

April

2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the movie *The Book Thief*, Max, a Jewish man, gives a young girl, Liesel, a journal and explains to her that words have power. He says, "In my religion we are taught that every living thing, every leaf, every bird, is only alive because it contains the secret word for life. That's the only difference between us and a lump of clay. A word. Words are life, Liesel." According to Max's theology, words create and sustain life. Later when Max falls deathly ill, Liesel risks her life to read to him to try to prolong his life.

The movie hints at the immense power in the Word of God. For some Scripture contains words which merely describe the past or put you to sleep on Sunday mornings. But Isaiah 55:10-11 illustrates the power in God's Word, "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

We see this power in Genesis 1 when darkness covered the earth until God said, "Let there be light;" and there was light. God continued to speak and the rest of the world was created: sky, earth, seas, plants, sun, moon, creatures, and humankind. All this is created by God's spoken word. New life is born each day, babies and lambs and calves and chicks; and so we know that God is still speaking.

But what is this Word of God? John 1 says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. And the Word became flesh and lived among us." The understanding of the Word broadens here from a spoken word to God himself. This Word is the source of life. The Word is incarnate in the person of Jesus Christ, who lived with us on earth, before willingly sacrificing his life for us on the cross.

Jesus' words are most powerfully described as the words of eternal life. In John 6:35, Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." After Jesus explained what this meant, that they must eat the body and blood of the Son of Man, many disciples abandoned him. When Jesus asked the disciples if they too would go away, Simon Peter responded with his impassioned confession, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:68-69) Jesus' words created saving faith within Simon Peter who was given eternal life. The Word actually does what it says!

Yet it gets even better after Jesus' resurrection on Easter, when he appeared to the disciples to give to the church the authority to speak his Word. Upon giving them his peace, Jesus breathed on them, saying "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." The disciples were entrusted with the Word which sets people free from their bondage to sin, death and the devil; opens the gates of heaven; and grants eternal life with the Father.

Once the Word is spoken, "I forgive you all your sins on account of Christ," the effect is instantaneous. Sins are removed from us as far as the east is from the west and God remembers them no more, and we are raised from death to new life! The Word actually does what it says!

Please join us this month to study and hear God's Word that its power may raise you to eternal life! On Easter, April 1, 2018, the words of eternal life will be proclaimed at 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Each Monday at 3:16 p.m. and Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. we dive into the sermon text for the upcoming worship service. Beginning Tuesday, April 10 through May 1, during our Member Class we will study the mini-bible, *Luther's Small Catechism*, at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

In Christian Love,
Pr. Tricia Mattson

St. Paul Lutheran Church ~ Church Council Meeting, March 14, 2018 at 7:30pm

Present: Jordan Pidde, Russell Rogotzke, Jill Vogel, Ed Meidl, Shawna Jacobs, Dawn Marz, Craig Valentin, Pastor Tricia, Matt Sargent, David Bittler, Dan Longsdorf

Also Present: Katie Mueller, Parish Coordinator

Absent: Kathy Pederson, Jan Kratz, Anita Jensen, Financial Secretary

Call to order at 7:35pm by Jordan Pidde

Devotion by Pastor Tricia from the 4th section of baptism from the small catechism, what does baptism mean for daily living?

M/S/P-Secretary's Report

M/S/P-Financial Report

Building and Grounds – Ed

Church downspouts: has been here with boom truck. The supervisor says the entire downspout on incorrectly. Too much ice and snow at the time of visit and will return to correct.

Ed has been adding water to boilers every day. Plumber (B&B) have visited, but no leaks have been located. Will continue to monitor.

Windschitl came to add Freon to frig in the kitchen.

Parish Education Report –

VBS is in planning with St. John's and Zion. Will work as a committee, meeting March 18th.

Baccalaureate and last day of Sunday school will be May 13th.

Pastor's Report

Action item: Pastor would like to hold a member class on Tuesday's at 7pm, for new and old members, beginning April 10 thru May 1st. New member service: Sunday, May 6th.

- Visitation
 - Visited homebound, assisted care, nursing home, and hospitalized members
 - Delivered bulletins to parishioners on 3/8
 - Worship
 - Continuing to lead worship at SJLH, the Maples, and Downtown Estates
 - Leading Lenten worship each Wednesday
 - Presided at the funeral and burial of Fern Wendland on 2/21/18
 - Presided at the Lord's Supper during the Augustana District Confirmation Retreat
 - A pastor from Food for the Poor will lead worship when I am on vacation on May 20
 - Confirmation
 - We are currently studying Baptism in Confirmation, meeting for 30 minutes after Lenten worship.
 - Five Confirmation Students attended the March 2-4 Conf. Retreat at Luther Crest. Tim Vogel chaperoned with me. All the kids enjoyed it, as did the chaperones. Great bunch of kids!
 - Parish Education
 - Continuing to lead weekly bible study Mondays at the Maples and Tuesdays at church
 - Taught another baptism class.
 - Conducting premarital counseling.
 - Taught the fifth grader's First Communion Class on 3/11 from noon to 5 p.m.
 - Community
 - Attended the Ministerial Meeting on 3/1.
 - Continuing Education Update
 - Meeting with local pastors for weekly text study
 - Began an online Doctor of Ministry Program through St Paul Lutheran Seminary on March 5, 2018.
- Attended the Augustana District Pastor's Text Study at SJLC on 3/13.

OLD BUSINESS

Active/Voting Member List – Executive Committee

Met last week.

Church Insurance Clarification

Tabled

Property Sale – Miesen’s payment.

Craig will follow up.

Cemetery Report – Jill

Policy Book Cemetery Updated/Clarified. This will be presented to Policy committee for review and approval.

Holy Week Post Cards

Each council person has responsibility to send.

Committee Appointments

Review list and discuss with Jordan if questions or concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

ALICE Training – Question brought up at Annual Meeting

Jordan will talk with Eric Schwarzrock and review options

Scholarship Committee to meet – Luther Scholarship Application Received.

Jordan will set up meeting with committee to meet/discuss

Emmaus Ministries

Tabled

1 more Council Rep needed for Parish Ed: Matt accepts responsibility.

Acolytes training needed: Ed will take this responsibility

Augustana District Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 5th in Hutchinson, \$40

Pastor is attending. We have 1 vote. Anyone is welcome to join her. Placed notice in bulletin for anyone from the congregation who may be interested in attending.

Reclaim Hymnal – Pastor Johnson’s Church wants to purchase if we are not using.

M/S/P offering to sell for \$20, plus shipping. 1 opposed

Food For the Poor visiting on May 20th (Pastor gone) Need ride 19th & 20th and place to stay.

Will post in bulletin to assist in transportation and to host Food For the Poor Pastor.

Motion to adjourn at 8:17pm with the Lord’s Prayer.

Shawna Jacobs

Council Secretary

<u>2018 Church Council</u>		
Jordan Pidde - Chair	Kathy Pederson	Jan Kratz
Ed Meidl - Vice Chair	Dawn Marz	Russell Rogotzke
Shawna Jacobs - Secretary	Jill Vogel	Dan Longsdorf
Craig Valentin - Treasurer	Matt Sargent	Dave Bittler

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 : Notice: Please update your phone numbers and/or email address with the church office!
 : Several of the numbers we have are disconnected and we need to know how to get a hold
 : of you! You can leave a note in the box outside of Katie’s office, use one of the yellow in-
 : formation cards in the church pews, call or email the church office at 507-723-5880 or
 : stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com. We appreciate you keeping us updated!
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Memorials Given From 1/27/18 to 02/26/18

<u>In Memory:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>	<u>Designated for:</u>
Fern Wendland	Ken & Sharon Renner	St. Paul Lutheran Church
	Daniel Kettner	St. Paul Lutheran Church
	Arland Kettner	St. Paul Lutheran Church
	Moe & Shirley Weber	St. Paul Lutheran Church
	Dalores Stern	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
	Jeff & Stacey Weisensel	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
	Family & Friends	Bible Camp Scholarship Fund
Jerome Rose	Robert & Sharon Rogotzke	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
Fidelis Steinke	Mae Meyer	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Evelyn Schwebach	Ed & Carol Meidl	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
Daniel Nachreiner	Ed & Carol Meidl	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
	Connie Knutson	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
	Mike & Crissy Rogotzke	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
	Richard & Lois Zihlke	St. Paul Lutheran Church
	Clayton & Deb Beyer	St. Paul Lutheran Church

Budget Recap & Attendance Year-To-Date (01/01/18 to 03/20/18)

Given to Budget	\$31,533.19	Operating Income	\$37,533.19
Memorial Loan	<u>\$6,000.00</u>	Operating Exp.	<u>\$40,766.88</u>
Tot. Operating Funds	\$37,533.19	Deficit	(\$3,233.69)
Budget	<u>\$42,320.52</u>		
Deficit	(\$4,787.33)		

Attendance Worship Services

Wednesday, Feb. 21 - 6:30 pm - 66	Sunday, Feb. 25 - 9am - 67 & 11am - 13
Wednesday, Feb. 28 - 6:30 pm - 69	Sunday, March 4 - 9am - 63 & 11am - 13
Wednesday, March 7 - 6:30 pm - 63	Sunday, March 11 - 9am - 125 & 11am - 17
Wednesday, March 14 - 6:30 pm - 61	Sunday, March 18 - 9am - 88 & 11am - 14
Wednesday, March 21 - 6:30 pm - 69	Sunday, March 25 - 9am - 126 & 11am - 3

*Graduating Seniors and College Students, don't forget to apply for the Good Shepherd Scholarship. **Applications must be received by July 15th.** For a copy of the Eligibility Rules and Application go to www.splcspringfield.org/Scholarships Or email Katie in the office at stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com

*Anyone interested in attending the 2018 Augustana District Annual Convention on Saturday, May 5th in Hutchinson, MN should talk with Pastor Tricia by March 28th. The Convention runs from 9am-5pm.

Please pray for... Mary Sternberg, Arland Kettner, Addie Schubbe, Pr. Darrell Pedersen; Amanda Havemeier, Tabor Gluth and all those serving in the military, at home and abroad.

Prayer Chain – If you have a prayer concern you would like passed along to the Prayer Chain, please call Jan Severson (723-6358) or the church office (723-5880). Please specify if you want the concern on (1) the Prayer Chain and/or (2) included in Sunday morning prayers which will be included for **two** Sundays unless otherwise specified or request is renewed.

April 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>1 Happy Easter! 6:30 Sunrise Service 7:30 Brunch 9:00 Worship Service 10:35 Ch. 8 Broadcast</p>	<p>2 3:16 Bible Study @ The Maples 7:00 Parish Ed Mtg.</p>	<p>3 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast</p>	<p>4 3-6 Mayo Health Fair 6:00 Luther League 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Office Closed</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Talk 10:35 Ch. 8 Broadcast 11:00 Worship</p>	<p>9 3:16 Bible Study @ The Maples</p>	<p>10 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Member Class 7:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast</p>	<p>11 4:30-6:30 German Supper 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Council Meeting</p>	<p>12 1:15 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>13 2:00 Bingo Office Closed</p>	<p>14 10:00-12:00 Bridal Shower for Tasha Francis & Matt Sargent @ Springfield Community Center</p>
<p>15 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Talk 10:35 Ch. 8 Broadcast 11:00 Worship</p>	<p>16 3:16 Bible Study @ The Maples</p>	<p>17 10:00 S.JLH Service 3:30 The Maples HC 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Member Class 7:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast</p>	<p>18 3:15-4:30 Elementary Youth Group 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19 1:15 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>20 9:00-2:00 Red Cross Blood Mobile in Fellowship Hall Office Closed</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Talk 10:35 Ch. 8 Broadcast 11:00 Worship</p>	<p>23 3:16 Bible Study @ The Maples 2:00 Downtown Estates</p>	<p>24 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Member Class 7:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast</p>	<p>25 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 1:15 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>27 Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Confirmation Sunday 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Talk 10:35 Ch. 8 Broadcast 6:30 VBS Meeting</p>	<p>30 3:16 Bible Study @ The Maples</p>					

9:00 am Worship Service

Date	Sound & Video	Reader	Acolyte	Greeters	Usher
4/1 6:30 am	Bob Kratz	Mel Vogel	Kyler Zihlke Zach Timm	Dustin & Tiffany Trapp	Team 4
4/1 9 am	Shane Clemon	Russell Rogotzke	Daniel Groebner Jonathan Longsdorf	Doug & Marcia Schiller	Team 1
4/8	Alex Quesenberry	Jeanette Pidde	Kaden Pyzick Brendon Buerkle	Rod & Rhonda Larson	Team 2
4/15	Tim Vogel	Kurt Glaeseman	Dalton Langseth Kyle Quesenberry	Mike & Barb Marz	Team 3
4/22	Shane Clemon	Paul Muske	MaCoy Krick Jace Rosenau	John & Mavis Gluth	Team 4
4/29	Bob Kratz	Kristin Rogotzke	Jordyn Plaster Shane Clemon	Al & Addie Schubbe	Team 1

Sharon Rogotzke has been asked to call Greeters, Readers and Acolytes reminding them of their Sunday. **In order to avoid confusion, please call Sharon at 723-5117 if you will be gone and have found a substitute.**

11:00 am Contemporary Worship

April Contemporary Worship Helper
1 - Easter, No 11 am Service
8 - Kathy Pederson
15 -
22 - Jeff Krueger
29 - Confirmation - No 11 am Service

April Birthdays!

1 - Nicholas Groebner	18 - Saige Trebesch
1 - Nathan Groebner	19 - Fiona Allen
2 - Don Kieper	20 - Adam Groebner
2 - Matt Sargent	20 - Adam Moret
3 - Jeff Krueger	21 - Justin Haugo
5 - Travis Gluth	23 - Sharon Renner
5 - Kyle Pederson	24 - Kathleen Konakowitz
9 - Mandi Stark	26 - Audrey Rositzke
10 - McCoy Krick	28 - Zach Timm
11 - Ruth Peterson	28 - Gavin Vanderwerf
13 - Katherine Meyers	29 - Shirley Bloemke
14 - Leo Miller	30 - Tiffani Meidl
14 - Ayvah Wendt	30 - Sharon Rogotzke
15 - Rhonda Larson	30 - Randell Streich
16 - Julia Groebner	

April Altar Guild

Kari Haugo, Marcia Schiller
 If you are unable to help, please find a substitute or switch months with someone.



Delivering bulletins in April

5 - Jim Asmus
 12 - Pastor Tricia
 19 - Carol Carlson
 26 - Larry Pederson



April Anniversaries!

9 - Kurt & Mary Glaeseman
 9 - Travis & Kim Gluth
 17 - Shawn & Krystal Plaster
 18 - Delwin & Beverly Beussman
 22 - Jim & Elsie Groebner
 25 - Jason & Kelly Fenger
 28 - Lonny & Elaine Jensen

Deadlines: Sunday Bulletin: Wednesday by 10 am. **Epistle:** 20th of each month. Please call or email Katie at the church office with additions or changes for the bulletins or Epis-

We have a You Tube Channel were you can watch our 9:00 a.m. Worship Service on your device, desktop, or laptop! Search for "St. Paul Lutheran Church, Springfield, MN" in YouTube! You can also subscribe to our channel to be notified when new services have been uploaded!





Luther League meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall.
All members grades 7-12 are invited to attend!

Elementary Youth Group ~ Wednesday, April 18 from 3:15-4:30!

This is our last Youth Group Meeting for the school year!

All youth of St. Paul's, from Kindergarten-6th grade, are invited to become part of this fun and educational program. If your child would like to be part of this group, please contact Katie Mueller or Shawna Jacobs.

St. Paul's will be hosting VBS this summer! It will be held June 24-28th from 5:15-8:15 p.m. each evening, with a program on the 28th. Dinner will be served each night. The theme is *Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride!*

Strap on your life jacket and get ready for a rip-roaring river ride! Life is full of thrills and spills, and we may not know what's around the bend, but God does! At Splash Canyon VBS, kids discover that on life's wild ride, Jesus is always by our side (based on 2 Corinthians 1:20).

Watch for more information coming soon! Volunteers will be needed! Please let Crissy Rogotzke, Jeff Krueger, or Katie know if you can help!

*The Board of Parish Education is seeking 2 new board members. Please talk to Jeff Krueger or Crissy Rogotzke if you are able to fill one of these positions. Thank you.



Come & Go Bridal Shower honoring Tasha Francis, Bride to be of Matt Sargent
Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Springfield Community Center 10:00 am—12:00 p.m.
Parents: Roger & Kelly Sargent, Brad & Brenda Olson, Lee Francis
The couple is registered at Target and Running in Springfield

St. Paul Lutheran Church

German Supper

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Serving from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

In the Fellowship Hall

Sauerkraut with Pork, Dumplings, Brats,
Mashed Potatoes, German Potato Salad,
Green Beans, Cake and Beverage

Advance tickets available at the church office
and at Springfield Advance Press.

\$11 in advance; \$12 at the door

Take Outs available.

Delivery to shut-ins only, call 723-5880



American Red Cross

*St. Paul Lutheran Church is hosting its first Blood Drive on Friday, April 20th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We hope that you will support our Blood Drive and donate, volunteer, and spread the word!

For your convenience, you can register for your donation time online by going to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/rcbmobile/drive/driveSearch.jsp> and searching 56087 then clicking on St. Paul Lutheran Church and selecting your preferred time. There are 33 time slots available. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are also welcome.

There will also be a sign up sheet in the mailbox outside of my office if you don't want to sign up online. You can also email me or call me during my office hours at the church to sign up.

I need 5-6 people who can volunteer their time to help me that day. Even if you can only help for a portion of the day, that would be great! Please let me know soon if you can help!

German Supper Work Groups

3:30-5:00 B

5:00-6:30 C

6:30-Done A

****See back for new work group list****

New Work Groups

Group A	Group B	Group C
Meidl, Ed & Carol	Pidde, Jordan & Jeanette	Jacobs, Dana & Shawna
Pederson, Larry & Kathy	Rogotzke, Russell & Betsy	Valentin, Craig & Loribess
Vogel, Tim & Jill	Bittler, Dave	Marz, John & Dawn
Sargent, Matt & Tasha	Kratz, Kurt & Jan	Longsdorf, Dan & Laurie
Anderson, Bob & Emily	Asmus, Justin & Jennifer	Blowmke, Donald & Sharri
Asmus, Jim & Elva	Carlson, Carol	Danielson, Dale & Jolene
Brown, Jeremy & Amber	Clemon, Angel	Gatzlaff, Doug
Buerkle, Mark	Glaeseman, Kurt & Mary	Gluth, Travis & Kim
Hagert, Troy & Kay	Gluth, John & Mavis	Graff, Mike & Kim
Haugo, Brad & Kari	Groebner, Adam & Sarah	Groebner, Cody & Lacey
Jensen, Gary & Karen	Groebner, Alan & Robin	Groebner, Jim & Elsie
Jensen, Glenn & Anita	Hendrickson, Sue	Honl, Gail
Kasten, Duane & Donna	Hoecherl, Barry	Jensen, McKenzie
Kettner, Daniel	Jensen, Grant	Jeske, Doug
Knutson, Connie	Jensen, Lonny & Elaine	Kratz, Robert & Marilyn
Krueger, Jeff	Kettner, Arthur	Larson, Rod & Rhonda
Krueger, Jim & Donna	Kettner, Janice	Meidl, Paul & Colleen
Meine, Tina	Kettner, Jerome & Jerrine	Mueller, John & Katie
Meyer, Mae	Krueger, Lenore	Muske, Paul & Jo
Nachreiner, Duane & Jelene	Langseth, Nathan	Peterson, Merlyn & Ruth
Nachreiner, Linda	Larson, Peggy	Renner, Ken & Sharon
Plaster, Shawn & Krystal	Marz, Mike & Barb	Rogotzke, Bob & Sharon
Potter, Larry & Ruth	Mattson, Tricia	Rogotzke, Kristin
Rogotzke, Mike & Crissy	Micka, Jessie	Sargent, April
Rosenau, Gertie	Moret, Clyde & Carla	Sargent, Roger & Kelly
Schiller, Doug & Marcia	Nachreiner, Jason & Nicole	Schwartz, Kevin & Jo
Severson, Jan	Nachreiner, Jodi	Sehr, Dennis & Sharon
Shaw, Derek & Nicole	Quesenberry, Harmon & Megan	Stark, Mandi
Solmonson, Matt & Jenny	Renner, Gary & Nancy	Stern, Dalores
Streich, Duane	Rosenau, Mark & Stacia	Vogel, Bill & Mel
Vanderwerf, Layne & Jennie	Rositzke, Audrey	Weber, Maurice & Shirley
Weisensel, Jeff & Stacey	Schottle, Leona	Wendt, Harold & Marlys
Wendinger, Jody	Schubbe, Al & Adeline	Wendt, Randy
Wendt, Kevin & Anne	Trapp, Dustin & Tiffany	Wersal, Donna
Wilstermann, Don & Darlene	Veenstra, Dan & Jena	Zihlke, Jeremy & Jamie
		Zihlke, Richard & Lois

Helpers are needed for Friday, April 13th @ 2:00 p.m.
 Please notify the church office if you can help with
BINGO!



SPLC Member Class~ Don't miss out! This member class is designed for those desiring to become members all the way through those who have been members of SPLC all their lives! In class we will cover the Small Catechism using short video clips produced by Luther House of Study and we will spend time in discussion. It will be a wonderful chance for current and new members to get to know one another! Current members, even if you cannot attend all sessions, please join us! The class will be held four *Tuesdays, April 10-May 1, from 7-8 pm*. New member Sunday is tentatively scheduled for May 6, dependent upon new member availability.

*A guest pastor from Food For the Poor will be filling in for Pastor Tricia on May 20th. They are looking for someone who would be able to pick him up from the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport on Saturday, May 19th and bring him back on Sunday, May 20th, and someone to host him for the evening. If you would be able to help, please contact Katie.

***Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp - Summer 2018**

Registration for Summer Bible Camp is now open at Ingham Okoboji! Camps available for K-12th graders. Scholarships will be available from the Board of Parish Education and Ingham Okoboji also offers Camperships! You can register online at <http://www.okoboji.org/programs/youth/> or stop by the church office for a registration form.

*St. John Lutheran Home is looking for donations of Beanie Babies or similar type stuffed toys as prizes for BINGO. Bring your donation to the church office or dropped off at St. John's home. Thank you for your support!

***St. John Lutheran Home Auxiliary** is collecting dues for the annual membership drive. Your donations help with birthday parties, bingo, family picnics, and other social events. Enrich the lives of St. John residents by volunteering your time at any of these events. St Paul's Bingo dates are April 13, June 8, August 10 and October 12, and December 14. Come to the dining room at 2:00 p.m. on any of these dates to play bingo!

The Auxiliary also helps provide items for a better facility. Recent purchases include heated serving plates, a blanket warmer, an Apple iPad, and plants and flowers.

The auxiliary holds fund-raising events, such as a "build your own burger" feed and a waffle brunch. Your help or attendance at these events is also appreciated. We depend on all members of our eight churches to donate to the auxiliary. Please consider a donation of at least \$3.00.

Check your church mailbox for an envelope. If you did not receive an envelope there some available in the Narthex. Write your name and St. John Auxiliary on the outside of the envelope and placed in offering plate, bring to Katie's office, or given to Jan Severson. Thank you.

Jan Severson, St. Paul Lutheran Church's St. John's Auxiliary Representative

***MN Valley Action Council** is currently taking applications for the 2018-2019 Head Start program. For more information, call toll free 1-800-767-7139 or visit their website at www.mnvac.org

*The Springfield Area Food Shelf is once again be participating in the 36th Annual Minnesota Food Share March Campaign now thru April 8th. Springfield's service area includes Springfield, Comfrey, Cobden, Clements, and Sanborn. Needs have increased as more families are using the service. All money and donations received stays at the S.A.F.S. and are matched by the Minnesota Food Share.

Monetary Donations should be mailed to the Springfield Area Food Shelf, 804 East Rock Street, Springfield, MN 56087. **Other grocery donations or personal items may be placed in the plastic tub marked food shelf in the lower Narthex. A list of items needed is listed on the cover of the tub.**

Feel Free to contact Shari Koll if you have any questions. 507-227-0386 or 507-723-6120.

*The Southwest Minnesota Men's Chorus will present a dinner show on Monday, April 9 at the Springfield Area Community Center. The show will begin at 7:00 p.m. and dinner will be served during the show.

The concert will include a variety of religious, patriotic, pop and some "fun" musical selections. Local residents singing with the chorus include Jeff Krueger and Charles Tews from Springfield, Nathan Hesse from Comfrey and Dennis Gransee and Jim Gode from Sanborn. Wendy Johnson is the director and Peggy Martius (from Springfield) is the accompanist. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the F&M Bank and Springfield Advance-Press office. 9

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Church, LCMC**
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Calendar Highlights - April 2018
April 4th - Mayo Clinic Health Fair
April 11th - German Supper
April 13th- BINGO @ SJLH
April 20th - Red Cross Blood Mobile
April 29th - Confirmation

We are on the Web!
www.splcspringfield.org

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Office Hours

Pastor: Tricia Mattson
Monday 9-noon
Wednesday 1-4
Thursday 10-11; 1-3
Or by appointment
pastortriciamattson@gmail.com

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Summer Hours
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-3:00 pm
Email: stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com

Housekeeper: Lisa Prechel

Maintenance: Ed Meidl

Financial Secretary: Anita Jensen

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Articles may be submitted for publication subject to content.

Worship:

SUNDAY

Worship at 9:00 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Talk at 10:00 a.m.

Springfield Area Food Shelf hours
Tuesday 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday 9:30am – 11:30am
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