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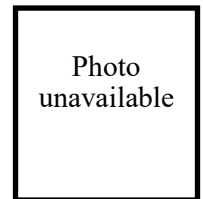
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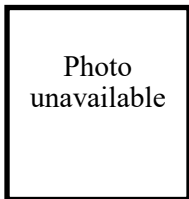
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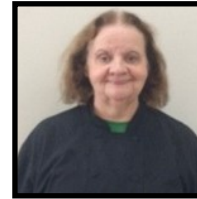
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As a Christ-centered, Gospel-driven Congregation, we are called by our Lord Jesus to go and make disciples of all nations. We will be a congregation that engages people in order to help families follow Jesus.

** Promote a culture of family ... supporting home prayer & Bible study with parents as key teachers
* Increase our outreach and mission presence outside our walls* Strive for excellence in spiritual leadership*

Paul Owens, Senior Pastor



In this month of giving thanks, shall we pray...

Dear Lord,

Thou that hast giv'n so much to me,

Give one thing more, a grateful heart.

See how thy beggar works on thee

By art.

Wherefore I cry, and cry again;

And in no quiet canst thou be,

'Till I a thankful heart obtain

Of thee.

Not thankful, when it pleaseth me;

As if thy blessings had spare days:

But such a heart, whose pulse may be

Thy praise.

Amen.

(source: George Herbert, *Gratefulness*)

And, ***"Give us this day our daily bread,"***

What does this mean?

God gives daily bread to all people though sinful, but we ask in this prayer that He would teach us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanks.

What is meant by "daily bread"?

Daily bread includes everything required to meet our earthly needs, such as food, drink, clothing, home, property, employment, necessities, devout parents, children, and communities, honest and faithful authorities, good government, seasonable weather, peace, health, an orderly society, a good reputation, true friends and neighbors, and the like.

(Small Catechism, by Martin Luther, Reclaim© 2011)

Happy Thanksgiving. Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Paul

'Tis the Season

It's starting to look a lot like Christmas.....and Thanksgiving! Get in the spirit of the season by participating. Please call M'Lissa (830-660-9065) or Alison in the church office (830-625-9191) with any questions.

November

⇒ **Wednesday, November 27**

6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service with a pie social to follow

(Please bring pies precut into 8 slices Tuesday or Wednesday. Please put your name on any non-disposable dishes.)



⇒ **Saturday, November 30**

9:00 a.m. Decorate St. Paul For Christmas

(Meet in the Fellowship Hall. We will be decorating common areas other than Sanctuary and Chapel and need lots of helper elves! If you are able to lend a hand, please contact the church office.)

December

* **Sunday, December 1**

6:00 p.m. Advent by Candlelight

* **Wednesday, December 4**

5:30 p.m. Advent Dinner - Chicken Spaghetti

6:30 p.m. Advent Worship Service

* **Saturday, December 7**

5-7:00 p.m. Miracle of Jesus

* **Wednesday, December 11**

5:30 p.m. Advent Dinner - Taco Soup

6:30 p.m. Advent Worship Service

* **Sunday, December 15**

10:30 a.m. Christmas Program

Family Lunch after 2nd Service

(Congregational Life Board will provide Ham and Turkey. Please bring a dish to share.)

* **Wednesday, December 18**

5:30 p.m. Advent Dinner - TBD

6:30 p.m. Caroling in the neighborhood

* **Sunday, December 22**

6:30 p.m. Caroling at St. Martin

* **Tuesday, December 24**

3:00, 5:00, and 7:30 p.m.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services

* **Wednesday, December 25**

Merry Christmas!



Angel Tree

Once again, this year the Congregational Life Board has partnered with Family Life Center to provide Christmas gifts for children in need in our community. We will be delivering the gifts this year and have the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ with these families. Please consider adopting a child this Christmas season by collecting an angel from the tree in the Lobby. The Angel Tree will be in the Lobby beginning Sunday, November 24. All gifts should be returned, **UNWRAPPED** by Tuesday, December 10th.



Advent by Candlelight

Let's Talk About the Guy in the Red Suit

Ladies, please mark December 1 on your calendars! We will celebrate the first date of Advent with songs, praise, lively discussions—also, fellowship, fun, and food.

Once again we will be recognizing the good work of Options for Life. We encourage you to bring an item for donation, such as: diapers, baby wipes, crib sheets, 0-6 month baby clothes, and maternity clothing. Monetary donations are always welcome.

Start the CHRISTmas season celebrating the birth of Christ - bring a friend - "Go out and make disciples."

The Miracle of Jesus

Mark your calendar for December 7 from 5-7:00 p.m. *The Miracle of Jesus* will be presented at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This special program is being put on for families by the Children's Ministry and the VBS Committee. There will be a 20 minute presentation in the Sanctuary and then a short walk to the town of Bethlehem (Fellowship Hall). Families will experience the life and times of our Lord. There will be shops, a fishing pier, and activities for all to enjoy. We will need volunteers for the shops, townspeople, and guides to open the gates of the city, as well as loaned props and various supplies. This is a one night presentation, so registration will be done on the church's website. Please register or donate, by November 30, by accessing the links under "The Miracle of Jesus" logo at <https://www.nbstpaul.org/faith-formation/children/>. What a great way to begin the Christmas season. Want to volunteer? Please call Andi Holmgren at (210) 410-8777 or Pam Henderson at (209) 777-9572.



Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Martin



You may have noticed that there are new pictures hanging in the common area above the water fountains. Our church has the privilege of maintaining this facility, first for a place of worship and second to be caretakers of the historic building and cemetery.

Today the church is used for special services particularly around Christmas and Easter. Weddings and memorial services are also held there. Springtime is a wonderful time to visit when the Bluebonnets and other wildflower show God's glory. The plaster walls, wood floor, and ceiling create a delightful place for singing Christmas Carols. This year during the Christmas Season, we will again hold our annual caroling on Sunday, December 22, at 6:30 p.m. Plan to attend; you will be lifted up as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.



Wild Game Dinner 2020

The 16th annual Wild Game Dinner will be held on Saturday February 1, 2020 at the New Braunfels Civic and Convention Center.

This is the main community outreach and fellowship event for St. Paul. The committee has set a goal of serving 800 during the event. Three things need to happen to reach that goal. First, and most important, is the guidance of our Lord and Savior. Second, is the involvement of the St. Paul Church members as volunteers, donors, and event participants. Third, is for you to invite your neighbors and your friends.

What Happens During the Event: In addition to the great fellowship, the event includes: dinner with a wide variety of wild game and **non-game items (fried fish and chicken tenders)**, live and silent auctions, a drawings, and a dance featuring live music by local country artist Bret Graham. Donations for the live and silent auction are being received at the church office. For the 2020, event we have enhanced the kids zone.

What Happens to the Proceeds: The 2020 recipients are:

- **Youth Ministry** – supports youth programs, including summer camps, mission trips, VBS, and more
- **New Life Children's Center** - a residential treatment center for severely troubled girls ages 11 – 17
- **Cross Trails Outfitters** - a Christian-based youth outdoors program
- **Trinity Oaks** - an outdoors experience for veterans, youth, terminally ill, and persons with disabilities
- **The Gabriel Project** - a youth crisis pregnancy counseling and assistance program
- **Communities in Schools** - provides support to help students stay in school and succeed in life
- **Options for Life** – Nonprofit, Christ-centered organization dedicated to educating and encouraging people to choose life.
- **Reel Recovery** – a national Christian non-profit organization that conducts free fly-fishing retreats for men living with all forms of cancer

Now is the time to get involved: You can help by getting involved. There is help needed in all areas as we expect to serve in excess of 800 for the 2019 event. It is a great way to meet other members of St. Paul and is a tremendous amount of fun. For questions, contact the church office, a committee member, or Lance Bielke, and/ or Garth Bielke.

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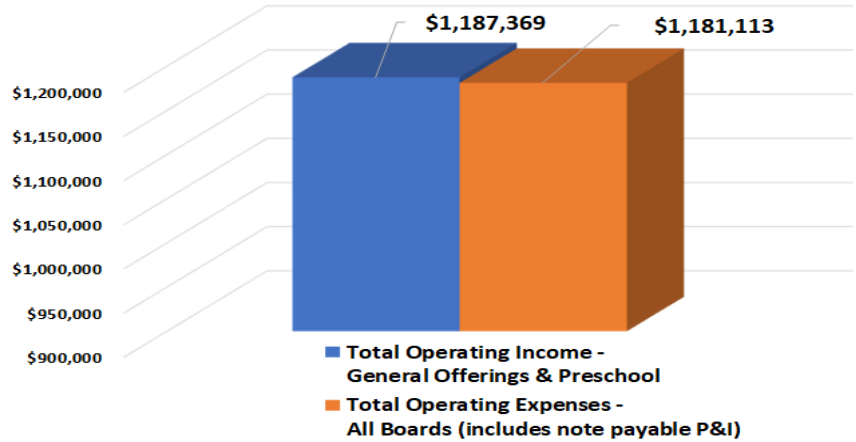


November Flowers

November 3 - Nolan & Erna Dietert
 November 10 - BJ & Pixie Hageman
 November 17 - Mary Gass
 November 24 - Lyle & Sharon Schott



Income Versus Expenses
 September 30, 2019



Congregational Meeting Notice

We invite all voting members to attend the **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 24, 2019**, after the second service. Please see the agenda outlined below. The Plan for Ministry Spending (PMS) flyer will be available in November for review and you can pick up a copy in the Narthex and Lobby areas. The Church Council and staff will host a Plan for Ministry Spending Forum on November 17th in the upstairs lobby area if you have any questions. We hope you will mark your calendars and engage in approving the exciting Plan for Ministry Spending.

AGENDA – November 24, 2019

Review and Approval of Minutes of the Congregational Meeting - June 2019

Finance Report

Plan for Ministry Spending in 2020 (budget)

Emergency Spending Resolution

Report to the Congregation on LCMC National Gathering

St Paul Youth News

Wednesday, November 6

6-8:00 p.m. Open gym & fellowship for 6th-12th grade youth

Wednesday, November 13

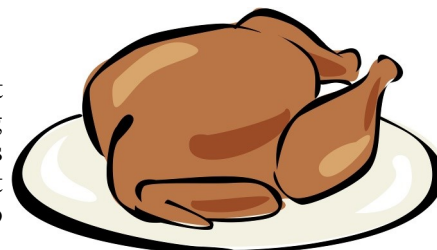
6-8:00 p.m. ARK & fellowship for 6th-12th grade youth

Wednesday, November 20

6-8:00 p.m. BINGO @ Kirkwood; meet at the church

Wednesday, November 27

9:30 a.m. - 12 Noon Service Project - Community Thanksgiving Meet at church at 9:30 a.m. to travel by church van to Tree of Life church, arriving there at 10:00 a.m. to set up and debone turkeys. All congregants age 16 years and older are invited to participate in the deboning process. Please contact Lynn Lear at llear@att.net if you are able to help. NO youth activities due to Worship service and Pie Social.



Christmas Poinsettias on SALE!

St. Paul Youth are selling beautiful poinsettias from Klepac Greenhouses. Get with any youth to purchase yours! Sale begins November 1 and the poinsettias will be delivered to the church December 10th!



Preschool Ministry



The preschoolers have been busy! We have enjoyed an ice cream social, a field trip to the pumpkin patch, and a fire truck visit. During the month of November the preschool will be collecting non perishable food items for our local food bank. If you have anything you would like to

donate, please drop it off at the preschool office.

Raising a Healthy Preschooler

Raising a toddler is full of both joys and challenges. Join us for our Raising a Healthy Preschooler Faith Stepping Stone class to learn how to support the physical, emotional, and spiritual development of your toddler. The three-week course is scheduled for 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall beginning November 3. To RSVP, email Kimberly Wunderlich at Kimberly@nbstpaul.org.



Texas District

Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



To read Pastor Bryce's latest article in its entirety, please go to:

<http://www.lcmctexas.org/mission-moment>

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November 2019



Please join us on Sunday mornings for worship and the Bible study hour:

Traditional Worship 8:00 a.m.; Bible study hour 9:15-10:15 a.m.; Informal Worship 10:30 a.m.



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