

News and Notes of Interest

THANK YOU to everyone who went Christmas caroling to members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in local assisted living homes and nursing homes this past Sunday! They appreciated your visit and message of Christ's birth very much!

NEWSLETTER: Information to be included in the January newsletter needs to be submitted to the church office by Tuesday, December 20th.

SHUT-IN ADDRESS: Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers this holiday season. If you would like to send a card or note to any of them, their addresses are listed on the bulletin boards.

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 basement. 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.

SECRETARY POSITION: St. Paul's Lutheran School will need a new secretary beginning in January 2017. Necessary skills for the position include: knowledge of computer programs for word-processing and record-keeping, strong organizational skills, and the ability to use office equipment including copiers and fax

machines. This is a part-time, paid position. For more information or to apply, please contact Mrs. Duever at (402) 223-3414, or drop by the school office in the mornings. Deadline to apply is December 31, 2016.

STEWARDSHIP: Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." Life was no easier for the Philippians than it is for us. They had the same sorrows, sicknesses, and disappointments as we have. And yet St. Paul tells them to rejoice in the Lord. We have an abiding joy, a peace which passes all understanding, because we know our Lord Jesus and His love for us. This gives us confidence in the face of every hardship; it gives us strength to lead lives in imitation of Jesus' own generous love.

DORCAS BOUTIQUE: The Boutique has cards for Christmas and Holiday table napkins. 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.

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!!



Fourth Sunday in Advent December 18, 2016

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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, Irene Daubendiek, Monetta Meyer, Berniece Pfingsten, David Sabatka (infant son of Jennifer Von Minden)
- 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: Bev Duensing

8:00am Service

Acolytes: Graham Southwick, Jenna Junker, Mackenzie Holthus

Elders: David Doering, Cliff Kumm

Greeters: Vaughn & Tina Wright

Ushers: Terry Brethouwer, Jeff Junker, Vern Rogge, David Trout

10:30am Service

Acolytes: Logan Glynn, Xander Glynn, Alex Holle

Elders: Wilferd Deke, Norbert Meyer

Greeters: Louise Braun, Nelda Guenther

Ushers: Dave Taylor, LaVerne Malchow, Roger Mohling

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Arvid & Althea Wiest.

Today's bulletin is sponsored in honor Agnes Miller's Birthday December 20th and in memory of Meinert Miller, by their children.

The Lord's Week

Today	8:00	Divine Service
	9:15	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
	10:30	Divine Service
	3:00	Children's Christmas Program
	5:00	Children's Christmas Program
Monday	7:00	Weekday Service of Holy Communion
Tuesday	12:00	Ladies Quilting
Wednesday	10:00	Advent Matins
	11:00	Advent Soup Luncheon (Ruth Circle) Serving "Wisconsin Cheddar Soup"
	2:30	Catechism Class
	5:30	Vespers Supper Served by the Trustees Serving "Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup"
	7:00	Advent Vespers
Thursday	12:00	Ladies Quilting
	7:00	Choir Practice
Saturday	6:00	Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols
	9:00	Christmas Eve Divine Service
Sunday	8:00	Christmas Day Divine Service
	9:15	No Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
	10:30	Christmas Day Divine Service

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – The church office will be closed Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2. Please contact Pastor Irmer on his cell phone for emergencies.

Quote from Martin Luther - John 1:19–28 (Dec. 18) "John was commissioned to point to this Christ and to lead all mankind to Him, so that He might induce all who were dead in sin and sitting in darkness and the shadow of death (Luke 1:79) to come to Him, to believe in Him, to be animated and illumined do by Him, and thus to become partakers of His grace and truth. For this was the purpose of Christ's incarnation, death, and resurrection, that all believers in Him might be justified and saved."
Luther's Works 22:126

POINSETTIAS: If you would like to furnish a Poinsettia for our chancel at Christmas, call Kelly in the church office at 228-1540. Cost per poinsettia is \$15.

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