



THE MESSENGER

St. Paul Lutheran Church

A Message from Pastor Mathew

Taking Faith Home

Advent marks the beginning of a new church year. As we wait and hope for the coming of Christ, we have a new resource to share. **Taking Faith Home** is a resource for people of all ages. You can find this resource posted on our Facebook page every week and sent out via email.

The hope is not necessarily for each of us to use every part of these sheets. Instead, I hope you can find one or two ways to use them as a guide as we are nourished by our faith throughout the week.

During Advent, I want to invite you to use the mealtime prayer a few times each week. In this way, we will be sharing in prayer together and be connected as a congregation.

May you be blessed with hope and peace through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Pastor Mathew

Taking Faith Home Mealtime Prayers during Advent

The Week of Nov. 29th

Dear God, we thank you for this food; may it strengthen us that we may await your coming with power and glory through Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen

The Week of Dec. 6th

Generous God, may this gift of food strengthen us to walk in your way of comfort, hope, and peace through the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen

The Week of Dec. 13th

May this gift of food fill our hearts with laughter and make us shout with joy. Amen

The Week of Dec. 20th

With this food we receive your steadfast love, O Lord; with our mouths we proclaim your faithfulness to all generations through Christ our Lord. Amen. (this prayer is based on Psalm 89:1)



The people of St. Paul gather to worship, reach out, and serve the Lord.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

December 1 – Tom Harms
December 4 – Tate Hendershott
December 4 – Ethan Schumm
December 6 – Jeff Dixon
December 6 – Carol Thorson
December 11 – Ed Gentes
December 15 – Adam Girard
December 19 – Tom Rygh
December 20 – Jim Russow
December 23 – Marvelyn Schlueter
December 24 – Dawn Boitnott
December 27 – Lucy Kehinde
December 28 – Sam Lambert, Sr.
December 29 – Jack Bristow
December 29 – Rosemary Sutton
December 30 – Cory Schott
December 23 – Louis & Lucy
Kehinde (1978)

Flower Donations

We will once again order fresh flowers for worship from County Market. Please sign up on the flower chart if you are interested in donating for a two week span. Please write your check for \$25 to St. Paul Lutheran and put “flowers” on the memo line. We thank you in advance for helping to make our worship space beautiful to bring honor and glory to God.

ANNUAL MEETING

Mission Proposals and Annual Reports are due by December 14th. Please e-mail them to the office.



Thank you to all who participated in any way in the Trunk or Treat event at St. Paul. We had a great turnout and the children enjoyed it very much.

Prayer Chain Requests

If you would like someone added to our prayer chain, please contact Pastor Mathew, Julie Mehlberg, or Angie in the office. Please let them know when names should be removed from the prayer list as well.

Text Updates Now Available

Updates from St. Paul are now available via text message. These messages will be used to provide important reminders about upcoming church events, changes to worship plans due to inclement weather or health concerns, etc.

If you would like to receive text message updates from St. Paul, **here is how to sign up:** Text @stpaul210 to the number 81010.

It is important to text this exact message "@stpaul210" to the number. After you have done so, you will receive a welcome text from Remind.com with more information. Remind will ask you to identify yourself as a student, teacher or parent because Remind is typically used by schools. Since we are not a school, choosing one of these roles is not necessary.

If you have any trouble you can also text @stpaul210 to (213) 947-9776.

If you are unable to sign up but would like to receive text message updates, please email or call Angie and share your cell phone number and first and last name.

Serving at St. Paul

Are you interested in serving during worship? Lectors and ushers are needed as new schedules are being created. If you would like to serve as a lector or usher, please contact Angie in the church office. All are welcome to serve and all volunteers are much appreciated!

In-Kind Gifts

In following the IRS rules and tax guide for churches and religious organizations, “a donor cannot claim a tax deduction for any single contribution of \$250 or more unless the donor obtains a written acknowledgment of the contribution from the recipient church.” If you have made a non-cash gift of \$250 or more, please contact the church administrative secretary of your purchase and a receipt and a letter of acknowledgment will be provided for your tax documents. If you have any questions, please call the church office.



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