



St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
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The Glad Spirit

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December 2019 – January 2020



Promises Fulfilled - an Advent Festival - The Advent Season is here. In Advent we see that The Lord has promised many things. These promises, however, are not empty promises.

Rather they are rich indicators of His love and grace. More importantly, have been kept and we are benefiting from them.

Rather than having weekly mid-week services for Advent, we will have one special festive worship service on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. Come to take in the full joy of this Advent Season as we prepare for Christmas.

Plan to arrive early at 6:00pm to enjoy a meal as well as midweek fellowship. What better way to enjoy and share in the preparation and anticipation for the coming of Jesus, than sitting down and sharing a meal together. More

information in the weekly bulletin regarding the meal.



There are many opportunities for each of us to study the Word and to share the Word with each other and with others in person or on social media, let's use the tools God had given us to "Go Tell It On The Mountain" and share this magnificent story with the world. To be disciples and proclaim His Name to all the World.

Sisters of the Heart Gathering Saturday October 26, 2019

We had a wonderful morning, filled with fellowship, sharing and coloring! Then topped it off with a delicious lunch. A good will offering of \$81.00 was collected and is being donated to the South Suburban Family Shelter, to assist women

and families in need. A Winter Women's Gathering is already in the works, stay tuned!



Sisters of the Heart Gathering



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT ST. PAUL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Plans are complete for St. Paul's involvement in Holiday Happenings 2019 in the Village. This is what will be happening here at St. Paul's on December 7.

As in prior years, we will have the Sunday School decorating cookies; Cathy & Bob Gastreich will have their woodworking and other items to offer; Winter Florals (make your own live wreath), soup and sandwich lunch and a bake sale. We will also have the live nativity in our front yard and EVERYONE is encouraged to be a part of it!! Slide on a costume over your coat and see how it feels to stand or sit in the stable - with live animals. Awesome!!

The trolley will be stopping in our parking lot and you can take a free ride around town.

The Wolcott School Chorus will perform at 1 pm. Take this opportunity to sing your favorite Christmas songs.

We're looking for assistance in a few areas: on Friday, Dec. 6 (come when you can – till 5 pm!) to prepare the bake sale, plus sales on Saturday, help with the cookie decorating table, 1-hour shift in the kitchen for lunch, cleanup at 2 pm. Contact, Janet Sanders for more information.

This is a fun day and great opportunity to reach out to the community to introduce them to our church. It's also a chance for you to welcome those visitors who come in off the street – but you have to be here!! So, mark your calendar for Saturday, December 7 and join us for lunch and all the activities and opportunities!!

To wrap up the weekend of activities, on Sunday, December 8 the St. Paul Singers will perform at the Historical Society Open House from 2-4 pm. Everyone is welcome to join in. A witness to the community, a visit to our old church home, and an afternoon of fun. And, I forgot, refreshments. Lots of goodies!!

**SAVE THE DATE OF
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 AND
PLAN TO JOIN IN THE FUN
FROM 9 - 3 for St. Paul's
involvement with the 2019 Holiday
Happenings.**



Have you ever wondered why LWML collects Stamps? Well I did so here is the information straight from LWML website, and some guide lines for the stamps.



The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League NID invites you to save postage stamps – especially during the holiday season and donate them for our mission goal. Since 1997 Lutheran Women in Mission across the Northern Illinois District have been clipping, sorting and sending in cancelled postage stamps. You can, too. Just send your trimmed cancelled postage stamps to us or bring them to any LWML NID event. Then, we sort and sell them in batches to collectors and dealers at stamp shows and club auctions. 100% of the funds received goes towards our mission goal for the biennium.

- Stamps should be cut off envelopes leaving a 1/4 inch edge around the stamps.
- Flag and Bell stamps should not be saved.
- Postcards are welcome. Please save the whole card. Do not just send the stamp. Cutting the stamp off postcards makes them lose their value.
- Stamps in albums, foreign and commemorative stamps are especially welcome.

So now we know why LWML collects Stamps. This holiday season I know I will be on the look out for the different types of stamps. Now the hard part to remember to bring them IN!!



All Saints Sunday - On November 3 we observed the tradition of All Saints Day where

we remembered those saints of God who have gone before us and are now with The Lord in eternity.. Part of our remembrance was individual worshipper having the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one who was on their mind that day.



Membership Transfer - Jerry and Shirley Smith of our congregation have transferred their membership from St. Paul to Grace Lutheran Church, Winter Park, Florida. They have

recently retired to the Sunshine State. Up until this transfer, Jerry was a lifetime member of our congregation. Shirley joined when they were married. They served The Lord in many ways here among us. Jerry served as head Trustee keeping our building in tip-top shape. Shirley served on the Altar Guild and in our banner

making group, various Bible classes and in other ways. They both will be missed. Nonetheless, we pray the richest of God's blessings on their new phase of life.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
September - May

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
September - May

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Church Office Hours
9 to Noon Monday thru Friday.

Bulletin Deadline
Thursday by 10 a.m.

Contact the church office to submit personal testimonials about what God has done for you. Or original art that is inspirational or humorous to the artist.

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Chairman Bill Sommer
Vice Chairman David Bloom
Recording Sec. Tracy Middleton
Financial Sec. Robert Brandy
Treasurer Mary Sella
Elder Henry Sella
Eric Schaussburger
Brian Wiltjer
Jerry Wiltjer

Trustee

Stewardship

Evangelism Debi Brandy
Social Ministry Norma Allen
Sandy Budde

S. S. Super. Dana Krieger

Asnt. Super.

Adult Director

Youth Director

December

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 6 Hunter Riordan | 18 Kristen Dunne |
| 13 Dana Tatgenhorst | 19 Margaret Loitz |
| 15 Tara Schultz | 21 Joshua Hurson |
| Judy Swazes | 23 Jeffrey Paris |
| 16 Jillian Krencjarz | 26 Dorothy Van Mynen |
| Bill Sommer | 30 Chris Baker |
| 17 Robert JaBaay | 31 Shawn Conway |



Wish These Friends a
"Happy Birthday!"

January

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| 2 Tracy Middleton | 18 Henry Sella |
| Janice Schultz | 19 Cassandra Michels |
| 3 Steven Nowicki | Marcia Parker |
| 4 Carrie Pearson | 21 Ross Shadley |
| 6 Garrett Kolosh | 22 Shirley Kipley |
| 8 Oliver Gribbin | 23 Micci Orth |
| Donna Pfeifer | 25 Rich Fowler |
| 14 Diane Akers | Dominique Sella |
| 15 Alice JaBaay | 28 Jill Kipley |
| 18 Tom Gibson | 29 Lisa Durkin |
| Jennifer Lovett | 29 Paulette Maurer |

DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30am Bible Class 9:45am Worship Service 11:00am Sunday School	2	3 7:30pm Elders Meeting	4	5	6	7
8 8:30am Bible Class 9:45am Worship Service 11:00am Sunday School	9 7:00pm Council Meeting	10	11 6:00pm Advent Supper 7:00pm Festive Advent Service	12	13	14
15 8:30am Bible Class 9:45am Worship Service 11:00am Sunday School	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 8:30am Bible Class 9:45am Worship Service 11:00am Sunday School	23	24 6:00pm Candlelight Service 11:00pm Candlelight Service	25 9:30am Christmas Day Worship Service	26	27	28
29 8:30am Bible Class 9:45am Worship Service 11:00am Sunday School	30	31				

JANUARY 2020

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