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The St. Paul Prophet December 8 & 9, 2007 Second Sunday in Advent

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Our Mission: Helping people know the love of Christ and live for Him.

Because the promotion of God's glory is our object in all that we do, we use His blessings and gifts to glorify Him.
"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31).

IN OUR PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZED: Cynthia Altenberger (fr. Nena Detring); Celeste Doerr (sister Phyllis Kluver); Les Duncan; Bud Hawkins (Marti Tyree's dad); Cliff Hays (father of Les Hays & Bonnie Ratcliff); Ingrid Underwood, Eric Winick (fr. Travis Tedder).

TESTS: Julie Berghaus; Suzie Wesche (niece Bobbi Karraker)

SCHEDULED FOR SUGERY: Mary Crocker;

RECOVERING: Beth Freeburg; Bill Pritchett (Joe Pritchett's father). Marie Schaefer; Marie Thomason.

TREATMENTS: Madison Akers (9 yr. old grandniece of Norma Clauser); Cecelia Amsden (daughter of David and Angie Miller, Granddaughter of Gene and Chirley Miller); Guy Barton (fr. Darren and Michelle Gray); Paul Bertram; Daniel Caughron (Sandy Brooks' son); Cody Crawford (teenage friend of Sheila Ratcliff); Judy Eickhoff (fr. Janet Laut); Hank Gregory (fr. Norma Clauser); Sandy Hoehn; Jim Henson (fr. Rhonda Shields); Jackie Johnson, (fr. Mike McClanahan); Jack Kelly (Ken Kelly's father); Betty LeBaube (Sharon Schwartzkopf's aunt); Janie Link; Rev. Ralph Ogden (father of Ralph Ogden); Barry Phegley; Kathy Ratcliff (mother of Julie Ketcherside); Mary Lou Sloan (fr. Susan Baird); Rosemary Vaughn (Grandmother of Daniel Snider).

CONTINUED STRENGTH: Jeanette Anderson (mother of Jim Anderson); Jewel Bacon (Sharon Schwartzkopf's mother); Fayette Bigger (fr. Nancy Rouggy); Everett and Pauline Brown (parents of Jerry Held); Carolyn Byers (fr. Klusers); Alisha Carrow; Georgia Clements (Darlene McWilliams' sister); Marcie and Bill Copeland (Uncle and Aunt of Lianna Stover); Carla Davis Crocker (fr. Krekelers); Derrick Detring; Ray Detring; Barbara Detring Foster (Jean & Ray Detring, and Pat Brockmiller's sister); Angel Rose Gallagher (child of Mike and Brandi Gallagher); Vicki Gallagher; Connie Giesselmann; Ruth Graham (Jean Detring's Cousin); Frances Heidemann (fr. Lynn Vollner); Jerry Held; Collins Henson (Michelle King's grandfather); Edna Hinkle; Eric Hollinger (nephew Norma Clauser); Era Hunt (mother Charlotte Hopkins); Anna Hunting; Martha Jarrell; Helen Jones; Paulette Ikemeyer (fr. Ron Brooks); David Kinney (fr. Heather Knox & Janie Link); Angelina Lucas (fr. Lori Nelson); Beulah Mabu; Judy McClanahan (sister-in-law Vernon and Mickie McClanahan); Bill and Patty McMillan (cousins of Velma Kocher and Brenda Windsor); Kenny Mell; Renate Muller (fr. Kelly's); Woodrow Oberman; Dennis Oetting (brother of Sharon Sherrill); Dee Owens (Jeff Owens' grandmother); Bob and Bernice Pearson; Robert Putman (Fr. Don and Lori Nelson); Liam Rind (fr. Kim Weakley); Carol Schremp (fr. Karen Detring); Rob Shipman (Elizabeth Jordan's cousin); Joyce Simms; Marie Tinnin (fr. Pat O'Brien); Craig Thomas; Sharon Weber (sister of Michelle Bird); Kathy Wright.

HOSPICE: Vern Norton (Spanky Kollmeyer's brother-in-law).

POWER IN PRAYER: Glen and Janet Rickus; Will and Kelly (Rickus) Allen, Emma and Bret; Dr. Gerald and Linda Roberts.

SYMPATHY: To the family and friends of Dr. George W. Dent Jr.; Steve Cohen (Apple of His Eye Jewish Ministry) and family at the death of his wife, Jan.

SERVING IN MILITARY: Shelly Ammerman (Edna Hinkle's granddaughter); Capt. James Anderson (nephew of Ken Kluver); Jeremy Baumgarth (Edna Hinkle's grandson); Michael Bailey (fr. Susan Faenger); Pat Byington; Rick Chappell; Kyle Clifton (fiancé Katie Mell); Jason Day (fr. Pastor King); Scott Detring; Josh Duncan (cousin of Debbie Bone); Josh Eckrich; Shannon Finley (fr. Jordans); LTJg Rob LaRue; Philip Mistretta (husband of Mallory Buckley Mistretta); Larry Myer (grandson of Dr. & Bobbi Karraker); Jonathon Paige (nephew of Debbie Easley); "S" Sgt. Mitchell Reves (nephew of Marcie Jack); Patrick Stackpole (fr. of Warenbergs); Jason Weiss; Josh White (Grandson-in-law of Blumenbergs); and strength for their families.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Adults confirmed this Sunday, December 9th at 10:30 am are: Yvonne Lynn Buckley, Gary Wayne Cooper, Lillie Marie Cooper, Ashley Elizabeth Davis, Christopher Keller Gierse, Maya Reida Gierse, Rhonda Johnson, James Joseph Port, Tina Renee Port, Carl David Reese, Julie Elaine Reese, Brian James Rigdon, Jenna Elaine Rigdon, Sandra Elaine Rigdon, Daniel Scott Storz, Julie Brenon Storz, Elana Sucharski-Eaves.

CORRECTION: Christmas Eve candlelight service will be at **10:00 pm**. The wrong time was published previously.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on **Monday, December 17th** in the upper level of the church.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Kelsey Detring who was voted Elks Teen of the Month.

ANGEL TREE: A tree has been set up in the Narthex. On the tree are diamonds with the needs/wants of families in need. Each family is color coded. Be a gem and select a diamond or go with a friend on a diamond and help these people have a special day to remember. Please wrap the package and place the original diamond on the package. Please bring the package no later than Sunday December 16th and leave it under the tree or bring it to the church office no later than December 14th.

THANK YOU A special thanks to all the people that helped set up tables in preparation for Advent by Candlelight, also to those that stayed and worked after, and to Mr. Joe for putting things away for us. Thanks to you all for making the evening a wonderful event.

SOUP AND SANDWICH: Every one is invited to come to the Advent Soup n Sandwich suppers at **5:30 pm** on Wednesday December 12 and 19. You may bring your favorite soup or sandwich makings or make a donation to purchase meat trays /vegetable trays, and come and enjoy the wonderful fellowship and food. Then go to church and hear our Lord's word as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Savior. The is a basket for freewill offerings. Free will offerings from the dinners go to sponsor our Youth Group.

ATTENTION VENTURE CREW MEMBERS, PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS & THEIR PARENTS – Be sure to attend our next regular meeting on Sunday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the Youth House, which is during the last ½ hour of the regular youth meeting. We will be discussing and planning the details regarding the **Downhill Ski Night** scheduled for January 12 & 13 (6:30 p.m. Saturday to 3:00 a.m. Sunday). **This will be a very important meeting if you plan to attend or are interested in attending.** The Venturing Crew Treasury Account will be paying for the event fees. The only out-of-pocket expenses you will incur will be money for the snack bar, and the possibility of stopping to eat someplace on the way home. **PARENTS ARE WELCOME, AS ALWAYS, TO ATTEND THIS MEETING!!** If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact Linda or Ken Kelly at 760-0528.

HAVE YOU SEEN the unique hand-made Psalm 23 bracelets? This unusual bracelet has a series of colored beads representing meaningful thoughts of the Psalm. Cost is \$5.00 for a plain one or \$10.00 for that which has a cross added. This is a **FUND RAISER** for a St. Paul member who has serious and expensive health problems. Please contact Board of Outreach member Elfrieda Frueh (747-1143) who has a supply. **THANK YOU!**

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS:

St. Paul Lutheran School is selling Christmas ornaments with a picture of our school on them. They are \$10.00 each, a wonderful addition to your own tree or for a gift. Contact the school 756-5147 or church office 756-7872.

FOUND: A blue Turner Chevrolet key ring with a Chevy key was found in the school gym after Advent by Candlelight. The key is in the school office 756-5147

UNITED WAY BELL RINGING: The sign up sheet for ringing bells for the United Way is located by the Carleton St. doors. We will ring on Thursdays from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm. The money collected stays in St. Francois County to help provide food, shelter, and other special needs. We will be at the west end by the photo door. We are scheduled to ring on Thursday December 13th and 20th.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Boxes have been placed at the side and front entrances of the church to collect food items (canned goods, canned meats, cereals, and other non perishable items) for our Christmas baskets. Donations of money are also need to help buy turkeys, milk, bread, eggs and other perishables. Put money in an envelope marked Christmas baskets or write Christmas baskets in the memo of your check.

ESTHER CIRCLE WILL NOT MEET IN December. The next meeting will be January 21st in the lower level of the church at 7:00 pm.

YOUR ELDER:

Kurt Kellams, Chmn	AA-BIR	366-0826
Ken Smith	BIS-CAR	756-0829
Thad Kieninger	BIS-CAR	747-1774
Bill Giessing, Sec'ry.	CAS-DER	756-5283
	DET-FU	
Ken Kelly,	GA-HAR	760-0528
Ron Jarrell	HAY-JAR	756-6260
	JEN-KOL	
Richard Detring	KR- MEI	756-7989
Steve Needy	MEL-NO	756-2880
Mark Jones	O'B-PY	756-2710
Steve Thomas	RA-SCH	756-1444
Eric Bertram	SE-THOM	756-9575
Bill Bertram	THUR-WEB	747-0663
Kraig Sutherland	WES-Z	756-3453

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Altar Guild for December:

- Sat. 6:00 pm – Donna Vogelsang
- Sun. 8:00 am – Anna Garner
- 10:30 am – Char Egan

Acolytes:

- Sat. 12/08 – 6:00 pm – Lucas Baird, Tyler Herbert
- Sun 12/09 – 8:00 am – Kory Barnes, Bradley Bess
- 10:30 am – Anthony Burkhardt, Clayton Bono
- Sat. 12/15 – 6:00 pm – Anthony Baumer, Josh Thomas
- Sun 12/16 – 8:00am – Henry Kieninger, Derek Hankins
- 10:30 am – Alec Van Stavern, Chase Sheldon

Ushers:

- Sat. 12/08 – 6:00 pm - Ron Brooks, Pete Wiley
- Sun 12/09 – 8:00 am - Mark Jones, Susan Baird Families, Tim Crites
- 10:30 am – Bertram Family
- Sat. 12/15 – 6:00 pm – Vernon and Mickie McClanahan
- Sun 12/16 – 8:00 am – Hoehn, Waibel, and Cook Families
- 10:30 am – Eller and Buckley Families

FRUITS OF OUR FAITH

Wed. 12/05		100
Sat. 12/01	6:00 pm	81
Sun 12/02	8:00 am	104
	10:30 am	182
Total		
Sunday School		115

WEEKLY BIBLE CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

Day	Topic	Location	Teacher
Sunday	9:15 a.m.		
	Augsburg Confess.	School Gym	Pastor King
	1 Corinthians	Lower Level	Mr. Giesselmann
	Sunday School	School	PS-8 th Grade
	High School	Youth House	Mr. Kellams
Monday	Youth Confirmation	Upper Level	Pastor Oddi
	1:15 p.m.		
Thurs.	Life with Spice	Lower Level	Elfrieda Frueh
	7:00 a.m.		
	Men's Bible Study	Roseners	Pastor King



FINANCIAL:

Year-to-date Tithes and Faith Promises

Operating Fund:

Received last week	\$15,500 Tithes
	63 Sunday school
	100 Christmas Baskets
	220 Specials
	1,535 Cafeteria Salary reimb
	<u>544 Clearance</u>

Total Deposit \$17,962

Weekly Goal 11,792

Year to Date Average 9,790

Tithe Contributions \$226,928

Tithes Needed \$271,216

07-08 Behind Budget (44,288)

Prior years Deficit (30,834)

TOTAL DEFICIT (75,122)

Building Fund:

Tithe Contributions \$25,928

Tithes Needed \$53,042

Behind Budget (27,114)

Loan Balance \$433,406

Christmas Schedule

Advent Service Dec. 12th 9:00 am 7:00 pm

Advent Service Dec. 19th 9:00 am 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24th 7:00 pm

Open House 8:00 pm

Christmas Candlelight 10:00 pm

Christmas Day Dec. 25th 10:00 am

Soup and Sandwich Suppers

Wednesday December 12th 5:30 pm

Wednesday December 19th 5:30 pm

ST. PAUL CALENDAR

THIS WEEK:

12/09	8:00 am	Worship Service Mite Box Weekend
	9:15 am	Sunday School, Bible Class, Youth Confirmation
	10:30 am	Worship Service, Adult Confirmation
12/10	1:15 pm	Life with Spice LL
	6:00 pm	Quilt Tacking – LA Room
	7:00 pm	K-3 Christmas Program in gym
12/11	9:00 am	Pastor's Conference - here
	6:00 pm	Women's Club - LL
	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting UL
12/12	8:00 am	Ladies Aid
	9:00 am	Advent Service
	12:00 noon	Ladies Aid Luncheon
	3:00 pm	Girl Scouts LL
	5:30 pm	Soup and Sandwich
	7:00 pm	Advent Service
	7:45 pm	Rejoice Choir LL
12/13	7:00 am	Men's Bible Class - Roseners
	3:00 pm	Daisies
	5:30 pm	Men's Club – LL
12/15	5:00 pm	Board of Outreach UL
	6:00pm	Worship, Communion

NEXT WEEK:

12/16	8:00 am	Worship, Communion
	9:15 am	Sunday School, Bible Class, Youth Confirmation
	10:30 am	Worship, Communion
	5:30 pm	Youth Group
	7:00 pm	Adventure Crew
12/17	1:15 pm	Life with Spice LL
	5:30 pm	Assemble Christmas Baskets
	6:00 pm	Quilt Tacking LA Room
	7:00 pm	Church Council UL
12/18	7:00 pm	4 th through 8 th grade Christmas Program, Choir Concert and Band Concert - gym
12/19	9:00 am	Advent Service
	3:00 pm	Girl Scouts LL
	5:30 pm	Soup n Sandwich in gym
	7:00 pm	Preschool Christmas Program
12/20	7:00 am	Men's Bible Class – Roseners
	1:00 pm	Birthday Brigade LL
12/21	11:30 am	School Dismisses for Christmas Break
12/22	6:00 pm	Worship Service