

# The Messenger

February/March 2018

The newsletter of First Saint Paul's  
Evangelical Lutheran Church



## CARING & SHARING 2018

Lutherans around the world and in our own community are responding to human needs resulting from poverty, disease, natural disasters, war and religious persecution. These five ministries provide an opportunity to support people in need and the work of our church through special Lenten offerings.

*"2 We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. 3 As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ."  
1 Thessalonians 1.2-3 (NLT)*

### **FEBRUARY 18, FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICE** is one of nine national organizations that resettle refugees on behalf of the U.S. government. In partnership with local organizations and congregations, LIRS strives to create welcoming communities to receive refugees. Syrian refugees, who cannot return home, are among those being assisted. More than 50% of the population of Syria has been displaced from their homes – by bombardment, civil war, and the growing threat of ISIS. Of the more than 4 million registered Syrian refugees, 76% are women and children (Source: UNHCR, as of 10/4/2015). [www.lirs.org/our-work](http://www.lirs.org/our-work)

### **FEBRUARY 25, SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**WALCAMP OUTDOOR MINISTRIES AND RETREAT CENTER** is a year-round outdoor ministry offering facilities and a variety of programs for youth and families, churches and other groups. Walcamp offers camps for children of all ages, special needs camps, a family campground and a variety of facilities for organizations, businesses and special events. [www.walcamp.org](http://www.walcamp.org)

### **MARCH 4, THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**SALAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** is a collaborative Gospel outreach ministry of Lutheran congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and other partnering congregations, organizations, and individuals. Pastor Hicham Chehab serves as the ministries missionary and worship leader. With the mission of proclaiming Jesus Christ to people from the Middle East and North Africa, *Salam Christian Fellowship* gathers for worship on Saturday afternoons at a Lutheran church in Lombard, and additional gatherings are held at a Lutheran church in Batavia. [www.salamchristianfellowship.org](http://www.salamchristianfellowship.org)

### **MARCH 11, FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**LCMS DISASTER RESPONSE** ministry responds to immediate and long-term needs following natural and man-made disasters. The ministry reaches out to LCMS congregations and their communities with services and other resources. [www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response](http://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response)

### **MARCH 18, FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**VOICE OF HOPE BEHIND THE WALL** reaches out to prisoners at Stateville Correctional Center in Joliet. Deaconess Lori Wilbert, who has ministered at Stateville for nearly 30 years, relies on support from individuals and Lutheran congregations. "Many of our discussions focus on finding God in the midst of all that the men have experienced in life as well as understanding God's love in light of who they are and what they have done," Wilbert says. In addition to Bible studies, group classes work with inmates on issues such as anger management, parenting while in prison, addiction, and restorative justice.

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## FIRST SAINT PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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were held here in 1847.*

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### SERVICES OF WORSHIP

Sundays  
9:30AM

Wednesday Spoken Eucharist  
7AM

#### HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrated every  
Sunday morning

### ELECTED CHURCH OFFICERS

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## “Salvation is of the Lord” Jonah 2.9b

This year we plan to celebrate Christ’s resurrection again at Easter Vigil Saturday evening (March 31). I hope as many of you who are able will make the effort to come. It is a beautiful, powerful, and meaningful service. It has had a large impact on my teaching and preaching as we approach this time of Lent. At Sunday morning Bible class, we have been talking about “hell” and have spent several weeks in the Old Testament discussing the meaning of *sheol*, “the grave”, and how it develops theologically throughout the Hebrew Bible. The idea is very simple but profound: God does not want us to live in fear but to be assured that he delivers us from death, evil, and our feelings of abandonment. This obviously points to resurrection.

And so, as we make our way through Lent toward Easter, we will be looking at Scripture that emphasizes God’s victory over the grave (*sheol*). Wednesdays at 7AM and 7PM we will be looking at Scripture that explores this truth—that God is our deliverer. That emphasis will culminate in the Easter Vigil service in many of the appointed readings. Here are some of the readings we will hear:

- Israel’s salvation from imminent death at the hands of Pharaoh and his army (Exodus 14.10-15.1).
- God visits a valley that contains a mass grave of dry bones and raises an army back to life (Ezekiel 37.1-14).
- Job talks about his confidence that he will not be abandoned to the grave but will rise again in his flesh to see his Redeemer (Job 19.20-27).
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are thrown into the fiery furnace to their certain destruction only to be saved by someone who looks like a “son of God” (Daniel 3.1-30).
- Jonah is buried alive in the belly of a fish and caught in the cords of *sheol* for three days only to come back from certain death to preach to the Ninevites (Jonah 1.1—2.1).

These are just some of the eight readings included in the Easter Vigil service. There are between 12 and 27 suggested readings for the service. We have made every effort to make the service manageable so that more people are likely to attend and not be overwhelmed by a lengthy service.

All this to say that a better understanding of the background of the whole of Scripture gives us a much better understanding and appreciation for the resurrection! It is a profound and challenging journey but also filled with the joy of discovery. In the end, it makes us all the more wholeheartedly say “He is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!” Join us for this full and meaningful exploration of our salvation in Jesus Christ.

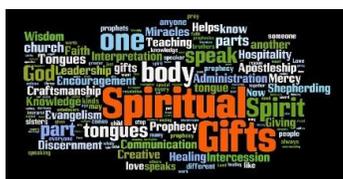
Yours in Christ,

Pastor Johnson

## A Note from our Director of Family Ministry & Outreach *Upcoming Nurturing the Faith Opportunities at First Saint Paul's*

**Are you ready to see the handiwork of God?** The apostle Paul tells us with confidence, “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ” Philippians 1.6. God doesn’t call the equipped. He equips the called.

Two ways in which God equips us is through the giving of spiritual gifts to benefit the Church and through the remembrance of milestones along our faith journey. You are invited to join us in February as our DCE Fieldworkers lead faith nurturing opportunities to help equip God’s people for His service. These sessions will be for all ages with special activities for the youngest members to participate.



**SPIRITUAL GIFTS-NICKI JOHNSON:** Did you know that God has gifted you with unique talents to expand God's kingdom? These talents are called spiritual gifts and everyone has them! 1 Corinthians 12 tells us “There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different kinds of service but the same Lord (Jesus Christ); there are different kinds of working but the

same God (Father) works in all’...these spiritual gifts have the same SOURCE (Holy Spirit) and same PURPOSE (goodness of the body/ the Church).

In session 1, February 4, we'll discuss what spiritual gifts are and discover your spiritual gifts. In session 2, February 25, we'll focus on how you can be equipped to confidently serve God and His people through your unique purpose.



**REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISMS-BECA KLEMM:** Join us on February 18 for a worship service with a special emphasis on baptism. We encourage all ages to stay after worship and fellowship for a Household Sunday School where we will learn about the Baptism of Jesus and why it is important to remember our own baptism. All ages and all households are welcome!

### **ADULT BIBLE FORUM SCHEDULE: February—March**

We meet following the worship service and Fellowship Hour each Sunday at 11AM. For more information on upcoming topics, email Marlo Schulz at [mschulz@fspauls.org](mailto:mschulz@fspauls.org) or call the church office.

February 4: Nicki Johnson—*Spiritual Gifts; Part I*

February 11: *Voters' Assembly & Pancake Breakfast*

February 18: Becca Klemm—*Remembering our Baptisms*

February 25: Nicki Johnson—*Spiritual Gifts; Part II*

March 4: Hicham Chehab—*Salam Christian Fellowship*

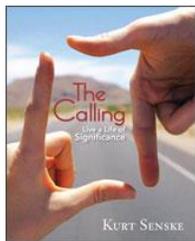
March 11: Pastor Johnson & Steven Wente  
*A Discussion of the Easter Vigil*

March 18: Lori Wilbert—*Voice of Hope Behind the Wall*

March 25: Pastor Johnson—*Study of Hell*



## UPCOMING BOOK FOR THURSDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB



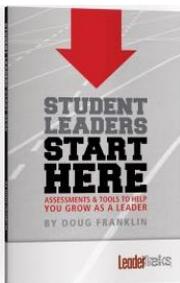
Thursday Night Book Club, 7PM-March—April- *The Calling: Live a Life of Significance* by Kurt Senske.

This book is designed to educate readers on their vocation and what that means in terms of living out their lives in our various and overlapping vocational arenas - family, professional, community, and congregational. Throughout the book, the true meaning of "success" for a Christian is examined to help the reader discover and live out the life that God uniquely created for them.

To learn more about Dr. Kurt Senske and his new book, *The Calling*, go to [kurtsenske.com](http://kurtsenske.com). Books are available through the CPH website in print or electronic versions. There will be signup sheets available at the Adult Forum, Sessions 1 & 2 on Spiritual Gifts.

## JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH: SUNDAYS IN MARCH & APRIL, 11:20AM-NOON

Junior & Senior High youth will be discussing Doug Franklin's *Student Leaders Start Here*, a practical, interactive workbook, to help students grow in leadership. It focuses on three topics that are crucial for developing as a leader, and gives students a personal leadership profile for their strengths and growth areas in each topic. Topics include:



- Leadership Design (Leadership Wiring & Spiritual Gifts Assessment)
- Balancing Act (Leadership Skills Test & Character Trait Assessment)
- Mission First-People Always (Leadership Style Assessment)

The process of leadership development is different for each person but the three principles in this workbook are foundational to getting the right start.

I encourage you to take some time in God's Word, in prayer, and in conversation with others to help you discern how God may be calling you to step out in faith to pursue a passion He has laid on your heart and gifted you the spiritual gift or gifts necessary for this Kingdom Calling. Sign up and join us for these faith-nurturing opportunities! As you abide in Christ, He, along with the Holy Spirit, will continue to work these good works out in you and through you.

Faith Integrator Challenge: A Christian integrator is someone who is working on his or her own integrative journey of faith. One strategy to incorporate into your daily routine is the selection of a verse for the year. This year, Proverbs 11:23-25 will be a guiding word of encouragement and challenge for me. <sup>23</sup> "The desires of the righteous end up well, but the expectations of the wicked bring wrath. <sup>24</sup> Those who give generously receive more, but those who are stingy with what is appropriate will grow needy. <sup>25</sup> Generous persons will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed."

*God's continued blessings on your journey with Him and with us this side of heaven.*

Marlo Schulz-Kittl, Director of Family Ministry and Outreach

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH NEWS

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE, FEBRUARY—APRIL

- ❖ February 11: Recessional with Alleluia banners during worship (we will practice on Sunday, February 4 during Sunday School).
- ❖ February 18: Baptism Remembrance during worship & household all ages activities at 11AM
- ❖ March 4: Lord's Prayer lessons
- ❖ March 11, 18, 25: Holy Week and Easter Lessons
- ❖ March 18: **Confirmation Sunday**
- ❖ April 1, **Easter Sunday**: Processional with Alleluia banners at the beginning of worship (Please be here by 9AM) Easter Breakfast **NYG 2019 Fundraiser**
- ❖ April 8, 2PM: Placement Service at Concordia University Chicago for DCE fieldworkers, Becca Klemm & Nicki Johnson
- ❖ April 29: Our last regular Sunday morning class and send off for Nicki and Becca. Please join us for this special fellowship event to say farewell, thank you, Godspeed, and God's blessings to Nicki and Becca.
- ❖ May 6: Artists of First Saint Paul's—Start working on your talent selection for this special day!

### NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT GATHERING FOR YOUTH: WONDER



**What:** The Gathering at Trinity, Roselle is a yearly Youth Gathering weekend every April for both high school and junior high students. The goal is to equip and encourage students to be bold in their faith. We do this through powerful worship sessions, topical class sessions, a service project and more. [www.gatheringtrinityroselle.com](http://www.gatheringtrinityroselle.com)

**Who:** Junior & Senior High Youth (6-12 grades)

**Where:** Trinity Roselle, IL

**Cost:** \$50 plus transportation (cost varies)

**When:** *Friday, April 6*, meet at FSP at 4:30PM. Bring your dinner!

Travel to Union Station at 5:15PM, South Canal Street. Arrive/Meet at Trinity, Roselle at 6:45PM.

*Saturday, April 7*, Return to Union Station South Canal Street at 9:30PM.

*Sign up on the bulletin board now! Registration due by Sunday, March 11.*



# REAL.PRESENT.GOD.

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING | Minneapolis · July 11-15, 2019

**What:** Held every 3 years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five days of the Gathering, youth spend time together in God's word, worship, service, and fellowship with others from across the synod.

**Who:** The LCMS Youth Gathering's primary focus is for youth participants between the ages of 14 to 19. To register for the 2019 Gathering, youth participants must meet ONE of the two following eligibility requirements:

– Must be 14 years old at the time of the Gathering OR – Entering his or her ninth grade year at the time of the Gathering.

*Can youth who are not Members of the Congregation Attend?*

Yes! The Gathering is a great event for youth to invite friends who are not members of their church but are longing to learn more about God's love for them in Jesus. Be sure to include these friends and their parents in all pre-Gathering meetings and events. These meetings are ideal times to discuss Scripture; support faith development; and introduce congregational pastors, church workers and members. Friends and a parent must attend all required meetings, meet the requirements of attending the trip, and agree to the guidelines established by the group attending the gathering.)

**When:** July 11-15, 2019 in Minneapolis, MN.

**Why:** NYG is a great opportunity for students to share their talents (opportunities for choir, orchestra, dance, etc.), meet fellow believers (Lutherans) from all over the world, participate in service projects throughout the host city, worship with up to 35,000 others daily, have fun, hear speakers on topics relevant to teens, and grow in knowledge and understanding of God.

## Now What:

1. Sign up! Let us know you're interested in going. Mark your calendars with the dates July 11-15, 2019.
2. Help out whenever possible with the planning and execution of fundraisers. Our first fundraiser is the Easter Brunch.
3. Checkout the NYG 2019 website: [www.lcmsgathering.com](http://www.lcmsgathering.com)
4. Pray for this opportunity and how God is guiding you to be involved. This includes parents. Maybe God is leading you to be a chaperone for this faith growth opportunity for our youth.
5. Commit to the process of attending knowing there will be regular meetings, Bible studies & opportunities to build community as we prepare for NYG 2019.



## Join us for Easter Brunch!

### Hosted by FSP youth to raise funds for the LCMS National Youth Gathering

Please join us for our Easter Brunch immediately following the service on Easter morning. This year, our youth students will be preparing, serving, and cleaning up the meal as a fundraiser to offset the cost of attending next year's National Youth Gathering.

## A Note from the Cantor



This year, First Saint Paul's will again have an Easter Vigil service. "Why a Vigil?" some might ask. "Don't we have enough 'church' already?" As a church musician, it would be easy for me to use the time to get ready for the other services, and not worry about a Vigil. What is a Vigil anyway?

To be sure, the Vigil, unlike the other services of Holy Week, is not as connected to Biblical events in the life of Jesus as are the other days. Think of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday: an image of an event immediately comes to mind. The Vigil is different: it implies waiting. And a healthy amount of that. However, at the end of the vigil—the end of the waiting—comes the proclamation of Easter: Christ is risen!

Perhaps it is only an impression, but it seems to me that the early church focused heavily on the life of Christ, the good news of salvation, and using the events in Jesus' life as the model for our daily lives. It's a little like the old "You Are There" documentaries. The Vigil—as all of Holy Week—invites us to put ourselves in that time, rather than thinking only objectively or abstractly about the events. The Palm Sunday procession, the Maundy Thursday stripping of the altar, the Good Friday procession of the cross, all take us to that "You Are There" moment. And so does the Vigil.

Before that first Easter, the followers of Jesus likely kept vigil wondering what would become of them. The women went to the tomb and discovered what God accomplished: "He is not here; he is risen." We too easily go from Good Friday to Easter. Before jumping to Easter joy, we have the opportunity in the Vigil to place ourselves in the time of waiting, of hearing the great stories of God's redemption of his people, of renewing our own baptism, of remembering the saints who have gone before us. Hearing these stories and singing psalms and other songs helps us to connect the prophecies of the Old Testament with their fulfillment in the person of Jesus Christ.

Please consider attending the Vigil, and considering it not as an "extra service," but as part of a bigger unit, from Maundy Thursday on, the "Three Holy Days."

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## CHOIR NEWS

The choir is meeting at 8:30AM on Sunday mornings with occasional Saturday morning rehearsals. This seems to accommodate the varied schedules of many of our members. If you'd like to participate, please see Steve Wentz ([swentz@fspauls.org](mailto:swentz@fspauls.org)). On Good Friday we will sing the Passion according to St. John in the setting by Carl Schalk. Easter music will include trumpet, strings, and timpani.



### ***Thanks for your contributions!***

As always, we are thankful for the support of many members and friends for music activities. Support for guest instrumentalists and singers comes solely from members and friends. While giving music overall has been generous, this fund needs particular support. Should you be able to contribute toward music this spring, please use the special envelopes and mark your check for "music," or contribute online.



## RECAP OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Our children proclaimed Christ during worship on December 10 as we experienced the story of Greta, the dreamy daughter of a Bethlehem innkeeper, who helped us see the wonder of the baby born in a manger. We are grateful for our families with children & youth who dedicated time to practices and participated in this faith nurturing opportunity. Parents and the rest of our First Saint Paul's family continue to encourage our children and youth to grow in the knowledge and wonder of following after Jesus!

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off



The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual chili cook-off was held Sunday, January 28 featuring a variety of chilis and cornbreads. The chili judges awarded 1st prize to Barb Webb for her Chili Chili recipe and most unique chili to Eric Becker for his *May The Cheese Be With You* Star Wars-themed chili. Thanks to all those who helped and brought chili, sides, and desserts.

Here is the winning recipe. Enjoy!

### AB's Chili Powder

- 3 ancho chiles, stemmed, seeded and sliced
- 3 cascabel chiles, stemmed, seeded and sliced
- 3 dried arbol chiles, stemmed, seeded and sliced
- 2 tablespoons whole cumin seeds
- 2 tablespoons garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika

Place all of the chiles and the cumin into a medium nonstick sauté pan or cast iron skillet over medium-high heat. Cook, moving the pan around constantly, until you begin to smell the cumin toasting, approximately 4 to 5 minutes. Set aside and cool completely.

Once cool, place the chiles and cumin into the carafe of a blender along with the garlic powder, oregano, and paprika. Process until a fine powder is formed. Allow the powder to settle for at least a minute before removing the lid of the carafe. Store in an airtight container for up to 6 months.

### Chili Chili (pressure cooker chili)

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 onion diced
- 1/2 red pepper, cored and diced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 28-oz can petite diced tomatoes
- 1.5 cups dry beans
- 2 tsp beef bouillon + 1 cup water (or 1 cup beef broth)
- 6 oz Coca Cola, Dr. Pepper or lager beer
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon salt (+ additional to taste after cooking)
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon chili powder (any kind or recipe to the left)
- 1.5 teaspoon brown sugar

- Set electric pressure cooker to sauté and brown the ground beef until no longer pink, about 5-7 minutes. Lift the metal bowl/pot out of the pressure cooker with oven mitts and drain out most of the grease. Place pot back into the pressure cooker.

- Stir in the diced onion, red pepper and garlic. Sauté until onions are transparent, about 5 minutes.

- Stir in the remaining ingredients. Close the lid and make sure the valve is set to seal. Set the pressure cooker on high for 60 minutes.

- Once the pressure cooker has cooked for the 60 minutes and beeped, manually release the pressure by turning the valve to vent. Once the air pressure is released, remove the lid and stir.

## UPCOMING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST SAINT PAUL'S

February 14	Ash Wednesday Services— <i>Holy Communion &amp; Imposition of Ashes</i> , 7AM & 7PM Ash Wednesday— <i>Imposition of Ashes</i> , 12N
Wednesdays, February 21—March 21	Lenten Evening Prayer Services, 7PM Join us for Pastor Johnson's series, <i>Deliver Us from Evil</i> : An encouraging study of our salvation from sin, evil, death, and the grave.
February 21:	<i>Song of Hannah</i> 1 Samuel 2.1-10
February 28:	<i>Song of David</i> Psalm 16
March 7:	<i>Song of Jonah</i> Jonah 2
March 14:	<i>Parable of the Rich Man &amp; Lazarus</i> Luke 16.19-31
March 21:	<i>Jesus' Fulfillment of the Law</i> Matthew 5.17-30
March 18	Confirmation Sunday, 9:30AM
March 25	Palm Sunday— <i>Sunday of the Passion</i> , 9:30AM
March 29	Maundy Thursday Service of Worship, 7PM
March 30	Good Friday Service of Worship, 7PM
March 31	Easter Vigil Service of Worship, 7PM
April 1	The Resurrection of Our Lord, 9:30AM

### A Note from the Board of Stewardship

#### Upcoming Presentation: *How to be an Efficient & Effective Giver*

Are you curious about ways to make the most of your church and other charitable donations? Join us on **April 8th** after worship in Fellowship Hall for ***How to be an Efficient and Effective Giver***, a presentation on strategies for giving in a tax efficient manner in light of recent legislation. Topics will include lifetime giving as well as charitable giving as part of an estate plan. Our presenter will be Brian Schaeffer, a member of First Saint Paul's, who is a fee-only financial planner. Reserve your place by signing up in March at the table in the Narthex.

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On another note, thank you all for your faithful giving. We **exceeded our operational needs for 2017** by just over \$37,000, setting us up for a financially secure beginning to 2018. Keep it up!

We are also thrilled that \$158,000 has been committed toward our goal of \$300,000 for the ***Preserving God's House Campaign***.



## Praying Through the Church

**BECAUSE WE ARE A CHURCH FAMILY**, a community of faith, we have a concern for one another, a concern that is expressed on Sunday mornings, as we pray for members of our church family 'by name'.

**WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER** remembering the words of St. Paul the Apostle to Timothy, "I urge then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone..." and the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

**WE ALSO ENCOURAGE** members and friends of the congregation to make their prayer requests, births, illnesses, deaths, anniversaries, special occasions for intercession or thanksgiving, known to the pastor, preferably before the Sunday morning services, but in cases of emergency, right up to the service time.

**THE FOLLOWING FRIENDS & MEMBERS** of our church family will be remembered in the services of worship during the months of February & March:

**February 4:** Gavin & Susan Morgan, Gabriel, Jacob and Samantha; Nancy Morgan; Nanette & David Mortell, Madeline and Samuel.

**February 11:** Howard & Diane Mosley, Trey and Michael; Jen Moss; Madeline Muecke; Tim & Susan Mueller; Lamar & Karne Newburn and Grant.

**February 18:** Keith & Barbara Holm; Roseann Hubbard; Kelli Hurliman; Anita Ivory; Danita Ivory; Daniela Ivory.

**February 25:** Bill Nigh; Cathlynn Nigh and Will; Pam Nosse; John Nuechterlein; Jim O'Brien; Mary Occhipinti and Anthony; Kofo & Taiwo Ogunyankin, Tolu, Tobi and Kemi.

**March 4:** Jason & Kristen Park, Camilla and Roger; Monica Paterra; Rev. Delayne H. Pauling; Desiree Paulius; Nada Pedersen.

**March 11:** Bobby Phillips; Keely Polczynski; Erin Polczynski; Chris & Connie Rademacher; Michelle Rae; Karen Raidel; Janette Ramirez; Tom & Gretchen Randall.

**March 18:** Ambrose Ratcliff; Paul Rehmer; Evelyn Retzlaff; Craig Richmond; David Rogner; Katie and Michael Roberts; Susan Rosborough.

**March 25:** Bryant & Ellen Rosenwinkel and Franklin; Amy Roth; Charles & Lisa Rowe; Joseph Ruiz; Shawn Sackett; Sinikka Russell; Janice Schaffrick; Brian Schaeffer.

## Official Acts

### Baptisms

12.10.17 Elizabeth Madeline Roberts  
*Born 10.4.17 to Michael & Katie Roberts*

1.7.18 William Jennings Stogsdill  
*Born 10.14.17 to William & Tayler Stogsdill*

### New Members

10.2.17 Kaitlyn De Pena

12.3.17 Megan McGinnis  
Joseph Ruiz

### Deaths

9.2.17 Russ Reisenleiter

9.20.17 Ruth Martin

12.15.17 Lucille Nedved

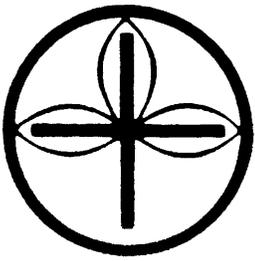
## Our Parish at a Glance Vital Statistics for 2017

### Membership

Members Received in 2017	25
by Baptism (child)	5
by Baptism (adult)	1
...by Confirmation (adult)	1
by Affirmation of Faith	7
by Transfer	11

Members Removed in 2015	14
by Death	3
by Transfer to LCMS	1
release to other Lutheran	2
...relase to non-Lutheran	
...Moved no transfer	8

Average Sunday Worship Attendance	132
Marriages	5



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## **HOLY WEEK**



### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

#### **THE THREE HOLY DAYS**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 29, 7PM**  
Holy Communion and stripping of the altar

**GOOD FRIDAY, March 30, 7PM**  
Remember Christ's Crucifixion

**EASTER VIGIL, March 31, 7PM**  
The culmination of Maundy Thursday & Good Friday  
in celebration of the resurrection of Christ.

**RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, April 1, 9:30AM**  
Easter Sunday  
Festival Holy Communion with choir,  
trumpet, strings, & timpani