

St. Paul Lutheran Church
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The St. Paul Prophet December 15 & 16, 2007 Third 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; Bill Gibbs (fr. Edna Hinkle); Bud Hawkins (Marti Tyree's dad); Lindell Hill; Leona Herbst; Barry Phegley; Shirley Loewe; Ray Shifley; Eric Winick (fr. Travis Tedder).

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

SCHEDULED FOR SUGERY:

RECOVERING: Mary Crocker; Beth Freeburg; Marie Schaefer; Marie Thomason; Ingrid Underwood,.

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); 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); 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. Kluvers); Alisha Carrow; Georgia Clements (Darlene McWilliams' sister); 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); Cliff & Alice Hays (father and stepmother of Les Hays & Bonnie Ratcliff); Frances Heidemann (fr. Lynn Vollner); Jerry Held; Collins Henson (Michelle King's grandfather); Edna Hinkle; Sandy Hoehn; 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 Mabuice; 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: Guy Roberts, Greg, Grant, and Haley; Ryan and Jennifer Roberts; Robert and Amy Rodgers and Robert Jr.

SERVING IN MILITARY: Shelly Ammerman (Edna Hinkle's granddaughter); Capt. James Anderson (nephew of Ken Kluver); Michael Bailey (fr. Susan Faenger); Jeremy Baumgarth (Edna Hinkle's grandson); 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.

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.

MAIL BOXES have been reorganized and next years envelopes placed in them. Please do not use next year's envelopes until January. Your mail is in the box UNDER your name. If your mail box is not there, please contact the church office at 756-7872.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS: will be assembled on Monday December 17th at 5:30 pm. We need volunteers to help. We will meet at the Lower level at 5:30 PM.

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

ANGEL TREE: Please have your gift in the church office no later than 12:00 noon on Monday December 17th.

THANK YOU for all of the prayers for our father, Cliff Hays. He is gaining strength but his surgeries have been delayed until after the first of next year. We appreciate your continued prayers for him and his wife, Alice. They both have many health problems.
Les Hays and Bonnie Ratcliff

SOUP AND SANDWICH: The last Advent Soup n Sandwich is at **5:30 pm** on Wednesday December 19. We need meat trays and desserts, bread and chips, for this Wednesday, Call the church office at 756-7872 if you would like to bring one of these things.

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.

MANY THANKS to all who purchased the Psalm 23 bracelet (cost of plain is \$5.00 and one with a cross at \$10.00) with the eleven colored beads representing meaningful thoughts of the Psalm and also THANKS to those people who made a donation to this fund-raising project, helping a member of St. Paul who has serious and expensive health problems. This will be an on-going activity. Please contact Elfrieda Frueh (747-1143) or Darlene McWilliams (756-3458) for answers to questions.

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 20th.

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. 12/15 – 6:00 pm – Anthony Baumer, Josh Thomas
Sun 12/16 – 8:00am – Henry Kieninger, Derek Hankins
10:30 am – Alec Van Stavern, Chase Sheldon
Sat. 12/22 - 6:00 pm – Savannah Beard, Bailey Bertram
Sun 12/23 – 8:00 am – Erin Casey, Taylor Brockmiller
10:30 am – Madeline Gibler, Alicen Skinner

Ushers:

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
Sat. 12/22 – 6:00 pm – Pete and Mildred Wiley
Sun 12/23 – 8:00 am – Needy and Dement Families
10:30 am – Bill Giessing, Kevin Harrington

FRUITS OF OUR FAITH

Sat. 12/08	6:00 pm	86
Sun 12/09	8:00 am	91
	10:30 am	219
Total		396

Wed 12/12

Sunday School 110



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
	Youth Confirmation	Upper Level	Pastor Oddi
Monday	1:15 p.m.		
	Life with Spice	Lower Level	Elfrieda Frueh
Thurs.	7:00 a.m.		
	Men's Bible Study	Roseners	Pastor King



Christmas Schedule

Advent Service	Dec. 19 th	9:00 am	7:00 pm
Christmas Eve Service	Dec. 24 th	7:00 pm	
Open House		8:00 pm	
Christmas Candlelight Service		10:00 pm	
Christmas Day Service	Dec. 25 th	10:00 am	

FINANCIAL:

Year-to-date Tithes and Faith Promises

Operating Fund:

Received last week	\$9,100	Tithes
		44 Sunday school
		80 Christmas Baskets
		40 Specials
		<u>222 Clearance</u>
Total Deposit	\$9,486	
Weekly Goal	11,792	
Year to Date Average	9,762	

Tithe Contributions	\$235,693
Tithes Needed	<u>\$283,008</u>
07-08 Behind Budget	(47,315)
Prior years Deficit	(30,834)
TOTAL DEFICIT	(78,149)

Building Fund:

Tithe Contributions	\$26,326
Tithes Needed	<u>\$54,917</u>
Behind Budget	(28,591)

Loan Balance \$433,406

Soup and Sandwich Supper

Wednesday December 19th 5:30 pm

ST. PAUL CALENDAR

THIS 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
		All Pilgrim Articles Due
12/21	11:30 am	School Dismisses for Christmas Break
12/22	6:00 pm	Worship Service

NEXT WEEK:

12/23	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:15 am	Sunday School-Bible Class-Youth Confirmation
	10:30 am	Worship Service – Sunday School Program
12/24	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
	8:00 pm	Open House
	10:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Ser./Communion
12/25	10:00 am	Christmas Day Service/ Communion
12/26	1:00 PM	ILL in use
12/27	7:00 am	Men's Bible Class – Roseners
	9:00 am	Pilgrim Assembly
	2:00 pm	Circle of Friends – Presbyterian Manor
12/29	6:00 pm	Worship Service