

St. Paul's Epistles

St. Paul's Celebrates, Declares, and Demonstrates the Love of God in Jesus Christ to Sarver and Beyond.

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Worship With Us!

Worship Service 10:10am

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Tuesday, December 24

3:00pm & 7:00pm



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12/15 Kendra Smith

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12/29 Cathy & Madilyn Boyer



12/2 Clair Jones

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12/5 Sarah Reyer

12/6 Monie Diller

12/9 Allison Barnett

12/11 Trent Craighton

12/13 Don Diller

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12/16 Morgan Kaminski

12/17 Dakota Gannon

12/18 Bruce Cooper

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12/19 Keith Hudak

12/24 Tracy Young

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12/28 Carolyn Szebalskie

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To activate St. Paul's
Prayer Chain you may
call one of the
following people:

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It's been said that one of the joys of intergenerational ministry is getting to witness, "the wisdom of the elder and the wonder of the child bouncing up against one another on a regular basis." This is a joy to witness because both the elder and the child benefit when this happens. As Rich Melheim write: "Every age has gifts we need, and every age has needs we gift." In other words, the elder generation needs the wonder that children bring, and children need the wisdom that elders possess.

Although it's in its infancy, we're already seeing this happen at our GIFT nights. For example, on our first evening, we set aside some time for tables to discuss different questions about families, life, and God. One question, "What comes to mind when you think about God?" sparked some lively conversation at one table in particular. As I made my way past this group, I was treated to the sight of four children discussing faith with an older woman in our church family. At that moment, she was telling the kids how much God meant to her during the 80 plus years of her life. When I saw this I thought, "What a privilege it is for these kids to hear this! More often than not, these kind of conversations between the generations simply don't happen."

This is just one example of many from our first run of GIFT Nights and I'm sharing it with you to encourage you to come. Even if you don't have children or your children and grandchildren have long since grown up, the families of St. Paul's need the unique wisdom you bring to the table. And if you're honest with yourself, you could probably some of the gifts that children bring as well. As Melheim says, "The wisdom of the elder and the wonder of the child are precious and priceless gifts which are mutually beneficial."

Our next run of GIFT Nights are Sunday evenings during Advent from 6-7pm. I hope you will consider coming! If you are unable, please say some prayers for this new ministry at St. Paul's.



Christmas Eve
SERVICE

*Join us for worship as we celebrate the birth of
our Savior on Tuesday, December 24*

@3:00pm & 7:00pm

*Both services will include the Sacrament of
Holy Communion and Candlelighting.*

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 19, 2020

The Meeting will begin immediately following a pot luck lunch. Please bring with you: covered dish, dessert, table service for you and your family, a copy of the Annual Report which will be distributed on Sunday, January 12th. If you are unable to attend church on the 12th please contact the church office and a report will be mailed to you.

****In case of inclement weather the meeting will be rescheduled
for Sunday, January 26th. ****

We are collecting donations of fruit, cookies, candies, crackers, etc. to be packed in the annual Fruit Baskets. Please bring your donations to the church by **Sunday, December 15** and place them



in the kitchen. Council members will be assembling and distributing the baskets that afternoon. Thanks in advance for your donations!



Nativity Display Sunday, December 8

Please consider submitting your nativities for our display. In past years we have been able to display over 100 Nativities scenes! It doesn't matter if it is large or small, or if it is made of wood or paper. If it depicts a Nativity, we want to show it. There will be a tree in the Narthex as well to hang any ornaments you may have. You may set up your Nativities at the church at one of the following days/times:

Wednesday, December 4

1:00-3:00pm & 6:30-8:30pm

&

Friday, December 6

1:00-3:00pm & 6:30-8:30pm

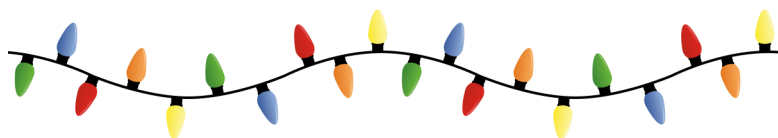
You may then pack up your Nativity to take home following the final viewing on the 8th or throughout the week after.

Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that he gave his only Son. The only requirement is to believe in him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life.

—Corrie ten Boom

Ushers for 2020

Thank you to everyone who signed up to be an usher for 2020. There are still a few openings that need to be filled. The sign up list is located in the Narthex. If you haven't volunteered yet please prayerfully consider serving as an usher in the coming year.



GIFT

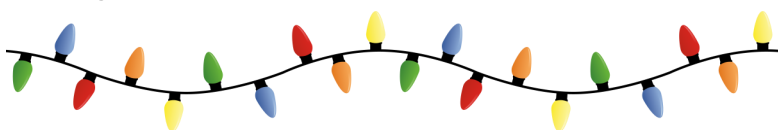
Generations In Faith Together

"Advent Nights"

Sundays December 1-22

6:00pm

During Advent we prepare for and count down to the coming of Christ. These nights will provide a time to share the Advent rituals and traditions that have been passed down through many generations, and to make new ones.



Ladies Guild

There will be no regular meeting for the month of December. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 @9:30am.

Nativity Set up: Wednesday, 12/4

1-3pm & 6:30-8:30pm

Friday 12/6

1-3 pm & 6:30-8:30pm

Nativity Display: 12/8

11:30-2:00 & 3:30-5:30

Christmas Lunch @ Nancy Altman's

We will be eating at noon.



Join us for an afternoon of Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 29. Everyone is asked to bring a pot of their favorite soup to share during lunch following worship. We will then depart to members homes and nursing homes to spread the good news of Christ's birth through our joyful singing. Hope to see you there!

Thank You!

THANK YOU!

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Cabot United Methodist Church Food Bank would like to thank St. Paul's Lutheran Church for your very generous donation of time and effort to collect and deliver food to our food bank from your Fall Harvest Food Drive. Without the constant support and faithful giving of people like you, we would be unable to meet the increasing needs of many in our community. The caring hand of God reaches out to others through your continued support.

Dear Brothers & Sisters at St. Paul's,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude at the help that you extended to our church prior to the arrival of our Interim Pastor Shirey. We especially want to thank Marlene Lacanic for all she did to help with our sacraments!! We consider ourselves blessed to have such a supportive sister congregation.

In Christ's Love,
St. Luke's Church Council

I would like to thank the Ladies Guild for their donation to St Paul's Preschool. Also, thank you to everyone for the supply donations and the monetary donations. It is greatly appreciated.

Lenya Young

Nativity Display

Sunday December 8

Join us for a self guided tour of over 100 Nativities on display throughout the Narthex area of St. Paul's.

11:30am-2:00pm & 3:30pm-5:30pm

Cookies and beverages will be available in Heide Hall



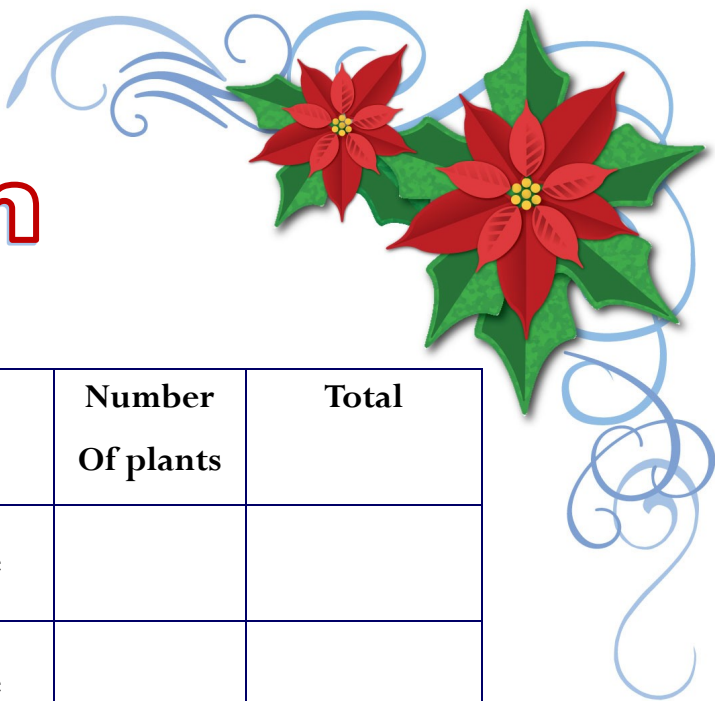
**Christmas Concert performed by the
Kiski Valley Community Band**

Sunday, December 8 @ 2:00pm

**Stay for the concert after viewing the
Nativities *or* view the Nativities after
enjoying the concert!**

**Looking forward to spending an afternoon
of "Christmas" fun with everyone**

Poinsettia Order Form



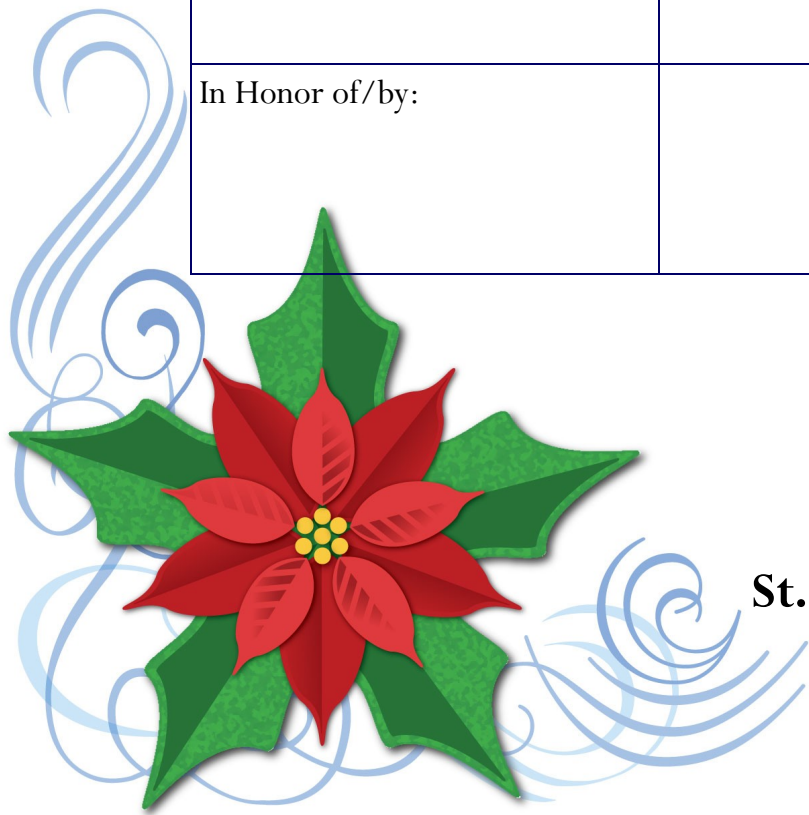
Size	Price	Color (circle)	Number Of plants	Total
6"	\$6	Red, White, Pink, Marble		
8"	\$10	Red, White, Pink, Marble		
			Total Amount	

Given to the Glory of God by:	
In Memory of/by:	
In Honor of/by:	

Deadline for orders:

Sunday, December 15

Please make checks payable to
St. Paul's. Place in the offering plate in
an envelope labeled "Poinsettias"





<u>Offering Breakdown for Month of November</u>				
Category	November Total Received		YTD Received	Annual Budget
General	8,198.00		94,349.40	
Loose	507.00		17,104.31	
Flowers	40.00		1,085.50	
Memorials	-		15,915.00	
Initial	-		143.00	
Heide Hall	-		180.00	
Advent	60.00		60.00	
Kindermusik	-		861.40	
Maundy Thur.	-		210.00	
Quilt Guild	-		212.50	
Other	12,600.00		14,575.45	
Total Current	21,405.00		146,059.62	170,334.00
Benevolence	711.00		8,661.50	12,000.00
Total Received	22,116.00		154,721.12	182,334.00
New Building	1,823.00		36,497.50	



Offering Envelopes will be available throughout the month of December in the Narthex.

If you don't see a box with your name please contact the church office.



Coming Attraction

Advent, which marks the beginning of the church year, is "the first gleam of Christmas," writes W.E. Sangster. "It heralds the entrance of

the Divine into human history; it is heaven descending to earth; it is a great event casting its brilliance before it." Sangster adds: "It is as though a trumpeter had taken his stand upon the turrets of time and announced the coming of the King. 'Get ready,' he seems to say. 'Get ready. He is coming!'"

"THE VIRGIN WILL
conceive
and
GIVE BIRTH
to a
son,
AND THEY WILL
call him
IMMANUEL"
(which means "God with us").
MATTHEW 1:23, NIV



There will be No January Newsletter



Altar Flowers

The 2020 Flower chart is available in the Narthex. Please consider donating flowers to adorn our altar in the coming year.

Bag Nights for the months of December and January will be cancelled due to the Nativity Display and New Years Day.

Anyone interested in coming to the church during the day to work on the loom or to tie bags should contact the church office to set up a time.

Card Ministry Night for December is cancelled as well. We will resume on January 16 @6:30.



Luther's Corner

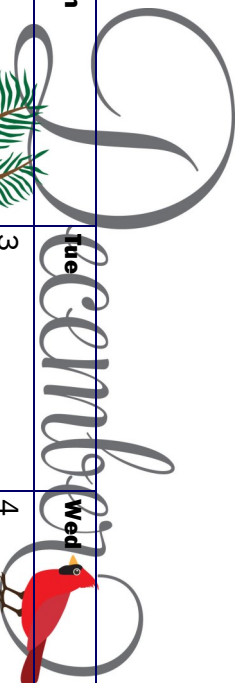
"He who lies in the virgin's lap is our Savior... therefore, we should acknowledge and accept; confess him as our Savior in every need, call upon him, and never doubt that he will save us from all misfortune. Amen."

Martin Luther's sermon on the afternoon of Christmas day 1530

Be Born in Us Today

In 1865, Phillips Brooks, an Episcopal preacher from Boston, went on a Holy Land pilgrimage. Riding horseback from Jerusalem to Bethlehem for Christmas Eve worship at the Church of the Nativity was so moving that he wrote "O Little Town of Bethlehem." The hymn's final stanza addresses the town's most famous newborn:

*O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels t
he great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>First Sunday in Advent</i> Confirmation Class 9am Worship 10:10am	2  Packing College Boxes	3	4 Nativity Set-up 1-3pm & 6:30-8:30pm	5 Worship & Music Meeting 10:00am	6 Nativity Set-up 1-3pm & 6:30-8:30pm	7
8 <i>Second Sunday in Advent</i> Confirmation Class 9am Worship 10:10am Nativity Display 11:30-2:00 & 3:30-6:30 Christmas Concert by the Kiski	9 Council Meeting 7pm Peaceful Patchers Christmas Party 5:00pm	10	11 Bells 6:15	12 Ladies Guild Christmas Lunch @Nancy Altman's Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	13	14
15 <i>Third Sunday in Advent</i> Confirmation Class 9:00am Contemporary Worship Service 10:10am	16	17 Tuesday Evening Bible Study Christmas Party	18 Bells 6:15	19 Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	20	21
22 <i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i> Confirmation Class 9am Worship 10:10am	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> Worship Services 3:00pm & 7:00pm	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	26	27	28
29 Confirmation Class 9am Worship 10:10am Christmas Caroling following the	30	31				