



THE ST. PAUL'S NEWSLETTER



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

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Is There Room in Your "Inn" for Mary and Joseph?

Let's share in the tradition of Las Posadas

By Lisa Bollmann

Las Posadas (Spanish for "the inn") is a traditional Christmas festival originating in Mexico. The celebration begins on the evening of Wednesday, December 12, and continues each evening through December 24. It commemorates Mary and Joseph's long and difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of shelter. Tradition says that Mary and Joseph, guided by an angel, would seek and find shelter each night in the home of gentle-hearted and faithful people who made them welcome, fed them, and provided them a place to rest. Cared for and supported along the way, they made it safely to Bethlehem where God's promise was fulfilled in the birth of Jesus.

Las Posadas focuses on our preparations for Christmas - on our "getting ready and making room" for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. It is full of celebration and the desire to be willing hosts and hostesses to Mary and Joseph, and therefore to Jesus whose life they carried and protected. By hosting Mary and Joseph, and also those who bring them to you, it gives us time for fellowship, to practice hospitality, and to share the Christmas season with friends old and new.

As part of our Christmas preparations this year, St Paul's would like to share in the spirit of **Las Posadas** by extending to you an invitation to host Mary and Joseph in your home. Beginning December 12, DOLLS of Mary and Joseph will travel among us spending each night in a different home, until they arrive at the church for our Christmas Eve worship on December 24.

Members and friends of the church who would like to participate will sign up for two consecutive days. On the **first day** you will welcome Mary and Joseph, and the

church member(s) or friend(s) who brings them... into your home for an evening of fellowship and light refreshments. Mary and Joseph (***Not Those Who Brought Them!***) will spend the night with you. On the **second day** you will take Mary and Joseph to their next destination where you will be the guest. The last participant will bring Mary and Joseph with them to church on Christmas Eve. In this simple way we remember the journey of Mary and Joseph, and celebrate the fellowship and unity we share with one another in Jesus. What a great way to get to know others within the church and celebrate, in a very fun way, our common faith. Each household is encouraged to take lots of pictures and email them to av@stpaulsuccmo.org to be projected on Sunday morning.

A sign-up sheet is on the lobby table. Be sure to pick your date ASAP and join in on the **Las Posadas** tradition. Remember, when you sign up you are committing yourself for **two consecutive days**. Also, when choosing a date, consider using this as an opportunity to spend time with someone you don't know as well. What a great way to get acquainted!

 **Christmas Services** 

Morning L.I.G.H.T Christmas Program
Sunday, December 16, 6:30 p.m.
Refreshments following
(Please bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookies to share!)

Candle Light Christmas Eve Worship
Monday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

Financial Reports

are now also posted outside the church office.

Brief Recap:

GENERAL FUND

Checking Acct Bal. (9/30/12)	\$ 4,834.85
Deposits	\$ 12,836.81
	\$17,671.66
Expenses	\$(14,949.89)
Balance On Hand (10/31/12)	\$ 2,721.77

REMINDER: Newsletter Articles & Annual Reports for the combined January-February Newsletter are due to the church office December 16

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Church Council Highlights:

- Finalizing a "Wish List" of needed repairs and improvements to our facilities.
- December 2 - Newly elected council members Amy Lange, Russell Kersten and Jason Collier will be installed.
- Discussed staff evaluations which were completed in October.
- Worked on the initial draft of the 2013 Church Budget Proposal.
- Approved a cost cutting measure - starting in January of 2013 we will no longer mass mail the church newsletter. As in the past, it will be posted on our website and emailed to all members. If you do not have an email address you may pick up your copy from the Lobby on the last Sunday of the preceding month. This past year we have averaged per month \$112 for printing and \$40 for postage, which annualizes to \$1824. It is realized that minimal printing and postage expenses will remain.

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Mark Your Calendars - Annual Congregational Meeting & Luncheon

On Sunday, Jan. 27, beginning at approximately 11:30am, our annual congregational meeting to review God's blessings from 2012 and approve the 2013 budget will be held in the sanctuary. Look for your Annual Packet in the January-February Newsletter around mid-January. Following the meeting there will be a congregational potluck luncheon (meat & drinks provided) in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share - see the sign-up sheet in the lobby to best coordinate dishes. *(If inclement weather, the congregational meeting & potluck luncheon will be held the next Sunday)*

The chart below is a recap of the deposits and expenses per month for this year, January through October, 2012, in the General Checking Account Fund. What goes into and what gets paid out of the General Checking Account is everything except deposits and expenses specific to the Building Fund, Memorial Fund, Good Samaritan Fund and Youth Ministry Fund. In the months of January through April the income was slightly higher than the expenses. However, the months of May through October the expenses have exceeded the deposits. We started 2012 with \$10,744.26 in the General Checking Account and are now down to approximately \$2,721.77 due to our income not keeping up with the expenses, even though our expenses are under budget.

Please take this into consideration as you make your year-end gift to St. Paul's Church. Your gifts make a difference in the fulfilling of our mission *to know, grow in, and show the ways of Jesus to others*. Thank you for making a difference!

GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT FUND RECAP JANUARY THRU OCTOBER, 2012

MONTH	DEPOSITS / INCOME	EXPENSES	GAIN / LOSS
January	\$17,298.82	\$16,246.39	\$1,052.43
February	\$24,064.81	\$23,934.08	\$130.73
March	\$15,424.48	\$15,413.63	\$10.85
April	\$18,184.64	\$15,516.83	\$2,667.81
May	\$13,970.28	\$17,210.79	-\$3,240.51
June	\$12,356.75	\$16,007.16	-\$3,650.41
July	\$15,919.11	\$15,936.49	-\$17.38
August	\$13,539.77	\$15,052.30	-\$1,512.53
September	\$23,295.52	\$24,645.92	-\$1,350.40
October	\$12,836.81	\$14,949.89	-\$2,113.08
TOTALS	\$166,890.99	\$174,913.48	-\$8,022.49

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Way to go, St. Paul's! You packed and prayed 105 boxes into reality - that means 105 children somewhere in the world will not only receive a box of great gifts this Christmas, they will receive the message of Christmas - Jesus! A special thanks to Angie Hilbert and Barb Strubberg for coordinating OCC this year!

December Extra Step – 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. Testimonials from a pastor who received funds: *"Words can- not express how much this means to us. The financial help is so crucial to our being able to meet our obligations. We are grateful!"* Mark your check or envelope, "Veterans of the Cross"

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Isaac Xavier Liesmann, born 11/12/12 to Jeremy Liesmann & Tiffany Almo, healthy, 8#,5oz, 22" ; Christy Warneke (Marvin and Ellen Engelage's niece)- recovering from brain surgery to remove blood clot; Earl Eichmeyer - cellulitis; Families & Friends of St. Clair School District students who recently took their lives; Newly Elected Political Leaders - for a smooth transition and for a concerted effort toward what's best for America; Billie Logan - recovering at home from stroke-like symptoms; Vera Freese, Cedarcrest, back surgery recovery; Jennifer Engelage-(Cathy Engelage's daughter in law) recently hospitalized with pneumonia; Tim Kuchem- bulging disc & sciatica; Don Moon (Mary Day's brother-in-law)heart; EleanorLutz - sciatic nerve pain; Lindsey Clements-receiving home dialysis; Mike Bowen-heart; Gail Morris-battling Crohn's disease; John Spires-Parkinson's; Jerome Bunge-battling Parkinson's and limited mobility (forWalean as she cares for Jerome).

Those Recovering from Recent Hospitalizations/Surgeries/Illness:

Ardath Pritchard - recovering from recent fall @ Delmar Gardens, O'Fallon; George Dohm, Sr (Pastor George's 75-yr old father) Knee Replacement Surgery 11/20 (left knee) & 12/18 (right knee); Bobby Hennecke - recovering from recent fall (concussion, broken collar bone, injured knee); Karen Sida (foot), Jeanette Stegner(knee replacement);

Those battling cancer: Kathy Scholz, Bob Heady (Robbin DeVore & Trudy Heady's father), Mary Carton (Jenny Bartlett's mother), Mark Jones (Marge Jones' son), Dana Picker, Greg Bira, Robynn Greer, Jim DeLarge, Jean Stevens, Susan Day, Roger Gusewelle, Trevor Joerling, Virginia Bierbaum, Bill Wiegert, Tammy Haxton, Carole Sincox, Nancy Monzyk, Danielle Gratz(29 yrs), Leonard Lutz, Charlie Frankenberg, Lisa Wilke, Debbie Walde, Juanita Deeker, Janet Nadler, Dale Krampe, Tim Palitzsch, Gene Bollinger, Eric Franklin.

Recent Deaths: Rosalie Parsons , Barb Ebker, Dale Satory, Ann Pruitt (Ann Jenkins mother), Wilbur Russ (Gay Eskew's father) who passed away on October 30, Don Weiss (Kaye Chisholm's father) who passed away 11/6,

Those serving in the Military: Stuart O'Black (brother of Steve O'Black), serving in Afghanistan; Sam Eskew, Tirzah Eskew, Gabrielle Zuniga, Jason Zuniga, Devon Martin, Caleb & Sarah Murphy, Tim Thornton, Chris Noeth, Erin Francis, Sam Hellebusch, 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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Updated Membership Directories (contact info only) are available on the Lobby Table, be sure to pick one up.

Recent Baptisms

Hunter Anthony Rohe

Born: July 25, 2011

Parent: Nick Rohe

Godparents: Curt Rohe & Kylie Rohe

Grandparents: Orville & Sandy Rohe

Great Grandparents: Hertha Berg

Kaleb Oliver Longsdon

Born: February 18, 2012

Parents: John & Alisha Longsdon

Godparents: Amanda Theissen & Shawn Longsdon

Grandparents: Ken and Cindy Longsdon, Christine Scholz

Great Grandparents: Alan & Kathy Scholz, Don & Wilma Theissen, Art & Norma Miller

Lyla Kay Schweissguth

Born: March 30, 2012

Parents: Lafe & Amanda Schweissguth

Godparents: Alan Topp & Jodie Brandel

Grandparents: Wm. & JoAnn Schweissguth, Michael & Joyce Topp



St. Paul's Teen Adventures

UPCOMING EVENTS

Baking/Caroling—Dec. 15 **Cookie Sale—Dec. 16** **TeenXtreme—Dec. 27-29**
Winter Jam—Feb. 24 **Dare2Share—March 22-23**

FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR...

15 Youth and 10 adults spent the first weekend of November at Klondike park experiencing the first ever group experience of Family Life's **Passport2purity.(AKA Bootcamp for teenagers)**. This program was originally designed for a parent and child to spend the weekend completing. We decided to offer this in a group setting. Teen topics are tough to discuss one on one and discussing it as a group did seem to take some of the pressure off. I can also see how this would be rewarding doing the program one on one to discuss some of the topics at a deeper level. It's a win win either way. Doing it as a group paves the way and lays a nice foundation for an open communication line between parent and child. It's also nice for the teen to know they are not alone in these discussions. By the end of the weekend it was like we all had a new family to share the joys and challenges of teenage years. In between sessions we went on a few hikes. Klondike Park is an amazing collection of boundaries, much like the teenage years. The cabins were a little brisk at night but nothing we couldn't handle. We concluded the evening at Oaks Crossing in Augusta, enjoying a nice dinner. Each youth chose a verse that meant something special to them and would remind them of the weekend. Pastor George included that verse and said a special prayer over each youth that attended. Each youth received a dog chain, similar to one a military person would receive after completing their boot camp training. I encourage you to ask them about it when you see them wearing it.

Over 100 Youth T-shirts were ordered. Wow! It will be neat to see our youth at upcoming events wearing the same shirts. Remember, when you are spotted wearing the youth shirt out in public you earn yourself a chance to win a prize.

Results are in for our Taco Booth at the Washington Town and Country Fair.....drumroll.....\$ 1728.72. Wow, great job youth and all adult volunteers that helped by working many shifts to make this happen. They have offered our youth the opportunity to do this again next year.

Teen Extreme Update-15 tickets were secured and 15 tickets have been taken. God is amazing. This is going to be an incredible trip for our youth. Please keep the youth and chaperones in your prayers for safe travel and for God to use this time to draw all of us closer to him and his word.

Christmas Cookie Fundraiser (submitted by Chris Marquart)-The 8-12 grade Sunday School class has been discussing what it means to be part of the community of Christ. We have been looking at our role as part of St. Paul's in Marthasville and also our role in the world. The youth have decided they would like to purchase a water well for a third world country as a community service project. They will be selling Christmas cookies as a fundraiser. They are selling three different types of cookies at \$5 per dozen and one type of candy at \$3 per dozen. Orders may be placed with any of the youth or there is a sign up sheet in the lobby. Cookies will be available for pickup on Dec. 16th after church services.

Youth will be getting together December 15 after play practice to make cookies to fill orders. Afterwards we will eat Pizza then go Christmas Caroling in town. This was a very rewarding experience last year and I'm sure our residence in town will be looking forward to our youth returning. Parents-please join us for Caroling. This will be our Teen Adventures Sunday Event for December.

Winter Jam announced-Sunday, February 24, 2013 at the Scott Trade Center. Tickets are \$10 and are purchased at the door. Check out the bands playing at <http://www.jamtour.com/shows/st-louis-mo>

A Look Ahead

By Pastor George

The year 2013 will be full of celebrations and remembrances as we, St. Paul's Church, celebrate 150 years. In conjunction with celebrating our church history, throughout the year we will reflect on "His Story" - God's story from beginning to end. You will be hearing much more about a bible translation called "The Story" - it's the bible as one continuing story of God and His people.

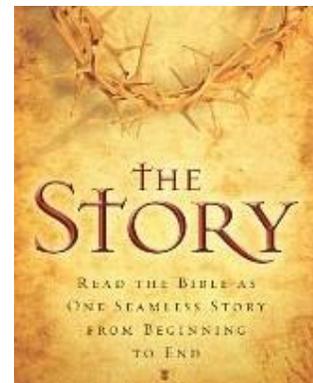
This version highlights the fact that God has gone to great lengths to rescue lost and hurting people. God's great love affair with humanity reads like a novel - no cumbersome language or legalistic descriptions to bog you down. (Now, to clarify, it does not replace the bible but communicates God's Story as a narrative.

Condensed into thirty-one accessible chapters, The Story sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events arranged chronologically from Genesis to Revelation -- allowing the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. Like any good story, The Story is filled with intrigue, drama, conflict, romance, and redemption.

Throughout the year we will explore The Story in Worship, Small Groups, Youth Ministry, Sunday School, Family Activities and personal discipleship. You can learn more about this whole-church experience at www.TheStory.com.

Each week's worship & message, with the exception of Special Sunday's and Anniversary Events, will connect with our personal story, our church's "his-tory" and tie in with God's Story.

Be on the lookout for more information as 2013 nears. It will be the year of The Story at St. Paul's!



Finishing the Year with a Bang!

As we enter this Advent and Christmas Season we want to let you know how very much we appreciate the wonderful support you have shown St. Paul's Church. It has been a fabulous year of making advances toward fulfilling our mission of helping all people *to know, grow in, and show the ways of Jesus* to those around them.

Worship attendance is on the rise, there is an increase of those attending Sunday School, we are seeing growth in the number of youth involved with discipleship and service, and there has been a near doubling of adults who are volunteering on a regular basis to make St. Paul's stronger and healthier. Without you none of this would have been possible!

As we move toward 2013 we continue to imagine the possibilities of what we can accomplish together. There remains work to be done that will make a positive difference in the lives of those at St. Paul's Church and in the surrounding Marthasville community. We want every family to know the love and grace of God and give them the opportunity to grow and develop into the person God created them to be. Your year-end gift will serve as a catalyst toward that end. Please help us imagine, and continue building toward, a wonderful future by giving to St. Paul's before December 31.

Remembering & Celebrating with Flowers

Did you know that nearly every week in worship the floral arrangements at the front of the sanctuary are placed there by persons in honor of, or in remembrance of, loved ones. It could be for a birth, graduation, baptism, anniversary, birthday, etc. There is a sign-up sheet labeled "Flowers for the Altar" in the lobby.



November Altar Flowers

November 4: in memory of Warner Hinnah, who died two years ago today, by Bernice Hinnah and family

November 11: in honor of Josh & Britni Mitchell's 1st anniversary on Nov. 12 and Tony & Sally Rohe's 43rd anniversary on Nov. 22nd.

November 18: in memory of Cornelius Berg and Ken DeVore, by Robbin, Jacob and Isaiah DeVore

November 25: in honor of Tim & Deb Kuchem's 19th anniversary on 11/27, and daughter Cara's 16th birthday on 11/23, and daughter Colleen's 13th birthday 11/5

5 Ways the Church Will Change

(Taken from a Blog posted by Thom Schultz of *Group Ministry* on November 14, 2012)

Is the American church fading away? Will the losses in membership and attendance lead to a marginalized church presence such as that in present-day Europe? What will the American church look like in ten years?

Church leaders, denominational executives, and religion researchers gathered in Colorado recently to examine the church's health and prognosis. The Future of the Church Summit was sponsored by Group Publishing.

After evaluating current trends, Summit members predicted a number of likely scenarios for the American church in the next ten years:

1. **Emphasis on relationships.** Whereas the church and congregational worship today are largely spectator-oriented, the new coming trend will prioritize spiritual growth through personal relationships.
2. **Return to Jesus.** The current church is preoccupied with the "ABCs"—attendance, buildings and cash. A Summit pastor said, "We need to deal with the idols of the church." The coming church will highly focus its mission, goals, measurements and message on Jesus.
3. **Community focus.** The church of tomorrow will be much more engaged in addressing the needs in the community. The church will be known more for its members' relational acts of compassion outside of church walls, taking ministry out rather than waiting for outsiders to come in and sit.
4. **Con conversationally oriented.** The current church relies primarily on one-way messaging—from the preacher/teacher at the microphone. The new church will rely more on person-to-person conversation, sharing messages of God's love with one another.
5. **Rise of the laity.** Shrinking resources will trigger fewer paid ministry positions—and more reliance on unpaid ministry work. The concept of "*the priesthood of all believers*" will re-emerge.

Scott Thumma from the Hartford Institute for Religion Research shared data (http://hartfordinstitute.org/church_checkup.html) showing waning church attendance, the aging of congregational membership and the exodus of young people. The churches that are bucking the downward trends tend to be either small (fewer than 200 members), or very large (more than 2,000 members).

Thumma also cited that congregations' financial health has declined significantly over the past decade. In 2000 31 percent of congregations exhibited excellent financial health. By 2010 only 14 percent showed excellent financial health.

Congregations with high spiritual vitality dropped from about 43 percent in 2005 to 28 percent in 2010, according to Thumma.

To transition to the future, Thumma suggested congregations take a number of actions: create a listening team; get rid of the concept of church committees; learn how to be the church outside of Sunday morning.

Neil Howe, author of "Millennials Rising" and "The Fourth Turning," told Summit attendees that aging Boomers are shaping churches in a direction that young adults in the Millennial generation reject. He said Millennials are looking for environments that emphasize a sense of authentic community, variety of experiences, doing good deeds together, and student-centered learning (not teacher-focused).

Summit participants heard author Reggie McNeal predict that no one model of ministry will characterize the church of tomorrow. Rather, several different models will emerge to connect with the diverse American culture.

And British church leader and consultant Mike Breen doubted that the American church would go the way of Europe, where the church has withered. He indicated that America's entrepreneurial spirit will provide the drive and the flexibility for the church to survive and thrive in the future.

How well do you know the Bible?

Can you imagine yourself to be the nun that is sitting at her desk grading these papers all the while trying to keep a straight face and maintain her composure!

Pay special attention to the wording and spelling. If you know the Bible even a little, you'll find this hilarious! It comes from a Catholic elementary school test kids were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. The following statements about the bible were written by children. They have not been retouched or corrected. Incorrect spelling has been left in.

1. In the first book of the Bible, Guinnessis, God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of ark. Noah built and ark and the animals came on in pears.
3. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
4. the Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.
5. Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a jezebel like Delilah.
6. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
7. Moses led the Jews to the red sea! where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients .
8. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments
9. The First Commandments was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
10. The Seventh Commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
11. Moses died before he ever reached Canada then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of geritol.
12. The greatest miricle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
13. David was a Hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.
14. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
15. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.
16. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found Jesus in the manager.
17. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
18. St. John the Blacksmith dumped water on his head.
19. Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.
20. It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
21. The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.
22. The epistels were the wives of the apostles.
23. One of the oppossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.
24. St. Paul cavorted to Christianity, he preached holy acrimony which is another name for marriage.
25. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

Jesus Loves The Little Children...



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Matthew 18:14

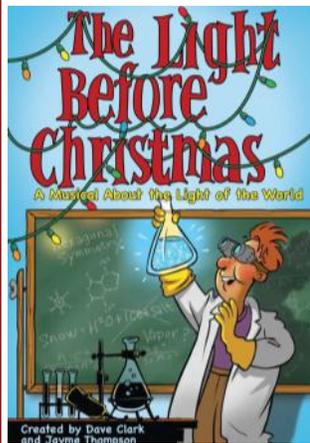


Super Sunday Coordinator/Team is needed. This person/team will plan, coordinate & lead activities the 2nd Sunday of each month for Elementary Age Children & their families. Contact Pastor George if interested or for more info.

Jr. Worship Team- ages 8-12, sings the 4th Sunday each month rehearsing the 2 Wednesday nights prior, 6:30-7pm.

Come check out a rehearsal or contact Cathy Engelage (636-932-4666)

**Morning L.I.G.H.T. Christmas Program
Sunday, December 16, 2012, 6:30 p.m.**



Practice Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 2
after church

Sunday, Dec. 9
after church

Saturday, Dec. 15
10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Pizza Party included!

Adult Social Connection

The Adult Social Connection small group will not be meeting in December. We will gather back on Friday January 11, 2013 in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:30 for a soup supper and table games.

Karla Aholt, Diane Freese and Darlene Brewe,
Connection planning team

We Need Quilters!

The St. Paul's quilters have been meeting for over a hundred years. Now that may be coming to an end. If you like to quilt and can give a couple of hours to help us we would really appreciate it. We meet on Mondays from 9am-4:30pm and on Thursdays from 1pm-4:30pm.

Quilting is the Women's Guild's main fund raiser. The money raised from quilting goes for supporting the needs of the church (general fund, maintenance, etc.)



So grab your thimble and needle and join us for fun and fellowship!

Super Bowl weekend means Super-Sub sandwiches.

Our confirmands and other youth will be selling sub sandwiches once again to help off-set expenses for the *Dare2Share Conference* they'll be attending March 22-23. (GOOD NEWS NOTE: we will have at least 25 attending this year.) Starting January 6, see one of our youth or order yours at the lobby table. They may be picked up Sunday, February 3 - just in time for the Super Bowl!

Creative Hands Fellowship Group

Our group will meet on Monday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Bring your last minute Christmas gifts or anything that you are working on. We love to see everyone's project. If you have always wanted to learn to crochet, Audrey will be here. If you have any questions, please contact Cathie (636-359-6175) or Barb (636-239-2390). Look for us in the parlor. Merry Christmas to all!



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.

December Birthdays

5 Katie Thornton	17 Craig Parker
6 Devon Garbs Kaye Chisholm	18 Lafe Schweissguth
7 Rachel Richardson	20 Greg Thornton Walean Bunge
8 Mike Schaller	21 Dennis Kramme
9 Sue Berg	22 Deanna Ahmann
10 Phoebe Collier	24 Harvey Cramer
11 Danica Garbs	25 Tom Hilbert
12 Janet Buescher Richard Strubberg Sally Ploof	26 Michael Niemeyer Nathan Walker Scott Chisholm
13 Amanda Theissen Abby Thornton	27 Cheryl Parsons
14 Karen Sida	28 Edna LeeKunze Paul Riegel
15 Laurie Witte	29 Nicole Meyer
16 Mary Parsons Lana King Nell Glosemeyer	

December Wedding Anniversaries

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

December Baptism Anniversaries

- 6 Cheyenne Murrell
Cierra Murrell
- 12 Caylynn Murrell
- 29 Elisa Thierbach

IT'S RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER....

**Be sure to have on your schedule the
2013
ALL You Can Eat
Pork Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner**

Sunday, February 24, Noon Until 5:00 p.m.
St. Paul's UCC, Marthasville, Fellowship Hall
Carry Outs Available

**Fresh Sausage, Ribs & Back Bones For Sale
Come & Bring Your Family & Friends!!**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED throughout the day,
watch for sign-ups in lobby table.**



**A special "Thank You" to the
Rohe & DeVore families for
decorating the sanctuary in
preparation for Advent &
Christmas!**

The Women's Guild is sponsoring a Christmas lunch on Wednesday, December 5 at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to join the Guild members & the quilters for good food and fellowship. Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the church lobby or call Wilma Zeh (433-2626) to reserve a spot.

BRING-A-MEAL Sunday is December 2nd. As part of our ongoing mission to and with our community, please share non-perishable food items that would make up one meal during the day (Breakfast, lunch or dinner) or various toiletry needs. These items go to the Southern Warren County Food Pantry here in Marthasville, serving those within the 63357 zip code. Thanks for caring and sharing!

New Members to be welcomed December 16 during worship. If you are interested in membership or in simply learning more about St. Paul's Church, please contact the church office or note "Membership" on your Getting Connected Card.

Boone Monument Village Grand Opening

Boone Monument Village will celebrate its Grand Opening with "Keeping Christmas" tours on December 7, 8, 14 & 15 6:00-9:00 p.m. and December 9 1:00-4:00 p.m. The Village is located on Boone Monument Road and is comprised of the Bryan log cabin (built early 1800's), the Dickhaus-Stemme home (built in the 1860's), and a school house and another log cabin which were moved to the property. The buildings are furnished with antiques and decorated for the holidays. Docents in period clothing will tell the stories of the families who lived there, provide music and demonstrate skills from the 1800's. Make visiting Boone Monument Village a new Christmas tradition with your family! For more information, contact Cathie Schoppenhorst at 636-359-6175 or cschoppenhorst@yahoo.com.

St. Paul's Ministry Calendar – December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Bring A Meal/Sunday 9 & 10:30am Worship Communion 10am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Morning L.I.G.H.T. Sunday School	3 9-4:30pm Quilters 4:30pm-6pm Puppet Team @ CBC 6:30-8:30pm Creative Hands Fellowship, lobby	4 Small Group Bible Study, 6:30am @ Bread Co 6:30pm Prayer Ministry Prayer Room	5 9am Small Group @ Nye's Noon Women's Guild Lunch 6-8pm Cross Training 6:30pm Christmas Program volunteer choir practice 7pm Worship Leaders	6 1-5pm Quilters	7	8
9 9 & 10:30am Worship 10:30am-Morning L.I.G.H.T. Sunday School 10am-Coffee/Fellowship 11:30am Sunday School program	10 9-4:30pm Quilters 4:30pm-6pm Puppet Team @ CBC 7pm Church Council	11 Small Group Bible Study, 6:30am @ Bread Co 6:30pm Prayer Ministry Meeting & Celebration at the Kramme's home 7pm Adult choir practice	12 9am Small Group @ Nye's 6-8pm Cross Training 6:30pm-Junior worship team 7pm Worship Leaders	13 1-5pm Quilters 6pm Anniversary Book Subcommittee 7pm 150th Anniversary Committee	14	15 10am Sunday School Christmas Program rehearsal
16 9 & 10:30am Worship 10:30am-Morning L.I.G.H.T. Sunday School 10am-Coffee/Fellowship 6:30pm Sunday School Christmas program	17 9-4:30pm Quilters 4:30pm-6pm Puppet Team @ CBC 7pm-Christian Educ. Committee -west side fellowship hall 7pm-Missions Committee	18 Small Group Bible Study, 6:30am @ Bread Co 6:30pm Prayer Ministry Prayer Room	19 6-8pm Cross Training 6:30pm-Junior worship team 7pm Worship Leaders	20 1-5pm Quilters	21	22
23 9 & 10:30am Worship 10am-Coffee/Fellowship	24 7pm & 11pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Services	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 7pm Worship Leaders	27 Teen Xtreme Conference 1-5pm Quilters	28 Teen Xtreme Conference	29 Teen Xtreme Conference
30 9 & 10:30am Worship 10am-Coffee/Fellowship	31 HAPPY NEW YEAR!					

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THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP—DECEMBER

December	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	24th	30th
Lead Usher						
9am	Jim B.	Wilma Z.	Angie H.	Curt R.	(7) Karla A.	Karen Nye
10:30am	Lafe & Youth	Karla A.	Aaron G.	Brad K.	(11) Jim B.	Karen Nye
Greeters						
9am	Rich-Barb Strubberg	K. Painter	Jr & Cindy Berg	Curt R.	(7) Wilma Z.	Youth
10:30am	Walter H.	Collier Family	Celeste S. & Ruth D.	Kuchem's	(11) Curt R.	Youth
Welcome Center Greeting Team						
	Nye's	Collier's	Brewe's	Kuchem's	Kuchem's	Brewe's
Readers						
9am	Marge J.	Catie M.	Shannon D.	Chris M.	(7)	Darlene B.
10:30am	Youth	John C.	Amanda G.	Lisa B.	(11) Jacob D.	Steve O.
Acolytes						
9am	Jim B.	Wilma Z.	Angie H.	Curt R.	(7) Karla	Youth
10:30am	Youth	James & Josie	Aaron G.	Kuchem's	(11) Curt	Youth
Nursery Leader(s)						
	Terri Ogle	John & Mary Day	Cheryl Parsons	Amanda Schweissguth	N/A	Shannon Dothage
Fellowship Hour (between worship services)						
	Wilma Zeh	Maggie Barron Karen Sida	Charles & Betty Frankenberg	Karen Sida	N/A N/A	Pauline Scholz