

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

Announcements - January 14 & 15, 2012

ATTENDANCE CARDS

Please make sure to locate the Attendance Cards in your row and fill one out when you first arrive. This helps us know that you are here with us and it enables us to assist you. There is a "Member" side as well as a "Guest" side - please fill out the appropriate side of the card.

Use one card for each family that is gathered. (Parents, please take responsibility for signing in your children)

The Attendance cards will be collected by a Lay Minister after the Offering.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES (9:50 a.m.)

Class: "Predestination: Comfort and Strength for Facing our World and Living out Your Calling."

Location: 5th Grade Classroom

Teacher: Pastor Sheets

Class: Faith & Membership Class Unit II

Location: 7th Grade Classroom

Teacher: Pastor Koeppen

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2012 are available at the school site in the cafeteria. Please pick up your families box of envelopes before or after church services.

FLOWER CHART

The Flower Chart for 2012 is up. Please pay Ladies Aid \$20.00 for one vase or \$40.00 for two. The chart will be posted downtown at the church during January and then will be moved out to the school for posting.

MEMBER INFORMATION CLASSES

Transfer/Established Member Information Classes covering the Church's finances/groups/organizations, and Mission and Vision Statement will be held January 15th, and the 22nd in the Library at the school at 9:50 a.m.

We will be covering the income and expenses of our Church with a budget over one million dollars, the various ways in which members can become involved; not only serving, but having fun and St. Paul's Mission and Vision Statement.

All are welcomed and exhorted to attend. There is much to know about our church, and this is one way to find out. The classes also present an opportunity for questions and answers and group discussion.

VOTER'S MEETING

A regular Voter's Meeting will be held on January 22, 2012, at 2:00 pm at the downtown church in Fellowship Hall.

Members of the congregation who are age 18 or older are eligible to become voting members and to participate in the decision making of the congregation. After attending at least two Voters' Assembly meetings in a one-year time period, a member is accepted into voting membership. Voting membership privileges then continue as long as you remain a member of the congregation.

THANK YOU

Brenda and I would like to thank you for the cards and gifts that we received from the members of St. Paul's. Most of all we praise the Lord for the gift of love that is behind these cards and gifts. You remain in our thoughts and prayers. God bless all of you.

Pastor and Brenda Sheets

DOOR COLLECTION FOR MISSIONARY HANNAH KIEFER

A door collection will be taken after all worship services next weekend, January 21-22, to support the work of Missionary Hannah Kiefer. You may make a gift in cash or by check. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

In addition, Miss Kiefer, a St. Paul's Lutheran School graduate and daughter of Pastor John and Sandy Kiefer of Zion Lutheran Church in Bonfield, will be speaking about her future mission work during the services on January 21 and 22, and during Bible Class.

In June 2011, Hannah was commissioned by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's International Ministries to serve as a short-term, GEO missionary in Macau, and she is currently seeking individuals and churches to partner with her in her ministry.

THANK YOU

Lynda and I want to extend our thanks to all the people of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School for the many cards, notes, and gifts over the Christmas season. We are truly blessed through your encouragement and thoughtful generosity.

May the joy of the Prince of Peace be yours in this New Year.

Pastor and Lynda Koeppen

TO THE PEOPLE OF ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

We can't thank you enough for the generous donation of \$1792.93 for the River Valley pregnancy resource center baby bottle drive. Six area Lutheran churches participated in the bottle drive. With matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a total of \$5279.74 was collected.

Helping young women, men & grandparents with a Christ centered focus in difficult situations is what the center does on a daily basis. The baby bottle drive is a very important event as the center exists totally on donations. The amount raised, accounts for a little over 2 months of the yearly budget. We thank God for you!

SCHOOL PRE-REGISTRATION

St. Paul's Lutheran School is offering pre-registration for St. Paul's Lutheran Church members and currently enrolled families for the 2012-13 school year from January 17th - February 7th. Classes fill quickly, and St. Paul's families receive priority enrollment during this time. Open enrollment begins February 8th. Contact Mrs. Anderson at (815) 932-0312 for more information.

YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial statements of individual member's giving are ready and can be picked up in Fellowship Hall under the clock on Saturday evenings and out at the school on Sunday mornings. Please pick up yours soon. If you have any questions, please call Eldon Balgeman, (815) 932-7566.

THANK YOU TO POINSETTIA DELIVERERS

The Board of Parish Fellowship thanks the members who delivered Christmas poinsettias to St. Paul's members who are shut-ins or are in nursing homes. Those who helped with deliveries were Donna & Wendell Beckman, LuAnn Brock, Al & Phyllis Johnston, Dennis & Nancy Rabe, Betty & Clarence Rubin, Jack & Janice Tomblin, & Anita Schluter Wilson. A special thank you to Al Johnston who moved the flowers from the sanctuary and organized the boxes in which the poinsettias were delivered.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY CLASS REGISTRATION

Sign-ups will be taken after the services on January 14th and 15th and January 21st and 22nd in the atrium/cafeteria. Early registrations are appreciated so we can have materials available for the first class.

If you want to learn more about the class, a preview will be held on Jan 22nd at 9:50 am at the 6th grade classroom.

Classes begin the week of January 29th, and will be offered on Sundays at 9:50 am and Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

Cost of the classes is \$100, which covers all of the materials, including a workbook, audio CDs of each class, and lifetime access to Dave Ramsey's on-line budgeting forms and financial resources. Payment can be spread over the 13 weeks of the class, if necessary. Financial assistance is also available to help cover the cost. Contact John Veers at (815) 933-6058 if you want to take advantage of this assistance.

BREMEN YOUTH SERVICES

On behalf of Bremen Youth Services (BYS) I would like to ask for your help. BYS is a not-for-profit community mental health agency that has served youth for nearly 40 years. We are currently developing an Expressive Therapy Group utilizing dance, art, and music. If you or someone you know would be willing to help the children by donating any used or new musical instruments, such as hand drums, we would be truly grateful. If you have any questions please contact me at 217-556-3851.

Thank You So Much,
Sarah Sheets

5G YOUTH MEETING

5G will meet next week on January 22nd from 6-7:30 pm in the Youth Room. We have started a study on the book called "Deep Justice in a Shallow World" by Chap Clark. We began our first lesson on the 8th and we talked about how deep justice service is really about getting to the root of the problem and helping people learn how to help themselves. We will continue this study for several weeks. Our end goal is to find ways to serve our church and community in deep lasting ways!

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME

Girls from Senior Girl Scout Troop #70521 will be taking orders for the Girl Scout Cookies on Sundays, January 15th and 22nd, between the worship services. Customers also have the option of purchasing an extra box (or more!) to be donated to soldiers. Stop by and see us!

YOUTH DINNER THEATER

Mayhem in Mayville is this year's youth dinner theater! We have many of our St. Paul's youth who have put in a lot of time and energy into making this year's production a success! This year we have added a second show on Sunday afternoon. The times and prices for the two different shows are as follows:

Saturday February 4 at 6:30 pm = Cost \$12
(Dinner will be served)

Sunday February 5 at 2:00 pm = Cost \$6
(Desserts will be provided)

Both performances will be at the school site in the gym. For tickets please see Becky Hagge or the following youth:

Kayla Smith	Kayla Ronchetto
Kyle Ronchetto	Becca Rogers
Claire Hess	Allie Bourassa
Brittany Wonders	Catie Marzke
Kate Mesenbring	Jen Ostrowski
Liz Ostrowski	Stacy Yoakum
Jessica Andre	Allison Dyche
Samantha Brown	Jon Dyche
Paul Weber	Christopher Bayston

PLEASE RECYCLE...

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

St. Paul's is again participating in the S.C.O.R.E. Recycling Contest through Belson's Steel, Rt. 50 & Larry Power Road, Bourbonnais and we are currently in 10th place. **The contest ends April 2012**, but we need your help now to reach our goal. Why not consider recycling during all the holidays and parties? By doing so, you are not only teaching valuable skills to tomorrow's adults, but you are earning cash and prizes for St. Paul's School. Here's what you need to do...

- 1) Collect your aluminum cans and bring them to Belson's. You get paid cash for your cans. *If you are unable to take the cans to Belson's, we do have a collection canister located at the school.*
- 2) Mention "St. Paul's" when you get paid. Belson's will add one point to our score for every pound of cans that you are recycling.
- 3) At the end of the contest, our school gets two cents for every point. PLUS, the top schools will win thousands in extra cash and prizes. *Last year the winning schools received over \$15,000 in cash and prizes!*

If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 815-932-0312.

Please help us out...RECYCLE...and SCORE with us!!

Your online shopping destination:
ShopStPauls.com

Our Response to God's Love

January 7 & 8, 2012

Worship Attendance:

Saturday:	5:00 p.m.	118
Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	172
	11:05 a.m.	212
Total:		502

Bible Class Attendance:

Adult Classes on Sunday	26
Tuesday Morning Class:	14

The Journey Building Fund

November Building Contributions:	\$85,180.36
Monthly Total Needed:	\$43,465.36
Balance (Deficit)	\$41,715.00

Thankofferings Received

Offerings Given Last Week:	\$13,529.53
Needed Weekly:	\$17,347.77
Balance (Deficit)	(\$3,818.24)

**Total Budget Income/Expense
(Fiscal Year 7/1/11 to 6/30/12)**

Through 10/31/11

Actual Income:	\$489,755.47
Actual Expenses:	\$446,900.81
Balance (Deficit)	\$42,854.66

Church & School Office
(815) 932-0312, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Serving In God's House Today

Preacher: Pastor Sheets

Organist: Carol Goodwin

Lay Ministers: 5:00: Robert Carruthers, John Giertz
8:30: Greg Deck, Rick Einfeldt, Bill Balgeman, Art Schumacher,
(Dean Cappel)
11:05: Don Bayston, Steve Plotezka *(Dean Cappel)*

Lay Readers: 5:00: Ken Ebert
8:30: Roy Cordes
11:05: Stacy Yoakum

Acolytes: 8:30: Olivia Custer, Paul Drake
11:05: Emma Baud

Greeters: 8:30: Betty Rubin
11:05: Marilyn Jenkins

Usher Teams: 5:00: Mark Gradberg, Fred Langelett, Jim Sharper, Terry Treece,
Jeff Wilken
8:30: Hill Love, Dennis Rabe, Chris Tomblin, Brandon Tomblin
11:05: Bob Adams, John Giertz, John Miskell, Kim Williams

Nursery: 9:50: Lori Curtis, Barb Freitag
11:05: Kate Mesenbring, Bonnie Neufeldl

Tabernacle: 5:00
8:30:
11:05:

Coffee Hour Hosts:
8:30: Assimilation
9:50: Assimilation

Contemporary Service Worship Team: Bill Dyche, Diana Dyche, Duane Ferrebee,
Mellody McDonald, Scott Moore, Kayla Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin,
Jim Stone.

This Week's Schedule of Activities

Sun. January 15	8:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am 1:30 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion <i>(at School)</i> Sunday School & Adult Bible Class <i>(at School)</i> Orientation Class for New Members <i>(at School)</i> Faith & Membership Classes Unit II <i>(at School)</i> Worship - Contemporary <i>(at School)</i> Varsity Boy's Basketball Tournament <i>(at School)</i>
Mon. January 16		NO SCHOOL - MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
Tues. January 17	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Tuesday Morning Bible Class <i>(at School)</i> Church Council <i>(at School)</i>
Wed. January 18	11:50 am 4:30 pm 7:15 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">EARLY SCHOOL DISMISSAL @ 1:05</p> Bible Study Group (Books of the Bible) <i>(at Church)</i> Junior Confirmation <i>(at School)</i> Handbells <i>(at School)</i>
Thurs. January 19		
Fri. January 20		
Sat. January 21	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional <i>(at School)</i>
Sun. January 22	8:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am 2:00 pm 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional <i>(at School)</i> Sunday School & Adult Bible Class <i>(at School)</i> Orientation Class for New Members <i>(at School)</i> Faith & Membership Class Unit II <i>(at School)</i> Worship - Contemporary <i>(at School)</i> Voter's Meeting <i>(at Church)</i> 5G Connection Youth Meeting <i>(at School)</i>