

# "Come & See" A Good News Letter!

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"Making Disciples to Make Peace"

#### **Contemporary Worship**

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School

9:45 a.m.

**Traditional Worship** 

11:00 a.m.

### **Youth Ministries**

Kid's Kingdom: M-F, 7am–6pm. Ages 3-6. Call 263-2433 for information and fees.

### **Adult Ministries**

English School: M-Th, 9:30am-Noon Free Community Breakfast Most Saturdays, 8-9:30am Gift of Marriage

Call 263-0810 for information about any programs.



dvent begins **Sunday**, **December 2**. Each Sunday in Advent we will light our Advent candles in worship and prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of Jesus.



#### St. Paul's Evening Prayers

Advent Evening Prayer will be on Sunday Evenings this year, at **6** p.m. (Dec. **2,9,16**). Each prayer time will be preceded by a Soup Supper at 5:15 p.m.

#### Hanging of the Greens

We will decorate the Sanctuary Christmas tree and set up the Nativity Scene on *Sunday, December 2* beginning at 4:15 p.m. All ages welcome to participate.

#### Caroling

At **2:30** p.m. on December 9 we will gather at the church to go caroling to some of our older members.

#### Children's Christmas Program

At a combined service on **December 16 at 10 a.m.** our youth will share the story of Jesus' birth with us in readings and music. The worship service will be followed by a Soup Luncheon and Bake Sale.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Holy Communion services will be at 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. on December 24. Everyone is invited to come early for fellowship time prior to the services.

#### **Operation Holiday Donations**

Operation Holiday of Inter-Faith Ministries will provide coats, food vouchers, non-perishable food, and blankets to families in need, along with toys in partnership with Toys for Tots. Financial donations may be sent to Inter-Faith Ministries, 829 N. Market, Wichita 67214; good used coats and blankets to any

In The Bag Cleaners; new coats, blankets & food to any Walmart, Wells Fargo, or Bank of America; food only at any Dillons; or at certain times at the Operation Holiday distribution center (before Dec. 17). Volunteers are needed too, for taking applications and helping with distribution. Check www.interfaithwichita.org for specifics.



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#### Council Officers

President Amy Morgan (2012-2015) Vice President Barb Hanstedt (2010-2013) Secretary Elaine Harvey (2011-2014) Treasurer Mike Buxton (2012-2015)

#### At Large

Steve Schweitzer (2012-2015) Darrell Isham (2010-2013) Barb Klingman (2012-2015)

#### Committee Liaisons

Christian Education: Amy Morgan ESOL School: Elaine Harvey Finance: Mike Buxton Gift of Marriage: Steve Schweitzer GoZones! After-School: Elaine Harvey Kid's Kingdom: Barb Hanstedt Memorials: Barb Klingman Partners for Wichita: Steve Schweitzer Personnel: Amy Morgan Outreach: Elaine Harvey Property: Mike Buxton Stewardship: Elaine Harvey Worship and Music: Darrell Isham

#### <u>Staff</u>

Pastor - The Rev. Dave Fulton Office Admin - Leah M. Noakes Kid's Kingdom Director -Dixie Learned Daycare Staff – Maria Persson English School - Leon Rausch Organist - Frances Sloan Custodian – Cinty So

#### St. Paul's Discipleship

Practices: Worship Weekly, Pray Daily, Spiritual Reading, Mentoring, Discipleship Groups, Congregational Support <sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. Romans 8



I have long felt the need to have a time of prayer as a key aspect of our life together. Interestingly, it

seems that schedules get over committed and a time for prayer gets pushed out. It seems that Sunday evening is a good time for prayer. This time will involve prayer, some music and some teaching about prayer. My desire for this time together springs from several experiences with prayer over the years. Its a desire to deepen my own prayer life, which happens richly in a gathered community of prayer, and its a desire to offer an opportunity for folks to enter into the great, vibrant and awake life that bubbles up in and through prayer.

Advent is a season of waiting, of yearning for the coming Holy One. Such yearning and waiting is the stuff of which prayer is made. St. Paul's Evening Prayer is a time together that I hope will be sustained beyond Advent. Join us Sunday Evenings at 6:00. St. Paul's Evening Prayer.

#### Peace be with you! Blessings! Pastor Dave

#### February/March Community Service

"Bags of Blessings... from the Heart." Bags of Blessings is a February gathering of personal hygiene items to give to people at shelters and assistance centers. The collection day is Feb. 28 at St. John's Episcopal Church. Items sought are small-size personal care items to be placed in gallon bag – each bag contains hand soap, Chapstick, a comb, shampoo/ conditioner, razor & shaving cream, deodorant, hand lotion, toothbrush & paste, nail clippers, snack bar, washcloth. Socks/gloves/caps are also helpful.

#### "Filling the Gap Lunches for Kids"

Spring Break: March 14 - 22, at 14 sites. How to help? Donations of funds and goodies such as peelable fresh fruit, and volunteers. Contact Partners for Wichita, 925 N. Waco, Wichita, 67203, or Pr. Sally Fahrenthold, partnersforwichita@cox.net; 316-683-8649.



#### December 2012

#### Sunday Bible Readings

First Sunday of Advent

December 2 Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36

#### Second Sunday of Advent

December 9 Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6

#### Third Sunday of Advent

December 16 Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23 Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:46b-55 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

Nativity of Our Lord December 24, 2012 Set I – Christmas Eve Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 (11) Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

#### Nativity of Our Lord December 25, 2012 Set II – Christmas Day Isaiah 62:6-12

Psalm 97 (11) Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

#### **First Sunday of Christmas** December 30

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148 (13) Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52

#### New Year's Eve

December 31 Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 Psalm 8 (1) Revelation 21:1-6a Matthew 25:31-46

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Christmas Preparations!**

Cookies Needed for Christmas Eve Services If you can provide cookies for the Fellowship time preceding the services, please contact the church office or talk to Betty Ladwig.

#### Youth Program Rehearsal Schedule

Youth are rehearsing during Sunday School and also will have a dress rehearsal at 10 a.m. on Sat. Dec. 15.

#### Caroling

Come caroling on Sunday Dec. 9 beginning at 2:30 p.m. We will have cards to sign from the congregation on Nov. 25 and Dec. 2. All ages are invited, parents are welcome to bring young children. We will meet in the church library to review our route and leave right at 2:30 p.m. We travel in cars and will visit some group residences and some homes. We do need to dress for the weather. Song books will be provided.



#### Cookie Walk on Dec. 1

St. Paul's will have a Cookie Walk on Saturday Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This will be a fundraiser to help support our ESOL program and the NW Sedgwick County Thrivent Chapter will match our proceeds. If you can donate cookies please let Elaine Harvey (elaine.harvey@wichita.edu) know. The cookies are displayed on trays so that people don't need to wrap the cookies. Bring to church on Friday Nov. 30 or early Dec. 1. Family favorites and Christmas cookies and cookies from around the world would be neat to have for people to choose from. At a cookie walk cookies are displayed and purchasers make their choices and pay for them by the pound. Invite your friends.



Poinsettias may be pre-ordered up to December 10. They will be placed on the altar for the December 16 worship service and for Christmas Eve Services. The cost is \$6.95 for 4-6 blooms. 12"-14" tall each. Order forms will be in the church bulletins, or you may pick one up from the church office. You may pick up the poinsettia after one of the Christmas Eve services or make note that you would like the plant to go to a shutin or hospitalized member. The poinsettias will have

name/address tags attached and the goal is to take them to our shut-ins on Christmas Day. Please contact Betty Ladwig if you can help.

#### Soup Lunch Dec. 16

Our youth will offer a Soup Lunch on Sunday Dec. 16 following the single service. There will be a free will offering to assist our youth (7 kids and 3 adults) to attend Youth Quake (Middle School) in Wichita Feb. 1-3 and QuakeZone in Topeka Feb. 8-10.

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Birthdays

12/2 Evelyn Furst 12/4 Jeanette Clews 12/4 Melissa Gay-Roberts 12/5 Derek Day 12/7 Alice Graham 12/8 Kenneth Engber 12/8 Marci Stege 12/13 Betty Ladwig 12/16 Mary Boehmer 12/20 Julie Buxton Walker 12/26 Mary Koehn 12/26 Aidan Wessel 12/30 Barb McDougal



Dec. 2 Morgan and Julie Koon Nov. 19 Nick & Rebekah Snyder

### **Church Family News**

Condolences to the family and friends of Gordon Prieb, long time member of St. Paul's who died October 31 and whose funeral was at St. Paul's. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.



#### End of Year Reports Due

St. Paul's regular annual business meeting will be held Sunday January 27, 2013 at 4 p.m. Each committee and activity group at St. Paul's is asked to prepare an annual report and the reports are due to the church office by Friday, January 4. We request that the reports be written in Microsoft Word and e-mailed to the office.

**New Members:** New members will be received on Sunday Dec. 2. People who are considering becoming members of St. Paul's on December 2 or at a later date are invited to contact Pastor Fulton at 263-0810 or pastordave.fulton@gmail.com.

**Youth Sunday School:** Sunday School classes have been learning about God's great love through Bible stories including Peter's confession of faith and the healing of Bartimeus. Thanks to teachers Diane Harman, Betty Ladwig, Mikaela Harman and Elaine Harvey, bell leaders Deb Ary and Julianne Kallman and communications person Amy Morgan. Our fall term just ended. Now the youth are rehearsing for our Christmas program to be during a combined service at 10 a.m. on Dec. 16. The winter term will begin January 6. If you would like to help teach a class in the New Year or can substitute please contact Elaine Harvey. Our levels are ages 3 - Pre-K, Grades K-2, 3-4, and 5-7.

**St. Paul's Youth News:** St. Paul's Confirmation Class meets Wednesday at 6 p.m. Our youth will offer a Soup Lunch with a free will offering on Sunday Dec. 16 following the 10 a.m. single service that day. offering. Our youth and sponsors (7 kids and 3 adults) plan to attend Lutheran Youth Encounter Youth Quake (Middle School) Feb. 1-3 and Quake Zones (Middle/High School) in Topeka Feb. 8-10.

**Thanks and Yes - St. Paul's on a Mission:** Our Thanks and Yes, St. Paul's on a Mission 3-Year Capital Campaign is underway. Thanks to all who have made a pledge so far. New blue envelopes are available in the pews and also available boxed by month and by week to pick up. If you prefer to give by the Simply Giving pre-authorized withdrawal program please contact Barb Klingman to let her know when you want withdrawals to begin and the frequency of withdrawals. People can still make a pledge. Our giving to Thanks and Yes – St. Paul's on a Mission is above and beyond our regular giving. Envelopes for our regular giving will also be available by mid-December.

**Celebrate our Mission! Invite Others to Participate:** Each year we invite people to consider their giving to the Mission of Christ through St. Paul's. This year our Stewardship theme is Celebrate! We are celebrating our current ministries and thinking about how we can grow in carrying out our mission of Making Disciples to Make Peace. Our regular giving pays for programming, pastoral, office, music and custodial staff, utilities, custodial supplies, property upkeep, partnership in the ministries of our synod and the ELCA and some debt reduction. Council is discussing new ways we can become a more inviting church – inviting more and more people to become disciples of Jesus. Watch for the materials coming in the mail in December. Offering envelopes (white) for 2013 for those who give monthly and weekly by envelope will be available in December. We are having our annual response activities later this year because of our 3-year Capital Campaign project in Sept./Oct. Our Estimates of Giving for 2013 will be received on January 6, 2013. We will celebrate with a brunch for everyone between worship services.

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## **Outreach Ministries**

#### **Community Breakfast**

Socks for Breakfast Guests Thanks to those who brought socks and lots of helpful supplies for St. Paul's Community Breakfasts in November. We still need some more socks, we hope to collect at



least 150 pairs. St. Paul's regular December Breakfast turn is Dec. 8. Can you help, we need you and you will have a great time! Our helpers begin to arrive by 6:30 a.m., we need to get the coffee going and crack eggs. We will set up about 18 tables to serve the quests with 7 or 8 at a table. In November St. Paul's team served 175-200 people. We serve from 8-9:30 a.m. We would like to have extra greeters for our December breakfast. We like to greet people when they arrive and also when they leave. A table of 7 costs about \$21 including the bus tickets we offer the guests each month. In December the teams will be St. Paul's, Reformation Lutheran and Christ Lutheran.

#### GoZones!

#### Help Our GoZones! Kids

The GoZones! After-School Program Christmas Tree will be in the Narthex starting December 2. People are invited to choose a star from the tree, purchase the gift and place it, unwrapped, in the box by the tree or in the church office. On the last day of GoZones! before Christmas break,



the children also choose and wrap gifts for parents. For that event we need donations of inexpensive items such as hygiene products, gloves, small photo albums, household items or tools. Please contact Cindy Galstad or Donna Embree for additional information. Thank you in advance for helping to bring the joy of the season to our kids in need!

#### Fall GoZones! Activities

One of the fun November projects was to take a nature walk and pick up items like leaves and seeds and then arrange items into a picture. The kids had a great time at St. Paul's neighborhood Halloween Party. They planted pansies along the north fence which are now blooming. Also our youth In December the kids will go to Illuminations at Botanica on Dec. 12 on the Spaghetti with Santa night.

#### Other Volunteer Ops

Historic Midtown Citizen's Association St. Paul's members are invited to attend the Historic Midtown Citizen's Association's Annual Volunteer Dinner on Tuesday Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. The Association' Board meets at St. Paul's each month.

#### ESOL

St. Paul's ESOL program begins its 8th year in January. Our ESOL program serves students from around the world, from Syria and Ethiopia and Brazil and Vietnam and Mexico and more. We need additional instructors. Four levels of instruction are offered with grammar, vocabulary and conversation components. St. Paul's ESOL classes are Monday – Thursday from 9:30 a.m. – 12. Volunteers may

teach one of the 4 days or more. Teachers have the opportunity of learning about several different cultures as the students come from many lands. All the instruction is in English so people don't have to know the language of the people they are helping learn English. Contact coordinator Leon Rausch at 263-0810 or send



him an e-mail at



for helping St. Paul's Ministries! Halloween Party Thanks: Thanks to all those who helped at the Halloween Party on Oct. 27. We had a lot of really great helpers who welcomed neighbors and provided a safe and fun event for St. Paul's and

neighborhood kids.

Building and Ground Work Thanks: Thanks to those who accomplished lots of outdoor cleanup on Sat. Nov. 3 and completed the work to tile the floor in the church library and also hang insulating blinds and to the crew who replaced the fence on the South side of the playground and to the NW Sedgwick County Thrivent Chapter who funded the materials.

Veterans' Potluck: Thanks to planners of the potluck to honor Veterans held at St. Paul's on Nov. 11. It was well received.

#### Kid's Kingdom

We currently have 12 children enrolled. They are concentrating on Thanksgiving activities, making Puritan hats, women's bonnets and finger art; they will be celebrating on Wednesday, Nov. 21, with a Thanksgiving Dinner. Congratulations to our cook, Paula McKinney, she won first place in the Eagle Holiday Cookbook 57th annual recipe contest with her award for Taco Meatball Ring. If you need the recipe, I will be glad to furnish it, I plan to make it after Thanksgiving. A big thank you to the men who replaced the

fence on the south end of the playground, it looks so nice and many hours were spent the past week. One of the neighbors was happy about it too. Thank you, thank you.



Betty Ladwig

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Fri	30	9:30am - Quilters				2	9:30am - Quilters						14	9:30am - Quilters					21	9:30am - Quilters					28	9:30am - Quilters				4	YE Reports DUE	9:30am - Quilters	6:30pm - Midtown
Thu	29	9:30am - ESOL Classes	4:15pm - GoZones!	5pm - PFW Hunger	6pm - 3 Principles	9	9:30am - ESOL Classes	4:15pm - GoZones!	6pm - 3 Principles				13	9:30am - ESOL Classes	4:15pm - GoZones!	6pm - 3 Principles			20	9:30am - ESOL Classes	6pm - 3 Principles				27	6pm - 3 Principles				8	6pm - 3 Principles		
Wed	28	9:30am - ESOL Classes	7:30pm - Choir Practice			5	9:30am - ESOL Classes	7:30pm - Choir Practice					12	9:30am - ESOL Classes	7:30pm - Choir Practice				19	9:30am - ESOL Classes	7:30pm - Choir Practice				26					2	7:30pm - Choir Practice		
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Mon	26	9:30am - ESOL Classes	6pm - PFW BOD	6:30pm - Midtown		3	9:30am - ESOL Classes						10	Poinsettia Deadline	9:30am - ESOL Classes				17	9:30am - ESOL Classes	3:30pm - Reception for	6pm - PFW Board			24	No Daycare	Christmas Eve	5pm - Candlelight	11pm - Candlelight	31	New Year's Eve		
Sun	25	Harvest Home	9 am - Contemporary	9:45am - Sunday	11am - Traditional	2	New Members	9 am - Contemporary	9:45am - Sunday	11am - Traditional	4:15pm - Hanging of	6pm - Evening Prayer	6	9 am - Contemporary	9:45am - Sunday	11am - Traditional	2:30pm - Caroling	6pm - Evening Prayer	16	9 am - Sunday School	10am - Kid's Christmas	11am - Soup Lunch	5:15pm - Soup Dinner	6pm - Evening Prayer	23	9 a m - Contemporary	9:45am - Sunday	11am - Traditional		30	9 am - Contemporary	9:45am - Sunday	11am - Traditional

#### December 2012

We are including an emergency contact form in this newsletter. If you wish you can complete the form and file it with the church office. This may be of particular use when people have out of town family or are traveling. Extra copies are available in the church office.

MEMBER NAME:	DATE:

In the event of a medical or other emergency, I/we would like my/our church family to be able to contact a family member or friend listed below:

NAME:		RELATIONSHIP:	
STREET ADDRESS:			
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:	
HOME TELEPHONE:	COM	/PANY NAME:	
WORK TELEPHONE:	EXT: _	E-MAIL	
CELL PHONE:			
NAME:		RELATIONSHIP:	
STREET ADDRESS:			
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:	
HOME TELEPHONE:	COM	//PANY NAME:	
WORK TELEPHONE:	EXT: _	E-MAIL	
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WORK TELEPHONE:	EXT: _	E-MAIL	
CELL PHONE:			

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#### **Prayers for our Area** Ministry 5 Congregations

We pray for Area Ministry 5 Pastors and congregations and for St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Vladivostok, Russia.

Dec. 2: Pastors in special ministries, on leave and other service: Pr. Bill Horn. St. Bartholomew Episcopal; Pr. Tom Schaefer; Pr. Natacha Kemp; Pr. Gary Harris; Marlene Hallstrom AIM, Parish Musician, St. James Episcopal Church. Parish Ministry Associates Larry Frank and Jean Hagbom.

Dec. 9: Christ, Eureka, Interim: Nancy Mitchell, Parish Ministry Associate. Synod Prayer List includes St. Paul-Peabody, Pr. Bob Kloth.

Dec. 16: Christ, Wichita, Pr. Chad Langdon.

Dec. 23: Cross of Glory, Derby, Interim Pastor Thomas Hallstrom.

Dec. 30: Bishop Gerald Mansholt, Bishop's Associates Pr. John Kreidler, Pr. Janice Kibler, and Pr. Len Dale; Bishop's Assistant Dan Glamann; JP Palmer; other staff.

### Area 5, Synod & ELCA

#### **ELCA Good Gifts**

Looking for a special gift to honor a friend? Have a look at the ELCA "Good Gifts" catalog. The gifts help reach around the world to help with education, health needs, fresh water and other needs. Gifts to choose from include \$10 for a mosquito net treated with insecticide, \$10 for 10 chicks, \$40 for a child's school fees. \$100 for a village health team - \$250 for a village water well - \$1600 provides one course for a semester at an ELCA seminary. Copies of the Good Gifts catalog are available in the information center across from the Library or look at www.elca.org/ goodgifts. where you will also see how you can make a gift on-line.

#### Help Hurricane Sandy Survivors

The ELCA is working both here at home and with international companions to meet the immediate needs of those affected as well as working to plan for long-term recovery. Thanks to generous gifts of ELCA members, over \$350,000 for our disaster response work has been given since October 31. Hurricane Sandy hit churches in Caribbean (Haiti and Cuba) as well as on the East Coast and by early November at least 16 Northeast US congregations had been identified as damaged by the storm. Besides financial help, through the generous gifts of time and resources we will be helping provide volunteers to meet the needs of our domestic response and continued recovery. As soon as the storm had passed, ELCA congregations were already opening their doors to offer shelter, food and communication services. Contributions to this appeal can be made in the following ways: Give by phone at 800-638-3522, Donate online at: www.ELCA.org/disaster, Send checks to ELCA Disaster Response, 39330 Treasury Center, Chicago, IL 60694-9300, and write Hurricane Sandy in the memo line.

#### Area Ministry 5

The Area Ministry 5 Annual Meeting on November 4 welcomed representatives from Central States Synod Campus ministries. Those at the meeting assembled many "care packages" for the campus pastors to take to students. Thanks to those who donated goodies. We have Campus Pastors at K-State and KSU and Bethany and they are wonderful opportunities to share faith on our campuses.





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Please submit any information for the monthly "Come & See" by the 15th each month. Submissions received after the deadline may not be added to the newsletter. Submissions can be made by delivery to the church office in the drop box, or by e-mail at <u>stpauls.wichita@gmail.com</u>. If you send an e-mail please be sure to specify that the information is intended for the newsletter. Thank you for your contributions!

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