

**St. Paul's Lutheran  
Church  
2018 Annual Report**

“The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task.”

1 Timothy 3:1

Having arrived in West Falls on October 31st of 2018 I began serving as your pastor the first weekend of November. In the short time I've been here I have made 7 pastoral visits, celebrated 4 home Communion's and administered the sacrament of Baptism once. I have also preached 12 sermons and officiated 37 Divine Services. I began teaching the Confirmation class and adult Sunday school class in November as well. These are just a few of the “noble” tasks pastors have the privilege of engaging in and it has been my privilege among you these past two months.

Laurie, William and I have felt very welcome here at St. Paul's and we want you to know just how much your kind words and gestures have meant to us. It is never easy moving from one place to another even when moving back to an area you're somewhat familiar with as was the case for our family. Your understanding and concern for us has been a big help as we have begun settling in to our new home and community.

I believe that we have been called together for the work of the ministry that God has given us in this place. Much of this work is to continue doing that which is common to all churches i.e. preach and teach the gospel, break the bread of Holy Communion, baptize and make disciples of all people! Some of our work together however will be particular to the needs of our congregation and the surrounding community. It is to this latter category I want to draw your attention.

We are a church of over 400 members and yet our attendance averages out to about 160 per week. We live in a community that is deeply affected by cancer and other major diseases. We are one of four churches in West Falls (and the only Lutheran church) which is a community of 2,370 people. We are also only 7 miles from East Aurora which has a population of 6,250 people. With this information in mind I want to share with you what I envision for St. Paul's for the ensuing year.

I believe that St. Paul's Lutheran Church can and should be a place of healing. Healing of body for those who are sick. Healing of soul for those who are burdened and healing of the heart for those who have been hurt. Many members have either become inactive or left us because they felt hurt by something that happened (or didn't happen) here. Let's make it our mission to heal those hurts by reaching out to inactive members, and members who have left, and inviting them to return. Many people in West Falls and East Aurora are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Some have even become disillusioned with Christianity because of the actions taken by other church bodies. Let's make it our mission to reach out to this community and proclaim that healing is found only in Jesus Christ and the healing He offers is available here at St. Paul's in His Word and sacraments and the forgiveness of Christ they deliver. This emphasis on Christ's ability and willingness to heal us in body, soul, spirit and heart is in line with our church's mission statement “to help every person in our congregation and community know the grace of Jesus Christ.”

Together we can take this message of healing to members, friends, family and the community. There is much work for us to do for the kingdom in 2019 I pray that you will join us in this work.

God's Blessings,

+Pastor Chad

## Official Acts of 2018 by Called Pastors

### Infant/Child Baptisms

### Baptismal Date

Samuel O'Brien	January 21, 2018
Kaylee Jensen	February 11, 2018
Rebekah Jensen	February 11, 2018
Arlon Rupp	February 11, 2018
Ally Sauer	May 20, 2018
Peyton Dechert	June 10, 2018
Leo Colangelo	June 16, 2018
Bailey Welshans	June 23, 2018
Mia Vito	July 14, 2018
Robert Beaudoin	August 12, 2018
Easton Kaminski	December 16, 2018

### Confirmation Class of 2018

Date of Confirmation: June 3, 2018

Tanner Francis  
Blaise Ellis  
Kevin McGee  
Chaz Janish

### Adult Baptism

### Date

### Weddings

### Date

Brian Paszt & Eva Cizhocki	February 24, 2018
Desiree Holtz & Kyle Pettit	June 2, 2018
Patrick Dayton & Meghan Wolff	July 21, 2018
Cristobel Martinez & Stephanie Krowka	September 15, 2018

### Members Received

Tanner Francis  
Blaise Ellis  
Kevin McGee  
Chaz Janish  
Joanne Schoenthaler  
Barbara Schultz  
Eric Schultz  
Terri Miller  
Linda Kless

Ron Hudson  
Thelma Hudson

**Members Removed**

Burt Huller  
Robert Stoddart  
Thomas Blaszak  
Dennis Haas

**Memorial Services, Committals, Graveside Services** **Date**

Ty Larkowski	January 6, 2018
Richard A. Montgomery	January 15, 2018
Burt Huller	February 17, 2018
Robert Stoddart	March 18, 2018
Michael Abreu	May 1, 2018
Thomas Blaszak	May 19, 2018
Arlene Rosamond Cadwell	July 14, 2018

## Congregational Report For The Year Ending – December 2018

### The Past Years in Review

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Number of members who communed	162*	177*	220*	208*	225*	225*	238*	*291
Average Weekend attendance	116	125	125	112	117	132	144	139
Average attendance at Lenten Services	34	32	38					
Thanksgiving Eve	50	22	44					
Christmas Eve	**	156	214					
New Year's Eve	30	n/a	26					
Sunday School average attendance	46	53	51	51	60	62	59	55
Marriages	4	6	6	4	6	2	3	4
Funeral/ Memorial/Graveside services	7	10	5	14	10	14	15	11
Baptisms	11	10	10	13	7	11	16	15
Members Received	11	6	9	7	8	7	14	17
Members Removed	4	6	9	2	0	2	18	6

\*based off of pew registers

\*\* not recorded

**LIBRARY END-OF-YEAR REPORT 2018**

*checkbook balance as of 1/2/18* \$3,433.78

**INCOME**

Refunds \$76.77

Deposits- Donations \$240.00

\$3,750.55

**EXPENSES**

Books, CDs, DVDs \$620.50

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*checkbook balance as of 1/3/19* ***\$3,130.05***

Respectfully submitted by Susan Cox

**ST. PAULS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WOMENS GROUP TREASURERS REPORT  
YEAR ENDING 12/31/18**

CHECKING ACCT: BEGINNING BALANCE	\$3430.25
EXPENSES:	
BJ'S (Kitchen Supplies)	\$837.59
CBD (Church and Comm. Supplies)	\$684.74
Tim Hortons (Faith Cafe)	\$394.21
Funeral	\$159.94
Tops	\$230.75
Easter Breakfast	\$308.94
Ladies Luncheon	\$498.07
Basket Sale	\$40.00
Pastor Party	\$207.46
Progressive Dinner	\$87.39
Flea Market (change)	\$350.00
Donations	\$395.50
Christmas Party	\$1153.50
Mikey Dee's (appreciation dinner)	\$1036.00
Kingdom Bound	\$840.00
Misc. (Christmas wreath & Vidlers)	+ <u>\$110.20</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$7334.29
DEPOSITS	\$7753.01
BEGINNING BALANCE	+ \$2134.88
	\$9887.89
LESS EXPENSES	- \$7334.29
ENDING BALANCE	\$2553.60



ST. PAULS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WOMENS GROUP FUND RAISER ACCT.  
YEAR ENDING 12/31/18

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$671.95
EXPENSES: Womens Retreat	- <u>\$149.75</u>
TOTAL	\$522.20
DEPOSITS	+ <u>\$291.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE	\$813.20

## Sunday School 2018 Report

Bank of Holland Beginning Balance	\$ 1615.52
Monthly envelopes	+ \$ 2488.32
Weekly offering	+ \$1254.00
OCC Donations	+\$410.00
OCC Donation from Church	-\$900.00
VBS Donations	+\$400.00
Pageant Collection	+\$345.00
Calendar and Xmas Card Sales	+\$475.00
Bottle Money	+\$24.50
Birthday Bank	+\$ 21.65
Group publishing – Curriculum	-\$597.59
VBS Curriculum – Concordia	-\$230.00
VBS gift cards (bring a friend)	-\$100.00
VBS Supplies (dinners included)	-\$547.24
Bibles	-\$370.87
Tim Hortons	-\$61.93
Youth Group Promotions (Calendars)	-\$375.00
Operation Christmas Child	-\$1485.00
Office Supplies	-\$51.74
OCC Boxes	-\$100.48
Ending Balance as 1/1/19	\$2575.55

Submitted by Kim Christensen , Treasurer

## St. Paul's Flower Fund 2018

Submitted by Marian Riehle

<b>Beginning Balance Jan 1, 2018</b>	\$317.76
<b>Total Deposits</b>	\$2,590
<b>Expenses</b>	
Flowers by Nature	\$836.75
Millers Greenhouse	\$1,573.50
Checks	\$25.00
Stamps	\$70.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$402.51