

St. Paul Lutheran Church

December 2021 Newsletter



*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



Greetings and His peace to you!

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, or decorating? 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 and/or food 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" (pronounced 'coin-o-nee-a') 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!*
God's richest blessings to you and your family!
in His name,
Pastor Mike Metzler



WHAT DO YOU BUY THE GUY WHO HAS
EVERYTHING, MADE EVERYTHING, AND HAS
GIVEN US EVERYTHING?

CHURCH NEWS

Acolyte Schedule:

Dec 1st (Wed): Noah

Dec 5th: Grady

Dec 8th (Wed): Zander

Dec 12th: McKenna

Dec 15th (Wed): Nik

Dec 19th: Nik

Dec 24th Christmas Eve(3pm): Noah

Dec 24th Christmas Eve (10pm): open

Dec 25th Christmas Day (9am): open

Dec 26th: Grace



Ushers: Matt Maser and Family

Elders: John and Greg

January Newsletter:

We will not be doing a newsletter for January 2022 due to conflicts in schedules, holiday events, and ect. *The January calendar is included with this newsletter.* The newsletter will be back in February 2022!! Sorry for the inconvenience!

Orange envelopes: These were mailed out in November - they are due by the end of the year. Thank you for your contribution to the church!

There are boxed **Christmas Cards for sale** in the bookcase, if anyone needs cards for the holiday season.

Church Caroling:

Let's join together for an afternoon of caroling to bring Christmas joy to our homebound members. Meet at church at 3:45pm on Saturday, December 18. We'll caravan together starting at 4pm.

Contribution Statements for 2021:

The tax statements this year will be issued in mid-January 2022.

CASE:

NO CASE on Wednesday Dec 22th and 29th.

Dec 26th, 2021:

No Fellowship on Sunday Dec 26, 2021





DEC 2021

2nd: Aaron and Tracy Peterson
3rd: Jeff Rogneby
4th: Sue Davis
7th: Matt Zabrok
10th: Charlotte Rabe
11th: Eddie and Kelsey Odendahl
14th: Bill Morgan
15th: Levi Hickle
16th: John Maser
Vern Volk
19th: Brooke Tracy
20th: Zander Klar
Trent Rabe
Jennifer Kubesh
22nd: Connie Odendahl
24th: Jacob Maser
25th: Baby Jesus
28th: Greg Odendahl
31st: Barb Morgan

If we missed anyone, please let Jennifer know!



Flower Chart:

Dec 5th; Wendy Kottke....
in loving memory of Beth Graber
Dec 12th: Jeanette Schaefer
Dec 19th: Matt and Jayne Maser
in honor of John's birthday
Dec 26th; Hopkins Family

Newsletter Deadline:

Please email anything for the newsletter to the church email by the 3rd Friday of the Month.

Thank you!!



YOUTH GROUP

Thank you to everyone for supporting the youth group with your Christmas Wreath purchases!

Youth Group will meet December 8. We will be serving a soup supper for advent and will try a Nativity Escape room after the Advent Service as time allows.

Future Wednesday Meeting Dates (6pm at Church)

- December 8 (Supper for Advent)
- January 19
- February 16
- May 11
- June 1

Circuit Youth events will be available on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 2pm-4pm. The location rotates between churches. **The Circuit Youth event is scheduled for Sunday, December 12, 2pm – 4pm in Bruno.**

Get updates and reminders by signing into our Remind group with text, app or email. Use this web address in your browser: remind.com/join/ygstpaul OR Text the message @ygstpaul to the number 81010.

For any questions about Youth Group feel free to contact Rebecca at 612-247-9319 (call or text) or rebecca.perrotti@gmail.com

Hello and blessings to you!

The November gathering went well! The youth had a Bible study on The Psalms and had a couple of competitions--one building structures out of toothpicks and gummies and the other combining cups and Simon-says. **The next circuit youth gathering will be December 12th from 2:00-4:30 pm in Bruno.** Please see your youth leader or pastor for the exact address. We will be going on a sleigh ride and playing stump the pastors.

Hope to see you there!

LeAnn Gregoire, Deaconess Intern/Circuit Youth Worker

CONFIRMATION

Our 7 students are just finishing the Petitions of the Lord's Prayer and hearing what God wants us to understand from His prayer. Then, we will move on into studying the nature of the Sacraments and then we will begin with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Please keep our 7 students in your prayers. Don't forget to say 'hi' to each of them and give some encouragement.

If you know someone who would benefit from adult confirmation instruction, please contact Pastor by office phone voicemail 320-384-6267 (ext 2), cell (or text) 763-286-4803, or email at revmentzler18@gmail.com



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Christmas Program will be on Sunday Dec 19th during Worship service. Please talk to Karissa or Yonna if your child would like to participate this year.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Advent

Wednesday's at 6pm, Worship at 7pm

Dec 1, 8, 15 with soup and sandwich provided

Christmas Caroling

Meet at Church on Saturday Dec 18th at 3:45pm.

We leave at 4pm.

Christmas Eve Worship

3pm & 10pm with communion

Christmas Day Worship

9am with communion

Regular Sunday Worship on 12/26/2021

9am with communion



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
11-8-2021

Present : Wendy Kottke, Doug Kottke, Robbie Robinson, Tonette Peterson, Randy Hickle, Matt Maser, John Frank, Rick Williams

Meeting was **called to order** by Randy at 7:06 pm. Matt opened with prayer.

Secretary's report was accepted as read. Motion by John second by Robbie

Treasurer's report was accepted as read upon motion by Robbie, second by John

Income: \$161,644.86 Checking \$9,222.26

Expense: \$166,409.89 Savings \$59,054.33

Net Income: -\$4,765.03

(Savings includes Pastor's \$20,000 loan and memorial funds)

Pastor's report: home/office visits, Confirmation, CASE, online devotions, newspaper article, Bible Study, circuit meeting, elder meeting, camp Luther meeting, Voter's meeting, chaplain training November 14th, Pastor will be at the Doxology.

Old Business

*The guys went up in the boom for inspection and added some caulking to some areas. We have to wait and see if any water comes in.

*Upon motion by Matt and second by John, we will leave the sound system as is at this time. We will make adjustments later if needed.

*We will accept Jeff's snow removal bid (the same as last year) including shoveling the sidewalks. Motion Robbie and second John

*Germanfest money was deposited into the general account.

New Business

*Beginning January 2022, SPLC council meetings will be held at 7:00pm the first Monday of each month. Motion Robbie and second John

*Live streaming of services will continue for now. We would love to have people join us in person for worship, and we will try to reach out to our members.

*A thank you was received from our Seminary student, Anthony Sedotto.

Upon motion by John and second by Robbie, we adjourned at 8:25pm, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, *Tonette Peterson, St. Paul Lutheran Church council secretary*

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Check **Facebook** or **church website** for any updates on schedules for Worship Service and other events.

Pastor

Rev. Mike Metzler

Church Secretary

Jennifer Kubesh

Church Newsletter

Jennifer Kubesh
Cydelle Klande

Organists

Sue Hickle
Connie Odendahl

Church Council

Meets 2nd Monday each month

**** Beginning in January 2022, Council meeting will be the 1st Monday each month at 7pm.**

Chairman: Randy Hickle

Vice Chair: Toby Hickle

Elders: Robbie Robinson, John Frank,
Matt Maser, Greg Kroschel

Trustees: Rick Williams,
David Berquist, Doug Kottke

Secretary: Tonette Peterson

Financial Secretary: Cydelle Klande

Treasurer: Wendy Kottke

Stewardship

11/1/21 to 11/20/21

General Fund\$5,484.40

Altar Guild\$120.00

Altar Flowers\$135.00

CASE\$30.00

OE General\$100.00

TOTAL\$5,869.40



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			<p>1</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 2:30pm CASE 6pm Advent Meal 7pm Worship</p>	2	3	4
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<p>19</p> <p>9am Sunday School Christmas Program 10am Confirmation 10am Fellowship</p>	20	21	<p>22</p> <p>NO Case</p>	23	24	25
<p>26</p> <p>9am Worship w/ Communion No Confirmation No Sunday School</p>	27	28	<p>29</p> <p>NO Case</p>	30	31	<p>Christmas Day Worship Service 9am</p> 

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COME JOIN OUR WORSHIPPING FAMILY

December 2021

For God so Loved the World



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