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The St. Paul's Newsletter

*Seeking to Know, Grow In,
and Show the Ways of Jesus.*



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"He Gave So We Could Give"

By Pastor George

A few years ago the Wycliffe Bible Translators published an article about Sadie Sieker:

Sadie served for many years as a house-parent for missionaries' children in the Philippines. Sadie loved books. Though she gladly loaned out some, others she treasured in a footlocker under her bed. Once, in the quiet of the night, Sadie heard a faint gnawing sound. After searching all around her room, she discovered that the noise was coming from her footlocker. When she opened it, she found nothing but an enormous pile of dust. All the books she had kept to herself had been lost to termites.

When God sent Jesus to earth, He didn't do so incognito. The gift of God, Jesus, was heralded and ushered in with cosmic fanfare; even angels, stars and astronomers got involved.

Jesus came for the general public. Our Savior's ministry was in the midst of, to, for and with the public. Ultimately, Jesus' death and resurrection was for the entire public, for "the world".

John 3:16 reminds us, "God so loved the world that He gave..."

As we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth and anticipate His return, let us receive all Jesus has to offer and give to this world all that WE have to offer, even the good news of Jesus.

As the Apostle Paul put it to the Christ followers in Ephesus (Ephesians 2:10): "You are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works."

After all, as even Sadie Sieker learned - What we give away, we keep. What we hoard, we lose.

Upcoming Services to Remember

Children's Christmas Program Sunday, Dec. 18, 6:30pm, with refreshments following (families are asked to bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookies to share).

Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship, Sat., Dec., 24, 7 & 11pm
Christmas Day Communion Worship, Sun., Dec. 25, 10:30am only (Christian Ed. Classes will not meet- Merry Christmas)

Operation Christmas Child

By Angie Hilbert

'Hallelujah! 102! 'Yes, 102 Shoe Boxes!!' from St. Paul's are on their way to needy children around the world. The response and support has been amazing, but one I truly expected from the loving and generous people at St. Paul's.

There will be a lot of happy and smiling children who will know that someone far away cares about them. This is a simple way to bring joy and happiness from one person to another. We will be spreading the love and spirit of Jesus to those who may have not known about him. A gift given with love can make a tremendous difference in a child's life.

I would like to send a BIG **'THANK YOU'** to everyone who prayed, gave monetary donations and filled the 'special shoeboxes' with Christmas gifts. Without everyone working together this outreach project would not have been so successful.

As you may recall, booklets that tell the gospel in the child's language are added at the distribution center. "An average of 20 people read each booklet, and then read it over and over until the pages are worn." This is wonderful material about Jesus and God. Pray that the children and parents will be open to the gospel and lives will be changed forever.



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Financial Reports are now also posted outside the church office.

Brief Recap:

GENERAL FUND

Checking Acct Bal. (9/30/11)	\$	109.90
Deposits	\$	<u>25,916.29</u>
		\$ 26,026.19
Expenses	\$	<u>(17,152.02)</u>
Balance On Hand (10/31/11)	\$	8,874.17

Council Highlights

- Approved the purchase of 3 wireless microphone systems, 2 new wired mics and cables for mics with funds from a Youth Ministry donation and the Memorial Fund.
- Approved the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship times: 12/24 @ 7 & 11pm (Candlelight services) and 12/25 @ 10:30am ONLY (Communion Service).
- Approved that on Sundays in which there are no flowers contributed by members, an arrangement will be ordered and paid for out of the general fund.

Sanctuary Air Conditioning Fund Update

As of November 17:

Donations received = \$6,852.21
 Total Needed = \$15,000

Thanks be to God for His provision & your generosity!

A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE - TOTENFEST SONTAG

On Sunday, November 20, we celebrated the lives of the following who were commended to God's eternal care through the Rite of Christian Burial this past year as well as those who died 25 & 50 years ago. As each name was read the bell was tolled in remembrance and thanksgiving for the person's life.

A picture presentation was shared during each service.

Thank you, Grace Webb for the special music during the 10:30am presentation.

Members of St. Paul's: Dennis Landrum, Michael Juntti, Steven Borgmann, Elaine Koch Klausmeier, Frank Helm.

Family & Friends of Members of St. Paul's: Harley Bierbaum, Clifford Zeh, Marjorie Moore, Don Bermier, Rita Rigg-Hoelscher, Mark Stegner, Steve Shepherd, Tim Overschmidt, Robert Mohorc, Jerry Backs, Sarah Jackson, Gary Schuster, Philip Perry, Tom Bussen, Dean Butler, Jordan Donaldson, Shirley Haddox

Members who died 25 years ago: Rose Clyce Buescher, Lillie Howard Rekate, Doris Wimer Mitchell, John Ruhl, Nellie Bauer, Harrison Hughey, Sr., Ida Johnson Johannaber, Hazel Peters

Members who died 50 years ago: Herman Muench, Sadie Ahmann, Otto Bergsieker, Charles Mittler, Olinda Hollenberg, Johanna Morhaus, Alvine Nobbmann, Elinor Muench

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Britni Rohe & Joshua Mitchell were married here at St. Paul's on November 12.

Congratulations Josh & Britni Mitchell!!!

Growing through Prayer

Please communicate prayer requests via office phone, e-mail or by utilizing the Getting Connected Card.



Please remember in prayer: Doris Bunge - recovering from foot surgery , Bo Sida - recovering from knee replacement surgery (11/21); Jane Bratton - rehab at Cedarcrest, cracked pelvis; Family of Byron Mott (Becky "Ridder" Mott's father-in-law), passed away 11/20 after a 3 ½ year battle with cancer; Barb Ebker - at home, recovering from pneumonia; Lisa Wilke (Sue Berg's cousin)-cancer; Cindy Berg's grandson, Josh & Britni Mitchell-married 11/12; Sue Green - recovering at home from stroke; Caleb & Sarah Murphy (Don & Carrie Deeker's niece & nephew) have returned safely from Afghanistan; Jane Bratton - experiencing severe back pain; Dee Schuster - recovering at home from surgery; Cindy Berg's grandson, Bryston Adams (7 mo. old) recovering from skull surgery; Lori Riegel - recovering from knee replacement surgery; Cara Czeschin (Deb Kuchem's mother) - recovering at home from removal of bladder (cancer); Brenda Garris- battling cancer for 3rd time; Lindsey Clements- fighting kidney rejection; Angie Koch- therapy for recent stroke; Ruth Rinne - recovering at home following therapy for recent stroke; Kathy Scholz - recovering from recent outpatient surgery; Tim Thornton-has returned safely from Afghanistan; Elaine Hinnah-recovering from successful carcinoid lung cancer surgery; Barb Ebker - recovering from and awaiting next round of chemo - pancreatic cancer; Celeste Schriefer – heart and lungs (breathing difficulty); Mary Hackmann Dierkes -recovering from stroke and brain surgery; Trevor Joerling-hospitalized, (Hodgkins lymphoma)-finished chemo and has received bone marrow transplant, weakened immune system; "Colton" - as he battles a drug addiction and seeks help via rehab; Vera Freese- has returned home following physical therapy; Eldon & Sue Green - as they adjust to a less mobile lifestyle; Ronnie Wurmb, 21 year-old grandson of Ron & Dorothy Wurmb, recently diagnosed with muscular dystrophy; Tabitha Sutterfield (Nat Parker's niece) is 23, has diabetes, recovering from surgery repairing esophagus; Pam Weems - recovery from car accident; Sherry Conway - pain from damaged disc and complications from rod inserted along her spine, John Spires-Parkinson's; Jerome Bunge-battling Parkinson's and limited mobility (for Walean as she cares for Jerome).

Recent Deaths: Byron Mott (Becky "Ridder" Mott's father-in-law), passed away 11/20 after a 3 ½ year battle with cancer.

Those battling cancer: Juanita Deeker, Crystal Pruessner, Gail DeVore Morris, Janet Nadler, Jenna Hale, Dale Krampe, Al Scholz, Mary Dierkes, Tim Palitsch, Gene Bollinger, Shawn Grimes, Jim Finder, Barb Ebker, Charlie Frankenberg, Eric Franklin.

Those serving in the Military: Devon Martin, Caleb & Sarah Murphy, Tim Thornton, Chris Noeth, Erin Francis, Anthony Kazor, Sam Hellebusch, Keith Theissen, Andrew Hunewill, Chris Boehlein & others seeking to faithfully serve God & Country!

Pray for members in nursing homes or who are otherwise limited due to mobility/illness.

Please remember those who can't always be with us with prayer/a visit/letter/card/phone call.

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Youth Connection

Attention Morning LIGHT parents! If your child(ren) has/have not received a CD and lyrics for this year's Christmas program, contact Amanda Griesheimer.

**Full cast rehearsals are
Sun., Dec. 4 & 11 after church,
and Saturday, Dec. 17, 10:30 am.**

TEEN Adventures

December Teen Adventures will include a Scavenger Hunt (12/4, 1-3pm) "Going Mobile", and a trip to Branson to participate in the Xtreme Youth Event (12/27-29) - over 4,000 teens are expected this year! CHECK OUT www.xtremeconferences.com - see lobby table for details. We (a group of 14 total) are going with kids from VBS-Eritrea!! THREE Spots remain. Invite your friends and join the adventure!

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

October 2nd

in memory of Delvin Hasenjaeger who died 6 years ago 10-5,
by Lulu Hasenjaeger and family

*Extra arrangement in memory of Warner Hinnah for his 88th birthday today,
by Bernice Hinnah and family.*

October 16th

in memory of Dee Berg for her birthday on Oct. 17, by Wes Berg, Jr.

College Care Packs

Let's do it again! As part of our Membership Care Committee, we want to remind St. Paul's college students that they may be away from home and church, but they are in our thoughts and prayers, especially as the end of the semester approaches.

With college exams around the corner, would you join with others to send our students a little extra encouragement in the form of a care package? Most of our students will begin their college exams at the beginning of December. What a wonderful opportunity to let them know we are thinking of them (and give them a little something to get through their week)!

If you would be interested in providing some baked goods, packaged snacks, fast food gift cards, shoe boxes (for mailing), etc. please bring your items to the church lobby on or before Sunday, December 4 (please be sure items are light and small enough to fit in a shoe box, and add your name or a note with any items brought in). We have 13 college students that we would like to reach, so the more the better! We will also have some cards or stationary in our lobby to be included in our packages, so please make sure to stop by and write some encouraging words as well.

If you have any questions or would like to help in another way, please contact Jennifer Kazmaier at iekazmaier@hotmail.com or 636-398-5168.



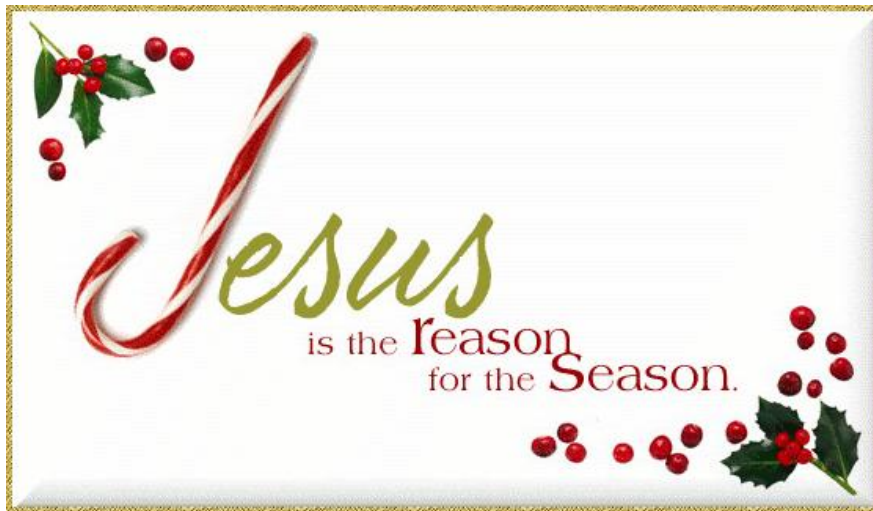
December Extra Step Mission:

Veterans of the Cross
(aka "The Christmas Fund.")

This fund is for retired pastors and their wives who are in need. Years ago, pensions and retirement funds were not available or well known, pastors lived in church property and never gained any equity in their homes. When a pastor retired, they retired without a home, nor means to supplement their social security incomes.

By donating to this Extra Step in December, your money will help provide resources for the Emergency Fund, which provides resources to these pastors. Gifts to this fund also help provide pension and health premium supplementation to low-income retirees (Medicare usually pays 80% of bills, and the supplementation insurance helps pay the remaining 20%).

Testimonials from a pastor who received funds: "Words cannot express how much this means to us. The financial help is so crucial to our being able to meet our obligations and we are grateful for it!"



The Women's Guild December meeting/

lunch will be held at Buggy's in Union on Dec. 7 at

1p.m. Those wishing to car pool should meet at church by 12:30 p.m. We invite all members as well as friends to join us. There is a sign-up sheet in the church lobby. Contact Wilma Zeh at 433-2626 if you have questions.

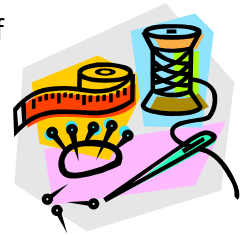
For a copy of **Worship (for shut-ins) OR Message's on audio tape for personal use / share with a friend, please speak to someone at the sound booth, contact the church office or pick up one from the basket on the lobby table.**



Creative Hands Fellowship Group

By Barb Strubberg

We will meet again on Wednesday, December 14th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Bring your last minute gift projects that you are working on. If you finished your crocheted potholder from November, be sure to bring it along. We welcome anyone to join us—it is a very relaxing and enjoyable evening. If you have any questions, contact Barb or Cathy.



150th Anniversary Celebration Committee

In 2013, St. Paul's Church will celebrate 150 years of ministry! A team of interested persons is being assembled for this celebration. If you are interested, please contact the church office or write "150th" on your Getting Connected Card & place it in the offering plate.

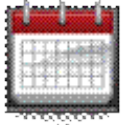
Finding JOY on the Radio

Did you know there is a radio station that plays non-stop Christian music that is uplifting and encouraging?



Do you realize JOY-FM recently added a new signal—broadening its listenership? Tune into 99.1 FM on your car or home stereo and be encouraged! OR... listen online at www.joyfonline.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



FIRST SATURDAY SERVE

December 3, 9-12noon.

December work to include the cleaning and painting of the Air Conditioning covers.

December Birthdays

4: Jane Lee Bratton	17: Craig Parker
5: Katie Thornton	18: Lafe Schweissguth
6: Devon Garbs Kaye Chisholm	20: Greg Thornton Walean Bunge
7: Rachel Richardson	21: Dennis Kramme
8: Mike Schaller	22: Deanna Ahmann
9: Sue Berg	25: Tom Hilbert
10: Phoebe Collier	26: Michael Niemeyer Nathan Walker
11: Danica Garbs	Scott Chisholm
12: Janet Buescher Richard Strubberg	27: Cheryl Parsons
13: Amanda Theissen Abbie Thornton	28: Edna Lee Kunze Paul Riegel
14: Karen Sida	30: Nicole Meyer
15: Laurie Witte	
16: Mary Parsons Lana King Nell Glosemeyer	

December Anniversaries of Baptism

6: Cheyenne Murrell Cierra Murrell
12: Caylynn Murrell
29: Elise Thierbach

December Wedding Anniversaries

22: Alan & Kathy Scholz
26: Norbert & Patricia Shacklette
27: Mike & Kelly Meyer

Merry 
Christmas 

Advent Workshop Sunday, December 11



Lunch will be provided. There will be a children's Christmas Program rehearsal until 12:30/45pm. Then lunch will be served, followed by the Advent Workshop. Get into the "Christmas Spirit" in the true sense of the word this year with fun for the whole household. Join us for an Advent Workshop which will include crafts for all ages. Available for the making will be decorations like wreaths and ornaments, as well as a variety of gifts! Come and join in this time of preparation and fun. Adults will be needed to help with set up for the workshop and the lunch during the Christmas Program Rehearsal. Sign up in the Lobby and NOTE if you can help with set-up.

Breakfast with Santa

Marthasville Fire Station #1, 12/3...7-11am

Washington Civic Chorus Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 4, 3pm,
St. Peter's UCC, Washington



ADULT SOCIAL CONNECTION

It's been decided that we will not be meeting in December. We appreciate any feedback that you'd like to make regarding this past year. Let us know of suggestions for activities or if you would like to be a part of the planning committee. We plan to start up again in January. Let us know what you think.

Please see Karla Aholt, Diane Freese,
or Darlene Brewe for more information!

St. Paul's Ministry Calendar—December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 Bring A Meal Sunday Worship @ 9 & 10:30am Communion 10am-Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am-Morning L.I.G.H.T. Sunday School 11:30am Sunday school program</p>	<p>5 9-4:30pm Quilters 7pm-Christian Educ. Committee Dessert meeting at Dohm's</p>	<p>6 Small Group Bible Study, 6:30am @ Bread Co. & AGAIN @ 1pm at Church 5:30pm-Prayer Ministry</p>	<p>7 7:30am-Missions Committee Women's Guild lunch 12:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm, YH 6:30pm-Worship Leaders</p>	<p>8 1-5pm Quilters</p>	<p>9 10</p>	<p>3 First Saturday Serve</p>
<p>11 Worship @ 9 & 10:30am 10am-Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am-Morning L.I.G.H.T. Sunday School 11:30am Sunday school program practice</p>	<p>12 9-4:30pm Quilters 6:30pm -Council at Dohm's home</p>	<p>13 Small Group Bible Study, 6:30am @ Bread Co. & AGAIN @ 1pm at Church 5:30pm-Prayer Ministry</p>	<p>14 Confirmation 6:30pm, YH Creative Hands Fellowship 6:30-8pm, FH 6:30pm-Worship Leaders</p>	<p>15 1-5pm Quilters 7pm—150th Anniversary</p>	<p>16 17</p>	
<p>18 Worship @ 9 & 10:30am 10am-Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am-Morning L.I.G.H.T. Sunday School Teen Adventures Noon-2pm Sunday School Christmas Program 6:30pm</p>	<p>19 9-4:30pm Quilters</p>	<p>20 Small Group Bible Study, 6:30am @ Bread Co. & AGAIN @ 1pm at Church 5:30pm-Prayer Ministry</p>	<p>21 6:30pm-Worship Leaders</p>	<p>22 1-5pm Quilters</p>	<p>23 24</p>	<p>Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 7pm & 11pm</p>
<p>25 Merry Christmas! Worship @ 10:30am 10am-Coffee/Fellowship NO Sunday School</p>	<p>26 9-4:30pm Quilters</p>	<p>27 NO Small Group Bible Study 5:30pm-Prayer Ministry Youth Xtreme Conference-----</p>	<p>28 6:30pm-Worship Leaders Youth Xtreme Conference-----</p>	<p>29 1-5pm Quilters Youth Xtreme Conference-----</p>	<p>30 31</p>	<p>HAPPY</p>

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

December Worship	4th	11th	18th	25th
Lead Usher				
9am	Jim Buescher	Wilma Zeh	Lulu Hasenjaeger	
10:30am	Youth & Ldrs	Lafe Schweissguth	Angie Hilbert	Curt Rohe
Greeters				
9am	Rich & Shannon D.	Ken Painter	Jr. Berg	
10:30am	Walter & Genny H.	Jason Collier Family	Celeste S. & Ruth D.	Kuchem Family
Acolytes				
9am	Rich D.	Wilma Zeh	Lulu H.	
10:30am	Jacob & Isaiah D.	James & Josie C. J	acob & Isaiah D.	Cara & Colleen K.
Fellowship Hour				
	Brenda Garris	Maggie Barron	Mary Day	Karen Sida
Reader				
9am	Brett Milam	Ann Jenkins	Rich Strubberg	
10:30am	Gail Dickinson	Yvonne Ridder	Kazmaier's	Darlene Brew

Remembering & Celebrating with Flowers

Did you know that nearly every week in worship the floral arrangement on the altar (the table that is front and center upon which the cross, bible, and candles are also placed) is placed there by persons in honor of, or in remembrance of, loved ones. It could be for a birth, graduation, anniversary, birthday, baptism, etc.

How does this work? On the lobby table there is a *Sign-Up Sheet/Calendar* labeled "Flowers for the Altar". List your information on the date in which you wish to place flowers. Four Seasons Florist creates an arrangement and one of St. Paul's Church's volunteers picks up the flowers and makes sure they are displayed on the altar each week. Four Seasons will bill you directly - the cost is typically in the area of \$11-18, depending on special requests, etc.