



Newsletter

SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE
WITH THE WORLD

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December 2010

Sunday
Worship Services
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



Worship Opportunities

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Advent Mid-Week Worship:

*A meal will be served at 5:30pm each Wednesday,
prior to the worship service.*

December 1st: 6:30pm World Aids Day Service of Prayer
 December 8th: 6:30pm St. Nicholas Festival Service
 December 15th: 6:30pm Advent Service of Evening Prayer
 December 22nd: 6:30pm Advent Service of Evening Prayer

Christmas Eve Worship December 24th



5:00pm Children's Service

7:00pm Candlelight and Communion Service

10:30pm Prelude Concert

11:00pm Candlelight and Communion Service

Sunday after Christmas December 26th

*There will only be one service at 10:30am
for Lessons and Carols*

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

2010 World AIDS Day
December 1, 2010
6:30pm
Service of Prayer



St. Paul Lutheran Church
429 Sandy Springs Road
Maryville, TN 37801
(865) 982-4285
The Reverend Kevin L. Strickland

St. Nicholas Festival December 8th

Please bring new gloves, hats, mittens, etc
to be donated to local charities for children.



WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Advent Wednesday Evening Worship

As we head in the season of Advent, we begin a time of preparation and expectancy. We prepare our homes with festive decorations for special meals and guests. We wait, perhaps with a little bit of anxiety, for the onslaught of celebrations and obligations. We immerse ourselves in a world of gifting, toasting, and general busyness.

~ Slow down ~ Take time for worship ~
Take time to recommit your heart to the preparation and expectancy God would have us embrace.

Our Wednesday evening worship during the season of Advent will focus us on the practice of Patience and Presence. Each week will bring a different worship experience, but all focused on paying special attention to the preparation of our hearts for the birth of a Savior.

12/1 World AIDS Day- We remember all those affected by HIV and AIDS, and commit ourselves to be used as servants to God and one another in bringing the Kingdom to fruition.

12/8 St. Nicholas Festival– Nicholas was a faithful follower of Jesus, his life clearly reflected the way each of us is called to show God's love to others, especially those in need. We will be receiving on offering of mittens, gloves, and hats for those in need.

12/15 Blue Christmas- For some of us all the time and for all of us at some time, the Christmas season can bring with it experiences of depression and grief. This time of worship allows us to recognize these feelings, hand them safely to God, and open our hearts to a peace that passes all understanding.

12/22 Patience and Presence- A moment of peace in the midst of busyness as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Savior.

All services will be at 6:30 in the sanctuary, following the community meal at 5:30. Join us as we wait with anticipation for the peace that can only be found when we allow the Kingdom of God to enter into our world and our lives.

Christmas Eve Prelude Concert Offerings

We will again present a Concert of Preludes at 10:30 pm on Christmas Eve. We look forward to the variety of musical gifts that the congregation has to offer the newborn Savior as we prepare for our festive 11:00 pm worship. I am looking for anyone interested in singing or playing in this concert. Solos, duets, and small ensembles are all welcome. If you are interested, but don't know what to play, or need an accompanist or duet partner, please don't hesitate to speak to me- I'll help you find what you need! I need to hear everyone on either 12/8 or 12/15 (before evening worship or after choir practice), so you need to express your interest to me as soon as possible! Please email with any questions.

Thanks!

Stephanie Luedtke, Minister for Music
stephanieluedtke@yahoo.com



PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL



Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

My name is Matthew Titus, a senior at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary pursuing a call to ordained ministry. I am also your new seminary partner. I wanted to write this letter to you so you would know a little more about me and my family.

I grew up in a military family and moved around a lot. In fact, before high school, I attended thirteen different schools in Texas, California, Italy, and South Carolina. My wife Erin did not have this opportunity, but she was blessed to have been born and raised in Lexington, South Carolina.

I felt called by God to be a pastor in Christ's Church while I attended Newberry College and

worked at Camp Lutheridge in Arden, North Carolina. Lutheridge is also where my wife and I met in 2002, and we were married in the summer of 2006.

This past September, we welcomed our first child, Ashleigh, into our lives. We feel so blessed to be given this great gift and responsibility from God. She is absolutely amazing! Who thought something so small could change your life so much?

I am enjoying my studies so far this year. My favorite class this semester has been Religion in North America, which is a history of its various religious flavors of not only Christianity, but other faiths as well.

In my free time, I enjoy playing football on the LTSS Flag Football team. I am a big sports fan, and I avidly follow the Texas Rangers baseball team and the Dallas Cowboys football team. I am a member of the Unity Committee at seminary, and I help plan fun events for the community, including the Advent Event, Hoffmeyer Homecoming, and the Friday night cookouts. I enjoy socializing and hanging out with my family and friends.

Life as a seminarian is pretty stressful (I am sure your pastor would agree). It is a world filled with papers, assignments, translations, classes, bible studies, and more 'work.' But, it is also a life full of grace, mercy, prayer, guidance, and the love of God in Christ Jesus. I hope that throughout this year, I will be able to share even more with you about what the seminarian life is like through letters and seeing you face-to-face.

With Christ's Love and Mercy
Matthew Titus

PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

From the President

On Sunday November 21st we had our fall congregation meeting. Thank you to everyone who brought food, helped setup, clean-up and for your involvement in this important Meeting. Elected to the church council for three year terms were, Scott Geyer, Marsha Bryant and Joe King. Joey Merkord was elected church treasurer. The congregation approved the 2011 spending plan totaling \$319,101 as presented. This plan maintains all program and staffing expenses in line with cuts that were made back in May and June. This plan is \$50,000 less than the plan approved by the congregation last year, but is in line with projected revenues. The Constitution/Bylaw document was approved with three amendments. This document will need to be ratified at our January 2011 congregation meeting before it becomes official. The church expenses have been in line with revenues for the past three months. Our largest monthly expense is our mortgage which totals \$8,540. \$102,000 a year. Our balance is \$1,002,000. Council is asking for your input for possible options of paying down this debt. Thrivent, who holds our loan, is offering churches the opportunity to apply a lump sum amount on the principal, recalculate the loan at the same rate and same due date, and lower the monthly payment at no cost. One option would be to use endowment money to do this. You will be receiving additional information about possible options; and council wants your thoughts about this. Council would then present a proposed plan to the congregation at our January congregation meeting to be considered. No changes can be made to our present mortgage or the endowment without congregational approval. This is a time for us to discuss options which are in the best interest of the church. I want to express a special thanks to John Walker who has served as treasurer for the past six years, and Beth Drane who has served on the council for the past six years.

Peace of the Lord be with you!

Tom Sims -president

982-4981

sims51@charter.net

PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

WELCA continues to
RECYCLE
 Aluminum Cans

The recycling bins are located just outside the back door past the hallway with the bulletin boards.
 Funds support the projects of the Women of the ELCA.



SUPPORTING/GROWING MINISTRIES

MESSAGE FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

There are still only thirteen families signed up to send their stewardship gifts through Saint Paul's account at Mountain National Bank (MNB) using their own bank's on-line system. When we started this account with MNB six months ago, the expectation was that St. Paul member involvement would start slowly but would steadily increase and monthly transactions would be increasing as we approach the end of the year. This has not happened and direct electronic transfers are still not available. I am again encouraging you to sign up and listing below the steps to take to do so. It's really easy.

1. Call me or e-mail me for St. Paul's MNB account number.
2. Go into your bank's on-line bill pay system and click on "Add Payee".
3. Enter the following information where appropriate: St Paul Lutheran Church c/o MNB, ATTN April Harvey, 1820 W. Broadway, Maryville TN 37801, tel # 865-984-9991, St. Paul's account number, and enter your envelope number on the memo line if possible.

You can set up your contributions to be monthly, bi-monthly or weekly. If you utilize the reoccurring feature of your system, the transaction will continue to take place at the frequency and dollar amount you set until you make a change or cancel the transaction. If you have questions, or would like help setting up your transaction, please contact me.

You can call me at 865-405-9474, or e-mail me on hpcp2@tds.net,

Herb Perry

"The Woman Who Wept"

Behind the rows of blue-sill and plant-potted houses, on the largest street of the largest neighborhood in a city where no one ever remembers the name; there lived a young woman. This young woman was strong in her faith—attending church every Sunday and singing loudly from her pew near the front. Yet in her heart, the deepest heart of all the shades that a heart may have, she cried. She wept, though she did not know why. There were fears, fears that she kept hidden from those she cared about. She longed to be a better Christian, and help every person she met.

She worked this way for years—establishing friendships and helping others become what she deemed to be "closer to His likeness". She worked at this, all the while waiting for a special gift to come for herself. She prayed for true happiness from God, feeling sure that it must be waiting somewhere in the future. She yearned for happiness, yet held onto the mistakes of yesterday.

The young woman sighed, for she thought that God must be telling her to work harder for the gift of happiness. She took in the hurts of others, listened intently to their stories, but still found herself to be unhappy. One evening as she prayed, a calm came over her; something had changed within her shattered heart. God told her that the gift she longed for could be found within herself, and in the moments that she should cherish. She could not live exactly as Jesus did, but she could follow him being herself enjoying the simple moments given everyday.

"Have you noticed the stars this night?" He asked her.

She looked up from her teary sadness.

Outside the stars were glowing and she was startled, for she had never truly looked at them before.

"No," she answered.

"Then look upon them now, for they are gifts to you."

She smiled just a little.

"Have you ever gazed upon the moon and wondered at its stable beauty?"

"No," she admitted, ashamed at her ignorant malevolence.

"Another gift for you."

SUPPORTING/GROWING MINISTRIES

She cried again, this time for joy. She cried until she fell asleep, and awoke with the sun streaming in on her face. Before any other thought entered her mind, she prayed. God had delivered her through the night and given her a glorious new day. What splendid gifts to receive! The gifts she had been longing for had always been there, but in her fear she did not see them.

And so the greatest gifts are those from God, and it is when we pray to him that we see them clearly for what they are. Think of what God experiences as he leaves marks of grace all around us and all we see is what needs to be fixed. Consider the love that already exists, and only needs to be humbly received. Look around, God is everywhere, we shall find more of him than we ever knew existed. The gifts we receive this season will grow stale quickly if there is no love behind them. Christ offers us live and miraculous gifts everyday; we only have to cherish them with a thankful heart.

-Rachel Kaufman

PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES



Each year a WELCA Thankoffering is collected. The thankoffering is a special opportunity to show God our joy and thanksgiving for our many blessings. The monetary gifts WELCA receives provide resources to support projects and ministries of the women of the ELCA. Envelopes are found in the pews through Dec. 5.

Mark your calendar for two special events involving the women of St. Paul. Dec. 4 is the date for the traditional Christmas brunch: good food, fellowship, entertainment by a dulcimer group and a Smokies story teller. It will be a traditional Smoky Mountain Christmas. Don't miss it!

Entertaining for Christmas just got easier. Dec. 12 is the date for a Christmas cookie bake sale. Make your favorite cookies, bring them to the bake sale and buy a variety of cookies for your parties. Proceeds will support projects for the Women of the ELCA in 2011.

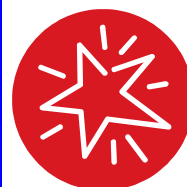


SPAM

December 10th, the SPAM group will enjoy a Christmas meal and party, catered by Rene', in the Fellowship Hall at 6PM.

Please sign-up on the bulletin board by Dec. 6th.

Cost is \$15



each, which may be paid at the door, but you must have signed up.

The meal will be roast loin of pork with sause, wild rice, green beans,

marinated vegetables and your choice of dessert, with coffee and tea.

Spam will NOT sell pecans this year.

We will meet Jan. 18, for brown bag meal and planning session for the 2011 year. Be there to contribute and vote on our years activities. We need the input of all, not just a few.

Men in Mission Annual Potluck Dinner Gathering

December 2, 2010 at 6:00pm

All men of the congregation are invited to attend this includes the High School youth age also.



Theology Un-Corked with Pastor Kevin

The next *Theology Un-Corked* will be Tuesday, December 7th at 7pm at Pastor Kevin's apartment. This is an open conversation about theology around your favorite pint, wine, or water. This is for 21 years and above and open to all who would like to join. This will be a casual conversation about life, faith, and where God is in all of this. Please bring an appetizer to share and contact Pastor Kevin for directions. E-mail: pastorkevinstrickland@gmail.com

PROCLAIMING MINISTRIES

Member Picture Board

It's not too late to have your family photograph taken for our Member Picture Wall. Warren Bielenberg will be taking photos between services on Sunday December 5 and 12. It only takes a few minutes to add a new photo of you or your family. If you haven't had your picture on the wall we would love to add you. If your children have grown since the last photo, we would love to have a new picture.

Pictures will be taken in room 12, it's the last class room on the right past the mail folders.

Photo Shoot times
Between 9:00am and 10:20am
December 5 and 12



Contact Warren at 681-7884

SERVING MINISTRIES



On Sunday, November 7th over 220 “neighbors” dined around town to benefit Good Neighbors of Blount County. For a donation of \$25 friends of Good Neighbors, including many Thrivent members, enjoyed appetizers, a gourmet entrée and dessert – prepared and served at three different locations. St. Paul Lutheran church was the dessert stop on the 2010 culinary tour offering over thirty delicious desserts prepared and graciously served by congregation members. Fair trade coffee, donated by the Green Mountain Coffee Company, was available with dessert and piano music was provided by Heinz Lips throughout the afternoon. Art donated to Good Neighbors by RaRa Schlitt was on display and note cards with artwork by church members Dawn Hutchison and Laura Mallette were also available. No one left hungry or unsatisfied. The Good Neighbors Board, Good Neighbors Director, Lisa Blackwood, our volunteers and the neighbors we help throughout the year extend their gratitude to the many volunteers at St. Paul Lutheran who made the 2010 Progressive Dinner such a success. Thanks to your generosity and goodwill over \$5000 was raised for Good Neighbors. Community funds from Thrivent contributed to the success of this event. Good Neighbors will use these funds wisely and compassionately as we work with Blount County neighbors in crisis to help prevent evictions and utility disconnections and to encourage independence.

Working together we really do make a difference in our community. (www.goodneighborsbc.org)

Gift Wrapping for Habitat



The Blount County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Belk's Department store are partnering with Habitat for Humanity in operating a gift wrapping booth in the Foothills Mall. Belk's is providing training, gift wrap and other supplies for wrapping Christmas gifts to raise money for Habitat for Humanity.

The booth will be open December 4-5, December 10-12 and December 15-24. Hours of operation will be from 9 AM – 7 PM and

two or three volunteers are needed to work two hour shifts each day. Watch for the sign up sheet in the Welcome Center. Thank you for the gift of your time to help Habitat for Humanity.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY December – 2010

December Schedule of Events

December - Sunday school classes – 9:30 to 10:15

December 12 – Children Christmas Program, 10:30 worship service

December 26 – No classes

Sunday School News

Classes begin at 9:30 and end at 10:15. We encourage parents with children in Preschool to Grade 2 classes to take their children to their classrooms and check for them at the end of Sunday school. This is a good way to meet your child's teacher and will let the teacher know that your child has arrived at church.

Children's Christmas Program

Lead The Way To The Manger

On December 12 our S.S. children will participate in the 10:30 worship service as this year's Christmas program. They will share in the Advent message as we prepare for the coming of our Lord at Christmas. Practice for Preschool kids through grade 6 will be held during Sunday school hour on December 5 and 12. Special Christmas treats and refreshments will be served in Richardson Hall following the 10:30 worship service.

Preschool Teachers Needed

The Sunday School Team is in need of teachers for our Preschool children, ages 3 – 5. Our goal is to have 2 teachers in the class room during each class session. If you feel you are called to help in this important part of our children's ministry contact – Winnie Johnson.

Confirmation News

During the month of December the Confirmands will assist Pastor Kevin in the Wednesday evening Advent worship services. Worship begins at 6:30.



WANTED: LIBRARY COORDINATOR

The Discipleship Team is looking for a volunteer to assist in the up keep of our church library. The need is for

an individual who has some knowledge of working with a spreadsheet program to assist in cataloging library materials and resources. Please contact Winnie Johnson for further information - 982-2237.

Join us Dec. 19th, from 4-6, for caroling in the neighborhoods surrounding St. Paul.

All are welcomed to come and sing with us whether you are soprano, tenor, bass or off key.



Come and sing those favorite Christmas carols and participate in this Advent activity.

Then about 6:00 p.m. we will head back to church for Christmas fun and fellowship in Richardson Hall.

Those participating should bring an appetizer, cookies or other snacks to share. Beverages will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Krull at 977-4361



New Year's Eve coordinator needed

In the past, we have held New Year's Eve activities, but at this time, we do not have a host/hostess for the evening.

If you are interested in coordinating this annual Youth and Family event please contact Judy Krull at 977-4361

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

“Ladies Night In”

Thursday, December 9th at 7:00 pm.

Laura Mallette, 1802 Barclay Ct, Maryville

Ladies -The best gift we give to our family and friends is the gift of ourselves.

Join us for a “Ladies Night in” to celebrate “us”, the women of St. Paul. YOU are the gift you bring to this non-traditional gift exchange - Bring yourself (it’s casual, so come as you are) some finger food and a beverage of your choice to share.

Call Laura, 984-5396 for more information, or laura.mallette@gmail.com

Cooking Making

Saturday, Dec. 11th

2:00 p.m.

Children of St Paul are invited to make

cookies with

Mrs. Cathy.

The cookies will be

enjoyed by all on

Sunday, Dec. 12th,

after the 10:30 service

Christmas program.

Contact Cathy LaBlanc for more information



Annual Festival of Trees at the Court House

Youth should meet at the Court House

Tuesday, Nov. 30 from 4:15 – 4:45 to decorate the tree.

The official opening of the Festival will be December 2 and will include music, refreshments, visits with Santa Claus, and train rides for the children. The lawn of the Blount County Courthouse will be illuminated with a display of live Christmas trees of all sizes, colors, and decorative themes. This unique month-long event allows the community to enjoy the festival either by driving by or walking through for a closer look.

The Song of Angels

By: Lorraine Geary

Little babe of Bethlehem, how do we comprehend you?
How do we grasp the reality that you, the Lord of heaven
And earth, should appear to our world, not as a king but as a
Vulnerable, helpless infant?

Did you know as you lay in that manger that night, Celestial
King, surrounded by lowing cattle and bleating sheep, the
Dangers that surrounded you? The destination that would
Be yours in years to come?

Yes, you knew what awaited you up ahead for that is why you
Came to a world filled with tears and sorrows. To bring us
Back to the Father’s tender love and mercies. And on that
Dark night the angels of the Lord sang their song of JOY!

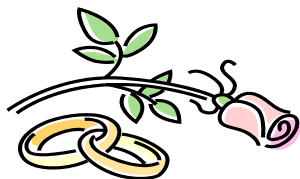


DECEMBER 2010

& Birthdays Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| December 4 | Steve Barnard | December 18 | Larry Galyon |
| December 4 | Madelyn Carpenter | December 20 | Jaye Karvonen |
| December 5 | Dan Wynn | December 20 | Joey King |
| December 6 | Jenna Burts | December 20 | Andre Miller |
| December 8 | James McMillion | December 22 | Jeremy Snoderly |
| December 10 | Dale Biehler | December 23 | Emily Moritz |
| December 12 | Joel Searfoss | December 25 | Rachel Kaufman |
| December 13 | Ann Jordan | December 26 | Ethel Duff |
| December 14 | Delores Block | December 27 | Tina Cusano |
| December 15 | Elaine Fisher | December 30 | Erika Hanes |
| December 16 | Sarah DaCruz | December 30 | Martha Booker |
| December 17 | Margaret Richardson | | |



ANNIVERSARIES

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| December 2 | Roland & Bertha Franks |
| December 7 | Steve & Linda Zrioka |
| December 16 | Jeremy & Courtney Snoderly |
| December 16 | George & Pamela Kloss |
| December 23 | Heinz & Shirley Lips |
| December 23 | Robert & Marsha Bryant |
| December 24 | George & Kathi Wong |
| December 28 | Mark & Elaine Fisher |
| December 29 | Dan & Marsha Wynn |

OVER 50 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

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| December 20 | Lester & Else Pack |
| December 26 | James & Norma Watson |
| December 30 | Curly & Sara Wainwright |



Saint Paul Lutheran Church Weekly Calendar

| <u>Week 1</u> | <u>Week 2</u> | <u>Week 3</u> | <u>Week 4</u> | <u>Week 5</u> |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| <p><u>Wednesday, December 1</u> 10:00am Prayer Group 5:30pm Advent Meal 6:30pm Advent Service 7:00pm Choir Practice</p> <p><u>Thursday, December 2</u> 8:30am Lutheran Loungers 6:00pm MIM Pot-luck</p> <p><u>Friday, December 3</u> Pastor Kevin's day off</p> <p><u>Saturday, December 4</u> 11:00am Christmas Brunch</p> <p><u>Sunday, December 5</u> 8:00am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service</p> | <p><u>Monday, December 6</u></p> <p><u>Tuesday, December 7</u> 10:00am CFC 11:30am OTL Bunch 6:00pm GS Troop #20402 6:30pm GS Troop # 552 7:00pm GS Troop 20325</p> <p><u>Wednesday, December 8</u> 10:00am Prayer Group 5:30pm Advent Meal 6:30pm St. Nic Festival 7:00pm Choir Practice</p> <p><u>Thursday, December 9</u> 6:00pm Thrivent Board 7:00pm WELCA Bible</p> <p><u>Friday, December 10</u> Pastor 6:00pm SPAM Christmas Party & Meal</p> <p><u>Saturday, December 11</u> 2:00pm Cookie Making 3:00pm Laura DaCruz Birthday</p> <p><u>Sunday, December 12</u> 8:00am Worship Service 9:00am Christmas Cookie Sale 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service</p> | <p><u>Monday, December 13</u></p> <p><u>Tuesday, December 14</u> 5:00pm Property 6:00pm GS Troop #74 6:30pm GS Troop # 552</p> <p><u>Wednesday, December 15</u> Newsletter Deadline 10:00am Prayer Group 5:30pm Advent Meal 6:30pm Advent Service 7:00pm Choir Practice</p> <p><u>Thursday, December 16</u> 10:00am WELCA 3:00pm Jo Tollefson</p> <p><u>Friday, December 17</u> Pastor Kevin's day off</p> <p><u>Saturday, December 18</u></p> <p><u>Sunday, December 19</u> 8:00am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 4:00pm Christmas Caroling 6:00pm Caroling Party</p> | <p><u>Monday, December 20</u></p> <p><u>Tuesday, December 21</u> 6:00pm GS Troop #20402 6:30pm GS Troop # 552 7:00pm GS Troop 20325</p> <p><u>Wednesday, December 22</u> 10:00am Prayer Group 5:30pm Advent Meal 6:30pm Advent Service 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice</p> <p><u>Thursday, December 23</u> 11:30am Out to Lunch Bunch</p> <p><u>Friday, December 24</u> Office Closed 5:00pm Children's Service 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service 10:30pm Christmas Eve Service Prelude 11:00pm Christmas Eve Service</p> <p><u>Sunday, December 26</u> 10:30am Worship Service</p> | <p><u>Monday, December 27</u></p> <p><u>Tuesday, December 28</u> 6:30pm GS Troop # 552</p> <p><u>Wednesday, December 29</u> 10:00am Prayer Group</p> <p><u>Thursday, December 30</u></p> <p><u>Friday, December 31</u></p> |

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

| Duties | Dec. 5 | | Dec. 12 | | Dec. 19 | | Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 | | Dec. 26 | |
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| | 8 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 8 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 8 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 5 p.m. | 7 p.m. | | 11 p.m. |
| Assistant Minister | Eliane Fisher | Eliane Fisher | Charlie Malin | | Carolyn Speck | Charlie Malin | | Beth Drane | Carolyn Speck | |
| Communion Assistants | Jackie Kreider | Charles Morrow | Betty Ludwig | Carol Perry | Laura Mallette | Anne Sims | | Marsha Bryant Art Hafner James Hall | Tom Sims DeeDee Walker John Walker | |
| Lector | Betty Ludwig | Jim Pitts | Will Ludwig | Warren Strifer | Chris Mallette | DeeDee Walker | | Laura Mallette | John Walker | |
| Ushers | Mo Brueckner Floyd Johnson | Perry McClellan Roy Johnson Herb Perry David Walker | Patty Rostad Delaney Rostad | Tom Sims John Beck Robert Bryant Mark Fisher | Bertha Franks Ethel Duff | Tim Walker Leslie Walker Micheal Walker Jerry Sorensen | | | Floyd Johnson | Gene Frye Gary Kinney David Walker Bill Wear |
| Altar Guild | Tami, Cole & Rachael Wyatt | Regina Cuiwer | Betty Ludwig | Brenda McClellan | Ethel Duff | Valari Burtis Jenna Burtis | | Suzanne Bieleberg | DeeDee Walker | |
| Acolyte | Taylor LeBlanc | Destiny Lindquist | Jilliam Bruch | Scottie Lindquist | Kelsey Bruch | Eric Walker | | Arnelle Tollfson | Arnelle Tollfson | |
| Cruceifer | Taylor LeBlanc | Kaitlin Kuzman | Jilliam Bruch | Sammy Fowler | Kelsey Bruch | Jessica Lindquist | | Arnelle Tollfson Art Hafner Marsha Bryant | Arnelle Tollfson Dara Kaufman | |
| Torch Bearers | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children's Church | | Valari Burtis Jenna Burtis | | | | | | | | |
| Nursery | | Jacqueline Conzennis Marianne Searfoss | | Carol Perry Pat Simcox | | Betty Ludwig DeeDee Walker | | | | Dorrie Keeble Terri Fowler |
| Greeters | Greg & Leigh Caldwell | Dorothy Brookhous Lorraine Fowler | Dale and Mary Nell Biehler | Herb and Carol Perry | Mo Brueckner | Snoderly Family | | Greg Wyatt Family | Tom Lindquist Family | Charlie and Juanita Morrow |
| Sound Room | | Mark Fisher | | David Walker | | Mike Kuzman | | | | Mark Fisher |
| Tellers | | Will Ludwig Meri Krull | | DeeDee Walker Kris Zimmerman | | Beth Drane Barb Miller | | | | Anne Sims Warren Bieleberg |

ELCA CHURCH WIDE



ELCA Good Gifts, the giving catalog of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, lifts up more than 65 gift ideas filled with meaning and love. ELCA Good Gifts are a special way you can help make a significant impact on the mission and ministries of our church while giving a gift to a friend, pastor, teacher, neighbor or other loved one. You can pick up a catalog from the table in the Narthex or go to www.elca.org/goodgifts and shop online.



Water and agriculture projects of ELCA World Hunger provide needed nutrition, safe drinking water and sustainable resources to families around the world.



Animals provide families living in poverty with food, funds and fertilizer—all for a better future. Gifts to God's Global Barnyard support animal-related projects of ELCA World Hunger.



Women and children benefit from multiple ELCA World Hunger projects around the world and close to home.

ELCA CHURCH WIDE



World AIDS Day Message

World AIDS Day is December 1, 2010. It is a day of prayer and remembrance for all who are affected by this global pandemic, whether they are HIV-positive or living with AIDS.

World AIDS Day gives us the opportunity to reflect, both individually and as faith-community, on God's call to us. I believe that we are called to lift up the dignity and value of each person. We are called to witness God's encompassing and transforming love. We are called to lead by example by standing together against stigma and discrimination, striving for comprehensive access to treatment and care and working tirelessly on methods of prevention that will help restore health and wholeness to all of God's people.

World AIDS Day gives us the opportunity to reflect on our shared work, often with other faith-based groups and global partners, to respond to the devastating pandemic of HIV and AIDS in our world, as well as in this country.

World AIDS Day gives us the opportunity to strengthen our shared commitment to this work. In March 2010, I joined many interfaith leaders at a Religious Leaders' Summit in the Netherlands. We committed ourselves to "... hold each other accountable in this partnership, eradicating stigma and discrimination and jointly enabling the universal access to prevention, treatment, care and support which will lead us to a new world, a world of respect, justice, love and dignity for all of our world's people."

World AIDS Day gives us an opportunity to make a personal commitment to this work. My personal commitment includes commitments related to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). I am committed to:

- Doing all I can to break the barriers of silence and exclusion to fully and openly include people living with HIV and AIDS and their families in our religious communities;
- Leading by example and encouraging my religious community to deepen its engagement in the response to HIV and AIDS, including advocating for prevention, treatment, care and support for all.

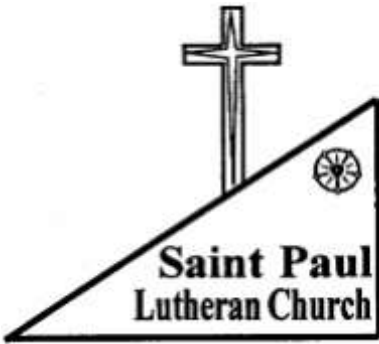
World AIDS Day gives each of us an opportunity to make our own commitment. In doing so, we anticipate the future. As the ELCA strategy on HIV and AIDS says, "When it acknowledges the brokenness of Christ's body and its own vulnerability, this church will open itself to experience God's healing in new ways and will gain renewed strength and freedom to engage the world with vigor."

On this World AIDS Day 2010, I invite you to prayer, to remembrance and to leading by example. Join me in signing on the Religious Leaders Commitment to Action at www.HIVcommitment.net. Join me, at the foot of the cross, in praying for healing and strength for those with HIV and AIDS, and for courage and commitment for all in the ongoing fight against this pandemic.

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Dates of Interest

Worship:

December 1st: 6:30pm World Aids Day Service of Prayer

December 8th: 6:30pm St. Nicholas Festival Service

December 15th: 6:30pm Advent Service of Evening Prayer

December 22nd: 6:30pm Advent Service of Evening Prayer

A meal will be served at 5:30pm each Wednesday, prior to the worship service

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule - Friday, Dec. 24th:

5:00pm - Children's Service

7:00pm - Candlelight service with communion

10:30pm - Prelude Concert

11:00pm - Candlelight service with communion

Discipleship:

December 12th - 10:30am service Children's Christmas Program

December 19th - 4:00pm Christmas Caroling

Parish Life:

December 2nd - 6:00pm Men in Mission Pot-luck

December 4th - 11:00am WELCA Christmas Brunch

December 10th - 6:00pm SPAM Christmas Party