

# SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

**January 2020**

In the name of Jesus Christ,  
Saint Paul Lutheran Church  
is committed to praising,  
praying, and proclaiming the Word of God.

O Come  
Let us  
Adore  
Him



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The Parish Messenger is dedicated  
To the Glory of Almighty God...For I know the plans I have for you,  
declares the Lord...Jeremiah 29:11  
And in honor of Joshua, Erica, Noah, Caleb, Benjamin, Ethan,  
Ashley, Skylar, Charlie, Linda, Devin, Rebecca, Barry, Sylvia,  
Corby, Candace, Chase, and Colton

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## **Pastor's Letter for January Newsletter**

“Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” John 8:12

Did you get everything you wanted for Christmas? Yikes, that's a loaded question isn't it? It kind of depends - are we talking physical things or spiritual things? You may have heard me mention my grandmother's old wish – all she ever wanted was “good kids and a home in heaven.”

The Lord is our shepherd, we have everything we need. For sure. It is that simple after all.

I read an article recently about the mental health of the young people in our country. Perhaps you have heard all of the bad statistics about the dramatic increase of youth suicide, depression, drug addiction, etc. Well interestingly enough there is one simple thing that can be done to reverse the trend. WEEKLY WORSHIP! Can you believe it? Psychologists have found that this one thing has a multifaceted benefit – lower depression rate, lower rates of pre-marital intercourse, lower rates of drug addiction, etc., etc.

It is that simple. It's not involvement in daily sports activities, no band practices, dance recitals to attend. One hour a week (two if you count the commute and perhaps a little visiting after the service.)

Why is it so simple – because Jesus is the light. Shining the light of Christ on the darkness of this world brings hope and healing. Meet Jesus in worship, he comes to us in a simple meal and in his holy but very accessible word. Jesus doesn't complicate our lives, he orders it in a way that makes the rest of our activities more meaningful. With Christ leading the way we have greater purpose and a goal that is bigger than ourselves.

If you have the opportunity to shed light on the darkness of someone else's path – invite them to worship, sit beside them, encourage them in their walk of faith – after all it is life giving and the greatest gift in the world – Jesus Christ is the Light of the World, the Light no Darkness can Overcome. See you at worship – 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. 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.



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Articles for the February newsletter need to be in the church office by **January 15th.**

## **OUR DAILY BREAD**

Our dessert for January is **spice cupcakes with white frosting.** We need 30 dozen by 9 am on Friday, Jan. 16th. If you can contribute, please sign the sheet in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

**Congratulations to the new Council Members:** Monica Hostetler, Donna Huckenberry, Brenda McCleary, and Rodney Smyser. We also wish to thank the outgoing members for their service, Ed Dunklebarger, Cathy Drapiewski, Catrina Frey, and Lawrence Smyser.

## Book Club



Please join us on January 15th at Noon, we will be discussing Have You Seen Louis Velez by Catherine Ryan Hyde, a copy is available at the church. Bring a lunch and join our conversation.



**Please call the church office** if you or a loved one are 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!

## Bible Study

Join us in the coming three months as we look afresh at one of the most significant gifts of God to his people the Ten Commandments. Over the course of four months we will be learning how the Commandments are reinforced by numerous Scriptural passages, how they serve as a love letter of God to his people, while also causing us to flee to the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The first four sessions will be held this month, on Thursdays January 9, 16, 23, 30 you can come either at 9 AM or 6 PM.

**Men of Faith** will not be meeting in January, but we will resume in February as we meet on the 19th at 7 AM at Mary Jane's Restaurant or on February 22 at 8 AM in Fellowship Hall.

**February 9th – 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. 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. 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, February 9th and lunch will be provided for youth that come to help with this project.

## THANK YOU

Dear Social Ministry, I am grateful to the social ministry for the wonderful Thanksgiving Basket. It is always good to be remembered on special occasions. Hope you have a blessed holiday season. Sincerely, Treva Albright

Thank you to the Social Ministry Committee for the Thanksgiving Basket. Marguerite Rupp

My sincere thanks to all who helped make the Thanksgiving Basket possible with homemade cookies, fruit and candy. Also, the Girl Scout Troop 20726 for the "Autumn Leaves" folder. Hope each of you had a Blessed Thanksgiving. Lorma Bubb

Lorma Bubb and Jerry Brown say "HI" to everyone. I took their Thanksgiving baskets to them and they said thank you for the baskets and to tell everyone they said hi. Marguerite Keller

## HARVEST OF HOPE NEEDS

Canned pasta, Beef stew, Pork and beans, Canned soups, Spaghetti sauce, Canned fruit, Vegetarian beans, Canned vegetables, canned chicken, tuna or salmon, 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, peanut butter, canned diced tomatoes *Monetary donations are always gratefully appreciated*



## WORSHIP IN JANUARY

- Jan. 5**      **Second Sunday after Christmas**  
First Lesson: 1 Kings 3:4-15  
Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14  
Gospel: Luke 2:40-52
- Jan. 12**     **Baptism of Our Lord**  
First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9  
Second Lesson: Romans 6:1-11  
Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17
- Jan. 19**     **Second Sunday after the Epiphany**  
First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7  
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
Gospel: John 1:29-42a
- Jan. 26**     **Third Sunday after the Epiphany**  
First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4  
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-25



**BLANKET WORKSHOP:** Join us for tying knots in our quilts on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Thank you for all the wonderful quilt material donations this year. New friends are always welcome!

We have many lovely **Prayer Shawls** available in room 5, the green door. Please feel free to take one and share our prayers through this ministry for anyone who is ill, hospitalized, or needs a special Prayer Shawl hug.



**Friends in Christ is a group for widows, widowers  
and anyone who wants to join us for a time of fellowship.**

In January we will be having lunch together at Hoss's on White Street on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:30. Please sign up to let us know that you are attending.

Upcoming Dates:

Feb. 2 Lunch out

March 31 Seton Shrine

April 21 Tea and Guest Speaker Shirley Brosius who will be doing a presentation on the book of Ruth

May 27 Tyler Arboretum



**Saint Paul will hold its annual meeting** at approximately 12:30 PM on **Sunday, January 19th** 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 12th.

**Women of the Word** will be meeting on Wednesday, January 15th at 1:00 pm. We will continue our new Bible study, *Living in Jesus*. This month we will study "*Trust in Him*" which will be led by Brenda Shorts. We invite all ladies to join us for a time of study and fellowship.

**SPONSORSHIPS**  
**ALTAR FLOWERS (\$40/wk)**

**Jan. 5** Gary & Dot Mann & family / Fred & Monica Hostetler  
**Jan. 12** Dean & Barb Eisenhart  
**Jan. 19** Faye Nace / Open  
**Jan. 26** Open

**BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)**

**Jan. 5** Casey Saylor  
**Jan. 12** Denny & Deb Shue  
**Jan. 19** Rodney & Joyce Smyser  
**Jan. 26** Jon & Kate Frye

**BREAD & WINE (\$10/wk.)**

**Jan. 5** Ira & Gloria Keech & family  
**Jan. 12** The Hax family  
**Jan. 19** The Albright family  
**Jan. 26** Open

**DVD MINISTRY (\$10/wk.)**

**Jan. 5** Treva Albright  
**Jan. 12** Open  
**Jan. 19** Ira & Gloria Keech & family  
**Jan. 26** Treva Albright

**PARISH MESSENGER**  
The Dunkleburgers

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
Open

**OPEN 2020 SPONSORSHIPS**

- **Please note that if you are sponsoring the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, it may not be available next year.** If you wish to sponsor an opening, please call the church office (792-1650 between 8 am and 2 pm)

## 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)**

Our theme verse for this year is: "They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away."

### **For Adults:**

**Parents of Faith** – prayer and Bible study of relevant topics for parents as they raise their children in the faith – this class will be meeting in Fellowship Hall.

**Lutheran Theology** – Starting in November the LT class has been studying some of the fascinating results achieved in the biblical creation sciences over the past half-century. Scientific theories derived from scriptural data and developed by standard mathematical methods, seem to explain many data of nature better than secular theories. We are reviewing creation, astronomy, flood geology, and creation biology. We are meeting in Room 10.

**Concordia Bible Study** - is studying the Book of Romans and is meeting in the CYC room

### **For Youth:**

**Nursery – Age 3 will be in the two nursery rooms at the end of the hall**

**Pre-K – K – will be in room 5** – we are using a new Bible Curriculum called Enduring Faith. The children will study Ten Commandments, Joshua, Gideon, Samuel, and David.

**Grades 1-2 will be in room 3**

**Grades 3-6 will be on the stage**

**Confirmation (7-8) will be in the pastor's office**

**Senior High Youth & Young Adult (9-12) in the youth**

**Upcoming activities for EVERYONE!**  
**Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:**

Mystery Dinner January 26  
Super Bowl of Caring February 2  
College Care Packing February 9

**Third Thursday Huddle continues in the New Year:**

January 16 and February 20  
5:30 Pizza and Fellowship  
6:00 Adult Bible Study  
Children's Praise in Motion (Dance and fun with Miss Monica for  
Pre-school through grade 4)  
Youth activities for Grades 5 and up

**Phase II Sharing the light of Christ update**

There are a number of exciting things in the works in terms of celebrating our updated facility. We are planning to have a festive worship service on February 23<sup>rd</sup> as our first worship service back in the Nave. We will have one worship service that day at 9:30 and move from the Fellowship Hall back to the sanctuary as we give thanks to God for blessing us with the renewed entry area, offices and parlor.

Then on April 25 we will have a special outreach project to involve the whole community followed by another Celebration service on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

You may have noticed that the start-up date for being back in the nave is slightly later than I announced last month but this allows for a less rushed clean-up and move in considering the possible adjustments that will need to be made.

Thanks again for your understanding during construction and for your monetary and prayerful support of the project as we move forward in faith, Sharing the Light of Christ.

**PRAYER LUNCH:** Join in prayer concerns at the Prayer Lunch, at noon on **Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**. Please bring your lunch and help pray for the church, our pastors, and the congregation.

**Join us for Days of Prayer: January 7-9, 2020**, as we join with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ around the word in three of prayer. The themes for each day are as follows with explanations provided from the national office to help keep congregations around the world on the same page

- **Tuesday, January 7:** This is a day focused on confession. We confess that the church belongs to Jesus and not to us. We gather to lay down our pride, our sin and our agenda and ask the Lord of the church for forgiveness, which He gives freely and with mercy.
- **Wednesday, January 8:** This is a day of petition. Pray for your congregation, for the church staff, for our Council members, for those who carry out ministries, for the Sunday School teachers, for the Confirmation and Youth leaders, for those leading adult Bible studies and for those leading small groups. Pray for those in hospital and nursing home ministries. Pray for all those connected to our church and those not that they might know God's redeeming love for all in Christ.
- **Thursday, January 9:** This is a day for vision. Pray that the Holy Spirit will again move through the hearts and minds of us all and that God's vision for His church might be revealed and fulfilled through Word and Sacrament. This is a time of prayer for renewal, revival and encouragement. Pray for God's vision.

**Join us on each of those days** for a brief morning prayer service at 7:30 AM in the room behind the stage as we focus on those topics, and or take and use the day Days of Prayer Resources on the table at the back for families, youth and adults and unite with members of our congregation and around the world in this powerful prayer experience.

## **Upcoming Opportunity for Spiritual Growth**

I believe that each person in our congregation is gifted and has a specific ministry that God is calling you to be a part of. For my leadership project for seminary this year, there will be an opportunity to help you explore this and grow in your relationship with Jesus.

“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” – Matt. 4:19

Jesus said these words to his first disciples. He is also saying these words to us.

As disciples we are learners who, no matter where we are in our faith journey, are called to follow Jesus in our daily lives. This will be snacks, prayer, study of Scripture and reflection together.

### **What will be discussed?**

- How to recognize and process important events as opportunities for growth?
- How do we balance the Christian life?
- How can we reach our neighbors with the love of Christ?
- Bible Passages that will be studied include Mark 1:14-15, James 2:14-17, John 15, Genesis 1-3, Exodus 19

**Who is this group for?** All who want to explore /Ages 14+

**When?** We will meet on Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm, beginning the first Sunday in February for a total of 9 weeks.

If you are interested, please talk to Chuck Mann (717) 916-2639, or sign-up on the back table. More information will be available on the back table or can be emailed.

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

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