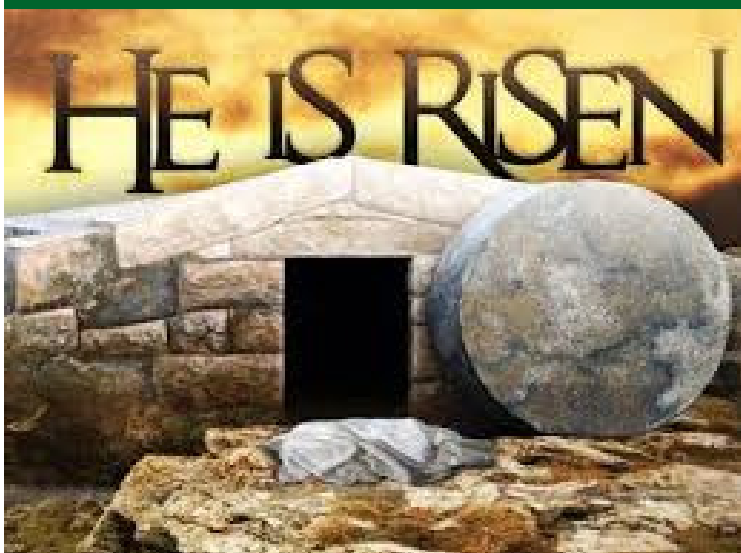


St. Paul's Cross†Roads

A Monthly News Publication Informing Members and Friends ~ Encouraging Fellowship and Spiritual Growth



JOIN US ON
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST
Worship Services
at 7:30 and 10am

*Breakfast will be served by the
Youth Group
between services.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Karen Freier, Chris Meyer, Shannon Adams
Greg Arends, Bill Hines,
James & Charlotte Huppert,
Albert, Maine, Horton Maine,
JoAnn Strom, Roger Youngquist

In Care or at Home

Daryl Feuerhelm, Earl Kinneman,
Leon Langer, Lola Schingledecker, Judy Ortwerth,
Marjorie Peterson,
Anna Schingledecker, Dorothy Schulte,
Betty Ann Webster

CONFIRMATION 6:30 PM 4/4 AND 4/18

STEWARDSHIP 11:15 AM 4/8

CHURCH LIFE 6 PM 4/10

WOMEN'S GUILD 6 PM 4/11

SUNDAY SCHOOL CARNIVAL 11 AM 4/15

ED GRESKE MEMORIAL EUCHRE TOURN. 11 AM 4/15

COUNCIL MTG. 6:30 PM 4/19

PRAYER SHAWL MTG. 9:30 AM 4/21

BASKET AUCTION April 29th

February 2018 — GIVING

Our monthly budget for 2018 is \$10,069.63

Income - \$6,887.00

Expenses - \$8,344.76

As of 02/28/2018

Our Operating Fund Balance was

-\$3,353.81

Prepaid Utilities—\$1,296.08

APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers

April 1— USHERS NEEDED

April 8—Sharon Owen, John Losgaard and Carol Hines

April 15— Sunday School Students

April 22—Grant & Amy Greske Family

April 29—USHERS NEEDED

Video Technician

April 1—7:30 Gayl Greske/ 10:00 Bruce Schumaker

April 8—Bruce Schumaker

April 15—Grant Greske

April 22—Denise Blaisdell

April 29—Maria Stress

Worship Readers

April 1—Readers Needed

April 8—Rick Swan

April 15—Sunday School Students

April 22—Ruth Baumgartner

April 29—Joyce Swan

Hey St. Paul's (and friends of St. Paul's, too 😊)!

Greetings to you all in the Precious Name of Jesus Christ.

Happy Easter Everyone!!!

Easter is such a celebratory time!!! I mean... Lent is downright dark and difficult, as we set this season aside to examine and face those less whole, and frankly dark, parts of ourselves. In contrast, Easter is all about light, living life fully, renewal, victory over evil, and new beginnings.

In fact, Easter is the promise to us, that because of God's powerful love for the whole of creation, that death will not have the last word in this world of ours. Easter is the promise that even though evil will seemingly continue to prevail, that it will not have the last word—it will not ultimately have victory over us. For in Christ, God has begun a new program of renewal, healing, and transformation of all there is—of everything visible and invisible. In other words, this is the fulfillment of the promise made by the prophets of old that God would one day initiate a program of transformation for all social, political, cultural and family structures (and relationships)—building into these systems ways of being with each other that establish peace, embody love, and create hope. Thus, for those of us willing to live intentionally in relationship to the Spirit of God, God will reveal the pathways of being with each other that lead to each of these things. So... Let us faith together, let us search for those ways that lead to the most life for all, and let us discover together how to live into the kingdom and realm of God. Amen. And Happy Easter!

Okay...

Here are some things to be aware of!

Upcoming Events!!!

Sunday, April 15th: Sunday School Carnival & Ed Greske Memorial Euchre Tournament

Sunday, April 29th: Annual Basket Auction

Sunday, May 6th: Confirmation Sunday

Saturday, May 19th: 1st Annual Senior Fishing Adventure & Picnic

Sunday, May 20th: Last Day of Sunday School, Awards Banquet and Grad Recognition.

Beloved of God's...

We have lots to do and lives to change. Let's do it together!

May God bless us all, through it all! I look forward to seeing the new ways the work of God will come through us, the love of God formed into us, and the realm of God brought amongst us.

Blessings and Peace!

-Pastor Adam

St. Paul's UCC 22nd Annual BASKET AUCTION

Get your baskets ready for the upcoming auction. Come and join us for the fun, the food, the socializing and take home baskets of goodies or crafts! Looking forward to seeing you on April 29.



Coming to a town near you!

Do you like to garden, bake, can fruits/vegetables, grow flowers or craft? Then the Farmers Market is for you. The market will be held every Thursday starting May 24 through Oct. 11 with setup at 1:00 pm and will run from 2-7 pm. You will find easy access and level ground for walking with ample nearby parking. The market is sponsored by St. Paul's in collaboration with Connect Communities and the Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce. If you don't want to be a vendor come and shop, taste the cuisine of the week, have a cup of coffee, enjoy the camaraderie and free music in beautiful downtown Ellsworth!

1st Annual Ed Greske Memorial Tournament

Calling all Euchre Players!
You are invited to join in on the Euchre fun
in Memory of Ed Greske
meet in the Fellowship Hall
at 11:30 on Sunday, April 15th .
This is a Free Will Offering Event.
Food and beverages will be provided.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The date of the May meeting has been rescheduled, as the senior fishing day was planned on the same day and many of us were asked to help on that day. We will be meeting on May 12th at the home of Roz and Dave Ostendorf. They live in St. Paul, so car pools will be available at the church, leaving at 8:30 and at the Red Barn, leaving at 8:40. Please let Pam know which car pool works best for you, so we can arrange your transportation. The April meeting is scheduled for April 21st at the home of Joyce Swan. Please let her know if you plan to attend 715-629-7363.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD

At our last meeting we made plans for White Elephant Bingo with the youth scheduled for April 11 at 6:30. Bring a wrapped "gift"-something you don't want or something crazy.

We also discussed Ladies Nite out which is scheduled for May 9th. Final location has not been named, but will appear in the next Crossroads and in the weekly "What's Happening."

Also be watching for news about Family picnic and movie night under the stars-right in our very own parking lot!!!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN THE NEWS

Congrats to **Ben Bennett** for being chosen Student of the Month at Ellsworth High School "good student, striving to excel on his written work."

Congrats also to **Alexia Waltz** and to **Jacob Waltz** for making the Honor Role at Plum City High School.

Then over at University of WI-Stout, **Megan Stress** made the Chancellor's Award for the Fall semester. Also you need to check out her third finger left hand-but she popped the question and she said "Yes." Best wishes to both of you.

Emma Gutting was instrumental in planning the movement at Ellsworth High School, that honored the 17 students in Parkland, Florida, who were murdered in the shooting.

TURNING POINT

The Women's Guild has been busy making quilts, and the Youth are making fleece blankets, the bins are starting to fill up but there is still plenty of time to go through your closets and bring in your gently used items you no longer wish to keep. Items donated will be dedicated on Mother's day.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

When you ride the elevator please note the new railing that has been installed. The railing is a memorial to Elaine Bennett from monies that were donated to the Memorial Fund in the memory. Elaine would not ride the elevator unless someone accompanied her, she was afraid of falling and there was no place to hold on to near the control panel. Thanks to all who donated to her memory.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CARNIVAL

All Sunday School Children and their friends are invited to St. Paul's on Sunday, April 15th for the Sunday School Carnival. Carnival starts at 11:30—parents can attend the Euchre Tournament in Fellowship Hall (if they wish) while the kids enjoy fun and games at the Carnival.

Thank you to Riley Schumaker for putting together this event. Please contact Riley if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

Church Council Minutes – February 15, 2018

The Church Council meeting was called to order at 1833. Members present were: President, Dave Ottman, Gayl Greske, Glen Baumgartner, Glory Luebker, Steve Vogt, Beth Kidd, Bernie Larson and Pastor Adam

Beth did opening devotions.

The minutes from the January meeting were presented during the Secretary's report. Gayl moved, seconded by Glory, to accept the secretary's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Copies of the Treasurer's report were presented. Gayl moved, seconded by Steve, to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports as follows:

Christian Education: The Birthday Cake drive is in progress and will continue for a few more weeks.

Church Life combined with Pastor Parish and selected a new logo for our church. TLC cards were sent out including one to Kelly Shingledecker-Larson congratulating her on becoming an RN.

Church Property: The fans are up thanks to Scott and Brett Freier.

Memorial: There were no formal meetings but Pam and Glory have spoken about a better way to process memorials to the church.

Stewardship: is currently in the process of writing a prototype letter to encourage giving and to say thank you. They are also working on a letter timeline with an eye of beginning this in the fall.

There are two new committees, on the Technology Committee Pastor Adam is working on a plan to redo the church website. All church technology has been inventoried. The next meeting is not yet scheduled.

The next new committee is "Love Thy Neighbor" though this title is a work in progress. The purpose of the new committee is for outreach and extending the church mission beyond our four walls.

The Pastor's report: A new church logo has been designed, selected and paid for. Items being explored for the new website include a blog, live streaming which may require new sound equipment and an on line giving option. The vision for the website is that it would be a central location. The software for these items could potentially require new fees.

The next "Faith and Film on Tap" will take place March 2nd at Clyde's in Beldenville. A date has been firmed up for the fishing event for the seniors in our community. The date is May 19th. There will be a need for pontoons and volunteers. Pastoral care included a visit to Ed Greske. Confirmation for the current class is almost done.

The Ash Wednesday Service brought in approximately twenty five people.

There was nothing under old business. Under new business the times for Easter Service were confirmed to be at 7:30 and at 10:00. The youth will serve breakfast between the services.

After a tour of the sanctuary and discussion about the pulpit placement Glen moved, seconded by Glory, to switch the pulpit and lectern to create more room for the band. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave has proposed a church council retreat for the purpose of team building. He sees this as a three hour event that will include lunch. It is set for March 17th at the church. The council will be bringing lunch.

The Maundy Thursday service will be held on March 29th. Supper will be at 5:30 with service at 6:30. On Good Friday, St. Paul's will be hosting the noon service. Then at 7pm there will be a screening of the movie "Collateral Beauty."

Confirmation will be held on Sunday May 6th. There was discussion on how the confirmands would be doing their testimony.

Church usage regarding funerals came up. After discussion Beth moved, seconded by Bernie, to give Pastor Adam and Mary Jane permission to allow church usage for funerals under church guidelines. Motion passed unanimously.

Computers will need to be replaced before too long and there was discussion on the age of the various machines as well as laptop vs desktop. The church has the opportunity to receive three two year old laptops. There will be costs for software. The bookkeeper's computer needs to have a tower CPU as it's also the host. This, along with the printer contract, will be tabled until next month to give the Technology Committee time to assess the matter.

Bob Doheny has requested that remuneration that he might receive be donated to the youth's musical ministry. The council decided the best way to do that would be to pay Bob and then have him donate the money back with specification regarding its use.

Discussion about the use of money raised during Lenten services concluded that the money should go to the Area Resource Center (ARC) as has been done in the past. It's generally a modest amount and the organization provides emergency funds for things like rent, heat and food. Glory moved, seconded by Steve, to donate Lenten service funds to ARC. Motion passed unanimously.

The following clarification needs to be made on the January minutes: Dave gave the Church Life report. The farmer's market dates have been set to run from May 24th through October 11th. ***Proceeds from the basket auction that will be held on April 29*** will be distributed as follows: 25% general fund, 25% OCWM, 15% Pastor's fund, 15% loan, 10% Church Life, 5% building fund, 5% Area Resource Center.

Funds raised from the Farmer's Market will go back to Church Life.

Meeting adjourned at 2010.

Respectfully submitted: Beth Kidd

Coming up in May

May 2—Last day of Confirmation
 May 6—Confirmation Sunday
 May 9—Guild Ladies Night Out
 May 12—Prayer Shawl Ministry
 May 16—Care Center Worship
 May 17—Council Meeting
 May 19—Senior Adventure
 May 20—Last Day of Sunday School



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:30 a & 10 a Worship Services Pancake breakfast served between services	2	3	4 6:30 p Confirmation	5	6	7 Frank Falkofske Funeral 11 am visitation— 1 pm Celebration!
8 9a Bible Study & Sunday School 10a Worship 11:15 a Stewardship	9	10 6:00 p Church Life	11 6:00 p Guild/Youth White Elephant BINGO	12	13	14
15 9a Bible Study & Sunday School 10a Youth-led Worship 11:15a Carnival & Euchre Tournament	16	17	18 6:30 p Confirmation	19 6:30p Council Mtg.	20	21 9:30a Prayer Shawl
22 9a Bible Study & Sunday School 10a Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9a Bible Study & Sunday School 10a Worship BASKET AUCTION!	30					

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 Bookkeeper:
 Administrative Assistant:

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 M. Blaisdell, L. Greske & P. Schumaker
 Kris Webster, Joyann Johnson, Bob Doheny
 Kaden Funk, Bernie and Julia Larson,
 Marissa & Riley Schumaker

Marlene Gutting, Dawn Gutting
 Sherri Heise
 Mary Jane McEathron



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April 2018



Lectionary

April 1—Easter

*Acts 10:23-43 — or Isa 25:6-9, Ps 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Cor 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8*

April 8—Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-25, Ps 133, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31

April 15—Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19, Ps 4, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48

April 22—Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12, Ps 23, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

April 29—Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40, Ps 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8