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SAINT PAUL 'S VOICE

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Christmas, what a joyful time of the year it is. There are many ways that families celebrate this very special day. Yet most of all, the common factor is that families come to church to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Each church may have a unique way to celebrate but what is most common throughout all Christian churches is the music.

The Christmas carols touch our hearts. There are so many beautiful hymns. Our service always starts with, "Oh Come All Ye Faithful", and always ends with the lighting of candles as we sing, "Silent Night". In between, there are other favorites we like to sing in celebration. To mention a few, there is "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem", "What Child is This", and many more. Did you ever wonder where and how these Christmas carols came into being?

One of my favorites is "O Little Town of Bethlehem". It is so peaceful and draws me in to the place where Jesus was born. It focuses on the quietness and peace of that Holy Night and all the panorama surrounding his birth. The hymn was written by the Rev. Phillips Brooks, a rector, after he had returned from the Holy Land in 1866. He had traveled there after President Lincoln's assassination and the deaths of so many of his parishioners in the Civil War. He was struck by how peaceful it was in Bethlehem. "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight," was a message he yearned for in his homeland... a similar peace. It is such a peace that we yearn for in our day.

To find out more about your favorite Christmas carol, search the Internet or find a book about hymns and read about their authors and writers of all those wonderful hymns. Hopefully, reflecting on the hymns will bring you joy. Not only reflecting on them but truly the singing of them will. As Martin Luther said, "Singing is praying twice." May your singing reflect your joy during this special time of the year, no matter how good your musical voice may be.

My family and I wish you God's peace and joy during this Christmas season and may God touch your lives with peace throughout the New Year. Christmas blessings to each of you.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Mel Stricklin



THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

WE PRAY FOR:

MEMBERS: Lois Armacost, Mark Armacost, Mary Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Ruth Bare, Mary Burk, Vivian Chenoweth, Rosalie Croft, Matilda Griffin, Bob Graff, Mildred Hasson, Sydney Henry, Cheyenne Kelly, Matthew Jones, Sara Moore, Leslie Vink-Hood, George Walter, and all homebound members.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Genny Casper, Jim Howard, Joyce Rhoten, Georgia and Ed Winiecki, Bettie Panagakos, Phyllis Henderson, Brandon, Phil Cieri, Bob Durham, Jr., Dave Dawson, Carol Lauer, Jeanne Braly, Kitty Macon, Shelby, Jane Benson, Christine Palmimor, Cindy Tutalo, Rachel Hurlly, Barbara Bamford, Helen Martin, Beverly Chenoweth, Brent Harlove, Jeanette and Jerry Herfurth, John McCubbin, Carol Papatonious, Bruce Hilgartner, Jenny Hodes, Rene DuBois, Ruth Baumgardner, Dr. Charlie James & family, Doree Bryant, Rob Farver, Glenda Reynolds, Libby Strahorn, Clarkie Campbell, Linda Bosler, and those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES: family and friends of Andrew Farnen, Becky Gottschalk, Carrie Wagner, Dorothy Smith, Daniel Thomas Smith, Lee Fritz, and Shirley Osborn.

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

THE PRAYER: O God, we pray that you will be attentive to all who wait expectantly for your mercy in times of crisis, illness, fear and grief especially (names). Answer them when they cry out to you. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

Isaiah 30:15

Perfect love means putting up with other people’s shortcomings, feeling no surprise at their weaknesses, finding encouragement even in the slightest evidence of good qualities in them..

St. Theresa of Lisieux

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

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Our true worth does not consist in what human beings thinks of us. What we really are consists in what God knows us to be.

St. John Berchmans

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BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Who was the first shepherd?
2. Who is the good shepherd?
3. To whom did Jesus say, “I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves”?
4. What was Jesus hometown?
5. What sweet-smelling substances were brought to the infant Jesus?

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

- ✝ to all those who helped with our basket bingo especially Sandy Baber and Meg Jones and to all who volunteered, baked goods, sponsored baskets, and sold tickets. It was a big success.
- ✝ to those who attend our prayer sessions, praying for the well being of our church and other people's needs.
- ✝ to Ginny Harris for decorating our church for Harvest Home.
- ✝ to those who prepared and participated in our Trunk or Treat for Halloween. A fun time was had by all.
- ✝ to all those who made many crafts, prepared food and baked goods for our bazaar which was headed up by Carol Hilgartner, Shirley Stratton, and Rachel Murphy. Also those who helped set up for the event.
- ✝ to all those who attended the Community Thanksgiving Service that was held at St. John's Methodist Church in Hampstead. Five churches are involved in this service. We also thank those who participated in the joint choir.
- ✝ to Richard and Ginny Harris who helped organize the church, make bulletins, and set up for Holy Communion for the several funerals that were recently held at the church.

ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA

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NEWS

BAPTISM

We will be celebrating the baptism of Noah Miller, son of Becky and Alan Miller, brother of Braedan, grandson of Ginny and Richard Harris and Cindy Schmidt, Sunday, December 1 during worship.

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

A special service of Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, December 29 in place of our regular worship service. A layperson will be giving a temple talk as part of the service.

FUNDRAISING WORKSHOP

A workshop to set the schedule of our fundraising activities for the year 2014 will be held Saturday, January 11th at 9:30. All those involved in any fundraising activities are asked to attend this workshop.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Our Christmas Eve services will be held Dec. 24th with the Family Service at 4:30 and the Candlelight Service at 9 p.m. Come celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus.





YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The youth of our church will have a Christmas program during the worship time on Dec. 15. Come hear the celebration of Jesus' birth through the voices of our youth. Thanks to Pattie Schunk for organizing it.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT 2013



December

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Nov. 24 After Service  HANGING OF THE GREENS						
1 900am – Worship Youth Sunday Food Collection 1145am-Confirmation	2 Pastor's Vacation	3 Pastor's Vacation	4 730 pm AA Pastor's Vacation	5 7:30 pm Prayer Session Pastor's Vacation	6 Pastor's Vacation	7 Pastor's Vacation
8 900am – Worship Fellowship after Worship	9 Pastor's Vacation	10 Pastor's Vacation 7:00pm – Council	11 Pastor's Vacation 730 pm AA	12	13	14 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
15 900am – Worship Children's Christmas Program Second Offering St. Dymas	16	17 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	18 730 pm AA	19 700 pm Prayer Session	20	21
22 900am – Worship – 12:15pm – 2nd year Confirmation Class	23	24 430pm  Family Christmas Eve Service 900pm Candlelight Service 	25  Merry Christmas!	26 Pastor's Vacation	27 Pastor's Vacation	28 Pastor's Vacation
29 900am – Worship – Lessons and Carols Service Pastor's Vacation	30 Pastor's Vacation	31 Pastor's Vacation				7

January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 730 pm AA Pastor's Vacation	2 Pastor's Vacation	3 Pastor's Vacation	4 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
5 900am – Worship Food Collection Sunday Youth Sunday Un-trim the Christmas Tree	6	7	8 730 pm AA	9	10	11 9:30am - Fund Raising Workshop 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
12 900am – Worship 11:45am – Confirmation Class	13	14 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00pm - Council	15 730 pm AA	16 700 pm Prayer Session	17	18 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
19 900am – Worship Fellowship after worship Second offering: Carroll Lutheran Village	20	21 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	22 730 pm AA	23	24	25 12:00 pm - 1:30pm Pastor's Office Hours
26 900am – Worship 11:45am Confirmation Class	27	28 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	29	30	31	

Celebrations for December & January

December Birthdays

- 2 Leslie Vink-Hood
- 7 Ginny Harris
- 9 Lisa Brinebrink
Brianna Murphy
- 11 Charles Baber
Luke Meadowcroft
- 18 Sophia Panagakos
- 23 John Kelly, Jr.
- 24 Nadine McGee
Shirley Stratton
- 28 Sue Benson
Becky Harris Miller

December Anniversaries

- 10 Calvin & Mary Armacost
- 12 Shannon & Rachel Murphy



January Birthdays

- 5 Christian Neuheisel
- 7 Ashley Mountcastle
- 8 Laura Grabowski
- 21 Felicity Meadowcroft
- 26 Sarah Morris
- 30 Mary Graff

January Anniversaries

- 9 Rick & Meg Jones



Sunday School News

Please mark your calendars and save the following dates:

Sunday, December 15th – Sunday school Christmas Pageant 9 a.m. during church ...Please invite your family and friends to join us.

Sunday, December 15th – Christmas Caroling - We will meet in church at 5:15 p.m. to travel to Golden Crest Rehab and Nursing Center located on Bortner Road. We will need parents to drive if you are available give Ms. Patti a call. Immediately following Christmas Caroling we will have donuts and hot chocolate at the church....

Christmas Program Practice Dates:

Monday, November 25th – 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 1st – During Sunday school – No Classes

Monday, December 2nd – 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 8th – During Sunday school – No Classes

Saturday, December 14th – 10 a.m. – Noon - Dress rehearsal

Sunday, December 15th - 8:30 a.m. - Arrive early for Christmas Program

After the Pageant we will be having Fellowship. We will not be having Sunday school.

THANK YOU Laura Grabowski, Madison Baber, Ben Baber and Sam Jones for planning St. Paul's Halloween Party this year. We also like to thank the congregation for providing food, drinks, candy, and for their participation in the Trunk or Treat.