

**December 24, 2017**

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



**What's Happening**

- Today** -Fellowship Reception, 9:00 a.m.  
-Christmas Eve Services, 10:00 a.m., 5:00 and 7:30 p.m.
- Monday** -Church Office Closed
- Tuesday** -Church Office Closed
- Wednesday** -Prayer Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- Friday** -Stull/Hamre Recital, 7:30 p.m.

For more information please check St. Paul's website at [www.stpaulsefree.org](http://www.stpaulsefree.org),  
Facebook or the information area in the Welcome Center

**New Sermon Series**

***Encouragement for Your Life***

12/31 Select passages from Isaiah      1/7 Romans 4:1-8

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

**Greeters**

10:00 a.m. Appointed Member

**Flowers**

In loving memory of Marcia Shrum, daughter of Arthur MacLean.  
Thank you for all the prayers.

# What's Happening Today

## **No ABFs and No Kids Church**

Adult Bible Fellowship and Kids Church are canceled the following Sundays: December 24; December 31, 2017. Both will resume in the new year.

## Coming Highlights

### **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.

### **Nursery News**

We would like to announce that Kate Alstadt recently stepped into the role of Nursery Coordinator. A big thank you to those folks that have volunteered to help in the nursery caring for our little ones! We are still in need of a few more to help on Sunday mornings during the worship services or Sunday school times. If you can help, once every 4-5 weeks, please contact Kate at [katherine.alstadt@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.alstadt@gmail.com)

### **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.

### **Book Club Reconvening January 7, 9:45 a.m., Room 5**

The book club will be reading *Why the Reformation Still Matters*. Participants will be supplied with a copy of the book the first week. The class will supplement this study with Eric Metaxes' biography of Martin Luther.

## **Winter Small Groups 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)