

**January 7, 2018**

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

**What's Happening**

- Today**      -Worship Services with Communion, 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
                  -Small Groups Leader Training, 12:30 p.m.
- Monday**     -Budget Hearing, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday**    -Quilters and More, 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday** -Men's Fraternity, 6:30 a.m.  
                  -Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.  
                  -Mom Connect, 9:30 a.m.  
                  -Telephone Prayer Ministry, 11:00 a.m.  
                  -Women's Fellowship, 11:30 a.m.  
                  -Prayer Meeting, 12:00 p.m.  
                  -FOCUS, 6:30 p.m.  
                  -Stephen Ministry, 6:30 p.m.  
                  -Praise Ringers, 7:00 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***

1/14 Mark 2:1-17      1/21 Joshua 1:1-9

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

**Greeters**

8:30 a.m. Nancy Mueller

11:00 a.m. Kelly Graeler

# What's Happening Today

## **Book Club, 10:00 a.m., Room 5**

Why did we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation? Come and join the conversation with a study of "Why the Reformation Still Matters" and supplements from "Martin Luther: The Man Who Rediscovered God and Changed the World". Books will be provided to participants.

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

This winter we focus on the central point of the Bible, the cross and resurrection of King Jesus. All of Jesus' words and deeds culminated in the greatest picture of God's glory and love when Jesus died in our place. He died that we might have eternal life as adopted children of God.

## **Spiritual Sisters, 10:00 a.m., Room 204**

Women of all ages are invited to join this study. You will be learning faith lessons while traveling through Israel in a video series by Ray Vander Laan.

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

All our children's classes utilize the Gospel Project, paralleling the adult lesson. This winter the children will be learning about the death and resurrection of Jesus.

## **Please Take your Poinsettias Home Today**

You may now enjoy your poinsettias every day in your own home for years if you have the knack. Plastic protective sleeves are in the Welcome Center to aid them on their trip home with you. Poinsettias not claimed today will be discarded.

## Coming Highlights

### **A Year of Encouragement 2018**

"Encouragement" is the main focus for the year 2018. We seek to meet God where He is already working in our church. This year, the elders and pastors of the church want to hear from you. What are ways you have seen encouragement at St. Paul's? How can we better "encourage one another daily" (Hebrews 3:13)? Give us your ideas on the connection card or by speaking directly to an elder or pastor.

### **Nursery News**

Kate Alstadt, our new Nursery Coordinator still needs a few more helpers Sunday mornings during the worship services or Sunday school times, once every 4-5 weeks, please contact Kate at [katherine.alstadt@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.alstadt@gmail.com)

### **Budget Hearing, Monday, January 8, 7:00 p.m., Multipurpose Room**

It would be very helpful to bring your budget questions or concerns to this meeting. This way questions can be addressed before the Annual Meeting, keeping the meeting to a reasonable length, and providing more time for other questions.

## **Winter Small Groups Begin This Week**

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.

## **Time to Put away the Christmas Trees!**

Starting this Monday many volunteers are needed to help disassemble and put away our Christmas decorations. Contact Lynn May to schedule a time some afternoon or evening this week when you can come and help; 314-623-4526.

## **Men's Fraternity Has Begun, Wednesdays, 6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

Start 2018 with a 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."

## **Stitch-in, Tuesday, January 9, 9:00 a.m. in the Power Plant**

Join us for fun and fellowship as we sew simple dresses and shorts for orphan children in Congo. All supplies are provided. What we need are your smiles and time. Due to special circumstances we are meeting a week earlier in the month this one time. If you have questions, please call Phyllis Bauer: 314-567-3216.

## **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January. 21, 10:00 a.m.**

Between services there will be a special adult Bible fellowship hour in the multi-purpose room featuring speaker and Medical Center Manager and Regional Trainer for the ThriVe, St. Charles office, Carolyn Kuntz, RN. We came to realize many of our members are unaware of the scope of services ThriVe provides at NO cost to patients. Please plan to attend and support this important ministry St. Paul's has supported both financially and through prayer for many years. A question and answer period will be at the end. Also, a special offering replacing the funds normally collected with the baby bottles will be taken on Sunday, January 28.

## **Blood Drive January 22, 3:00- 6:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room**

To Schedule an appointment contact Sharon McGauly at 636-225-5126 or email [qicon2@charter.net](mailto:qicon2@charter.net) or go online to [www.bloodcenterIMPACT.org](http://www.bloodcenterIMPACT.org) and use sponsor code 9795 to schedule. Remember, eat and hydrate well before donating, and bring a photo ID. Last date to have donated elsewhere: November 27, 2017.

