

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maryville, TN

THE GOOD NEWS

January 2020 Edition



happy
NEW
Year!

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:

Another year has come and gone. It seems that nothing much has changed in the world, except that I think we now live in an angrier and meaner society than we did 365 days ago. It feels like people have forgotten how to listen to each other when they do not agree.

The prevailing attitude is that if I speak loud enough and repeat myself enough, then the other person will give up making me right by default.

This attitude isn't exclusive to the political realm (even though both major parties are guilty). It also shows up in everything from family gatherings to civic groups. Social media has made it even worse. It is incredibly difficult to have an intelligent conversation with someone without having attacks and insults fly when someone disagrees with you.

I have never been one for New Year's resolutions, but maybe this is the year I change. My wish for me (and everyone else) is to become a better listener,

especially with people whose ideas and opinions make my skin crawl. Maybe if I try to understand the place from where they are coming, I can better understand why they think a certain way. If I listen hard enough, I might be able to find where we share some common ground on an issue.

Listening is also a good practice to have in prayer. Have you ever stopped to take time and just listened for God? So many of our prayers contain lists of what we want from God. If we take a little more quiet time to "be still", we can hear God's plans for us. We might even be changed so that we can better see and hear God active around us.

There are some things I do not look forward to in 2020 like the thousands of political ads on the way. I am, however, looking forward to the incredible possibilities God had in store for us in the New Year.

Peace,
Pastor Rick



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

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PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL



A Message from the Council President

Happy New Year! At the December Church Council meeting I was elected to serve as Council President, along with Merl Krull, Vice President and Brooke Nowak, Secretary. Robert Bryant was appointed to serve as Financial Secretary through December 2021. I want to thank out-going Council members Herb Perry, Kara Birdwell, and Rick Anger for their faithful service the past 6 years and I want to welcome new Council members Teena Conrady, Zach Gordon and Ed Martin.

Please mark your calendar for the Congregational Meeting on Sunday January 19. We will start with a potluck lunch following second service. Topics include Annual Reports and ratifying changes to the Constitution and By-laws. Please feel free to contact me or any Council members if you have questions or concerns.

Faithfully,

Warren Bielenberg - Council President

NOTICE

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, January, 19th
11:30am

Immediately following 10:30 service

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



ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

VISION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Capital Campaign "Passion"
given to Family Promise

On December 15th, a check from St. Paul Lutheran for \$ 2,284 was presented to Caroline Lamar, Executive Director of Family Promise. This donation represents the "Church Passion" that was designated in the Capital Campaign Goals to go to Family Promise in 2019. The Capital Campaign Team would like to thank the congregation for supporting this drive and all those that donated and helped with this mission.



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



Community
Food Connection
of Blount County, Inc.

PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

Live an active faith life; be a part of Ministry at St Paul!

The Council is seeking volunteers for the Ministry Team Coordinator positions listed below. Read descriptions of each Ministry Team below to see where your gifts and talents intersect with the ministry needs for our Congregation and Community.

Talk with Council President Warren Bielenberg for more information.

(From Continuing Resolutions) **Section 1. Responsibilities of the Ministry Team Coordinator**

Each ministry team coordinator shall assure that each of the following responsibilities are completed:

- A. Inform the Council in a timely fashion of planned activities of groups under that ministry team;
- B. Provide oversight and coordination of groups under that ministry team;
- C. Prepare an annual report for the ministry team, including the organizational structure and the persons in charge of each area of responsibility;
- D. Prepare a spending plan submission for consideration by the Finance Committee and the Congregation Council;
- E. Provide a contact list for groups operating under that ministry team;
- F. Keep the office regularly informed of dates of activities, making sure that groups under that team submit a building request;
- G. Inform groups under that ministry team of information from the Congregation Council and the team meetings;
- H. Take responsibility for oversight of the spending plan expenditures for that ministry team;
- I. Attend scheduled ministry team meetings and joint meetings with the Congregation Council;
- J. Provide information for the church newsletter;
- K. Encourage new directions and promote growth in activities of the ministry team;
- L. Attempt to gather all the group leaders together at one time for discussion on occasion;
- M. Make sure the bulletin board displays are current and useful;
- N. Have job descriptions for the groups existing under that ministry team; and
- O. Identify areas where coordination with other ministry teams is required.

Each Ministry Team is separated into groups.

The ideal situation is to have a Team Coordinator and a volunteer for each group. Each team works in their area to provide ministry and support for the mission of the church.

Discipleship Ministries Team

The team coordinates the group functions related to: Sunday School, the nursery, children's ministry, library, youth and family ministry, risk management, adult education, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation, Wednesday night programming, evangelism, spiritual gifts and member involvement. The team is responsible for planning and organizing ministries designed to reach others for Christ.

Fellowship Ministries Team

The Congregational Fellowship Ministries Team shall coordinate group functions related to events involving meals and refreshments.

Parish Life Ministries Team

The team coordinates the programs/activities of groups that promote fellowship and social interaction within the congregation, such as:

Women of ELCA (WELCA);
St. Paul Adult Ministries (SPAM);
Creative Hands and
Men in Mission (MIM),

Serving Ministries Team

The team coordinates the programs/activities of St. Paul related to community outreach, benevolences in the community and greater church and support of our congregation's members through such programs as prayer ministry, a Congregational Health program and assistance in wedding coordination.

The community outreach program and benevolence efforts are to give creative direction to our congregation as to ways and means of expressing our Christian faith and love through community, national and international ministries.

PARISH LIFE

Barb Miller - Coordinator

SPAM Adults 55+

January Program

Tuesday, January 21st ~ Noon
Fellowship Hall

Soup and Sandwich Lunch, with a presentation by Laurie Birt on Smoky Mountain Service Dogs. This charitable organization helps to provide service dogs for U.S. Military Veterans.

Cost: Lunch will be provided by Tim and Leslie Walker at no cost. Please sign up so we will know how much food to prepare. After the program on Smoky Mountain Service Dogs, we will collect voluntary donations to support their good works.



Days for Girls sewing will continue on Jan. 15 at 2 p.m.

Note that this is later in the month than we usually meet. We will be making bags to hold the Days for Girls kits, so sewing machines are in order.

We can always use non-sewers to help.

Join us for fellowship and an opportunity to help girls around the world.



ATTENTION;
All women of St Paul
WELCA January Meeting
January 13th ~ Noon

WHERE: Diana Carbon's House
which is : 3838 Eagle Drive
Maryville, TN 37803

Phone : 865-385-9977

WHAT TO BRING:
Bring a sack lunch, a friend if you like and yourself..
Come and hear about everything going on in WELCA this year.
Hope to see you there....

SERVING

Volunteer Needed - Coordinator

Quilt Fest

Come join us for a day of fun quilting



Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church ~ Fellowship Hall

When: Saturday, February 1st 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



Who can receive a Prayer Shawl?

Anyone who is in need of comfort and prayers. You may take a shawl at any time to give to a friend, loved one or neighbor. The shawls will be in the narthex on a quilt rack under the prayer board, plus the pocket shawls will be in a basket on the pew.

How can I be a part of this ministry? By sharing a shawl with someone in need of prayer, donating yarn or join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:00am to crochet/knit. We have lots of patterns and can teach you. Please join us! Contact Ann Munson or the church office for more information.

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 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Assistant Minister	8 a.m. Charlie Malin	10:30 a.m. Charlie Malin	8 a.m. Joel Searfoss	10:30 a.m. Jean Beck
Communion Assistants	8 a.m. Warren Bielenberg Jackie Kreider	10:30 a.m. Carol Perry	8 a.m. Betty Ludwig Marianne Searfoss	10:30 a.m. Marsha Bryant
Lector	8 a.m. Warren Bielenberg	10:30 a.m. David Silseth	8 a.m. Chris Ems	10:30 a.m. Susan Ward
Ushers	8 a.m. John Beck James McMillion Rick Anger	10:30 a.m. Herb Perry Katherine Johnson Denny Mansmith	8 a.m. Betty Ludwig	10:30 a.m. Tom Sims Denny Mansmith Robert Bryant
Altar Guild	8 a.m. Suzanne Bielenberg	10:30 a.m. Teena Conrady	8 a.m. Bertha Franks	10:30 a.m. Janice Hoover
Acolyte/ Crucifer	8 a.m. Nathan Rundle	10:30 a.m. Hannah Rundle	8 a.m. Kara Birdwell Alyssa Rundle	10:30 a.m. Noah Ohsiek
Nursery	8 a.m. Carol Perry Darian Lindquist	10:30 a.m. Janice Hoover	8 a.m. Sandra Pierce	10:30 a.m. Deb Johnson Hannah Rundle
Greeters	8 a.m. Norma Watson	10:30 a.m. Will and Betty Ludwig	8 a.m. Joel Searfoss	10:30 a.m. David and Ruth Silseth
Sound Room	8 a.m. Greg Caldwell	10:30 a.m. Armando Carbon	8 a.m. Perry McClellan	10:30 a.m. Drew Ohsiek
Tellers	8 a.m. Warren Bielenberg Joel Searfoss	10:30 a.m. Herb Perry James McMillion	8 a.m. Jan Hanes Will Ludwig	10:30 a.m. Greg Caldwell
Torch Bearers	8 a.m. Warren Bielenberg Jan Hanes	10:30 a.m. Beth Drane Marsha Bryant	8 a.m. Wylie Sisters In memory of William and Irene Wylie	10:30 a.m. Dee Dee Walker Kris Zimmer
Flowers	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.

FELLOWSHIP

Dorian Caldwell - Coordinator

10:30 Service Fellowship Teams

2020 FELLOWSHIP Teams are being scheduled
~ Can you host 10:30 Coffee Fellowship once every 8/10 weeks?

Please contact **Jacqueline Conzemius** to add your name to the rotation. New to hosting? You will be partnered with someone who has previous experience. A host provides small treats and sets/cleans-up after 10:30 service.

Each team is responsible for providing a light snack, setting up and cleaning up the Fellowship time after the 10:30 service.



JANUARY 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 Jamie Wilson

ANNIVERSARIES

January 11	Frank & Julie Rutherford
January 30	Rick & Jody Ohsiek



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With the World*

Dates of Interest

Check Calendar for times and places

OFFICE CLOSED Monday, January 20th

Council:

Sunday, January 19th ~ Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 20th ~ Ministry Team Night/Council Meeting

Discipleship:

Sunday, January 5th ~ Sunday School Resumes

Fellowship:

Sunday, January 19th ~ Annual Meeting Potluck

Parish Life:

Thursday, January 9th & 23rd ~ Creative Hands

Thursday, January 23rd ~ Peace by Piece Quilters

Serving:

Thursday, January 2nd & 16th ~ Prayer Shawl Ministry

Worship:

Sunday, January 12th ~ Baptism of our Lord