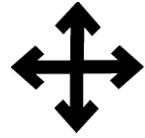




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“Agree to Differ, Unite to Serve, Resolve to Love”

Rev. Rebecca Erb Strang, Pastor

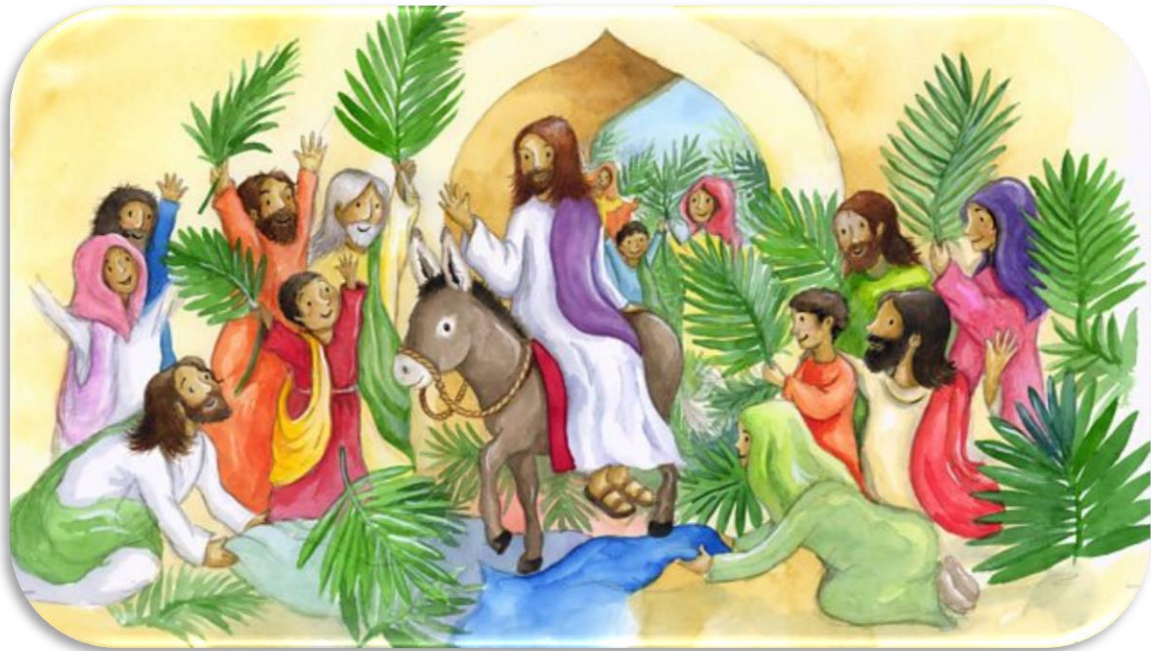


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PALM SATURDAY WORSHIP

March 24 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP/RITE OF CONFIRMATION

March 25 at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

MAUNDY THURSDAY HEALING SERVICE

March 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Service will include Holy Communion, healing prayers/washing of hands, and lighting of candles for healing.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

March 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Service of Shadows will include music, scripture, and lights extinguished.

HOLY SATURDAY No worship

YOUTH-SPONSORED EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST April 1 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Donations will go to the Youth Activity Fund

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

April 1 at 8:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

EASTER WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

April 1 at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



FROM OUR PASTOR

A poem by Vassar Miller: To Jesus on Easter

*You see the universe, as I see daylight,
opening to your heart
like fingers of a little child uncurling.*

*It lies to you no more than wood to blade,
nor will you tell me lies.
Only fools or cowards lie. And you are neither.*

*Not that I comprehend You, who are simpler
than all our words about you, and deeper.
They drop around you like dead leaves.*

*Yet I can trust you. You resembling me—
two eyes, two hands, two feet,
five senses and no more—will cup my being,
spilling toward nothingness, within your palm.
And when the last bridge breaks,
I shall walk on the bright span of your breath.*

This Lenten season you are invited to open your heart to Jesus. You are invited to place your trust in Jesus. You are invited to walk with Jesus all the way to the cross and Easter's alleluias.

St. Paul is offering many ways to walk with Jesus this month. I encourage you to prayerfully consider the many opportunities for Christian discipleship offered as we walk together to Jerusalem.

Blessings,

Becky

COFFEE SHOP HOURS

Throughout the month of March, Pastor Becky will be at New Bremen Coffee Company from 2:00-4:00 p.m. each Monday. Come: join in the conversation! All are welcome!

CHRISTIANITY AND WORLD RELIGIONS

Beginning Thursday March 1 at 7:00 p.m. Pastors Becky and Dee will lead a six-week class on Adam Hamilton's Christianity and World Religions. In our six weeks together, we will cover Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. This class is open to youth and adults. We will meet in the Library. Books can be picked up in the church office.

ELMWOOD WORSHIP: MARCH 6

All are invited to Elmwood Community on Tuesday, March 6 at 2:30 p.m. for worship and Holy Communion. If you would like to assist with the worship service, please plan to arrive at Elmwood by 2:10.

PASTOR BECKY'S BOOK CLUB: MARCH 11

Pastor Becky's Book Club will meet on Sunday, March 11 at 5:00 p.m. (notice the change of time) at the Parsonage. We will eat dinner together then watch the movie *Chocolat* based on the novel by Joanne Harris. You can pick up a copy of the novel in the church office.

CALLED TO CARE: MARCH 12

The Called to Care Team will meet on Monday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library to plan the Maundy Thursday Healing Service and to discuss possible workshops for the congregation.

CONFIRMATION FAITH STATEMENT DINNER

On Wednesday, March 21, confirmands, their families, junior high youth, members of Council and YOU are invited to dinner in the Assembly Room at 6:30 p.m.

Following the meal, our confirmation students will read their Faith Statements and be blessed by their parents.

Our students have chosen the menu for this event. We need donations of mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, dirt dessert and apple pie. Please contact Barb Holdren to let us know you can donate food or help in the kitchen.

This is a wonderful, Spirit-filled evening for our students and our congregation. Please call the church office to let us know you can attend by March 14.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY MARCH 25

The Rite of Confirmation will be held on Palm Sunday, March 25 at 10:15. Service will include a palm procession by the children, baptisms, prayers invoking the Holy Spirit into the lives of our youth. Our newest members will receive stoles, gifts and blessings by the congregation.

Come! Let us celebrate the gift of our young people choosing to follow Jesus!

MAUNDY THURSDAY HEALING SERVICE

Traditionally, Maundy Thursday service is for remembering Christ's Last Supper and the Foot washing of the disciples. All are invited to worship on March 29 at 7:00 p.m. for Holy Communion and Healing: lighting of candles, washing of hands, and healing prayers. This service is led by the Called to Care Team.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF SHADOWS

You are invited to St. Paul's Good Friday Tenebrae worship at 7:00 p.m. March 30. Service will include readings for Holy Week, the extinguishing of candles, and music. You are invited to join us for this solemn service.

EASTER CELEBRATION WORSHIP SERVICES!

On Sunday morning, April 1, we will gather to worship God through our Risen Lord at 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. Holy Communion will be served at both services. Come! Let us celebrate the resurrection of Jesus together!

SENIOR LUNCHEON: MARCH 15

All are invited to the Senior Luncheon on Thursday, March 15 at noon. March's meal will be cooked and served by the Discipleship Team. Please call the church office to let us know you can attend. All are welcome!

SENIOR LUNCHEON: A BIG THANK YOU!

The Senior Luncheon committee, after ten years of dedicated service, is stepping aside to make room for new leadership. Many thanks to all who have made the Senior Luncheon a huge success for the past decade. A special thanks to Amy Scheer, Jan Holcomb, Elaine Turner, Sandy Thieman, Sally Dicke and Kathy Topp. If you would like to be part of the new Senior Luncheon Team, please talk to Pastors Becky or Dee.

HOME COMMUNIONS IN APRIL

Pastor Becky will take communion to our many homebound folk during April. She would love for you to accompany her. She will be out-and-about April 3, 4, 5, 12, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19. Please contact Barb Holdren at the church office to get on Pastor Becky's schedule. All are welcome!

HOLY HUMOR WEEKEND

For centuries, Christians the world over have celebrated Holy Humor Weekend—the weekend immediately following Easter as a reminder that God played a joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. Saturday and Sunday worship services April 7 and 8 will be filled with laughter, jokes, and fun.

SAVE THE DATE: ART CAMP!!!

After last summer's smashing success of Art Camp, St. Paul UCC will be hosting a community-wide Art Camp June 4-7 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Our theme this summer is: Who Is My Neighbor? If you would like to volunteer, please see Lisa Weigandt or Pastors Becky or Dee. More information will be coming soon.

THANK YOU ST. PAUL

Agape extends a big "Thank you" to all St. Paul members for the food and other donations you have given. There are many clients being assisted with food products. All donations are appreciated, especially child friendly items. Egg cartons are also a plus. Thank you for your ministry.

Ann Hudson, Agape Representative

THANK YOU

The family of Ruth Topp wish to extend a sincere thank you for the many kindnesses expressed following the passing of our mother. A special thank you to all who sent cards to her before her passing and to the Funeral Luncheon Committee for serving the meal after the service.



SATURDAY EVENING ACCOMPANISTS

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| March 3 | Cheyenne Olt |
| March 10 | Bev Plattner |
| March 17 | John Wierwille |
| March 24 | Bev Plattner |
| March 31 | Bev Plattner |

ALTAR FLOWERS

March 4 George Weiss
March 11 Allen Bushman
March 18 Judy, George & Karen, John & Ginny Voess
March 25 Bev & Ralph Plattner

(Altar Flowers @ \$30.00 per week. Dates still available:
June 17, July 1, September 16 & 23.
Please feel free to sign up as often as you wish.)



MARCH GREETERS

March 4 East: Tom and Peggy Brandewie
 North: Allen Bushman
 South: Brenda Haynes

March 11 East: Tom and Joyce Holdren
 North: Dan and Sally Dicke
 South: Tom and Ginny Braun

March 18 East: Matt and Katie Dietrich & Family
 North: Andy and Abby Bushman & Family
 South: Mark and Lori Likens

March 25 East: Bob and Betty Dietrich
 North: Deb and Sarah Kramer
 South: Jeff and Kelsey Kuenning & Mason

CHURCH RECORD BOOK

Called Home:

Stanley A. Kuenning died February 5, 2018 at the age of 89. Services were held in the sanctuary on February 8, 2018, and interment followed at German Protestant Cemetery, New Bremen, OH.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Address Change:

Bill & Alice Davis

8962 County Road 5

West Liberty, OH 43357-9533

Justin Blumhorst

623 Azalea Fields Dr.

Blacklick, OH 43004-9610

Kerri Loney

11974 Wapak Buckland Rd.

Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Remove:

Stanley A. Kuenning - deceased

OFFICE NEWS

Just a reminder to let the church office know of any life changes, such as name, address, phone numbers, emails, etc. We will greatly appreciate it, as it will help us to keep things up to date.

If our college-age members would keep their physical and email address updated with us, and how they would prefer to receive The Beacon, we would appreciate it as well. Info may be phoned to the church office at 419-629-2502 or emailed to stpaulnb@nktelco.net.

LOCAL MISSION

Local Aid Expenditures, 1/22/18 – 2/20 /18	
Cards Restocked	
40	\$25 Marathon
5	\$10 Wendy's
5	\$10 Dairy Queen
5	\$10 Subway
Gift Cards Distributed	
3	\$25 Aldi
2	\$100 Aldi
4	\$25 Kroger
2	\$50 Kroger
17	\$25 Marathon
2	\$10 Subway
2	\$10 Wendy's
Other	
\$77.13	Blessing Cabinet
\$1000.00	Legal Fees
\$26.33	Postage/License Fee

DISCIPLESHIP TEAM-UNITED TO SERVE

DISCIPLESHIP TEAM

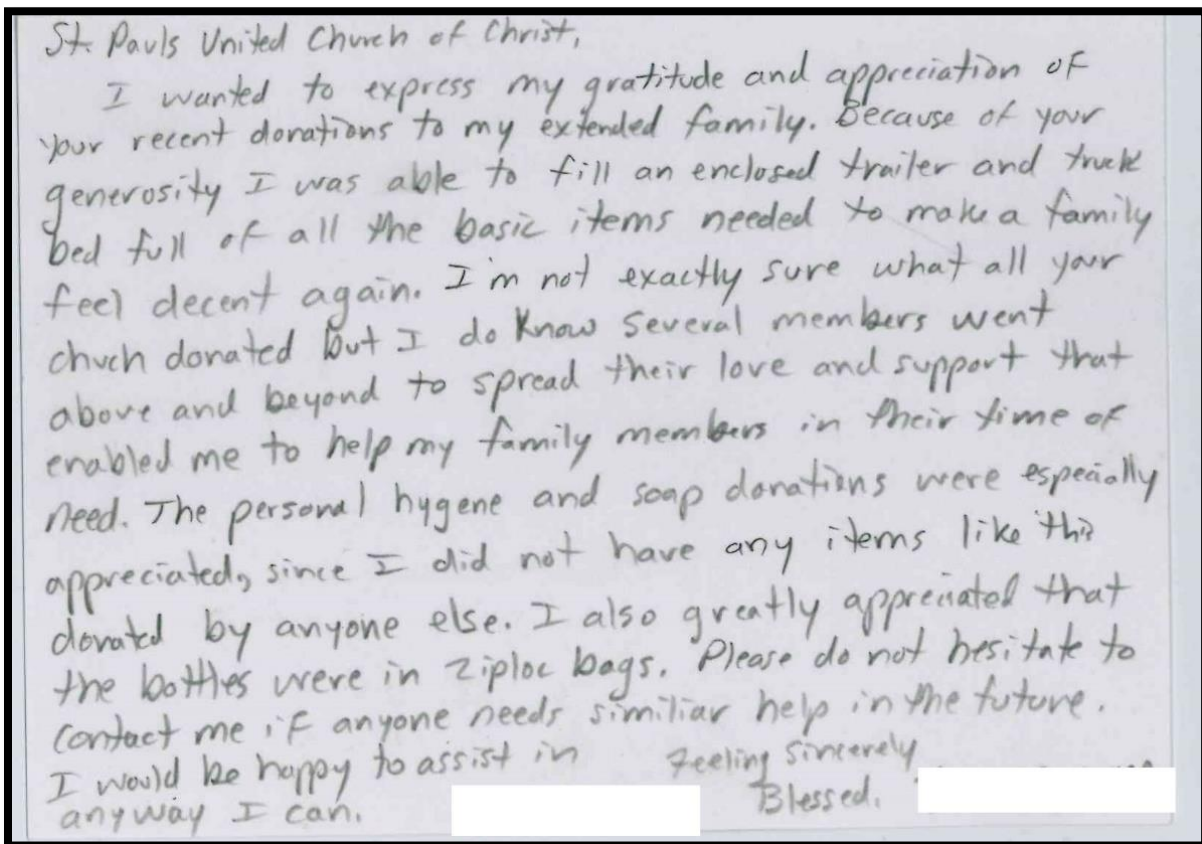
The Discipleship Team will meet on Monday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. This growing team is constantly looking for new ways to live as followers of Jesus in this community and beyond. We invite you to join us.

OPEN TABLE COMMUNITY MEAL

The Discipleship Team wishes to thank the Rob Ashman and Jim Kronenberger families for cooking and serving the February Open Table meal. With the warmer weather we had a great turnout, food was delicious and free chair massages delightful. March's meal will be Monday, March 19th and the meal will be cooked by Bryan Trego. We look forward to seeing everyone. If you can't make it out but would like a meal, please call the church office at [419-629-2502](tel:419-629-2502) and let us know. We will gladly deliver. Want to help with this great ministry? Give us a call! We are looking for volunteers to help with putting up and taking down the sign in the Route 66/274 intersection Kiosk. We are also in need of volunteers to serve, set up, tear down and clean up.

The Blessing Cabinet continues to be used on a daily basis. It has proven to be a wonderful asset to our wider community. Thank you all for keeping the cabinet stocked so this ministry can continue.

THE FOLLOWING IS A WONDERFUL THANK YOU WE RECEIVED:



St. Paul's United Church of Christ,
I wanted to express my gratitude and appreciation of your recent donations to my extended family. Because of your generosity I was able to fill an enclosed trailer and truck bed full of all the basic items needed to make a family feel decent again. I'm not exactly sure what all your church donated but I do know several members went above and beyond to spread their love and support that enabled me to help my family members in their time of need. The personal hygiene and soap donations were especially appreciated, since I did not have any items like this donated by anyone else. I also greatly appreciated that the bottles were in Ziploc bags. Please do not hesitate to contact me if anyone needs similar help in the future. I would be happy to assist in anyway I can. Feeling sincerely Blessed.

WELLNESS EVENT: MARCH 15
ADULT ONSET DIABETES

Join us Thursday March 15 at 10:00am or 7:00pm for an informative workshop on Adult Onset Diabetes. Krissy Mullenhour, Diabetes Education Coordinator for Joint Township will be leading these workshops.

Have an idea, event you'd like to plan/implement but don't know where to start? Join us! We would love to have you. We do not have a set meeting night or time so please call the church office (419-629-2502) for more info.

PROM MEAL: APRIL 21

We will be hosting a pre Prom meal on April 21 for New Bremen's Junior class. We are in need of volunteers to help with this event, please contact the church office if you can help.



In February Larry Kuhn shared The Art of Stained Glass in a three day class. By the look of the faces in the photo, participants were enjoying developing their skill! Please contact the church office if you are interested in learning the process of creating stained glass.





Pastoral Care is very important! Please contact the church office when you or a family member or friend enter a hospital, or care facility, so Pastors & church family can be supportive.

Phone: 419-629-2502

Email: stpaulnb@nktelco.net

ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

Elmwood Assisted Living

711 Walnut, New Bremen, OH 45869

Duane Hegemier

Lois Moeller

Heritage Center

24 N. Hamilton, Minster, OH 45865

Thomas Goodwin

Jill May

Mary Mohrman

Jean Waterman

Mary Ellen White

The Gardens

505 Walnut, Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Louise Kettler (Room 222)

St. Marys Living Center

1209 Indiana Ave., St. Marys, OH 45885

Rosie Heitkamp

Otterbein – St. Marys

11300 Yost Circle, St. Marys, OH 45885

Doris Blanke

Dan Chamberlain (11410 Bobwhite Lane)

LaRue Dicke

Miriam Donnerberg (11314 Bobwhite Lane)

Dorothy Wilkens (Room 330)

Swiss Village

1350 W. Main St., P.O. Box 284

Berne, IN 46711

Mary Lou Campbell

Sycamore Glen Retirement Community

317 Sycamore Glen Dr., #417

Miamisburg, OH 45342

Dot Ouwerkerk

ST. PAUL UCC COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President, Art Barnes with 18 council members including: Dee Schroer, Andrea Huber, John Gilberg, Myra Hanenkratt, Terri Mullins, Elyssa Mullins, Jeff Quellhorst, Tracy Oldiges, Betty Dietrich, Brad Holdren, Kathy Topp, Jim Mullins, John Mohrman, Barb Holdren, Tom Brandewie, Kirk Dicke and Rev. Becky Strang. Devotions were provided by John Gilberg. Guest: Mike Holdren

Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report reviewed. John Gilberg moved to accept the minutes as read. Tom Brandewie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report as of December 2017 was reviewed. Report shows year to date balance of \$30,621.21 in General Fund as of January 2018. Myra Hanenkratt moved to accept Treasurer's report as read. Kirk Dicke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mission: No report at this time.

Worship: We met and are focusing on Holy Week plans. Will meet again after Easter.

Discipleship: Started promoting the Dayton Dragons game on June 12th. Hosting Senior Luncheon through May.

Stewardship: Meeting in January canceled due to ice.

Financial Advisory: No report

Nominations – Currently all positions have been filled except one Deacon's position. Without you we could not function. Thank You!

OTHER REPORTS

Deacon's Report: On track for Ash Wed and Easter services.

Elder's Report: No Report

MAINTENANCE REPORT

John Mohrman reports:

Worked on the kitchen range. One pilot light would not stay burning. I removed the pilot light and tubing, cleaned and replaced. Works great now. Ovens were reported as not being correct temperatures with the knobs. Barb thought it might be because the oven thermometers were placed near the doors. I put the thermometers near the center and checked them after a while and both ovens were good.

Rewired custodial room and paper room lights. They had been on a common three way light switch system and could have their lights turned off by someone in the other room. Each room is now independent.

Roessner Energy replaced temporary blower in boiler #2 with the proper blower. He suggests we buy and stock this blower because they do not. This is the second blower we had to replace this heating season. We have four identical boilers of the same age.

Repaired dripping faucet in the kitchen.

The water line from the water heater in the kitchen to the sinks broke and leaked a lot of water into the tunnel under the halls. New Knoxville Supply cut the old line above the water heater, ran a new line above the kitchen ceiling, disconnected the old supply line under the counter and reconnected to the new line. Glued a couple rungs of chairs in the library, and other small things taken care of as needed.

Trustees Report: Working on getting quotes for the fire alarm system and quotes on the clock face. We learned that wasps are coming in from the south side of the church, this will be looked into. Discussed concerns, and will research, when carpets were last cleaned in the Education building.

PASTOR BECKY'S REPORT

Worship w/Communion during Flu Season:

February 14: Ash Wednesday @ 7pm

Sunday, February 18: Commissioning of El Salvador Travelers Tuesday, March 6: Elmwood Communion worship @ 2:30pm

Confirmation is going marvelously. Lisa Weigandt, Shelly Smart, and Jeff Paul are team teaching Confirmation this year. Pastor Dee and I will alternate weeks between Jr. High Youth Group and Confirmation. Confirmands begin writing their faith statements on February 21.

Playground construction on Herman is on hold until after the holidays. A donation has been given to cover infrastructure: rebar, cement, and electric. Playground equipment committee met on January 15. NB/NK Rotary might donate a piece of equipment especially geared towards autistic children. We hope to dedicate the park on Sunday, May 13.

Discipleship Team is hosting two heart health classes. Tuesday February 15 at 10:20am and 7pm.

Becky's Book Club - 6pm at Parsonage with dinner and discussion:

- Sunday February 18 - How to Be Here by Rob Bell
- Sunday March 11 Chocolat by Joanne Harris
- Sunday April 22 Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity by Adam Hamilton

Faith Formation - I will be teaching two adult faith formation classes in the coming months:

- Outlive Your Life on Thursdays February 1, 8, 15, 22 @ 7pm
- Christianity and the World's Religions March 1, 8, 15, 22, April 5, 12 @ 7pm

Continuing Education - in 2018 I plan to attend the Why Christian conference in Durham, NC the week of March 12. This event is hosted by Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber and Rachel Held Evans.

Art Camp - Pastor Dee, Lisa Weigandt and I will start coordinating Art Camp again soon.

I am trying to take Thursdays as professional reading days. I take Fridays off for personal time. I will return calls on Saturday or Monday.

Vacation scheduled so far for 2018: February 23-26, March 13-14

I am serving on the New Bremen/New Knoxville Rotary Board and am a facilitator for the Ohio Conference's Excellence in Ministry Program.

Summer Worship Services:

- Confirmation Reunions recognized during worship by decade.
- Kickoff Sunday September 9: I've invited Rev. John Dorhauer to preach. Haven't gotten a response. Picnic on front lawn to follow worship. Dedication of two restored German Bibles.

Pastoral Care in January

Hospital visits: 10

Nursing Home visits: 23

Phone calls: 8

Baptisms: 0

Office visits: 4

Funerals: 2

Home Visits: 12

Home Communion: 19

Notes Written: 14

Coffee Shop Attendees: 20

PASTOR DEE'S REPORT

On January 30, I began my second series of Lay School classes. This class is called The Art, Discipline, and Spirituality of Preaching. I am gearing up for spring and summer programming and activities for the Sunday school and Youth. Along with my scheduled preaching dates I am looking forward to Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday/Confirmation Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services.

Our Splash and Jr. High Youth groups just completed a 6 week study of "The Life and Message of The Apostle Paul". You can see some of their work up on the walls of the educational building and on the "love is..." bulletin board in the west entrance to the educational building. Please engage them and ask what they have learned about Paul and where his story can be found in the bible.

Our Sr. High Youth have been studying the Bible, reading different versions, studying "Bible and the United Church of Christ", and having fun with games, activities and a movie outing to see "The Greatest Showman".

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS REPORT

Preschool - This past month the preschool class kept busy! We learned about Jesus catching fish, walking on water, feeding 5000 people, and changing water into wine. We did many crafts and activities to go along with these lessons, such as fishing, having a picnic, and painting with skittles.

Teachers - Kristen Nelson, Haley Dicke and Elyssa Mullins

K-1st - We have learned that it's important to have God as our ROCK!!! That he is our foundation for our faith to build on. To build on that idea, the kids decorated rocks to hide around the community and spread his love around. We've also talked about characteristics of God and how we can be like him. We're now gearing up for the Children's Message in February where we will talk about God's Love.

Teachers - Kelli Muether and Terri Mullins

2nd-3rd - We've learned what needs to be in a prayer: F-A-S-T. F-Focus on God, A- Ask for what we need, S- Say you're sorry, T- Take the right path. We have also been talking about ways to show God's love.

Teachers - Emily Langenkamp, Morgan Felver and Leah Gilberg

4th-5th – In the month of January we’ve been talking about prayer, how it looks and the kinds of conversations we can have with God. We’ve also been talking about how we can share about God with others throughout our day.

Teachers - Myra Hanenkratt and Tracy Oldiges

Jr. High - Jr. High has been studying the “If/Then” and “Keep it Weird” lessons from our Orange Curriculum. We have continued our discussion of how God makes us unique and loves us.

Pastoral Care in January

- Nursing Home worship - 1
- Meetings with teachers -1
- Coffee shop -1
- Hospital visits - 2
- Nursing home visits -7

OLD BUSINESS

2018 Project of the Year – Clock face quote has been requested. Church Operations is now the Project of the Year.

Playground- Meeting on February 20

Sanctuary revamp for funeral space still being discussed.

Kitchen Range Hood – Quotes have been requested

WISH LIST

Flooring Auditorium, Carpet Chapel, Assembly RM - \$8000

New computers for offices - \$3000

AC Youth Room - \$3600

Laminator - \$2900-3000

NEW BUSINESS

Congregational Meeting Follow-up – Meeting February 25

St Paul 185th Anniversary – Committee will be formed to plan events leading up to the anniversary.

Serendipity Contract: Reviewed and approved. Tom Brandewie made a motion, Tracy Oldiges 2nd.

Confirmation Dinner: March 21 - to include Confirmation Class Faith Statements and parent blessings.

Announcements:

Next meeting – March 13, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

Devotions – Elyssa Mullins

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with The Lord’s Prayer.

Andrea Huber, Secretary

Art Barnes, President

St. Paul United Church of Christ
Treasurer's Report December 2017 General Fund

	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining	Previous YTD
Income						
	Contributions	26,589.07	235,650.77			251,875.32
	Rent-Nursery School	300.00	2,750.00			2,850.00
	Rent-Misc. Building	0.00	350.00			200.00
	Contributions-Beacon	45.00	525.00			875.00
	Contributions-Misc.	24,493.25	26,413.17	*\$20,000.00 given from two NB Foundation accts, \$4,493.17 of Tomhafe Gift used to balance fund.		11,438.58
	Stewardship	30.00	740.00			475.00
	Office Supplies	52.00	158.40			193.93
	Bible School	0.00	2,014.00			702.61
	Church Camp	0.00	0.00			420.00
	Interest-Checking	3.32	39.75			18.98
	Sr. Minister Endow Transfer	530.00	6,360.00			6,230.00
	Visitation Ministry Endow Transfer	468.00	5,385.00			5,220.00
	Youth Ministry Endow Transfer	3,000.00	18,000.00			22,500.00
	Total Income	\$55,510.64	\$298,386.09			\$302,999.42
Expense						
	Senior Pastor Salary	5,357.66	61,601.00	61,601.00	0.00	59,807.04
	Senior Pastor Insurance	896.16	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	9,958.66
	Senior Pastor Pension	326.18	11,211.00	11,211.00	0.00	10,884.82
	Senior Pastor Disability/Life	0.00	1,356.24	1,550.00	193.76	1,356.24
	Senior Pastor Cell Phone	50.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
	Sr. Pastor Continuing Ed	0.00	1,114.52	1,000.00	(114.52)	418.00
	Senior Pastor Business Ex	128.81	897.76	1,000.00	102.24	712.13
	Associate Pastor Salary	2,750.00	13,750.00	33,000.00	19,250.00	0.00
	Associate Pastor Housing	833.34	4,166.70	10,000.00	5,833.30	0.00
	Associate Pastor Pension	1,204.00	1,204.00	6,020.00	4,816.00	0.00
	Associate Pastor Insurance	918.46	1,814.97	5,000.00	3,185.03	0.00
	Assoc. Pastor Disability/Life	0.00	0.00	645.00	645.00	0.00
	Assoc. Pastor Continuing Ed	115.28	237.08	1,000.00	762.92	0.00
	Assoc. Pastor Business Ex	175.00	299.73	1,000.00	700.27	0.00
	Assoc. Pastor Cell Phone	50.00	250.00	600.00	350.00	0.00
	Youth Director Salary	0.00	0.00			19,065.60
	Youth Director Housing	0.00	0.00			1,950.00
	Youth Director Insurance	0.00	0.00			4,697.50
	Youth Director Continuing Ed	0.00	0.00			1,000.00
	Youth Director Pension	0.00	0.00			1,739.25
	Youth Director Disability/Life	0.00	0.00			342.94
	Youth Director Cell Phone	0.00	0.00			375.00
	Youth Director Business Ex	0.00	0.00			467.34
	Youth Ministry Endowment		3,000.00			
	Organist Salary	927.00	6,292.00	6,386.00	94.00	5,500.00
	Music Director Salary	75.00	808.95	780.00	(28.95)	780.00
	Chancel Choir Director	225.00	1,874.00	2,200.00	326.00	1,900.00
	Saturday Night Choir Director	0.00	0.00	625.00	625.00	208.32
	Christian Education Director	0.00	0.00			6,533.32
	Beacon Editor Salary	224.00	2,912.00	2,688.00	(224.00)	2,610.00
	Visitation Ministry Salary	468.12	5,382.00	5,382.00	0.00	5,225.04
	Bell Choir Director Salary	103.00	1,236.00	1,236.00	0.00	1,200.00
	Web Page Editor Salary	0.00	900.00	1,854.00	954.00	1,800.00

	Office Administrator Salary	2,569.08	29,539.00	29,539.00	0.00	25,500.00
	Financial Secretary Salary	449.54	5,167.98	5,168.00	0.02	5,016.96
	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining	Previous YTD
Expense	(continued)					
	Substitute Salary (All Positions)	735.00	3,620.50	4,326.00	705.50	4,620.00
	Education Bldg Custodian Salary	1,156.94	13,302.96	13,303.00	0.04	12,377.91
	Sanctuary Custodian Salary	671.54	7,720.96	7,721.00	0.04	7,495.92
	Lawn Care Salary	0.00	3,070.43	3,071.00	0.57	3,012.00
	Maintenance Salary	960.80	11,046.92	11,047.00	0.08	10,725.12
	SALT Salary	0.00	2,500.00	5,000.00	2,500.00	0.00
	Telephone	114.37	1,361.27	2,000.00	638.73	1,340.88
	Staff Cell Phone Reimbursement	50.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	700.00
	Internet Services	159.95	1,926.40	2,100.00	173.60	1,931.40
	Natural Gas-Church	828.88	6,077.67	10,000.00	3,922.33	5,826.27
	Natural Gas-Parsonage	88.36	772.59	1,500.00	727.41	796.60
	Electric/Water/Sewage	633.18	7,207.37	8,500.00	1,292.63	7,498.33
	Trash/Dumpster	59.21	697.64	750.00	52.36	680.86
	Worship Materials/Supplies	634.93	3,790.83	3,000.00	(790.83)	3,066.61
	Worship-Saturday	340.00	2,930.00	3,120.00	190.00	1,970.00
	Pastoral Care	0.00	1,269.65	600.00	(669.65)	608.40
	Music	0.00	175.71	500.00	324.29	327.08
	Delegate's Expense	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	62.00
	Membership Dues	0.00	752.61	500.00	(252.61)	412.56
	Stewardship Material	64.35	2,593.54	3,000.00	406.46	2,929.64
	Church Growth & Development	299.96	4,062.39	3,500.00	(562.39)	4,227.90
	Postage	617.23	3,523.47	3,000.00	(523.47)	3,971.59
	Shipping	72.78	540.00	750.00	210.00	918.11
	Mileage/Travel	1,378.96	9,050.23	10,000.00	949.77	7,695.20
	Payroll Services	0.00	624.47	650.00	25.53	622.00
	Office Supplies	233.83	3,692.29	4,500.00	807.71	3,299.66
	Custodial Supplies	119.98	1,413.37	1,500.00	86.63	1,569.97
	Office Equipment Maintenance	902.89	8,642.83	6,500.00	(2,142.83)	8,175.74
	Miscellaneous Expenses	500.00	631.00	1,500.00	869.00	1,870.23
	Pictorial Directory	0.00	0.00			4,984.00
	Sunday School Educational Material	0.00	1,771.94	1,000.00	(771.94)	2,142.87
	Sunday School Supplies	61.16	1,725.21	2,000.00	(274.79)	2,518.70
	Camperships	0.00	600.00	4,000.00	3,400.00	1,631.00
	Bibles	0.00	649.50	750.00	100.50	401.91
	Program Materials-Grade School	43.00	476.85	1,500.00	1,023.15	310.67
	Program Materials-Junior High	167.15	1,020.44	2,000.00	979.56	504.50
	Program materials-Senior High	89.72	1,146.77	2,000.00	853.23	1,409.98
	Confirmation	4.98	974.93	1,000.00	25.07	668.12
	Bible School	0.00	2,387.95			709.67
	SALT Programing	0.00	193.18	600.00	406.82	0.00
	FICA/FIT (Employer)	1,168.91	12,287.29	17,000.00	4,712.71	12,229.60
	Worker's Compensation	0.00	940.00	1,000.00	60.00	1,141.48
	Total Expenses	\$30,003.69	\$298,386.09	\$350,773.00	\$52,386.91	\$297,032.64
	Difference	\$25,506.95	\$0.00			\$5,966.78

St. Paul United Church of Christ
Treasurer's Report January 2018 General Fund

	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining	Previous YTD
Income						
	Contributions	28,427.51	28,427.51			29,562.19
	Rent-Nursery School	300.00	300.00	2,850.00	2,550.00	300.00
	Rent-Misc. Building	75.00	75.00			0.00
	Contributions-Beacon	0.00	0.00			0.00
	Contributions-Misc.	0.00	0.00			0.00
	Stewardship	225.00	225.00			310.00
	Office Supplies	12.60	12.60			4.00
	Interest-Checking	5.57	5.57			4.73
	Sr. Minister Endow Transfer	530.00	530.00	6,360.00	5,830.00	530.00
	Visitation Ministry Endow Transfer	468.00	468.00	5,382.00	4,914.00	435.00
	Youth Ministry Endow Transfer	3,000.00	3,000.00	22,500.00	19,500.00	1,500.00
	Total Income	\$33,043.68	\$33,043.68	\$37,092.00		\$32,645.92
Expense						
	Senior Pastor Salary	5,133.44	5,133.44	61,601.00	56,467.56	4,983.92
	Senior Pastor Insurance	946.40	946.40	13,500.00	12,553.60	896.16
	Senior Pastor Pension	2,802.75	2,802.75	11,211.00	8,408.25	2,721.19
	Senior Pastor Disability/Life	300.30	300.30	1,550.00	1,249.70	291.56
	Senior Pastor Cell Phone	50.00	50.00	600.00	550.00	50.00
	Sr. Pastor Continuing Ed	406.96	406.96	1,000.00	593.04	1,114.52
	Senior Pastor Business Ex	23.72	23.72	1,000.00	976.28	69.38
	Associate Pastor Salary	2,750.00	2,750.00	33,000.00	30,250.00	0.00
	Associate Pastor Housing	833.34	833.34	10,000.00	9,166.66	0.00
	Associate Pastor Pension	1,505.00	1,505.00	6,020.00	4,515.00	0.00
	Associate Pastor Insurance	843.01	843.01	12,000.00	11,156.99	0.00
	Assoc. Pastor Disability/Life	161.25	161.25	645.00	483.75	0.00
	Assoc. Pastor Continuing Ed	160.00	160.00	1,000.00	840.00	0.00
	Assoc. Pastor Business Ex	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
	Assoc. Pastor Cell Phone	50.00	50.00	600.00	550.00	0.00
	Youth Ministry Endowment	0.00	0.00			1,500.00
	Organist Salary	412.00	412.00	6,386.00	5,974.00	500.00
	Music Director Salary	60.00	60.00	780.00	720.00	75.00
	Chancel Choir Director	175.00	1750.00	2,200.00	2,025.00	175.00
	Chancel Choir Accompanist	25.00	25.00	375.00	350.00	0.00
	Beacon Editor Salary	224.00	224.00	2,688.00	2,464.00	217.50
	Visitation Ministry Salary	448.50	448.50	5,382.00	4,933.50	435.42
	Bell Choir Director Salary	103.00	103.00	1,236.00	1,133.00	100.00
	Web Page Editor Salary	0.00	0.00	1,854.00	1,854.00	150.00
	Office Administrator Salary	2,461.58	2,461.58	29,539.00	27,077.42	2,389.92
	Financial Secretary Salary	430.67	430.67	5,168.00	4,737.33	418.08
	Education Bldg Custodian Salary	1,108.58	1,108.58	13,303.00	12,194.42	1,076.34
	Sanctuary Custodian Salary	643.42	643.42	7,721.00	7,077.58	624.66
	Lawn Care Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Maintenance Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	893.76
	Substitute Salary (All Positions)	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	210.00
Expense	(continued)					
	Telephone	114.37	114.37	1,500.00	1,385.63	112.29
	Staff Cell Phone Reimbursement	50.00	50.00	600.00	550.00	50.00
	Internet Services	159.95	159.95	2,000.00	1,840.05	160.95

	Natural Gas-Church	1,610.96	1,610.96	7,500.00	5,889.04	1,672.85
	Natural Gas-Parsonage	176.82	176.82	1,000.00	823.18	171.74
	Electric/Water/Sewage	808.91	808.91	8,000.00	7,191.09	708.83
	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining	Previous YTD
	Trash/Dumpster	60.42	60.42	750.00	689.58	57.91
	Worship Materials/Supplies	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	271.89
	Worship-Saturday	200.00	200.00	3,120.00	2,920.00	260.00
	Pastoral Care	0.00	0.00	800.00	800.00	304.20
	Music	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	84.92
	Delegate's Expense	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
	Membership Dues	75.00	75.00	500.00	425.00	75.00
	Stewardship Material	276.73	276.73	2,500.00	2,223.27	151.00
	Church Growth & Development	829.84	829.84	3,500.00	2,670.16	120.90
	Postage	265.44	265.44	3,500.00	3,234.56	409.61
	Shipping	32.30	32.30	500.00	467.70	61.39
	Mileage/Travel	381.49	381.49	10,000.00	9,618.51	694.13
	Payroll Services	125.00	125.00	650.00	525.00	249.47
	Office Supplies	848.76	848.76	4,000.00	3,151.24	733.87
	Custodial Supplies	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	98.56
	Office Equipment Maintenance	970.20	970.20	8,000.00	7,029.80	742.09
	Miscellaneous Expenses	75.82	75.82	1,200.00	1,124.18	0.00
	Sunday School/Youth Programs	348.47	348.47	7,000.00	6,651.53	0.00
	Sunday School Educational Material	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	388.86
	Sunday School Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	114.20
	Camperships	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
	Bibles	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
	Program Materials-Grade School	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.09
	Program Materials-Junior High	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.29
	Program materials-Senior High	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.98
	Confirmation	13.00	13.00	1,000.00	987.00	0.00
	SALT Programing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	FICA/FIT (Employer)	1,139.81	1,139.81	15,000.00	13,860.19	924.56
	Worker's Compensation	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
	Total Expenses	\$30,621.21	\$30,621.21	\$324,829.00	\$294,207.79	\$27,559.99
	Difference	\$2,422.47	\$2,422.47			\$5,085.93



SUNDAY, MARCH 11

SERVING ST. PAUL

STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Becky Erb Strang; Associate Pastor: Dee Schroer;
Lay Minister of Visitation: Anna Hoelscher
Office Manager/Bookkeeper: Barb Holdren; Financial Secretary: Janet Eilerman
Director of Music: Tim Olt; Organist: Dick Hudson; Organist: Cheyenne Olt;
Bell Choir Director: Jack Hansbrough
Educational Building Custodian: Dennis & Linda Hainline; Sanctuary Custodian: Greg Hainline
Groundskeeper :Ralph Plattner; Building Maintenance Technician:
John Mohrman, Beacon Editor: Terri Goodwin; Webmaster: Open Position

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(Partnering with Families, the St. Paul UCC Christian Education Program strives to guide children through weekly educational opportunities and ongoing mission outreach.)

Pastor Dee Schroer, Haley Dicke, Katie Dietrich, Morgan Felver, Leah Gilberg, Myra Hanenkratt, Kelli Muether, Elyssa Mullins, Kristen Nelson, Amy Opperman, Michelle Voress, Neal Voress

MISSION TEAM

(Raises awareness/promotes mission programs)

Art Barnes, John Gilberg (chair), Joyce Gilberg, Connie Friemering, Kim Hemmelgarn, Jeff Paul, Bev Poppe, Gary Wehmeyer, Lori Winner

2018 CHURCH COUNCIL

(Meets 2nd Tuesday; Transacts routine business of the church)

President: Art Barnes; Vice President: Jeff Quellhorst

Recording Secretary: Andrea Huber, 1st Year

Treasurer: Myra Hanenkratt, 2nd Year

Sr. Elder: Terri Mullins; Jr. Elder: John Gilberg

Trustees: Tom Brandewie, 3rd Year; Kirk Dicke, 2nd Year; Tim Bowers, 1st Year

2nd Year Deacons: Betty Dietrich, Theresa Hemmelgarn, Brad Holdren, Kathy Manbeck, Kathy Topp & Jim Mullins - Head Deacon

1st Year Deacons: Dana Bornhorst, Elyssa Mullins, Tracy Oldiges, Jeff Paul, Shelly Zeller, Open Position

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

(Sounding board for future worship service opportunities)

President: Art Barnes; Vice President: Jeff Quellhorst; Senior Pastor: Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Associate Pastor: Dee Schroer; Senior Elder: Terri Mullins (Chair); Director of Music: Tim Olt; Organist:
Dick Hudson; Organist: Cheyenne Olt; Bell Choir Director: Jack Hansbrough
Head Deacon: Jim Mullins; Members: Brenda Haynes, Anna Hoelscher, Ann Kuhn, Bev Plattner,
Gary Wehmeyer

STEWARDSHIP BOARD

(Secures pledges; promotes stewardship programs)

Representatives: Roland Dicke, 3rd Year; Open Position, 2nd Year; Open Position, 1st Year
Church Council President: Art Barnes; Church Council Vice President: Jeff Quellhorst;
Senior Trustee: Tom Brandewie; Senior Pastor: Becky Erb Strang
Treasurer: Myra Hanenkraatt; Financial Secretary: Janet Eilerman

FINANCIAL ADVISORY TEAM

(Consults with bookkeeper regarding church investments)

Church Council President: Art Barnes; Church Council Vice President: Jeff Quellhorst;
Senior Trustee: Tom Brandewie; Senior Pastor: Becky Erb Strang; Treasurer: Myra Hanenkraatt
Office Manager/Bookkeeper: Barb Holdren
Members: Don Scheer, John Voress, & John Wierwille

BUDGET COMMITTEE

(Meets in August; prepares church budget for following year)

Church Council President: Art Barnes; Church Council Vice President: Jeff Quellhorst; Church Council
Secretary: Andrea Huber; Senior Trustee: Tom Brandewie; Senior Pastor: Becky Erb Strang;
Treasurer: Myra Hanenkraatt
Sr. Elder: Terri Mullins; Church Council Sr. Trustee: Tom Brandewie; Stewardship Board: Roland Dicke

OTHER WAYS TO SERVE

Bell Choir – Wednesdays @ 7pm
Chancel Choir – Wednesdays @ 8pm
Discipleship Team - TBA
Men's Club – 1st Saturday @ 8am-Speedway Lanes
Mission Team – 1st Sunday @ 11:30am
St. Paul Funeral Luncheon Committee
The Busy Twelve – 1st Tuesday
The Women's Service Group – 2nd Thursday
Worship Team – TBA
Senior Lunch Team – 3rd Thursday September - May

FROM THE EDITOR

As noted in From Our Pastor in the February Beacon, Easter is on April Fools' Day. Easter is not on March 27, as printed on the Easter Lily Order Form. If you have already turned in your order for Easter Lilies, please be assured your lilies will be delivered for Easter services on April 1, 2018! Sorry for the confusion! APRIL FOOLS!

Thank you, also, for your feedback as the BEACON continues to change. This month a separate format has been used for emailed copies and post office mailed copies.

ORDER FORM-EASTER LILIES 2018



As preparations begin for Easter, you are invited to honor friends or loved ones by purchasing lilies to decorate the sanctuary. Lilies may be picked up after the 10:15a.m. service on Easter, April 1.

Please return your order form and payment to the church office or place in the offering plate no later than Sunday, March 19.

Checks should be payable to St. Paul UCC.

_____ (Qty.) Lilies, white, foiled, w/bow @ \$13.50 /each

In memory of _____

A gift for _____

Purchaser's name _____

Total payment \$ _____



Join us for an exciting day at the ballpark.

Dayton Dragons-Fifth Third Field

Sunday, June 10-2:00pm

Seats located Section 115, Rows 11, 12 & 13

Tickets are \$6.00 each

Orders need placed by Saturday March 31st.

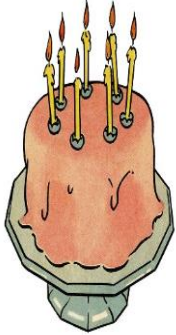
Name: _____

Tickets: _____ @ \$6.00 = _____

Please make checks to St Paul. Thank you

March Birthdays!

Happy Anniversary!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>God's Blessings to You on Your Special Day!</p> 				1	2	3	
				Chloe Bornhorst	Karen Blumhorst	Janet Miller	
				Paige Jones	Jason Dammeyer	Elyssa Mullins	March 2
				Angela Kuck	Deborah Scheer		Andrew & Gayle Wray
				Kyle Miller			
				Kylien Miller			
				Jessica Quellhorst			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Haley Wolters		Jeff Scheer	Wyatt Dicke	Connor Barhorst	Aiden Hammond	Madison Altman	
		Thomas Young	Brett Howell	Sandra McAdams	Debra Hovestreydt	Austin Hemmelgarn	
			Kerri Loney	Jean Schroer	Betty Quellhorst	Neal Hittepole	
						Mark Likens	
						Colton Regendanz	
						Margaret Slife	
						Karen Voress	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Ned Gruebmeier	Burt Fiser	John Voress	Larry Greber	Zachary Schroer	Levi Oaks	Robert Bambauer	March 15
Levi Leshar	John Mohrman	Adeleine Whitten	BJ Hansbrough		Kay Webb		Mike & Carol Swackhamer
	Carla Thobe		Tom Quellhorst				
	Michele Ziegenbusch		Roger Voisard				March 17
							Justin & Kimbery Paul
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Christine Kelsar		Henry Callahan	Matthew Dietrich	Cami Fox	Jill Clem	Brittani Fark	
		Roger Callahan	Diane Gilberg	Jacob Gilberg	David Kettler	Joann Freeman	
		Ellen Tostrick	Julianne Wyatt	Colin Leshar	Kenneth Sudman	Kathy Manbeck	
				Tyler Wolters	Sandy Thieman		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Andrew Charlson	Troy Altman	Thomas Holdren	Michael Dammeyer	Jonathon Gilberg	March 28
		Brenda Haynes	Kurt Ehemann	Emma Lammers	Jeremy Fiser	Ryley Schaefer	Paul & Pamela Phlipot
		Brantley Simon	Samantha Kuck	Karl Mesloh	Charlotte Nelson	Michelle Suchland	
		Haily Willrath	Rodney Suchland	Carol Wilson		Aaron Thobe	March 31
							Neal & Michelle Voress

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
Don't forget to <u>"Spring Forward"</u> Saturday evening, March 10!		Reminder: Please have <u>EASTER LILY</u> orders in by Monday, March 19th! Thank you!		7pm - Christianity and World Religions		8am Men's Club 5pm Worship w/Holy Communion
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9am Sunday School 10:15 Worship w/Holy Communion	12:15-12:45 Power Lunch 2-4pm Coffee Shop w/Pastor Becky	2:30pm Elmwood Worship Service w/Holy Communion	12:15-12:45 Power Lunch 3-5pm SPLASH 6:30 Jr. High Dinner 7-8:30pm Jr. High Youth Group 7-8:30 Confirmation 7pm Bell Choir 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7pm - Christianity and World Religions		5pm Worship 
6:30-8pm Sr. High Youth	6:30 Discipleship Team Meeting					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9am Sunday School 10:15 Worship	12:15-12:45 Power Lunch	7pm Church Council	12:15-12:45 Power Lunch 3-5pm SPLASH 6:30 Jr. High Dinner 7-8:30pm Jr. High Youth Group	Wellness Event Adult Onset Diabetes 10am & 7pm Senior Lunch-Noon		5pm Worship 
11:30am Mission Team	2-4pm Coffee Shop w/Pastor Becky		7-8:30 Confirmation 7pm Bell Choir 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7pm - Christianity and World Religions		
Becky's Book Club - 5pm	6:30 Called to Care					
6:30-8pm Sr. High Youth						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9am Sunday School 10:15 Worship	12:15-12:45 Power Lunch		12:15-12:45 Power Lunch 3-5pm SPLASH			Palm Saturday Worship in the Chapel - 5pm
6:30-8pm Sr. High Youth	2-4pm Coffee Shop w/Pastor Becky		6:30 Faith Statement Dinner			
	4-7pm Community Meal		7pm Bell Choir 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7pm - Christianity and World Religions		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9am Sunday School	12:15-12:45 Power Lunch		12:15-12:45 Power Lunch 3-5pm SPLASH 6:30 Jr. High Dinner 7-8:30pm Jr. High Youth Group	Maundy Thursday Healing Service 7:00 PM	Good Friday Service of Shadows 7:00 PM	No Saturday Evening Service
10:15 AM Palm Sunday & Rite of Confirmation	2-4pm Coffee Shop w/Pastor Becky					Deadline to Order Dragon Tickets!
6:30-8pm Sr. High Youth			7pm Bell Choir 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	No 7pm Class		

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