worship and a constant reminder of Christ's presence with us. The cross is a creation of Rich Thompson with the assistance of Don Darling, made from materials left over from the other pieces in our worship space, including the pulpit, altar, credence, ushers tables, and sound system housing. The cross was commissioned by the Council with financial support from the Tour of Homes. Thank you, Rich and Don, for your wonderful handiwork!



The Redeemed Passion Mime

Come view the wonderful love story of our Lord and Savior! The Redeemed Passion Mime will be presented at St. Paul on

April 10, at 6:30pm.

This is a drama telling the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Doors will open at 6pm.

All ages are welcome.

Admission is free.

Church Directory Photo Submissions

If you didn't have your picture taken for the upcoming pictorial directory but would still like to be included, it's not too late! You can submit a personal photo and we will include it in the directory.

Please turn the picture in to the church office by **Monday, March 28**. You can leave the picture in the church mailbox or email a copy to stpaulslutheranchurch@hotmail.com. *If your picture was taken by a professional photographer, we will need a signed release from the photographer allowing us to use the photo.*

College Care Packages

We are collecting for our spring delivery of college student care packages, which we will send in early April. Ideas for donations include: **small snacks (remember high-protein items), toiletries, office supplies, ear buds, flash drives, small microwaveable meals/snacks, inspirational notes, small journals, stationary, etc.** Collection bags will be in the Fellowship Hall through **Sunday, April 3**. Contact Annie Nau with questions, 468-5263 or ajnau4@gmail.com.



**Newsletter
DEADLINE**

The deadline for the next issue of *The Trumpet* is **May 16**. Please submit any articles or photos to stpaulslutheranchurch@hotmail.com.

Worship Server Schedule

Date and Service	Greeters	Communion	Reader & Chalice Bearer	Ushers	Bread	Acolyte	Sound	Nursery
Choir Mar 24 @ 7pm Mundy Thursday	Don Darling	Jim & Pat Nelson	Don Darling	John & Kim Patience	Connie Tadlock	TBA	Bekah Nau	
Mar 25 @ 7pm Good Friday	Jim Nelson		Ted Leonard	Dick Anderson		TBA	Daniel Cross	
Mar 27 @ 7:00 Easter	Liz Hansen	Jim & Pat Nelson	RoxAnn Rhoads	Dave & Sheila Stewart	Nicole Darling & Julie Feirer	Josh Miller	Keri Lehman	
Choir 9:30 Easter	Bob & Bethene Boardman	TBA	Jason Darling	Dick & Mary Anderson		Addie Burkett	Andrew Dick	Courtney & Joel Keiser
Choir Apr 3 @ 8:00	Dick & Mary Anderson	Dave & Sheila Stewart	Jacque Mohs	Gene & Keri Lehman	Cheryl Bales	Josie Burkett	Barb Kellogg	
10:30	Trudy Langford	Bob & Bethene Boardman	Alan Feirer	Ron & Sonya VerMulin		Avary Darling	Jen Acton	Camma Stott
Apr 10 @ 8:00	Wayne & Debi Martens	Leon & Judy Schwartz	Jim Nelson	Eric & Brooke Blessington	Lori Wells	Lia Miller	Keri Lehman	
10:30	Steve & Pat Wetlaufer	Jerry & Lorrie Drake	Steve Dick	Jeff & Stephanie Bellamy		Carson Bellamy	Ryan Cross	Courtney Keiser, Mara Feirer, Madeline Kimball
Choir April 17 @ 8:00	Lowell & Beth Miller	Marilyn Mount & Barb Kellogg	Debi Martens	Dean & Ann Bartelt	Connie Weidman	Kael Blanchard	Wayne Martens	
10:30	Scott & Laura Tryon	Eric & Kristy Hoefing	Joyce Halverson	Jason & Nicole Darling		Halle Hoefing	Don Darling	Rikka Korte, Ryan Cross, Daniel Cross
Apr 24 @ 8:00	Gene & Keri Lehman	Tim & Jacque Mohs	Dick Anderson	Wayne & Debi Martens	Velma Van Scoy	Josh Miller	Lowell Miller	
10:30	Tad & Connie Tadlock	Tom & Jen Acton	Kenna Johnson	Ryan Cross & Daniel Cross		Allie Stolte	Andrew Dick	Camma Stott
May 1 @ 8:00	Eric & Brooke Blessington	Wayne & Debi Martens	Leon Schwartz	Dave & Sheila Stewart	Genelle Thompson	TBA	Barb Kellogg	
10:30	John & Kim Patience	Karl & Ruthanne Korte	Linda Kenyon	Matt & Candi Dole		TBA	Eric Hoefing	TBA
Choir May 8 @ 8:00	Robert & Velma Van Scoy	Dean & Ann Bartelt	Pat Nelson	Leon and Judy Schwartz	Connie Tadlock	TBA	Keri Lehman	
10:30	Ted & Bea Leonard	Eric & Kenna Johnson	Jennifer Korte	Steve & Robin Dick		TBA	Daniel Cross	TBA

If you are unable to serve at an assigned time, **please try to find a substitute**. If you are unable to find a substitute, please contact Twila, 462-1505.

Lots Is Happening in Our Children's Ministry

Sunday School

April 3, Sunday school will take place in the children's garden with Jim Nelson and Susan Brakhane. Because the kids will plant and perform hands-on gardening activities during this time, please send them in play clothes if possible.

Sunday school will end its school year on April 24. We will celebrate with an end of year party that day from 9:00-10:20am.

God Squad

The last day of God Squad is Wednesday, April 27. Following dinner that night, Tom, RoxAnn, Liz, Courtney, and helpers will walk the kids over to Fareway to shop for the food and PAW pantry with children's offering and classroom change they have collected!

Parents' Night Out

Our first Parents' Night Out is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, from 5:30-8:30pm. Take some time for yourself and bring the kids to church! Courtney, Nate, and our youth volunteers will have dinner, snacks, games, and various faith-based activities to keep the kids busy. More details and a sign up will be available soon.

Summer Children's Classes

St. Paul will host three children's classes during summer break. A gardening session schedule for Sunday, May 22, with Jim Nelson and Susan Brakhane. A cooking class with Heidi Boyd is scheduled for June 5. Kristy Hoefing will also lead a Kool-Aid and Canvas class (date will be scheduled soon). Watch for more details. Sign ups will be available soon.

Confirmation 2016

This year we are celebrating the affirmation of baptism for nine young people as they say yes to God's yes to them! This year's confirmands are:

Marisa Allen
Kiernan Blanchard
Easton Darling
Peyton Dick
Emma Dole
Brock Johnson
Khloe King

Megan McDonald
Sylvie Van Horn

Please celebrate this important milestone with them on **May 1** at both services, with a reception in their honor in between services. Let's surround them with the message that they are valued members of the body of Christ as they take this next step in their journey of faith!

CHECK THIS OUT!



Keep Up with Little Lutherans

Have you signed up for Courtney's Children's Ministry blog? It's the best way to keep up to date on all the exciting things happening in our children's ministry.

To sign up, visit www.stpaulslutheranchurch.net today!

St. Paul Vital Signs

Date	8:00 Attendance	10:30 Attendance	General Offering (Weekly Need: \$5,064)
Jan 3	44	56	\$3,271.00
Jan 10	35	75	\$4,807.64
Jan 17	34	84	\$3,566.38
Jan 24	52	105	\$3,514.65
Jan 31	48	75	\$2,754.88
Feb 7	49	113	\$7,077.94
Feb 14	31	71	\$2,736.63
Feb 21	55	80	\$4,264.38
Feb 28	60	120	\$3,306.53
Mar 6	67	62	\$7,715.19
Mar 13	30	85	\$2,704.63

SUMMER 2016 RELEASED

Riverside Camp Registration

Registration for summer camps has begun! Get the details at riversidelbc.org.

The St. Paul Trust Fund will continue to pay half of the registration fee for St. Paul campers. Changes have been made to billing to simplify the process for Riverside and St. Paul.

Please do not pay the full amount when registering. After registering, pay only your deposit. You will then receive a bill from Riverside which should reflect the total St. Paul will pay and the remainder you owe. If you have any questions, please call the church office, 462-4270.

Meet the 2016 Church Council



Pat Nelson
President
515-462-3479



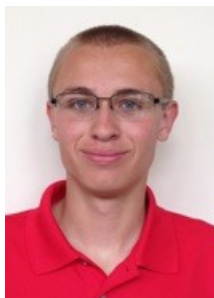
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Andrew Dick
Council member



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Council member



John Sneller
Council member



Sheila Stewart
Council member

National Child Abuse Prevention Month



According to Prevent Child Abuse Iowa,

more than 7,400 Iowa children were found to be abused in 2014. The most common forms of abuse included denial of critical care, physical injury, exposure to illegal drugs and sexual abuse.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI)

helps combat child abuse through prevention, safety and stability services, and mental and behavioral health treatment.

LSI's early childhood programs prevent child abuse by giving parents support and resources to build a healthy, stable home environment for their children. In 2015, LSI made more than 15,000 home visits to parents of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers!

LSI's Family, Safety, Rick and Per-

manency Services help children and families already involved in a crisis or abuse situation to become safer and more stable, and LSI's residential programs at Beloit and Bremwood serve many children and youth who have experiences trauma from past abuse or neglect.

You make a direct impact on these children and families through your support of LSI. Thank you! Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Starting with Children

Peter Thapa Magar arrived at the orphanage of Maybert School when he was just 2 years old. His father had passed away and his mother and grandparents were unable to care for him and his three older brothers.

Maybert was founded in 2002 as a Christian school to provide education for children from varying backgrounds, including children who are without parents like Peter. Through an ELCA World Hunger grant, Maybert and a network of Christian schools in Nepal are able to provide scholarships for children and provide training



for teachers to improve the quality of education at the schools. In a country where poverty is still perva-

sive, where the caste system controls people's lives, and where opportunities for education and work are limited, this school is making a strong difference starting with children. Peter is now in preschool. Shabina Thapa Kayastha, principal of Maybert, says Peter is doing well. "He is a self-disciplined child. In comparison to the other children, he started his schooling a little late, but he's improving his studies. He's an enthusiastic child. He likes to play football. And he says he wants to drive a bulldozer when he grows up."



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Greetings from Haiti

The following was taken from an email Pastor Joel received from Greg Harrison with Water for Life in Haiti. Greg is currently in Haiti.



Progress here has been just great. Randy Jaspersen from Madison County Cabinetry and Word of

Life joined me for the trip and has been great help. We have the aid of some machines but there is a lot of physical labor involved with this project.

We drilled my friend's well last Friday and it was a success, delivering about 40 gallons of water per minute. The site was in a very rural area with an extremely poor population. The well will directly impact the health and

well being of nearly 2,000 people that live close by. We had a crowd of over 50 spectators from start to finish!

Interested in learning more about Water for Life in Haiti? Check out wflhaiti.org or pick up on of their newsletters at the church.

Young Volunteer Has Local Connection

What do you do when you're 8 and have morning birthday party invitations conflicting with a three-hour Saturday volunteer shift?

If you're Kai Madsen, 8, of Lake Zurich and a Seth Paine Elementary school third-grader, you choose volunteerism.

"I passed up two birthday parties," said Kai, who volunteered with his father Brian Madsen Feb. 6 during the annual Mission Projects Day at Peace Lutheran Church in Lake Zurich [Illinois].



Kai Madsen, great grandson of Pinky Madsen, rolling cloth bandages

"I would rather do this," Kai said.

"I think it's pretty impressive that he chose to serve," said Sue Koenig of

Spring Grove, social outreach team leader, a volunteer position.

Kai and his father rolled long cotton bandages for the World Health Organization, requiring a willing hand.

"I hope that he learns that it's good to do things for other people and that we are here to serve others," said Kai's dad.

Taken from an article by Karie Angell Luc that appeared in Pioneer Press, February 8, 2016.

Furniture Ministry Conversation

At the annual meeting held in January, we discussed the possibility of a St. Paul-sponsored furniture storage ministry to serve the needs of people in Winterset and Madison County. Following the conversation, during which questions and concerns were raised, a

feasibility team was formed to discuss matters of location, cost, organization, referrals, and the like. The feasibility team has met and is prepared to make a preliminary presentation on **Sunday, April 3 at 9:30am.**

Please be a part of this conversation as we discern God's will for reaching out to our neighbors in need. Please bring your ideas and questions as we explore together how St. Paul can continue to make a difference for good in our community!



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