

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maryville, TN

THE GOOD NEWS

January 2017 Edition



Worship Times

Sunday Morning
8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School
9:15am

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PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

A Message from Pastor Rick:

One phrase that has been repeated quite a bit in the last few weeks since the Gatlinburg area fires is “Mountain Strong”. Not only does it remind us of the strong wills of those affected by the terrible fires, but I think it also refers to the strong sense of community of those of us in East Tennessee who have and will continue to pour out support to help our damaged communities rebuild.

Another phrase that comes to my mind which isn’t used that much would be “Lutheran Strong.” Actually, I think I just made it up. When disasters strike, Lutherans are known throughout the country and world for stepping in to help with immediate needs and especially to stick around and help people when long term rebuilding is necessary.

Following Hurricane Katrina, Lutheran Disaster Relief (LDR) was in the area very quickly and remained for over 5 years to organize and assist with volunteer work groups. Some of you traveled to Mississippi to help during this time. More recently, LDR was present in East Tennessee after the tornadoes which hit our area as well as Cocke and Greene Counties. My previous congregation hosted work groups from all over the country and used bunks and other resources provided by LDR. Even though the tornado damage was not close to that of a hurricane, Lutheran groups came to help for almost a year.

You have already been generous in your support of our neighbors in need. To date, we have raised almost \$1500 for the relief effort in Gatlinburg. Our local Thrivent chapter has also given \$250 to both the ELCA & LCMS congregations there. We hope to be hearing soon from our synod and LDR about opportunities to serve. Our Savior Lutheran will be housing and feeding volunteers. We are close enough to the Gatlinburg that we should be able to commute when we go do our part. My hope is for us to have a specific week to volunteer where needed.

As we wait to hear what else we can do, please continue to pray for this area; not just for the people, but also for the animals and other wildlife. If you would like to volunteer now, there are needs at sites where relief items are being distributed.

Together we are strong, because our God is strong.

Peace,
Pastor Rick



The St. Paul Church Council will meet monthly on the third Monday ~ 7:30pm

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A Message From the Council President

Thanks to the church staff and the many volunteers who helped make 2016 a great year!

I wish to thank the members of council that served in 2016, and also wish to thank the Ministry Team Coordinators.

I wish to thank Mike Culross, Marianne Searfoss and Rick Anger for serving on 2016 council, Jacqueline Conzemius and Kara Birdwell for serving on Endowment Board, and Beth Drane for serving on the Columbarium Board.

All these GREAT people made my job as your council president a rewarding and interesting year.

I welcome our new members; Susan Ward, Herb Perry and Rick Anger to 2017 council, Jacqueline

Conzemius and John Beck to Endowment Board and Beth Drane to the Columbarium.

As you know, the Council, Endowment Board and Columbarium Board, are made up of volunteers and I really appreciate everything they do for this church.

There are so many of you that do the EXTRA work at the church, I just want to say; THANKS for all your hard work and time you put in. I know that everybody will continue to support the new Council President, Kara Birdwell.

*Time is the length of our stay on earth
and God has a purpose for each of us.
Lets continue to volunteer;
Serve our Church,
Country, and Love each other.*

Jan Hanes
Council President



receive a container to hold milestone stones. These small stones will be given to family members to commemorate special moments in their life. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please contact Beth Drane or Sue Tyler for more information.

Milestones Ministry

A ministry for the whole church to recognize the milestones in our member's lives. A reminder that we are all a family and we want to celebrate the happy and sad moments in a member's life. We are already doing that (baptism, confirmation, graduation etc.) Now we wish to expand this ministry. Each family unit will

Listening Group

We will be setting up a suggestion box on the ushers' table beginning in January. If you have any ideas of places in either the church or in the community where the members of St Paul might use their gifts to make a difference, the Listening Group is asking that you write these ideas down and put them in the suggestion box.

NOTICE

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, January, 29th
11:30am

Immediately following 10:30 service



We will begin with a potluck meal. Meat and dessert will be provided, please bring a dish to share.



Thanks to all of you that turned in Time and Talent forms.

You will soon see new worship assistants in our services, and other ways people have offered to assist. It was exciting opening the forms and seeing how you can help! If you didn't turn in a form, there is still time to do so. Forms are on a table in the Narthex (next to the Usher Table) and can be put in the box when completed. You will be a blessing to St. Paul!

WORSHIP

Merl Krull - Coordinator



A Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, January 1, 2017

10:30am

One Service Only

SERVING

Charlie Malin- Coordinator

*Wrapping People
in God's Love
One Quilt at a Time*

Quilt Fest

Come join us for a day of fun quilting

Where:

St. Paul Lutheran Church ~ Fellowship Hall

When:

Saturday, February 4th

9:00am-3:00pm (set up @ 8:00AM)

What:

Sewing charity lap quilts - Kits are already cut

Bring:

Your sewing machine and other sewing/
quilting supplies

Provided:

Coffee, light lunch, irons, ironing boards,
large mats

Questions: Kris Zimmer - (865)681-7795

Shirley Lips (865)856-6608 c-(865)292-5262



SAVE THE DATE

**St. Paul Host Week
February 5th - 12th**

Contact Susan Ward
to help serve or
for more information
About Family Promise
smw030364@aol.com



**Community
Food Connection**
of Blount County, Inc.

January collection ~ small jars of Mayo, Mustard, Catsup, jelly etc.

The Food Connection has started a new program called Client Choice.

This allows clients to actually "shop" for their own food. The are accompanied by a "personal shopper". This program is available for 4 hours on Fridays and families can come every two weeks. Right now we are able to serve about 400 families on this program. Each family gets to choose one item from this shelf and are thrilled to see these special items offered. Thank you for the continued support of this important ministry.

DISCIPLESHIP

Winnie Johnson - Coordinator



New Member Classes

The next new member inquiry classes for 2017 will be held on **January 15th and 22nd**

at **9:15 AM**. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the ministry of St. Paul you may contact Pastor Rick at pastorrick06@att.net or the church office 982-4285.

We will celebrate all those who have become a part of the St. Paul Family in the last 6 months with a Reception at the Annual Meeting, January 29th.

Do You Need a Ride to Church?

If you need a ride to church you can call **Winnie Johnson or Denice Birdwell** as they have a team of volunteers that can provide your transportation.

Updating the Church Directory

The "Member Involvement" committee will be updating the church directory in the next few months. You may receive a phone call asking if the information regarding your address, phone number and email address is correct. If you have any changes you may also call the church office with this information.

Wednesday Night

Let us do the cooking, so you can sit down with your family and enjoy a meal together after a busy day of work and school.

Wednesday's in January 11, 18, & 25th

5:00pm - Adult Bible Study

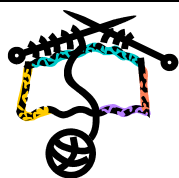
6:00pm - Family Meal

6:25pm - Devotions/Activities

Faith -N- Family

PARISH LIFE

Carla McMillion - Coordinator



Keep'em In Stitches Every Thursday

- Except the 4th week

10:00am-1:00pm

Join us for a time of fellowship and knitting, crocheting, needlework, quilting...

We meet in room #8. Bring a sack lunch and a stitching project you are working on.

Days for Girls:

Ladies, please join us on

January 21 for another day of sewing Days for Girls kits. We

are going to need sergers and sewing machines this time as we replenish our supply of liners and work on the bags that hold the kits. In November we contributed over 200 liners to kits going to Iraq. We will meet from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch is included.**



LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

2017 MIM Leaders:

President, James McMillion; jmcmillion@utk.edu

Vice President, Rene Zimmer; rcztn1@charter.net

Treasurer, Jan Hanes; jehanes@bellsouth.net

Secretary, Dave Lanzer; daveirl22@gmail.com

At Large, Merl Krull & Clayton Narveson

Feel free to contact your MIM leaders with suggestions and questions.



SPAM 55+

Brown Bag Lunch

Tuesday, January 17th

12:00 noon

We will plan our year- 2017. Bring all suggestion.

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Note: If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement for that Sunday.

Duties	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
	10:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Assistant Minister	Merl Krull	Warren Bielenberg	Jean Beck	Charlie Malin	Charlie Malin
Communion Assistants		Jackie Kreider Marianne Searfoss	Elaine Fisher	Carolyn Speck Steve Zrioka	Mark Fisher
Lector		Marianne Searfoss	John Walker	Carolyn Speck	Kris Zimmer
Ushers	Perry McClellan James McMillion Robert Bryant		John Beck Bob Ullom Linda Ullom	Tom Sims Roy Johnson René Zimmer	Tom Sims Roy Johnson René Zimmer
Altar Guild		Suzanne Bielenberg	Marsha Wynn	Betty Ludwig Sandi Weber	Karin Bell
Acolyte/Crucifer	Kajler McMillion		Darian Lindquist	Olivia Da Cruz	Bertha Franks
Torch Bearers		Jan Hanes Carolyn Speck	Marsha Bryant Sheri Martin		
Nursery	Jacqueline Conzemius Noah Ohsiek		Carol Perry Jody Ohsiek	Anne Sims Eric Walker	
Greeters	Thelna Fastner	Bertha Franks	James and Carla McMillion	Greg and Tami Wyatt	Jan and Erika Hanes
Sound Room	Greg Caldwell	Joel Searfoss	Tom Sims	Will Ludwig	Steve Zrioka
Tellers	Jan Hanes Will Ludwig		Warren Bielenberg Joel Searfoss	Dee Walker Kris Zimmer	Tom Sims David Lanzer
Flowers					

FELLOWSHIP

Leigh Caldwell - Coordinator



10:30 Service

Fellowship Teams

Each team is responsible for providing cookies or donuts, setting up and cleaning up the Fellowship time after the 10:30 service. Contact Jacqueline Conzemius for more information.

January

- January 1** Darla & Brian Kaufman, Marsha Wynn, JB & Sylvia Johnson
- January 8** Lorraine Geary, Sue Stauffer, Dorine Keeble, Patty Harmon
- January 15** Brenda & Perry McClellan, Bob & Linda Ullom
- January 22** Tom & Anne Sims, Kris & Rene Zimmer
- January 29** **ANNUAL MEETING**
Merl & Judy Krull,
Elizabeth & Rick Anger



January 2017

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 5	Dave Dubs
January 6	Claude Abbott Cole Wyatt
January 7	Bob Miller Charlene Dubs
January 9	Charlene McClaran
January 11	Jonathan Joyal Mark Fisher Art Hafner III Tom Sims
January 15	Heinz Lips Karl Weber
January 17	Bill Wear Kevin Rokavec
January 18	Marsha Bryant
January 19	David Silseth
January 20	Jerry Sorensen Hannah Bryant



January 21	Carolyn Speck Michael Kaufman
January 22	Emily Kaufman
January 23	Bob Ullom
January 26	Andrea Saal Liz Runkle
January 27	Clayton Narveson Kyle Tyler
January 29	Carole Long Rick Ward Kaila Ogle Oliver Gordon
January 31	Jean Beck



January 4
January 11
January 28
January 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Shelly Foster
Frank & Julie Rutherford
Mary & Charles Schopmann
Rick & Jody Ohsiek

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*Sharing Christ's Love
With the World*

Dates of Interest

Check Calendar for times and places

Church Office Closed ~ January 2nd

New Office Hours begin January 3rd ~ Mon-Thurs 8:30am-5:00pm

Council:

Saturday, January 14th ~ Council Retreat

Monday, January 16th ~ Ministry Team Night

Sunday, January 29th ~ Congregational Meeting

Discipleship:

Sunday, January 8th ~ Sunday School Resumes

Wednesday, January 11th ~ Faith-N-Family Resumes

Fellowship:

Sunday, January 29th ~ Annual Meeting Potluck

Parish Life:

Thursday, January 5th ~ Men In Mission Meeting

Thursday's, *Except the 4th Thursday* ~ Keep'em In Stitches

Worship:

Sunday, January 1, 2017 ~ Lessons & Carols ~ **ONE SERVICE ONLY 10:30am**