

RADIO BROADCAST, ALTAR FLOWERS, OR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

2017 Flowers On The Altar. The sign-up charts are located on the bulletin board by the balcony staircase.

2017 Radio Broadcast - To sponsor a radio broadcast it is \$80. **Open Dates:** January (8, 29); February (5, 12, 26); March (5, 12, 19, 26); April (2, 9, 16, 23, 30); May (7, 21, 28); June (11, 18, 25); July (2, 9, 16, 30); August (27); September (3, 17); October (1, 8, 15, 22, 29); November (5, 12, 26); December (3, 10, 24-4:00 p.m., 31).

2017 Coffee Fellowship - Cookies and bars are optional. Please check the kitchen to make sure you have coffee and juice to serve. If you would like to be on the permanent coffee fellowship volunteer list and be assigned to serve on Sundays with no volunteers, please call the church office.

Please notify the office for any changes, additions, or cancellations. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored or volunteered for any of these special services for the ministry of St. Paul. If you would like one of these dates, please call the church office 324-3049.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Will meet on Monday, **January 9** at 7:00 p.m. at Gladys Drenkow's Home.
Hostess/Bible Study: Dianna

MISSION & OUTREACH

Will meet on Wednesday, **January 11** at 9:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall, Little Dresses. (Potluck Lunch)

DO-DAY

Will meet on Wednesday, **January 25** at 9:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. (Potluck Lunch)

BIBLE STUDY

Sack Lunch Bible Study meet on Tuesdays, **January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31** at 12:00 p.m. in the lounge.

Men's Early Risers meet on Wednesdays, **January 4, 11, 18 & 25** at 7:00 a.m. at Cook's Café.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Classes resume on **January 8** from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

ST. PAUL YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

JAM:

January 4, 11, 18 & 25 - **5:00 - 6:30 p.m.** - JAM Meets (Meal Served)

Junior High Youth:

January 4, 11, 18 & 25 - **6:15 - 7:30 p.m.** - Jr. High Youth Meets
January 28 - **9:00 a.m.** - Leave For **Drop Zone** In Sioux City

Senior High Youth:

January 4 - **8:00 - 9:00 p.m.** - Youth/Parent And Pastor Night
January 11, 18 & 25 - **8:00 - 9:00 p.m.** - Sr. High Meets
January 28 - **9:00 a.m.** - Leave For **Drop Zone** In Sioux City

JR./ SR. YOUTH WORSHIP TEAMS:

January 8, 15, 22 & 29 - **7:00 - 8:00 p.m.** - Youth Worship Practice



Welcome 2017!

What's ahead for St Paul Lutheran in this new year?

We continue the process individually, and cooperatively, of being Christians - living in faith and teaching it to a new generation.

We will follow the life of Christ with the gospel of Luke for the next few months. Each new year is seeing the story of Jesus & the work of God with new eyes - because our lives are changing, our families are changing, our world is changing. So the Word will speak to us in new ways, and we will see Christ Emmanuel - God with Us - in the here and now of our lives, and our lives in the bigger story that God is still telling!

We'll see some physical projects through - because we depend on facilities to work together, worship together, learn together, and practice hospitality together. A lot of important faith formation goes on in our homes, our yards, our jobs, even in car rides and vacations. But we are still a large family, doing many different things, and all that life needs a home base. We intend to faithfully pass on our church building to other Christians who will continue to need worship space, gathering space, planning and teaching and serving space, for whatever God calls them to do.

This year we will mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. You'll be encouraged to learn or refresh your memory on some church history, to remember what has gone before, celebrate accomplishments, and hold on to lessons learned. Every month I will be sharing some writings by Martin Luther, reacquainting us with his gifts to us - the Church, and why they still matter.

Here's a small introduction for what's to follow. This is an excerpt of Luther's commentary on the apostle Paul's letter to the Galatians (chapter 5, verse 14).

We can imagine the Apostle saying to the Galatians: "Why do you get so worked up over ceremonies, meats, days, places, and such things? Leave off this foolishness and listen to me. The whole Law is comprehended in this one sentence, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.' God is not particularly interested in ceremonies, nor has He any use for them.

The one thing He requires of you is that you believe in Christ whom He hath sent. If in addition to faith, which comes first as the most acceptable service unto God, you want to add laws, then you want to know that all laws are comprehended in this short commandment, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

See you in worship! ~ Pastor Craig

ENDOWMENT FUND FORM

The Endowment Fund Committee is accepting requests for funds to be used for worldwide missions and for missions in the congregation and/or surrounding community. Forms will be made available in the newsletter and at the back of the church, or you may contact the church office. These funds are not to be used for any normally budgeted operating expenses of St. Paul. Requests should be addressed to the Endowment Fund Committee and sent or delivered to the church office by Friday, **January 6, 2017**.

Name of individual, group, or organization for which funds are being requested:

Amount Requested: \$ _____

Date Needed: _____

Proposed use for requested funds:

Additional information:

Contact Person: Name _____

Phone _____

Recipient's Address:

Date Submitted: _____

EPIC/PACT APPLICATION FORM

Any high school senior or college student planning on applying for EPIC/PACT funds for the 2017/2018 school year needs to complete and turn in this form to the church office by Sunday, **January 22, 2017.**

Name: _____
College: _____

For Office Use: Date Submitted: _____ Received By: _____ Awarded Scholarship: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Amount Awarded: _____

REV. DR. KENNETH H. ARNOLD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The “Rev. Dr. Kenneth H. Arnold Memorial Scholarship Fund” has been established by St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sheldon, Iowa, in deep appreciation for the ministry of Pastor Arnold at St. Paul from 2000-2006, and in recognition of his faithful support of Lutheran colleges and seminaries.

The scholarship fund monies will be invested and only the interest will be used to grant one scholarship per year to:

A member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sheldon, Iowa, who is attending, full time:

- Lutheran College
- Wittenberg Institute, Lutheran Graduate School of Theology, Everett, Washington
- Trinity School for Ministry, Ambridge, Pennsylvania
- Any Other NALC Related Seminaries

The Church Council will review applications, choose a recipient, and determine the amount of the scholarship each year. Scholarship recipients may reapply each year, but the scholarship will be awarded first to an applicant who has not been a past recipient of this scholarship. Application:

Rev. Dr. Kenneth H. Arnold Memorial Scholarship Application Form

Name: _____
College: _____

For Office Use: Date Submitted: _____ Received By: _____ Awarded Scholarship: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Amount Awarded: _____

The Rev. Dr. Kenneth H. Arnold Memorial Scholarship Application Form Deadline: January 2, 2017.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

The By-Laws of the Endowment Fund Committee state that the committee may appropriate money for “scholarships for members of St. Paul Lutheran Church attending Lutheran educational institutions, including seminaries, universities, colleges, high schools, elementary schools, and preschools or daycare...” To this end, the committee is entertaining requests from member-applicants who will be attending college or university affiliated with the Lutheran Church next fall. These funds could also be requested for a member-applicant attending Noah’s Ark Preschool. Qualified persons should also submit an application to the church office which includes the Lutheran school which they will attend this fall. Applications will be accepted until Friday, **January 6, 2017.** Scholarships cannot be used towards EPIC/PACT. Contact the church office for more information.