

# SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

**January 2021**

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

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Let us  
Adore  
Him



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The Parish Messenger is  
dedicated to the Glory of God...for I know the plans I  
have for you, declares the Lord...Jeremiah 29:11  
and in honor of Joshua, Erica, Noah, Caleb,  
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## Pastor's Letter for the January 2021 Newsletter

<sup>8</sup>Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. <sup>9</sup>Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. I Peter 3:8-9

Unity of mind seems to be in short supply these days. Everyone seems to have a different idea of how best to deal with this stubborn virus. But thanks be to God the vaccine is being implemented and brighter days are ahead. We are also very thankful that throughout this whole trying year we have had good discussions at our Church Council meetings and have been able to come to a consensus every time that we've had to make a new protocol.

This passage from I Peter is so profound in helping us to deal with our differences. Having love for one another helps us see the person as a fellow child of God and not simply as someone who is the representation of a certain set of opinions. Having a tender heart means we can put ourselves in their place and being humble means that we don't always assume that we are right. When we use these principals as our foundation for dealing with one another it certainly sets a better tone.

In the midst of all of this we have to learn when it is helpful to speak and when it is better just to listen. We don't want to come right back at someone with a response that "matches" their intensity, rather staying calm and using the gift of prayer that God has given us helps to tone down the harsh feelings.

Above all, let us be praying for one another, for good mental, physical and spiritual health, for our church to rebound from this time apart, for our community to rebound economically, for our health care system to rebound with respite from the heavy workload and most especially pray that we honor God for the gift of His Son Jesus Christ, praising Him for His sustaining hand through all of our trials.

Thank you again for your prayers for us. God is faithful and as always, he will see us through.

Your servant in Christ, 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.

There is a scheduled MIVO medical mission trip coming up January 15th-22nd. Lori Smyser and Deb Shue (RN's) are again taking their nursing skills to the people of Haiti and we're requesting the prayers and support of our St Paul brothers and sisters in Christ.

We have identified a number of "urgent needs" items that we could use during the care and treatment of the clients. Suggested items needed include: hand sanitizer, dressing supplies (4x4's), ace wraps (any size), Tylenol, Ibuprofen, masks (disposable), Band-Aids, BP cuffs (non-battery operated), money (to purchase needed supplies).

Please place any item in the suitcase located in the library area. The last day to donate items is Sunday, Jan 11th.

**We are not having our regular Sunday School classes at this time.** We will hopefully start back up in February. We will be monitoring the Covid situation and will respond as advised.

**Daily Texts** for 2021 are also at the church. We purchased some extras so if you didn't order one please check with Kate. There are some available at \$8 or as gifts.

### **Worship in January**

- Jan. 3      Second Sunday after Christmas**  
First Lesson: 1 Kings 3:1-15  
Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14  
Gospel: Luke 2:40-52
- Jan. 10     Baptism of Our Lord**  
First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5  
Second Lesson: Romans 6:1-11  
Gospel: Mark 1:4-11
- Jan. 17     Second Sunday after the Epiphany**  
First Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)  
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
Gospel: John 1:43-51
- Jan. 24     Third Sunday after the Epiphany**  
First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5,10  
Second Lesson: 1 Corinth. 7:29-31(32:35)  
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20
- Jan. 31     Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

### **SPONSORSHIPS**

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

- Jan. 3** Gary & Dot Mann / Fred & Monica Hostetler  
**Jan. 10** The Eisenhart Family  
**Jan. 17** Faye Nace / Carl Smyser  
**Jan. 24** Keith & Robin Bergey  
**Jan. 31** Carl Smyser

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

**Jan. 3** Casey Saylor  
**Jan. 10** Denny & Deb Shue  
**Jan. 17** The William Becker Family  
**Jan. 24** Jon & Kate Frye  
**Jan. 31** Carl Smyser

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

**Jan. 3** Ira & Gloria Keech and Family  
**Jan. 10** The Hax Family  
**Jan. 17** The Albright Family  
**Jan. 24** Keith & Robin Bergey  
**Jan. 31** Carl Smyser

### **MAILING MINISTRY (\$10/wk.)**

**Jan. 3** Treva Albright  
**Jan. 10** Carl Smyser  
**Jan. 17** Ira & Gloria Keech  
**Jan. 24** Treva Albright  
**Jan. 31** Carl Smyser

### **PARISH MESSENGER**

Ed & Connie Dunklebarker

### **SANCTUARY LAMP**

Carl Smyser

### **OPEN 2021 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)

### **HARVEST OF HOPE NEEDS**

The food pantry is unable to accept any food donations at this time until further notice. Monetary donations may be made to the church and marked “pantry”



### **Women of the Word**

Women of the Word will not be meeting in January due to the rise in Covid 19. We invite all ladies to join us in our time of study and fellowship once we start meeting again.

**The Men's group is not meeting in January.** We will resume meetings when the community spread of COVID 19 starts to decline.

**Book Club** will resume in. We Will discuss Dearly Beloved by Kara Wall. Please join us Thursday, January 21, at 1:30 in the library area of Saint Paul for an interesting discussion of this book about two pastors, their wives, ministry, and friendship.



### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**

Articles for the February newsletter need to be in the church office by **January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Third Thursday – down to two B's – Bible Study and Bingo!**

**Friends in Christ (our group for widows, widowers and friends)** is trying something new. On January 21. we will meet at 11:15 (right after Bible study, see below). We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall and have plenty of room for social distancing. We will use paper bingo papers and stamps. Small prizes will be given out. We are eliminating the eating together because of the increase of COVID. Hopefully, Covid will end soon and we can go back to some of our fun outings, but in the meantime, we can have fun together in our nice big building! Pass the word around.

### **OUR DAILY BREAD**

Our dessert for January is **spice cupcakes with white frosting.** We need 30 dozen by 9 am on Friday, Jan. 21st. If you can contribute, please call the church office. Thank you!

## Bible Study for January

One of the enriching features of church life is our common desire to delve further into the Holy Scriptures. This spring we will be looking at the books of First and Second Peter. God's word has great inspiration for our times of suffering and reminds us always to be compassionate to others in their times of need. There is great encouragement in these books to maintain faithfulness in the face of temptations and to look for Christ's coming again. So join us in person or by Zoom on Thursdays, the morning session is held here at the church in the Parlor at 10AM (Zoom is also available), the evening Zoom session is held at 7PM, the invitation to which will be included in the Wednesday and Thursday daily devotion e-mail for that week. The Bible Sessions will be held on **January 14, 21 and 28**.

**Saint Paul will hold its annual meeting** at approximately 9:30am on **Sunday, January 17th** in Fellowship Hall with a Zoom Option for both attending and voting. **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. We will also be voting on the church budget at this meeting.** The annual reports will be available in the narthex on Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>.



## Youth and Family Committee is hosting a Virtual Game Time!

**On January 31 from 3:30 -5:00** we are going to have our first ever Zoom Game gathering. We'll send out the link ahead of time and the supplies you will need (like some bingo sheets) and then you'll get on the zoom and we'll give it a whirl. Let us know if you want to be a part of the fun by January 18 and then we'll get you the supplies you'll need – there may even be some prizes at the end! More game times to come and hopefully by February they can be in person!



## **THANK YOU**

A special thank you to Mary & Richard Keller and to the Samaritan Sewers at Zion Lutheran Church in Glen Rock for the bolts of fabric they donated for our use in making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to all the people who have made donations of sheets and material. This is a wonderful way to show love to those in need. Saint Paul Quilters

To St Paul, Thank you for all your prayers and cards since my bypass surgery. Hope we can join you soon. Peg and Dave Shaffer

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