

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**625 W. GIBSON ROAD  
WOODLAND, CA 95695**

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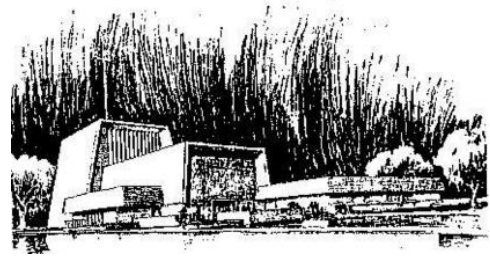
# February 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	<b>1</b> 9:30 Word Ahead, Rm 1	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00 PS Chapel 10:00 Wm Bible Study, Rm 1	<b>4</b> 6:00 Confirmation Class 2:00 p.m. Elders	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:15-10:10 New Member Class, Rm 1 10:30 Communion	<b>8</b> 9:30 Word Ahead, Rm 1	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00 PS Chapel 10:00 Wm Bible Study, Rm 1	<b>11</b> 6:00 Confirmation Class	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:15-10:10 New Member Class, Rm 1  10:30 Worship	<b>15</b> 9:30 Word Ahead, Rm 1	<b>16</b> 6:30 Bd. of Ed.	<b>17</b> 9:00 PS Chapel 10:00 Wm Bible Study, Rm 1 Noon – Ash Wed. or 6:30 – Ash Wed.	<b>18</b> 6:00 Confirmation Class	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:15-10:10 New Member Class, Rm 1 10:30 Communion	<b>22</b> 9:30 Word Ahead, Rm 1	<b>23</b> 6:30 Council Meeting	<b>24</b> 9:00 PS Chapel 10:00 Wm Bible Study, Rm 1  6:30 Lent Serv.	<b>25</b> 6:00 Confirmation Class	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:15-10-10 New Member Class, Rm 1 10:30 Worship						

Notes: Audit Committee Meeting to be determined.  
Upcoming Congregational Voters' Meeting March 14, 2021

## ***CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

- 2/4/21 Elders Meeting, 2:00 p.m.  
2/7/21 New Member Class, Sundays for  
six weeks, 9:15 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.,  
Rm. 1  
2/16/21 Bd. of Ed. Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
2/23/21 Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
3/14/21 Congregational Voters' Meeting  
Audit Committee Meeting, TBD



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Board of Elders Chairman: Kay Lipelt, 756-4851

Elder of the Month: Kay Lipelt, 756-4851

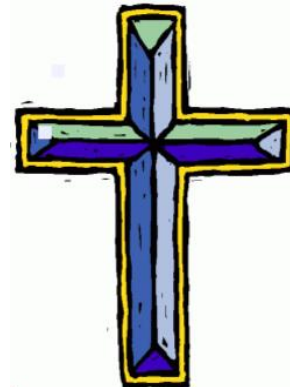
## ***PRESCHOOL REPORT***

We are open for childcare from 7 a.m.-5:45 p.m. for children ages 2.5-6, following all state and local guidelines. We are still accepting new students! Classes are filling up fast, but there are a few spots available in each class. Contact Lisa in the office for more information.

## ***TREASURER'S REPORT***

2020 Year to Date

Income Jan. 1 to Dec. 31	\$219,959.65
Expenses Jan. 1 to Dec. 31	<u>\$240,892.01</u>
Ending Balance	(\$20,932.36)



### ***LET YOUR AMAZON***

### ***PURCHASES BENEFIT ST. PAUL'S***

When you purchase from Amazon use the following link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-6092111>

## **MERCY HOLISTIC MINISTRY**

Mercy Holistic Ministry's shower trailer is operating near Loaves and Fishes in Sacramento. Along with the showers, new socks and underwear are provided. Thrivent action cards were used to purchase signage for the trailer. We have provided 84 showers in the first month of operation. [www.mercyholisticministry.org](http://www.mercyholisticministry.org)

### ***FAITH5***

We want to help everyone be more intentional about growing in faith as they go about their week, so each week we will be giving out a FAITH5 discussion sheet, based on the weekly reading, to help! You will find these in the weekly bulletin and on the website. These are perfect to do as a family, as a couple or even with your best friend over the phone!

### ***PLANNING COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS***

#### ***January 20, 2021 Meeting***

- December Meetings: Minutes for the December Council Meeting and Voters' Meeting were voted upon and approved.
- The Board of Education met January 12 and discussed plans for 2021 in consideration of COVID-19 risks regarding Faith5, Preschool, Confirmation Class, Adult Membership Class and Vacation Bible School.
- The Treasurer's Reports were voted approved as presented.
- Preschool Report: Currently enrolled students, 26 (2/2/21 update, 30).
- Elders' Report: The elders met January 2 and discussed canned versus live organ music; adding additional names of members who are

unable to attend worship in person but who watch online.

## ***CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS' MEETING HIGHLIGHTS***

### ***January 24, 2021 Meeting***

The Special Voters' Meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m.

- The District allocates funds for conferences; district convention (\$50,000) as well as national convention (\$500,000). This meeting has been called to ask for approval to hold these funds and put off both one year until 2022 and 2023 due to COVID-19. All approved, yes, extend the present triennium by one year.
- Announcements: Pastor Hardin has accepted an elected position of Circuit visiting pastor for eleven churches. The position entails advising when conflict and help with calls. Pastor looks forward to the experience to develop management skills and to see how other churches operate.
  - The council approved Woodland Christian to use our field for their league football club as WC canceled their use of its fields. WC agrees to prepare and maintain field.
  - Painting has commenced. Also requested to paint outside railings and faded outside doors.
  - Council approved bid of \$950 from Rabaino Roofing to replace all worn flashing and seal on the three roofs.

## ***WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS***

Women's Bible Class will continue on Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. Each week we discuss a topic or issue. Many arrive at 10 a.m. to get to know each other better! Class will still be available on Zoom for those who wish to participate from home and will begin at 10:00 a.m.

-Pastor Hardin

## ***NEW MEMBER CLASS***

Pastor Hardin will lead a six-week, new member class on Sunday mornings (before worship service) beginning February 7 in Room 1 at 9:15 a.m. and ending at 10:10 a.m.

## ***FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS***

Feb. 1- Johanna Pena  
3- William Ferrier  
Helen Marquez  
5- Addison Hanson  
7- Katie Petrowsky  
Lydia Stephens  
10- Paul Ramstad  
18- Curtis Hines  
19- Harvey Coleman  
22- Carolyn Madsen  
23- Betty Currie  
24- Christian Hardin  
25- Kim Turman

*May God Bless You on Your Birthday*

## ***CHURCH FIELD***

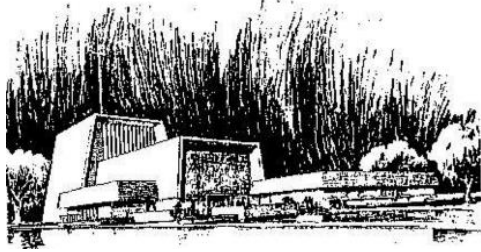
High school football practices have commenced on our church field as of January 25! Parents and coaches from Woodland Christian High School (WCHS) recently formed a new travel ball football league in order to provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in football. WCHS canceled the use of its fields, and so the league representatives arranged for regular practices to be held on our church field. They will groom and maintain the field at no cost to the church. Lights will be provided powered by generators.

## ***LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE?***

We are looking for families or individuals who would like to serve on Altar Guild. This involves setting up Holy Communion, changing altar clothes and banners. Talk to Pastor or Phil Hornbostel if you have questions about this service.

Please prayerfully consider serving as an usher. Contact Kay Lipelt if you have questions about this service.





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## ***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.

February 7, 2021

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:29-39

February 14, 2021

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-12 or  
Exodus 34:29-35

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13 (14-18); 4:1-6

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:2-9

February 21, 2021

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 22:1-18

Epistle: James 1:12-18

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:9-15

February 28, 2021

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Epistle: Romans 5:1-11

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:27-38

We are blessed to have the opportunity to worship and have Holy Communion. We encourage distancing and masks for the safety of others. Church is at the normal 10:30 a.m. time, and the services will also be live streamed from the website: [www.stpaulswoodland.org](http://www.stpaulswoodland.org)

## ***ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP***

***FEBRUARY 17th at***

***12:00 Noon and at 6:30 P.M.***

This year St. Paul's will have two services just for Ash Wednesday.

We will meet at 12:00 noon and again at 6:30 p.m. The Noon time service is to accommodate people who do not drive at night or would like to come on their lunch break. Both will be the same service, with the imposition of ashes on the forehead as a reminder of our mortality. In Genesis 3:19 Adam and Eve were told "from dust you came and from dust you shall return." Ash Wednesday and all of Lent is a time of repentance and turning our heart towards the Lord. This is a meaningful service, which will begin our Lenten weekly worships.

We will be applying ashes with a Q-tip and practicing other COVID-19 protocols for safe gathering.

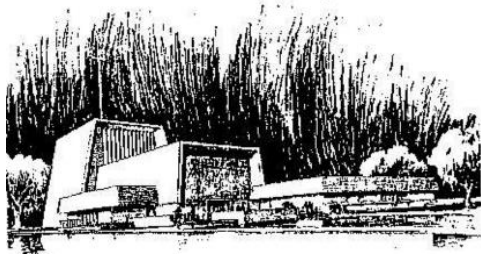
## ***LENTEN SERVICES***

St. Paul's Lenten weekly worship services will be held each Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. in February. Blessings to you as we journey towards Easter, towards the Cross.

promises. Even losing the electricity at my house has given me a new appreciation for the many blessings I do enjoy.

This month has given me HOPE. It has helped me see that things can change and that things can get better. My prayer is that hope finds each and every one of you. To see God's hand at work and in the big and the little things. And a reminder that God is faithful to us even if we struggle to see his hand at work in a hard time or a difficult situation.

Blessings and Hope,  
Pastor David Hardin



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Dear Saints at St. Paul's,

Last month we announced that our Pastor Berhanu was beginning to operate a donated shower trailer for the homeless. This month I get to announce that on seven different days a total of 84 people were blessed with the dignity of a hot shower. They all received the gifts of new socks and underwear as well as food and other resources as available at the different locations in Sacramento.

Another new opportunity to serve our community has happened this month. Many changes have taken place at the schools for distancing and restrictions for athletics and how they used ballfields. At the beginning of the pandemic, church council discussed the use of our field. We outlined what it would take to make our field behind church available as a practice field. I am excited to say that our field is now a football field for a community football league. Fifty-four high school age kids are gathering for practice daily *weather permitting* and are practicing.

These are both huge events. Many things had to happen for either of these events to begin and continue. I am grateful that as a church we are blessed with being able to help. What has been the biggest blessing for me is that through these events I have seen a new hope! It is unbelievable how a shower and some new clothes can change a person. I have worked on many food lines, but a shower is completely different! People are changed! They change from distancing and fear to joy and a confidence. They want to come up to you and are not afraid of how they may smell or look anymore. This is an amazing thing to give dignity and hope back to a person.

I never knew football would be the sport that would show me so many emotions in the hearts of people. I first went to the neighbors behind the fence to talk to them about football practice on our field. Every person was excited. Many shared with me the struggles they had faced this year. They expressed how great it was to hear that kids were going to get to play sports again. I heard stories from families as they watch their child play ball again. I saw great joy of the kids and coaches who get to get out on the field and do what they love! Play ball!

Hope is an interesting thing. Hebrews 11:1 tells us: *Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.* Hope is not in the having of something, but the confidence of what is next. It is finding joy in what is to come. Confidence is found in seeing how God is faithful to his