

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

January News

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SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE
WITH THE WORLD

Sunday
Worship Services
8:00am & 10:30am
Sunday School
9:15am

Wednesday
6:15pm

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Do Justice

“He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” - Micah 6:8

During the season of Epiphany, Faith Alive will center on the theme “Do Justice”, based on the verse above from the book of Micah. Each week’s activity will be intergenerational and worship-based, and will focus on a different ways to “do justice” taken from the ELCA website:

<http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice.aspx>

Join us for dinner each Wednesday at 5:30pm - meals are served until 6:00pm

Worship begins at 6:15, which will be designed and led by the youth attending the National Youth Gathering.



1/11 Justice for Women



1/18 Non-violence



1/25 Hunger



2/1 Caring for Creation



2/8 Poverty

PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL



Welcome Pastor Duane Salness

Allow me to introduce myself. I'm Pastor Duane O. Salness. I've been a Lutheran pastor since my ordination into the ministry of Word and Sacrament in 1969. I grew up in Moorhead, Minnesota, located upon the fertile soil of the Red River of the North, where sugar beets are grown and processed at American Crystal Sugar Company. I graduated from Moorhead State University and Luther Seminary located in St. Paul. I served as the called pastor in five consecutive congregations in Minnesota over my first 24 years of ministry. My final permanent call was to a congregation in your Southeastern Synod, where for seven years I was pastor at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Cordova (Memphis), Tennessee.

In 1998, Marilyn and I moved to St. Paul, to be near our daughter and son, and our three grandchildren. At that time I felt God's call to begin a new kind of pastoral work: intentional interim ministry. I was trained by the Interim Ministry Network, and have felt energized and fulfilled by these 13 years as an interim pastor. Five of the twelve congregations where I have

been the interim pastor were distant from home, the last being another congregation of your Synod: Christ the King Lutheran in Norcross (Atlanta), Georgia.

I will be living in Maryville beginning the first week of January. I look forward to meeting all of you. My office door will always be open to you: for you to share your hopes, dreams, concerns, or whatever you want me to know about yourself or about St. Paul Lutheran Church.

People in congregations going through transition and change have varying needs for nurture, assurance, pastoral care, guidance and more. I pray that my time with you will be fruitful, that I may assist you with learning and growing in Christ and sharpening your mission in this place. The final task of my interim work here will be to help your Call Committee prepare for their search for your new permanent pastor.

I'm often asked: "How long will it take to get our new pastor?" Since we're engaged in a spiritual journey, seeking God's will and the Holy Spirit's guidance, my best and only answer is: "It will take as long as it takes." May God bless and sustain us on our journey.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 29, 2012

11:30am

Plan to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck after the 10:30 service.
Annual reports will be available before the meeting.

Agenda Items:

Ratify the change to the Constitution,

Elect a Nominating Committee,

Elect a Call Committee,

Choose a "Passion" for 2012.

PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

A Message From Council President:



The beginning of a new year is always an exciting time. We make resolutions for changed habits and new projects to make ourselves better persons. It is the same with the church. We are starting a new chapter in the life of St. Paul and I pray that we will be a better church with improved practices by the end of this year.

We start the new year with a new interim pastor to serve at St. Paul. Pastor Duane Salness will serve at St. Paul while we search for a new full-time permanent pastor. He brings many gifts to St. Paul that will help us grow in our faith and service to the Lord. After retiring from the full-time ministry, he has served over the last 13 years in a number of interim positions, so he brings vast experience to us. He is eager to get to know St. Paul members so that he can serve us better. Let's all help him by wearing our name tags in January.

At our Congregational Meeting on January 29, we will elect a Call Committee to begin the process of evaluating the kind of pastor we need and finding the person that meets that need. It will be an exciting time of change at St. Paul as we look inward to find ourselves and outward to find a person that will fit the needs of our congregation.

As a person new to service as the president of a congregation, I will need your help in fulfilling my duties. I hope all of you will consider ways in which you can serve at St. Paul, whether it is cleaning up after a church dinner or mowing the lawn or making banners or serving on the Call Committee. There are so many ways that we can serve and you all have so many talents that can be used in service to the Lord.

May the Lord bless us all as we work in his Kingdom.

Carolyn Speck

Church Council Officers for 2012

President - Carolyn Speck

Vice President - Brian Kaufman

Secretary - Tina Abbott

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Make a joyful noise!

We are looking for vocalists to serve as cantors and help lead singing at the 8:00 service.

You would help lead the liturgy and hymns periodically, coordinating with Stephanie a mutually convenient time to review and rehearse the service music.



Email Stephanie at stephanieluedtke@yahoo.com with questions or to volunteer.

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Worship Is (Or Ought To Be)...

As a church, our first calling is to worship.

Our worship forms and develops us in our faith, and allows us to express who we are as Christians. It is our responsibility to pass on the faith through our worship, and to educate ourselves on why we do what we do. Last summer, the adult Sunday School class explored the history and design of worship. Recent children's messages have focused on pointing out the elements of worship and giving children (of all ages) changes and experiences to point to and learn from.

Each season, our liturgy is refashioned to reflect the focus of the season, and to keep our prayers and songs fresh and intentional; to keep them from becoming stale and rote.

As we worship each week, we need to consider the following overarching characteristics of Godly worship. We will explore these characteristics in future conversations and articles.

Worship Is (Or Ought To Be)...

1. God-centered
2. Relevant
3. Holy
4. Inclusive
5. Missional



DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



January

Confirmation Schedule

Wednesday's in January 5:00pm-7:00pm

Sunday's in January 9:15am-10:00am

During the Month of January the Confirmation class will be assisting the High School Youth with Wednesday Night Faith Alive Worship and prepare for Youth Sunday – Souper Bowl of Caring, which is January 29th for both services.



Two Opportunities to Participate

Wednesday, January 25th

Faith Alive Worship

&

Sunday, January 29th

Both Worship Services

St. Paul Youth will be collecting canned goods and monetary donations, to benefit the Community Food Connection. Thrivent Financial, Blount County Chapter will be matching funds. Please help our youth fight hunger in Blount County.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



St. Paul Youth National Youth Gathering Fundraiser

We gather as citizens with the saints to learn to love like Jesus by practicing discipleship through peacemaking that works for justice

Mardi Gras Dinner
Wednesday, February 15, 2012
5:30pm-7:00pm

✿ Jazz Music ✿ New Orleans Style Food ✿

Advanced tickets \$12 each ~ Children 10 or younger \$5



Sunday Morning Opportunity for Adults

Exploring Christian Spirituality

Beginning with the early church, we will look at the theology and methods used to obtain Christian Spirituality. We will examine the Medieval Church, Orthodox Church, Western Church, and the Reformation Church to present day. We will do this through lecture and active participation.

Are you ready and open to the Holy Spirit illuminating your Life?

Come join us as we invite the Holy Spirit to sanctify us.

9:15am in room 2


Faith Formation



Theology Uncorked

The next *Theology Un-Corked* will be Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00pm at Sue Tyler's House. This is an open conversation about theology around your favorite pint, wine, or water. This is for 21 years and above and open to all who would like to join. This will be a casual conversation about life, faith, and where God is in all of this. Please bring an appetizer to share and contact Sue Tyler for directions (865)556-6432.

**Sunday School begins at 9:15am
Please join us in the Fellowship Hall**

**High School Youth
Tuesday Prayer Breakfast
January 10th**

@ Sweet Celebrations ~ 7:15am



PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES



Men in Mission (MIM) Meeting Thursday, January 5, 2012 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

All men and youth of the church are welcome and encouraged to attend. During this meeting, we will present checks to Food Connection and Haven House representatives, discuss plans for the 2012 calendar, and share a little social time.

Our goal for this new year is to welcome as many youth and men as we can to be involved in MIM activities; we will have business meetings only as needed. There will be a blend of the traditional things we have done in the past and some creative things we would like to do in the future.

MIM 2012 officers are:

President - JB Johnson,
Vice-President - Mark Fisher
Treasurer - Jan Hanes
Secretary - Chris Mallette

The proposed 2012 calendar includes bible studies, guest speakers, social nights, The Maryville Singers, Mother's Day Service, Red Lewis Baseball Outing, miscellaneous family friendly events, and two major fund raisers.

The MIM meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in Richardson Hall unless otherwise notified by calendar, SPEN, or email.

Hope you can make it, hope to see you there!



SPAM is the acronym for St. Paul Adult Ministry

This ministry includes all adults 50 years and older. SPAM participates in and plans a variety of activities throughout the year, with at least one activity a month. January is our planning month, so come and join us on **Tuesday, January 17 at noon for a potluck.** SPAM will provide the meat for the potluck. Come and join our senior group for fun and fellowship.

Faith Alive

Wednesday's In January

Dinner served from 5:30pm-6:00pm

NYG Youth & Parents will be setting up, serving, and cleaning up for these meals. Funds collected during each meal will be matched by Thrivent Financial, Blount County Chapter to help the attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering.

“Do Justice” Worship 6:15pm

1/4 Epiphany Service
1/11 Justice for Women
1/18 Non-violence
1/25 Hunger/Souper Bowl of Caring

SUPPORT MINISTRIES

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH GOT SPIRIT? CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Spirit through the New Year

The spirit of Christmas was alive and well during the advent season. It is easy to spot, lit nativity scenes, happy birthday Jesus expressions and secular reminders of the spirit of giving.

As you settle into the new year for a warm winter nap, how will you keep the spirit awake-- the spirit of new life, new beginnings and the spirit of giving?

As for me, I think I will begin with Thanksgiving. A thanks and giving in January celebrating many thanks: my church family that affords me fellowship, support, spiritual growth and rejuvenation and most importantly spiritual love.

I will give thanks for these blessings through prayer, service and stewardship.

How will you keep the spirit in this New Year?

Tami Wyatt

REMINDER FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

If you are ready to sign up to send your stewardship gifts to Saint Paul using the Mountain National Bank (MNB) account, here are the steps to do so:

1. Call me or e-mail me for St. Paul's MNB account number.
2. Go into your bank's on-line bill pay system and click on "Add Payee".
3. Enter the following information where appropriate: St Paul Lutheran Church c/o MNB, ATTN April Harvey, 1820 W. Broadway, Maryville TN 37801, tel # 865-984-9991, St. Paul's account number, and enter your envelope number on the memo line if possible.

As you continue to contribute to the Capital Campaign in 2012, please distinguish Capital Campaign giving from your Regular Giving. You may use your current giving envelope or a pew envelope and write the amounts for each on the envelope. Or you can write a check for both and distinguish the amounts on the memo line. You also can write a separate check for the Capital Campaign and write "CC" on the memo line. If you would like to receive separate envelopes for your Capital Campaign contributions, please contact me and I'll provide them to you. If you use the Mountain National Bank account on-line system, please make separate transactions for the "CC" contributions. You can call me at 865-405-9474, 423-884-6317 or e-mail me on

hpcp2@tds.net,

Herb Perry

SERVING MINISTRIES

Health & Wellness Corner

How Fit Are You?

You're FIT if you are able to;

Carry out daily tasks without fatigue and still have energy to enjoy leisure pursuits

Walk a mile or climb a few flights of stairs without getting "winded" or feeling fatigue in your legs

Converse while doing light to moderate exercise

If you decide to begin a fitness program;

Start gradually

Find the right exercise for you

Exercise regularly but moderately

Always warm up or cool down

REMEMBER - Always consult your health care provider if you are new to exercise or have a chronic health condition before starting any exercise program.



Checked your Blood Pressure lately?

St. Paul offers monthly blood pressure checks on the 2nd Sunday after each service in the Choir Room. This month's date is **Sunday, January 8th.**

Featured Volunteer



Carla McMillion, chairperson of the Fellowship Ministry Team, works hard at her responsibility as a serving minister. It is Carla that posts the sign-up sheet for fellowship following worship services each Sunday, organizes our many potlucks, special occasion receptions and meals, and our Wednesday night Lenten, Advent, and Faith Alive meals.

Planning, purchasing, organizing, setting up and cleaning up are all a part of the responsibility Carla assumes in her role.

Laura King regularly assists her with these responsibilities. Often we are all asked to lend a helping hand in various ways to "lighten the load" of providing fellowship within our church.

Thank you to **Carla, Laura** and **ALL** who willingly pitch in to help serve in this ministry.

Quilt Fest 2012

Come join us for a day of fun quilting

Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church
429 Sandy Springs Road

When: **Saturday, Saturday, January 28, 2012**
9:00am-3:00pm (set up @ 8:00am)

What: Sewing comfort lap quilts ~ Kits are already cut

Bring: **Your sewing machine & other sewing supplies**

Don't sew? Want to be involved? Volunteers are needed to provide a light lunch for these hard-working ladies

Questions: Shirley Lips (865)856-6608 c(865)292-5262



Saint Paul Lutheran Church Weekly Calendar January

<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>	<u>Week 5</u>
<p><u>Sunday, January 1, 2012</u> Family Promise 10:30am Worship Service</p> <p><u>Monday, January 2, 2012</u> Family Promise Office Closed</p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 3, 2012</u> Family Promise 9:30am Comm Food Conn 11:30am Out To Lunch Bunch 6:30pm GS Troop # 552</p> <p><u>Wednesday, January 4, 2012</u> Family Promise 10:00am Prayer Group 5:30pm Faith Alive Meal 6:15pm Faith Alive Worship 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice</p> <p><u>Thursday, January 5, 2012</u> Family Promise 8:30am Lutheran Loungers 7:00pm Men in Mission</p> <p><u>Friday, January 6, 2012</u> Family Promise</p> <p><u>Saturday, January 7, 2012</u> Family Promise</p>	<p><u>Sunday, January 8, 2012</u> Family Promise 8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service</p> <p><u>Monday, January 9, 2012</u> 2:30pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Chime Choir</p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 10, 2012</u> 9:00am Sewing Group 5:00pm Property 6:00pm GS Troop #74 6:30pm GS Troop # 552</p> <p><u>Wednesday, January 11, 2012</u> 10:00am Prayer Group 5:30pm Faith Alive Meal 6:15pm Faith Alive Worship 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice</p> <p><u>Thursday, January 12, 2012</u> 6:00pm Thrivent Blount CC 7:00pm GS # 20325</p> <p><u>Friday, January 13, 2012</u></p> <p><u>Saturday, January 14, 2012</u></p>	<p><u>Sunday, January 15, 2012</u> Newsletter Deadline 8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service</p> <p><u>Monday, January 16, 2012</u> Office Closed 6:00pm Ministry Team Night 7:30pm Council Mtg</p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 17, 2012</u> 12:00pm SPAM 6:30pm GS Troop # 552</p> <p><u>Wednesday, January 18, 2012</u> 10:00am Prayer Group 5:30pm Faith Alive Meal 6:15pm Faith Alive Worship 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice</p> <p><u>Thursday, January 19, 2012</u> 10:00am WELCA Morning 7:00pm Jerry Sore LOVOA</p> <p><u>Friday, January 20, 2012</u></p> <p><u>Saturday, January 21, 2012</u></p>	<p><u>Sunday, January 22, 2012</u> 8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service</p> <p><u>Monday, January 23, 2012</u> 2:30pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Chime Choir</p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 24, 2012</u> 9:00am Sewing Group 6:30pm GS Troop # 552</p> <p><u>Wednesday, January 25, 2012</u> 10:00am Prayer Group 5:30pm Faith Alive Meal 6:15pm Faith Alive Worship 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice</p> <p><u>Thursday, January 26, 2012</u> 11:30am Out to Lunch Bunch 6:30pm NAMI Support Grp 7:00pm GS # 20325</p> <p><u>Saturday, January 28, 2012</u> 1:00pm Out to Lunch Bunch</p>	<p><u>Sunday, January 29, 2012</u> Youth Sunday/Souper Bowl 8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Congregational Meeting/Potluck</p> <p><u>Monday, January 30, 2012</u> 2:30pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Chime Choir</p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 31, 2012</u> 6:30pm GS Troop # 552</p> <p><u>Wednesday, February 1, 2012</u> 10:00am Prayer Group 5:30pm Faith Alive Meal 6:15pm Faith Alive Worship 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice</p> <p><u>Thursday, February 2, 2012</u> 8:30am Lutheran Loungers 7:00pm Men in Mission</p> <p><u>Friday, February 3, 2012</u> 4:00pm Confirmation Retreat</p> <p><u>Saturday, February 4, 2012</u> Confirmation Retreat</p>

DECEMBER 2011

Birthdays & Anniversaries



January 1 Joe King, Jr.
 January 4 Ed Peck
 January 6 Claude Abbott
 Cole Wyatt
 January 7 Bob Miller
 Roger Miller
 AJ Tollefson
 January 9 Charlene McClaran
 January 11 Mark Fisher
 Art Hafner III
 Tom Sims
 Cassie Neeley
 January 13 Justin Gillespie

January 15 Heinz Lips
 January 17 Bill Wear
 Karl Weber
 January 18 Marsha Bryant
 January 20 Jerry Sorensen
 Hannah Bryant
 January 21 Carolyn Speck
 Michael Kaufman
 January 22 Bob Frank
 Mary Boring
 Jeannie Hawsey
 Emily Kaufman
 January 24 Anna Clark
 January 26 Andrea Saal
 January 27 Clayton Narveson
 Kyle Tyler
 January 29 Carole Long
 January 31 Eleanor Peck
 Jean Beck

January 2 Ned & Ruth Reinhardt
 January 2 Charles & Juanita Morrow
 January 11 Frank & Julie Rutherford



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Dates of Interest

Check Calendar for times and places

**Sunday, January 8th we welcome Pastor Duane Salness,
who will serve as our Interim Pastor during the Call Process,
Please wear your Nametags!**

Council:

Monday, January 23rd ~ Ministry Team Night & Council Meeting
Sunday, January 29th ~ Annual Congregational Meeting/Pot-Luck

Discipleship:

Sunday's in January ~ Adult Faith Formation - Christian Spirituality
Sunday, January 29th ~ Youth Sunday

Serving:

Sunday, January 1st-8th ~ Family Promise
Sunday, January 8th ~ Blood Pressure Checks

Worship:

Wednesday, January 4th ~ Epiphany Service
Wednesday's in January ~ Faith Alive Worship "Do Justice"
Tuesday, January 10th ~ Worship and Music meeting
Sunday, January 29th ~ Youth Sunday ~ Souper Bowl of Caring

Parish Life:

Wednesday's in January ~ Faith Alive Meal
Thursday, January 5th ~ Men in Mission