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50 YEARS OF SERVICE
1956 - 2006

December 2006



St. Paul's Lutheran

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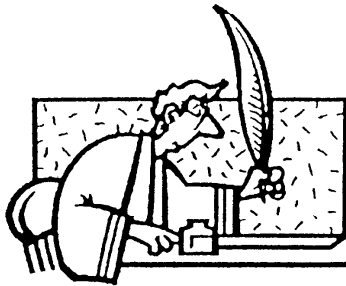


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FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

from Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our time together in ministry at St. Paul's will soon be coming to a close. I am thankful to God for the opportunity to have served with you over the past seven years. My last Sunday will be December 31 and my final day in the office will be Tuesday, January 2. After that day, I will no longer be your pastor; and I can no longer be involved in any pastoral act or aspect of congregation life. Hopefully, you will understand that this is necessary to give a new pastoral leader full support.

Over the years, I have mentioned to you that I find encouragement in The Psalms and hymns. One such hymn is *"If You But Trust in God to Guide You."* Hopefully the following stanzas of that hymn will bring encouragement to you as well.

If you but trust in God to guide you with gentle hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there beside you when crosses come, in trying days. Trust then in God's unchanging love; build on the rock that will not move.

Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully. Trust heaven's word; though undeserving, you'll find God's promise true to be. This is our confidence indeed: God never fails in time of need.

In the days ahead, I invite you to be faithful in worship, learning, service and support. Offer to help and say "yes" when asked to serve. Keep the people and ministry of St. Paul's in prayer. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you seek to discern God's calling.

"The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. Amen."

Farewell and Godspeed,

Pastor B

The Congregation Council of St. Paul's
invites the congregation to a farewell for
Pastor Bjornlund
Sunday, December 31
10:30 am during refreshment time



**Blessings to all
during the seasons
of
Advent Preparation
and Christmas
Celebration**

from St. Paul's Council & Staff

Phil Eckhart	Jennie MacNaughton
Jan Guetschow	Eric Campbell
Marilyn Woods	Ryan Foss
Katie Campbell	Carl Peaslee
Bernie Johnson	Linda McGee
Pastor Bjornlund	Cindi Paulsen
Linda Dundas	

Council News

- November's Council meeting was postponed until all cottage meetings were completed and the results analyzed. The combined November – December Council meeting is Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 pm.
- St. Paul's Winter Congregation meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 21. All organizations, ministry teams, officer and staff reports are requested to be in the church office by **Sunday, January 7**. Please honor the due date so there is time to process, copy, and assemble the report. Email reports as copy ready WORD attachments to secretary@saintpaulslutheran.org. If you have questions, please contact Linda Dundas at 952-938-4683.

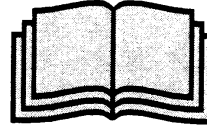
Directory Update

Farewell and Godspeed ~

LaMoynes and Betty Mattick have transferred their membership to St. John Lutheran Church of Belle Plaine, MN. Thanks LaMoynes and Betty for your faithful participation at St. Paul's!

New ELW Book Order Update

Response has been terrific! A BIG thanks to all who purchased books and to a recent donor who covered the cost of Leader books.



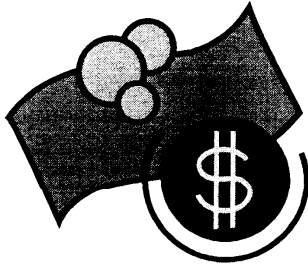
**Evangelical
Lutheran Worship
Training**

Saturday, October 28, the ELCA hosted a conference at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis to help congregations get to know the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship book. Pastor Bjornlund, Cindi Paulsen, Jenni MacNaughton, Connie Hessevick, Laura Eggert, Ray Olson and Jean Olson all attended the conference. We started the morning by looking at the new book and singing a few of the new hymns. There are approximately 700 hymns included in the new worship book. About half of the hymns are from the green LBW and 20% are from the blue With One Voice book. The other 30% are hymns new to our congregation.

Throughout the rest of the day, we looked in-depth at the 10 liturgy settings offered in the new book. The green LBW we currently use only has three settings. This new book will give us a lot more choices to vary our worship service. The new ELW book contains two liturgy settings from the LBW book, which will be very familiar. The other eight are new to our congregation, pulled from various sources. The conference was a great way to take a look at the new worship book and start planning how we are going to introduce it into our services. The new worship books are on order and should arrive sometime in February. Again, thanks to all of you who contributed to the cost of purchasing the new ELW books.

St. Paul's congregation is please to send you this newsletter. However, if you prefer not to receive it, please call the church office at 952-938-4683.

REMINDER: January newsletter items are due in the office Friday, December 15.



STEWARDSHIP

Treasurer's Report

After a slow September, we bounced back in October and our receipts were about even with expenses for the month. Year to date, expenses are \$743 under budget and receipts are \$5,995 less than what was budgeted.

	Year to Date Actual	Budgeted	Over (Under)	05 Year to Date
Total Expenses	\$135,340	\$136,084	\$ (743)	\$142,962
Total Receipts	\$131,274	\$137,269	\$(5,995)	\$130,680
Receipts under Expenses	\$ (4,067)	\$ 1,185		\$(12,282)
Operating Fund Balance at start of the year			\$(3,447)	
Operating Fund Balance at end of November			\$(7,513)	
Balance of all funds at hand (Memorial, capital, operating, youth, misc.)				\$ 50,213

Highlights – receipts are slightly above our 2005 giving total, expenses are \$7,600 lower than in 2005. A year-end operating deficit of \$7-8,000 is projected.

If you have any questions on this report, please give me a call at 952 474-8372. If you have any questions on your current or capital giving, please contact our Financial Secretary, Ray Olson at 952 938-8612. Thanks.

Eric Campbell
Treasurer

Stewardship Campaign

Stewardship packets were distributed at cottage meetings and mailed to those not able to attend one of the November meetings. If you have not yet returned your pledge, please do so as soon as possible (mail or Sunday offering). If you need another pledge form, contact Eric Campbell at 952 474-8372. Thanks!

Humor in Church Bulletins

submitted by Kris Jacobson

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services somewhere.

- "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- "Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help."
- "Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones."
- "Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered,"
- "The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours !'"

Energizing for Evangelizing – Turning the Corner 101

Saturday, October 28th, Ruth and Bernie Johnson, Phil Eckhart, Marilyn Woods, and Jan Guetschow attended a day long seminar entitled "Energizing for Evangelizing – Turning the Corner 101". It was held at Calvary Lutheran Church in Golden Valley, sponsored by Agora Ministry with the Minneapolis Area Synod Mission Table.

Dr. Richard Bliese, President of Luther Seminary and featured speaker, challenged the audience to remember the "E" of the E. L. C. A.-EVANGELISM. What is evangelism and how should the Lutheran perspective of evangelism be developed? This is for individuals and congregations to identify, to use and to be able to grow. Discussions were held about the different streams of mission and where people fit. He had people identify how they could develop their personal witnessing for Christ. These actions then can be used to equip congregations to build testimonies in their faith and act in their communities.

The afternoon was devoted to testimonials from the active Agora ministries. Very realistic examples of how we can be open to people of different backgrounds. St. Paul's has recognized the Agora ministries and we are sharing our church with the Russian Baptist Church. Once again the challenge is what more can be done to integrate new populations.

The goal is to grow the ELCA churches within the many changes in our populations. The word "transforming" was used often... "Today's mission is not converting people but transformed people transforming others."

Giving – A Way of Life

For your convenience, many giving opportunities are provided each month in the newsletter and Sunday bulletins for you to choose from. They make us aware of community and worldwide needs that stretch beyond support of just our local church. Thank you members of St. Paul's who participated in many of these opportunities.



"Let's Fight Homelessness" Update

*Sixth Annual Fundraiser for
Housing Crisis Prevention
Funding Program – ICA*

MINNETONKA, MN - Intercongregation Communities Association (ICA), the local food shelf and emergency financial assistance agency in the west metro communities of Minnetonka, Hopkins, Deephaven, Excelsior, Greenwood, Shorewood and Woodland, needs your help to raise \$193,000 to fight homelessness. John Kokesh, ICA's tent man, spent his first week in the tent, and the total monies raised equals \$56,000, leaving \$137,000 remaining to reach our goal. This money is used to assist our neighbors who are unable to make their rent or mortgage payments due to loss of job, cut in hours of work, medical problems, unexpected expenses like a car repair, etc. In the five years of the HCPFP-ICA program, ICA, along with collaborating agencies, has assisted 466 households, keeping 524 children in their current home and school environments. To donate, call ICA at 952-938-0729, mail your check to ICA, 3909 Williston Road, Minnetonka, MN 55345, or donate online on our website – www.icafoodshelf.org.

Thank you for your generous support.

Annette M. Poeschel
Executive Director



THANK YOUs Received by St. Paul's

- From ICA for the 25 pounds of food donated in October.
- From ICA for the 51 pounds of food donated in November and \$25 check to fight homelessness.



Children's Ministry Update

The Sunday school and youth have been busy practicing to lead the worship service on **December 17th at 9:30 AM**. Please join us and

invite family and friends for this special service that will be followed by some extra special holiday treats!

Sunday school resumes on January 7th, 2007 when we will delve into an engaging study of "The Lord's Prayer." Each week we will be exploring various aspects of this prayer as we learn what prayer is, how we should pray, and discuss whether God hears our prayers. Since each weekly theme is a new topic, we are looking for teachers willing to help teach for single Sundays beginning in January and ending in April. Sign up for one Sunday or sign up for many! The teaching material is easy and excellent. See Lisa Foss or Darcie Rodman to sign-up to help.

Remember to mark your calendars for **February 25th** when Sunday school **kids will sing** during the worship service that will be followed by our **Lenten intergenerational**.

Finally, as you enter the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, remember that the most important gift you can give your child is the gift of **YOU!** Children thrive on one-on-one time with a parent or grandparent. Try these fun suggestions for all ages:



❖ make homemade wrapping paper with butcher paper or a paper bag turned inside out and a stamp cut out of a sponge

❖ bake a batch of cookies – then bring some to a friend who needs some holiday cheer

❖ volunteer at a soup kitchen together

❖ help your child pick out some of their gently used toys they don't play with any more and bring them to a local charity

❖ make the birds a treat by covering a large pinecone with a blend of lard, cornmeal and peanut butter, rolling in birdseed and hanging from a tree where you can observe the birds together (pure peanut butter can strangle young/small birds)

Youth share confirmation experience with Oak Knoll



Ten youth from St. Paul's Lutheran are joining in the confirmation program at Oak Knoll Lutheran Church (600 Hopkins Crossroads, Minnetonka). They gather for a meal at 5:30 p.m. most Wednesday evenings, and then a large group presentation (often with drama). The youth then break into small groups of 4 to 7, based on gender and grade, to hear a story and participate in spiritual rituals. Confirmation is part of a larger all-age Christian education gathering at Oak Knoll called Ephphatha. The word Ephphatha means "be opened."

In November, the confirmation youth attended the Celebration of Confirmation at Roy Wilkins' Auditorium in St. Paul. This annual ELCA youth event included Daniel's Window, a Christian rock band; skits by local youth; a message from a NY minister; and attendance by more than 4,000 confirmation youth and leaders. The sight of so many young people who all share a common faith is pretty awesome.

Also, in October four students participated in a confirmation retreat at Camp Friendship in Annandale. Nora Bonner, Sarah Eckhert, Michael Smith and Dylan Streater all made the trip.

During the coming year, the young people will assist with Our Saviors meal serving as part of service with Oak Knoll youth, and they will continue to take worship notes and acolyte at St. Paul's.

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December Acolytes

12/3 Sara Eckhert
12/10 Maggie Schmitz
12/17 Michael Smith
12/24 Laura Crossley
12/31 Emma Peaslee

December Greeters

12/3 Marilyn Woods
12/10 Jan Guetschow
12/17 Carol Hoyhtya
12/24
12/31 Maxine Riemann

December Nursery

12/3 Maggie Smith
12/10
11/19
11/26

December Money Counter – Mary Hromatka

December Announcements & Lock-up –Eric Campbell

December Service Team

Bjornlund – Bob, Nancy
Campbell – Eric, Deb, Katie & Kristen
Carpenter – Marshall, Carolyn
Dahl – Floyd
Falk – John, Grace
Foster – Howard
Helmer – Julius, Marion
MacNaughton – Nancy
McGee – Linda, Mary, Tom
Mikulay – Mike, Beth, Rebecca, Kate & Laura
Nelson – Steve, Wanda & Alex
Peterson – Mary Kay
Powers – Tom, Kathy, Dustin, Lindsey, Nicholas & Jack
Ramsden – Roger
Rudolph/Rodman – Chuck, Darcie, Peter
Rustad – Virginia
Saal – Greg, Lisa, Nicolas, Alexander & Marissa
Schmitz – Matt, Shari, Maggie, Heidi, Kelsey & Riley
Skrogstad – Will, Dawn, Joshua
Smith – Craig, Vicki
Tarr – Koko, Sam,

January Service Team

Bonner/Hromatka – Dean, Mary, Alyssa, Maria, Nora
Eckhert/Brenden – Phil, Sheri, Carl & Emma Peaslee, Sarah Eckhert
Foss – Ryan, Lisa, Kristian, Sawyer
Gilbertson – Roger, Darla
Guetschow – Bob, Jan
Johnson – Bernie, Ruth
Larson – Tom, Rachel, Ben, Jana
Lubarski – Bob, Sandy, Bode & Wyatt
Moe – Rick, Jeanne, Erik, Kris, & Britta
Rieman – Maxine
Riggle – John, Shirley
Rutzen – Doris
Schaller – Shirley
Smith – Lorraine
Schmitz – Joshua, Dawn
Tollefson – Paul, Pat, Peter, Jon & Becca
Waltz – Dick, Shirlee
Winsor – Gary

Saymanii & Laykpeawon,
Florkime & Woanda Paye
Tuttle – John, Marcia
Werner – Dick, Cindy, Bryce & Bradley
Wiide – Irma

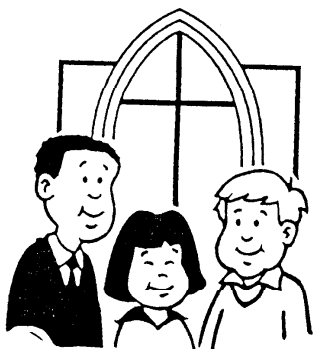


The monthly "Service Team Sign-up" calendar is posted on the office door for your convenience.
Please check it weekly for remaining opportunities.

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While many of our young people feel at home or have quickly become acquainted with new friends at Oak Knoll, participating in a new program is challenging. Keep them in your prayers:

Nora Bonner (7)	Sarah Eckhert (7)
Maggie Schmitz (7)	Michael Smith (7)
Sammi Anderson (8)	Jack Powers (8)
Laura Crossley (9)	Woanda Paye (9)
Emma Peaslee (9)	Dylan Streater (9)



St. Paul's High School Reunion Tues., Dec. 26 at 2 p.m.

Let's get together during the holiday break. Find out what's happened to your St. Paul's pals who headed off to college or stayed home during the last few years. Be a part of the first ever St. Paul's High School Reunion aimed at 10-12th graders and their former confirmation classmates ages 18-25. Bring your friends. Come to St. Paul's for beverages and cookies. The afternoon event will include a panel discussion about the college experience and a short update about what's happening at St. Paul's. Questions or suggestions, please call Sheri Brenden at 952-593-5956



**ST. PAUL'S 50TH
ANNIVERSARY
GRAND FINALE'
IS COMING
SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 9**

Sign-up deadline is Sunday, Dec 3.

For several years, St. Paul's has had a very well attended social event –

"The Progressive Dinner".

This event is for all adults – couples and singles alike. All contribute to the dinner as a host or a "host helper" so the work involved is minimal. Hosts are always needed, particularly for the main course. Host houses have 5-6 people, up to as many as will fit around your table. Rides can be arranged for people who don't wish to drive. Plan to bring along visiting relatives and friends or neighbors that may become potential members of St. Paul's.

Everyone, mark your calendar and plan to attend. Come to help celebrate the wonderful and joyful 50 years of life at St. Paul's!

LOOKING AHEAD

- ◆ January 6, 2007 – 12th Night Bonfire, Season of Epiphany begins
- ◆ January 21, 2007 – Winter Congregation meeting
- ◆ February 21, 2007 – Ash Wednesday, Lent begins
- ◆ April 8, 2007 – Easter Day, the 50 days of the Easter season begin
- ◆ May 6, 2007 – Confirmation Day, Affirmation of Baptism
- ◆ May 27, 2007 – Day of Pentecost
- ◆ June 17 to 22, 2007 – Tri-congregation Vacation Bible School

THANK YOU!

- Representatives of the Russian Baptist congregation who gave witness to their faith and life at the Sunday morning forum.
- Sunday school children who made cookies for the RBC forum.
- Regina Johnson and helpers for the wonderful five course mission fund raiser.
- John Falk for weekly recycling help and Rey Lindquist for weekly waste container help.
- Maxine Rieman for dusting and work with the friendship pads.
- Handy People Darold Hanson, Roger Ramsden, and John Riggle for their work on energy conservation and improving lighting at St. Paul's.
- Sunday morning refreshment makers and servers.
- Irma Wilde for the recording of guests visiting St. Paul's.
- Pat Tollefson, and Bill Schwitzer for leading forums in November.
- Lisa Foss for work on the website and email delivery.
- Bernie and Ruth Johnson for interior and exterior plants, table decorations and main entrance pots.
- All who bring food and cash gifts on Food Sunday, the first Sunday of each month.
- Ray and Jean Olson, Lois Bell and Glyde Burdick, Rey and Lois Lindquist, Bob and Nancy Bjornlund who attended the ICA Chili Supper and concert benefit to fight homelessness.
- The choir and all who helped with the Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve worship.

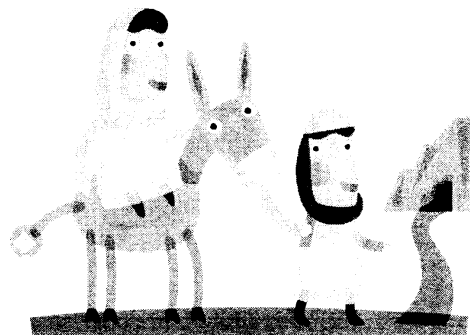
- Thanks to those that faithfully submit items for the newsletter to help keep us all informed!

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Britta Moe
- 10 Darcie Rodman
- 14 Mel Laisy
- 24 Howard Foster
- 25 Jesus
- 26 Emma Peaslee
- 27 Nicole Reynolds
- 28 Bradley Werner
- 30 Maxine Rieman

Anniversaries

- 7 John & Annette Madson
- 11 John & Marcia Tuttle
- 16 Elsie & Bob Hanning
- 30 Dick & Cindy Werner
- 30 Shirlee & Dick Waltz





Each December, the Hopkins Minnetonka Family Resource Center sponsors their annual Toy Chest Drive. Read on for a little history of the annual event, and information on how you can help.

ST. PAUL'S TOY CHEST DRIVE

Benefiting the Hopkins Family Resource Center

Once upon a time..... a very *special* bear arrived during Toy Chest time at the Hopkins Minnetonka Family Resource Center. *Something* about this bear caught everyone's eye, and he was carefully placed in a chair at the Resource Center. Soon it became clear.....this was a bear with a story to be told.

Years ago there was a family, with small children and a commitment to those in need. Each holiday season, the children in this family shopped for toys they *really* wanted, and then donated those toys to the local toy drive. Soon the children asked, "Why doesn't Mom shop for a toy to donate? Mom loved Teddy Bears, so each season she chose a bear to be given away. Now she knew how her children felt - giving away something *she* really loved.

Years later, after the kids were grown, Mom heard about the Toy Chest Drive at the Family Resource Center. She knew what she had to do - shop for a bear to love - and then donate it to the Family Resource center. A shopping trip to the store, and this special bear just fell off the shelf and into her arms. "I need a home," said the bear. It was *truly* a bear to love!

....And so began the annual Toy Chest Drive at the Hopkins Minnetonka Family Resource Center!

Items needed:

Ages 0 - 4 Pop-up or Talking Books. Crib toys. Rubber or Squeak Toys. Musical Toys. Toy Household Appliances. Toy Tools. Duplo Sets. Fischer Price Toys. Playschool or Tyco Toys. Tub Toys

Ages 5 - 10 Speak and Spell Toys. Tonka Trucks. Pokemon Books & Toys. Art and Craft Sets. Sporting Equipment. Lego Sets. Model or Construction Sets. Science Kits. Doll Houses and Accessories. Educational Toys. Games (ages 7 to Adult). Puzzles/Books. Children's Video Tapes.

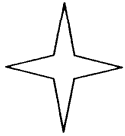
Ages 11 -1 8 Radio/Cassette Players. Art and craft Sets. Watches. Teen stocking Stuffers. Travel Carry-on Bags. Indoor & Outdoor Sports Equipment. Sleeping Bags. Gift Certificates (Target, Sports Stores, Best Buy, Plato's Closet, Coffee House, T.J. Maxx, Fast Foods, Movie Theaters). Books. Compact Discs. Hand-held Electronic Games.

Also - new socks, underwear, mittens, gloves and hats for all ages!

Please place your
NEW, UNWRAPPED
items in the 'gift box' in
St. Paul's Narthex by
December 10, 2006



Hopkins Minnetonka
Family Resource Center
915 Mainstreet
Hopkins, Minnesota 55343
Phone: 952-988-5350
Fax: 952-988-5358



WORSHIP MATTERS

The prayers should be led from either the ambo or the chair of the assisting minister. The prayers or any other parts of the gathering or word portions of the liturgy should not be led from the altar. The altar is reserved for the celebration of the eucharistic meal. The altar is not used as a podium for papers or books. (*Assisting Ministers and Readers*, p. 11)

Sundays and Seasons 2006

Tuesday Grief Support Group
will move to Saturdays,
January 6, 2007 and meet at
Hopkins United Methodist Church
717 Hwy 7, Hopkins, MN
952-938-8300

PRAYER and BIBLE STUDY SUPPORT AVAILABLE

- ✝ St. Paul's Prayer Line is activated by calling the coordinator, Maxine Rieman at 952-238-8516, cell 763-807-7682, or calling the church office when she cannot be reached.
- ✝ *Grace Matters* ELCA radio ministry, Sundays at 6:30 am KSTP 1500 AM and 10:30 pm WFMP 107.1 FM.
- ✝ Prayer resources are available at www.elca.org/prayer.
- ✝ *Christ in Our Home* devotional booklets are available in the library.
- ✝ *Daily Discipleship* is an ELCA online Bible study based on the lectionary and online at www.elca.org/evangelism/dailydiscipleship.

Tuesday Grief Support Group

West Metro Grief Support Coalition invites all persons experiencing grief due to a death. Grief support groups offer hope and healing through education, listening, sharing, prayer and fellowship.

Tuesdays 4:30 – 6:30pm
Westwood Lutheran Church
9001 Cedar Lake Road
St. Louis Park, MN 55426
(952) 545-5623

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
December 5	Pat Sykes	Personal Story
December 12	Audrey Borash, M.A.	Holiday Reflections
December 19	Remembrance Service	All Are Welcome

For more information, please call the coalition coordinator
Darcie Rodman at 763-546-4404

Sunday Bible Readings

December 3 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14 - 16

Psalms 225: 1 – 10

1 Thessalonians 3:9 – 13

Luke 21:25 – 36

December 10 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1 – 4 or Baruch 5:1 – 9

Psalmody: Luke 1:68 – 79

Philippians 1:3 – 11

Luke 3:1 – 6

December 17 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14 – 20

Psalmody: Isaiah 12:2 – 6

Philippians 4:4 – 7

Luke 3:7 – 18

December 24 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2 – 5a

Psalmody: Luke 1:46b–55 or Psalm 80:1–7

Hebrews 10:5 – 10

Luke 1:30 – 45 [46 – 55]

December 31 – 1st Sunday of Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18 – 20, 26

Psalms 148

Colossians 3:12 – 17

Luke 2:41 – 52

Child Logan or Logan Swedberg

has been included in St. Paul's prayers since his birth, almost six years ago. Logan was born with multiple birth complications and has had several surgeries. Logan will be having another surgery on December 21 and then be spending several weeks in traction at the Shriners Hospital. Your prayers for Logan, his family, and Great Grandma Virginia Rustad are requested.



Sunday 10:50 am Forums

Come and share faith and life with your Brothers and Sisters in Christ at St. Paul's. All are welcome to presentations and discussions.

December 3 – Advent Intergenerational Learning

December 10 – Seasonal Bible Study

December 17 – Celebrate with Sunday school

Gracious God – Let your mercy shine upon us

- ✠ That your church would faithfully prepare to receive the gift of the Savior,
- ✠ that during this time of busyness and celebration, that the baptized would remember the needs of the whole human family, the hungry, the homeless, those suffering from war, the unemployed, those in prison, those alone, and all who are ill and grieving losses,
- ✠ guide the newly elected leaders of our nation and the leaders of all nations so that peace and justice may be known to all,
- ✠ for child Logan, Ken Smith, Linda Dundas, Doris Rutzen, Oscar Henderson, Dori Engelhardt, John Falk, Marilyn Woods,
- ✠ for students and all who are traveling that they will be safe and have celebrative reunions,
- ✠ for Confirmation Ministry, Sunday school, and Forum participants
- ✠ for the people and ministry of St. Paul's,
- ✠ may the song of this season, "Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth" be the song we sing and live always.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Please deliver within 5 days
 of December 1, 2006**



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!!

Sunday, December 3
Sunday, December 10
Sunday, December 17
Sunday, December 24
Sunday, December 31

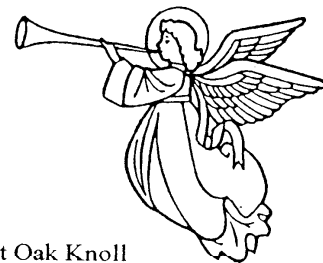
1st Sunday of Advent, Food Shelf Sunday, Intergenerational Advent event
 Bring a Guest Sunday, Little Lambs
 Youth led worship, Sunday School celebration
 9:30 am – Holy Communion, 4:30 pm – Candlelight Holy Communion
 9:30 am – Christmas worship, Farewell Pastor B

Monday, December 25
Monday, January 1

Christmas Day, Office closed
News Years Day, Office closed

Tuesdays, all
Tuesday, December 5
Tuesday, December 26
Tuesday, January 2

10:00 am – Text Study
 7:00 pm – Council meeting
 2:00 pm – High School Youth Reunion
 Pastor's last day



Wednesday, December 6, 13

5:30 – 7:30 pm – Confirmation Ministry at Oak Knoll

Thursday, December 21

6:30 pm – Our Saviour's

Friday, December 15
Friday, December 22
Friday, December 29

January newsletter information due in the office
 Office closed, 11:00 am – Meals on Wheels
 Office closed

Saturday, December 9
Saturday, December 9

8:30 am – Men's monthly breakfast at the Hopkins Perkins
50th Anniversary Grand Finale' – The Progressive Dinner