

January 2020 News and Events at St. Paul's



Happy New Year! The Magi observed the newborn king's star at its rising and got up and went to find him. My New Year's hope for all of us is to renew our own wonder and desire to find and know Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. During worship in January we'll ask the question, "What are you looking for?" based on Jesus' first words spoken in the Gospel of John. Come to church and let's ask together. Let's get up and go together to discover where the Spirit is calling St. Paul's church in our community. See you at church! ~ Pastor Liz

Star Gift Sunday

Sunday, Jan 5 at 9:30 AM

Receive a star word in worship to keep with you all year. Just as the star guided the magi to Bethlehem, so may our star words guide us on our 2020 journey.



Windy City Bulls Game - Faith & Family Night

Saturday, Jan 25, 7 PM at the Sears Centre

Tickets are \$20 each. Sign-up on the hall table by Jan 19. Attendees receive a WCB hat. Pre-game concourse activities are planned, as well as a post-game message from a Windy City Bulls player. Parking is \$10.

Installation of Pastor Liz & Congregational Meeting

Sunday, Jan 26, During and immediately following worship

Join us in worship for a blessing on the vision work ahead of us and our ministry together with Pastor Liz Patz. Immediately following worship members are invited to participate in the annual congregational meeting to review upcoming



Also happening this month

Tues, Jan 7 and 21

Knitters, 10-11AM at the Ministry House

PADS of Elgin, 6:30-8PM Check the hall sign-up to see how you can help

Wed, Jan 8, 15, 22, 29

Choir Rehearsal, 7PM at the Ministry House

Financially Speaking

The total receipts for the month of December were \$37,706.01. Our spendable income came to \$37,706.01 including our OCWM income of \$465.00. We had \$270.00 of charitable income for the month of December. All was for the Christmas Fund/Veterans Cross. Thank you to everyone who supported the Mitten Tree donations for the Elgin Crisis Center and the Christmas gifts for Open Door.

"J" Dollars

The "J" Dollars collection has \$1,128.00 left to go as of Dec 1. Thank you! Our collection goal is \$5,100 to pay off the accessibility remodel of the Ministry House main floor bathroom.

NEW Automatic Door Openers Installed at the Church

A portion of the bequest from the estate of Linda Carrasco was used for the purchase and installation of two automatic door openers on both bathroom doors in the church building. We are grateful for this gift toward our Properties Ministry furthering our goal to make our building accessible to all.

Grief Support Group in Hampshire

Tuesdays beginning Jan 14, [New Morning Retreat Center](#), 7-8 PM

From group leader Matthew Eaton, UCC clergy person and hospital chaplain: "We all need support after suffering a loss. This group will be a safe place to share and process our feelings and responses to our grief. Loss does not have to be the death of a loved one; we can experience grief after any significant life change or trauma." Group will meet for 6 weeks. This is a free service provided by the New Morning Retreat Center.

Mark Your Calendar

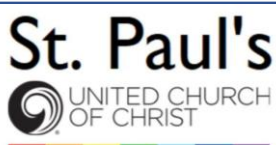
Feb 9 10:30 AM Sunday School Pancake Breakfast after worship
Feb 26 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service

January Anniversaries

Dave & Bonnie Starr	01/11	William & Sally Rhymes	01/12
Doug & Ellen Volkening	01/28	Kim & Bill Toth	01/30
Ken & Ramona Volkening	01/30		

January Birthdays

Linda Meglin	01/03	Jennifer Volkening	01/05
William Rhymes	01/10	Ellen Volkening	01/11
Alice Eichhorst	01/13	Bill Guptail	01/19
Sally Wilson	01/19	Dan Heinrich	01/20
Kathy Rabe	01/26	Melissa Wiggin	01/28
Cindy Heinrich	01/30		



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