

††† **Our Week at St. Paul's** †††

Sunday, December 23, 2018

8:00am & 10:30am Communion Services
9:15am Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
9:15am Children's Sunday School
9:15am High School Bible Class

Monday, December 24, 2018

Financial Count (Stechmesser, M. Roediger, McCann)
5:30-6:30pm A.A. Meeting – Preschool area-East end
5:00pm Christmas Eve Family Worship Service
11:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 25, 2018 CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00am Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

5:30-6:30pm A.A. Meeting – Preschool area-East end

Thursday, December 27, 2018

Friday, December 28, 2018

1:00pm Fold Bulletins (Stefanie & Barb)
5:30-6:30pm A.A. Meeting – Preschool area-East end

Saturday, December 29, 2018

Sunday, December 30, 2018

8:00am & 10:30am Communion Services
9:15am Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
9:15am Children's Sunday School
9:15am High School Bible Class



Prayer Requests

God answers prayers! Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2

†For those with health issues: *(names of members are in bold type)*

Delma Arbeiter	Karie Vielus	Betty Pierson	Jeanine Manning
Joy Bretz	Asa Haudrick	Aaron Ritter	Angie Dixon
Karen Sweet	Trudy Penno	Janice Mann	

†For a friend, Ann, who broke her femur and has endured 5 months of difficulties
†For Mildred Hoadley, mother of **Carol Essert**, recovering from a fall
†For Carolyn Hale recovering from back surgery
†For **Joe Starek** recovering from shoulder replacement surgery
†For Carol Helmkamp, cousin of **Stefanie Newbill**, recovering from surgery on Dec. 10
†For **Lorene Moehrs** who is recuperating from surgery at Integrity, Columbia
†For William Chandler, brother of **Marge Drexler**, recuperating from surgery and coping with a blood disease and pneumonia

†For those receiving cancer treatments/living with cancer

Marla Vogt	Jan Hoffman	Marian Ritter	Angie Henshaw
Gary Haberl	Mel Kienemann	John McPeak	Jean Landgraf

†For the Eagle View Elementary School
†For those who are dealing with grief

†For Jason Sievers, son of Pastor **Ken Sievers**, dealing with family issues

Announcements
December 23, 2018

Forward in Hope – A look at how the Old Testament proclaims and predicts the coming Savior. Today we will look at the prophecies found in Isaiah and the minor prophets.

Adult Information Class: For those that are interested in joining this congregation and/or learning more about the Lutheran Church please contact Pastor Krenz at 618-363-0121. An initial informational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6th at 6pm. These classes are an hour long, and run around three months. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for further details.

Committees and Boards: We are hoping that each committee and board of the congregation will have a written or verbal report to present to the church council on January 16th. Even though similar items will be presented to the Voter's Meeting on the 22nd of January it is hoped these reports will assist the council as it prepares for the Voter's Meeting. Pastor and Elders

Thursday Night Visits: These visits will start again in January, and my goal is to meet two families a night. I will be setting up the January and possibly February visits over the next couple of weeks. I can also meet during the day at other times in the week if that is more convenient for you. If you would like to contact me first about a visit, please feel free to do so.

Elder Visits: On Sunday afternoons over the next few months the Elders and I are making brief contacts each week with five or so families. Our goal is simply to stay connected to the body of Christ here at faith, introduce myself as the new pastor, and to update address, email, and phone information.

Thank you: Lisa and I would like to thank the congregation for the warm welcome we have received over the first month and a half here at St. Paul's. We also appreciate your patience when we "falter" on various names 😊 Though the name tags may seem unnecessary, consider wearing them for at least for a month or so in that it does help us know you and it is also a benefit for our newer members.

Weekly announcements: The weekly announcements in the bulletin can now be found on the first page of the congregational web site. Our hope is to have these up each week by Saturday.

"101 Sermon Series" Starting in January

January 6th & 7th: Epiphany 101 Matthew 2:1-13

January 13th & 14th: Baptism 101 Luke 3:15-22

January 20th & 21st: Spiritual Gifts 101 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

January 27th & 28th: The church 101 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

Please pick up your offering envelopes for 2019 as you leave the service today and leave your **intention slips** in the box provided for that purpose. They are both located on the table on the cloakroom side of the Narthex.

We need one or two people or couples to serve as **greeters** on the second and fourth Sundays at early service. Please call Mary Lou (281-4600) in the church office if you can help. No experience required!!

Food Pantry News: On Dec 19 we served 32 households representing 80 adults and 26 children. With the help of many volunteers we handed out Christmas baskets, ham and fresh fruit and Giving Tree presents. Thank you to so many who have helped out in the Food Pantry, especially this past week. We also thank our generous congregants for all of the items dropped off in the collection bin at the bottom of the stairs. Our bin runneth over! We are currently running low on jellies/jams, gravy/gravy mixes, toilet paper, and feminine hygiene products.

5 lanes are reserved for the **Annual Family Bowling Night, Sunday Jan 27, 5:45-8:00 pm** at West Park Bowl hosted by Family Ministry. Sign-up soon on sheet in Narthex on a table or bulletin board. Feel free to invite non-church members. \$40/lane includes 1 large pizza and a pitcher of soda. Arrive by 5:45 so we can release lanes if needed before 6:00 charges apply and to get shoes, etc. ***Order pizza at check-in when getting shoes.***

COLUMBIA CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY, an organization made up of the Columbia Police Dept. and Columbia School District, want to make Christmas brighter for our local children. Last year 17 Columbia families were assisted through monetary donations. Checks can be made payable to Columbia Caring for Our Community and dropped off or mailed to the Columbia Police Dept., 1020 N. Main, or the Columbia CUSD #4 District Office, 5 Veterans Parkway.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January-March are now available in the narthex.

SAVE THE DATE - the annual Church Rummage Sale will be Saturday March 23, 2019. Instead of donating your items to other causes, please save your items to benefit our youth going to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in July.