

Worship for the New Year

Our first worship experiences of the New Year will occur in 2017 as we celebrate Wesley's watch night and a Wesleyan renewal of the covenant. Saturday, **December 30** at 5:00 p.m. in the Roth Chapel we will prepare for the new year by repenting (or turning away from) the old. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated in the single Sunday service, **December 31** at 10:00 in the Sanctuary and will include special music by The Choir, Darci Gamerl, oboe and Jordan Relford, saxophone.

The four weekends of **January** Pastors Shreve and Wheeler will preach a sermon series on "Stepping Out in Ministry." As a congregation we have made a commitment to support St. Paul Church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness in the world. Be in worship and hear how we might honor those vows in 2018!

The mid-month M & M service, Wednesday, **January 24** at 7:00 p.m. in Roth Chapel, will continue into the New Year our journey of the laity and "how St. Paul has helped me."

The annual "one of a kind" celebration of the joining together singers from Temple Israel, Omaha's Reform Jewish congregation, and St. Paul Church is scheduled for Friday, **January 26** and Sunday, **January 28**. This tradition has taken a variety of formats over the fourteen years of its happening, this year including a pulpit exchange. The combined ensemble will be conducted by the Rev. Jerry Brabec and joined by Cantor Wendy Shermet. Temple accompanist, Julie Sandene at the piano and the Solid Brass Quartet will join the choirs in a variety of liturgical songs sung in both English and Hebrew. Friday evening's 6:00 p.m. Shabbat will host the Rev. Scott Shreve in the stunning surroundings of the new Temple at 132nd & Sterling Ridge. On Sunday Rabbi Brian Stoller, Temple's new senior rabbi, will be welcomed to the 10:30 a.m. worship hour in the beauty of our Sanctuary.