



St. Paul's Lutheran Church Messenger

“PROCLAIM CHRIST, MAKE DISCIPLES, SERVE THE LORD”

625 W. Gibson Road, Woodland, CA * Phone (530)662-1935 * January 2024

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, 2024

Psalm 29

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

Epistle Lesson: Romans 6:1-11

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:4-11

January 14, 2024

Psalm 139:1-10

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel Lesson: John 1:43-51

January 21, 2024

Psalm 62

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

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (32-35)

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:14-20

January 28, 2024

Psalm 111

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:21-28



January Birthdays

- 4- Don Grabill
- 7- Leah Young
Miheret Bune
- 11- Marcus Fabro Brown
Elisse Serratos
- 13- Emerine Marzolf
- 20- Bill Ferrier
- 23- Rayleen Croll
Natalie Knabach
- 28- Jayden Hernandez
- 30- Don Weiss

PLANNING COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

December 12, 2023

Pastor's Report: A task worksheet has been requested for all events to ensure all jobs are covered so that events run smoothly, plus better communication and organization. Pastor Hardin recommended promoting St. Paul's Church to the public with handouts at all events. Confirmation is going well. There are 4 to 5 coming soon. Recycling continues with a new volunteer. On Monday Jan. 8th there will be a meeting for vision and strategic planning. There has been a motion to start sending out monthly newsletters via email starting in March. Between Feb. 22nd to the 24th, Pastor and Jill Hardin, and Robert and Allison Blundell hope to attend the Arizona Best Practices Conference in Phoenix.

Properties Report: A task list is ready for the next upcoming work day. A special work day for leaf pickup was scheduled for Dec. 16th. Waiting for a good time to humanely spray bat repellent over the siding shingles. Playground renovation and walkway leveling are awaiting for the grant check to arrive. Dale Chrisp provided pest control access to the courtyard to spray for pests. On Dec. 21st. City of Woodland performed a Back Flow Test. East parking lot is due for re-sealing the asphalt. One of our church's neighbors who we share a fence with is replacing a section of it. Being the neighborly thing to do, we have agreed to pay for our portion. However, this is not a scheduled maintenance. If you would like to donate anything to this non-budgeted item, please contact Dale Chrisp or the church office.

Treasurer's Report: Natalie Knabach to an action to investigate our stock loss. Doug Van Camp took an action item to discuss a credit card with Umpqua bank. The end of year giving and statements were discussed. QuickBooks online training was discussed.

Elders Report: Elders are working on visitations with the homebound. They are also helping with Advent. The next Elders meeting is Jan. 10th.

Fundraising Committee: Report on the vendor feedback survey from the November 4th Harvest Festival and Craft Fair went well. Of the 16 vendors we received positive comments. There are plans for a Spring Festival and Craft Fair in April or May, plus Valentine's day and Mother's day flower sales.

Lay Ministry & Outreach: Dropped off donated diapers to Spero. About 300 pairs of socks, winter coats, and 20 pairs of pants were purchased as a year end gift to Mercy Holistic Ministry.

PASTOR BERHANU AND MERCY HOLISTIC MINISTRY

- Every Friday and Saturday, the shower trailer will be at 1236 C St. in Sacramento from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. providing showers and haircuts to those in need
- Every fourth Saturday from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., MHM will be at Bethany Presbyterian Church located at 24th St. Sacramento.
- Every Thursday MHM will be at 4th & Hope in Woodland providing meals and haircuts to those in need from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



If you would like to support Mercy Holistic Ministry by donating, go to www.mercyholisticministry.org

WE NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!

We are looking to train Sunday School teachers who are able to teach once a month or every other month for 30 minutes during the worship service. We will provide training and curriculum. Only qualification is you must be a confirmed Lutheran. Talk to Jill Hardin if you are interested.



POINSETTIA DONATIONS

Thank you all who donated money to help decorate our church this Christmas season with beautiful poinsettias. Also, thank you to Leah Young for managing it! Those who donated...

*Lori Carter *Rod & Linda Battaglia
*Pastor & Jill Hardin *Kim Turman
*Bennie & Sandy Simpson *Dale & Barbara Chrisp
*John & Rosemary Bledsoe *Dick & Betty Currie

HEIFER CHRISTMAS

TREE 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. Thank you all who have donated to Heifer Project International this Christmas season...

*Pastor & Jill Hardin *Tessa Boatman
*Paul & Carla Ramstad *Carla Colbert
*Roberta Devine *Rayleen Croll



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1/1 New Year's Day
1/1 Preschool Closed
1/6 9a.m. to 1p.m. Church Workday
1/8 6:30 p.m. Vision & Strategic
 Planning Meeting
1/9 12:30 Ladies Luncheon
1/10 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting
1/15 Preschool Closed
1/16 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting
1/17 6:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
1/20 4-5:30 p.m. Circuit 4 & 19 Youth
 Gathering

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THANK YOU TO THE MADRIGAL CHOIR Madrigal Choir was a great success. 185 people attended, including the choir and their director. A goodwill offering was collected for the choir totaling \$898. A cheer to all our bakers, servers, ushers, and cleanup crew who helped make this happen. We got lots of compliments on the refreshments served after the concert!

ONLINE GIVING

AVAILABLE One-time and recurring donations from your credit card or bank account may now be made through our website! Just go to, www.stpaulswoodland.org and click on **MAKE A DONATION**.

CHURCH WORKDAY

St. Paul's next workday will be Saturday, January 6, 2024, from 9a.m. to 1 p.m. rain or shine. We will be cleaning up leaves in the parking lots and landscape, pulling weeds and general cleanup. There are projects inside the church if you prefer to work inside. If you have time to work at the Church at a time other than the 6th, check with Dale Chrisp at 510-715-7918.



CIRCUIT 4 AND 19 YOUTH GATHERING

You've probably heard the saying "no man is an island." The same could be said of our churches as well. "No church is an island." In fact, God has blessed the greater Sacramento area with Lutheran churches like your own. And this is the year we come together and start a new thing for the next generation, for you. And we'll do this together.

Together, we can walk side by side.
Together, we can build each other up.
Because we all share in God's promises,
together.

Our vision is to connect young Lutherans with one another in order to build each other up in God's promises and to do good together. We pray that God might bless this endeavor. We want your prayers. And we want you to join us.

Who is this for? Youth from 6th to 12th grade. Young adults and parents passionate for youth ministry, we'd love to have you come join us, too.
What to expect: Food. Music. Time in the Word. Time to play and build each other up. There's ZERO cost to this. We want you here to be a part of something new and something impactful! **Contact Pastor Hardin if interested in attending.**

When: Saturday, January 20, 2024. From 4-5:30pm. Doors will be open at 3:30pm. **Where:** Mount Olive Lutheran Church 320 Montrose Drive, Folsom, CA 95630