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FEBRUARY, 2017

Special Congregational Meetings

February 26th after 8:00 AM & 10:30 Services

The Congregation Council is calling special congregational meetings for Sunday, February 26th at the conclusion of the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services for the purpose of voting on a candidate to be called to the position of Director of Youth and Family Ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

The Director of Youth and Family Ministry will be responsible for leading and overseeing the development, planning, preparation, implementation, coordination and evaluation of all Christian Education programs and ministries for children, youth, adults and families in the church with an emphasis on service, education, fellowship, worship, prayer and outreach.

This position is similar, but not identical to the responsibilities carried out by Marlane Druckenmiller before her retirement.

The candidate for the position is a rostered professional in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America which means she holds a Seminary Masters of Religion degree (In this case from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia) and is under call and in good standing on the Ministry Roster of the ELCA. Therefore, as was the case with Marlane, her position would be a "called" position.

Biographical information about the candidate will be distributed before the meetings and there will be an opportunity to meet the candidate

and ask questions between services during a social time. Therefore, if having an opportunity to meet and talk to the candidate is important to you before you vote, you should plan to vote at the meeting after the 10:30 AM service.

It is very important that all members of the congregation plan to be present and participate in this call process and take an opportunity to meet the candidate for this important ministry in the life of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Also, please pray for God's guidance for yourself and our congregation as we seek to discern God's will for our ministry on behalf of Christ.

Pastor Frey



ADULT STUDY, PRESIDENT'S DAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

The Adult Study for February will look at the way Abraham Lincoln employed religious language in his understanding of America history and American destiny.

Dinner begins at 6:00PM, the study about 6:30

--WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY--

- February 4 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
- February 5 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Holy Communion
9:15 A.M. – Sunday School
- February 11 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
- February 12 8:00 & 10:3 A.M. – Worship
9:15 A.M. – Sunday School
- February 18 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
- February 19 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Holy Communion
9:15 A.M. – Sunday School
- February 25 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
- February 26 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Holy Communion
9:15 A.M. – Sunday School

FROM THE PARISH RECORDS.....

Baptism: 1/8/17 - **Chelsea Lynn Knabb**, daughter of Floyd & Jennifer (Topur) Knabb

Funerals: 1/2/17 – **Alton L. Brown**
1/13/17 – **Nati English**

Contributions to the **Memorial Fund** in memory of **Alton Brown** given by—

Bruce & Barbara Blankenbiller	Dave & Judy Focht
Jim & Sue Miller	Carol DeLong
Sandra Hoffman	Jane Kinder
Marie Hausman	Pat Roland
James & Nancy Smith	Betty High
C. Merrill & Helen Brown	Paul & Kay Reber
Joel & Janet Hoffman	Gary & Cindy Weidner
Gladys Hoffman	Bob & Joan Wendel
Jeffrey & Luanne Stauffer	John & Jeane Serrian
Paul & Clara Koch	Charles Merkle
Reginald & Nancy Scheifley	Randall & Joy Stauffer
Quilters	Janet McMullen
Helen Strain	RKL
Tom & Marcia Keim	

Contributions to the **Renovations Fund** in memory of **Alton Brown** given by --

Henry & Gloria Rhoads	Tom & Deb Longstaff
Frank & Kathy Jablonski	Jan Schell
Frank & Dorothy Brown	Bob Fisher
Dave & Carole Renninger	Rob & Sandi Levensgood
Gerald & Pat Levensgood	Charles & Fern Brown
Fred & Mary Ellen Hoffert	Howard & Connie Hunter
Gerald & Jeane Rohrbach	The Wood family

Contributions to the **Agape Fund** in memory of **Alton Brown** given by --
Anna Brown
Dave & Janet Levensgood
Mary Graefe
Greg & Norma Godon

Contributions to the **Memorial Fund** in memory of **Nati English** given by –

Gary & Cindy Weidner	JoAnne Merkel
John & Jeane Serrian	Pat Roland
Charles Merkle	Jan Schell
Edward & Geri Kelly	Tom & Marcia Keim

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Bob Fisher	Fred & Mary Ellen Hoffert
Gerald & Pat Levensgood	Frank & Dorothy Brown
Henry & Gloria Rhoads	Cindy Matosky
Howard & Connie Hunter	Quilters
Calvin & Ellen Sheeler	Frank & Kathy Jablonski

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Helen Strain	Greg & Norma Godon
Anna Brown	Bill & Angie Kutz
Mary Graefe	

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS.....

Welcome February 2017. Yes, it is still winter as we are reminded by the frigid temperatures and frequent snow storms. However, the days are getting longer and each day brings us closer to spring. Will the groundhog see his shadow? This will surely be one of the questions that our teachers and students will be asking. We will be taking a poll in our classrooms to record the predictions. Most of us are hoping for an early spring! The CDC and Preschool classrooms will also host Valentine's Day parties. The children will practice writing and making valentines to share with friends. Parents and family members are welcome to join the celebrations and attend the parties.



Just as a reminder, we do have some openings in the CDC and Preschool. For more information, please call 610-385-3333 or stop by the office. I will be happy to answer any of your questions. As always, we appreciate your support. Thank you.

--Sherry Gardner, Director

BAZAAR UPDATE: Happy to report the bazaar did very well this year – we had a profit of \$19,319.13. Thank you to everyone who helped. We couldn't have done it without all your help.

We will tithe 10% of our profits (\$1,931.91) to Bear Creek Camp for construction of new cottages. Thanks again!!

BAZAAR--2016	
Income:	
Attic Corner	\$1,189.37
Cakes	240.60
Candy	190.00
Cookies	830.00
Crafts	1,439.91
Greens	6,096.25
Lunch	2,463.70
Pantry	489.00
Pies	6,775.00
Quilters	1,000.00
Raffle	1,443.00
Unallocated	649.25
TOTAL	22,806.08
Expense:	
Cash for bazaar	(610.00)
Other expenses	(2,876.95)
Net Proceeds	\$19,319.13

The Bazaar craft group is in need of someone to cut out wooden pieces for projects for our 2017 Christmas bazaar. If you are able to help, call Betty Clark at 610-385-4636.

THANKS, THRIVENT MEMBERS...for directing your Choice Dollars to St. Paul's. During 2016, you have directed \$3,624 to St. Paul's through the Thrivent Choice program.

MESSAGE FROM ST. PAUL'S QUILTERS.....

In the report of the donations given to the church bazaar, we neglected to include that Pat Oxenford had donated the quilt top that we quilted for the raffle. Thank you Pat!

If you have or know of someone who has a quilt top tucked away waiting to be quilted maybe we can help. Call Nancy Centrella at 484-802-4971 for more information.

Are you free on Tuesday mornings? We would love for you to join us. We chat, have coffee, enjoy each other's company and, of course, quilt.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS...We welcome new members to join us the last Sunday of each month, when we meet between Worship Services in the Fellowship Hall. Our next project will be to plan our booth display at the Daniel Boone Relay for Life event in May. Join us Sunday, January 29! For more information, contact Carole at CaroleARenninger@aol.com or 484-794-2652.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 2017-2018 school year is now open for church members and will be open to the public on February 1.

Morning sessions for both classes are from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The afternoon sessions for both classes are from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Three-year old classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Four-year old classes meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.



Enroll now for preschool

Please call 610-385-3333 or pick up a registration form in the Narthex.

We hope to see your child at preschool in the fall!

YOUTH NEWS.....

For February's meeting, we will also be joining the SPYY group and going to the Reading Royals minor league hockey game on Sunday **Feb 26th at 5 pm**. This also will be a family event. Look for a sign-up sheet at the SPYY/SPLAT bulletin board in the fellowship hall. When signing up, indicate the total number of tickets needed for your family. We'll need a final count about a week prior to the game.

Save the date for our March gathering when we will be participating in the 30-hour famine event held at St. Paul's UCC church in Amity, March 17th and 18th. Look for upcoming details at the SPYY/SPLAT bulletin board in the fellowship hall and upcoming bulletins.



WOMEN'S GROUP

2/21/17 Third Tuesday of this Month (Snow date 2/28/17)

Making Cards with Kathy

Come join us on 2/21/17 to learn how to make our own greeting cards. Kathy Buch will teach us tricks on how to make our cards extra special.

The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please sign the sheet in the narthex so we can tell Kathy how many will be attending.

FEBRUARY 12 IS BLANKET SUNDAY: "WRAPPED IN LOVE"

Your gift of \$10 will be used to purchase special blankets used for a variety of purposes during natural disasters and other times of need. You can wrap those who lost much with a gift of love. It is time to replenish the supply so that we can help the next ones in need.



Use the special envelopes provided in the narthex or include your donation in your regular offering envelope, marked "blankets".

OPEN SUNDAYS TO SPONSOR THE FLOWERS:

January 29	May 21	September 10
February 12	August 6	September 17
March 19	August 13	November 12
April 30	August 20	December 31

Cost is \$34. Call the church office if interested in any of the above dates.

OPEN SUNDAYS TO SPONSOR THE BULLETINS:

February 12	April 30	August 6
March 5	May 21	October 22
April 9	May 28	October 29
April 23	June 11	December 17

Cost is \$25. Call the church office if interested.

FASTNACHT SALE.....



Fastnachts will be made sometime during the week preceding Ash Wednesday (March 1). An order form will be in the narthex or you can place an order by calling Anna Brown at 610-582-4598 or the church office.

Plenty of help will be needed, so watch for dates and times.

WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE -- WEDNESDAYS--9:00 AM

We pray for every member of the congregation on Wednesday mornings at 9 am. If you see your name here it is not because we think you have a specific need for prayer, but to let you know you are in our prayers



whatever your need may be. On Wednesday mornings we also pray for churches around the world, leaders in the ELCA, our staff and council members, our political leaders, those in the military, special requests, and many more. If you are free a Wednesday morning, stop in and join us. We are always finished before 9:30 AM. Included this month in our prayers will be: Russell Burns, Elizabeth Burns, Tiffany Cappellano, Gryffin Cappellano, John Cappellano, Faith Casciano, Richard Centrella, Nancy Centrella, David Childs, Sue Childs, Richard Christman, Rita Christman, Ed Chroscinski, Denise Chroscinski, Nicholas Chroscinski, Alexandra Chroscinski, Kathy Cicala, Trevor Cicala, Maxwell Cicala, Cristian Cicala, Betty Clark. If you have anyone to add to the prayer list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card found in the pew racks or call the church office. Please pray for those with special concerns. Donna McCarthy, Dale Szajek, Irene Lecki, Lulu Yocum, Gina Meloy, Danny Hutt, Grace Pavlik, Sandy Murphy, Phyllis Harwood, Jane Kinder, Gabriel Gross, Cindy Kurtz, Parker Youse, Cecile Wedershoven, Janet Matson, family and friends of Nati English, Alton Brown, Lisa Brunschwyler, and all others listed below and those we name in our hearts: Amy Adam, Delphine Altland, Bryan B., Steve Baldwin, Vivian Bolles, Donnie Boyer, Tom Campbell, Don Charlesworth, Ron Christman, Alicea Cook, Jeffrey Cremi, Kimmy Cremi, Mr. & Mrs. Davidson, Linda Domergue, Mary Ellen Eidell, Cindy Fake, Joanne Ferreri, Melissa Flannery, Joan Fleming, Angela Fonte, Lauren Freeman, Robert Geiger, Ida Gilbert, Michael Giorgio, Ron Glaser, Judy Grabowicz, Robert Graeff, Gene Grubbs, Steve Hackett, Mike Harris, Christine Hartline, Matthew Heisey, June Henninger, Marie Hoar, Richard Hoar, Sue Keay, Todd Kelly, Jim Kline, Marshall Korbeil, Jack Lebo, Liane Lefever, Gloria Lutz, Lewis M., John Maicher, Ronald McCarraher, Tricia Magner, Adrianna Marchewski, Charles Marquette, Jr., Eleanor McKeon, Frank McManus, Marianne Moyer, Lucille Muller, Ron Mutter, Craig Nichols, Carol Nocera, Gail Norris, Deb Petras, Richard Pool, Heather Powers, Kay Protesto, Patti Pyle, Arletta Reisch, Carole Rhoades, Jocelyn Rice, Bob Schmidt, Gabriel Schulze, Cole Seaman, Mary Shaner, Carol Sherman, Stephanie Szajek, Jeanie Templin, Ralph Trainer, Jay Trauger, Linda Troil, Sandy Wamsher, Millard Watson, Lee Wendel, Ruth Ann Williams, Christopher Youse, homebound— Geraldine Barbone*, Frank Brown, Jennie Clouser, Grace Frey, Jan Haas, Pearl Miller, Laura Schmale, Alma Shirey, Patsy Smale. *Non-member

Note there are Prayer Request Cards in the pew racks.

*Happy
Birthday*

2/1	Lee Hart	2/15	Beth Gabel
	Abigail Trombley		Christian Luo
	Pam Umbenhower	2/16	Lynn Grace
2/3	Pr. Frey	2/17	Carole Berry
	Arlene Hildebeitel		Nick Chroscinski
	Stephen Royer		Joanne Guss
2/4	Mark Eisenhuth		Alex Hackett
	Jay McClafferty		Carol Hafer
	Ryan Sonon		Beth Jablonski
2/6	Gabriel Gross		Gabriel Luo
	Rachel Lau	2/18	Marcus Betts
2/7	Kevin Fisher		Michael Casciano
	Jacob Hasara		Kevin Hilbert
	Jay Musselman		Magdalena Nygard
2/8	Lisa Bowersox		Warren Saylor
	Mary Graefe	2/19	Norma Godon
2/9	Brynn Hennessey		Emily Poole
	Ian Oister	2/20	Shawn Boyd
	Nathan Shingle		Stuart Crichton
	Gene Stewart		Morgan Kelly
2/10	Kristin Saylor	2/21	David Barr
2/11	Audrey Bokosky		Riley Haring
	Chase Saylor		Kristopher Moyer
	Olivia Sypherd	2/23	Maeve Bartra
2/12	Patti Hetzell	2/24	Cindy Dominick
	Alma Shirey		Rebecca Miller
2/13	Amanda Childs		Joan Schaeffer
	Cameron Hunter	2/25	Lori Hoag
	Mason Monteiro		Adrienne Stumhofer
	Albert Suglia	2/26	John Dollhopf
2/14	Sue Childs		John Levensgood
	Rich Kucharik	2/27	Alex Maloney
	John Wolfe		Deb Smith
2/15	Jennifer Bonetz	2/28	Palmer Loughin

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO –

Darrell & Margaret Reitmeyer	2/1	42 yrs.
Craig & Diane Guest	2/11	27 yrs.
Jeffrey & Joan Schaeffer	2/14	36 yrs.
Kevin & Barbara Hilbert	2/15	20 yrs.
Franklin & Dorothy Brown	2/17	66 yrs.
Lee & Sandra Hart	2/21	49 yrs.
Ed & Denise Chroscinski	2/22	20 yrs.

WANTED!! Piano player to accompany a local singer who entertains at local nursing homes approximately 6 times a year. If you can help, contact Rob Chisholm at 610-310-0636 or robchis04@gmail.com

--YTD Giving thru December, 2016 –

	<u>Jan—Dec 2015</u>	<u>Jan-Dec 2016</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>% chg.</u>
Offerings	\$ 363,074	\$ 367,168	\$ - 4,093	1.1
Renovation Contr.	\$ 159,200	93,619	(65,581)	-41.2
Total Giving	\$ 522,274	\$ 460,787	\$(61,487)	-11.77
Mortgage Balance		\$755,875.72		

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> Council persons in charge of services— Gary Weidner, Susie Kresge </div>			1 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study	2 Noon—Fr. Circle 6 PM—T3 7 PM—Choir rehearsal	3	4 6 PM—Holy Com.
5 8 & 10:30—Holy Comm. 9:15—Sunday School 9:30—Finance Com. 7 PM—Nar-Anon	6 7 PM—Christian Ed.	7 Quilting 2 PM—TOPS 6:15--CDC	8 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 6:15—Executive Com. 7 PM--Council	9 7 PM—Choir rehearsal 7 PM—Prayer Shawl	10	11 6 PM—Holy Com.
12 8 & 10:30—Worship 9:15—Sunday School	13 10 AM—Labyrinth Gr. 7 PM—Pastoral Care	14 Quilting 2 PM—TOPS	15 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study	16 7 PM—Choir rehearsal 7:30 PM—Crime Watch	17	18 7:30 AM--Property 6 PM—Holy Com.
19 8 & 10:30—Holy Comm. 9:15—Sunday School 9:15—Soc. Ministry 7 PM—Nar-Anon	20 6 PM—Bible Study	21 Quilting 2 PM—TOPS 7 PM—Women's Gr.	22 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 7 PM—Worship & Music	23 7 PM—Choir rehearsal	24	25 6 PM—Holy Com.
26 Special Cong. Mtgs. 8 & 10:30—Holy Com. 9:15—Sunday School 9:15—Fellowship Youth to Rdg. Royals	27	28 Quilting 2 PM—TOPS	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Money Counters 8:00 Gary Weidner Kathy Meehan June Geiger </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> 10:30 Bill Kutz Angie Kutz Brooke Eidell </div>	