

This newsletter is a monthly publication of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Articles and information pertinent to the life and mission of the congregation may be submitted to the church office or by email. Space limitations may require editing of material.

**Pastor**  
Rev. Mike Metzler

*Organists*  
Sue Hickle  
Connie Odendahl

*Church Secretary*  
Jennifer Kubesh

*Church Newsletter*  
Jennifer Kubesh  
Cydelle Klande

**Church Council**  
Meets 2nd  
Monday of each  
month at 7pm

Randy Hickle,  
*Chairman*

Matt Maser, *Vice  
Chairman*

Tracy Peterson,  
*Treasurer*

Tonette Peterson,  
*Secretary*

Cydelle Klande,  
*Financial  
Secretary*

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Robbie Robinson  
Toby Hickle  
Aaron Peterson  
Isaac Maser

**Trustees**  
Rick Williams  
Carol Robinson  
Tony Nelson

## ***FROM THE PASTOR.....***

Happy December! This month, like many, has flown by and often there seems to not be enough time to get to our lists of things that need to get done. Winter is beckoning and we're in Advent. Soon it will be Christmas, and then moving toward Lent and Easter. Where does the time go?

We all have lists. What are the things you need to get done? Shopping, winterizing, switching out summer to fall clothes, getting the snow-thrower or plow ready? How important are those things? Is one of those things assessing your discipleship, and how important it is to you?

We often use time, or more accurately, the lack of it, as a 'reason' to not do something we could. Being 'all in' as a disciple of Jesus doesn't mean you need to be a vicar or a pastor or an elder. God has given each of us gifts that He expect us to use in His service even if that means He gives us only a few hours each month! Just think, if each of us utilized only 2 hours a month for something that serves Him, that would be a whole lot of hours from us as a congregation! I don't know what that number would be, but what God does with it is immeasurable. And we would be reflecting the light of Christ with those hours.

As we age, we may not be able to do as much, or for as long, ... and that's where families shine. And our family here does have those that have the 'know-how' and they are the ones that 'pass the torch' on to the next generation. The 'next generation' is here even if we may not recognize it right off, but it's there and all we have to do is ask God for strength and patience while He provides and ask those who need to hear us ask them to help and be involved. Are you one who has the 'know how' and willingness to pass your knowledge on? Are you one of the 'next generation' who wants to 'carry the torch' into whatever future God has in store for us? I pray that we all have a willing and joyous part in our future.

Each time we have coffee with one another, go to events together, go caroling, or any number of things we do together as members of God's Church and as brothers and sisters in Christ, we learn about one another and become closer in relationship and in friendship.

The Greeks called it "koinonia" and we call it '*fellowship*.' No matter what word we use, together we can continue with the Great Commission that Jesus assigned us, both as a congregation and as a family of God's children.

This fellowship is not a 'new' fad or trend. It is a time proven means of not only being social but also an opportunity to serve one another as Jesus the Christ did while He was here on earth.

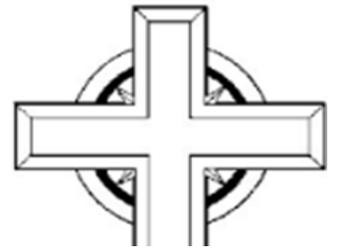
Jesus is the 'reason for the season.' We like to tell others this truth in this very special season, but don't forget that God our Heavenly Father was the one who began and continues to have fellowship with us. We give praise and joyous thanksgiving to God as we celebrate the remembrance of the earthly birth of the Son of God through whom God has fellowship with us! Peace on earth and good fellowship toward men!

Have a blessed and joyous Advent and Christmas!

*Your fellow servant in His name,*

*Pastor Mike*

# *St. Paul Lutheran Church*



**December Usher's** – Art Schroeder and Doug Maser

## **Acolyte Schedule:**

### **Sunday's:**

**Dec 1<sup>st</sup>:** Chase   **Dec 8<sup>th</sup>:** Ethan   **Dec 15<sup>th</sup>:** Carlie   **Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Chase   **Dec 29<sup>th</sup>:** Ethan

### **Wednesday's:**

**Dec 4<sup>th</sup>:** Grace   **Dec 11<sup>th</sup>:** Nik   **Dec 18<sup>th</sup>:** Nik

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is **OPEN**. First come, first serve! ☺

## **Church Website:**

Take a look at the church website .... [www.stpaulhinckleymn.org](http://www.stpaulhinckleymn.org)

## **Year End Tax Statements:**

These will be out by the end of January. If you have question, please let someone know.

## **ORANGE ENVELOPES:**

Please turn in your orange envelopes before December 15<sup>th</sup>. You may drop them off in the offering plate, or in the office, or mail to the church. This donation helps our church thrive, so thank you to all who participate.

## **Flower Chart:**

The 2020 Flower Chart is Up! Cost is \$20 per Sunday, take a peek and honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion. See Judy Hopkins if you need to pay for 2019 flowers (or if you cannot remember if you paid for them).



## Our Stewardship November 2019

General Fund .....	\$7,856.00
Altar Flowers .....	\$199.00
Little Lambs .....	\$100.00
Missions.....	\$20.00
OE Adopt a Student.....	\$275.00
OE Snow Removal .....	\$1,150.00
OE Little Lambs .....	\$100.00
OE General .....	\$2,230.00
Sunday School.....	\$22.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$ 11,952.00</b>



### December 2019

- 1st: Eddie Odendahl
- 2nd: Aaron and Tracy Peterson
- 3rd: Jeff Rogneby
- 4th: Sue Davis
- 9th: Warren Bottleson
- 10th: Charlotte Rabe
- 11th: Joan Norman  
Eddie and Kelsey Odendahl
- 14th: Bill Morgan
- 15th: Levi Hickle
- 16th: Vern Volk  
John Maser
- 17th: Angie Hickle
- 19th: Brooke Tracy
- 20th: Zander Klar  
Jennifer Kubesh  
Trent Rabe
- 22nd: Connie Odendahl
- 24th: Jacob Maser
- 25th: Baby Jesus
- 28th: Greg Odendahl
- 31st: Bronson Mans  
Barb Morgan

*If we are missing anyone, please let Jennifer or Cydelle know!*

*Thank you.*

### Flower Chart:

**Dec 1st:** Open

**Dec 8th:** Wendy Kottke

...in loving memory of Beth

**Dec 15th:** Aaron and Tracy Peterson

.....in honor of their wedding anniversary

**Dec 22nd:** Chuck Borchard

... memory of his father

**Dec 29th:** Tony and Carol Nelson

### Homebound:

Mona Klar

Lorraine Robbins

Bob and Lois Kendall

Janice Ladd

Pat Kunze

Kristi Graber

Vivian Kelm

Marjorie Pike

Florence Benoit

Please submit articles for the newsletter to Cydelle Klande  
[cydelleklande@gmail.com](mailto:cydelleklande@gmail.com)

**The deadline for information for the newsletter will be December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

**Please submit reports by then. Thank you!!**



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# HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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## **Advent Services**

Wednesdays, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

**Supper at 6:00 pm and Service at 7pm**

## **Children's Christmas Program**

Sunday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 9am

## **Little Lambs Preschool Christmas Program**

Monday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

## **Christmas Eve Service \*\***

*Newly scheduled services at 3pm and at 10pm*

## **Christmas Day Service at 9am**



# Circuit Youth Worker

Hello and blessings to you!

Our November event went well with 5 youth in attendance. We talked about defending our faith in our Bible study lesson and played some minute-to-win-it games. The next youth event will be at Zion Lutheran Church in Mora on January 19th from 2:00-4:30 pm. Mark your calendars for that event. Please keep in touch with your youth leaders and pastors and watch the newsletters and bulletins for continues updates.

Thank you,  
LeAnn Gregoire  
Circuit Youth Worker



## C.A.S.E. / Confirmation

The kids have chapel, music time around 2:30 to 3pm. Then the Confirmation Kids, Ethan, Carlie and Chase go to class with their snack and the kids take their snacks to their classrooms and then have their lessons and once in a while, craft time. Pick up time is at 4pm. If you like to bring in snacks, let Jennifer know.

### DECEMBER CASE SCHEDULE

There will be CASE and Confirmation on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>.

There is NO CASE or Confirmation on Christmas Day



# Just a Side Note.....

## ‘New’ Communion Distribution-

Over the past couple of months, you may have noticed that we have been distributing Communion a bit differently than we had been. This is not because any particular way is better than another. Receiving the body and blood of Christ is important no matter how it is distributed. Period. After much discussion, and over a period of several months, the Elders reached a decision to modify the way we do the distribution of the Lord’s Supper to more reflect the notion of Biblical servitude by having those that serve others be served last. For us now, that means that the congregation receives the Holy Supper first, followed by the ushers, then the Elders, and finally the pastor. And because families are highly important to God, wives and children are encouraged to commune/receive a blessing with their husbands/fathers. This helps to remind all who serve that we are to serve one another as Jesus the Christ came not to be served, but to serve, as a humble servant.

### THE GUARDRAIL



### A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Whoever keeps commandments keeps their life,  
but whoever shows contempt for their ways will die.  
- PROVERBS 19:16 NIV

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you have someone or something that you would like Pastor Metzler to include in either his personal prayers and/or in our public Prayer of the Church on Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer request card, located on the Usher’s table, and place it in his mail tray or contact him at the Church Office. It is important that all of our members receive pastoral care when it is needed, especially during times of sickness or other difficulty. If you know of an individual, even if it is a non-member, who would appreciate and benefit from a pastoral visit, please contact the church office or Pastor Metzler.

# Little Lambs

In November, we have been talking about Thanksgiving and the good things God gives us. There are many things that we want to say Thank You to God for.

From the Bible we heard about God giving Moses the Ten Commandments which are good rules for us to follow. We also heard about Joshua and the walls of Jericho falling down and had fun acting it out. We learned that Samuel served God as a little boy and listened to hear the words of God.

We used brown acorns to count and glue, made a fall wreath and put feathers on a brown turkey and enjoyed playdough. We talked about ovals, the letters G, H, and I. And counted objects to four and five. We read stories about Thanksgiving and turkeys.

Now we have started practicing songs for the Christmas Program, which is on Monday December 16th at 6:30pm.

*Mrs. Sharon*

*Charlie, Aubrey, Bella, Kyzen, Wyatt, Conor, Isaac*



**St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes  
Unapproved  
11-11-19**

Present: Pastor Mike, Tonette Peterson, Tracy Peterson, Matt Maser, Randy Hickle, Carol Robinson, Tony Nelson, Robbie Robinson, Isaac Maser

Meeting was called to order by Randy at 7:05pm.

Pastor opened with a prayer.

**Secretary's report** was accepted as read

**Treasurer's report** accepted as read. Motion Carol second Matt

Income: \$89,320.91. Checking \$10,509.66

Expense \$109,007.95 Savings \$58,710.68

Net Income \$-19,687.04

(noted that the Savings total includes the \$20,000 loan for Pastor as well as all memorial funds)

**Pastor's report:** office visits, home visits, attended various meetings, elders meeting, newspaper articles, Chaplain's group events, Little Lambs, Confirmation, Bible Studies, worldview speaker, spiritual care luncheon, Pastor's breakfast

**Old Business**

\*Shutters will be installed on Wednesday 11-13-19

\*Motion by Robbie and second by Tony to purchase the Chime Master Millennium Carillon system at \$6,050.00.

\* There will be a special meeting following worship on 11-24-19 regarding the change of Christmas Eve worship services. There will be a 3:00pm and a 10:00pm service.

\*Calls or visits will be made to inactive members

**New Business**

\*Toby and Tony are working on an energy audit.

\*Per Pastor's request, we will continue to put \$24,000.00 into housing allowance. Gross pay remains the same. Motion Robbie and second Tony.

\*Christmas decorating will be December 1st following worship.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm upon motion by Tracy and second by Carol, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

*Respectfully Submitted by Tonette Peterson*

**St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Special Voter's Meeting  
(unapproved)  
11-24-19**

Matt Maser called the meeting to order at 10:06AM

**Christmas Eve worship will be at 3:00PM & 10:00PM**

**Christmas Day worship will be at 9:00AM**

Motion by Jayne Maser and second by Jim Christensen. Carried.

Adjourned at 10:08AM

*Respectfully Submitted, Tonette Peterson, Council Secretary*



# 2020 USHER SCHEDULE

**Jan:** Robbie Robinson  
Steve Marudas

**Feb:** Aaron Peterson  
Robbie Robinson

**March:** Tony Nelson  
John Frank

**April:** Shawn Ausmus  
Everett Ausmus

**May:** David Berquist  
Bill Morgan

**June:** Davie Hopkins  
Keith Hopkins

**July:** Greg Odendahl  
Greg Kroschel

**August:** Doug Maser  
Tess Maser

**September:** Jerry Perrotti  
Ethan or Jacob Perrotti

**October:** Tracy Peterson  
Grace Peterson

**November:** Troy, Tonette and Hayden  
Peterson

**December:** Jacob Roubinek  
Edward Roubinek

**Lent:** Robbie and Steve

**Advent:** Robbie and Steve



**If you would like to mail a holiday card to our home bound's, here are the addresses. They would love to hear from you!**

Vivian Kelm

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Florence Benoit

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Mora, MN 55051

Kristi Graber

710 Spring Lane

Hinckley, MN 55037

Marjorie Pike

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Hinckley, MN 55037

# The Meaning Of Christmas

Far away in Bethlehem, a Baby Boy was born;  
Born with neither riches nor with fame,  
Yet Wise Men came from all around to  
bring to Him their gifts,  
And peace was felt by all who heard His name.

Angels watched Him as He slept,  
and gently rocked His bed;  
Their voices singing softly in His ear;  
His Mother and His Father both gave thanks to God above  
For the greatest gift of all, their Son, so dear

They knew His life upon this earth  
would not be filled with wealth,  
They also knew He would encounter strife;  
But most of all, they knew that He would be a loving Child,  
And teach the love of God throughout His life.

At Christmas, as we celebrate  
this Birth of Jesus Christ,  
Let's keep in mind the truth of Christmas Day;  
For it's not the Christmas wrappings,  
nor the gifts that lie within,  
But our gift of love to others in every way...

**DECEMBER 2019**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10:30am Bible Study	2	3	4 10am Bible Study 1:30pm CASE 2:30pm Confirmation 6pm Supper 7pm Worship	5	6	7
8 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10:30am Bible Study	9 7pm Council Mtg	10	11 10am Bible Study 1:30pm CASE 2:30pm Confirmation 6pm Supper 7pm Worship	12	13	14
15 9am Children's Christmas Program 10am Fellowship 10:30am Bible Study	16 6:30pm Little Lambs Christmas Program	17	18 10am Bible Study 1:30pm CASE 2:30pm Confirmation 6pm Supper 7pm Worship	19	20	21
22 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship 10:30am Bible Study	23	24 3pm Worship 10pm Worship <b>Christmas Eve</b>	25 9am Worship <i>Happy Bday Jesus!</i> <b>Christmas Day</b>	26	27	28
29 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship 10:30am Bible Study	30	31 New Year's Eve				

# COME JOIN OUR WORSHIPPING FAMILY

**DECEMBER 2019**

**Worship: Sunday at 9:00 am**

**Sunday School: Sunday at 10 am**

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For God so Loved the World



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