

SUNDAY TEXTS

In order to help you better prepare for the reception of the Word on Sunday morning, the Sunday texts are printed for your study.

January 7, 2018

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

Epistle Lesson: Romans 6:1-11

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:4-11

January 14, 2018

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel Lesson: John 1:43-51

January 21, 2018

Old Testament Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:14-20

January 28, 2018

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:21-28

LWML MITES

LWML collects donations the first Sunday of each month for various district and world-wide mission needs supported by LWML Mites. In November and December a total of \$161.26 was collected for these mission projects.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need two or three volunteers to train as backups for the counting and recording of the weekly contributions. Currently Russell Pullmann and I count and record the offerings after church on Sunday. We would like to have two or three people we could call on to fill in on any Sunday when one or both of us cannot be there. Training would consist of a little "OJT" for a couple of Sundays. On the average, it is taking about 20 minutes to complete. Please prayerfully consider being one of

our volunteers.

Kay Lipelt, Financial Secretary

THE HEIFER PROJECT

Heifer Project International is a world-wide, self-help nonprofit hunger organization, helping people to help themselves by providing livestock and poultry for families in the U.S. and in more than 110 countries around the world. St. Paul's gift through our Christmas Card greeting project this last December was \$890.00.

Thank you to Roberta Devine for coordinating the project, and a special thank you to those who participated in this project!

THE MADRIGAL SINGERS

The Davis High School Madrigals' Concert was a super event with 117 in the audience and 29 choir members! Many faces were recognized who come to hear the choir sing every year. Dr. Karen Gardias described to the audience the ambitious schedule and travels for the group this coming year. A free-will offering was taken at the concert to help fund these goals.

A special thanks you to the congregation members who donated cookies for our "Cookie Feast" after the concert.

FOURTH AND HOPE PROGRAM

2017 Report for the Yolo Fourth & Hope Program

We have just completed 9 years of cooking and serving at Fourth and Hope Program. This year St. Paul's Lutheran Church volunteers served seven times and purchased additional hamburger, miscellaneous food and large drink containers. We served 601 meals in seven months. Our thanks go to the following people who volunteered this year: Manny Souza, Robin Souza, Dolores Camp, Kim Turman, Carolyn Pullmann, Russell Pullman, Phil Hornbostel, Hazel Pultz, Donna Tafoya, Barbara Miller, Gerri Jansen, Skip Mills, Barbara Chrisp, and Dale Chrisp.

There was a total of 36 working people and approximately 165 hours cooking, serving, set up and purchasing food for the meals, etc.

We want to thank each and everyone who helped to make this mission a success. We want to thank Thrivent for Lutherans for their financial support.

Manny Souza has agreed to chair the program for 2018.

Thank you and God bless you
Manny Souza and Russell Pullmann
St. Paul's Coordinators

Dates for 2018

January 20

March 10

May 19

July 14

September 8

November 10

If you are interested in helping out on this program call Manny Souza, 661-1195.

PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

December 2017 went by so fast, the month was filled with Ms. Ruthie doing big group Jesus Time telling the story of Jesus' birth each day with her flannel graph and then practicing our songs for the Christmas Pageant. Our Pageant was well attended by the Preschool families and the preschool children did a great job of telling the Christmas story. We celebrated with our families after the Pageant with a dessert fest with our families provided delicious holiday treats!!! And, finally we wrapped up our month of celebrating with class parties and a preschool hot lunch with a theme of International Holiday foods provided by our families.

What a joy and blessing to be able to celebrate with our children and families such an important time in our church year.

The preschool carpets were cleaned and classrooms prepared for the new year during the final week of December.

Fourth sign of a great preschool:

The classroom is decorated with children's original artwork, their own writing with invented spelling, and stories dictated by children to teachers.

Blessings and Happy New Year!!
Laurie Doane-Stephens

BOXTOP LABELS

Continue to save and donate your boxtops to St. Paul's Preschool, they are greatly appreciated. Just drop them off on Sundays mornings or bring to the preschool or church office. (This is a continuing project to earn cash for miscellaneous items the school needs.)

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Adult Bible Study

Sunday Morning, 9:15 A.M. –

Adult Bible Class is held every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in Pastor's Office. The class is taught by Pastor Hardin.

Wednesday Morning, 10:30 A.M. –

Women's Bible Class taught by Pastor Hardin, is held on Wednesday mornings in Pastor's Office.

Monday Morning, 9:30 A.M. –

The Word Ahead! Study the Bible with Pastor on Mondays. Look at the readings and discuss the themes, content, history, etc. of the Sunday text to come. You do not have to be a great scholar or have any background in Biblical interpretation. We will meet at the Starbucks by Big 5 at 9:30 a.m. Contact Pastor David Hardin for details.

Youth Christian Education Programs

Sunday Morning Sunday School

Children's Sunday School for age 3 thru grade 5 takes place during the service the first three (3) Sundays of the month. Children will sit with their families until the Children's Talk, after which they will be excused for Sunday School.

Wednesday Afternoon, 5:30 p.m. –

Confirmation Class is on Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., the class is for grades 6-8th. Confirmation class teaches what it means to be a Lutheran, how and why we do things the way we do it here at church. Contact Pastor Hardin if you have a child in this age group interested in taking this class.