

**December 31, 2017**

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

**What's Happening**

- Today** -Worship Services, 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- Monday** -Church Office Closed
- Tuesday** -Quilters and More, 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday** -Men's Fraternity, 6:30 a.m.  
-Prayer Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- Thursday** -Chorale, 7:00 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***

1/7 Romans 4:1-8      1/14 Mark 2:1-17

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 Volmer

# What's Happening Today

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

Both will resume next week.

## 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**

Kate Alstadt recently stepped into the role of Nursery Coordinator. A big thank you to those folks who 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)

### **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."

## Please Take your Poinsettias Home

Your poinsettias are ready to take home. Plastic sleeves are in the Welcome Center to cover them on their trip home with you. After January 7 they will be discarded.

### Financial Statement as of November 30, 2017

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

