

News and Notes of Interest

THANK YOU to the gracious people who provided, served, or attended our Advent Luncheons and Suppers. We especially thank Chris Morris for donating the soup, LWML Circles for providing the cookies and serving at the lunches, and the following groups for preparing the meals for the suppers, Elders, Trustees, Stewardship, Evangelism, and the Board for Parish Education.

TOPIC LEADERS Leader's Guides are available in the church office.

INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS will be held Sunday, January 8th at both the 8:00am & 10:30am service. Newly elected officers please plan to attend one of the services on January 8th.

CHURCH SERVICE: We will be having a church service in the school gym at 10:30 AM on Sunday, February 26th in place of the 10:30am service at church. The students will sing at this service.

POT LUCK: Plan now to attend the church pot luck dinner on Sunday, January 8 at noon in the church basement. No meeting, no reason, just great food and great conversation with fellow St. Paul members! Table service will be provided.

MERCY MEALS: Mark your calendars: The date has been set for our next Mercy Meals packing event at St. Paul's Lutheran School. We will be packing on Monday, January 9th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you are able to help with packaging and supervision of students, please let Mrs. Duever know at 402-223-3414, or e-mail her at aduever@stpaulbeatrice.org. We hope to pack 6,000 meals to feed starving families around the world!

2017 Contribution Envelopes are ready to be picked up in the church narthex. Be sure not to use them until January 1, 2017 since numbers changed.

ADULT CHOIR: Anyone wishing to sing in an adult choir for St. Paul's Lutheran Church are encouraged to attend rehearsals Thursdays at 7:00pm in the sanctuary.

STEWARDSHIP: Luke 2:21 "And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb." There it is: the shortest Gospel lesson of the whole Church Year. It is for the festival of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus. What more do you need to know than the Name of Jesus? The Lord Saves. That's who Jesus is: the Lord who saves us sinners. That simple Gospel message is the foundation of our faith and the strength to live out our faith in action.

DORCAS BOUTIQUE: The Boutique has occasional cards and Bibles. Stop on by to see their selections. The Boutique is open between services on Sundays.

Pastor Irmer would like to greet each person as you leave. Please wait for him as he greets those using the elevator and then allow him to reach the door before departing. **Please exit by general dismissal** and greet your neighbors as you leave.

Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers to assist the hearing impaired.

KIDS BULLETINS & BUSY BAGS for your child to use and return are available in the Narthex (entryway) of the church. If you need assistance, please ask an usher or greeter.

CHURCH WEBSITE: Make sure you visit the church website from time to time at www.stpaulbeatrice.org to see what is new.

DID YOU KNOW ... that Individual (Private) Confession and Absolution is available upon request here at St. Paul's? If you have questions about this practice, read LSB 326 and look at the Rite in the hymnal (LSB 292). If you have questions, and/or desire Private Confession and Absolution, contact Pastor Irmer.

The LYF is collecting items for the local Coat Pantry. This is a service to members of our community who are not fortunate enough to have items to get through the cold weather. A container is in narthex to drop off your coats, stocking caps, scarves, gloves, and mittens. The Pantry is especially in need of children's items. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!



Circumcision and Name of Jesus New Year's Day January 1, 2017

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WELCOME TO St. Paul's Lutheran Church: We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you have not already done so, we ask that you would sign the guest book at the entrance to the church. If you do not have a church home and are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, or if you are interested in becoming a member here at St. Paul's, please contact Pastor Irmer, 402-228-1540.

The Sacrament of the Altar is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink, instituted by Christ Himself. As we receive the Lord's Supper together, witness is also given that we are united in the faith we confess (one in doctrine). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, St. Paul's follows the Biblical and historic practice of closed communion.

ALL GUESTS must visit with our pastor before coming to the altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: We pray for ...

- Judy Braun, Berniece Pfingsten
- Continuing prayers: Lodeen Clausen, Dawn Crosier, Leonard Esch, June Martin, and Ann Kelley.

Please call 402-228-1540 by Thursday if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

In His Service

Pastor: Rev. Douglas D. Irmer (Cell 402-239-0283)

Organist: Vivian Zimmerman

8:00am Service

Acolytes: Joseph Wright, Ashton Sandman

Elders: Wilferd Deke, Eldean Adam

Greeters: Dorothy Daubendiek, Floice Meyer

Ushers: Wilferd Deke, Brian Hoops, Ron Meyer, Steven Sandman, Vaughn Wright

10:30am Service

Acolytes: Adam Riekenberg, Shelbi Ankersen, Mackenzie Holthus

Elders: Norbert Meyer, Cliff Kumm

Greeters: Eldean & Sharon Adam

Ushers: Dave Taylor, LaVerne Malchow, Roger Mohling

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Bob Genrich whose birthday would have been January 8th, by his family and friends.

Today's bulletin is sponsored in honor of Adaline Dorn Birthday on January 5th, by Adaline Dorn.

The Lord's Week

Today	8:00	New Year's Day Divine Service No Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
Monday	10:30	New Year's Day Divine Service CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	7:00	Weekday Service of Holy Communion
Tuesday	12:00	Ladies Quilting
	1:30	Ladies Aid
	5:00	LWML Executive Board
	7:00	Elders Orientation
Wednesday	1:00	Dorcas Society No Catechism Class
Thursday	12:00	Ladies Quilting
	1:30	Ruth Circle
	7:00	Choir Practice
Sunday	8:00	Divine Service - Installation of Newly Elected Officers
	9:15	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
	10:30	Divine Service
	12:00	Church Pot-Luck Dinner

Church office hours are 8:30am-1:30pm, Monday thru Friday.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – The church office will be closed Monday, January 2. Please contact Pastor Irmer on his cell phone for emergencies.

Reformation Quote from Martin Luther - Luke 2:21 “First people must be sent to announce the Gospel. Hearing follows this sending, faith follows hearing, calling on the name of the Lord follows faith, and salvation this invocation. Thus the Christian kingdom is nothing else than the kingdom of faith in the Word of God — namely, that salvation comes to us not by our own strength, not by our own merits or righteousness, but out of the gracious mercy of God, who, as Paul says in Romans (5:10), loved us even when we were still His enemies.” Luther's Works 18:111

VOTERS MEETING: The next voters meeting will be held Sunday, January 15 at 1:30pm in the church basement. The Elders will recommend the voters seek from Pastor Irmer's resignation. Discussion on this topic will take place during this meeting.

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