

# 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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## Where Did My \$\$ Go? (Part 2)

In October I shared with you part one of this 2 part series titled "Where did my \$\$ Go?". That article mostly shared information about setting up a personal budget. This month I want to talk to about another budget, the church's. Now this is not a plea for increased giving or a plea for the approval of this year's church budget but rather my intention is to inform you where your church donations from last year were used for God's glory.

Some dollars went to support the work of the MO District and Synod. What a blessing that they provided for us leaders in the CARE Process. A large portion goes toward administration and staff. Most of those dollars goes toward my salary. In exchange for my salary you receive a leader of the Divine Service and one who preaches God's Word. Hospital visits are made as well as homebound and nursing home visits. Bible studies are led. Confirmation classes are taught. Weddings are celebrated in a way that glorifies God. Funerals services proclaim the sure hope of eternal life. Couples and individuals are counseled when problems arise.

Another large portion of your giving went towards property maintenance. Your dollars provided for a warm building in the winter and a cool building in the summer. Your dollars insured that our building was cleaned every week. Your dollars provided electrical service, trash pickup, telephone service, and clean water. Your dollars provided for the maintenance of this building and property.

A smaller portion of your giving went towards the work of our boards. Your dollars supported numerous blood drives this year. Your dollars provided for stewardship supplies such as envelopes and coin folders. Your dollars provided for education materials for confirmation classes and Bible study classes. Your dollars supported one student who attends a Lutheran high school. Your dollars supported pastoral growth through conferences, workshops and a mentor. Your dollars were used to purchase worship supplies such as wine and wafers and oil for our candles.

This by no means is an exhaustive list but it hopefully gives you some idea where your offerings went last year. As you can see, there is a lot of activity here at St. Paul's. Ministry is taking place! I look forward to new ministries taking place in 2015. God has richly blessed us in 2014 and I pray that the same will be said of 2015.

"Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart." (2 Corinthians 4:1, ESV)

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 (December 7)

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 (December 14)

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 (December 21)

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 (December 28)

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 Are Here!

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.

## Calling All Youth Group Members! Higher Things 2015

All Youth interested in attending the 2014 Higher Things conference need to speak to Nancy or Amy by December 14. Youth are being asked to contribute \$75 to pay for their registration fee. The Higher Things Conference has changed its age requirements so youth ages 12 years and older (with Pastor's approval) may attend this coming year.

## 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.

## From the Secretary

### October Attendance

| Date           | 7:45 | 10:00 |
|----------------|------|-------|
| 10-5           | 14   | 60    |
| 10-12          | 15   | 63    |
| 10-19          | 14   | 83    |
| 10-26          | 13   | 95    |
| Average        | 14   | 75    |
| Yearly Average | 91   |       |

### October Offerings

|       |                 |
|-------|-----------------|
| 10-5  | \$2,800.00      |
| 10-12 | 2,733.00        |
| 10-19 | 1,606.03        |
| 10-26 | <u>2,625.00</u> |
|       | \$9,764.03      |

### Budget Needs

11,422.76

### Behind for October

-1,658.73

### Year to Date

-13,351.40

## ♪ 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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! ♪

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### Non-Traditional Worship Service Seeking Musicians

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is offering an alternate worship service in place of our standard service on the second Sunday of each month. With approval of the Board of Elders, the Worship Committee is developing the service as *non-traditional* in order to provide optional service styles.

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.

## Scrip Program

Time to order your Christmastime gift cards. You can purchase gift cards to many of your favorite stores and restaurants right here at St. Paul's. If you have any questions about the program or would like to place an order call Melanie at 636-578-6788. The last order before Christmas will be placed on December 14.

Cards available for purchase today include —

### \$5 cards

Barnes & Noble, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Panera Bread, Pizza Hut and Starbucks

### \$10 cards

Applebee's, Arby's, Bath and Body Works, Bob Evans, Burger King, Dairy Queen, Jack in the Box, Outback Steakhouse, Panera Bread, Papa John's, Pizza Hut, Starbucks, Steak 'n Shake, Subway, Taco Bell, Target, Walmart and Wendy's

### \$15 cards

iTunes

### \$20

Maurices

### \$25 cards

Aeropostale, American Eagle, Applebee's, Bass Pro Shops, Bath and Body Works, Buckle, Buffalo Wild Wings, Cabela's, Cheesecake Factory, Cracker Barrel, Dick's Sporting Goods, Fazoli's, Hallmark, Home Depot, Home Goods, IHOP, Longhorn Steakhouse, Lowe's, Marshalls, O' Charley's, Old Country Buffet, Olive Garden, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster, Red Robin, Sally's Beauty Supply, Sports Authority, Target, Texas Roadhouse, TJ Maxx and Walmart

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Join us for a  
Christmas Lunch  
with Your Church Family  
Sunday, December 14  
during the  
Voters Meeting



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The new offering envelopes for 2015  
will be in the narthex starting December 31.

# ST. PAUL'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

## Advent Midweek Worship

December 3, 7:00 p.m. "Zechariah's Song: Amazing Gift"

December 10, 10:00 a.m. – Meditation & Bible Study

December 10, 7:00 p.m. "Mary's Song: Amazing Love"

December 17, 10:00 a.m. – Meditation & Bible Study

December 17, 7:00 p.m. "Simeon's Song: Amazing Peace"

## Children's Christmas Program

December 21, 10:00 a.m.

## Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 7:00 p.m. "The Angels' Song: Amazing Glory"

## Christmas Day Worship

December 25, 10:00 a.m. "The Banner of Christ is Lifted High"

With Holy Communion

## Christmas Music Festival

December 28, 10:00 a.m.

## New Year's Eve Worship

December 31, 7:00 p.m.



Join us for St. Paul's Ladies Aid annual Christmas Cookie Sale!

Cookies will be sold by the pound.

Proceeds will go to help the Ladies Aid sponsor a Seminary student and other mission projects.

Thank you for your support!



## Family Ministry Matters: Equipping You to Be a Faith Leader in Your Home Worshipful Waiting

Counting down to the celebration of Christ's birth is a wonderful way for families to focus on Jesus as the center of Christmas. This year, Advent begins on November 30 and the twelve days of Christmas begins on December 25. Here are just a few ways you can making counting down to Christmas a worshipful, Christ-centered time for your family.

**Count down the days with an [Advent calendar](#).** Some families use an Advent calendar with a devotional book, while others use Advent calendars that include daily Bible verses for families to read, discuss, and pray about together.

**Make setting up your [Nativity set](#) a family "event."** Take turns setting the figures in place as you talk about the role each person had in the events surrounding Jesus' birth. Some families set Mary and Joseph in Nazareth and the Wise Men and camels in the East. Then, they have Mary and Joseph "make the trek" to Bethlehem during Advent. Another idea is to wrap the baby Jesus figure up with a "Do not open until Christmas" label.

**Celebrate Advent with books.** You'll need [24 books](#). Wrap up one for each day of Advent, and place under the tree. As each day passes, unwrap a book and read it together as a family. Don't forget to select a book especially for Christmas day. [The Christmas Story: Drawn directly from the Bible](#) is a wonderful choice!

**Read God's Word.** In addition to having favorite traditions around Christmas worship, many families have the tradition of reading Luke 2:1-20 as part of their family Christmas gathering. Have everyone take turns reading. Verse 11 is a great one for new readers!