

December 17, 2017

The Latest Information on Ministries and Events at St. Paul's

What's Happening

- Today** -Cantata Worship Services, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
-Fellowship Reception, 10:00 a.m.
- Monday** -Outreach Team, 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday** -Quilters and More, 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday** -Prayer Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- Thursday** -Chorale, 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday** -Christmas Eve Services, 10:00 a.m., 5:00 and 7:30 p.m.

For more information please check St. Paul's website at www.stpaulsefree.org,
Facebook or the information area in the Welcome Center



Advent Sermon Series

From Heaven to Earth

12/24 Matthew 2:1-12, 4:17 12/31 Special New Year Sermon

You are encouraged to read the passages and
pray over them in preparation for worship.

Greeters

8:30 a.m. Rodger and Vivian Young
11:00 a.m. Lela Vollmer

What's Happening Today

The Gospel Project, 10:00 a.m. Multipurpose Room.

Jesus' Miracles and Teachings; When Jesus teaches in stories and demonstrates in signs, he is revealing who he is. He is the very Son of God who comes in glory and power. This class will give you a fuller picture of Christ.

Spiritual Sisters, Galatians, 10:00 a.m., Room 204

Today is the last Sunday for the study in Galatians. Join us again January 7, when we begin the video series "*That the World May Know*" by Ray Vander Laan. Learn these faith lessons from visiting Israel.

Children's Sunday School, 4 years - 6th grade, Power Plant

Every child loves a good story. Jesus is the greatest story-teller of all time. Children will learn from the stories of Jesus and his marvelous miracles.

High School Class, Youth Room (Old Confirmation Room)

Conway and Letitia Wong will go through the series this fall titled "*The Bible: What is it, and Why does it matter?*" Issues about biblical reliability and authority will be discussed, along with comparing the Bible to other holy books and authorities. All high school youth are invited to participate.

2018 Giving Envelopes

They are now available for pick-up in the narthex. If you have questions, contact the church office.

Kids Church Celebrates Advent, Today, 11:00 a.m.

Kids will be learning about God's plans and promises throughout Advent. There will be special visits from shepherds and wise men. **NO KIDS CHURCH** available at the 11:00 a.m. service on the following Sundays: December 24; December 31, 2017. Kids Church will resume in the new year.

Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Gifts Due Today



Coming Highlights

No Sunday School for Adults and Children. December 24 and 31

Need a Christmas Gift?

Buy a shopping card (gift card) and support St. Paul's Crusaders. These cards make a great gift for someone on your list. The cards are available in the Welcome Center on Sunday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Denominations available from Dierberg's \$25.00 and \$100.00, Shop and Save \$25.00, \$50.00, and \$100.00. Please see Gerene Hecht or Judy Pfeiffer.

A Year of Encouragement 2018

We seek to meet God where he is already working in our church. That is why this Fall we introduced "Encouragement" as the main focus for the year 2018. As we go forth on this effort, the elders and pastors of the church want to hear from you. What are ways you have seen encouragement at St. Paul's? Do you have ideas on how we can better "encourage one another daily" (Hebrews 3:13)? Please let us know your ideas on the connection card or by speaking directly to an elder or pastor.

Light Classical and Popular Music Concert

December 29, 7:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of lovely musical excerpts from film scores and classical pieces performed by Johanna Stull on piano and Sean Hamre on cello. No admission charge, no offering required. Just come and enjoy the gift of music.

Winter small groups will begin the week of January 7

Small groups will go through February 11. This six-week study will be based on the theme of "Encouragement." We will be looking at Scriptures which are most encouraging to us as your pastors, and you will have opportunities to discuss which Bible passages encourage you as well.

Information for joining a group can be found in the Welcome Center (contact a group leader to let them know you're coming). If you want to know what group would be a good fit, ask Pastor Brian or call him at 314-917-4828.

Men's Fraternity, Wednesday January 3, 6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Start 2018 with a 6-week commitment to Men's Fraternity. This is an opportunity to grow together into the men God has called us to be. We will be studying "The Forgotten Jesus".

Financial Statement as of November 30, 2017

Receipts.....	\$647,412
Expenses.....	\$652,089
Difference	(\$4,677)