

# **ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**December 2010 & January 2011**



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## SAINT PAUL 'S VOICE

### December 2010/January 2011

It is the time of the year when our schedules burst at the seams. The hustle and bustle of the Christmas season tires us to the point we are completely exhausted. There are so many things we try to do in just a short time. There is the shopping, the gift wrapping, the baking and decorating. We become so exhausted that we even forget what the season is all about. We overspend then we worry about the bill paying.

Now is the time to reflect and change our priorities. We need to pause and ponder what the season is all about. Christmas, is the birth of the Christ-child. What does that mean for you and the family?

This is the season of hope and love. God saw that we were not able to be obedient to God's ways. So God sent the baby Jesus so he would come and fulfill the law. Through Christ we are given that promise of eternal life; and that we could be assured of our forgiveness of sins through our baptisms and confessions. It may seem difficult but it isn't, not really. We just need to spend time with God. We do this by having quiet moments of reading the Bible, praying, and being still so we may be in conversation with God. Think about not overspending, shopping, and racing around for that perfect gift. The perfect gift is found in the baby Jesus.

Here is one way to be in the right mindset for this precious season. Be still and quietly reflect on these words: "Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin, mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace." Let the calmness of the hymn, the joy of the birth of Jesus, permeate your heart and soul and prepare you for the tasks ahead in the coming year. Christ brings us that hope and joy.

May God bring you much happiness and peace at this Christmas time and may you feel the presence of God throughout the New Year.

Love in Christ,

*Pastor Mel Strucklin*



**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER**

**WE PRAY FOR:**

**MEMBERS:** Lois Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Ruth Bare, Kim Boose, Mary Burk, Sue Bosley, Anne Durham, Matilda Griffin, Cassie Harris, Shirley Harris, Mildred Hasson, Sydney Henry, Matthew Jones, Mary Louise Miller, Sara Moore, Bill Stratton, Shari Underhill, Leslie Vink-Hood, George Walter, Lorraine Walter, and all homebound members.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Genny Casper, Carol Graff, Debbie Hahn, Bill Peters, Jim Howard, Braylynn, Joyce Rhoten, Shirley, Becky Norwood, Bill Higgins, Christine Wheeler, Pastor Dick Michael, Georgia Winiecki, Emma Miller, Jesse McGee, Renee Adams, Linda Moran, Kenny Morris, Will Franz, Tyler Bowman, Karen Saunders, Parker Shroeder, Glendora H. Engman, Jan Engman, Mark Farver, Natalie Files, Mario Romagnoli, Kay Hoesse, Chance Nichols, Shawn Riley, Bill Mayer, Cadan Hagen, Indiana Lesfer, Tim Underhill, Ryan Singer, Chrissy, those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

**WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:** family and friends of Oneida Jones, Susan Brubacker, William Nevius, Esther Watson, Spike Bradford, Tony Schneider, David Ohler, Russell Habeinehl, Blaine Whorl, and Stella Lowe, Virginia Wheeler, and Phil Reynolds

May the promises of our resurrected Lord bring them peace and comfort.

**THE PRAYER** O Lord, give refuge to the suffering that they may endure in hope, trusting that you reign from the cross. Heal the sick, comfort the grieving, rescue those in danger and calm the fearful especially (names). In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it.

George Elliston

Perhaps the best yuletide decoration is being wreathed in smiles.

Unknown

There is one good thing about snow: It makes your lawn look as nice as your neighbors.

Clyde Moore

We do not live by a turkey in every oven or a color TV set in every home. We live by faith and hope and love, by the star on the horizon, by the trumpet that will not call retreat.

E. Merrill Root

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**BIBLE TRIVIA**

1. What was the name of the angel that appeared to Mary and Zacharias?
2. Where did Jesus work his first miracle?
3. How was Joseph told about Jesus miraculous conception?
4. Who announced Jesus conception to Mary?
5. Who said, "I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?"

# THANK YOU, THANK YOU

to the Constitution Committee who work diligently to keep our constitution current to our needs and in compliance with the ELCA National Church requirements.

to our confirmation students Madison Baber, Wendy Folfas, Katie Graff, and Cheyenne Kelly who work diligently on their lessons.

to all those who made a contribution to the Crop Walk. Over \$200 was raised with a portion of that going directly to NESAP.

to Shirley and Bill Stratton for decorating the sanctuary for the Harvest Home service and also for the Community Thanksgiving Service.

to Selena Kelly and all her helpers who helped make the Halloween Party a big success. Also to Patti Schunk and Carol Hilgartner who provided lunch and assistance.

to Vivian Chenoweth and Maidie Brown who helped set up, provide food and serve at the funeral luncheon for Oneida Jones and Virginia Wheeler.

to Sarah Morris who headed up the flea market fund raiser each month and to those who made donations and volunteered to help make and serve the food. Also, thanks to the Youth Group for selling the coffee, donuts and snowballs. Over \$9000 was raised for the ministries of St. Paul's.

to our outgoing council members who provided St. Paul's with their leadership. We thank Charles Baber, Rob Holtz, and Sarah Morris for their diligence in envisioning the future of St. Paul's.

to John Kelly and Derek DuBois who headed up the committee to provide a new pictorial directory for St. Paul's.

to Ginny Harris and Bill and Shirley Stratton for heading up our Christmas bazaar and to all those who donated and volunteered. Your effort is sincerely appreciated.

to Madison Baber who has volunteered to take young children, ages 7 and younger, downstairs after the children's sermon and bring them back to the sanctuary at the exchange of The Lord's Peace. We thank all the young volunteers who help her keep oversight and entertain the children.

to our Children's Choir who provided special music for the Community Thanksgiving Service (and Mary, Heather, Beth, Patti and all of the parents who helped) . Also thanks to all those who participated in the adult joint choir.

# ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA

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## NEWS

### MISSION STATEMENT

#### **LOVE, SERVE, AND TEACH**

**GOD'S WORD** was approved as our ongoing mission statement at the annual congregational meeting. As we go about our work in God's kingdom, may each of us live by this mission statement.

### NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Our annual congregational meeting was held on Sunday, November, 14 immediately following worship. We thank our new council members who will be serving in the coming year. They are Suzi Lyons and Jayme Folfas. Richard Harris agreed to continue as treasurer and Susan Fleming as secretary. Sarah Morris has volunteered to be our historian. As of this writing, there has not been an election of a president. This will occur at the next council meeting.

### DECEMBER FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship will be held on December 12th NOT the 19th. The change has been made because our Christmas Pageant will be on the 12th .

### THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our children will once again provide us with a unique Christmas Program on Sunday, December 12 during worship. There will be special music by the children's choir. We thank Patti Schunk, Carol Hilgartner, and Beth Hannon for preparing this program.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

We will be celebrating the birth of the baby Jesus, on Friday, December 24. The Family Service will be at 4:30, which will include candle lighting. The Candlelight Service will be at 9 p.m. Come and worship and brighten your holidays with the true meaning of Christmas.

### LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE

A special service of Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, December 26. Sarah Morris will be giving a temple talk. Come and sing some of your favorite Christmas carols.

## The Lord's Laughter

From the *Joyful Noiseletter*, December 2010 edition

Actual exchanges recorded by court reporters, and passed along by George Goldtrap of Ormond-by-the Sea, FL:

Attorney: "She had three children, right?"

Witness: "Right"

Attorney: "How many were boys?"

Witness: "None"

Attorney: "Were there any girls?"

Witness: "Your honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I have a new attorney?"

The children in Sunday School were reading the story of the Prodigal Son. The teacher asked one little girl which character in the story faced the most difficult challenge.

"The fatted calf, 'cause he got killed," she replied.

via Jeff Totten  
Lake Charles, LA

Actual answer on a children's science exam:

Question: How do you delay milk turning sour?

Answer: "Keep it in the cow."

Pastor Donald Prout  
West Preston, Victoria Australia

A little boy was asked in Sunday School what he was going to give his sister for Christmas.

"I don't know," he said.

"What did you give her last year?" the teacher asked.

"Chicken pox," he replied.

Columnist Smiley Anders  
Baton Rouge, (LA) Advocate

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## *Celebrations for December & January*

### December Birthdays

2 Leslie Vink-Hood  
6 Heather Lord  
7 Ginny Harris  
9 Liisa Brinebrink  
Jen Brown  
11 Charles Baber  
Luke Meadowcroft  
13 Cindy Schmidt  
16 Chrissy Wareheim  
18 Sophia Panagakos  
20 Matt Peters  
23 John Kelly, Jr.  
24 Nadine McGee  
Shirley Stratton

28 Sue Benson  
Becky Harris Miller  
30 Joe Smith

### January Birthdays

1 Ashley Mountcastle  
6 Lin Miller  
8 Laura Grabowski  
11 Nelly Warren  
14 Doris Hoffman  
20 Mary Louise Miller  
21 Felicity Meadowcroft  
26 Sarah Morris  
30 Angela Bell  
Mary Graff






### December Anniversaries

10 Calvin & Mary Armacost

### January Anniversaries

9 Rick & Meg Jones  
26 Jesse & Claudia McGee

# December

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 Pastor's Vacation	2 Pastor's Vacation	3 Pastor's Vacation  600pm <b>HANGING OF THE GREENS</b> 	4 Pastor's Vacation
5 900am – Worship  Youth Sunday Food Collection  Pastor's Vacation	6 Pastor's Vacation	7 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours  Pastor's Vacation	8 730 pm AA  Pastor's Vacation	9 7:00 pm Confirmation Class	10	11 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
12 900am – Worship   Children's Christmas Programs  Second Offering St. Dysmas  Fellowship after Worship	13	14 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours  300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours  7:00pm – Council	15 6:45pm – Healing Service @ Christ Lutheran  730 pm AA	16	17	18 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
19 900am – Worship –	20 7:00 pm Confirmation Class	21 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours  300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	22 730 pm AA	23	24 430pm   Family Christmas Eve Service  900pm <b>Candlelight Service</b> 	25  Merry Christmas!
26 900am – Worship Service of Lessons and Carols	27 Pastor's Vacation	28 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours  Pastor's Vacation	29 730 pm AA  Pastor's Vacation	30 Pastor's Vacation	31 Pastor's Vacation	8



# January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						<b>1</b> Pastor's Vacation
<b>2</b> 900am – Worship  Food Collection Sunday  Youth Sunday  Un-trim the Christmas Tree Party	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours  300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	<b>5</b> 730 pm AA	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
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<b>16</b> 900am – Worship  Fellowship after worship	<b>17</b> 130pm Worship and Music Committee	<b>18</b> 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours  300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	<b>19</b> 645pm -Healing Service @ St. Paul's  730 pm AA	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  12:00 pm - 1:30pm Pastor's Office Hours
<b>23</b> 900am – Worship  Second offering NESAP	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours  300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	<b>26</b> 730 pm AA	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  12:00 pm - 1:30pm Pastor's Office Hours
<b>30</b> 900am – Worship	<b>31</b>					



New views



Thanksgiving Eve Service



Christmas Bazaar