

# St. Pauli News in Detail



## ANNUAL MEETINGS

### **ST. PAULI CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

Thursday, January 11, 2018  
8:00 pm



### **ST. PAULI CONGREGATION**

January 28, 2018  
11:30 am

**Potluck dinner**  
12:30 pm

**Freewill offering to benefit Hospice**

**IMPORTANT:** Designated persons must submit their organizational reports to Faye Auchenpaugh no later than January 16<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the St. Pauli Annual Report. The booklets will be ready for review on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Submittals can be made in electronic (Word or Excel) or typed paper formats. Please email to [auchenpaugh@gmail.com](mailto:auchenpaugh@gmail.com), or mail to 11094 195<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, TRF, or place in Faye's church mailbox.

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## **HOLY COMMUNION**

With Pastor Carl on vacation, we will celebrate communion the last Sunday only: January 28<sup>th</sup>.

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## **St. Pauli Handbook**

Be sure to check your church mailbox & pick up your 2018 Handbook. It contains the schedules for St. Pauli

meetings and events, cleaning/ushering schedules, contact information, and much more. Thanks go to Jan Strandlie for updating this handbook each year. Extra 2018 calendars and *Christ in our Home* devotion booklets are also available for pickup on the table below the mailboxes.

## **EMAIL CONTACTS**

Email contacts help us in many ways: gathering consensus on issues, providing information, and saving postage on newsletters. Please check the 2018 handbook to make sure your address is correct. If yours is missing, please contact Faye Auchenpaugh at [auchenpaugh@gmail.com](mailto:auchenpaugh@gmail.com).

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## **CORRECTION**

The December issue's story on "Roger Nelson" contained an error. His maternal grandparents were Carl and Louise Alberg, not Carl and Lydia (Carl and Lydia were the Finstads). The website edition has the correct information.

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## **Greeting and Ushering**

Jan. 7	Ken Cedergren
Jan. 14	John Cervantes
Jan. 21	Craig Folkedahl
Jan. 28	Ivette Garrett

**Altar Preparation (28<sup>th</sup> only):** Barb Nelson

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## **January Milestones**

### **Birthdays**

Jan. 3	Dolly Davidson
Jan. 13	Noah Haugen
Jan. 17	Erin Rondorf

### **Anniversaries**

Jan. 3 Jim and Jan Strandlie

# In Memoriam

*Arlo Rude's sister Sharon Corriveau  
was baptized and confirmed at St. Pauli.*



Sharon M. Corriveau passed away in Bellevue, Nebraska on Monday, December 25, 2017 at the age of 75.

Sharon Muriel was born July 31, 1942 to Herman and Beatrice (Lokken) Rude. She was the fourth of what would eventually become twelve children in the family: Betty, Carol, Harlan, Sharon, Larry, Charlene, Arlo, LaDawn, Charlotte, David, Candy and Tim.

Sharon was baptized at the Arnt Wedul home on October 15, 1942 by Pastor Alvin O. Skibsrud with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rude and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson as sponsors. She was confirmed at St. Pauli by Rev. Eldon Person in 1957. (Her mother, Beatrice Lokken, was also confirmed at St. Pauli by Rev. Jacobson on August 21, 1927.)

Sharon attended elementary and high school in Thief River Falls, graduating in 1960. She was united in marriage to Kenny Corriveau in 1963 and they moved to the Omaha, NE area a few years later. To this union five children were born: Lisa, Dean, Bryan, Todd and Scott. Sharon was retired from Bellevue Public Schools.

Sharon is preceded in death by her husband, Kenny R. Corriveau, on September 25, 2017; her parents, Herman and Beatrice Rude; sister, Betty; brother, Harlan; and nephew, Denny. She is survived by her children: Lisa (Jack) Novotny, Dean (Tami) Corriveau, Bryan (Lisa) Corriveau, Todd Corriveau, Scott (Amy) Corriveau; grandchildren: Brittini (Joe) Meadow, Kyra (Jarrod) Elkins, Emily, Sean (Lindsay), Justin, Chloe, Dawson, Brayden; great-grandchildren: Ryley, Mason and Daisey; siblings: Carol (Jim) Lambert, Larry (Cathy) Rude, Charlene Schachner, Arlo (Deb) Rude, Charlotte (Steve) Fillingsness, David (Tamara) Rude, Candy (Larry) Tvietbakk, Tim Rude; many nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, December 30, 2017, at 10:30am at St. Mary Catholic Church, 811 W 23rd Ave., Bellevue, NE. Interment was at Bellevue Cemetery. Condolences to her family may be sent c/o Scott and Amy Corriveau, 2711 Columbus Drive, Bellevue, NE 68005.



**1957 Confirmation Class**

Front L to R: Carolyn Nelson, Rev. Eldon Person, Carol Yonke (St. Hilaire)  
Back L to R: Dian Folkedah, Harold Arneson, Sharon Rude, Norris Thune, Yvonne Johnson

# Minutes of the Church Council

November 14, 2017

The St. Pauli Church Council met on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Pauli Church. Board Members present: Arlo Rude, Faye Auchenpaugh, Gary Iverson, Larry Hurst, and Staci Reay.

Pastor Carl opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was approved with the addition of church safety.

Secretary's Report: **M/S/C** (Iverson/Hurst) to approve the Secretary's report for the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Reay reviewed the statement prepared by Gale Schmitz. **M/S/C** (Hurst/Iverson) to accept as prepared.

Balances as of 10/31/17:

Checking Account as of 9/30/17	\$ 24,086.15
Income	3,407.00
Expenses	(1,113.46)
Checking Account as of 10/31/17	\$ 26,379.69
Investor Savings	\$ 36,033.91
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 20,000.00
Edward D. Jones Investments	\$ 46,153.29
Memorial Fund Savings & CD	\$ 11,754.30
Mission Grant Fund Balance	\$ 2,025.22
Total Church Funds as of 10/31/17:	\$ 142,346.41

Pastor Carl's Report:

The joint Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 22.

The Reformation event at Redeemer on October 25 was excellent!!!

Christmas Eve worship will be held at 5 pm, Sunday, December 24. There will be no Sunday morning services that day.

Pastor Carl will be leaving for Texas to visit family on Christmas Day and will return prior to the Annual Meeting, which will be held on January 28. Pastor John Voelker (Trinity, TRF) is available for pastoral care during his absence.

He appreciates hearing feedback about worship services. Recently, members have shared their reflections on Sundays when I have shared background information on the hymns we are singing that day. Several people offered reflections on last Sunday's sermon based on Amos 5. It is helpful to him when he receives our thoughts about various aspects of the worship service.

Calendar alerts!! Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Holy Communion on February 14. Area ELCA pastors are working on a Wednesday Lenten Sermon Series round robin, which will begin on February 21 and run through March 21. Pastor Gary Graff, Red Lake Falls, will be participating this year. Easter is April 1, 2018.

Reports of members in sickness or distress: Concerns and prayers were said for those experiencing illnesses.

New members or interest in membership: None.

Reports.

- 1) WELCA: As of this date, net proceeds from the Fall Event are around \$1,900.
- 2) Board of Education: Sunday School Christmas program is December 17 with potluck to follow. All of our confirmands attended the Reformation event at Redeemer.

Old Business: We will finalize the proposed budget for 2018 at our December meeting.

New Business:

- 1) Rude obtained internet prices and speeds from Sjoberg's. Discussion to continue.
- 2) Discussion on church safety. Rude will check with other resources for information.
- 3) Because Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year, there will be no morning worship services.
- 4) Our next meeting will be December 21.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. **M/S/C** (Hurst/Reay) to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Faye Auchenpaugh  
Secretary

# Minutes of the St. Pauli Cemetery Association

November 14, 2017

The St. Pauli Cemetery Association met on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 8:15 p.m. at St. Pauli Church. Board Members present: Arlo Rude, Staci Reay, Gary Iverson, Larry Hurst, and Faye Auchenpaugh.

Approval of Agenda: Approved as presented.

Secretary's Report: **M/S/C** (Iverson/Hurst) to approve the secretary's reports for April 19, May 30 and September 21 .

Treasurer's Report: **M/S/C** (Hurst/Iverson) to approve. Balance as of October 31, 2017: \$39,304.03.

Old Business:

A patch of lilacs that conceal the water tank is being left in place. We will make sure mowing is done around them so they don't spread.

Work on stones will be done in the spring.

New Business: None.

**M/S/C** (Hurst/Iverson) to adjourn.

Faye Auchenpaugh  
Secretary

# On Keeping Christmas Well: A Meditation



“...And it was always said of him that *he knew how to keep Christmas well*, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and all of us! And so, as Tiny Tim observed, *God bless Us Every One!*” (Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol* [1])

Amidst the soaring prophecies of Isaiah, the tender Nativity narrative in Luke 2, and the bracing “Stir up” prayers of Advent, some of us take time in December to reread Charles Dickens’s masterwork, *A Christmas Carol*, first published in 1843.

This story has woven its way into our cultural imagination, not only as a book to be read but through all its dramatic and cinematic retellings. What an amazing metamorphosis of that miserly curmudgeon Ebenezer Scrooge: “*a squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous old sinner!*” [2]

Through a series of ghostly encounters with the Spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Future the old coot was transformed—all in one night!—into an endearing soul, of whom it was said: “*he knew how to keep Christmas well.*”

## Just what is this “keeping Christmas” business, though?

Nowadays one might conclude that “keeping Christmas” is all about attitudes, policy positions and words of greeting. So we vow to “keep Christ in Christmas” (as if that were really up to us!) We take sides in our culture’s “War on Christmas,” whether by defending creches in public squares or by lamenting the dearth of sacred songs in public school concerts or by emphatically countering “Happy Holidays” with “Merry Christmas.”

But “keeping Christmas” is about so much more than posturing or preening, words that we say, and righteous (self-righteous?) positions that we defend.

Remember again, how a renewed Ebenezer Scrooge “kept Christmas” on the first day of the rest of his life:

- He began **noticing the “little people”** he’d been ignoring...starting with a neighbor-boy on Christmas morning.
- He **plotted ways to subvert the poverty** of his faithful employee Bob Cratchitt, the whole Cratchitt family, and especially the invalid Tiny Tim.
- He **pledged an eye-popping donation** to the community chest for “*the poor and destitute, who suffer greatly at the present time.*” [3]

- He **mended fences with those from whom he had been estranged**, starting with his own nephew Fred.

To be sure, the repentant Scrooge did go to church on Christmas morning, and offered greetings to others, with a hearty “Merry Christmas.” [4] Words do matter, after all.

But what made all the difference in the world was Scrooge’s repentant resolve to keep Christmas by **keeping faith with those for whom Jesus Christ came into this world** (see Matthew 25:31-46).

And, in Dickens’s own words: “*May that be truly said of us, and all of us!*”

Let us pray: ***Gracious God, teach us how to “keep Christmas” in all the ways that really matter. Help us notice those whom it would be easy to ignore—persons who don’t look like us, refugees who simply want a fresh start, newcomers who desire to become our neighbors. Teach us to plot fresh ways to subvert poverty in our troubled world. Stir us to embrace eye-popping generosity. And give us courage to build bridges, mend fences and relentlessly pursue the reconciliation for which the Christ-Child was born among us. In the strong name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.***

Merry Christmas, my dearly beloved ones. God bless us, every one!

**Bishop Lawrence Wohlrabe**  
Northwestern Minnesota Synod

[1] Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol* (NY:Bantam Books, 1966), p. 88

[2] *Ibid.*, p. 4.

[3] *Ibid.*, p. 9.

[4] *Ibid.*, pp. 85-86.

*The Sunday School presents*  
**“HIS NAME IS JESUS”**

written by students at St. Stephens Lutheran School in Horicon, Wisconsin



On Sunday, December 17, the St. Pauli Sunday School children continued the tradition of retelling the Christmas story in word and song. In addition to the roles of the Angel, Mary, Joseph and the shepherds, we also heard from Anna and Simeon.

Lainey Dicken, who portrayed the Angel, performed a violin solo and seven-year-old Macie Cervantes, who portrayed Mary in the pageant, led the congregation in “Joy to the World” on the piano (photo left).

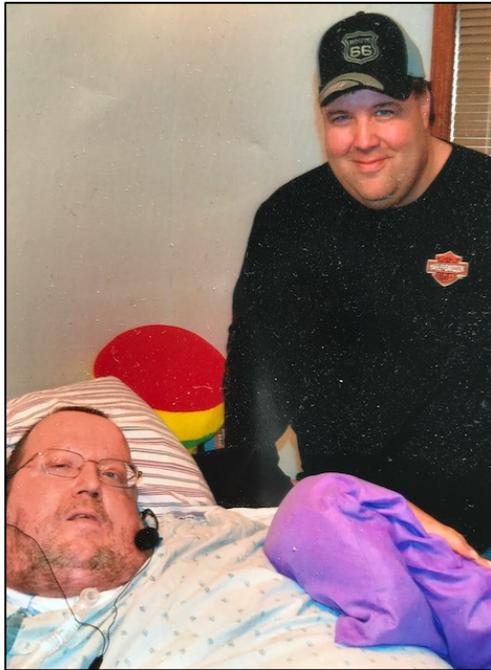
As is our custom, the children filled and presented goodie bags with peanuts, candy and an apple to all who attended.

We are grateful to our Board of Education and all of the teachers who give so generously of their time and talents.

**THANK YOU!**

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

from Richard "Ricardo" Geske and his brother Ken



# Cold on the Prairie Can Be Beautiful!



Photo taken near Red Lake Falls  
January 1, 2018 at 5:15 pm

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## Jim Strandlie celebrates 80 years



Friends and family braved the -25 F. weather on Saturday afternoon, December 30<sup>th</sup>, to gather at the Quality Inn and extend congratulations and best wishes to Jim on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Left: Jim with wishes in Norwegian for a "Happy Birthday!"  
Right: Jim with son Alan



# Kathy Alberg retires after 30 years



**Kathy and Dr. Bray**

Dedicated, hard working, and positive are three words that describe Kathy Alberg – not only in her professional work, but in what she does for our community and our church.

After working for Dr. Bryce Bray, dentist, for 30 years, Kathy has decided to change office attire for leisure wear. Her co-workers hosted an open house for her, and the reception room was filled the entire time with well-wishers – a testament to Kathy's faithfulness to serving with care and concern and a smile on her face.



**Kathy and her co-workers**



*Enjoy the freedom your dedication and hard work has earned you!*



**Kathy and husband Miles**

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***Happy New Year from all of us at  
St. Pauli Church***



***May you be richly blessed in 2018!***