

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

November News

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SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE
WITH THE WORLD

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

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.

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Give us each day our daily bread



Collection for Thanksgiving Baskets

Sunday, November 6th - Sunday, November 20th

The Serving Ministries Team in partnership with St. Paul Youth Group and Thrivent (furnishing turkeys) will be collecting food for Thanksgiving baskets which will be distributed in Blount County.

Look for the turkey displayed in the Welcome Center with suggestion slips for items needed. Please feel free to take one or more of the slips. There will be a collection box near the turkey for donations.

Food items should be **non perishable**.

We welcome donations of:

- **Cake & Pie Mixes,**
- **Frosting Mixes,**
- **Instant Potatoes,**
- **Dried Beans & Rice Mixes,**
- **Nuts,**
- **Canned Fruits and Vegetables,**
- **Canned Cranberry Sauce,**
- **Peanut Butter,**
- **Jelly,**
- **Stuffing and Gravy Mixes.**



This year we will purchase: milk, potatoes, fresh fruit, sliced cheese and bread so these items will be fresh. Monetary donations are especially appreciated for these additional items.

Checks made out to St. Paul Lutheran Church and designated for "Thanksgiving Baskets" may be placed in Mary Nell Biehler's folder, or given to Sue in the church office, or mailed to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 429 Sandy Springs Road, Maryville, TN 37803.

If you know someone in need of a basket, please contact the church office at: 982-4285 or email: splchurch@bellsouth.net. or, Mary Nell Biehler at 980-0181 or tndeb@charter.net.

CHURCH COUNCIL

From the President:

The history of St. Paul continues to be written and the future is continuously evolving; as Pastor Kevin's time with us has past and we reflect on the past three and a half years of sharing ministry together.

We can celebrate this time and look forward to the future. We are fortunate to have two familiar faces that will lead us in worship and serve our pastoral care needs for the next few weeks. Pastor Richard Krogmann and Pastor Harry Kocotos. Council and the Bishop are working together to fill our vacancy with a full time Interim Pastor in the next four to six weeks. Then at our January congregation meeting you will be asked to elect a call committee, which will have the task of leading us through the process of calling a new pastor. With our great staff and your support during this time of transition at St. Paul, we will continue to grow and serve.

Peace of the Lord be with you,

Tom Sims -President

982-4981

Sims51@charter.net



Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 20th

Following 10:30 service – A Pot-luck meal will be served.

This meeting will include:

- Action on the by-law changes
- the election of three members to Church Council,
- Election of a Treasurer
- Adopting of a spending plan for 2012.

SUPPORTING/GROWING MINISTRIES

Reminder from you Financial Secretary

Since starting this arrangement with the Mountain National Bank in April 2009, the number of transactions per month has continued to grow. There were 31 transactions in September. The bank representatives have told us that our transaction growth is about what they expected and when it reaches 50 they will try to get approval for direct electronic transfers from as many banks as possible. The deposits can be set up monthly, semi-monthly, or even weekly.

If you are ready to sign up to send your stewardship gifts to Saint Paul using the Mountain National Bank (MNB) account, here are the steps to do so:

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 call me at 865-405-9474, 423-884-6317 or e-mail me on hpcp2@tds.net,
Herb Perry

SUPPORTING/GROWING MINISTRIES



Spirit Moment By: John Beck

October 16, 2011

Thanks Lord!

Have you ever noticed, while you're watching a football game, that occasionally you'll see a player Look Up and Point his index finger skyward ?

It's usually after something good has happened like he scored a touchdown or sacked a quarterback. For most of us, it's probably not during a football game.

Rather, it's a Moment of time in our life that we realize ... "Hey, this was big or this was good, or whatever ... and I just didn't do this alone ... the Lord helped ... maybe even did most of it".

When this happens to me, that's when I Look Up, Point my finger and quietly say "Thank You Lord". Lately, I find myself doing this a lot, usually in private.

Regardless of what it was for, I believe this was a "Spiritual Moment".

The Capital Campaign, that is currently underway, has gotten off to a great start. It was recently reported that total pledges have exceeded \$ 60,000. This will result in over \$ 180,000 being matched from the Church's Endowment Fund. When I thought about what this will mean for St. Paul's debt reduction and what You the Congregation have achieved in a little over two weeks

I thought : "Hey, this is Huge ... Let's Keep It Going !" At this Moment, let's all Look Up, Point our finger to the sky and say "Thanks Lord"!

GOT SPIRIT? ~ YES WE DO!

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord – Romans 12:11

Congratulations St. Paul on your generous commitments!

With your continued prayers and the fulfillment of your commitments, St. Paul will continue to move forward in its mission and ministry to serve the Lord

Capital Campaign Drive Totals

<u>Year</u>	<u>Congregation Commitments</u>	<u>\$3 for \$1 Match</u>	<u>Yearly Total</u>
2012	\$45,640	\$136,920	\$182,560
2013	\$37,516	\$112,548	\$150,064
2014	<u>\$37,443</u>	<u>\$112,329</u>	<u>\$149,772</u>
Totals	\$120,599	\$361,797	\$482,396

WORSHIP MINISTRIES



All Saint Sunday

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back to at least the third century.

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ.

On Sunday, November 6, 2011, we will remember the faithful who have died this past year and throughout our lives.

Our liturgy abounds with references to the saints and to our continual relationships with them.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 23, 2011

6:15pm

Please bring canned goods to be given to the Community Food Connection. An offering will be taken up and given to Community Food Connection as well. Following the service, join us for pie and coffee.



What are you waiting for?

Advent is known as a season of anticipation.

While it is the very beginning of the church year, it might be known as a prelude to the Christmas season- a preparation for what, or who, is to come- Immanuel, God With Us.

So, what are you waiting for?

We hope for **Healing**- for our spirits and our bodies, and for those who need our prayers for healing.

We prepare for the **Joy** brought by the birth of the King of the Universe.

We anticipate the **Hope** of the Light that is to come.

We await the **Peace** in the world that is a sign of the Kingdom of God.

But what are you waiting for?

Advent is the time of preparation, but we are always preparing. We are always awaiting the Advent of the Kingdom.

Our Wednesday and Sunday worship during Advent will explore these themes as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Savior. **What are you waiting for?**

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



November Faith Formation

Confirmation Schedule



- 6th:** 9:30-10:15am Sunday school
9th: 6:15-7pm Confirmation Class - Hand Chimes
16th: 6:15-7pm Confirmation Class - Hand Chimes
11th-13th: Faith Alive Retreat @Lutheridge
20th: 9:30-10:15am Sunday school
 12:30-1:30pm Thanksgiving Basket Service Project
23rd: 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service
27th: 9:30-10:15am Sunday school
30th: 6:30pm Mid-Week Advent Service



Children Hand Chime

Choir Practice

Age 7 AND older

St. Paul Youth will gather with all children 7 and older to teach them how to play the hand chimes.

Practices will take place on
Wednesdays 6:00pm-7:00pm

The choir will play the prelude for the 10:30 service on December 4th and at the early Christmas Eve Service

For more information contact: Jenna Burts, Samantha Fowler or Dana Conzemius.

Prophecy Concerning Christ In Isaiah

In the month of November, we will explore passages in Isaiah that the Church has designated prophecy concerning the Christ.

We'll be examining the text as it relates to:

- Isaiah's time,
- the early Church,
- and St. Paul Lutheran Church.

November 6, we will explore Chapter 7:10-17 with our examination centering on verse 14.

November 13 will turn to Chapter 9:1-7 with special thought given to verse 6&7.

November 20, our attention turns to the whole of Chapter 11:1-5,

The final Sunday, November 27, let us hear the word of God as it is proclaimed in Chapter 11:6-10.

I invite you to come and explore what was said about the Christ in the time of Isaiah and what that implies for us today as the Church of Jesus Christ at St. Paul. Leader: Harry Kocotos



book of faith

Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

Advent Reflections

Making All Things New

Bible Study, Daily Devotions, & Prayer

Two opportunities for Advent Bible Study will begin Sunday, November 27th and will meet each Sunday during Advent.

The first will be Sunday mornings at 9:15am during the Sunday School hour.

Leaders: Winnie Johnson & Leona Patty

The Second will be Sunday evenings at 6:30pm at Sue Tyler's home. Leader: Sue Tyler

Weekdays, beginning November 28th at 7:50am, during the season of Advent we will offer a time for morning coffee with daily devotions and prayer.

If you would like an Advent Reflections for your personal use they are available for purchase in the church office at a cost of \$7.00 each. You do not need a book to participate.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

St. Paul Youth National Youth Gathering

We gather as citizens with the saints to learn to love like Jesus by practicing discipleship through peacemaking that works for justice

Fund-raiser Begins November 6th



- * Cookies in a Jar
- * Brownies in a Jar



- * Bean Soup in a Jar
- * Mocha Mix
- * Friendship Tea

These make great gifts for family, friends, teachers, co-workers...

St. Paul Youth are trying to raise \$5,000 so they can attend the 2012 ELCA National Youth Gathering next July. Thank you for supporting our journey of Faith.



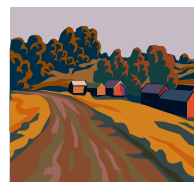
St. Paul Youth + Faith + Fun + Fellowship

**High School Youth
Tuesday Prayer Breakfast
November 8th**

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**Sweet
Celebrations
7:15am**

Invite a friend



**St. Paul Youth
4th Annual
Hayride & Bonfire
November 6th**

All youth 6th - 12th grade are invited to join us.

3:30pm-8:00pm

John Walker's Farm

Be at the farm by 3:30 so we can load the wagon and pull out by 4:00pm sharp. Bring chairs, blankets a drink (can or 20 oz.) and chips or cookies.

PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

Faith Alive

November

Dinner from 5:30-6:15pm each Wednesday!

- November 2nd** **5:30pm - Meal ~ Turkey & Mashed Potatoes**
6:15pm - Meditative Taize-style worship
7:00pm - Choir Practice
- November 9th** **5:30pm - Meal ~ Spaghetti and Salad**
6:00pm - K-12 Children's Chime Choir
6:15pm - Continuing discussion on Christian denominations
7:00pm - Choir Practice
- November 16th** **5:30pm - Meal ~ Chicken Stir-fry Rice**
6:00pm - K-12 Children's Chime Choir
6:15pm - Continuing discussion on Christian denominations
7:00pm - Choir Practice
- November 23rd** **5:30pm - Meal ~ Pizza and Salad**
6:15pm - Thanksgiving Eve Worship
7:00pm - Pie & Coffee
- November 30th** **5:30pm - Meal ~ Cook's Choice**
6:15pm - Mid-Week Advent Service

Nursery is provided each Wednesday during the activity period time!

Creative Play

Saturday, November 19th from 10:00am-4:00pm

*We don't take enough opportunities for a fun "play day"
so come and spend a Saturday of creative play
as we gather to explore our individual creativity through artistic play.*

All you need is a desire to create something. This is an opportunity to feed your internal inspirational whispers with the support of other creative spirits. Bring any extra art, stamping and scrapbooking supplies, fabric, napkins and fun paper you have at home to share, a partial finished art or craft project you may want to work on, and a willingness to create.

We will offer a fun way to collage, but are open to any new creative ideas offered.

Drop in for a couple hours or have fun all day.

Contact Jacqueline Conzemius at 984-2577 if you have any questions and to RSVP, or email the church office at - splchurch@bellsouth.net



PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES



Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens & Advent Activities Sunday, Nov. 27th

Everyone is invited to join in the fellowship of preparing our space for the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Chili cook-off following the 10:30 Service

Ministry Teams responsibilities:

Supporting/Property-Bring down boxes, set-up trees and hang outside wreaths

Worship – Decorate Sanctuary

Parish Life- Chili Cook-off and clean-up

WELCA- Decorate Welcome Center Tree

Discipleship – Advent Activities for Youth and Children

St. Paul Family 7th Annual Thanksgiving Meal

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 24th

4:00-8:00 PM

Sign up on the sheet posted on the Fellowship bulletin board by the kitchen.
Set up at 4:00 pm. Eat at 4:30 pm.



Thanksgiving Dinner

Followed by fellowship and games.

Women of the **ELCA** 



Christmas Brunch “Chrismon Christmas” Saturday, December 3rd

All women of the church are invited to attend. You will have a chance to learn more about the Chrismons that we have been working on all year. Each one is a Christian symbol reminding us of the life and death of Jesus. You will appreciate the Christmas trees more when you understand their message to us. Watch the SPEN for details.



Tuesday, November 15th
Potluck at noon followed by a slide presentation.

Monday, December 5th
2:00pm ~ The Tennessee Theater

Thursday, December 15th
6:30pm ~ SPAM Christmas Party, at the Courtyard Grill.
Sign up on the Bulletin Board.

SERVING MINISTRIES

Health & Wellness Corner

Checked your Blood Pressure lately?



St. Paul offers monthly blood pressure checks on the 2nd Sunday after each service in the Choir Room.

This month's date is **Sunday, November 13th**

Eating and Staying Healthy During the Holiday Season

The holidays can be an extremely stressful time. Take time throughout this holiday season to focus and monitor your stress level.

Tips for Staying Healthy

1. Take care of yourself--avoid getting rundown.
2. Don't over commit.
3. Ask for help when needed.
4. Maintain good sleeping habits.
5. Take preventative steps immediately if you feel yourself coming down with a cold or flu.
6. Wash your hands frequently.
7. Make healthy food choices.



Featured Volunteer

Claude L. Abbott, a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church since January 2010, is a retired U. S. Army officer.

In July 2011, he assumed command of the Blount County Memorial Veterans

of Foreign Wars, Post 5154. Additionally, as of the 9th of October he was made District 2 Adjutant for the Tennessee Department of the VFW.

Claude served as a Non-Commissioned and a Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1993. He qualified as an Infantryman and Military Intelligence Analyst and has the Combat Infantry Badge and the Senior Parachutist Badge.

In addition to two tours in Viet Nam, Claude was involved in several Special Forces operations in Central and South America, Africa and the Middle East.

Claude became a Life Member of the VFW in 1971 but did not take an active role in the leadership of the organization until 2010. Besides commanding the local Post, he is also the Patriot Pen Chairman for the 2nd District of the Tennessee VFW.

The responsibilities of the VFW Post Commander are quite varied. In addition to acting as chairman of all Post business meetings and overseeing the operations of the Post itself, he sits on the House, Membership, Building, Relief, Fund Raising, Youth Activities, and Special committees. Claude is also required to attend District and State level meetings and represents the VFW at all public functions.

The main purpose of the VFW is to aid Veterans, their families, and the local community.

The Blount County Post provides awards and recognition for outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership in our high schools' JROTC programs. They also provide support to all county high schools with the annual Voice of Democracy scholarship competition. For 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students the VFW sponsors the Patriot's Pen Essay.

Last year the VFW National Life Saving Award was presented to a Maryville High School Student for his heroic action in saving a man's life while on vacation in St. Thomas. The VFW sponsors competitions for best policeman, best fireman, and best EMT. Last month Claude had the honor of presenting the VFW's Best Teacher award to a Maryville Middle School educator. Additionally, he participated in the presentation ceremony to bestow the runner-up award to a local Eagle Scout in the Tennessee Best Scout competition.

Claude, along with the Blount County Veterans Affairs Officer, presented a program to form a Student Veterans Club to Dean Burkett on the Blount County campus of Pellissippi State Community College.

The VFW offered to sponsor this club to assist veterans returning to colleges in their transition from military life to the civilian and academic life.

Last year Post 5154 was proud to develop the Comrade Care program which sends packages to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. These packages for both male and female service members contain items hard to obtain in those countries.

At St. Paul Claude is active in Men in Mission and is the leader of the Adult Hand Chime Choir.

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

	November 6		November 13		November 20		November 27	
	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Dues								
Assistant Minister	Joel Searfoss	Charlie Malin	Mike Culross	Marsha Wynn	Warren Bielenberg	Jean Beck	Carolyn Speck	Brian Kaufman
Communion Assistants	Steve Zrioka	Merl Krull	Jackie Kreider	Brenda McClellan	Betty Ludwig	Carla McMillion	Laura Mallette	Charles Morrow
Lector	Winnie Johnson	Brenda McClellan	Laura Mallette	Warren Bielenberg	Chris Mallette	Ann Hall	Will Ludwig	Valari Burts
Ushers	Mo Brueckner Floyd Johnson	Jerry Sorensen Robert Block James McMillion	Greg Wyatt Cole Wyatt	Perry McClellan Roy Johnson Herb Perry	Ed Kreider Dot Dishman	Tom Sims Robert Bryant Joan Foster	Betty and Will Ludwig	Perry McClellan James Hall Gary Moehling
Altar Guild	Tami, Rachael, Cole Wyatt	Brenda McClellan	Suzanne Bielenberg	Valari Burts Jena Burts	Ehel Duff	Brenda McClellan	Bertha Franks	Karin Bell
Acolyte	Taylor LeBlanc	Scottie Lindquist	Joey King	Eric Walker	Tena Abbott	Destiny Lindquist	Dana Conzenius	Beth Drane
Crucifer	Taylor LeBlanc	Samantha Fowler	Joey King	Philip Tyler	Tena Abbott	Jessica Lindquist	Dana Conzenius	Beth Drane
Nursery		Carol Perry Pat Simcox		Dorine Keeble Terri Fowler		DeeDee Walker Kristen Walker		Terri Fowler Samantha Fowler
Greeters	Dale and Mary Nell Biehler	Janice Hoover Suzette Stauffer	Scott and Sarah Geyer	Gary and Carol Moehling	Heinz and Shirley Lips	Charles and Juanita Morrow	Abbott Family	Regina Culver Patricia Harmon
Sound Room	Will Ludwig	Mark Fisher	Will Ludwig	David Walker	Steve Zrioka	Mike Kuzman	Will Ludwig	Mark Fisher
Tellers		Shirley Lips John Beck		Joel Searfoss Gary Kinney		Chris Mallette Carolyn Speck		Brian Kaufman Jan Hanes
Torch Bearers	Claude Abbott Floyd Johnson	Darla Kaufman Art Hafner			Claude Abbott Jan Hanes	Marsha Bryant Beth Drane		

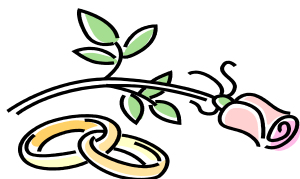


NOVEMBER 2011

& Birthdays
Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

November 3	Juanita Morrow	November 16	Arvid Jakobsen
November 4	Shirley Lips	November 17	Denice Birdwell
November 6	Henry Bell	November 18	Arielle Tollefson
November 7	Suzanne Bielenberg	November 18	Heather Wright
November 7	Darla Kaufman	November 18	Gabriel Wright
November 8	Else Pack	November 20	Bonnie Finn
November 9	Wendy Mallette	November 22	Jennifer McClaran
November 9	Stacy Mallette	November 24	Curt Karvonen
November 10	Mike Kuzman	November 25	Jessica Lindquist
November 10	Amanda Searfoss	November 26	Al Hutchison
November 12	Samantha Fowler	November 27	Winnie Johnson
November 12	Lane McGinnis	November 29	Joan Foste
November 13	Will Ludwig	November 29	Lacey Blackman
November 13	Cinda Ward	November 29	Hunter Ogle
November 15	Tom Lindquist		
November 15	Daniel Clark		



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

November 6	Scott & Stephanie Bruch
November 24	Brian & Lacey Blackman
November 27	Hein & Emily Moritz
November 28	Denny & Alice Mansmith
November 28	James & Carla McMillion

50 YEARS

November 12	Floyd & Winnie Johnson
November 26	Perry & Brenda McClellan

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Church Office Hours : 9:00 am—2:30pm
Monday—Friday

Dates of Interest

Discipleship:

Sunday, November 6th ~ Youth Hayride
Tuesday, November 8th ~ High School Youth ~ Breakfast @ Sweet Celebrations
Wednesday, October 9th & 16th ~ Faith Alive Meal & Christian Denominations
Friday, November 11-13th ~ Confirmation Retreat @ Lutheridge
Wednesday, November 23rd ~ Faith Alive Pizza & Worship

Serving:

Sundays, November 6th-20th ~ Thanksgiving Basket Collection
Sunday, October 13th ~ Blood Pressure Checks

Worship:

Sunday, November 6th ~ All Saints Sunday
Wednesday, November 23 ~ Thanksgiving Eve Service

Parish Life:

Thursday, November 24th ~ Thanksgiving Meal
Sunday, November 27th ~ Hanging of the Greens