

The Pilgrim

December

St. Paul Lutheran

2014

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Please remember to sign the attendance book and let us know of any address, telephone or E-mail changes.

From Pastor King

Christmas is quickly approaching. But before we open the presents and celebrate the Birth of Jesus once again we must go through the season of Advent. It's a time to prepare and get ready for Christmas.

This year we will once again be having Wednesday Advent Worship Services. We will worship December 3, 10 and 17 under the theme of "Comfort and Joy." We invite you to experience comfort and joy in a very special worship service series for Advent. Each service in the 3-part series focuses on a selected portion of Isaiah 40 that captures one of four specific aspects of the comfort Christ comes to bring—peace, pardon, presence and power.

- Week 1: The Peace of Christ (Isaiah 40:1-2): True peace comes only through Jesus Christ and the forgiveness that he brings. He ends warfare without and within. He is the Prince of Peace.
- Week 2: The Pardon of Christ (Isaiah 40:3-5): We prepare the way of the Lord through repentance, as the forgiveness we receive through Christ makes the rough places of our lives smooth.
- Week 3: The Presence of Christ (Isaiah 40:6-9): We remember that Christ is present with us now and that he will come again in glory on the Last Day. During these troubled and unsettled times, come sense the true comfort and joy that Christ brings this Advent season.

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Advent Soup and Sandwich supper will be served at 5:30pm in the commons before each 7pm Advent Service.



Wednesday Dec.3rd 9am & 7pm
Wednesday, Dec10th 9am & 7pm
Wednesday Dec.17th 9am & 7pm



December Pilgrim What's happening in the school cafeteria? As of this writing (11/17) we are in a state of flux with our food service. We are currently seeking new arrangements to begin in January 2015! Currently, the caterer orders, stores, and prepares food in our kitchen. The school pays the caterer biweekly for the meals/food/drinks purchased. We are open to new ideas! Everything from new companies to volunteers is under consideration. Set up a time now to talk with Mrs. Flenner (756-5147). On Monday, December 8th at 6:00, we will have a general meeting to announce our direction for food service – we may ask for your volunteer support if a contract is not yet available! Family Devotions Advent is a wonderful time to renew your commitment to strengthening your family. Take a few minutes at mealtime or bedtime to pray together, read a few verses of scripture, perhaps have the children recite their lines from their Christmas program. There are many apps out for sending devotions to your phone or email. I personally enjoy the ones from Lutheran Hour Ministries (<http://www.lhm.org>) and JC Play zone (<http://www.jcplayzone>) for kids. Jamie Montgomery mentioned that her family uses the arrival of Christmas cards as a tool for looking up reference verses and praying for relatives and friends. We love to tell the story! Christmas is that delightful time of year when spreading the news of God's plan for our salvation is 'ok' even in the secular world. Bring your neighbors, relatives, and friends to one, some, or all of the programs the children of St. Paul present this December. We pray that this season fills you with peace and comfort.

Important Dates for your calendar: Advent Services begin on the 3rd – Chapel will be held at 9:00 the 3rd, 10th, and 17th

Thursday, 4th 7:00 Grades 4-8 Christmas Musical

Friday, 5th 11:30 Dismissal

Saturday, 6th 6:00 Kindergarten present the Christmas story as the message during the church service

Monday, 8th 6:00 Food Service meeting

Tuesday, 9th 6:30 Grades 1-3 Christmas Program

Thursday, 11th 6:00 Triple C

Tuesday, 16th 6:00 School Board

Thursday, 18th 6:30 Preschool Christmas Story Program

Friday, 19th 11:30 Dismissal, begin Christmas Celebration – No School Monday, January 5th School Resumes 7:50 A.M.

CHURCH NEWS

Save the Date:

Membership Changes:

Deaths: Helen Giessing 11-13

Transfer out:

Bonnie Ratcliff

Lori, Jason, Allie & Bailey England

Dec. 3rd	9a & 7p Advent Service	5:30 Soup & Sandwich
Dec. 6th	6:00p	Youth Lock in
Dec. 6th	8a- 4p	Ring the Bell for United
Dec 6th	9:00a	High School Dedication
Dec. 10th	9a & 7p Advent Service	5:30 Soup & Sandwich
	Supper	
Dec. 13th	TBA	Christmas Caroling
Dec. 17th	9a & 7p Advent Service	5:30 Soup & Sandwich
Dec. 20th	6:00P	Venture Crew Lock- in
	7P	Sacred Sounds of
Dec. 21st	Christmas	
Dec-22- Jan5th		No School
Dec. 24th	7pm & 10pm	Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 25th	10:00 am	Christmas Service

The joint is really jumping here at St. Paul's School.

Do you know we're collecting money to help a Caring Communities family? And on top of that our chapel offerings have sponsored one child for a whole year at the Bethlehem Christian Academy in ZAMBIA! Do you know how far away that is? Martin Winslow spoke in chapel and now we're going to try to sponsor a second child. Way to go Giants. Spread God's love.

Our girls volleyball team won the silver medal at Concordia this fall. That is a really big deal. Great work girls! It takes teamwork to accomplish that. And thanks to the coaches for helping the girls become such an awesome team. I watched them grow all fall to become the what were.

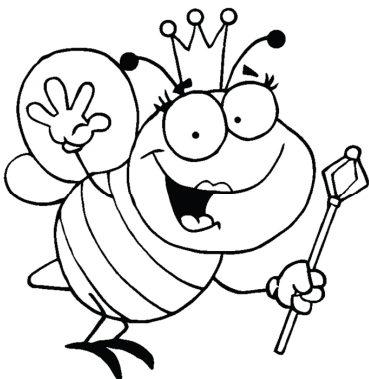
On Veterans Day this year everyone invited relatives or friends who had served in the military. They had a little breakfast for them and then a thank you assembly where the kids sang. The Boy Scouts did the presentation of our flag. It was terrific. I puffed up with pride. If you look on the wall near the gym you'll find stars with the veterans names on them and the branch of the military they served in. We owe them so much.

The Lion's Club also sponsored a peace poster contest. The posters from the kids are on display near the library.

And those dioramas about Charlotte's Webb are pretty cool. Go, Wilbur, go.

Last but not least, the Thanksgiving Feast is coming up right before our break. I was thinking popcorn and maybe juice, but we're talking turkey and dressing, vegetable, desserts, and all the fixings. Yum! Maybe I'll take some honey. It is a HUGE feast. I can hardly wait.

Can't forget that Christmas is right around the corner. I heard some of the teachers talking about the Scrip program so I listened. When you buy gift cards from them the school gets some of the money back. That's cool. Now my only problem is making a decision what to get. Panera, Walmart, Krekeler Jewelers...there are so many places that I already buy from. So I hope you'll remember our school's Scrip program and you'll be



Date	Festival	Lectionary for the Month of November		
		First Reading	Epistle	Gospel
12/06-07	Second S. in Advent	Is. 40:1-11	2 Peter 3:8-14	Mark.1:1-8
12/13-14	Third S. in Advent	Is. 61:1-4	1 Thess. 5:16-24	John1:6-8
12/20-21	Fourth S. Advent	2 Sam. 7:1-11	Rom. 16:25-27	Like 1:26-38
12/25	Christmas Day	Is. 52:7-10	Heb. 1:1-6(7-12)	John 1:1-14(15-18)
12/27-28	First Sunday a. Christmas	Is. 61:10-62	Gal.4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40

Worship Opportunities

Saturday Evening Worship

445– 4:45 in the School Gym 6:00 pm—Church

Sunday Morning Worship

8:00 am and 10:30 am

Communion will be celebrated the first and the third Sunday of the month & 445 has communion every service.

Dec-24 Christmas Eve Services– 7pm & 10pm—Dec-25 Christmas Service 10:00am

Weekly Bible Class Opportunities

Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Book of James	Commons	Pastor King
Book of Exodus	Lower Level	Doug Pratt
Sunday School	School	Pre-K – 12 th Grade

Monday 1:15 p.m.

Life with Spice	Lower Level	Pastor Schack
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Thursday 6:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study	Factory	Pastor King
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Radio Ministry

The Lutheran Hour:

Sunday	KTBJ	89.3FM – 9:00 am
Sunday	KFUO	850 AM – 12:30 am 5:00 pm
Sunday	WEW	770AM - 6:30 am

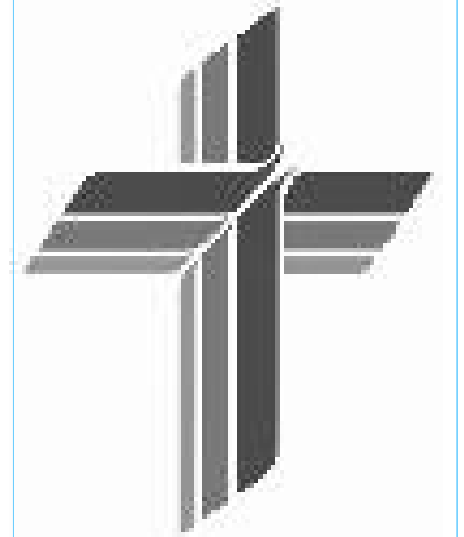
St Paul Lutheran:

Sunday	KREI	800AM - 10:30 am
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Church Attendance Average 295

Nov.	4:45pm	6:00 PM	8:00am	10:30	Total
01/02	51	41	70	113	275
09/10	70	37	76	128	311
15/16	48	64	44	107	263
22/23	133	28	67	100	328



**Scheduled to Serve in
December 2014**

Altar Guild: December
 Sat. 6pm Vogelsang
 Sun. 8am Garner
 Sun. 10:30

Acolyte Schedule

Dec.			
06/07	Maizie Tyree & Ann Raymer	Megan Eaves & Kelcee Tucker	Kaylee Collin & Meghan Roberts
13/14	Lana & Riley Aubuchon	Rebekah King & Cody Z.	Trinity Storz & Caroline Dickinson
20/21	Tycen Gray & Jacob Penno	Levi & Danel Reese	Alex Neiter & Gray Krekeler
27/28	Olivia Miller & Reece Gibson	Daniel & Emily French	Jazmin Phares & Victoria Shipp

Usher Schedule

Dec.	6:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30am
06/07	R. Detring	Kocher Family	Eric, Bill & Ann Bertram, Ken & Linda Kelly
13/14	Pete Wiley	Kocher Family	Scott & Amy Lix
20/21	V. & D. Vogel-sang	Kocher Family	Ceth & Elizabeth Jordan, Kraig Sutherland
27/28	R. Detring	Kocher Family	Ken & sandra Smith, Doug Pratt

Bells start ringing Thanksgiving night and continue till Christmas Eve. St Paul Lutheran church and school has agreed to ring the bell at Wal-Mart 8-4 at the west doors. St. Paul Church & School will ring the bell on the 6th of December. Bring your friends, your family or just bring yourself and know the hour you ring will bring in donations to help United Way help our neighbors in 2015 . Please call the office to schedule your time. 756-7872



United Way

New Beginnings Community Service, Inc.; a not for profit organization , known to Many in the area as New Beginnings Grief and Loss Support Group, needs your help to supply for the needs of people right here in our own area.. We have expanded our program to include a Medical Equipment Program. We loan out needed equipment at no charge. We are in need of medical equipment that is good usable condition. We especially need wheelchairs, canes, crutches, bedside commodes, scooters and shower seats; as well as other medical equipment. Please feel free to ask your family, friend and neighbors if they have medical equipment they no longer have a need for. If you have any such items you would like to donate to the New Beginning Program, please contact Kathy Grogan at (573) 760-3609. Also, cash donations are always greatly appreciated. Together we can make a difference!

Poinsettias will once again be used to decorate our church for Christmas. If you would like to purchase one or more please complete a form located in the foyer and return it to the office or place in the offering. Each plant is 10.00.



Venture Crew We will have a meeting on December 7, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commons. Our annual Lock In, which will include a meeting, will be on Saturday, December 20, 2014. We will meet in the Commons at 4:15 p.m., attend the 4:45 service, assist in clean up and activities will begin afterward.



Country Store Update :
Thanks again to all who helped in any way with the

2014 country store.

The proceeds this year have been designated for:

10 New Tables

New Floor in balcony

Pipe Organ Repair- phase 2

Pew renewal/ cushion

Needs and supplies for the small kitchen and LL- kitchen

Christmas Baskets and Gifts:

Annual food & gift giving

The Angel trees will be in the narthex and gym on November 29&30 Please take a tag(or several), Purchase the gift, wrap it and return it to the office before Dec. 17th . All Monetary donations will also be appreciated. Use an envelope and mark "Christmas Baskets" or drop off at office.



DEVOTED BODIES BIBLE STUDY

Safeguarding Our Vessels of Service

New Bible
Study Oppor-
tunity

Men and women of all ages are encouraged to participate in this Bible Study which will focus – scripturally - on breakthroughs in your health, freedom from food addictions, ideal weight, or just a new level of stewardship over the health God has given you. You will be evaluating your relationship with food from a freedom perspective. You will understand what it means to be a better steward of your body so that you can serve God with your whole being – the one you were meant to live in.

Tuesdays at Noon for SEVEN meetings– Brown Bag (if during your lunch hour)

Evenings at (TBD) for 2-3 movie nights – Pot Luck (healthy snacks to share)

Begins Tuesday, January 13

St Paul Lutheran Church

Lower or Upper Level (TBD)

Cost: \$20 per person (includes workbook and shipping cost). Once you order a book, it is yours to keep. Any savings on shipping, etc. will be refunded back to the participants.

Make \$20 checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church and reserve your book and place in the study **on or before December 19** so that we can place our workbook order. Class size will be limited.

This Bible Study will be using the Devoted Bodies workbook by Lynora Bayless. There will be SEVEN (7) one-hour lunch-time meetings and at least TWO (2) evening “movie nights” that will feature documentaries on nutrition. These may include Fed Up; Food Inc.; Hungry for Change; Supersize Me; Forks Over Knives; and/or Fat, Sick & Nearly Dead.

Weather-related cancellations will be rescheduled for the following week until all the material has been covered.

Study Hostesses:

Julie Powers (573) 760-5880 / jpowers2@swbell.net

Cindy Sebastian (314) 623-4060 / csebastian508@hotmail.com

Sunday school Christmas program will be on Dec. 21st at the 10:30 service. Practices will be on Dec. 7th & 14th during Sunday school and Dec. 20th from 10:00am to noon pizza afterward.



Children's Christmas Program

Please join us for

The Sacred Sounds of Christmas

Hosted by the St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

December 21st, 7 PM

We invite you to come enjoy a concert of sacred Christmas music to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We hope that you and your family will take the time this Christmas season to partake of a meaningful and spiritual Christmas experience as we praise His name through music. All are welcome to attend.

Refreshments will be served.

Please bring a canned food donation to benefit the needy in our community.

"I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high."

Psalms 7:17



December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 9a & 7p Advent Service 5:30 Soup & Sandwich supper 8am Ladies Aid	4 7pm- 4-8 music program	5 Early dismissal	6 9A High School Dedication Rejoice 4:45 6pm Worship Communion K-music program Youth Lock -in
7 8:00 &10:30 Worship-Communion 9:15 am Bible Class, P.S Confirmation 6pm Venture Crew- Advent-2	8 1:15 Spice of Life 6pm Quilters 6pm Hand bells	9 7pm 1-3 music program	10 9a & 7p Advent Service 5:30 Soup & Sandwich supper 8am Ladies Aid	11 6:30am Men's Bible class @ Factory Diner 5:30 Men's Club	12 10:00 am Presbyterian Manor service	13 3pm Shinn wedding Caroling Rejoice 4:45 6pm Worship Service
14 8:00 &10:30 Worship-Service 9:15 am Bible Class, P.S Confirmation 2-4 pm Youth group K-sings at 10:30 service Advent-3	15 1:15 Spice of Life 6pm Quilters 6pm Hand bells	16 6pm All Boards Meeting 8pm Church council	17 9a & 7p Advent Service 5:30 Soup & Sandwich supper 8am Ladies Aid	18 6:30am Men's Bible class @ Factory Diner 6pm pre-school music program	19 11:30 Early dismissal	20 Rejoice 4:45 6pm Worship Communion 6p Venture lock in
21 8:00 &10:30 Worship-Communion 9:15 am Bible Class, P.S Confirmation Sunday school Christmas program 7pm- Sacred Sounds of Christmas Advent-4	22 Pilgrim Article Due 6pm Quilters 6pm Hand bells No School	23 No School	24 7:00 & 10:00 pm worship service No School	25 Christmas Day 10:00 am-service No School Office closed	26 No School Office closed	27 2pm wedding Rejoice 4:45 6pm Worship Service
28 8:00&10:30 Worship-Service 9:15 am Bible Class, PS Confirmation 2-4pm Youth group 1st-S. a. Christmas	29 6pm Quilters No School	30 8am Assemble Pilgrim No School	31 No School New Years Eve			

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Martin Luther

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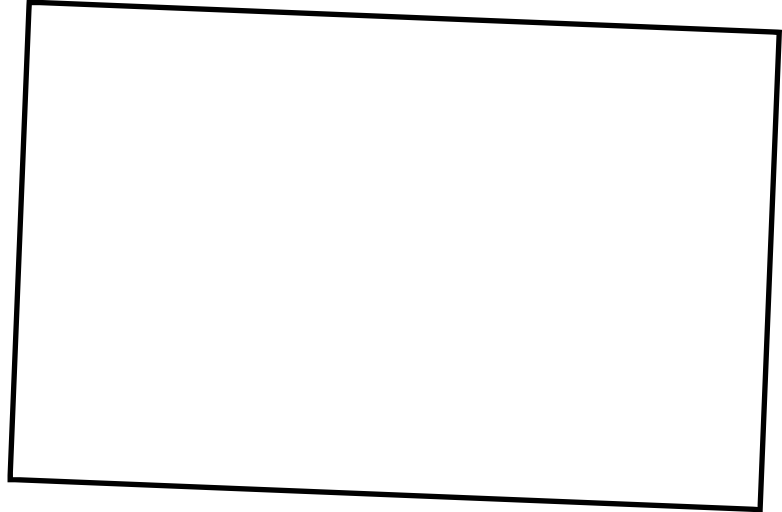
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Divine Worship

Saturday 4:45 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Adult Classes - 9:15 a.m.

Pastor: J.T. King