



Winter Worship Schedule

8:00AM Sunday Forum

9:00AM Worship Service
with Holy Communion

10:15AM Sunday School

Holy Communion is celebrated every week.

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www.sharingchristслоve.org



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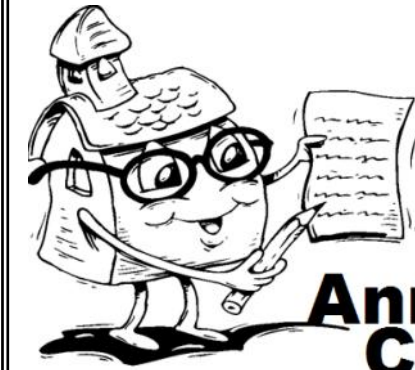
January 2012

Sunday, January 29, 2012

**Immediately following service
(No Sunday School this day)**

Potluck meal following meeting!

**Come to do the business of the church
then we will get down to the business of
eating!!**



**Annual
Church
Meeting**



St. Paul Lutheran is embracing it's vision:

- ❖ Our midweek Advent Service offerings purchased 5,102 meals for hungry Minnesotans through our donation to the Second Harvest Food Shelf
- ❖ Our Confirmation Students volunteered 42 hours on December for Santa Anonymous to help struggling families
- ❖ We made and delivered 15 Care Packages to homebound brothers & sisters in Christ this Christmas season
- ❖ We've donated 84 lbs of coats to the Union Gospel Mission
- ❖ We received more items than ever before for Christmas boxes for the homeless
- ❖ We delivered 265 pounds of food to Family Pathways to help those in need in the Forest Lake area

Part of our vision statement reads: "Our desire is to be known in our growing community for local, national and global outreach... Way to walk the talk!"

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Church Staff

Rev. Renee Patterson, Pastor
Allyson Thiele, Office Administrator
Janet Nutter, Director of Children's Ministry
Carissa McGlade, Youth Coordinator
Patti Lichtscheidl, Preschool Director

Parish Nurse: Karen Carlson,
Custodians: Cindy Gruett,
Bill Oswald, Jerry Nelson
Music: Jeanne Richards,

Upcoming Worship



8:00am

Sunday *noun*: the first day of the week
 Forum *noun*: a public meeting or lecture involving audience discussion

Youth and Adults of all ages are welcome!

Relax, bring your coffee cup, and join us for informal discussion and learning in the Library at 8:00 am.

January 1 **Happy New Year!**

No Sunday Forum session.

January 8 **Too Busy Not to Pray**

Have you taken time to talk with God today? Are our schedules ever "too busy" to do this? Join us in the discussion based on the book of the same name.

January 15 **Too Busy Not to Pray**

Our discussion continues.

January 22 **Macedonia Project Update**

We will hear an update on the latest developments surrounding our participation in the Macedonia Project, a 17-month journey that includes 18 churches in the St. Paul and Minneapolis Synods. Are we "looking for joy"?

January 29 **Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back**

This thought-provoking book, written by Todd Burpo and Lynn Vincent, will be the topic of our "book club" discussion. "It will forever change the way you think of eternity..."

February 5 **Meet Your Church Council**

The newly elected Church Council will be available to meet and receive your input.

January 1 — First Sunday After Christmas
 9:00am ELW Service

January 8 — The Baptism of our Lord
 8:00am Sunday Forum
 9:00am Celebration Communion Service
 10:30am Sunday School
 Handbells to play during service

January 15 — Second Sunday After Epiphany
 8:00am Sunday Forum
 9:00am ELW Communion Service
 10:15am Sunday School Program

January 22 — Third Sunday After Epiphany
 8:00am Sunday Forum
 9:00am Celebration Communion Service
 10:30am Sunday School

January 29 — Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
 8:00am Sunday Forum
 9:00am ELW Communion Service
 Annual Meeting to follow service

February 5 — Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
 8:00am Sunday Forum
 9:00am ELW Communion Service
 10:15am Sunday School Program



PARTICIPANTS FOR JANUARY — 9:00AM SERVICES

Date	Assistants	Readers	Acolytes	Ushers	Greeters
Jan. 8	Carissa M	Andy S	Jerrod L, Brandon R, Lydia B	Dave Haselbauer Dale Brainard	Josephine Peterson Janet Reiter
Jan. 15	Claudia, Arlie, Arne R	Linda A	Lydia B, Lucas B, Ron R	Andy Norwig Jon Quale	Deborah Rudquist Lois Rustad
Jan. 22	Jan T	Lucy S	Shelby M, Kaylee D	Edwards Family	Dave & Kelly Schuder
Jan. 29	Shirley Z, Dale & Janet B	Karen C	Katie B, Sammy P, Sam L	Johnson Family	Mike & Sue Temte
Feb. 5	Shelia B, Neil G, Rod J	Katie E		Confirmation students	Chris & Brandy Timmons

For Community Information
 Please call the office, 651.462.5212
 Or check the Kiosk for Information



Need help with groceries?

The next "FARE FOR ALL" food distribution is
 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 4-6PM
 At Forest Lake VFW (near Target)
www.fareforall.org
 Or

RUBY'S PANTRY,
 North Branch: 2nd Sat. of the month (Jan. 14) 10-11:30am
 39404 Grand Ave.
 Forest Hills UMC: 3rd Sat of month, (Jan. 21) 8-11:00am
 Forest Lake
 Cost per family \$15.00



Have you been unable to make it to church and communion? Would you simply like a personal visit from someone in the St. Paul Lutheran family? A member of the SPL Visitation Team would be happy to visit you and give you communion, if you desire. We use elements that have been consecrated at the previous Sunday service and a short liturgy. We will also pray with you. Please call the church office, 651.462.5212, if you would like a visit.

Monday, January 30, 2012
 at Wyoming United Methodist Church.

Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today?
 Life Line Screening will be at on offering five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical.

To be more proactive about your health and live longer for yourself, your family, and your community, call to register at 1-800-690-0323 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners. You can learn your risk of having stroke or vascular disease, prices range from \$129 to \$159. There is no time like the present to take action!

Identifying Your Risk = Disease Prevention will host a preventive health screening event on for residents in and around your community.

Life Line Screening will perform screenings for:

- 1) carotid artery blockage (stroke)
- 2) arterial fibrillation
- 3) abdominal aortic aneurysm
- 4) peripheral arterial disease
- 5) osteoporosis (bone loss)

**Life Line Screening has given the members of St. Paul Lutheran an opportunity for a \$10 discount on screening packages. Sign up on the sheet in the welcome area. Your information will be faxed to Life Line and they will contact you for priority scheduling and discounted payment.

Sign up by Sunday, January 22. Thank you.

2012 FLOWER CHART

It's up on the wall by the Library

Members may sign-up to purchase altar flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one, living or deceased... or to celebrate a special date or significant event in your life.

The flowers are delivered from Forest Lake Floral, and you may take them home following the service on Sunday morning. The cost is \$12.50, which you may put in the special flower envelope located with the chart or in the pews.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Thank you to all who have been taken time to create prayer shawls. They have been given out to people with special needs and we try to give them at baptisms.

At this time we have a need for shawls, so if you are interested, please contact Karen Carlson, 651.462.5310 for further information.

We remember in our prayers.....



Giving Thanks

Joanne Brant: friend of Pat Miska; doing o.k. in cancer journey

Julie Lundgren: father home and doing well

Those dealing with parents with health issues

Donna Mayville: parents Gilbert and Marian

Kathie Marabella and sister Lori: parents Keith and Lucy Messer

Janelle Albee

Those in need of Healing

Pat Crawford: body pain due to multiple issues

Arnie Rudenick

Arnie Zoeller

Kim: niece of Zella Oswald; in hospital, complications, needs healing and cleansing

Colette: Parris Oswald's grandmother; encouragement after strokes

Steven McGlade: finger painful but continues to heal

Jill: Arnie Zoeller's daughter; injuries due to fall

Carol: Julie's mom – angiogram

Pastor Mona:

Jim Amundson: Elodee Hudon's father, successful surgery to remove kidney

Shelly: Lois Rustad's daughter, surgery for herniated disc

Those on a Cancer journey

Mike Rozeske: Ron Rozeske's brother; multiple issues

Heather Temte: daughter-in-law of Mike and Sue Temte; young mother with cancer

Karen Johnson: Leann McGowan's sister; found another tumor

Cheryl Bartz: Eileen Ramse's niece; stable but continued strength

David and Brenda Rehnke: relatives of Julie Ohmanns

Larry Petrey: melanoma

Karen: Julie Cozennoy's friend

Roxanne: Jean Enrooth's sister

Chrystal: Aimee Hudson's sister-in-law- uterine cancer

Tim Hall: just been diagnosed, will be undergoing treatment

Annette Thorson- sister of Rosie Quale-melanoma-awaiting complete diagnosis

Those serving overseas

Andy Brant: nephew of Jerry and Claudia Nelson

⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. *Philippians 4:6 (NLT)*



Please call Janelle Albee at 651.462.8084 or email her at njalbee@aol.com to place requests on the prayer chain. Requests are kept confidential unless otherwise stated by the person requesting the prayer. You may also call the church office, 651.462.5212.

NEW OUTREACH MISSION FOR BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN IN ST. PAUL

"Bibles for the Street"



Do you have any Bibles lying around the house, not being used? We have found a ministry with a need for Bibles, ranging from new to "well read".

Pastor Joy Johnson of Bethlehem Lutheran in St. Paul has started a new outreach ministry called "Bibles for the Streets". This ministry physically places the word of God in the hands of the inner city homeless by giving them their own copy of the Bible.

+ PASTORAL ACTS +



The Baptism of
Rayna Elizabeth Ohr, daughter of John and Heidi Ohr
December 18, 2011

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

- ❖ **Mike and Jodie Beaudette
Katie, Jack and Carlie**
- ❖ **Kerry and Dawn Dwyer
Kaylee and Travis**
- ❖ **Conrad and Stella Seim**
- ❖ **Thomas and Tricia Zak
Maddie, Katie and Joseph**
- ❖ **Gary and Barb Hovland**
- ❖ **Steve and Deb Matson**
- ❖ **Waldo and Judy Johnson**
- ❖ **Brian and Renee Patterson
Jesse**



January 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Paul Lutheran,

2011 has been a year of whirlwind changes for us both. This makes me ask the question "what could *this* new year bring to our front door?" What joys and challenges await us in 2012? Will this be a pivotal year with exciting new adventures? What in the world does God have in store for us in 2012? And how about for you personally? Will you meet a new lifelong friend or lose one? Will you discover a hidden strength that propels you into a new direction, or will you see a challenge that seems impossible to face?

The answers to these and many more questions remain a mystery still to be unraveled in the scroll of God's plan for us all. Jesus had some great advice for people like us who tend to worry about the future:

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

Matthew 6:25-27

The worry-free life Jesus spoke of doesn't remove our responsibility to work hard, be diligent, value ingenuity and remain patient. Neither does Jesus' promise have any small print that says, "Void during a crisis." What Jesus told us is that we are "more important" – "more important" - and "more valuable" to God than anything that could possibly worry us. Now **that** should bring peace to your heart as you think about your life in God's future tense!

Don't let the silent thief of worry claim 2012! Live into this New Year with the assurance that your God loves you! Take back your future by placing your faith in God who considers you more valuable and more important than anything you could ever imagine or worry about! And praise be to God for that!

In His peace,

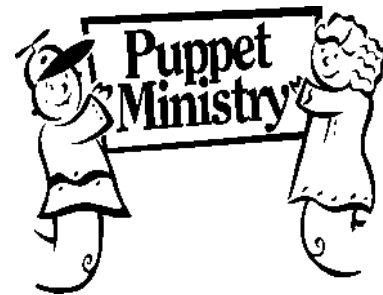
Pastor Renee

PASTORAL CONCERNS: Since the inception of the Privacy Act, hospitals no longer call us to let us know when a member is admitted, so we are asking you to **CALL AND LET US KNOW!!!** Also, if you have concerns or wish to talk to Pastor Renee please call the church office, 651.462.5212.

From the Global Missions Team...

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Mission of the Month ELCA World Hunger Campaign! A total of \$533.00 was contributed and through a matching grant this will become 1066.00!

ELCA World Hunger responds to hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world by addressing the root causes. Through a comprehensive program of relief, development, education and advocacy, people are connected to the resources they need to lift themselves out of poverty. Between 70-75 percent of ELCA World Hunger funds are spent internationally and 20-25 percent are spent domestically. Together, in Christ's name, we experience the transforming power of connection. As individuals, congregations and synods, our humble offerings and actions are gathered, blessed and multiplied. Together, we are ELCA World Hunger!



CPR Puppets

CPR Puppets is starting a new session on **January 8**, and we're looking for puppeteers! If you've considered giving puppets a try, this is your perfect opportunity! No long term commitments, just a few months to see how you like it! We'll be practicing and performing "Choices" a program we did several years ago that received rave reviews.

In general, we welcome anyone in 4th grade and up, however exceptions are made, so if you are not quite in 4th grade but want to join let us know! And if you are well beyond 4th grade that's okay too! Our members range in age from 2nd grade to retirement and beyond! ALL are welcome.

Junior High & Senior High youth – this is a great way to get service hours, make new friends and share God's message with others.

Retired or Empty-nesters – are you looking for something fun, meaningful and rewarding? This might be for you! Children are not required!

Families, this is one activity that you can ALL be involved in, spend some quality time together, and get to know other church families.

What you can expect: Fun, camaraderie, creative outlet, quality time with your family and church friends, sharing God's message in a fun and unique way.

Warm Fuzzies Guaranteed!

If you have questions contact us at cprpuppets@yahoo.com
Or talk to Frank Edwards, Neal Albee or Carrie Reed.

Otherwise just join us on Sunday **January 8 at 3:00 p.m.**

St. Paul Lutheran Council Meeting Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Review of Minutes

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the amended changes to the minutes of last meeting.

Review of Reports:

Pastor's Report

Pastor Renee reported the weekly staff meetings are going well.

She also mentioned worship attendance is up 20% over this same time last year.

25 new members were welcomed on Dec 4th.

Thank you pledge letters have been drafted and will be sent out after Jan 1.

Pastor also mentioned the advent donations totaled \$1,379.00 and will be sent to Second Harvest and will purchase 5102 meals.

Finance Report

Judy Gatzow reported the bills are paid, everything is current and they are getting ready to close out the year.

Children, Youth & Family Faith Development Ministry Team

Pre-School – Patti Lichtscheidl reported that December is a short and very busy month. After thanksgiving they started practicing for their Christmas Program on December 15th. They had great turn out.

Patti commented that the Chapel time has become one of their favorite days. She has never seen the children as attentive during the last 11 years as they are now with Pastor Renee. She has a way of telling the stories that keep the kids very interested.

Youth Report – Pastor Renee mentioned the large group service event went well. 35 volunteers helped save Santa Anonymous.

They did over 42 hours of work. She also mentioned that the Confirmation students ushered for the Advent services.

Children's Ministry – Janet Nutter mentioned the main focus of Sunday School has been the preparing for the annual Christmas Program, which was on December 18th. They had 55 children participating and it was a great success. They had two recently baptized babies ready for the role of Baby Jesus. After the program they decorated cookies and made ornaments. She commented they had so many families helping in different ways. She is very grateful that we have families with such high level of participation.

SPLASH – She mentioned that had their 1st Grade "Prayer" Class in November. They talked about when and where we pray, and learned a whole lot of different prayers. Lots of fun.

Sunday Forum – Kathie Marabella mentioned the **Book of Faith** study in advent has been very interesting and well-received. She also mentioned there will be no Sunday Forum Christmas or New Year's Day weekends. Kathie discussed they will do a "book club" the end of January – *Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back* by Todd Burpo and Lynn Vincent. They are planning to have the "new" Congregational Council attend the February 5th Sunday Forum for informal Question and Answers.

Global Missions Report

Kathie Marabella discussed the Tanzanian scholarship account.

Fran wrote a letter to Pr. Lufyagila telling him about our TZ Sunday service. It was included in a Christmas card.

World Hunger is the Mission of the Month for December. An article was provided for the December newsletter. An ELCA World Hunger overview video was shared with the congregation on Dec 4.

Kathie mentioned the student photos have been published on the ELCA Global Links site. She is checking into how to get copies of

Allison Beebe's winning photographs to Mtera. Allison has agreed to write a letter in Swahili to be included with the photos.

They learned that St. Mark's in North St. Paul is planning a trip to TZ in July 2012 with possible openings for additional travelers.

Congregational Life/Missions

Zella Oswald reported that the new date for Hope Lodge Jan 3rd and will be looking for volunteers to participate and donate to make this a successful outreach ministry. The team also put together Christmas bags to be distributed to different individuals.

Property, Building and Grounds Report:

Jerry Nelson mentioned there was no report at this time

SPPRT

Cheryl Glassel reported SPPRT is continuing work on revising and updating the Children's Safety Policy.

Worship, Art and Music Ministry Report

Pastor Renee reported they will be meeting with someone interested in partnering with us in crafting our second and fourth services to be more intentionally "Praise and Celebration" on Dec. 28th.

Old Business

Pastor Renee mentioned the Macedonia Project and the launching of "looking for Joy" with weaving joy in everything we do. She also mentioned Chick Lane (seminary stewardship director) is booked to preach on Mar 18th.

The status on the Bylaws and Constitution was discussed.

The volunteer Appreciation for January was discussed.

Mission of the Month:

Jan – Good Neighbor Fund Feb – Something for the Heart (Parish Nurse) Mar - Food Shelf

New Business

Zella Oswald volunteered to do the Nomination Committee for 2012. The following individuals are running for another term.

Shirley Zierke – President

Kathie Marabella – Vice-Chair

Jerry Nelson – Member at Large

There was discussion on the IRS payments and that they are applied correctly.

Respectfully submitted by Zella Oswald

Asante sana!

Thanks to everyone who helped make October 23, Tanzanian Sunday, a special day at St. Paul Lutheran and a great success. The special treats - chai tea, bananas and mandazi – and the African music helped the morning feel a little less like Minnesota. Pastor Tom Nielson shared an amazing and inspiring message. And we all found out that Pastor Renee is a great auctioneer! The offerings and auction totaled \$2,678 which, together with the balance in our account, will support ten students in the 2012 school year. Thanks to you for making a huge difference in their lives.

** This article was inadvertently left out of the December newsletter. Sorry*



Outreach of St Paul Lutheran,
Thank you so much for the meals you supplied while Steve was re-cooperating from his surgery. The food was much appreciated and especially having all the leftovers for extended days. St Paul Lutheran is surely a family of thoughtfulness and caring. We thank you so much for not only the food but making us again feel a part of this church family.
Thank you so much,
Steve and Carole England

Thanks to all at St. Paul Lutheran for your prayers, thoughtfulness, beautiful poinsettia plant and special visit from Jan and Arne Ranta. Thanks again. God Bless everyone.
Larry and Darlene Petrey

CPR Puppets would like to express our sincere gratitude to our family at St. Paul Lutheran. We were overwhelmed with your kindness and generosity at our presentation of "To Believe" on December 10. Your gifts will go a long way in helping us continue to grow our ministry, and your kind words & praise mean the world to us. We are so proud to claim St. Paul Lutheran as our home when we travel. Thank you all, we are truly blessed to have your love & support!
Sincerely,
The CPR Puppet Team

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF FAIR
TRADE PRODUCTS AVAILABLE**

Need Coffee? Need Chocolate?



Buy these products in the narthex each Sunday and know you'll be helping poor farmers around the world at the same time.

In addition, 5% of all sales goes back to Lutheran World Relief for their development products.

**Coffee is \$5.25/\$6
Chocolate bars \$1.75**

Hot Cocoa Mix and Baking Cocoa may be ordered, contact Mary Haselbauer, 433.3413.

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ReAch FoR the StArS!

55+
Classes are on
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
10:30-11:30am
Cost: \$1.00

**JANUARY
MISSION OF THE MONTH:
Heat Share**

January is a hard month for many families financially. The cold weather causes heating bills to rise to the point where some people cannot afford to heat their house. By collecting money for the “Heat Share” campaign we will be able to help families in our community who are struggling with this.

Thank you for contributing. St. Paul Lutheran will continue to reach out locally and live out it’s vision.



Dates to Remember:

- January 4—6:30pm Workshop #9
- January 11—6:30pm Small Group
- January 18—6:30pm Workshop #10
- January 25— No Class—Guide Huddle
- February 1—6:30pm Workshop 11

Check the website www.sharingchristlove.org for registrations and more information!

Pastor Renee Patterson:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Allyson Thiele:
Tuesday-Thursday 9am-4pm
Friday 9am - 12:00 noon



In case of an emergency and you need to reach someone immediately, you may call Pastor Renee, cell, 651.271.6882. You may also leave a message at the church, 462.5212 and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

KEENAGERS

Our group of retired members, called the KeenAgers, usually meet the first Monday of each month! There are no dues, no officers, but a great time of fellowship and fun.

(If you choose, you may give \$1 each month for the Christmas party, flowers/gifts for hospitalized KeenAgers, etc.). We may have entertainment or a speaker, or just get together for a potluck lunch.

**Next gathering: Monday, February 6
12:30 at the church.**

All Retired and Seniors Citizens Welcome!

Did You Leave a Cake Pan?
Just outside the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall area there is a pile of cake pans, Tupperware, and various dishes that have been left at the church. Please take a moment to see if one of those might be yours. Thank you!

Offering Envelopes
If you have not already done so please pick up your box on the table in the narthex just outside the sanctuary.
Thank you

**DEADLINE:
Newsletter Articles**

NOON,
Wednesday,
January 18

Newsletter Mailed Wednesday,
January 25th at 10am

