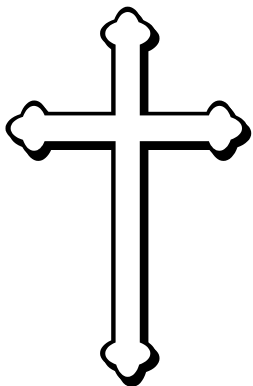


**SUNDAY
SCHEDULE**
Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m.
Sunday School for all
ages 11:00 a.m.



**SATURDAY
WORSHIP**
4 p.m. year-round

*"The Mission of St. Paul's
Evangelical Lutheran
Church is to **SHARE**, at all
times and with all people,
the Good News of **GOD'S**
GRACE, through
CHRIST JESUS."*

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
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PRAYERS Our prayers are requested for the following people: *Carmella Holman, Starr Cummings, Richard Saylor, Mary Lou Saylor, Cheryl Seabright, Alice Smith, Ginny Baker, Jan Rengert, and Margaret Marx.*

Those with Long-Term Prayer Concerns: *Terrie Baker, Dawn Campbell, Fred Citrone, Ernest & Wanda Cooperider, Rose Godenschwager, Marie Holmes, Martha Knerr, Wilma Keller, Betty & Cliff Neighbarger, Terry Nelson, Jackie Sainsbury, Frances Slebodnik, Ruth Swinehart, Gretchen Treneff.*

If you need an address for anyone or wish to add someone to the list, please call the office.

Notes to the Church and Congregation:

- **From Wilma Keller** – I am so thankful for all the love and support of my St. Paul's family. You are such a blessing and I see God's love and grace flow through you. I just hope that God blesses you as much as he blesses me through you. Merry Christmas!
- **Mitten Tree** – We collected 138 pairs of gloves, 108 hats, 8 scarves, and 2 pairs of socks with our mitten tree. Thank you to all who contributed to this community ministry! – Marti Kolb-Conner & Jackie Sainsbury
- **Thank you very much** for the Christmas gifts! They were very much appreciated! *Kerrill, Jackie, Matt, Josh, and Sadie*

HEART AND SOUL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS The January topic is ***Mission and Millenials***. Seeking to deepen our conversation with the "Millenial" generation, we are inviting participation from those who consider themselves "Millennials" and from the leadership and members of the congregation for this special month-long series.

YOUTH NEWS The next youth breakfast is February 11th.

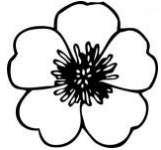
SOCK TREE UP! The St. Patrick's Sock tree is in the corridor. We will be collecting socks for the YES club through the beginning of March.

Year End Statements of Giving are available. Please pick yours up when you are here to help save on postage. The church is required to mail any that are not picked up.

Flower and Sanctuary Lamp Candle Sign Up Charts for 2018 have been posted by the main door in the back of the church. If you have a certain date on which you want to remember someone by providing flowers or the candle, now is a good time to sign up. Please use the special pen provided for the laminated surface.

2018 Offering envelopes are available on a table between the church and parish building. The boxes are in alphabetical order and can be picked up after the services. If you want offering envelopes and don't find your name, then please take a blank box, writing down its number alongside your name on the pad provided.

Noontime Lenten Lunches – Beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 14th, the 2nd Presbyterian Church Downtown will once again host a series of ½ hour lent services followed by a luncheon. The services will begin at noon and last for about 25 minutes followed by a lunch, provided by area churches. There is a fee for the lunch.



ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY LAMP CANDLES

February 4th: One vase is given by Anne Daly in honor of her grandson **Knox Jordan-Downs** and her husband **Dick Daly** whose birthdays are February 9th and 12th respectively. **One vase and the candle are available.**

February 11th: The candle is lit by Greg and Kim Everingham in honor of their daughter **Adrianne Pence** whose birthday is February 11th. **Both vases are available**

February 18th: One vase is given by Kendell Stotts in honor of her aunt **Marti Kolb** whose birthday is February 20th. **One vase and the candle are available.**

February 25th: One vase is given by Dick and Anne Daly in honor of their daughters **Kate Jordan-Downs and Erin Zinn** whose birthdays are February 26th March 5th respectively. The second vase is given by Carol Mumaw in memory of her husband **John Mumaw** who died February 26th, 2014. **The candle is available.**

Valentine bags – once again, we're going to have the kids decorate Valentine's bags. They'll be working on them during Sunday School on January 28th. If they can't be there, they can decorate their bags at home and bring them in by February 4th. The bags will be in the front walkway on February 4 & 11 for people to drop in cards and goodies.



February 11th is Transfiguration Sunday, and that following **Wednesday, February 14th, is indeed Ash Wednesday.** Our service will be at 7:15 p.m. Volunteers are needed for this service. Choirs change their schedules during the Lenten season, so make sure to check the enclosed calendar. ***So that we may better focus on the service, there will be NO SOUP Supper on Ash Wednesday.***

LENT IS AROUND THE CORNER! At St. Paul's that has included not only the Sunday worship but also a special series of Wednesday observances during Lent, *February 21st, February 28th, March 7th, March 14th, and March 21st.* There is a soup supper at 6:15 p.m. followed by a service at 7:15 p.m.

Ushers and Lectors Needed! *We need volunteers to be ushers and for all those dates we also need volunteers to be lectors at the service. Please sign up with the church door secretary or call the office.*

The Suppers - Soup is provided, and we ask each person attending to bring a salad or dessert to put on the buffet table. We need to finish our planning now for the suppers and Wednesday services. *(For the services on February 21st, February 28th, March 7th, March 14th, and March 21st)* **SOUP & BREAD HELP NEEDED:** In addition, we need volunteers to make the soup for the Lenten suppers on each of above listed Lenten Wednesdays. And if soup making is not your forte, we also need volunteers to bring the bread (4 sliced loaves of various sorts each week) and volunteers to do clean-up after the meals on those same dates. (The sign-up sheet will be in the hands of the church door secretary at the weekend services or can be accessed by calling the church office.)

Daily Devotional Books for the first quarter of 2018 are also available in the front corridor.

CHRISTMAS HYMN BRACKETS And we have a winner! Our favorite Christmas Hymn is "Silent Night, Holy Night." Now we all know the legend of the hymn, a fictional story from the 1930's. In truth, Father Joseph Mohr wrote the words in 1816 in the aftermath of the Napoleonic War and brought it to his friend Franz Gruber to composed a tune for the six verses to use in the Christmas Mass in 1818. Silent Night was declared an "Intangible cultural heritage" by UNESCO in 2011.