

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maryville, TN

THE GOOD NEWS January 2018 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:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Many of us start each new year wanting to be better at something. Maybe you wish to live a little healthier lifestyle. Some want to spend more time with family. Others might want to take up a new hobby that they have been putting off for years. January often seems to be a time for new beginnings.

I often laugh at how long these new beginnings last. It's funny to look at the how crowded the gym is during the first couple of weeks of January and then see those crowds fade away by the end of the month. After a few weeks, many people have given up trying to eat healthier. Sometimes people have also put away the new instrument they have wanted to play or the books they have promised to read before any of these things even wear out their newness.

The same is true at times for our spiritual practices. At my last church, there was a couple who showed up every Sunday in January and said that they were committing themselves to showing up each week. After January, I usually didn't see them until Holy Week. Others promise to read their bibles or devotional books more regularly than in the past. They usually admit to me after a little while that "the spirit was willing, but the flesh was weak".

It is a good thing to have some sort of resolution as an attempt to better some aspect of your life. It is always good to try to improve ourselves intellectually, physically, or spiritually. Unfortunately, we do sometimes fall short of our goals.

When we fall short of what or who we want to be, it is always good to remember that God always loves us for who we are. We are not failures in God's sight. Every time we remember our baptism, we are told that we are special because of who we are: beloved children of God.

The Baptism of our Lord is always celebrated on the 1st Sunday after the Epiphany. We remember on that day the voice from heaven which told the newly baptized Jesus, "this is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." God says those same words to us in our baptism. Whether we feel like a success, failure, or something in between, God will always love us and see value in each and every one of us.

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

It has been an honor to serve as the Council President these last two years. I would like to first thank the 2018 Council members.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication. You are all so passionate about the ministries and members at St. Paul that it has been a pleasure to serve along side of you this past year. Looking back at 2018, we had a few bumps in the road with large ticket property repairs but we were able to find the funding without sacrificing our ministries.

- ◆ We were able to send two congregational members to the Stephen Ministry training whom have brought that knowledge back to St. Paul and trained our first set of Stephen Ministers.
- ◆ We created a Policy and Procedures manual.
- ◆ We developed a security plan and had a mock drill.
- ◆ We finished the kitchen remodel.
- ◆ We increased our fellowship opportunities with quarterly meals on Sunday.

I could go on and on as 2018 was a busy but great year at St. Paul.

When I say 'We', I mean all of us here at St. Paul. Council would not have accomplished anything without your support and hard work.

Thank you for meeting with the repairmen, thank you for creating/submitting policies and procedures, thank you for going to trainings, thank you for attending special events, thank you, thank you, thank you!

I will be stepping down as President in 2019 but I will not be leaving Council just yet. I will be filling Susan Ward's vacant seat as she takes on the Treasurer role in 2019.

I am excited to announce that Herb Perry will be President with Merl Krull as the Vice-president, and Heather Wright as Secretary.

Please join us January 20th at our January Annual meeting. This annual meeting will not be like the annual meetings in the past. This meeting will be more of a celebratory event as we celebrate our volunteers, our ministries and each other!

Our first Ministry Team night of 2019 will be January 21st. We will be revamping these nights as well, and I hope you can come check it out and learn about how our ministry teams work together.

Yours in Christ, Kara Birdwell

Also, be on the lookout for a Ministry Team Fair to come soon!

MINISTRY FAIR



You can make a difference!

NOTICE

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, January, 20th
11:30am

Immediately following 10:30 service



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



Please join us at the Annual Meeting for a recognition of all those who give of their time to the ministries at St Paul.

DISCIPLESHIP

- Coordinator

January 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th

Join us for a family meal, conversation around the table, and a time to give thanks and praise in worship.

**Dinner Church begins again on
Wednesday, January 9th
6:00pm**

Season of Epiphany

The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.
John 1:4-5

Invite a friend and join us for this opportunity to share a meal and worship together.

Please talk with Sue Tyler or Marsha Wynn if you would like to share your gift of music (singing or instrumental) during this service.



**Dinner
Church**

Wednesday's @ 6

All Are Welcome

For a meal and
Holy Communion

PARISH LIFE

- Coordinator



HOCKEY GAME

Saturday, January 5, 2019 ~ Hosted by Men In Mission

The Men's Group is hosting a hockey night for everyone in the church who would like to see a hockey game. (Maybe for the first time) Saturday, January 5th ~ 7:35 the Knoxville Ice Bears are playing at the Knoxville Coliseum.

Tickets are \$20 but the men are selling them for **\$15**.

Also that night Rene Zimmer will be honored as the Armed Forces veteran of the night.

A legends scrimmage game will start a 5:30pm with the Ice Bears starting at 7:35pm. For tickets talk to Jan Hanes, Rene, or Tom Sims. See you on the ice!!!!

SPAM ~ Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Noon ~ Richardson Hall at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Program: Early African American History in Blount County

Presenter: Dr. Shirley Carr Clowney. She was the 2018 Commencement Speaker at Maryville College and is the author of "Our Place in Time: Blacks in Blount County". Her book will be available for purchase and autograph after the program.

Cost: We will have a catered lunch from the Honey Baked Ham Company (sandwiches and light sides) and drinks will be provided. Cost for the meal will be \$10 each and those eating will need to sign up and pay in advance by **January 13, 2019**.





Mark the Date!

January 27

12:00pm

All are welcome to join us for Family Promise training after church Sunday January 27th from 12:00pm- 1:30pm. **Kathi Parkins**

the Director of Family Promise will be here to lead us in the training.

The first 20-30 minutes will be a question and answer time for everyone.

If you have ever wondered what Family Promise is all about or if you would like to learn more about how to volunteer in this important ministry now is your chance to find out! Please come for the first half hour or so even if you don't stay for the whole training, you will learn why St Paul supports this ministry in our community. **Training, however,** is required for those who want to volunteer with the people in the program (Family Promise) so its a good opportunity to get the training! Pizza will be served for those who stay!



**Thank You St Paul
For all the food donations
during Advent.**



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



*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 2nd 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

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE
Note: If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement for that Sunday.

Duties	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Assistant Minister	Carolyn Speck	Joel Searfoss	Marsha Bryant	Charlie Malin
Communion Assistants	Jackie Kreider Steve Zrioka	Kris Zimmer	Warren Bielenberg Nan Wylie	John Walker
Lector	Tanni Wyatt	Kris Zimmer	Marianne Searfoss	Susan Ward
Ushers		Tom Sims Bob Ullom Linda Ullom	Herb Perry Denny Mansmith Roy Johnson	Joel Searfoss Loda Wylie
Altar Guild	Linda Zrioka	Kris Zimmer	Jackie Kreider	Janice Hoover
Acolyte/ Crucifer		Hannah Hatmaker	Darian Lindquist	Betty Ludwig
Nursery		Deb Johnson Drew Ohsiek	Kara Birdwell Alyssa Rundle	Alyssa Rundle
Greeters	Mo Brueckner	Suzette Stauffer	Heinz and Shirley Lips	Dorian Leonard
Sound Room	Greg Caldwell	Ben Ward	Will Ludwig	Paul Rogers
Tellers		Carolyn Speck John Beck	Warren Bielenberg Joel Searfoss	Jan Hanes Will Ludwig
Torch Bearers	Jan Hanes Steve Zrioka	Beth Drame Marsha Bryant	Carolyn Speck Jan Hanes	Elaine Fisher Sheri Martin

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 6** Darla & Brian Kaufman,
Marsha Wynn
- January 13** Tom & Anne Sims,
Kris & Rene Zimmer
- January 20** Congregational Meeting
- January 27** Merl & Judy Krull,
Elizabeth & Rick Anger



January 2018 Birthdays & Anniversaries

- January 5** Dave Dubs
- January 6** Claude Abbott
Cole Wyatt
- January 7** Bob Miller
Charlene Dubs
- January 9** Charlene McClaran
- January 10** Brooke Nowak
- January 11** Jonathan Joyal
Mark Fisher
Art Hafner III
Tom Sims
- January 15** Heinz Lips
Karl Weber
- January 17** 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** Kyle Tyler
- January 29** Carole Long
Rick Ward
Kaila Ogle
Oliver Gordon
- January 31** Jean Beck



ANNIVERSARIES

- January 4 Jim & Shelly Foster
- January 11 Frank & Julie Rutherford
- January 30 Rick & Jody Ohsiek

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*Sharing Christ's Love
With the World*

Dates of Interest

*Check Calendar for times and places
OFFICE CLOSED January 1, 2019*

Council:

Sunday, January 20th ~ Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 21st ~ Ministry Team Night

Discipleship:

Sunday, January 6th ~ Sunday School Resumes
Wednesday, January 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th ~ Dinner Church

Fellowship:

Sunday, January 20th ~ Annual Meeting Potluck

Parish Life:

Saturday, January 5th ~ Men In Mission host Hockey Game
Thursday, January 10th & 24th ~ Creative Hands

Service:

Sunday, January 27th ~ Family Promise Training