

SAVING A SEAT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

# ST. PAUL'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2025

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Eileen Killpack was honored for her dedication to our church at the annual meeting.

### OUR MISSION

Share the good news of Jesus Christ and to make disciples of all nations. Therefore with God's help, we will:

- Proclaim Christ in word and deed;
- Invite the unchurched to "Come and See Jesus"
- Commit ourselves to discipleship through bible study, worship, prayer, Christlike servanthood and fellowship;
- Open ourselves to the Holy Spirit's leading, so that whatever we do, we do in Jesus' name

### WORSHIP WITH ST. PAUL'S

- JOIN US FOR WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM
- BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY MORNING AT 8:15 AM
- MEN'S PRAYER GROUP SATURDAY MORNING AT 7:30 AM
- WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY AT 6:30 PM
- LIVE STREAMED SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

### WHAT'S COMING IN FEBRUARY:

The Council will meet Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30.

Love  
GOD  
Love  
People



Pastor Paul and Harriette Andersen perform special music at Sunday service

# FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR PAUL

God Give Us Christian Homes  
*God, give us Christian homes!*  
*Homes where the Bible is loved and taught,*  
*Homes where the Master's will is sought,*  
*Homes crowned with beauty Your love has wrought;*  
*God, give us Christian homes.*

These are the words to a hymn written by B.B. McKinney in 1949. A hymn that is quite fitting for the month of February—the month dedicated to reflecting on the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, a tradition that began centuries ago in France and Canada, and a timely reminder of the importance of family life in our Christian worldview. The Holy Family is a model of love, obedience, and forgiveness. In a world that often seems chaotic and fragmented, may we endeavor to see the true spirit of family life restored and cultivate the virtues of love, obedience and forgiveness within our homes.

## A Model of Love

In Jesus' earthly family, we see a sincere example of love—unconditional and unwavering. They lived out the great commandment in real and tangible ways. Mary's willingness to accept God's plan, Joseph's obedience to God's call, and Jesus' reverence for God the Father exemplify how love for God strengthens our relationships with one another.

As we reflect on our own homes, let us ask ourselves: Is our household rooted in a love for God? Do we seek to embody the love of Christ in our interactions with each other? True love in the family is not merely a feeling; it is a commitment to serve, forgive, and build each other up.

## A Model of Obedience

The Holy Family teaches us that love is closely tied to obedience. In Luke 1:38, Mary responds to the angel Gabriel, saying, "I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." Likewise, Joseph's obedience, as seen in Matthew 1:24, shows us the importance of obeying God's Word, even when it may not align with our plans or expectations.

In our own family dynamics, obedience can sometimes be a challenging virtue to embrace. However, we must remember that obedience is not about blind submission; rather, it is about recognizing a higher authority. When we align our family's desires and goals with God's will, we find greater purpose and direction.

## A Model of Forgiveness

As we strive to model our families after the Holy Family, we must embrace the key virtue of forgiveness. No family is perfect, as conflicts and misunderstandings are inevitable. However, it is in our ability to forgive that we reflect the heart of Christ.

Colossians 3:13, exhorts us, "Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." Imagine the peace that can reign in our homes if we actively practice forgiveness!

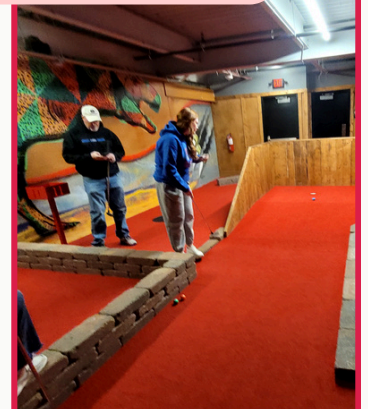
The Holy Family faced significant challenges, from the flight into Egypt to the trials of Jesus' public ministry; yet their bond remained unbroken, strengthened by their unwavering love and commitment to one another. As we consider the implications of the Holy Family on our own lives, let us ask God for strength and wisdom to make His Word the foundation of our family life, focusing on the spiritual growth of each family member, setting goals as a family to serve in our church and community, spending time sharing what God is doing in each of our lives. May we take inspiration from the Holy Family, striving to build relationships that mirror their divine love and commitment. God, give us Christian homes.



# FEBRUARY NEWS



## Family Fun Night at Prehistoric Putt!



### UPCOMING SUNDAYS

February 2 | Reader: Chris Segrell

February 9 | Reader: Bill Bracker

February 16 | Reader: Terri Anderson

February 23 | Reader: Monte Bracker

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Paul Christoffersen- 2/4

Bob Gregory- 2/5

Kristen Bracker- 2/6

Kiley Jenson- 2/12

Audrey Wohlers- 2/16

Eloise Jones- 2/24

Annette Bracker- 2/25



### WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JANUARY 2025

January 5 \$5,787.00

January 12 \$1,925.00

January 19 \$2,817.00

January 26 \$2,142.00

**SUNDAY SCHOOL EVERY  
SECOND AND FOURTH  
SUNDAY OF THE MONTH!**



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