

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maryville, TN

THE GOOD NEWS

November 2015 Edition



LIBRARY CORNER

Have you had a chance to explore the new library? Remind yourself of the satisfaction of holding a real book in your hands and turning the pages!

The books are all arranged by the area of interest and color-coded. Have you noticed that we have a fair number of seniors in our church? Look for the special November display of books for and about seniors. It will give you insights about issues, such as Knight's *Plain Talk About Growing Old*, or Carlson's *Life in the Senior Years*. You are guaranteed to feel better after reading O'Connor's *Help, Lord! I'm Having a Senior Moment*.

It will either be a case of feeling quite normal or relief that you aren't really THAT bad. Here is a little piece from a poem in that book: *"My forgetters getting better, while my rememberer is broke. It's driving me plumb crazy, and that isn't any joke."*

Come in any time and check out a book. Just sign the card and don't forget to put it in the box on the desk.



Worship Times

Sunday Morning

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School

9:15am

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PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL



A Message from Pastor Rick:

Thanksgiving is a word that I'm sure somebody made up before it crossed my mind. My definition of this new word would be: to act as in manner that shows gratitude for the blessings one has (it was hard to avoid using portions of the actual word in the definition).

People talk about being thankful during this time of year. Hopefully, you express your thanks in words.

What I wonder is how are you doing at thanksgiving?

How does your life show that you are thankful?

Words are important, but actions really show how thankful you are.

I invite you take up *thanksgiving* for a while. Maybe you might even get into a habit.

- If you are thankful for your home, consider donating money to or volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. (We have some opportunities this month.)
- If you are thankful for having food on your table; give a little extra or volunteer at Community Food Connection, help serve at The Welcome Table (check the newsletter for more details), or check out www.elca.org/hunger for other ways you can show your thanks.
- If you are thankful for having healthy children or grandchildren, volunteer at Children's Hospital (<https://www.etch.com/volunteers/>) or give to St. Jude's Hospital.
- If you are thankful for having something to wear each day, check out our Days for Girls Display and sew an outfit for a child in need.

These are just a few ways to practice *thanksgiving*.

I cannot imagine a better way to show our thankfulness than to try to help others receive the same kinds of blessing we have.

Peace,
Pastor Rick

The St. Paul Church Council will meet monthly on the third Monday ~ 7:30pm

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Church Council



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A Message from the Council President

Dear Friends of St. Paul

I can't believe that my term as Council President will be coming to and end in December. With that being said, I want everyone to know how blessed I have been to be your Council President these last two years. I realize that this is not my last article as President but I felt in my heart that this was the time to write this article. The Lord continues to stand beside me but especially during these last two years. He has helped me to make many decisions regarding St. Paul Lutheran Church but most of all he has given me the strength to be a better Christian.

I want to thank the entire congregation for all the support you have given me and your Council. I also want to thank the many volunteers who have given their time and talent to the many projects that St. Paul has completed. I could go on and on but now it is time to get down to business.

November is a very busy month. We are having a Veteran's Recognition on November 8 after the 10:30 service with special guests Mayor Tom Berchett and Nathan Weinbaum from the Veteran's Service Office of Blount County. The Congregational Meeting will be on November 15 following the 10:30 service starting with a Pot Luck meal so let's act like Lutherans and bring plenty of that excellent food for all to share. The Hanging of the Greens will be on November 22 following the 10:30 service. I look forward to seeing everyone participate in this great event. Last but not least we will have our annual Thanksgiving Pot Luck on November 26. This is always a fun time so come one and all but don't forget to bring some food.

Regarding the Congregational Meeting, we will email a copy of the Agenda the proposed 2016 Budget and a list of the Candidates for Council, The Endowment Board and the Columbarium Committee. There will also be copies available at the church for those who do not have email. We look forward to seeing you on November 15. That is all for now.

Yours in Christ

Rick Anger

ANNUAL MEETING of the CONGREGATION Sunday, November 15, 2015 ~ 11:30am

Congregational Meeting Agenda

1. Open Meeting, Prayer by Pastor Rick
2. Approve Minutes from January 2015 Congregational Meeting
3. Elections:
 - Council
 - Members Leaving Council: Carolyn Speck, Nan Wylie and Shirley Lips
 - Nominees: Kara Birdwell, Shari Martin, J.B. Johnson and Dan Wynn
 - Endowment Board
 - Member leaving Board: Robert Bryant.
 - John Walker remains on Board
 - Nominee: Elizabeth Anger
 - Columbarium Committee
 - Member leaving Committee: Floyd Johnson.
 - Looking for a volunteer to take that position
4. St. Paul Tomorrow (Strategic Planning)
5. 2016 Spending Plan
6. HRA: Health Reimbursement Account
7. Close Meeting

This is an Official notice for the Annual Meeting of St. Paul Congregation.

A letter from the President of the Council, Meeting Agenda, and Proposed Spending Plan will be sent via Email two weeks prior to the meeting. Hard copies will be available on the Usher Table or from the Church Office.

The Meeting will begin with a Pot-luck after the 10:30 service.

Please bring a dish to share. The meat and beverages will be supplied by the Fellowship Ministry Team. Contact Leigh Caldwell DorianC@whs-pi.com, or 865-233-0821 if you can help with set-up/clean-up.

Join us for the 11th Annual

St. Paul Lutheran Church Family Thanksgiving



**Richardson Hall
November 27, 2014
4:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

Please sign up on the sheet
posted on the Fellowship
bulletin board by the kitchen.

Set up at 4:30 PM

Eat at 5 PM.

Followed by fellowship and games.

*For more information,
Contact Suzanne Bielenberg 865-681-7884*



FELLOWSHIP

Leigh Caldwell - Coordinator



10:30 Service Fellowship Teams

Each team is responsible for providing cookies or donuts, setting up and cleaning up the Fellowship time after the 10:30 service. Contact Jacqueline Conzemius for more information.

- November 1** Lorraine Geary, Sue Stauffer, Dorine Keeble, Patty Harmon
- November 8** Brenda & Perry McClellan, Bob & Linda Ullom
- November 15** **Congregational Meeting**
- November 22** Merl & Judy Krull, Elizabeth & Rick Anger
- November 29** Herb & Carol Perry, Tom & Lyla Lindquist



*Hanging
of the Greens*

Hanging of the Greens

November 22nd

11:45am

(Following second service)

Pot-luck Lunch



Join Us

Advent Activities

Decorate the Sanctuary

Decorate the Welcome Center

Bring soup/chili or sandwiches/crackers

Everyone is welcome to help prepare our space for the

Advent Season



DISCIPLESHIP

Winnie Johnson - Coordinator

Wednesday Night

November
4th, 11th, & 18th

Giving Thanks

Family Meal - 5:30pm

Activities - 6:15pm

Faith -N- Family

Let us do the cooking, so you can sit down with your family and enjoy a meal together after a busy day of work and school.

This month our devotions, activities, and Bible Study are centered around giving thanks.

On Wednesday, Nov 18th we will put together our Thanksgiving Basket for the community.

SERVING

Charlie Malin- Coordinator



Thanksgiving Basket Collection

The Serving Ministry Team will again be collecting non-perishable food items to fill Thanksgiving Baskets to be distributed to needy families within Blount County. Please place food donations in the designated box located in the Welcome Center. Monetary donations will be used to purchase the perishable items that will be included in the baskets. Checks made payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church, "Thanksgiving Baskets" designated on the Memo Line, may be placed in the folders of either the Administrative Assistant or that of Mary Nell Biehler. Financial support from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will

be used to purchase turkeys for each of the baskets. If you know of a church member in need of a basket, please contact Pastor Rick Ohsiek at 982-4285 or splchurch@bellsouth.net or Mary Nell Biehler at 980-0181 or tn2deb@gmail.com. Requests are confidential.

Collection begins Sunday, November 1, 2015 - Wednesday, November 18, 2015.

Suggested non-perishable food items include:

- ◆ rice and dried beans,
- ◆ macaroni and cheese mixes,
- ◆ canned fruits and vegetables,
- ◆ canned cranberry sauce,
- ◆ peanut butter,
- ◆ jelly,
- ◆ nuts,
- ◆ stuffing and gravy mixes.

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Charlie Malin- Coordinator



Vienna Coffee House is sponsoring “Ornaments of Joy 2015” to benefit Blount Family Promise.

Pastors and associate pastors from each host and support church who works with Blount Family Promise have been invited to paint an ornament for the Silent Auction, come to the event to bid on Pastor Rick’s ornament.

All proceeds from ornament sales benefit Blount Family Promise.

“Ornaments of Joy Christmas Shop Event” on Saturday, November 14 from 11:00-5:00.

There will be live music and a special silent auction.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15:13*

Shop early for Christmas!

Ornaments of Joy

Sat ★ Nov 14
11 am–5 pm
Vienna Coffee House
Live music and special auction

Purchase a hand-painted keepsake ornament and give hope to hurting people! All ornaments are donated by Vienna Coffee Company and designed by local artisans and special guests who are donating their creativity to produce these amazing works of art!

all proceeds benefit
Family Promise of Blount County
helping homeless families

\$10 per ornament \$20 per custom order
donations welcome

www.BlountFamilyPromise.org

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Community Food Connection
of Blount County, Inc.

November is Stuffing Month

For the month of November let’s fill the Community Food Collection box with stuffing mixes.





**Habitat
for Humanity®**

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

St Paul Lutheran is one of the sponsors of the Faith Build house being built for the Cason-Anthony family.

The house is located at 311 Manning Avenue, Maryville near Old Knoxville Pike off East Broadway.

**Six volunteers needed to work Saturday Nov 7th & Saturday Nov 21st
Four volunteers for Thursday Nov 12th.**

Work is from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. All levels of skills are welcome.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near Richardson Hall.

If you have questions please contact Warren Bielenberg 681-7884.

If you are interested in working other days, please contact Tony Gibbons at (865) 456-8781.

The Welcome Table is in need of more volunteers to assist in feeding the hungry in Blount County. They have asked us to help.

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, St Paul would need to provide 5 to 6 volunteers at New Providence Presbyterian church one Tuesday a month. This service would consist of setting the tables, taking plated food to the tables, and clearing the tables after the dinner.

We would like to have a pool of at least 12 persons, including one volunteer coordinator (see description to the right) to live up to this commitment.

With a pool of 12, the average commitment would be 6 times a year for two hours, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

If you are willing to commit to this service, please contact Charlie Malin (865 983 5999)

e-mail cmalin916@charter.net or the Church Office.

Please indicate if you would be interested in the Coordinator's position. If we can meet the requisite number of committed volunteers, we will assist in this important ministry.

The Welcome Table Invites ANYONE to join in fellowship and a free hot meal two nights a week:

*Tuesday - New Providence
and Thursday - First
United Methodist.*



St Paul Volunteer Coordinator for the Welcome Table

The St Paul Volunteer Coordinator responsibilities:

- Liaison with The Welcome Table Coordinator
- Schedule volunteers or provide substitutes to meet our commitment to the program.
- Provide a yearly calendar of volunteers for our days of service
- Recruit additional volunteers, if necessary.
- Liaison with the Serving Ministry Team Coordinator.
- Provide volunteer statistics for the annual report of the congregation to the Serving Ministry Coordinator.

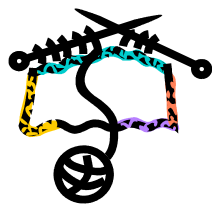
ELCA World Hunger says - Thank you!

Thanks to the enthusiasm of our youth and the generous support of many, ELCA World Hunger's Walk for Water fundraising challenge of \$500,000 was met – and now it will be doubled!

To date, more than \$500,000 has been received in support of this effort, and thanks to a generous family in the ELCA, \$500,000 will be matched – **totaling more than \$1 million in gifts for ELCA World Hunger-supported water projects.**

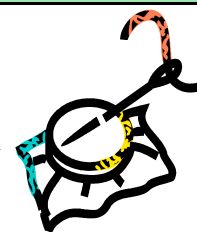
Your gifts are making a difference! By supporting water-related projects, together, we are helping to create healthier families and stronger economies through projects that provide clean drinking water through spring boxes and boreholes, support for irrigation systems, education about sanitation in rural villages, and so much more, in 36 countries around the world.





Keep'em In Stitches

Keep'em In Stitches meets every Thursday, with the exception of the 4th Thursday of the month, at 10:00am. Bring a project you are working on, a sack lunch, and join us for any kind of needlework/stitching.



Veterans Reception

Sunday, November 8th ~ 11:30am

(Following 10:30 Service)

Guests of Honor: St. Paul Veterans

Guest Speaker:

Nathan Weinbaum - Blount County Veterans Affairs Officer

Tim Burchett - Knox County Mayor

Everyone is invited, help us celebrate and honor all St. Paul Veterans.

Hosted By: **Keep 'em In Stitches**

Please contact Mary Schopmann, 577-9832 or maryschopmann@gmail.com,
If you can help with food, a sign-up sheet is on the Fellowship Bulletin Board just outside the kitchen

SPAM

55+ Adults



Tuesday, Nov. 17th ~ Noon

SPAM has the pleasure of having Pastor Rick speak at our Potluck in November. Bring a big dish to share and ideas for the December Christmas Party. See you all there!

Ladies of the church gathered for a second workday to sew dresses/shorts/Days for Girls kits.

So far 11 dresses, 8 pairs of shorts, and 8 bags to hold Days for Girls supplies have been completed.

The second workday focused on making the contents of the Days for Girls bags. We learned of a need in Nicaragua and are committed to making 50 bags for distribution there. It was heartwarming to hear how excited the women and girls are to receive these kits and how their lives are changed. Packets with supplies for you to complete a dress or shorts or a bag at home are now located in the WELCA recycle stand down the hall from Richardson Hall. There is also a repository there for you to

bring hotel size bars of soap and girls panties in sizes 10-14, needed to complete the kits. **The next workday is November 14th ~ 10:00am** Please join us!



Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, November 10th ~ 7:00pm

Thursday, November 19th ~ 10:00am

Any questions contact Beth Drane 865 681 5987 or tenneliz2000@yahoo.com

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE JULY

Note: If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement for that Sunday.

Duties	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
Assistant Minister	8 a.m. Joel Searfoss	10:30 a.m. JB Johnson	8 a.m. Warren Bielenberg	10:30 a.m. Beth Drane	8 a.m. Mike Culross
Communion Assistants	Warren Bielenberg Marianne Searfoss	James Hall	Laura Mallette Steve Zrioka	JB Johnson	Floyd Johnson Betty Ludwig
Lector	Tami Wyatt	John Walker	Betty Ludwig	Kris Zimmer	Joel Searfoss
Ushers	Mo Brueckner Betty Ludwig	Tom Sims Herb Perry René Zimmer	Tami & Greg Wyatt	James Hall Roy Johnson James McMillion	Greg Caldwell Ed Kreider
Altar Guild	Suzanne Bielenberg	Kris Zimmer	Linda Zrioka	Karin Bell	Bertha Franks
Acolyte/ Crucifer		Darian Lindquist	Autumn Burnett	Hannah Rundle	Alyssa Rundle
Nursery		Chris and Laura Mallette		Dorine Keeble Anne Sims	Marianne Searfoss Philip Tyler
Greeters	Heinz and Shirley Lips	Dorine Keeble	Jacqueline Conzenius	Perry and Brenda McClellan	Ed and Jackie Kreider
Sound Room	Greg Caldwell	Bob Block	Joel Searfoss	Perry McClellan	Will Ludwig
Tellers		Carolyn Speck John Beck		Herb Perry David Lanzer	Warren Bielenberg Joel Searfoss
Flowers	Frank and Julie Rutherford	Memory of Sherrie			Elizabeth Runkle



November 2015

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 1 Roscoe Gordon
 November 3 Juanita Morrow
 November 4 Shirley Lips
 November 6 Henry Bell
 November 6 Margaret Christianson
 November 7 Suzanne Bielenberg
 November 7 Darla Kaufman
 November 8 Else Pack
 November 9 Wendy Mallette
 November 9 Stacy Mallette
 November 10 Mike Kuzman
 November 10 Amanda Searfoss
 November 12 Samantha Fowler
 November 12 Lane McGinnis
 November 12 Linda Ullom
 November 13 Will Ludwig
 November 13 Cinda Ward
 November 14 Pat Howard
 November 15 Tom Lindquist
 November 15 Daniel Clark



November 17 Denice Birdwell
 November 18 Heather Wright
 November 18 Gabriel Wright
 November 20 Bonnie Finn
 November 22 Jennifer McClaran
 November 23 James Watson
 November 24 Rhys Burnett
 November 25 Jessica Lindquist
 November 26 Al Hutchison
 November 27 Drew Ohsiek
 November 27 Noah Ohsiek
 November 27 Sara Burnett
 November 27 Winnie Johnson
 November 28 Don Burnett
 November 29 Hunter Ogle



ANNIVERSARIES

November 7 Kevin & Kathy Rokavec
 November 12 Floyd & Winnie Johnson
 November 26 Perry & Brenda McClellan
 November 28 Denny & Alice Mansmith
 November 28 James & Carla McMillion

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With the World*



Dates of Interest

Check Calendar for times and places

Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed ~ Nov 25-27

Council

Sunday, November 15th ~ Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Monday, November 16th ~ Ministry Team Night/Council Meeting

Serving:

Sunday, November 1st-Wednesday, November 18th ~ Food Collection for Thanksgiving Baskets

Fellowship:

Wednesday's ~ Faith-N-Family Meal

Sunday, November 22nd ~ Hanging of the Greens Pot-luck

Thursday, November 26th ~ Thanksgiving Pot-Luck

Discipleship:

Sunday, November 22nd ~ Hanging of the Greens Advent Activities

