

A New Year

As another new year rolls around we think of all the things we wish to change or improve. We think of our diets, exercise habits, work or household projects to complete. All these resolutions to improve ourselves and our surroundings are great but how much thought goes into these things by President's Day? Are we really thinking about our diet by November? Were all our drawers and closets organized by the next year? It is said, only 9% of these resolutions are actually kept.

If we were sitting with Jesus enjoying a cup of coffee he might want to know what fruits of the spirit we would resolve to produce in 2025. What could we do to produce the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control? From love comes joy and peace which in turn make us more patient, kind, and good. These attributes build on each other and with enough devotion to them we become more faithful. All these things take away violence, anger, and awfulness, and make us naturally more gentle and self controlled.

By practicing and producing these fruits of the spirit, it becomes easier to do the right thing today, and every day of the year. By doing the right thing in God's eyes we might just end up thinner, more fit, and be more organized in our lives, without even trying. Have a happy and fruitful new year. "Against such things there is no law."

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ELDER & DEACON NEWS

Elder Nomination - Continue to pray for the process of nominating, electing, and installing new Elder Board members.

Monthly Prayer Guide - The January prayer emphasis is "A New Year" Prayer guides may be found in each Sunday bulletin.



FROM PASTOR MARC'S DESK

Ruth Study

This winter we are diving into the book of Ruth. This is a story of redemption through hardship. God works through the good and the bad in our lives. He does this through his faithful love toward us. God did this for Ruth and Naomi and he is faithful to us as well. In this story we also see how God is preserving David's family line through his provision for Ruth and Naomi. God brings redemption and his ultimate redemption through Jesus, the son of David. Spend some time during the series reading Ruth and join a small group study if you're able.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Women's Fellowship Glow Brunch Had Us Ringing with Christmas Cheer

Saturday, December 7, 10:00 a.m. the ladies of St. Paul's had a fun and fabulous time. Everyone enjoyed a delicious brunch catered by Tornatori's and were served by the kind gentlemen, Mike Kolmer, David Smith, Clay Brigham, and Chuck Caesar,

The Praise Ringers, directed by Yvonne Sullivan, entertained the group with all the favorite Christmas carols played on the chimes. Yvonne got her audience involved by passing out castanets and sticks to various volunteers to click along. At the end she recruited inexperienced ringers to play the chimes. As she pointed to each one cuing their part, like magic, they all played together beautifully ending with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." Anyone who wasn't in the Christmas spirit when they came, certainly was when they left.





A Lovely Christmas Eve

This photo sums up our Christmas joy. It's always such a beautiful service the night before Christmas. This year was no exception. Seeing all the people's candles lit with everyone singing "Silent Night" has been the picture of Christmas for many years for many of us at St. Paul's



YarnWorks

The yarn workers have made changes to their schedule this year. From now on YarnWorks will meet every second Tuesday in the Auditorium along with the quilters. Bring a sack lunch and all your knitting and crocheting tools. Please call Sieglinde at 314-210-0065.



CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Children and Family Ministries

By Lisa Stahlhut

December was filled with fun and festivities for the children that attend JAM and Sunday School as we prepared for Christmas.

We spent the first two weeks in December practicing for the Christmas program which was held on Sunday, December 15. It really paid off, because the program turned out wonderfully. The children looked amazing in their costumes, sang beautifully, and rang the bells as Joy to the World was sung by the congregation. The youth did a great job portraying the Christmas story. Following the service, a luncheon was held where the children (and adults) could visit with Santa, personalize an ornament or two, enjoy a hot chocolate bar, and fill a bag of candy from the candy bar. None of this would have been possible without the many volunteers we have for JAM, Sunday School, the kitchen, and all those that made this day possible. It was truly a great day.

On December 18, JAM met at the theater to see the movie “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.” It was a fitting movie since we had just had our own “pageant” and delivers a great message for both children and adults. The movie is based on a book that was published many years ago.

JAM will resume on Wednesday, January 8. Our theme is “Camp Believe It,” and is based on Jesus’ Early Life. We will begin by learning about John the Baptist. Don’t forget to invite a neighbor or family member to join us each Wednesday beginning with a free family meal at 5:30 pm. We end each evening with a circle of prayer at 7:00pm.

In Sunday School, we will begin a new volume of our Gospel Project curriculum that will focus on the topics of What is the Bible, What is a Miracle, and What is a Fair Payment for Sin. This will certainly give our children the basics for accepting Jesus into their heart.

As always, if you are interested in helping out with this very important ministry, please let me know!



HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY

**SAVE
THE
DATES**

**ANNUAL
BUDGET
HEARING**
MONDAY
JANUARY 20, 7 PM

**ANNUAL
MEETING**
SUNDAY
JANUARY 26, 11 AM

**Youth Retreat
Saturday and Sunday
February 15 and 16**



SAUSAGE SUPPER
FEBRUARY 23, 2024 12:30-6PM



**Save the Date
Lots of helpers needed**

One of our Biggest Fundraisers

It takes many hands to facilitate the sausage supper fundraiser and feed our community for a day. Volunteer sheets will appear in the February bulletins.

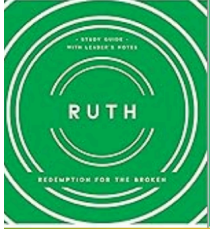
Be thinking about how you can help.

- by peeling potatoes
- by Serving in the dining room
- by helping in the kitchen
- by making pies and desserts
- by helping clean up

More information to come!

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Small Group sign-up



Study guides \$8 to St. Paul's

Find a list of leaders (You can be one too) and locations in the Welcome Center

Blood Drive

LET'S CHANGE THE WORLD TOGETHER

ImpactLife

Friday, January 24
3:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room

Call the church office to schedule an appointment



OR Scan this code to schedule online

Prayer with the Elders
Saturday January 25,
9:00 am

Call the Church Office to Sign up to Donate

Because of the wildfires in LA there is an extremely urgent need for blood. Hospitals have called out to Impact Life to help supply hospitals in the area. Each pint you donate can save up to three lives. You may call the church office or scan the code to the left and register online.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Anniversaries

- 01/08 POLLMANN, David & Susan (42)
01/16 DAHL, Timothy & Nancy (43)

Birthdays

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| 01/02 KEELY, Betty | 01/11 INDERMARK, Pauline | 01/31 WYNE, Ruth |
| 01/03 DEL CID, Camila | 01/18 SERDY, Mary Louise | 02/02 DEL CID, Jorge |
| 01/04 KNAPPENBERGER, Joan | 01/22 TRIEBE, Donna | 02/02 ROBINSON, Margaret |
| 01/05 SMITH, Jan | 01/24 STAHLHUT, Ralph | 02/06 MACLEAN, Carolyn |

Condolences

The Family of Kathy Ryan who passed away November 30, 2024

The Family of Mary Lou Fochtman who passed away December 8, 2024

The Family of Art MacLean who passed away December 29, 2024

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Sundays

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

Mondays - Church Office Closed

Tuesdays

Quilters and Project Linus 9:30 a.m.
Prayer & Care Meeting 1:30 p.m.
Martial Arts 6 and 7 p.m.

Wednesdays

Women's Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
JAM Jesus and me 5:30 p.m.

Thursdays

Praise Ringers 6:00 p.m.
Chorale 7:00 p.m.

Fridays

Martial Arts 6 and 7 p.m.

1/1 Church Office Closed
1/4 Women's Fellowship Executive Meeting
1/6 Missions Team 7:00 pm
1/8 Women's Fellowship 11:30 am
1/11 Dedecorating the Church 9:00 am
1/12 Hammond's Baby Shower 11 am
1/13 Deacons 5:30 pm, Elders 7 pm
1/14 YarnWorks (New time and location) 10 am
1/20 Budget Hearing, 7 am
1/24 Blood Drive 3 pm
1/25 Pray with the Elders 9am
1/26 Annual Meeting 11
1/27 Quilts of Valor 9 am