

# The St. Paul Messenger

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## Service Times:

Sunday's 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. (2nd & 4th Sun. Comm.)

Monday's 6:30 p.m. (2nd & 4th Monday Communion)



## PASTOR'S ARTICLE

Charlie Brown kept asking, “What is Christmas all about anyway?!” In the wildly popular “A Charlie Brown Christmas,” Charles Schulz was able to give the correct answer. In a movie that has entered into many peoples’ lives as a matter of Christmas tradition, the correct answer to the meaning of Christmas is given. I am thankful Charlie Brown eventually heard the right answer.

I am thankful because there are so many good answers to his question. If you think on your own Christmas traditions, I daresay you have many great answers to the question, “What is Christmas about?” There are many good answers, but there is one correct answer.

When I was growing up, our church’s trustees invited the congregation to go cut Christmas trees from the cemetery. So, mom and dad bundled us kids up and out we went with a saw and some twine to get our Christmas tree. Before she let us out of the car, mom said, “Now, we’re going into a cemetery. Do not touch or climb on any tombstones. Respect them and their families who are having Christmas without them.” From a young age, it was taught to us that Christmas is hard when you have lost a loved one. Christmas is hard when you are grieved by death because a good answer to what Christmas is about is time spent with family.

Another thing I grew up with was Aunt Jackie’s recipe for chocolate-covered peanut butter balls. Since we always went to visit Uncle John and Aunt Jackie, I was never deprived of that deliciousness. Until the year we didn’t go to visit them. So, we tried our hand at home to make chocolate-covered peanut butter balls. It did not go well. You know how it is. It just wasn’t quite like how Aunt Jackie made them. They were tasty, but not as good as we remembered. So, not only is Christmas about time with family, but it is also about the good food that we share and enjoy with one another.

Now, like I say, there is one correct answer. Christmas is about God sending His Son into the world to be born of a woman, to be born under the law, to redeem those who are under the law. So, in the midst of all the good things at Christmas, come and join in the worship of God who put the Christ in Christmas, who gave us this wonderful holiday to celebrate.

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Preschool and Kindergarten Christmas Program: December 13 at 6:30 pm

Sunday School Christmas Program: December 17 at 8:15 am

Grade School Christmas Program: December 20 at 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship: December 24 at 5:00 & 7:30 pm

Christmas Morning Worship: December 25 at 9:00 am



## CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

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## SPECIAL SERVICES

### **Wednesday, December 13**

Kindergarten/Pre-School Dress Rehearsal 8:05 a.m.

Kindergarten/Pre-School Program 6:30 p.m.

### **Sunday, December 17**

Sunday School Program 8:15 a.m.

### **Wednesday, December 20**

1st-8th Grade Children's School Program Dress Rehearsal 8:05 a.m.

1st-8th Grade Children's School Program 6:30 p.m.

### **Sunday, December 24**

Sunday Worship w/communion 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

### **Monday, December 25**

Christmas Day Worship w/communion 9:00 a.m.

### **Sunday, December 31**

New Years Worship 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Operation Christmas Child**

The students at St. Paul Lutheran School collected 135 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child to be distributed to less fortunate children around the world. A Thrivent Action Team allowed our kindergartners and seventh and eighth grade classroom to donate some boxes as well. Thank you to all of the parents, students and church members who donated to the 2017 Operation Christmas Child campaign.



### **Thrivent Action Teams**

Thrivent Action Teams are available for any Thrivent members. Applications are easy to complete and the benefits are tremendous. Thrivent gives \$250 of seed money, T-shirts, banners, and promotional materials for each Action Teams. All Thrivent members 16 years and older are able to apply for two(2) Action Teams per calendar year. Examples of St. Paul Thrivent Action Teams are: Operation Christmas Child, St. Paul PTO Wreath Sale, St. Paul PTO Christmas Tree Sale, St. Paul Rodeo Parade, St. Paul Book Fair, St. Paul Food Drive, St. Paul Athletic Concession Stand. Please contact Brian Elmhurst if you are interested in applying for one of these Action Teams. Assistance is available for every step of the way.

On December 12<sup>th</sup> a Thrivent Action Team Party is planned. This gathering is sponsored by Thrivent as a way to thank the school and church for our involvement in this program. The time will be from 6:00-8:00 pm. The location is yet to be determined. Please make plans to attend.

### **Aluminum Can Drive**

Thanks to everyone who donated cans to the St. Paul Can Drive. Together we were able to raise over \$250 for the basketball supplies. Thanks also to Scott Spiegleberg for allowing us to use this trailer.

December 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.  
PreK/Kindergarten Program  
December 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.  
First-Eighth Program





## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND PRACTICE**

Our Sunday School Children will have Christmas program practice on Saturday, December 2nd, 9th, & 16th from 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. The Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 17th during the 8:15 a.m. service. Sunday School will not meet on Sunday, December 24th or December 31st.

## **COMMUNION SHUT-IN SERVICE**



Thursday, December 21st at 2:00 p.m. we will have our Communion Shut-In Service. This is a worshipful communion service in the sanctuary as well as fellowship with other members of St. Paul. We will be bringing the communion elements to the pews where you will be sitting (in every other row). After a brief communion worship service with Pastor Mazemke you will have an opportunity to enjoy a snack in the fellowship area. Everyone is welcome to come.

## **LADIES AID NEWS**

The St. Paul Ladies Aid met on Thursday, November 2nd, in the school dining room. We were pleasantly surprised with entertainment by the Kindergarten children, a scary Halloween song and the ever popular "This Little Light of Mine."

Carol had two appropriate devotional articles. Her first one was titled "Tomorrow Begins Today," and emphasized that we should use kind words and practice good works now, not wait until "later." Her second article was in regard to thoughtless talking. We must be aware of what we are saying, lest our words hurt others. Carol also had a humorous reading of the "Prayer of the Farmer," and it's lesson was that we should be patient with the unpleasant things that God gives us, because in the end it may result in a very pleasant outcome.

Yvonne conducted the meeting, roll call was taken and the secretary's and treasurer's reports were given. We welcomed Ardene Post as a new member. Thank You cards were read from Hall & Jeanette Rivers and Dale & Nancy Ferg for the anniversary gifts given them. Yvonne asked for volunteers for Bingo at the nursing home on November 8th. Lois and Barb volunteered. A report was given on the funeral of Cori Cummings.

We discussed plans for our Christmas Party on December 7th. We decided to have a program similar to the ones we have had in the past and plan for a guest day at some future meeting. Henrietta will ask the teachers of grades one through four to provide entertainment for us, and also inform the parents that they are invited to our meeting to hear their children perform, and stay longer if they wish. Jeanette volunteered to purchase the treats for the children. Henrietta volunteered to prepare a program and asked each member to bring a Christmas selection and/or tell of their most memorable Christmas or most memorable Christmas gift. Each member will provide something for a potluck lunch, and bring a \$10.00 item for a gift exchange. Carol & Henrietta will decorate the tree.

We recited the Birthday Song for Carol, who will be celebrating her birthday on November 6th. Yvonne reported on her conversation with Sadie, who is not feeling well. Henrietta will send her a card from the Ladies Aid, to let her know that we are thinking of her.

We closed the meeting with the table prayer, and Carol served her delicious carrot cake.



## **MEAL TRAIN FOR THE CORI CUMMINGS FAMILY**

### **About this Meal Train:**

This Meal Train was created to help provide meals a few days a week for Casey, David and Joe. Having meals ready to go will be a huge blessing for the boys. Will you please consider assisting this family? Simply click on the link and register to provide a meal. All information about the meal train is on the website. <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/12q21z>



### **Special Instructions:**

Please sign up online at the website above and bring meals to St. Paul School concession area Preferred delivery time 7:30-8:00 a.m. or 1:40-4:00 p.m., notify the secretary, Mr. Elmhorst or Mrs. Hintz of the delivery. Linda will pick meal up on her way home from work at 4:00 p.m. and bake/ reheat items. Please use disposable containers or clearly label items for return. Prepare meals for 1 adult & 3 kids. Favorite family meals are Spaghetti, Lasagna, Tacos, Chicken or Shrimp Alfredo, Burgers, Hot Dogs, Brats, BBQ, Hamburger Casserole, Roast Beef, Chicken, Pizza, Oranges, Pineapple, Apples, Tangerines. Least favorite meal is Fish. No allergies or dietary restrictions. Dates are available online to sign up in January & February.

### **More ways to help:**

At the online website click on the "More ways to help" tab to send a restaurant or grocery gift card or see the church office about purchasing a Scrip gift card for the family.

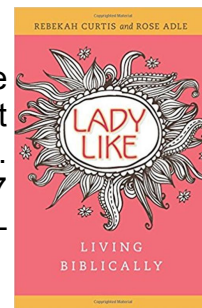
### **Questions:**

If you have any questions about the Meal Train please contact organizer Deb Hintz 715-857-2938.

*Thank you for caring*

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Women's Bible Study "LadyLike: Living Biblically" by Rebekah Curtis & Rose Adle will be held in St. Paul Fellowship Room the 1st Tuesday of each month for the next 4 months starting in January 2018. The group will meet from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. January 2, February 6, March 6 & April 3. Call Britney Riesenbergs at 920-538-3657 to sign-up and get information about ordering the book that you will need for the Bible Study.



## **MEN'S CLUB MEETING CHANGE**

Men's Club will meet Sunday, December 10th between services in the Conference Room next to the Church Office.

## **ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS UPDATE!**

We are going to adopt two families! The one family finds themselves in financial struggles due to a medical tragedy so primarily we will offer financial assistance. The other family is new to the area so housewares, small appliances, vacuum or other household items, and furniture (even gently used furniture) will be appropriate. For both families, Christmas gifts and meals will be appropriate. Stay posted!

## **THE LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWALS**

Lutheran Witness magazine of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is a monthly publication (11 issues per year) that offers Synod news, features, columns, Q&A's, and more. Renewals are due now, the amount is \$22.01 for one year. If you had a subscription last year just submit the money or check made payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church to the church office. New subscriptions please contact the church office to get on the mailing list.

## **LWML**

We Opened our November 21st LWML meeting with the hymn "Serve The Lord With Gladness" are devotion was "ABC's of Thanksgiving". We had the Bible Study "Serve The Lord With Gladness". Led by Janice Miller.

Our service projects for November were: Pray for hurricane victims; pray for the sick and shut ins; pray for our missionaries and their families; and pray for our country.

We closed with the devotion "Thanksgiving Confession and Praise". Our next meeting will be December 19th at 2:00 p.m. The kids from Mrs. Hintz class will sing for us.

## **PRAYER**

I said a prayer for you today, and know God must have heard—I felt the answer in my heart although He spoke no word! I didn't ask for wealth or fame, I knew you wouldn't mind—I asked Him to send treasures, of a far more lasting kind! I asked that He'd be near you, at the start of each new day...To grant you health and blessings, and friends to share your way! I asked for happiness for you, in all things great and small—But it was for His loving care, that I prayed the most of all!



## **FOR SALE CHRISTMAS TREES & WREATHS**

**at St. Paul Lutheran School**

**November 25<sup>th</sup> - December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**6-8' Balsam Fir & 6-7' Fraser Fir**

**24", 30" & 36" one of a kind decorated wreaths**

**Trees are being sold by the St Paul Lutheran School PTO**

**Monday-Friday 8-3, Saturday & Sunday 9:30-1:30**

*THRIVENT ACTION TEAM PROJECT*

## **YOUTH GROUP**

Youth group met on 11/15/17 with a Dozen very spunky teenagers. We ate pizza, discussed how God is Good in our lives and what we needed prayers for. We call them Highs and Lows. We ate pizza, played a few games, and had a great time planning December events.

December 13th we will meet 5:30-7:30 Dress warm for Caroling, Cookies, and Cocoa. Please bring one dozen Christmas cookies to share with your friends. Mrs. Kacz will bring the Cocoa. Bring a flashlight so you can read the music.

December 27th we will meet from 5 p.m.-8 p.m... Bring a snack/appetizer to share and a White Elephant gift. A white elephant gift can be that Christmas sweater that you will never wear, a Clown Cookie Jar, or maybe even something you like. It is always fun to see who gets what at the end of the game.

Youth Group is open to all teens grades 9-12. Friends are welcome.

Please let me know if you have any questions and Like Me on Facebook to get Youth Group updates. Happy Healthy Holidays. Shell Kaczorowski 920-538-3936

If school is canceled youth group is canceled.

## **QUILTS FOR SALE**

St. Paul Quilters are again offering a limited number of quilts for sale in the back of church through Sunday, December 10th. The quilts are 60x80" size and are \$20.00. Money from this sale is used for shipping the quilts to Lutheran World Relief in October and supplies for quilting. Thanks to all who helped in anyway.



## **POINSETTIAS**

If you would like to provide a poinsettia plant to be used in the Christmas decorating of the church, there is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex. The price is \$10.00 per plant, payable to Judy Bartel. You can put this in her church mailbox or give to Lori Hass in the church office. Order will be placed on December 4th.

# Miracle on BRIDGE ST

## Downtown Manawa

# Dec. 9, 2017

Fun Starts at  
**1pm**

**ALL DAY EVENTS**

**FREE Trolley Rides**  
*Sponsored by Kolbe and Kolbe*

**Wine Cork Ornaments at Winemaker's Daughter**

**Face Painting at Déja Brew**

**Visit Santa at Eastling Insurance**  
*Sponsored by Eastling Insurance*

**Live Nativity at St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
*Sponsored by St. Paul Lutheran Church and School*

**Gingerbread House Making at City Hall**  
*Sponsored by Jan Kraetsch/Smart Move Realty*

**Decorate and Fill Popcorn Bag 1-5 pm at Solarus**

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**(Appointments Needed - Some Fees May Apply)**

**Princess Treatment & Tea Party**  
*at Bridge St. 920-596-2887, partnering with Salon E&L, 920-596-3773, Tea Party at Sunday House Bed & Breakfast*

**Wreath Decorating at the Flower Pot**  
*Call Lori at the Flower Pot to schedule your time, 920-596-3090*

**Disco Elf Bowling at Keglers**  
*1 game of bowling and shoes for \$2.00 - wear an elf or Santa hat and get a prize!*

*Overflow parking at Kolbe and Kolbe south lot.*

**MORE FUN ...**

**Christmas Plinko** *sponsored by Manawa Living Center*

**Cookies, Milk & Hot Chocolate** *at Smith's Manawa Steakhouse*

**Cookie Decorating and Crafts 1-4 pm** *at Sturm Memorial Library*

**Hello Beautiful** *Coloring Contest*

*Bags provided by* **First State Bank**

**Take Charge Nutrition** *In-Store Specials*

**Manawa EMS** *Warm Drinks*

**Cruisin' In** *Hot chocolate & apple cider*

**Remington's** *Warm apple cider*

**School District of Manawa** *Crafts*

**Premier Community Bank** *Scavenger Hunt*

**Stories with Mrs. Claus** *at Sell Chiropractic*

**Holiday Parade | 5:00 pm**  
*Lindsay Park to Triangle Park*

**Lights of Love to Follow**  
*manwachamberofcommerce@gmail.com*  
*to register for the parade or to purchase your light*

**Manawa Area Chamber of Commerce**

*More to come!*

*\*Events subject to change.*



**SCRIP**

*Find the Perfect Gifts  
this Year with Scrip*



**Buy or order Scrip in December & register to win \$10 Subway gift card.**

**NEW: Scheels gift cards are available now through Scrip Program.**

St. Paul Scrip program orders every 1st & 15th of the month. Gift cards can be ordered for everyday purchases like food and gas or for gifts. Fill out an order form with check made payable to St. Paul Scrip. 1/2 of all discounted % can be applied to family education fees, the other 1/2 goes to Church General Fund, or all of it to the General Fund. (Example: Applebee's \$50 gift card purchase = 8% back \$4.00 (1/2% education fees=\$2 & 1/2% church general fund=\$2). Place phone number on order form along with name. You will be contacted by phone unless email is given. Orders can then be picked up Sunday between services or Monday-Friday in the church office 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Orders can be placed in the office, between church services, or placed in the scrip box by school entrance or by the fellowship sink. Questions contact Lori Hass, or Kay Peterson. Orders will be placed on Friday, December 1st & Friday, December 15th at noon.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SCRIP** % to go to the family of \_\_\_\_\_ or Church General Fund \_\_\_\_\_

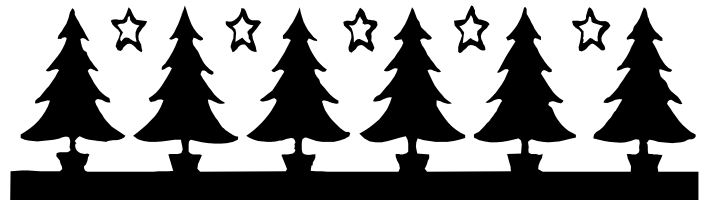
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American Eagle \$25 _____	Burger King \$10 _____	Exxon/Mobil \$50 _____	Holiday Station Store \$25 _____	Little Caesar's \$20 _____	Office Max \$25 _____	Red Lobster \$25 _____	Shopko \$25 _____ \$50 _____	Walgreens \$25 _____ \$100 _____	
Applebees \$25 _____ \$50 _____	Cabela's \$25 _____ \$100 _____	Fazoli's \$25 _____	Home Depot \$25 _____ \$100 _____	Lowe's \$20 _____ \$25 _____ \$100 _____	Papa John's Pizza \$10 _____	Red Robin \$25 _____	Subway \$10 _____ \$50 _____	Walmart/ Sam's \$25 _____ \$100 _____	
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Banana Republic \$25 _____	Chuck E Cheese \$10 _____	Fleet Farm \$10 \$25 _____ \$50 \$100 _____	JC Penney \$25 _____ \$100 _____	Marathon \$25 _____ \$100 _____	Payless Shoes \$20 _____	Shell \$25 _____ \$50 _____	T.J. Maxx \$100 _____	White Barn Candle Co. \$10 _____ \$25 _____	
Bath & Body Works \$10 _____ \$25 _____	Claire's \$10 _____	Gap \$25 _____	Kmart \$25 _____ \$50 _____	Menards \$25 _____ \$100 _____	Pick-N-Save (WI) \$25 _____ \$100 _____	Starbucks \$10 _____ \$25 _____	TGI Friday \$25 _____	Woodman's \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____	
Best Buy \$25 _____ \$100 _____	Dick's \$25 _____	Gordman's \$25 _____	Kohl's \$25 _____ \$100 _____	Old Navy \$25 _____	Piggly Wiggly \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____	Shutterfly \$20 _____	Texas Roadhouse \$25 _____		Amount Paid \$

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Gayle Drath.....	12-1
Verona Hartwig .....	12-1
Daniel Roenz .....	12-1
Ken Bartel .....	12-2
Derril Cady .....	12-2
Darryl Wesener .....	12-2
Eric Langman .....	12-3
Gisela Polley .....	12-3
Easton Schuelke .....	12-3
Colton Wegener .....	12-3
Anya Bonikowske.....	12-4
Joshua Griffin.....	12-4
Rodney Hass .....	12-4
Daniel Herrmann.....	12-4
Dwane Krueger .....	12-4
Jacob Scheller .....	12-4
Greg Bonikowske .....	12-6
Lori Hass.....	12-6
Elenora Jaeger.....	12-6
Kym Tessen .....	12-6
Soleil Adesso .....	12-7
Grant Hein.....	12-7
Annette Breier .....	12-8
Evan Lowney .....	12-8
Melanie Johnson.....	12-9
Ben Beyer .....	12-10
Carson Ferg .....	12-10
Jeanne Frazier .....	12-10
Sophie Gehrke .....	12-10
Wyatt Nichols .....	12-10
Casey Heise.....	12-12
Courtlynn Oltz .....	12-12
Dustin Beyer .....	12-13
Amy Radtke .....	12-13
Easton Bonikowske.....	12-14
Shelby Schefe.....	12-14
Margie Handrich.....	12-15
Rebecca Tellock .....	12-15
Dave Zentner .....	12-15
Iversynn Hass .....	12-16
Ty Hass.....	12-16
Jason Snyder .....	12-16
Debbie Hass .....	12-17
Lisa Anderson .....	12-18
Dusten Hein .....	12-18
Linda Schuelke .....	12-18
Leroy Wiegert.....	12-18
Gibson Bailey .....	12-19
Brandon Bruette.....	12-19

**December Birthdays Cont.**

Danielle Hass .....	12-19
Dayla Jaeger .....	12-19
Greg Kamke .....	12-19
Betty Abraham .....	12-20
Joy Griffin.....	12-20
Bobbie Timm .....	12-20
Jeanne Gehrke .....	12-21
Samuel Mikkelson.....	12-21
Bud Suehs .....	12-21
Caitlin Fuhs .....	12-22
Cindy Jannusch .....	12-22
Noah Lalande.....	12-22
Annelise Delaney .....	12-23
Brian Suehs .....	12-23
Rozlyn Balthazor.....	12-24
Karmin Heimbruch .....	12-24
Hilda Lytie .....	12-24
Ronald Zemple.....	12-25
Arianna Fradrich .....	12-26
Daniel Gerl .....	12-27
Kenneth Glocke .....	12-27
Rebecca Drummond .....	12-28
Ronald Fuhs.....	12-28
Jonathan Glocke .....	12-28
Donna Hungerford.....	12-28
Cecilyah Timm .....	12-28
Jim Roenz .....	12-29
Sadie Knaack.....	12-30
Robert Rosenau .....	12-30
David Thiel .....	12-30
Emily Gehrke .....	12-31
Tyler Schuelke .....	12-31



**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

John & Connie Hoffman .....	12-05-98
Sherry & Jack Hodel .....	12-08-84
Carl & Tine Creech.....	12-12-86
John & Kris Heinz.....	12-12-92
Tim & Jeanne Gehrke .....	12-14-96
Randal & Michelle Nemmetz.....	12-25-87
Jennifer & Michael Popke .....	12-31-16