

You Otto Know

*We are a family of believers living, sharing and celebrating the love of Jesus
in our community and throughout the world.*

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A New Habit

If you were looking for "Where did my \$\$ Go? (Part 2) this month, well I'm sorry but that topic has been put off until December. This month I felt the need to write about a topic that I've struggled with as a father and as your spiritual leader.

During a recent Sunday morning Bible study we discussed the topic of family devotions. One of the areas that we discussed was the obstacles that keep us from having these devotional times. The list that the class came up with included: time, participation, various age levels, resources, and it's never been our habit.

I later shared this discussion with our Board of Elders and we all agreed that this is an area where we need to provide help for our members.

That help is coming in the form of a short weekly devotion created weekly by Concordia Seminary. It is titled "Table Talk" and it consists of four short sections: Prepare, Read, Reflect, Pray. These devotions are based on one of the readings from Sunday and can be used at any time during the week. They only take about 10 minutes depending on the amount of time taken to reflect and they allow all family members to participate except for the very young. I will take a little time to share how to use them each Sunday this month and after the service we will hand out a copy or two to each family. Each following Sunday we will briefly discuss the devotion from the previous week during the announcement time.

My family is like many of yours in that devotional time has not always been a part of our weekly routine. It is my desire that we encourage one another throughout this month as we weekly discuss these devotions and build toward creating a new habit in our homes.

If your family already has a set routine and uses other resources that's great, continue what you're doing! With God's blessings, many of our families by the end of the month will have joined you in taking time each week to be in God's Word.

Blessed to be a Blessing,

Pastor Schultz



Worship Assistance Teams

Worship Assistance Teams have been assigned to each week of the month. Simply check to see which team you are on and that is the week you will serving.

Team 1 - Week 1 (November 2)

Ushers - Sonya & Bill Jeffries, Jason Schaub, Nancy Brooks
Greeters - Cap & Vi Miller, Jerry & Better Vogelsang, Arlie Ehlmann
Acolyte - Zach Jeffries, Robert Frank, Lexi Schaub
Sound Board - Jason Nahlik

Team 2 - Week 2 (November 9)

Ushers - Virgil Benson & Diane Benson, Becky Vogel,
Murel Warren
Greeters - Jessica Vogel, Colleen Schultz, Diane Benson,
Becca Benson
Acolyte - Ben Warren, Adrian Cantu, Ashley Cantu
Sound Board - Jacob Vogel

Team 3 - Week 3 (November 16)

Ushers - Charlie Friedman, Jerry Kassel, Nathan Aiello, Alec Aiello
Greeters - Jeff & Mary Nahlik, Faith Nahlik, Nancy Brooks,
Ginny Todd
Acolytes - Lexi Mueller, Matt Kassel
Sound Board - Jason Nahlik

Team 4 - Week 4 (November 23)

Ushers - Bill Weeke, Jerry Burchett, Lloyd & Christine Linhorst
Greeters - Bill & Carol Weeke, Rachel Frank, Kim Hogan,
Roselyn Burchett
Acolytes - Nick Frank, Derek Hogan
Sound Board - Joey Frank

Advent Services Coming Soon!

St. Paul's is offering two unique ways to worship this Advent season.

The Wednesday morning Bible study will be a combination of an Advent chapel service and study of the Word. Attendees will then have the opportunity for fellowship with lunch afterwards (probably at a restaurant). The Advent Bible Study / Chapel Service will start at 10:00 a.m.

The traditional Advent Worship Service will be held in the evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Both Advent worship opportunities will start on Wednesday, December 3 and run through Wednesday, December 17.

Reminder!

No Early Services until Easter.

Please do come to our 10 am Worship Services each Sunday after Bible Class and Sunday School.

Thank You to everybody who came out for the Trunk or Treat!

Children enjoyed a hay ride, trick or treating, and dancing and food with the Scouts. We had a great turnout of children - both Scouts and church family and friends.

Adults enjoyed a time of fellowship and fun handing out treats to the children. We had 15 cars participating in the Trunk or Treat.

FROM THE SECRETARY

September Attendance

| Date | 7:45 | 10:00 |
|-----------------|------|-------|
| 9/7 | 23 | 57 |
| 9/14 | 22 | 68 |
| 9/21 | 24 | 83 |
| 9/28 | 17 | 73 |
| Monthly Average | 22 | 70 |

Yearly Average for both services: 91

September Offerings

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| 9/7 | \$2518.00 |
| 9/14 | 1752.00 |
| 9/21 | 2944.00 |
| 9/28 | 3428.00 |
| Total | \$10,642.00 |

Budget Needs
11,422.76

Behind for September
-780.76

Behind for 2014
-11,922.67

Coming Up @ St. Paul's —

Sunday, November 2 @ 11:30 a.m.
Ladies Aid & Mens Club Meetings

Sunday, November 9 @ 10:00 a.m.
Non-Traditional Worship Service

Wednesday, November 26 @ 7:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, December 3
Advent Services start

Sunday, December 7
Ladies Aid Cookie Sale

Non-Traditional Worship Service Seeking Musicians

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be offering an alternate worship service in place of our standard service on the second Sunday of each month starting in November. With approval of the Board of Elders, the Worship Committee is developing the special service as *non-traditional* in order to provide optional service styles. This action is for our members requests, as well as new requirements for placing seminarians at local churches.

The liturgy is from Creative Worship, published by CPH, the LCMS publishing house. This has been used occasionally throughout the years at St. Paul's. Worship music will be expanded to include contemporary songs with modern instrument accompaniment for congregation singing. Ideally live music is desired, but until additional musicians are recruited, use of the piano, electric piano, as well as DVD music displayed via projector will be used. Eventually the use of guitars and drums, as well as other instruments will be used.

So, if you play any instrument suitable for worship, traditional or non-traditional, and willing to share your talents, please notify any of the Worship Committee. The committee members include Pastor Schultz, Sandy Overberg, Amy Held, Faith Nahlik, Melanie Weibrecht, Michele Benson, and Murel Warren. We are happy to receive your response of the new service and consider any improvements you suggest.

♪ Some Christmas SPICE ♪

The St. Paul's Instrumental Celebration Ensemble group, also known as the *SPICE Band*, will be forming again during our Christmas season. The open group is for all members and visitors of St. Paul's who play a musical instrument. This includes new and experienced musicians, plus our college students will be home. This is opportunity for sharing your musical talents with our congregation as we celebrate the joyous occasion!

On Sunday, December 28th, St. Paul's will have its annual Christmas music service during the 10 am worship service. While society dismisses the holiday by this time of year, the church is in the midst of the Christmas Season between Advent and Epiphany. So dust off that instrument and start practicing! Music will be handed out shortly and group rehearsal is planned Saturday, December 27. Please let Murel Warren know if you are willing to be a member of the SPICE Band.

Let us make a joyful noise! ♪

Chime Choir Practicing for Holidays

Join the Chime Choir on Sunday, November 2 as they prepare music for the holiday season. No prior musical experience is necessary.

See Michelle Benson for more information.

Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 21 @ 10:00 a.m.

The Sunday School will be practicing for the upcoming Sunday School Christmas program on Sunday, December 7 and Sunday, December 14 after church. Lunch will be provided. The dress rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 20 along with the Birthday Party for Jesus.

See Amy Held, Sandy Overberg, Sherri Schaub, or Mary Nahlik for information.

Are you interested in becoming more involved at St. Paul's Lutheran Church? We are currently asking for nominations and volunteers to run for elected positions for the various Boards, Committees, and Offices. See Kenton Ehlmann if you are interested in running for a position.



As part of our monthly newsletter, I would like to “Spotlight” a family or two each month. As our church grows, we may not know all of our members, and what a fun way to get to know them!

The Spotlight can be for your family, you as an individual, as a couple, or for our younger members, a Teen Spotlight. Being a Spotlight will help us become more Family Friendly! We will become more informed about our congregants and the Spotlights will help us get to know each other better.

Please use the questions below as a guideline. You are welcome to include any other pertinent information. Feel free to attach a photo or we can also use your photo from our most recent Church Directory.

Submissions can be either emailed to stpaulsoffice@att.net or handed in to the Secretary’s Office. They can also be placed into the offering plates. They can be typed or handprinted. Articles will be printed in the order that they are received.

1. MEMBER NAME(S):
2. WHERE WERE YOU RAISED?
3. WHERE DID YOU GO TO SCHOOL?
4. TELL US SOMETHING UNIQUE ABOUT YOU/YOUR FAMILY:
5. WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES/WHAT ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT/HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR FREE TIME?
6. IF YOU ARE A COUPLE SPOTLIGHT, HOW DID YOU MEET AND HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TOGETHER?
7. WHAT HAVE SOME OF YOUR GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS OR TRIUMPHS BEEN?
8. HAS THERE BEEN AN EXPERIENCE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THAT HAS CHANGED YOUR LIFE AND PROVIDED A POSITIVE OUTCOME?
9. TELL US ABOUT YOUR CAREER (WHERE YOU WORK, WHAT YOU DO, HOW LONG YOU HAVE BEEN THERE, ETC.):
10. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER AT ST. PAUL’S CHURCH?

Thank you!
Janet

Scrip Program

Time to start ordering your Christmastime gift cards. You can purchase gift cards to many of your favorite stores and restaurants right here at St. Paul’s.

The scrip company is currently offering special lower denomination cards for the Christmas season. These include \$10 cards for Amazon.com, AMC Theaters, CVS Pharmacy, Groupon, Meijer, Outback, Regal Entertainment Group, Target and Walmart.

The \$5 cards include Barnes & Noble, Panera Bread, Pizza Hut, and Starbucks.

If you have questions about the program or would like to place an order call Melanie at 636-578-6788.

The next order will be placed on November 23 and then the last order before Christmas will be placed on December 14.

Youth Group Notes

Thank you to everybody who has supported the Youth Group the past few months at our Culvers Nights. We have raised over \$800 since July. The next Culvers Nights will be Tuesdays, January 27 and February 24.

Check out the article in the Reporter, the LCMS newspaper about the Higher Things Conference attended by the St. Paul’s Youth Group this past July. We attended the Conference held at the University of Wisconsin. The article can be viewed online at <http://blogs.lcms.org/2014/2000-plus-gather>. (On a side note, the article was written by the daughter of former St. Paul’s fieldworker Gary Osburn.) Also check the photos of the Conferences on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/higherthings>. You can see several of our youth and leaders in the backgrounds of the photos.