



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church Messenger

*“PROCLAIM CHRIST, MAKE DISCIPLES, SERVE THE LORD”*

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## *PASTOR'S MESSAGE*

Dear St. Paul's,

Happy New Year! Do you get excited about New Years or is it just the passing of time? Along with the passing of time a new year is an opportunity to evaluate where you are at and what you would like to see happen in the new year.

Let me offer this to you, *rest*. Rest in the promises of God. *Trust*. Trust that God, being God, has things under His control. *Be still*. Be still and listen to the Word of God, and the words of the hymns and songs.

This may be difficult task. *Rest, trust, and being still* are all sort of passive tasks. They are not the big grand New Years resolution, but a act of waiting and receiving.

For example:

Rest

*Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

Trust

*Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

Be still

*Psalm 46:10a He says, "Be still, and know that I am God.*

*Psalm 37: 7 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.*

I want to encourage you to let the Peace of God fill your heart with the peace that only comes from rest, trust, and being still and waiting on the Lord.

Happy New Year and blessings in Christ,  
Pastor David Hardin