

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

January 2019

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Saint Paul Lutheran Church
is committed to praising,
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Pastor's Letter for January Parish Messenger 2019

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

“Out with the old and in with the new” is an expression often used at the new year and it can be helpful when we are trying to have a fresh start. For instance, if we are starting a diet we might say – out with the old way of eating and in with the new healthier menu planning. However, no matter how beneficial this saying can be in terms of helping us to give up old unhealthy patterns of behavior, when we look at the work of God we give thanks that He never has to abandon his former ways – his mercies never come to an end. What was true about God last year is still true about God this year – his love never ends. Seasons change, we reach new stages in our lives, but God is steadfast and unmovable.

But, and here is the really awesome thing, God is not dated, outdated, or old-fashioned. While there is a continuous stream of mercies stretching from the past to this present day, God is also doing something new. He is giving us his precious forgiveness, wiping clean the slate of our sins and working new life in our lives.

In this new calendar year we have the opportunity not just to make resolutions but also to embrace this wonderful good news which will refresh our souls and set us on new pathways – Christ our Lord, born in Bethlehem, is the Savior of the nations and His love will never fail. He endured the cross and the grave and His victory over sin and death is new life for us and for all people now and forever.

This is the message that we rejoice in every day of our lives and this is the message that we share. His faithfulness is our comfort in every trial and it is the warm invitation that all seeking souls need to hear – Come and Worship, Christ the Savior!

Pastor Sally

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR January: MIVO Foundation

MIVO'S mission, which is: *"to serve the people of Haiti by offering treatment options for Orthopedic problems. Consistent with a Christian faith, we believe these problems are physical, emotional, and spiritual illnesses. Through Christ-centered care, we integrate these aspects of life to enhance a path to recovery, offering hope from a biblical perspective."* This service is best exemplified through real life fact and example. With each passing year, the MIVO Foundation expands our reach as God expands our impact. In 2017, over 2500 people received patient care in our Orthopedique Centre in L' Estere while over 100 life-sustaining and rehabilitating surgeries / procedures were performed. We have been able to perform critically needed surgeries such as re-alignment & fixation of broken bones as well as removal of infected hardware in patients' limbs, thus offering hope of returning to independent, productive lifestyles. By partnering with MIVO, you are truly helping to open the doors of possibility for future patients. Your gift is a tangible investment, which will enable us to maintain the clinic's operation year-round as well as help us to prepare for the expansions which God has sent before us. Thank you, too, for your prayers as MIVO strives to reach more and more people for Christ here in the United States and in Haiti.

Get set for an All Church Sunday School/Coffee Hour event!

Celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord on January 6th at 9:45am with an exciting visit from the 3 Kings, a special kings cake, other snacks and some fun crafts. Warm yourself by the fire, sing out the Christmas season with your favorite carols and exercise your mind with a king word search! Spread the word and follow the star!



PRAYER LUNCH: Join in prayer concerns at the Prayer Lunch, at noon on **Tuesday, January 29th**. Please bring your lunch and help pray for the church, our pastors, and the congregation.



Our Response to His Love in November:

2017 = 191

2018 = 196



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Articles for the February newsletter need to be in the church office by **January 14th.**

BLANKET WORKSHOP: The quilters will be meeting on Tuesday, January 8th at 9:00am.



QUILTING GROUP

QUILTING DONATIONS - The Quilting Committee is looking for cloth tablecloths and/or curtains that can be used for the backings for our quilts and material for our quilt squares. Donations can be dropped off in the conference room.



Friends in Christ is a group for widows, widowers and anyone who wants to join us for a time of fellowship. In January we are meeting at Hoss's for lunch on the 13th at 12:30.

The rest of the spring looks like this:

Lunch out on Feb. 10

March 21 Hampton Historic Site

April 25 – Dutch Apple

May 29 – Chanticleer Gardens

Book Club

Please join us on January 9th at Noon, we will be discussing our reading of Hearing God by Dallas Willard. Bring a lunch and join our conversation.



OUR DAILY BREAD

OUR DAILY BREAD: Our dessert for January is **spice cupcakes with white frosting.** We need 30 dozen by 9 am on Friday, Jan. 18. If you can contribute, please sign the sheet in the church narthex. Thank you!



Please call the church office if you or a loved one is in the hospital, we do not usually get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name, and we want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS

Ira Keech, Lois Gentzler, Doug Krebs ~ please keep these members in your prayers.



WORSHIP IN January

- Jan. 6** **Feast of the Epiphany**
First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6
Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12
- Jan. 13** **Baptism of Our Lord**
First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7
Second Lesson: Romans 6:1-11
Gospel: Luke 3:15-22
- Jan. 20** **Second Sunday after the Epiphany**
First Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Gospel: John 2:1-11
- Jan. 27** **Third Sunday after the Epiphany**
First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6,8-10
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Gospel: Luke 4:16-30

Men of Faith

With all the opportunities and challenges of a new year ahead of us, what better inspirational Biblical story to get us prepared than that of David and Goliath. See a brief and insightful comment on this via DVD, as we watch and then discuss "Battlefield Trophy" a short video from the series we are viewing entitled, "Stuff they didn't teach me in Sunday School." Also enjoy a good breakfast and Fellowship, date is January 12 at 8 AM.

HARVEST OF HOPE NEEDS

Canned pasta, Beef stew, Pork and beans, Canned soups, Spaghetti sauce, Canned fruit, Vegetarian beans, Canned vegetables, canned chicken breast, boxed mac & cheese, pasta sauce, egg noodles, elbow macaroni, dry spaghetti, boxed rice, hamburger helper, chicken helper, boxed cereal, kidney beans, gluten free products, lower sugar products for diabetics



Monetary donations are always gratefully appreciated.

LCMC

Join us for the three Days of Prayer January 1-3, as Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) churches throughout the country and beyond take this annual opportunity to start the new calendar year in enlivening dialogue with God, resources are on the table in the narthex. Watch out for upcoming news about our Church Council retreat where three of our members who attended the last LCMC National Gathering will share insights they learned about church renewal with the Church Council and any other interested participants. And come to our Mid-Atlantic District Gathering on Saturday March 30 from 9 AM-2 PM, when LCMC service coordinator Rev. Mark Vander Tuig will be leading a workshop on “Leaders Who Follow Jesus,” in our Fellowship Hall. Mark will also be preaching hear on Sunday, March 31.”

Thursday Bible Study will be held Jan. 10,17,24 & 31 on Colossians. Come share in this encouraging study of the Word of God. No previous attendance is required, each lesson is self-contained. The study is offered at 9:00 am and 6:00pm.

Women of the Word will meet on January 16. We invite all ladies to join us in our monthly Bible study, we hope the change in time will make it easier for you to join with us for study and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

Congratulations to the new Council Members: Sue Dickensheets, Jessica Fink, Joe Jones, & Marty Strine. We also wish to thank the outgoing members for their service, Al Dickensheets, Chuck Mann, Shawn Myers & Linda Sherman.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

“If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given to you.”

James 1:5

Sunday School for all ages! (Faith Learning 9:45am on Sunday Morning)

For Adults:

Parents of Faith – prayer and Bible study of relevant topics for parents as they raise their children in the faith – this class meets on the stage

Lutheran Theology class – meeting temporarily in conference room. Studying Luther's Large Catechism.

Concordia study works through various books of the Bible- this class meets in the parlor.

Faith building for youth and children:

Senior High (grades 10-12 in the youth room) They are combining with young adults for a class called: Money, Money, Money. Come learn about earning, saving and giving to the glory of God!

Crib Nursery – Toddler in the nursery room.

Pre-K through 5th grade - Children will study the birth of Jesus, Jesus as a boy, and the life and miracles of Jesus.

Confirmation classes for **grades 6 and 7 is in the room next to the youth room.** Grades 8 and 9 is in room one.

All of our Christian Education classes deal with exciting materials about the word of God! Learn and grow with us

THANK YOU

Dear Friends, Many thanks for the special Thanksgiving basket with the lovely things in it. God bless you all. Love Elsie

Dear Saint Paul Lutheran Church Choir Members, Thank you for your participation in Andy Stump's Teaching Ministry Choir during their performance on Nov. 25, 2018 at Bethlehem United Methodist Church. Through your efforts in this Asaph fundraising concert, Andy will be able to continue to present Christ in a rural Haitian community on lesson at a time. On behalf of Andy, Ronald Saylor, Secretary Asaph Teaching Ministry

Dear Friends, Thank you for helping our struggling neighbors through your support of LifePath Christian Ministries in 2018. Many more are coming to us during the holidays, and with your help, we'll serve them well. Please consider a generous gift today to help us end 2018 well and start 2019 strong. Thank you!
Matthew Carey, Chief Executive Officer

I am so thankful for the entire congregation and Pastor Paul and Pastor Sally. I'm not sure how I'll ever be able to express the gratitude that my family feels. I could say "thank you" a thousand times and it still wouldn't be enough. We are blessed to be part of this church family. Megan, Oscar, and Harvey Jones

Dear Social Ministry Committee, Thanks to all who are involved in creating the wonderful Thanksgiving basket. There is enough variety, from the delicious homemade cookies, to the beautiful apples to satisfy anyone's hunger. To add to the joy was to have it delivered by that lovely couple, Ted & Norma Krebs. A big thanks, also, to Marguerite & Mike Keller who never miss a chance to send a greeting. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness. Treva Albright

Thank you so much for the beautiful basket of cakes, apples, crackers and candy, they are all so good. I want to thank Ed & Connie Dunklebarger for bringing me my gift, it made my Thanksgiving a little brighter. Thank you everyone. Love Gloria Witmer

Thank you for the lovely and delicious Thanksgiving basket. God bless you. Marguerite Rupp

Upcoming Youth & Family Events!!
These activities are for EVERYONE!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

January 27 – College care packages

February 3– Souper Bowl of Caring

February 24 – Mystery Dinner

January 27 – Care Packages & activities:

The Youth and Family committee will once again be spreading some love to our college students studying local and a far. These care packages provide a taste of home and are always a highlight for the students. This year, we will be sending approximately 10 care packages. We will be accepting donations of the following items: school supplies and home baked cookies would be greatly appreciated. Items donated must be in the INDIVIDUAL FORM. hot cocoa packets, snack bags of pretzels, crackers, popcorn, life savers, gum, wrapped candy, soup packets. Also, pens, highlighters, post-it notes, erasers, or kleenex tissues. A box for donations will be placed near the coatroom in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, January 13. You may also place labeled monetary donations in the offering plates to offset the cost of shipping. Care Packages will be assembled following second service on Sunday, January 27 and lunch will be provided for youth that come to help with this project.



After the boxes are packed we will be having a fun laser tag event. Youth are encouraged to sign-up in the narthex.



Saint Paul will hold its annual meeting at

approximately 12:30 PM on **Sunday, January 20th** in Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. Saint Paul is blessed with a growing ministry and we need your input

and support in order to help shape it and carry it out. **Remember, our constitution requires us to hold an annual meeting and we need your attendance to make quorum. without which no business can be conducted, so please plan to attend.** The annual reports will be available in the narthex on Sunday January 13th.

Intern's Message: Introduction to Dietrich Bonhoeffer

This article is an introduction to who Dietrich Bonhoeffer was and brief summary of key moments in his life.

Who was Dietrich Bonhoeffer?

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran Pastor, theologian and was also active in the German resistance to the policies of Hitler in Nazi Germany. He was born on February 4, 1906 into a family that was not very religious, but which had a strong artistic and musical tradition. His family enjoyed abundance and even privilege. His father, Karl Bonhoeffer, was a world-renown neurologist and professor of psychiatry at the University of Berlin as well as holding other important positions. Karl encouraged all his children to be disciplined and independent in their thinking. Dietrich displayed great musical talent, so it became a surprise to his family when at the age of 14, he announced he wanted to train to become a pastor...

In 1923, Dietrich began his theological studies at Tubingen University. At the age of 21, he continued his studies at Berlin University, and in 1927 received his licentiate in theology. In 1931, Dietrich returned to Berlin and was ordained as a pastor, he was 25.

Right after Hitler was elected on Jan. 31, 1933, Bonhoeffer began his opposition to the new Nazi regime through a radio broadcast he presented on February 1, this however was cut off by the Nazis. Dietrich became a founding member of The Confessing Church, which he had helped to form with Pastor Martin Niemoller. Eventually Bonhoeffer was imprisoned and executed by the Nazi regime on April 8, 1945 for his part in one of the assassination attempts on Hitler.

Bonhoeffer wrote extensively on a number of subjects and he is most known for his writings, "The Cost of Discipleship," "Life Together," and a collection of his letters from prison.

Many prayers and blessings to you in the New Year! Intern Chuck

Stewardship News

Enclosed in the December Newsletter was the brochure that the stewardship committee typically uses in our annual stewardship campaign. We did not have a formal program this year, but we did want to keep you updated on how our regular budgeted monies are used. Thanks for your continued support of the work of Christ in this place!

In this January Newsletter we are including the Time and Talent survey: As you are planning your new year think about the ways you want to recommit your life in service to Christ and His church here at Saint Paul.

The Benevolence brochure is available in the information rack at church.

Phase II Building Renovation Update:

We are so thankful to all who have been able to respond to the Capital Appeal for our Phase II Building Renovations.

In December and January we will be finishing the design details and getting final prices as well as township approvals. If you have not made a commitment you can jump on board at any time by using your offering envelopes since the Capital Appeal line is on the envelopes already. For the three Sundays in December we have received \$88,000. The more funds that come in toward the beginning of the project the less we will have to borrow. How blessed we are to be able to make these improvements in our facility as we look forward to future generations enjoying life together in Christ here on the hill!

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